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Newsletter of the Pasadena Public Library

Holiday Greetings

All of us at the Pasadena Public Library thank you for your continued support this past year. We wish you and your family good health and happiness this holiday season and throughout the coming year.

Michelle Perera

DIRECTOR OF LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION SERVICES



TREE LIGHTING & DECORATING **Allendale Holiday Celebration & Tree Lighting** **ALLENDALE BRANCH LIBRARY**

Allendale's annual holiday tradition returns in-person with live performances by JazzZone and the Blair High School Choir. Presented in partnership with the Pasadena Public Works Department.
Saturday, Dec. 4 • 4 p.m.

9th Annual Holiday Celebration & Tree Lighting **HASTINGS BRANCH LIBRARY**

Join us at Hastings' annual Tree Lighting Ceremony in-person for festive songs, carolers, stories, refreshments and crafts! Presented in partnership with the Hastings Branch Associates and Pasadena Public Works Department.
Wednesday, Dec. 15 • 4 p.m.



KWANZAA **33rd Annual** **Kwanzaa Celebration**

Heri za Kwanzaa! Happy Kwanzaa! All are welcome to celebrate the joyous and festive occasion of Kwanzaa with us virtually

through Zoom. Learn about Kwanzaa, and enjoy music and stories. A Kwanzaa kinara children's craft will be available for pick-up at the La Pintoresca Branch Library Dec. 27 through 30. To attend the virtual celebration, sign up at <https://pasadena.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=5106>.
Friday, Dec. 28 • 11 a.m. • Zoom



We've enjoyed having you attend our virtual programs. Now that our buildings are open, we look forward to welcoming you back in person to our events. We also recognize the popularity of our virtual programs and we will continue to offer them as well. Check the online events calendar, <https://pasadena.evanced.info/signup> for updated information on event formats and locations!

All Pasadena Public Libraries will be **CLOSED** in observance of:

Veterans Day • Thursday, Nov. 11

Thanksgiving Eve • Wednesday, Nov. 24 • All Pasadena Public Libraries are open until 5 p.m.

Thanksgiving Holiday • Thursday & Friday, Nov. 25 & 26

Christmas Holiday • Friday, Saturday & Sunday, Dec. 24, 25 & 26

New Year's Holiday

Friday, Saturday & Sunday, Dec. 31, Jan. 1 & 2

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Sunday & Monday, Jan. 16 & 17



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Celebrating National Native American Heritage Month

Pasadena Public Library is celebrating National Native American Heritage Month in November, a time to recognize the important contributions of Native people and celebrate their rich and diverse cultures, traditions and histories. Sponsored by The Friends of the Pasadena Public Library. To learn more, visit

<https://www.cityofpasadena.net/library/wp-content/uploads/sites/11/Native-American-Heritage-Month-Brochure.pdf>.

For All Ages

Native American Heritage Month Event: Food and Culture of the Ohlone

Vincent Medina and Louis Trevino, co-founders and chefs at the world-renowned Cafe Ohlone, will talk about Ohlone culture and the role food plays. To attend, sign up at <https://pasadena.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=5036>.

Saturday, Nov. 6 • 10:30 a.m.-noon • Zoom

Crafts

Take & Make: Paper Roll Totems

Discover the history of totem poles and then create your own. Call San Rafael Branch Library at (626) 744-7270 to reserve your kit. Sign-ups begin Monday, Nov. 1. Available while supplies last. Pick up your kit at San Rafael Branch Library. *For all ages.*

Monday, Nov. 1 • While supplies last

Take & Make: Make a Dreamcatcher!

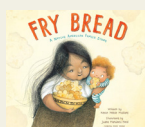
Reserve a dreamcatcher kit by calling Linda Vista Branch Library at (626) 744-7278. Materials and instructions included. Sign-ups begin Tuesday, Nov. 2. Available while supplies last. Pick up your kit at Linda Vista Branch Library. *For adults 18+.*

Tuesday, Nov. 2 • While supplies last

Take & Make: Native American Dwellings

From adobe pueblo to wigwam, learn the history of the various dwellings of Native American tribes, then create your own paper craft models. Sign up for your Native American dwelling kit at <https://cityofpasadena.libwizard.com/f/dwellings> while supplies last. Sign-ups begin on Monday, Nov. 8. Pick up your kit at Hastings Branch Library. *For ages 8+.*

Monday, Nov. 8 • While supplies last



Take & Make: Fry Bread

Inspired by *Fry Bread: A Native American Family Story* by Kevin Noble Maillard and illustrated by Juana Martinez-Neal, pick up a take-and-make kit to create fry bread

in your own kitchen. Sign up for your kit at <https://cityofpasadena.libwizard.com/f/PPLfrybread>. Sign-ups begin Monday, Nov. 8. Pick up your kit at Lamanda Park Branch Library. For all ages, though grown-up assistance is necessary.

Monday, Nov. 8 • While supplies last

For ages 5-12

Native American Buffalo Hide Painting

Decorate your very own "buffalo hide," a traditional practice of the Northern Plains tribes. All materials provided.

Thursday, Nov. 18 • 3 p.m. • Villa Parke Branch Library

For 3rd-5th graders

Read Around the World Visits the Wabanaki

Discuss the book *Rez Dogs* by Joseph Bruchac and learn about the Wabanaki Confederacy. Featuring special guests Paul and Denise Pouliot, members of the Cowasuck Band of Pennacook Abenaki People in New Hampshire, who will be joining us via Zoom. We will also learn about bead weaving and make a woven bookmark inspired by the wampum belts. Join us in person or on Zoom. To attend on Zoom, sign up at

<https://pasadena.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=4657>.

Tuesday, Nov. 16 • 4-5 p.m. • Lamanda Park Branch Library and Zoom



Discover and Learn about the Ohlone

Discover and learn about the Ohlone presented by Richard Quiroga, a descendent of the Rumsen Ohlone People. The Ohlone's mission is to bring community healing through indigenous celebrations and cultural experiences while preserving and sharing the Ohlone's practices and teachings. Located in Hesperia, Richard serves the high desert area and hosts sacred healing ceremonies, children's activities, educational presentations and community gatherings. To attend, sign up at <https://pasadena.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=5069>.

Wednesday, Dec 1 • 5 p.m. • Zoom



For Teens and Adults

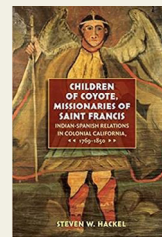
PPL Podcast

Join us for the inaugural edition of the PPL Podcast! In recognition of Native American Heritage Month, we will be discussing Native American musicians and music. Check out the episode and an accompanying playlist on Spotify at <https://anchor.fm/pasadena-public-library>.

Wednesday, Nov. 17 • 12 noon • Spotify

Author Dr. Steven W. Hackel: *Children of Coyote, Missionaries of Saint Francis, Indian-Spanish Relations in Colonial California 1760-1850*

Recovering lost voices and exploring issues intimate and institutional, this sweeping examination of Spanish California illuminates the enormous challenges Indians confronted, weaving together analyses of disease and depopulation, marriage and sexuality, crime and punishment, and religious, economic and political change. As colonization reduced their numbers and remade California, Indians congregated in missions, where they forged communities under Franciscan oversight. Yet missions proved disastrously unhealthy and coercive, as Franciscans sought control over Indians' beliefs and instituted unfamiliar systems of labor and punishment. Even so, remnants of Indian groups still survived when Mexican officials ended Franciscan rule in the 1830s. Many regained land and found strength in ancestral cultures that predated the Spaniards' arrival. At this study's heart are the dynamic interactions in and around Mission San Carlos Borromeo between Monterey region Indians (the Children of Coyote) and Spanish missionaries, soldiers and settlers, with an epilogue that carries the story of their survival to the present day.



Born and raised in California, author Dr. Steven W. Hackel earned his B.A. at Stanford University and Ph.D. in American History from Cornell University, with specializations in early America and the American West. Within the larger field of American history, his research specializes in the Spanish Borderlands and the California Missions. His other publications include *Father Junipero Serra: California's Founding Father*, numerous essays on Native California, an American history textbook, and two edited volumes on early California. Dr. Hackel is a professor of history at University of California, Riverside. To attend, sign up at <https://pasadena.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=5068>.

Tuesday, Nov. 30 • 5-6 p.m. • Zoom

Holiday Fun!

Holiday Travel Ideas

Presented by Mary Forgione, Los Angeles Times Assistant Travel Editor Pasadena Public Library is thrilled to welcome again Mary Forgione. Join her for inspiration on great ideas and places to visit during the holidays. To attend, sign up at <https://pasadena.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=5074>.

Monday, Dec. 6 • 5 p.m. • Zoom

Anne Louise Bannon: That Old Cloak and Dagger Routine

It was September 1982 and, as Lisa Wycherly was broke and desperate, she signed on as a secretary for wealthy freelance writer Sid Hackbirn. Things were not as they seemed and the oddities were not mere eccentricities. Flash forward to the Christmas celebration. To attend sign up at <https://pasadena.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=5077>.

Wednesday, Dec. 8 • 5 p.m. • Zoom

Craft Time Holiday Village

Join us and create your own fun and festive holiday village! Color and decorate your festive homes for the holidays with easy-to-follow directions. Materials provided. *For all ages.*

Thursday, Dec. 9 • 2:30 p.m.
San Rafael Branch Library

History Talks! Holiday Traditions

History Talks!, the Southern California chapter of the Historical Novel Society, presents Holiday Traditions, a look at Christmas fun from days of yore. Featuring author panelists Janet Wertman (*The Seymour Saga*), Anne Louise Bannon (*Death of the Chinese Field Hands*), Colleen Fliedner (*In the Shadow of War*) and moderated by Linda McLaughlin (*Lily and the Gambler*). To attend, sign up at <https://pasadena.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=5097>.

Wednesday, Dec. 15 • 5 p.m. • Zoom

Holiday Cooking and Baking Tips

Presented by Ben Mims, Los Angeles Times Cooking Columnist. Looking for special holiday cooking and baking tips? Then join Ben Mims for a fun program to learn lots of ideas and recipes. As a cooking columnist and author, Mims has written three cookbooks and worked as a food editor and recipe developer for *Lucky Peach*, *Food & Wine*, *Saveur*, *Food Network* and *Buzzfeed/Tasty*. To attend, sign up at <https://pasadena.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=5102>.

Monday, Dec. 20 • 5-6 p.m. • Zoom

Hill Avenue Holiday Special

Join us on Zoom for a cozy evening of songs by the fireplace. Don't forget to bring some hot chocolate and a warm blanket! *For all ages.* To attend, sign up at <https://pasadena.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=5105>.

Wednesday, Dec. 22 • 7 p.m. • Zoom



Crafts

Enjoy fun, free take-and-make crafts that are simple and easy to make! Follow the instructions below to reserve your craft kit. Kits are limited to one per participant and may be picked up at your favorite library branch. You will be notified by email where and when your kit is available for pickup. Kits contain the necessary craft materials and instructions to help guide you in creating the craft. Additional household items such as scissors, a stapler, glue or tape may be needed. The kits are extremely popular and available while supplies last. Kits not picked up by a certain date will be released to those on the waiting list.

Take & Make: Hanukkah Puppet Craft

Celebrate Hanukkah with a special puppet craft. Call San Rafael Branch Library at (626) 744-7270 to reserve your kit beginning Monday, Nov. 1 while supplies last. Kits can be picked up at San Rafael Branch Library.

Monday, Nov. 1 • While supplies last

Take and Make: Tiny Art Show

Pick up a mini canvas and some paints from the Santa Catalina Branch Library to create your masterpiece. Return it by Nov. 30 to be included in our Tiny Art Show. Sign up for your kit at <https://cityofpasadena.libwizard.com/f/tinyartshow> while supplies last. Sign-ups begin on Thursday, Nov. 4. Kits can be picked up at Santa Catalina Branch Library. *For all ages.*

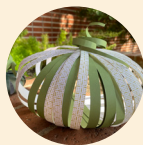
Thursday, Nov. 4 • While supplies last



Take & Make: Pumpkin Papercraft

Create your own 3-dimensional paper pumpkin, perfect as a centerpiece for your Thanksgiving table. Sign up for your kit at <https://cityofpasadena.libwizard.com/f/PaperPumpkins> while supplies last. Sign-ups begin on Monday, Nov. 15. Kits can be picked up at Hastings Branch Library. *For ages 5+.*

Monday, Nov. 15 • While supplies last



Take & Make: Funtime Science Lab! Salt Crystals!

The great Dr. Tibia and his assistant Dr. Mr. Science Man are back once again! Join them in making your very own salt crystals at home! The Funtime Science Lab episode will be posted on the Library's YouTube channel on Nov. 15. Sign up for your kit at <https://cityofpasadena.libwizard.com/f/PPLSaltCrystals> while supplies last. Sign-ups begin on Monday, Nov. 15. Kits can be picked up at Santa Catalina Branch Library. *For ages 5+.*

Monday, Nov. 15 • While supplies last

Take & Make: Hanukkah Sun-Catcher Take & Make

Celebrate Hanukkah by creating your own Star of David sun-catcher. Additional supplies needed: liquid glue, water and bowl. Sign-up for your kit at <https://cityofpasadena.libwizard.com/f/suncatcher> while supplies last. Sign-ups begin Tuesday, Nov. 22. Kits can be picked up at Hastings Branch Library. *For ages 5-12.*

Tuesday, Nov. 22 • While supplies last



Take & Make: Scrapbook Ornament Take & Make

Create your own ornament from festive scrapbook paper. Sign up for your kit at https://cityofpasadena.libwizard.com/f/scrap_ornament while supplies last. Sign-ups begin on Monday, Dec. 6. Kits can be picked up at Hastings Branch Library. *For ages 5+.*

Monday, Dec. 6 • While supplies last

Take & Make: Winter Weather Thermometer

Create a penguin thermometer and see if the temperature is dropping this winter. Sign up for your kit at <https://cityofpasadena.libwizard.com/f/PPLwinterweather> while supplies last. Sign-ups begin on Monday, Dec. 6. Kits can be picked up at Lamanda Park Branch Library. *For ages 3+.* Younger children may need some help from a grown-up.

Monday, Dec. 6 • While supplies last



Take & Make: Shadow Box Take & Make

Pick up a kit to create a shadow box inspired by a literary classic. Choose between *The Secret Garden* or *Treasure Island*. Sign up for your kit at https://cityofpasadena.libwizard.com/f/shadow_box while supplies last. Sign-ups begin on Monday, Dec. 13. Kits can be picked up at Hastings Branch Library. *For all ages.*

Monday, Dec. 13 • While supplies last



And the 2022 Pasadena One City, One Story Nominees are ...

The Reading List by Sara Nisha Adams

Widower Mukesh lives a quiet life in the London Borough of Ealing after losing his beloved wife. He shops every Wednesday, goes to Temple, and worries about his granddaughter, Priya, who hides in her room reading while he spends his evenings watching nature documentaries.



Aleisha is a bright but anxious teenager working at the local library for the summer when she discovers a crumpled-up piece of paper in the back of *To Kill a Mockingbird*. It's a list of novels that she's never heard of before. Intrigued, and a little bored with her slow job at the checkout desk, she impulsively decides to read every book on the list, one after the other. As each story gives up its magic, the books transport Aleisha from the painful realities she's facing at home.

When Mukesh arrives at the library, desperate to forge a connection with his bookworm granddaughter, Aleisha passes along the reading list ... hoping that it will be a lifeline for him, too. Slowly, the shared books create a connection between two lonely souls, as fiction helps them escape their grief and everyday troubles and find joy again.

The Midnight Library by Matt Haig

A dazzling novel about all the choices that go into a life well lived, from the internationally bestselling author of *Reasons to Stay Alive* and *How to Stop Time*.

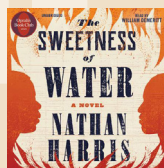


Between life and death there is a library, and within that library, the shelves go on forever. Every book provides a chance to try another life you could have lived. To see how things would be if you had made other choices ... Would you have done anything different, if you had the chance to undo your regrets?

In *The Midnight Library*, Matt Haig's enchanting new novel, Nora Seed finds herself faced with this decision. With the possibility of changing her life for a new one, following a different career, undoing old break-ups and realizing her dreams of becoming a glaciologist, she must search within herself as she travels through the Midnight Library to decide what is truly fulfilling in life, and what makes it worth living in the first place.

The Sweetness of Water by Nathan Harris

In the waning days of the Civil War, brothers Prentiss and Landry—freed by the Emancipation Proclamation—seek refuge on the homestead of George Walker and his wife, Isabelle. The Walkers, wracked by the loss of their only son to the war, hire the brothers to work their farm, hoping through an unexpected friendship to stanch their grief. Prentiss and Landry, meanwhile, plan to save money for the journey north and a chance to reunite with their mother, who was sold away when they were boys.



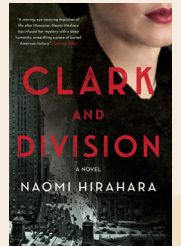
Parallel to their story runs a forbidden romance between two Confederate soldiers. The young men, recently returned from the war to the

town of Old Ox, hold their trysts in the woods. But when their secret is discovered, the resulting chaos, including a murder, unleashes convulsive repercussions on the entire community. In the aftermath of so much turmoil, it is Isabelle who emerges as an unlikely leader, proffering a healing vision for the land and for the newly free citizens of Old Ox.

With candor and sympathy, debut novelist Nathan Harris creates an unforgettable cast of characters, depicting Georgia in the violent crucible of Reconstruction. Equal parts beauty and terror, as gripping as it is moving, *The Sweetness of Water* is an epic whose grandeur locates humanity and love amid the most harrowing circumstances.

Clark & Division by Naomi Hirahara

Chicago, 1944: Twenty-year-old Aki Ito and her parents have just been released from Manzanar, where they have been detained by the US government since the aftermath of Pearl Harbor, together with thousands of other Japanese Americans. The life in California the Ito's were forced to leave behind is gone; instead, they are being resettled two thousand miles away in Chicago, where Aki's older sister, Rose, was sent months earlier and moved to the new Japanese American neighborhood near Clark and Division streets. But on the eve of the Ito family's reunion, Rose is killed by a subway train.

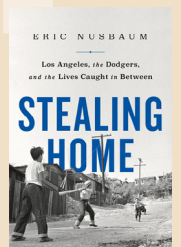


Aki, who worshipped her sister, is stunned. Officials are ruling Rose's death a suicide. Aki cannot believe her perfect, polished, and optimistic sister would end her life. Her instinct tells her there is much more to the story, and she knows she is the only person who could ever learn the truth.

Inspired by historical events, *Clark and Division* infuses an atmospheric and heartbreakingly real crime with rich period details and delicately wrought personal stories Naomi Hirahara has gleaned from thirty years of research and archival work in Japanese American history.

Stealing Home, Los Angeles, the Dodgers and the Lives Caught in Between by Eric Nusbaum

A story about baseball, family, the American Dream, and the fight to turn Los Angeles into a big league city. Dodger Stadium is an American icon. But the story of how it came to be goes far beyond baseball. The hills that cradle the stadium were once home to three vibrant Mexican American communities. In the early 1950s, those communities were condemned to make way for a utopian public housing project. Then, in a remarkable turn, public housing in the city was defeated amidst a Red Scare conspiracy.



2022 ONE CITY, ONE STORY SELECTIONS ANNOUNCED

Please join us as Michelle Perera, Pasadena Public Library director unveils the 2022 One City, One Story book titles. **Wednesday, Dec. 22 • 4 p.m. • YouTube**

Instead of getting their homes back, the remaining residents saw the city sell their land to Walter O'Malley, the owner of the Brooklyn Dodgers. Now LA would be getting a different sort of utopian fantasy -- a glittering, ultra-modern stadium.

But before Dodger Stadium could be built, the city would have to face down the neighborhood's families -- including one, the Aréchigas, who refused to yield their home. The ensuing confrontation captivated the nation - and the divisive outcome still echoes through Los Angeles today.

West with Giraffes by Lynda Rutledge

Woodrow Wilson Nickel, age 105, feels his life ebbing away. But when he learns giraffes are going extinct, he finds himself recalling the unforgettable experience he cannot take to his grave.

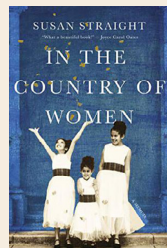
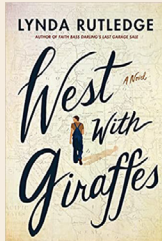
It's 1938. The Great Depression lingers. Hitler is threatening Europe, and world-weary Americans long for wonder. They find it in two giraffes who miraculously survive a hurricane while crossing the Atlantic. What follows is a 12-day road trip in a custom truck to deliver Southern California's first giraffes to the San Diego Zoo. Behind the wheel is the young Dust Bowl rowdy Woodrow. Inspired by true events, the tale weaves real-life figures with fictional ones, including the world's first female zoo director, a crusty old man with a past, a young female photographer with a secret, and assorted reprobates as spotty as the giraffes.

Part adventure, part historical saga, and part coming-of-age love story, *West with Giraffes* explores what it means to be changed by the grace of animals, the kindness of strangers, the passing of time, and a story told before it's too late.

In the Country of Women by Susan Straight

In inland Southern California, near the desert and the Mexican border, Susan Straight, a white self-proclaimed book nerd, and Dwayne Sims, an African American basketball player, started dating in high school. After college, they married and drove to Amherst, Massachusetts, where Straight met her teacher and mentor, James Baldwin, who encouraged her to write. Once back in Riverside, at weekly driveway barbecues and fish fries with the large, close-knit Sims family, Straight--and eventually her three daughters--learned the stories of Dwayne's ancestors. Some women escaped violence in post-slavery Tennessee, some escaped murder in Jim Crow Mississippi, and some fled abusive men. Straight's mother-in-law, Alberta Sims, is the descendant at the heart of this memoir. Susan's family, too, reflects the hardship and gumption of women pushing onward--from Switzerland, Wisconsin, Canada, and the Colorado Rockies to California.

In the Country of Women is a valuable social history and a personal narrative that reads like a love song to America and indomitable women.



Into the Beautiful North by Luis Alberto Urrea **Rumbo al Hermoso Norte: Una Novela** (Spanish Edition) by Luis Alberto Urrea

Nineteen-year-old Nayeli works at a taco shop in her Mexican village and dreams about her father, who journeyed to the United States to find work. Recently, it has dawned on her that he isn't the only man who has left town. In fact, there are almost no men in the village--they've all gone north. While watching *The Magnificent Seven*, Nayeli decides to go north herself and recruit seven men--her own "Siete Magnificos"--to repopulate her hometown and protect it from the bandidos who plan on taking it over.

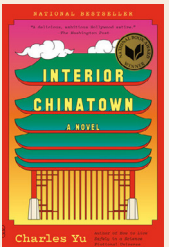
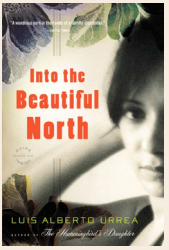
Filled with unforgettable characters and prose as radiant as the Sinaloa sun, *Into the Beautiful North* is the story of an irresistible young woman's quest to find herself on both sides of the fence.

Interior Chinatown by Charles Yu

From the infinitely inventive author of *How to Live Safely in a Science Fictional Universe* comes a deeply personal novel about race, pop culture, immigration, assimilation, and escaping the roles we are forced to play.

Willis Wu doesn't perceive himself as a protagonist even in his own life: he's merely Generic Asian Man. Every day, he leaves his tiny room in Chinatown and enters the Golden Palace restaurant, where *Black and White*, a procedural cop show, is in perpetual production. He's a bit player here too. . . but he dreams of being Kung Fu Guy--the highest aspiration he can imagine for a Chinatown denizen. Or is it?

After stumbling into the spotlight, Willis finds himself launched into a wider world than he's ever known, discovering not only the secret history of Chinatown, but the buried legacy of his own family, and what that means for him, in today's America.



Mark your calendar
for **DEC. 4**

**A DECEMBER
BOOK SALE!**

Just in time for the winter holidays, The Friends of the Pasadena Public Library will offer another segment of its great bookstore inventory for sale on Saturday, Dec. 4 in Central's parking lot (285 E. Walnut St.). The Friends' sales are more fun--and a better bargain--than shopping online. While you browse, you'll likely have the post-pandemic pleasure of greeting book-loving acquaintances again. Fill a grocery bag for just \$5, or make individual purchases at a table featuring premium books. Among the latter: titles donated to The Friends' Bookstore by the USC Pacific Asia Museum.

The event runs from 11 a. m. to 2 p.m.; cash or checks only. Proceeds help The Friends finance programs in all of the city's library branches. **See you at the sale!**

Films

We invite you to join our November and December movie series anytime you wish at home, available through hoopla. To access it go to <https://hoopladigital.com>.

Create your own login complete with email and password. Then select "Pasadena Public Library." Finally, enter your 14-digit library card number.

hoopla is available on many different devices:



On your desktop or laptop computer in your browser (Chrome, Firefox, etc.)



Via the hoopla app in App Store or Google Play



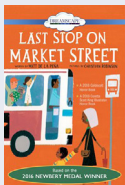
On a smart phone or tablet



Via some smart TV devices, such as Roku



NOVEMBER & DECEMBER MOVIES *Selected by The Friends of the Pasadena Public Library.*



Last Stop on Market Street (2016) NR-CC

Every Sunday after church, CJ and his grandma ride the bus across town. But today, CJ wonders why they don't own a car like his friend Colby. Why doesn't he have an iPod like the boys on the bus? How come they always have to get off in the dirty part of town? Each question is met with an encouraging answer from grandma, who helps him see the beauty-and fun-in their routine and the world around them.



Pacific Crest Trail (2010) NR-CC

The Pacific Crest Trail zigzags some 2,650 miles from Mexico to Canada. It cuts through seven national parks and 24 national forests as it travels through California, Oregon and Washington. It's a trail of ever-changing obstacles - from some of the highest mountain passes in the west to some of the hottest desert in the country. The 200 to 300 hikers who attempt the PCT each year often find out quickly if they have what it takes for the journey ahead.



Emperors Of The Ice (2007) NR-CC

In the frozen wilderness of Antarctica, where oceans ice over and just staying alive is an achievement, one creature has perfected the art of survival - the emperor penguin. Emperor penguins are sublimely built to conquer the cold - but in a world threatened by climate change, can they take the heat? Using Crittercam, scientists hitch a virtual ride under the ice with the emperor penguin to study the impact of climate change on these Emperors of the Ice.



California (2007) NR-CC

California is a vast vertical expanse of geography and the longest state in the union. Over 700 miles in length covering an extremely diverse geography and climate with high and low desert, beautiful beaches punctuated by redwood and giant sequoia timber stands in proportions found nowhere else in North America.



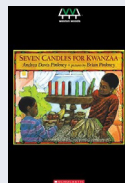
The Great British Baking Show Masterclass (PBS - TV) NR

Part of the Great British Baking Show series. In the countdown to Christmas, Mary Berry and Paul Hollywood are getting festive in the kitchen. They have six brand-new recipes to bake for the family this Christmas, inspired by rich traditions from all over Europe.



The Dog Who Saved The Holidays (2012) PG-CC

The Bannister family is back! This time they are travelling to Southern California for the holidays to stay with Aunt Barbara, who surprises them with a new puppy named Eve. Everyone is smitten with Eve - except for the Bannister's dog, Zeus, who sees what a mischievous animal she is when no one else is around. After deciding to run away, Zeus sees Ted and Stewey, two thieves, trying to break into the family home while the Bannisters are at church. It's up to Zeus and his newest sister Eve to join together to save the holidays for their family!



Seven Candles For Kwanzaa (1997) NR-CC

This unique African American holiday commemorates the strength of family ties, respect for ancestors, commitment to the growth of community, and gratitude for life's bounties.



Forks Over Knives (2011) PG-CC

Forks Over Knives examines the profound claim that most, if not all, of the degenerative diseases that afflict us can be controlled, or even reversed, by rejecting animal-based and processed foods. The major storyline traces the personal journeys of Dr. T. Colin Campbell, a nutritional biochemist from Cornell University, and Dr. Caldwell Esselstyn, a former top surgeon at the world-renowned Cleveland Clinic. Inspired by remarkable discoveries they made, these men conducted several groundbreaking studies. Their separate research led them to the same startling conclusion: degenerative diseases like heart disease, type 2 diabetes, and even several forms of cancer, could almost always be prevented - and in many cases reversed - by adopting a whole-foods, plant-based diet. The idea of food as medicine is put to the test as cameras follow "reality patients" with chronic conditions.

Family Fun Films

Join us for a movie the whole family can enjoy. For movie title, call (626) 744-6510.
Thursdays (Except Nov. 18 & 25) • 3:30 p.m.
Villa Parke Branch Library



Movie and Trivia

Weekend movies presents *The Nightmare Before Christmas*, a modern-day classic that puts the holiday on tilt. Bring your memory recall for the trivia game that follows.
Saturday, Dec. 4 • 3 p.m. • Santa Catalina Branch Library

For Adults

Beyond the Book – PPL's Book Groups

Our book groups are now being offered in-person and virtually, two different formats that allow you to keep in contact with your fellow book lovers as you discuss new books together.

Need a copy of the book? Place a hold on a physical copy using our Library catalog (https://pasadena.ent.sirsi.net/client/en_US/default) and pick it up at any of our branch libraries. You can also download an eBook version using your Pasadena Public Library card one of two ways: Via Cloud Library (<https://ebook.yourcloudlibrary.com/library/PasadenaPublicLibrary>) or Via Overdrive (<https://pasadena.overdrive.com/>)

Great Literature Discussion Group

Join us for an hour discussion on great works of literature. Call (626) 744-7266 for the upcoming reading schedule. Will meet outside during nice weather.

Mondays • 10 a.m. • Lamanda Park Branch Library

Hastings Branch Book Chit Chat

We will discuss *The Guest List* by Lucy Foley.

Tuesday, Nov. 2 • 5 p.m. • Hastings Branch Library

We will discuss *A Time for Mercy* by John Grisham.

Tuesday, Dec. 7 • 5 p.m. • Hastings Branch Library



Allendale Book Discussion

We will discuss *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig.

Saturday, Nov. 6 • 10:30 a.m. • Allendale Branch Library



iBook Club

“New Adult” readers in their 20s and 30s, including participants using speech-generating devices. Sign up for the November iBook Club at <https://pasadena.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=5041>. Sign up for the December iBook Club at <https://pasadena.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=5095>. Sign up for each program separately.

Mondays, Nov. 8 & Dec. 13 • 3-4 p.m. • Zoom

Hill Avenue Book Club

We will celebrate Native American Heritage Month and discuss *Bad Indians* by Deborah A. Miranda, available as an eBook with no waiting from hoopla at <https://hoopladigital.com/title/12257838>. Sign up at <https://pasadena.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=5049>.

Saturday, Nov. 13 • 10:30 a.m. • Zoom



Join us online as we discuss *The Mad Woman's Ball* by Victoria Mas.

Sign up at <https://pasadena.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=5083>.

Saturday, Dec. 11 • 10:30 a.m. • Zoom



Pasadena Readers

We will discuss *My Name is Red* by Orhan Pamuk.

Monday, Nov. 15 • 3-4:30 p.m.

Santa Catalina Branch Library

We will discuss *The Years* by Virginia Woolf.

Monday, Dec. 20 • 3-4:30 p.m.

Santa Catalina Branch Library



West Pasadena Book Discussion Group

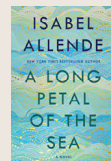
We will discuss *A Long Petal of the Sea* by Isabel Allende.

Sign up at <https://pasadena.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=5064>.

Saturday, Nov. 20 • 11 a.m. • Zoom

We will meet to share new authors and titles we've enjoyed then plan for our 2022 reading schedule. Sign up at <https://pasadena.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=5100>.

Saturday, Dec. 18 • 11 a.m. • Zoom



Discovery Classes

Creative Arts

Art a la Carte

Artist Lorrie Shriner teaches drawing, watercolor and collage techniques. Beginners welcome. Sign up at <https://pasadena.evanced.info/signup>.

Tuesdays • 2:30 p.m. • Zoom



Crafting with Tiff & Tosh

Join us for Crafting with Tiff & Tosh on Instagram Live at [@pasadenalibrary](https://www.instagram.com/pasadenalibrary). Learn a new craft for the fall.

Mondays, Nov. 15 & 29, Dec. 6 & 20 • 3 p.m. • Instagram Live

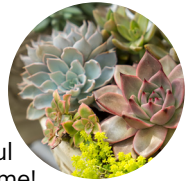
Gardening

Pasadena Grows: Succulent Swap

As it gets colder and plants go dormant, there's still a way to garden! Succulents do surprisingly well in California winters and come in many beautiful variations. Bring cuttings to share or take some home!

Saturday, Nov. 20 • 10:30 a.m.-noon

Hill Avenue Branch Library Garden Patio



Health & Fitness

Zumba

Join us at the Library for Zumba! Zumba is a great way to lose weight, tone up, increase cardio strength, improve coordination, gain self-esteem and feel happy! Beginners are welcome. Masks are required for participation. Please only participate if you are feeling well. For ages 18+. Space is limited.

Sign up for the days you would like to attend at <https://www.cityofpasadena.net/library/calendar/>.

Saturdays, Nov. 6 & 20, Dec. 4 & 18 • 10:30 a.m.

Lamanda Park Branch Library



Medicare 101

Get to know the basics of Medicare including what's covered, how and when to apply, how to choose a plan, and more. For accommodations of persons with special needs call TTY:711.

Saturday, Nov. 20 • 10 a.m. • Santa Catalina Branch Library

Language

Spanish Conversation Group

Want to practice and improve your spoken Spanish? Join our conversational Spanish group now on Zoom! Volunteers and attendees help you to make personal progress and provide lots of practice speaking in Spanish. For all adults of any Spanish speaking level. Sign up at <https://pasadena.evanced.info/signup>.

Thursdays (Except Nov. 25) • 2:30-4 p.m. • Zoom

Pasadena Small Business Owners Networking Group

Increase your business knowledge, meet other local business people and practice your 30-second “elevator introduction.” To attend Pasadena Small Business Owners Networking Group sign up at www.meetup.com/Pasadena-small-Biz-Network.

Tuesday, Dec. 21 • noon-2 p.m. • La Pintoresca Branch Library

Family

Marbled Paper Fall Leaves

Create beautiful marbled autumn leaves with shaving cream and watercolor paints and decorate our fall tree! This program may get messy – please dress accordingly.

Saturday, Nov. 13 • 11 a.m. • Santa Catalina Branch Library



Early Learners

Health & Fitness

Toddler Play Time

Have fun playing with toys, blocks and puzzles, listening to music, coloring, checking out books and interacting with other kids. *For ages 2-5 and their caregivers.* Space is limited. Call (626) 744-6510 to sign-up.

Fridays (Except Nov. 26, Dec. 24 & 31) • 10:30 a.m.–noon • Villa Parke Branch Library



Early Literacy Storytimes

Branch Storytimes may be held indoors and outdoors. Masks are required of attendees ages two and up at indoor storytimes. Masks are highly recommended for children ages two and up and adults at outdoor storytimes, regardless of vaccination status. Please allow for at least three feet of social distancing between participants. Hand sanitizers will be available.

Infant Toddler Storytime

Storytime is a fun way to introduce your little ones to language and learning! Join us for an indoor, 20-minute storytime with books, songs, rhymes and fun! *For ages 0-2 and their caregivers.*

Tuesdays (Except Dec. 21 & 28) • 10:30 a.m. • Lamanda Park Branch Library

Wednesdays • 10:30 a.m. • Allendale Branch Library

Thursdays, Nov. 4-18, Dec. 2 & 30 • 10:30 a.m. • Santa Catalina Branch Library

Preschool Storytime

Join us for 30 minutes of fun with books and more in this weekly storytime! Enjoy stories, songs and fingerplays. *For ages 3-5 and their caregivers.*

Wednesdays (Nov. 3, 10 & 24, Dec. 1 & 29) • 10:30 a.m.

Santa Catalina Branch Library

Thursdays (Nov. 4 & 18, Dec. 2 & 16) • 10:30 a.m. • Lamanda Park Branch Library

Thursdays (Nov. 4 & 18, Dec. 2, 16, 23 & 30) • 10:30 a.m.

Linda Vista Park Branch Library

Preschool Storytime

Join us as we welcome our early learners back for outdoor storytime. There will be songs, dancing, finger-plays and lots of fun! *For ages 3-5 and their caregivers.*

Wednesday, Nov. 3 • 11 a.m. • San Rafael Branch Library

Signs 'n Storytime (American Sign Language)

Join us for a fun storytime featuring a few American Sign Language (ASL) signs to learn.

Thursdays, Nov. 4 & 18 & Dec. 2 & 16 • 10:30 a.m. • San Rafael Branch Library

Saturday Storytime

Join us virtually on Instagram Live for storytime in the garden.

Saturdays, Nov. 6 & 27 • 10:30am – Instagram Live

Stories to Share

In celebration of National Native American Heritage Month, join us for a special storytime featuring stories written by Native authors. *For ages 3-5 and their caregivers.*

Wednesday, Nov. 17 • 10:30 a.m. • Santa Catalina Branch Library

Native American Heritage Storytime

Enjoy stories written by Native American authors and a craft inspired by nature.

Thursday, Nov. 18 • 10:30 a.m. • Linda Vista Branch Library

Saturday Storytime: Winter Festival

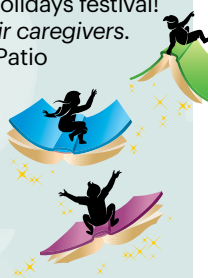
We welcome everyone back for in-person storytime with our winter holidays festival! Join us for stories, music, crafts and giveaways! *For ages 3-5 and their caregivers.*

Saturday, Dec. 18 • 10:30 a.m. • Hill Avenue Branch Library Garden Patio

Winter Stories

Help us celebrate the first day of winter with stories, songs and fingerplays. *For ages 3-5 and their caregivers.*

Tuesday, Dec. 21 • 11 a.m. • Santa Catalina Branch Library



Library Kids

Books & More

Telling Tales with Nick Smith

Pasadena Media and Pasadena Public Library have partnered to bring you “Telling Tales,” a collection of traditional folktales told by library staffer and storyteller Nick Smith. Find these stories and more on the Library’s YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/user/pasadenalibrary>). Perfect for school age kids and their families. Available 24/7 on demand. Presented in partnership with Pasadena Media.

Lucha Libros Battle #1

Second grade luchadores meet to answer questions about the book *Sarai and the Meaning of Awesome* by Sarai González and Monica Brown. Sign up for San Rafael’s Battle at <https://pasadena.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?eventId=4695>.

Wednesday, Nov. 17 • 3 p.m.

San Rafael Branch Library



Lucha Libros Battle #2

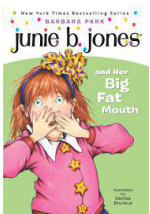
Second grade luchadores meet to answer questions about the book *Junie B. Jones and Her Big Fat Mouth* by Barbara Park.

Sign up for Lamanda Park’s Battle at

<https://pasadena.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=4645>.

Thursday, Dec. 16 • 4:30 p.m.

Lamanda Park Branch Library



Creative Arts

Coloring for the Holidays

Enjoy coloring in preparation for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. All materials provided.

Friday, Nov. 19 • 3-5 p.m. &

Wednesday, Dec. 22 • 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Villa Parke Branch Library

Don’t Move! Create a Still Life Picture

Although seen in Egyptian tombs and Roman antiquity, still life began to flourish in the Netherlands in the 1600s with the urbanization of Dutch and Flemish society, emphasizing the home. Join artist Jeanette Russell to look at and study fruits, vegetables and beyond as you create your own masterpiece! Space is limited. *For ages 7-12.*

Wednesday, Nov. 17 • 3:30 p.m. Hastings Branch Library

Games

Afternoon Board Games

Bring your afternoon snacks and enjoy giant dominoes, mazes, board and exploration games with friends and family.

Tuesdays, Nov. 9 & 23, Dec. 7 & 21

3:30-5:30 p.m. • Villa Parke Branch Library



STEM

Hour of Code for Kids

Join us for a fun and simple Hour of Code where you will play a game that will teach you some of the foundations of computer programming. *For ages 7-9.*

Sign up at <https://pasadena.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=4939>.

Monday, Dec. 6 • 4 p.m. • Zoom

Tweens

Books & More

NaNoWriMo Young Writers Program

Celebrate National Novel Writing Month by joining our online classroom of kids ages 9-12, who are writing novels. We'll meet once a week to do creativity exercises, study the craft of writing, and encourage one another to set and achieve our own daily word count goals. Sign up at <https://pasadena.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=4963>.

Mondays, Nov. 1, 8, 15 & 29 • 4 p.m. • Zoom

Creative Writing with Emily

Teen instructor Emily Battaglia will share tips, ideas, prompts, vocabulary and skills for writing fiction! Every month we will focus on a different aspect of fiction writing.

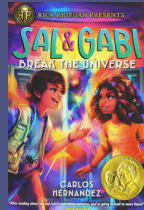
For ages 9-12 Sign up at <https://pasadena.evanced.info/signupEventDetails?EventId=4679> (November 6) or <https://pasadena.evanced.info/signupEventDetails?EventId=4680> (December 4). Sign up for each session separately.

Saturdays, Nov. 6 & Dec. 4 • 2-3 p.m. • Zoom

Windows and Mirrors Book Club

Join us as we meet to discuss a middle grade book about kids with diverse backgrounds and their experiences. Maybe you'll see yourself in one of these books, or maybe you'll get a window into the lives of others! All the books about issues of social justice have been selected for humor, heart and high-quality writing. This month, we will read *Sal and Gabi Break the Universe* by Carlos Hernandez. For grades 5 and up.

Tuesday, Dec. 14 • 4:30-5:30 p.m. • Lamanda Park Branch Library



STEM

Mighty Chondria: Science for Kids

Dive deeper into science and become a scientist in your own home! Join us for fun lab activities using household supplies as we explore the different branches of science such as chemistry, earth science and biology. Presented by Mighty Chondria. For ages 9-12. To attend Mighty Chondria sign up at <https://pasadena.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=4942> (November 15) or <https://pasadena.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=4943> (December 13). Sign up for each session separately.

Mondays, Nov. 15 & Dec. 13 • 4 p.m. • Zoom

Hour of Code for Kids

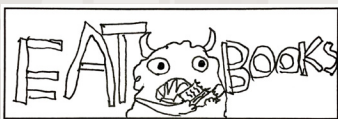
Join us for a fun and simple Hour of Code where you will play a game that will teach you some of the foundations of computer programming. For ages 10-12. Sign up at <https://pasadena.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=4940>.

Tuesday, Dec. 7 • 4 p.m. • Zoom

Bookmark Drawing Design Contest

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Ages 0-7

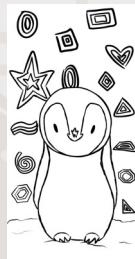


"Eat Books" by Grey Griffith

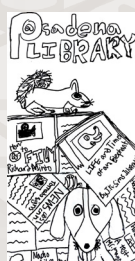


"Feeling Nature"
by Stuti Mishra

Ages 8-11



"Happy Penguin"
by Salinger Hurtado



"Animal Library"
by Rudy Monahan

Ages 12-17



"Books and Swirls"
by Violet Gund



"City of Pasadena City Hall"
by Michelle Rivas

Ages 18+



"All Aboard"
by Omair Khan



"Flower and Butterfly"
by Jolean Matsumoto

TeenScene



Creative Arts

Sculpturing with Hot Knives

Carve foam sculptures using hot wire knives then finish them with paint. To celebrate National Native American Heritage Month, we'll be carving animal totems. *For teens ages 12-18.* To attend, sign up at <https://pasadena.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=4944>.

Saturday, Nov. 13 • 3 p.m. • Hastings Branch Library

Sew it Begins: Wallets

In this Zoom class, you'll follow along with your own sewing machine and learn to sew your own wallet. Supplies needed: ¼ yard of exterior fabric, ¼ yard of interior fabric, ¼ yard of pocket fabric. Interfacing and snap will be provided. Must attend both sessions. Registration required. *For teens and adults, ages 13+.* Sign up at <https://pasadena.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=5066>.

Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 29 & 30 • 3:30-5:30 p.m. • Zoom

Sketches & More: Mini Masterpieces

For teens, join us for painting workshops with staff from the Armory Center for the Arts. We'll be working with acrylic paint, so we suggest you wear old clothes for painting. Materials will be provided. *For ages 12-18.* Sign up at <https://pasadena.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=4637>.

Thursday, Dec. 16 • 4:30 p.m. • La Pintoresca Branch Library

For more crafts, art, and other fun projects visit:

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/user/pasadenalibrary>

Teens' Blog: <http://pasadena-library.net/teens/>



Culinary Arts

Out of the Pantry

Cook up a tasty dish with ingredients from the pantry. Cooking supplies are available for pickup from Hastings Branch Library. Please refer to the equipment, ingredients list and confirmation email for further instructions to ensure you're prepared for the lesson. *For teens only.* Sign up at <https://pasadena.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=4953>.

Monday, Dec. 6 • 4 p.m. • Zoom

Games

Stop in for gaming on the Nintendo Switch. Make new friends while playing games in a healthy and competitive environment that fosters well-being, fair play and an exciting atmosphere. Drop by and join the Video Game Club! *For ages 14+.*

Thursdays, Dec. 2-30 • 4-6 p.m. • Hastings Branch Library

STEM

Get Real! Give Virtual Reality

Come on in and give Virtual Reality (VR) a try! We have Oculus Rift and/or Quest 2-virtual reality visors and handsets for the full VR experience. Walk on Mars, visit the International Space Station, do some guided meditation, or try any of our many other available VR experiences. Improve your health and well-being! *For ages 13+.* Sign up for a 25-minute time slot. Sign up at <https://pasadena.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=4945> (November 23) or <https://pasadena.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=4946> (December 28).

Tuesdays, Nov. 23 & Dec. 2 • 4-6 p.m. • Hastings Branch Library



STUDENT RESOURCES

Resources at the Ready

Learning never stops! Students can check out our comprehensive list of electronic research and enrichment resources for school and research projects at (<https://cityofpasadena.libguides.com/Databases/BySubject>) where Student Resources (K-12) gathers our ongoing available resources.

Need more resources? Visit our Kids (<http://pasadena-library.net/kids/>) and Teen (<http://pasadena-library.net/teens/>) blogs.





Assemblymember Chris Holden Presents a \$4 Million Check to Retrofit the Pasadena Central Library

On Sept. 27, 2021, at the start of the regularly scheduled City Council meeting, Assemblymember Chris Holden presented a check for \$4 million to the City of Pasadena and the Pasadena Public Library to help repair the nearly 100-year-old Central Library.

After a long closure of the Pasadena Public Library facilities due to the pandemic, many looked forward to the reopening of the Central Library and its nine branch libraries. In April, the first to open was the Central Library. It was short lived as the City discovered that the building was not safe should there be an earthquake.

On May 3, 2021, city officials were forced to close the Central Library for a required seismic retrofit and restoration to meet life safety requirements. The structural assessment revealed that most of the building consists of unreinforced masonry.

Working toward identifying a plan for seismic upgrades, restoration, and reopening of the facility, the City reached out to Assemblymember Holden. Just one month later, it was announced that the State of California had approved in its budget \$4 million to be used for the design and drawings for the seismic upgrades of the Pasadena Central Library.

At the City Council meeting Assemblymember Holden said, "Having served on this council I understand first-hand how important this library is to the community."

In the previous year prior to the pandemic closure, the Pasadena Public Library greeted over 616,000 guests, with the Pasadena Central Library hosting 232 group events and 876 community and organization meetings.

City officials praised Assemblymember Holden for his work not only as their representative in Sacramento, but for his commitment to the community that he has represented for decades.

With these initial funds now secured, the City will assemble and manage an architectural engineering design team of experts that will bring the iconic Central Library back online to ensure access to library services and programs for future generations, and of course, to preserve its historic significance.

All Pasadena Public Library programs and events listed in this newsletter are free and open to the public.

Our programs and events are extremely popular. Registration may be required. Check program and event listings for details.

For information about the COVID-19 virus and the latest information on vaccine availability visit <https://www.cityofpasadena.net/COVID19vaccine/>.

Come visit us!

Pasadena Public Library's nine library branches are fully open for in-person service. Library visitors are able to browse the collections, check-out materials, reserve and use public computers, and access Wi-Fi as well as printing and copying services. Library phone, chat, online content and virtual programming continue to be offered to the community.

The staff at Pasadena Public Library looks forward to welcoming you in whatever format you feel comfortable!

PASADENA PUBLIC LIBRARY LOCATIONS & HOURS

Allendale Branch Library

1130 S. Marengo Ave.
Pasadena, CA 91106
(626) 744-7260
Monday-Saturday • 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Hastings Branch Library

3325 E. Orange Grove Blvd.
Pasadena, CA 91107
(626) 744-7262
Monday-Thursday • 10 a.m.-7 p.m.
Friday & Saturday • 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Sundays • 1-5 p.m.

Hill Avenue Branch Library

55 S. Hill Ave.
Pasadena, CA 91106
(626) 744-7264
Monday-Saturday • 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

La Pintesca Branch Library

1355 N. Raymond Ave.
Pasadena, CA 91103
(626) 744-7268
Monday-Thursday • 10 a.m.-7 p.m.
Friday & Saturday • 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Closed for HVAC installation.
Will reopen on Wednesday, Dec. 8.

Lamanda Park Branch Library

140 S. Altadena Dr.
Pasadena, CA 91107
(626) 744-7266
Monday-Thursday • 10 a.m.-7 p.m.
Friday & Saturday • 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Linda Vista Branch Library

1281 Bryant St.
Pasadena, CA 91103
(626) 744-7278
Monday-Thursday • 10 a.m.-7 p.m.
Friday & Saturday • 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

San Rafael Branch Library

1240 Nithsdale Rd.
Pasadena, CA 91105
(626) 744-7270
Monday-Thursday • 10 a.m.-7 p.m.
Friday & Saturday • 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Santa Catalina Branch Library

999 E. Washington Blvd.
Pasadena, CA 91104
(626) 744-7272
Monday-Thursday • 10 a.m.-7 p.m.
Friday & Saturday • 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Villa Parke Branch Library

363 E. Villa St.
Pasadena, CA 91101
(626) 744-6510
Monday-Friday • 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Saturday • 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.



We have numerous virtual options to inform, educate, entertain and connect you to the greater world beyond your home all accessible on our website, www.PasadenaPublicLibrary.net. Check it out!

The Pasadena Public Library is an information center for the Pasadena community in order to preserve and encourage the free expression of ideas essential to an informed citizenry.

A variety of highly vetted programs are presented for children and adults and they represent the research and opinions of the presenter and do not reflect an endorsement by the City of Pasadena nor the Pasadena Public Library.



Many thanks to The Friends of the Pasadena Public Library for their continued support of Pasadena Public Library's programs. To learn more about The Friends and how you can become a member, visit <http://www.friendsopl.org/>.

Reporting Fraud, Waste or Abuse

For reporting suspected cases of fraud by the City or its employees, officials, contractors or vendors call the HOTLINE at (626) 744-7448 or visit <https://www.cityofpasadena.net/city-manager/internal-audit/fraud-hotline/>.

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