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**AWARD WINNING AUTHOR ART RODRIGUEZ VISITING  
THE EAST PALO ALTO LIBRARY**

Author **Art Rodriguez**, winner of the 2002 Latino Literacy Hall of Fame Award for Best Book, will visit the **East Palo Alto Library** on **Wednesday, January 14, 2009 at 6:30 pm in the East Palo Alto Community Room.**

Art Rodriguez will discuss his book, *East Side Dreams* and other books he has written. *East Side Dreams* selected by The New York Public Library System for 2001 Best Teenage Books Published for 1999.

Come hear how this extraordinary man overcame many obstacles including coping with dyslexia and being an inmate of the California Youth Authority--a prison system for young lawbreakers. Despite his childhood hardships, Art Rodriguez went on to become a biography writer and publisher.

Mr. Rodriguez will provide a question and answer (Q&A) session which will cover how he started writing and his book writing process. There will be a book signing, time permitting.

This event is free and open to all members of the public. For more information, visit [www.eastpaloaltolibrary.org](http://www.eastpaloaltolibrary.org) or contact Sereptha Strong at (650) 321-7712, Ext. 225. The East Palo Alto Library is located at 2415 University Ave. The Library is open Monday through Thursday 10 AM to 8 PM, Friday 10 AM to 6 PM, and Saturday 10 AM to 5 PM. SamTrans routes 281 and 296 serve East Palo Alto (Call 1-800-660-4287 for routes and schedules).

