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Welcome to Spring!

*POWERED BY THE FRIENDS OF THE ALTADENA LIBRARY



Above: A curious crowd gathered to enjoy last year's Poetry & Cookies event and readings by talented poets

It's Time for Poetry & Cookies!

Be inspired by an afternoon of poetry at the Altadena Main Library and meet the District's new Poet Laureate! Find joy and inspiration at the Altadena Library on **Sunday, April 29, from 1:00- 4:30pm** (with a break from 2:30 to 3:00) when it hosts one of the largest local poetry readings in our community. This event celebrates the formal launch of the *Altadena Poetry Review: Anthology 2017* (published by the award-winning local indie, Golden Foothills Press). Also on the docket is the inauguration of the library's new Poet Laureate 2018-2020. The 104 poets included in this publication, many of whom will be reading that day, are Pushcart Prize Nominees, Poets Laureate, writing teachers, editors, publishers, professors, and emerging authors. The 167 poems in the anthology are multi-culturally diverse and represent a broad variety of styles: traditional, unrhymed, short, long, humorous, poignant, political, inspirational, experimental, and, "everything in between."

The creation of this book was led by co-editors: Eline Lipkin, Poet Laureate of the Altadena Library District 2016-2017; and Pauli Dutton, editor of the library's *Poetry & Cookies Anthology*, from which the *Altadena Poetry Review* evolved in 2015. The co-editors worked closely with a peer review panel of published poets and editors who discussed all submitted poems. The Anthology Selection Committee, all volunteers, include Tim Callahan, Gloriana Casey, Gerda Govine Iturrarte, Briony James, Elsa M. J. Seifert, Mary Fitzpatrick, and Cathie Sandstrom.



Current Poet Laureate Eline Lipkin (left) and Pauli Dutton

This year's anthology and event were made possible by a generous donation from the Friends of the Altadena Library. Although the main library is not open for business on Sundays, the doors will be open on this special day to anyone who would like to attend this exciting event. Just sit back and enjoy. Everyone is welcome! Free to the public with refreshments, cookies, mingling with the poets, books to browse and buy, and photo ops.



Want even more poetry in your life? Celebrate the nominees of the Pushcart Prize for Poetry. On **Monday, April 16, at 7:00pm**, gather for a ceremony and short open mic. Nominees include Thelma T. Reyna, Cathie Sandstrom, Susan Rogers, Dorothy Skiles, David Salvn, and Alicia Elkort.

Altadenan Kenny Sara Brings New Orleans Jazz to the Library

The Sounds of New Orleans, the Second Saturday favorite led by Kenny Sara, will perform at April's Second Saturday concert! Join us **Saturday, April 14**, for an evening of fun, dancing, and community, all to the tunes of Kenny Sara and The Sounds of New Orleans. While we can't promise gumbo and beignets, we can promise food and beverages for sale from local vendors.

A New Orleans native at heart, Kenny Sara first moved to Altadena in 1986 and has been an avid user of the Library and celebrated performer at Second Saturdays throughout the years. To hear a sample of Kenny and learn about his musical background, visit www.kkaremusic.com.



UPCOMING EVENTS Find Branch, Children's, and Teen Programs on pages 6-7.



Friends of the Altadena Library Meeting
Monday, April 2, at 7:30pm



Rocking Our Sub-Genres: Women in Mystery
Tuesday, April 3, at 7:00pm

Mystery novels aren't just classic whodunnits with a puzzle, tea on the veranda, and an old lady amateur sleuth, any more than they are tough looks at lone detectives walking the mean streets. Join us to hear a panel of female authors discuss the sub-genres of mystery and how they use their sub-genre to tell their stories!



Citizenship Classes
Every Tuesday through May 22, at 6:00pm

Enroll in free civics lessons to prepare for the U.S. Citizenship exam! Enroll today for this class every Tuesday through the end of May at the Bob Lucas Branch. Call (626) 798-0833 x102 to register!



All-Ages Chess Night
Every Tuesday, at 6:30pm

Calling all lovers of chess, beginners included! All you need for this fun, all-ages chess experience is your love of the game, good sportsmanship, and willingness to learn! This popular program is led by local chess enthusiast Will Patton.



Seed Library Open Hours & "Raising Chickens" Presentation with Su Falcon
Saturday, April 7, from 10:00am to 12:00pm

Come learn about the mayhem, fresh eggs, and love that come with raising chickens from Su Falcon, author of "How I Survived My First Year with Chickens."



Choosing Signs Screening and Q&A
Saturday, April 7, at 2:00pm

Love isn't always a choice... Join us for a screening of a beautiful independent film about a love story by Owen Dara. A Q&A with the director and actors will follow.



No Guilt Book Club
Tuesday, April 10, at 7:00pm

No guilt - Come even if you haven't read the books! Meets in the Director's Office.



BookMobile Meetup at the Market
Wednesday, April 11, at 4:00pm

Meet us at the Altadena Farmers Market to celebrate National Library Week and National BookMobile Day with a special story time, signups for library cards, and a hangout with our BookMobile bicycle.



Second Saturday Concert with Kenny Sara & The Sounds of New Orleans
Saturday, April 14, at 6:30pm

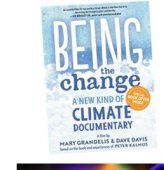
The upbeat and jazzy tunes of New Orleans are coming to Altadena Library! Food and beverages will be available for sale, and all ages are welcome at this festive community concert!



Pushcart Prize for Poetry Celebration
Monday, April 16, at 7:00pm

Mindful Meow: Meditation Workshop
Saturday, April 21, at 9:15am

Start your weekend with light movement, mindfulness exercises, and guided meditation in the open air!



Being the Change Screening and Q&A
Saturday, April 21, at 2:00pm

Learn how to live well and spark a climate revolution from atmospheric scientist Peter Kalmus at this screening of his documentary and following discussion.



Library Board of Trustees Meeting
Monday, April 23, at 5:00pm

Open Mic Night
Tuesday, April 24, at 7:00pm



4x4 Art Workshop - Crocheting with Sonali Kolhatkar
Saturday, April 28, at 11:00am

Build your crocheting skills at our final 4x4 Art Workshop of the year with Sonali Kolhatkar, a multi-media artist who paints, sews, crochets, and does tile mosaic and paper crafts. Register today by emailing 4x4art@altadenalibrary.org.



Poetry & Cookies
Sunday, April 29, at 1:00pm



www.AltadenaLibrary.org

Main Library
600 E. Mariposa Street
Altadena, CA 91001
626-798-0833

Hours
Monday & Tuesday
10:00am to 9:00pm
Wednesday through Saturday
10:00am to 6:00pm

Passport Office (Main Library)
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY
626-798-2950
Monday and Tuesday
9:00am to 8:00pm
Wednesday through Saturday
9:00am to 5:00pm

Bob Lucas Branch
2659 Lincoln Avenue
Altadena, CA 91001
626-798-8338

Hours
Monday, Tuesday & Friday
10:00am to 6:00pm
Wednesday & Thursday
10:00am to 8:00pm

Become a Friend of the Library
The Friends of the Library meet on the first Monday of each month (except July and August) at 7:30pm in the Community Room. You do not have to be a member to attend. For information, go to AltadenaLibrary.org/friends-library

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Libraries Lead. Celebrate National Library Week 2018!

If we have learned one thing through our work over the last year, it is that a local library has the power to be a leader in the community. In an unincorporated community like Altadena that does not have a central government structure, our Library has a unique opportunity to work both independently and in collaboration with groups like the Altadena Town Council and other local organizations to bolster community progress.

It has been the intention of the Library to help lead Altadena toward an attitude of community engagement and service. After our initial round of Community Conversations in early 2017, we experienced an inspiring renewal of effort within the Library to incorporate the needs of the community directly into our available programming and resources (*see more on page 3*). We hoped that our efforts would inspire other community groups to also approach the new year with renewed commitment to progress, and whether or not it had to do with the Community Conversations, it is undeniable that Altadena has experienced a resurgence of community involvement and action throughout the year.

We are proud of our community and our Library District, and we are honored to celebrate our special place in Altadena. This year, National Library Week takes place the **week of Sunday, April 8th through Saturday, April 14th**. It is a time we use to celebrate the contributions of our nation's libraries and librarians and to promote library use and support. This long-standing tradition is celebrated every year across the country and stems from a real need.

In the mid-1950s, research showed that Americans were spending less on books and more on radios, televisions and musical instruments. Concerned that Americans were

reading less, the American Library Association (ALA) and the American Book Publishers formed a nonprofit citizens organization called the National Book Committee in 1954. The committee's goals were ambitious. They ranged from "encouraging people to read in their increasing leisure time" to "improving incomes and health" and "developing strong and happy family life."

In 1957, the committee developed a plan for National Library Week based on the idea that once people were motivated to read, they would support and use libraries. With the cooperation of ALA and help from the Advertising Council, the first National Library Week was observed in 1958 with the theme "Wake Up and Read!" When the National Book Committee disbanded in 1974, ALA assumed full sponsorship, and National Library Week continues annually to celebrate libraries across the country.

We hope you will join us in celebration by either stopping by the Main Library or Bob Lucas Branch Library or attending one of our special events that week:

- **Button Making Inspiration Station**
Throughout the Week (Check our Facebook for specifics!)
Color in and create your very own library-themed button!
- **BookMobile Meetup at the Farmers Market**
Wednesday, April 11 at 4:00pm
As part of National Library Week, Wednesday is National Bookmobile Day! Look for our bicycle that we'll use to carry books to the Farmers Market, sign people up for Library cards, and host a special story time.
- **Second Saturday ft. Kenny Sara & The Sounds of New Orleans**
Saturday, April 14 at 6:30pm
Our Second Saturday concert will feature local favorite, Kenny Sara and The Sounds of New Orleans, that will bring their upbeat take on New Orleans jazz to the Library! Food, dancing, and fun!

FRIENDS of the Altadena Library FROM F.O.A.L. PRESIDENT - MARK MARISCAL Friends of the Altadena Library Update



April showers bring May flowers. This year, Southern California has not yet seen the normal average of rainfall that we would like to receive. What is nice during this month as the days get longer, the Library's outdoor areas start growing more beautiful for all to witness! Now, if you are NOT visiting the library on any regular basis, you may not notice the growth of our outdoor areas.

During April, the Friends organization continues to assist with funding for various programs that you can read about in this newsletter. I invite you to attend the upcoming Second Saturday Concert, as there are only 3 more left before summer arrives...

I want to thank all of you that have renewed your membership for the 2018 year. Even though part of the year has already passed, we still invite those of you who have not sent in a renewal (or want to sign up for the first time) to do so. One great benefit of membership is exclusive access to the special book sale day (Friday, May 18, from 3:00 - 6:00pm) open only to members of the Friends of the Altadena Library who get first pick of our wonderful selection of books and materials in the sale.

SAVE THE DATE: Annual Friends Book Sale - May 19 and 20, 2018

Established in 1959, the Friends of the Altadena Library is an organization committed to the support of the Altadena Library District and its programs and services. Learn more and become a Friend at www.altadenalibrary.org/friends-library.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES UPDATE

Welcome, Betsy Kahn, to the Library Board of Trustees!

Last month the Altadena Library District Board of Trustees appointed Betsy Kahn as its newest trustee, filling the position vacated by the resignation of trustee Adalila Zelada-Garcia. Betsy has been a certificated school librarian for nearly 18 years, including eight years in PUSD at Wilson Middle School and Pasadena High School. She has been the librarian at South Pasadena Middle School since 2010. Earlier in her career, she ran the adult literacy program at Hayward Public Library, and served for six years as a trustee for the Acton Public Library in Old Saybrook, Connecticut. She also served for ten years on the Board of Directors of the Children's Literature Council of Southern California, including two as its president.



"My mission statement as a school librarian consists of five words," says Betsy. "Create library users for life." And my personal mission statement urges me to be 'a champion of books and reading for children and adults.' As a trustee of this incredible and unique institution, I look forward to serving library users of all ages as we continue to reimagine and celebrate what a public library can become, while cherishing and preserving the things it has always done best."

Betsy and her husband Howard have three grown sons, who are all avid readers. They enjoy having the San Gabriel Mountains in their backyard and love calling Altadena their home.

The Board of Trustees thanks former trustee Adalila Zelada-Garcia for her service, and welcomes Betsy into its ranks as it moves forward into the challenges and opportunities of 2018 and beyond.

Altadena Library District's Board is comprised of five local volunteers with a variety of backgrounds and expertise. It is the Board's responsibility to represent the needs of the community and transform them into the policies that govern the District, through short- and long-term planning and ongoing oversight. Learn more online at www.altadenalibrary.org/about-board.

4x4 Art Workshops AT ALTADENA LIBRARY



Beginning Crocheting with Sonali Kolhatkar

Saturday, April 28
11:00am - 1:00pm

Our 4x4 Art Workshop series comes to a close with Sonali Kolhatkar, who has been crocheting for nearly 10 years and creates one-of-a-kind crochet hats, scarves, and bags.

Register to 4x4art@altadenalibrary.org
This workshop is designed for ages 15 and older.

SEED LIBRARY PRESENTATION

- RAISING CHICKENS -
WITH SU FALCON

SATURDAY, APRIL 7th
10:00AM - 12:00PM
COMMUNITY ROOM



COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

A Year in Review Small Changes
Building to Greater Momentum

How quickly the time passes when you're making progress! A year ago in April 2017, our community gathered to reflect on the findings of the Community Conversations initiative. A year later, we have quantified our progress and compiled a list of accomplishments within our Library. The Library has not been alone in making progress throughout 2017; many community organizations have been working hard to make Altadena a better place. **We want to hear from you! What action steps have you seen taking place around the community since the Community Conversations?** Don't be afraid to brag - we would love to learn if there are opportunities for collaboration with the Library that would serve our patrons! Email hello@altadenalibrary.org to let us know what's been going on!



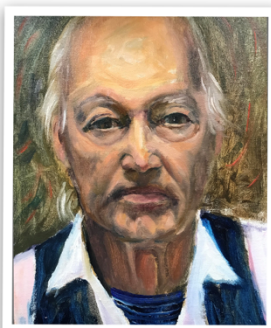
Be sure to check for a special report soon at altadenalibrary.org/community-conversations/!

April Artist on Display

 **Richard Schuster, Community Room**

Starting April 3 and running through April 28, the Community Room will feature the work of Richard Schuster. During the Second Saturday concert on **Saturday, April 14, at 6:30pm to 8:30pm**, the public is invited to an Artist Reception in the Community Room where they can enjoy light refreshments and an opportunity to meet Richard Schuster in person.

Of his art, Richard says, "I've been painting portraits for over ten years. I tend to paint in a realistic fashion using exclusively oils and my mentors are Rembrandt and Sargent. A number of my paintings have been exhibited at Jones Coffee Roasters in Pasadena."



Toti O'Brian, Reading Court

Starting April 3 and running through April 28, the Reading Court will feature the work of Toti O'Brian. Toti shares, "I work in a mixed media technique involving collage and assemblage, utilizing found objects and recycled materials as well as my own drawings, paintings, photography, ceramics or textiles. The use of fragments is a common thread of my work. I think of each piece like a puzzle the viewer can unscramble as they wish. I like for my work to be whimsical and enchanting both for adults and children, but also mysterious. There is always an embedded narrative askew, a bit illogical. Recurrent themes are roots and displacement, the layering of cultures, nature and the human body, relationships."

Are you an artist interested in displaying your work at the Altadena Libraries? Email our artist coordinator Melissa Aldama at maldama@altadenalibrary.org to express interest and learn more about eligibility and conditions!

Choosing Signs Screening and Q&A

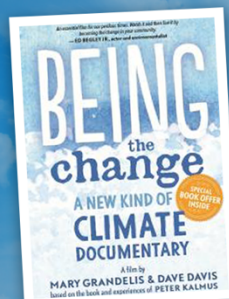
Saturday, April 7th, 2:00 - 4:30pm
Community Room

Join us for a screening of a beautiful independent film about a love story between a down-to-earth Irishman and an up-in-the-air American woman who makes life choices by consulting the powers of the Universe.

A Q&A with director and actor Owen Dara and actor Jessica Lancaster will immediately follow.

Being the Change Screening and Q&A

Saturday, April 21st
2:00 - 4:00pm
Community Room



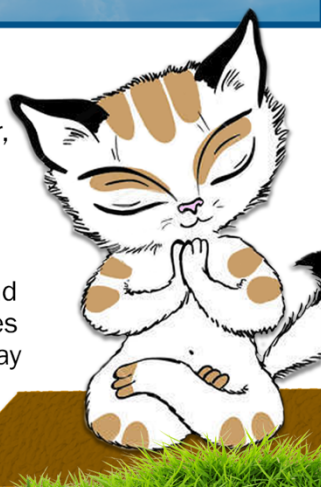
Atmospheric scientist Peter Kalmus returns to the Library to share his follow-up documentary to his popular book *Being the Change*. This Earth Day, "live well and spark a climate revolution" at the Library!

Mindful Meow: Learning Zen From Our Feline Friends

As the weather warms and our community heads back outside after a (semi) chilly and rainy winter, we invite the public to join us at the Library for a mindful morning outdoors. Let's take a note from our furry, feline friends and embrace the peace of a warm spring morning with stretching in the sun and meditation! On **Saturday, April 21, from 9:15am to 10:15am**, meet on the grassy lawn outside the Main Library entrance and bridge to engage in light movement, mindfulness activities, and guided meditation as a group in the open air. This program is designed for ages 15 years+ and you are encouraged to bring a yoga mat or towel, as the grass may still be dewy.



"I have lived with several Zen masters – all of them cats." – Eckhart Tolle



Next Meeting: **Tuesday, April 10th, 7:00pm - 8:00pm**

No Guilt Book Club

No guilt – come even if you haven't read the books! Meets in the Director's Office!

APRIL'S NO GUILT BOOK CLUB



Little Fires Everywhere
by Celeste Ng



Coming Clean
by Kimberley Rae Miller

Staff Picks for Adults

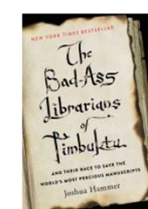
April 9 - 14 is National Library Week, and our staff picks this month share the inspiring stories of libraries around the world.

You can check the status of any of these titles at catalog.altadenalibrary.org.



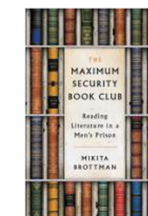
American Libraries, 1730 - 1950

by Kenneth Breisch
Celebrate the beauty of library architecture, learn about the history of libraries in America, and enjoy reading about the different types of libraries, from private collections to the Library of Congress.



The Bad-Ass Librarians of Timbuktu and Their Race to Save the World's Most Precious Manuscripts

by Joshua Hammer
A real-life suspense about the librarians in their race to save rare Islamic manuscripts from Al Qaeda militants.



The Maximum-Security Book Club: Reading Literature in a Men's Prison

by Mikita Brottman
Brottman recounts her experience starting a book club in a maximum-security prison and how the prisoners enlightened her with their interpretations of literary classics.



The Los Angeles Central Library: Building an Architectural Icon, 1872 - 1933

by Kenneth A. Breisch
The history of this beautiful Los Angeles icon of learning and literature includes historic photographs of downtown LA and vivid illustrations.



Improbable Libraries: A Visual Journey to the World's Most Unusual Libraries

by Alex Johnson
Johnson takes the reader on a global tour of libraries that are pop-ups, float down rivers, sit on the backs of animals, and highlights how libraries reflect the missions and goals of the people they serve.



Furry Friends Build Readers

It's never easy to master a new skill. To get good at anything requires a good teacher, practice, patience, and—maybe most importantly—a safe space to try and fail, and then try again.

A safe space is essential for kids learning to read, especially for those who are particularly shy or struggling. Reading Therapy Dogs are a great audience for early readers. They provide a non-judgmental and patient ear for kids who might otherwise be too shy or embarrassed to practice reading aloud.

Our Library has two opportunities for independent readers to practice their fluency and develop their confidence in reading. On the First Saturday of each month, Cedar the Dog leads our Tail Waggin' Tutors event, and on the fourth Wednesday of the month, the Pasadena Humane Society comes by with some good boys and girls for Barks & Books (see dates on page 6). At each event, students will have the chance to read a book or two aloud to a furry friend.

Those who wish to participate should be able to read independently, and should probably not be afraid of dogs. Our four-legged therapists also request that readers be skilled belly-rubbers and ear-scratchers.

If you have any questions, please contact the Children's Desk at 626-798-0833 x 108 or at childrens@altadenalibrary.org.

Rocking Our Sub-Genres Women Authors Talk About the Many Facets of the Mystery World

Tuesday, April 3rd, 7:00 - 8:30pm
Community Room

Mystery novels aren't just classic *whodunnits* with a puzzle, tea on the veranda, and an amateur sleuth, any more than they are tough looks at detectives walking the mean streets. They're everything in between. Women authors, Diann Adamson, Linda O. Johnston, Anne Louise Bannon, Pamela Samuels Young, Nancy Cole Silverman, and Carole Sojka, will talk about all the sub-genres of mystery and how they tell their stories.



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS - APRIL



Pokemon Club
Tuesdays, 4:00 - 5:00pm

Baby Lap Time
Wednesdays, 10:15am

Toddler Story Time
Wednesdays, 11:00am

Market Stories
Wednesdays, 4:00pm
(Starting April 11 - See Below!)

Preschool Story Time
Thursdays, 11:00am

Hora de Cuentos
Fridays, 11:00am

Lego Club
Fridays, 3:30 - 5:00pm

Tail Waggin' Tutors
Saturday, April 7, 11:00am
(Monthly!)

**Pages & Popcorn
Tween Book Club**
Tuesdays, 4:30pm

Tweens ages 10 - 12 are invited to read and watch *A Series of Unfortunate Events: The Bad Beginning*. Sign up your tween online!



Market Stories & BookMobile Meet-Up
Wednesday, April 11, 4:00pm (Altadena Farmers Market)

We are returning to Altadena Farmers Market for special outdoor storytimes. Join us for our first story time back at the market and a special visit from the Altadena Library BookMobile in honor of National BookMobile Day!

Staff Picks for Children

Libraries are great resources for children, and these books make libraries fun!



Dinosaur vs. The Library by Bob Shea
Dinosaur is going to one of his favorite places: the library! On the way, he invites his friends—a lonesome turtle, a sad owl and more—to roar along with him. But how will his roaring go over at the library? Has Dinosaur finally met his match in Storytime?



Hands Around the Library: Protecting Egypt's Treasured Books by Susan L. Roth and Karen Leggett Abouraya
In January 2011, thousands of Egypt's students, library workers, and demonstrators surrounded the great Library of Alexandria and joined hands, forming a human chain to protect the building. They chanted "We love you, Egypt!" as they stood together for the freedom the library represented. This amazing true story demonstrates how the love of books and libraries can unite a country.



Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library by Chris Grabenstein
When Kyle learns that the world's most famous game maker, Luigi Lemoncello, has designed the town's new library and is having an invitation-only lock-in on opening night, he's determined to be there! But the tricky part isn't getting into the library—it's getting out. Kyle and the other kids must solve every clue and figure out every secret puzzle to find the hidden escape route!



Waiting for the Biblioburro by Monica Brown
Inspired by real-life librarian Luis Soriano, this inspiring story introduces readers to the mobile library that journeys over mountains and through valleys to bring literacy and culture to rural Colombia, and to the children who wait for the BiblioBurro.

Tarantula Meet-and-Greet
Thursday, April 19, 4:00pm

Children's author and Eaton Canyon docent Diane Lang will bring her pet tarantula for you to meet, learn about, and maybe even shake hands with!



TEEN PROGRAMS - APRIL

Teen Maker Exploration
Every Wednesday at 3:00 - 5:00pm

Use our virtual reality headset, create and print a 3D model, sew a new shirt, practice coding, and much more!

Pendulum Painting
Thursday, April 5, at 4:00pm

Come to the DIY club to create your own unique pendulum paintings! We'll be using the science of swinging pendulums to create art.

Nom Nom Group - Blueberry Muffins
Tuesday, April 10, at 4:00pm

This month, we will be making homemade blueberry muffins. Take home the recipe and amaze your family with your new skill. Space is limited to 8 people. Be sure to reserve your spot by emailing teens@altadenalibrary.org.



Teen Game Day
Monday, April 16, at 4:00pm

Teens ages 12-19 are invited to gather with their friends and enjoy a variety of board games, party games, and video games.

Millard Canyon Falls Teen Hike
Saturday, April 21, at 10:30am
Meet us at the Chaney Trail Trailhead at 10:30am, and we will embark on a beautiful 1.2-mile hike to a waterfall! Participants under the age of 18 will need to have a signed parent waiver that can be downloaded at www.altadenalibrary.org/programs. Register today to teens@altadenalibrary.org!

Teen Movie: Star Wars - The Last Jedi
Friday, April 27, at 3:30pm

With the destruction of the Republic, the evil First Order reigns. But hope survives: Rey has found Luke Skywalker, a legendary Jedi Master who can change the tide of the war.

Staff Picks for Teens

April is National Poetry Month, so our picks for teens honor the art form and will hopefully inspire you to create poetry of your own!



Becoming Billie Holiday by Carole Boston Weatherford
Before the legend of Billie Holiday, there was a girl named Eleanora. Through a sequence of raw and poignant poems, award-winning poet Carole Boston Weatherford chronicles Eleanora Fagan's metamorphosis into Billie Holiday. The author examines the singer's young life, her fight for survival, and the dream she pursued with passion in this Coretta Scott King Author Honor winner.



Black Girl Magic by Mahogany L. Browne
Much of what twenty-first century culture tells black girls is not pretty: Don't wear this; don't smile at that. Don't have an opinion; don't dream big. And most of all, don't love yourself. In response to such destructive ideas, Black Girl Magic is a journey from girlhood to womanhood and an invitation to readers to find magic in themselves.



Crank by Ellen Hopkins
Kristina Snow is the perfect daughter: gifted high school junior, quiet, never any trouble. Then, Kristina meets the monster: crank. And what begins as a wild, ecstatic ride turns into a struggle through hell for her mind, her soul—her life. The #1 New York Times bestselling tale of addiction—the first in the Crank trilogy—from master poet Ellen Hopkins.



The Watch that Ends the Night by Allan Wolf
Recreates the 1912 sinking of the Titanic as observed by millionaire John Jacob Astor, a beautiful young refugee finding first love, "Unsinkable" Molly Brown, Captain Smith, and others including the iceberg itself.

Save the Date - SAT Study Tips & Tricks
Saturday, May 12, at 2:00pm
A FREE workshop with The Princeton Review, covering study tricks and practice questions that will help improve your score! Register Today: teens@altadenalibrary.org

BOB LUCAS BRANCH LIBRARY UPDATES & APRIL EVENTS

Seeking Literacy Learners!



Funded in part by a grant from the California State Library, the Adult Literacy Services program has been serving the residents of Altadena since 1988. Instruction is provided by volunteer tutors who have completed our online tutor training course. Do you know an adult who could use one-

on-one tutoring in reading? Call the Bob Lucas Memorial Library & Literacy Center at (626) 798-8338 x102 or email literacy@altadenalibrary.org today to get matched with a tutor! Literacy tutors are also always appreciated; email or call the above to get signed up.

Rainy Day Crafting

Reminder - Should the rains return to Altadena, the Bob Lucas Branch offers crafts for those wanting to escape the downpour! Stop by next time it rains and enjoy some cozy craft time!

3D Printing OPEN HOURS

The Bob Lucas Branch's 3D printer is continually open to the public on Mondays from 11:00am - 1:00pm and Wednesdays from 3:00 - 5:00pm. The 3D printer is available on a first come, first serve basis.



Baby Story Time
Thursdays, at 10:30am

Enjoy a morning of rhymes, songs and stories. This program is designed for babies and infants, ages 0-3 years old, and their parents and caregivers.

Toddler Story Time
Tuesdays, at 11:00am

6 Tuesday, April 17 will be in both English and Spanish!

Sea Creature Craft
Thursday, April 12, at 3:30pm

Paint and glue sea shells to make them into fish, crabs or turtles. Activity available for as long as supplies last.



Adult Craft - Wall Art Wednesday
Wednesday, April 25, at 11:00am

We will apply a resist-like technique using acrylic writers on canvas to create a piece of art for your home. Make a masterpiece and enjoy the company. All supplies will be provided, and this activity is on a first come first serve basis. *This craft requires an extra meeting due to the painting and drying process. The date for the follow-up session TBD.*

Movie Day
Friday, April 27, at 3:30pm

Grab a seat and enjoy a family-friendly movie. Popcorn will be provided for as long as supplies last!



Hours & Location

2659 Lincoln Avenue
Altadena, CA 91001

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