collection of 80 short stories and essays. The Senior Center is located at 97 Hillview Ave.

Local authors celebrated

The Community Association for Rehabilitation (CAR) has scheduled its 14th annual authors’ luncheon for Nov. 5.

Guest speakers are to be Adam Hochschild, author of “King Leopold’s Ghost” and, more recently, “Bury the Chains: Prophets and Rebels in the Fight to Free an Empire’s Slaves”; Anne Lamott, author of “Tender Mercies” and many other books, most recently “Plan B: Further Thoughts on Faith”; Elizabeth Partridge, whose latest book is “This Land Was Made for You and Me: The Life and Songs of Woody Guthrie”; and Lisa See, author of “On Gold Mountain” and, most recently, “Snow Flower and the Secret Fan.” Janice Edwards, host and producer of NBC 11 “Community Focus” and “Bay Area Vista,” will serve as mistress of ceremonies.

The book salon will open at 10:30 a.m., the ballroom will open for luncheon seating at 11:30 a.m., lunch is scheduled for noon to 2 p.m. and book sales and author signings will continue until 3 p.m.

The event will take place at the Crowne Plaza Cabaña Hotel, 4290 El Camino Real, Palo Alto. Tickets are $85. To purchase tickets, call 618-3328 or e-mail chris@c-a-r.org.

Children need books

The Los Altos-based Institute for the Study of Human Knowledge (ISHK) is collecting books for children left battered and bookless by Hurricane Katrina.

ISHK is sending the books to the Embrace Mississippi’s Children project of the Early Childhood Institute of Mississippi State University, which delivers them to disaster-relief centers.

The Early Childhood Institute estimates that more than 22,000 children are in more than 300 relief centers. ISHK plans to continue sending books weekly while donations to cover shipping costs are available.

For more information or to donate books or money, write to Sally Mallam at ISHK, P.O. Box 176, Los Altos 94023 or call her at 948-0243.