



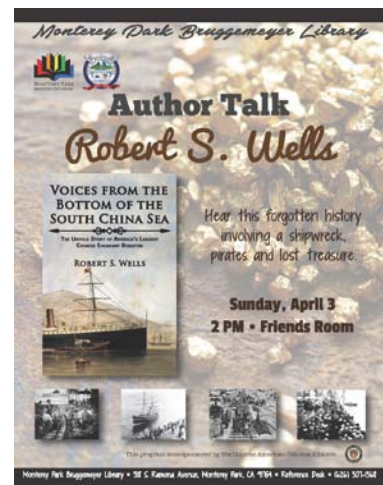
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Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library Presents Author Robert S. Wells

Monterey Park, Calif. – March 25, 2016 – Author Robert S. Wells will talk about his book, “Voices from the Bottom of the South China Sea: The Untold Story of America’s Largest Chinese Emigrant Disaster” on Sunday, April 3, 2016 at 2 p.m. in the Friends Room at the [Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library](http://www.MontereyPark.ca.gov). The program is co-sponsored with the Chinese American Citizens Alliance.

Wells retired from the U.S. Navy as a Captain with a distinguished 30-year naval service career and began a writing career with his newly released nonfiction book. The author chronicles the shared history, ambitions, and animosities of Chinese and Americans seeking fortune in nineteenth century California and tells the tragedy of the ship fire where 400 passengers perished just hours away from being reunited with their families in China after years spent laboring in America. “The story of the Chinese passengers’ lives in California, where they built America’s railroads, mined its silver, and grew its food is the real story,” says Wells. The author’s book will be available for purchase and book signing after the program.



For more information about the free program call 626-307-1368. The [Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library](http://www.MontereyPark.ca.gov) is the city’s public library located at 318 S. Ramona Avenue, Monterey Park, CA 91754. Library hours are Sundays 1-5 p.m.; Mondays and Tuesdays 12-9 p.m.; Wednesdays and Thursdays 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays 10 a.m.-1 p.m. For more City of Monterey Park news and information visit the city website at www.MontereyPark.ca.gov.

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