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



Seed Library Open Hours & "Saving & Sowing"

Seeds for Natives" Presentation
Saturday, February 3, from 10:00am to 12:00pm
Presenter Krystal Rains will invite guests to turn their eyes to the Native plant garden to see what can be propagated, plus how to collect and save them. Is it the proper time of year to set Native seeds for the best chance of surviving harsh



Friends of the Altadena Library Meeting Monday, February 5, at 7:30pm



Citizenship Classes

Every Tuesday through May, 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.



Storytelling Jam Workshops

Tuesdays, February 6 and 13, at 7:00pm (Continues into March) Hone your storytelling, writing, and public speaking skills at this special workshop series led by master storyteller Lance Anderson.



The Power of Poetry - Creative Writing Workshop Saturday, February 10, at 1:30pm

A creative writing workshop for all! In this workshop, Felicia Montes will share her own experience and journey as a Xicana Indigenous spoken word artist for the past 2 decades and will guide the group in writing exercises and prompts to share



Second Saturday Concert with The Gerry Rothschild Band

Saturday, February 10, at 6:30pm

Rock the night away to the tunes of local favorite Gerry Rothschild and his talented group of musicians! Food and beverages will be available for sale, and all ages are welcome at this festive community concert!



Octavia Butler's Story: Special Presentation Monday, February 12, at 7:00pm

Facilitated by Assistant Curator of the Octavia Butler exhibit at the Huntington Library, this special presentation will delve into the life and career of the famous science fiction author and Altadenan Octavia Butler.



No Guilt Book Club

Tuesday, February 13, at 7:00pm

Come even if you haven't read the book! Meets in the Director's Office.



DISTRICT CLOSURE FOR PRESIDENTS' DAY MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19 -

Celtic, Folk & World Music Concert Tuesday, February 20, at 6:30pm

Families are invited to a musical journey by Four Shillings Short, who specialize in traditional music from the Celtic Lands, Medieval and Renaissance Europe, Indi. and the Americas on a fantastic collection of world instruments!



Around the World in 30 Instruments

Wednesday, February 21, at 4:00pm

Your young musical adventurers will love this concert by Four Shillings Short at the Bob Lucas Branch.



4x4 Art Workshop – iPhone Art with Lynette Jackson Saturday, February 24, at 11:00am

Email 4x4art@altadenalibrary.org to register as soon as possible!

Library Board of Trustees Meeting Monday, February 26, at 5:00pm



Open Mic Night Tuesday, February 27, at 7:00pm



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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10 Ways to Love Your Library

The month of LOVE is here! With Valentine's Day around the corner, we know that everyone could use a little love this month... your Library included!

Sign Up for a Library Card - Signing up is free and gets you access to an abundance of materials, online databases, e-books, and technological resources.

Check Out Materials - Both our Main Library and Bob Lucas Branch are stocked with a wide selection of books, movies, video games, music, and periodicals, all ready for you to check out! And don't let overdue charges scare vou off; the Library no longer charges overdue fines!

Volunteer – From shelving books to helping patrons with technology, there are many volunteer opportunities for people of all ages. Visit www.altadenalibrary.org/volunteer to apply.

Subscribe to Our Weekly Email – There is always something going on in the Altadena Library District, and you can keep up with all the happenings by subscribing to our weekly email that has event details, special announcements, opportunities for engagement, and more. Click on the icon to the right on our homepage **⋈** NEWSLETTER to subscribe!

Bring Your Kids to a Story Time - We pride ourselves on our regular story times for little ones of all ages at both the Main Library and Bob Lucas Branch. For the detailed schedule, visit www.altadenalibrary.org/programs. We even offer a couple bilingual options!

Stop By a Library Event - Concerts and open mics, technology workshops, poetry and creative writing series, family movie afternoons... These are just a few examples of the programs offered for free by the Altadena Library District! www.altadenalibrary.org/programs

Attend a Library Board of Trustees Meeting - You have a chance to share your feedback and engage directly with the Board of Trustees the fourth Monday evening of every month.

Support Our Support Organizations - The Friends of the Altadena Library and the Altadena Library Foundation both enrich the District's offerings with their annual contributions. Whether through purchasing books at the Friends' Bookstore or a financial donation, your generosity supports the District!

Connect With Us on Social Media – Join the conversation online! Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram @altadenalibrary for real-time updates.



Bringing **People + Ideas** Together

Post an Event to Our Community Calendar - We have developed an exciting online resource where anyone in the community can post their events. It's free and easy to post an event; visit www.altadenanews.org to get started.

新年快乐

Happy Chinese New Year!

While many have completed their New Year's celebrations, for the Chinese members of our community, the festivities are just getting started. This year, February 15 marks Chinese New Year's Eve, with the Spring Festival launching February 16 and New Year's celebrations continuing through March 2. 2018 is Year of the Dog, the eleventh of all zodiac animals.

In honor of this milestone and its over 4,000-year traditions, Altadena Library is inviting the community to stop by the Main



Lucas Branch from February 16 - 23 to make a Chinese

Red Envelope Craft at our Inspiration Stations. Festivities will continue with a New Years-themed activity at the Bob Lucas Branch on Thursday, February 15 at 3:30pm (more information on page 7). Then, as celebrations come to a close, come to the Community Room on Thursday, February 22 from 3:00 - 5:00pm

for a Chinese **Brush Painting** Activity for ages 6 and older.



DID YOU KNOW...

the FabLab has open hours to the public?

4:00pm to use the 3D Printers and Virtual Reality equipment! Teens nave their own time on Wednesdays 3:00 - 5:00pm, to use the tech, sewing machines, and more to make a unique creation!



FROM THE DIRECTOR - MINDY KITTAY **The Mosaic Project**

Honoring Our Community's Story with Oral History

"For while the tale of how we suffer, and how we are delighted, and how we may triumph is never new, it always must be heard. There isn't any other tale to tell, it's the only light we've got in all this darkness." - James Baldwin, American Novelist, Essayist, and Playwright

We want to hear your stories. Our community is made up of people from all walks of life, each with a unique story to tell. In an effort to capture and preserve our community's collective story, we are launching the **Mosaic Project** at the Bob Lucas Memorial Branch Library. A temporary booth has been constructed at the Branch equipped with a video camera and audio recorder where community



members can stop by to record themselves reading either excerpts of their own original stories, poems, or essays OR pieces by renowned authors that speak to their life experiences.

At the end of each

month, the video and audio clips will be pieced together into a brief video posted on the Library's YouTube page for public enjoyment and engagement.

This initiative launches February 1, the first day of Black History Month, an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing the central role of the black community in U.S. history. In honor of this special month, we encourage community members to bring stories, poems, and reflections either about the history and experiences of the black community in Altadena or excerpts from works of black authors and poets that are significant to them.

March's theme will be shared in the March newsletter, so stay tuned! In the meantime, we look forward to seeing you at the Branch and hearing your story.

- Mindy Kittay Library Director

Left: While not sound-proof, our Mosaic booth gives storytellers privacy as they share their stories and poems.



FEBRUARY 10 6:30 - 8:30PM **MAIN LIBRARY**

Featuring Opening Act Eliot Magnet Art Academy Rock Band

and The Gerry



Rothschild Band!



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

When I ask people what word or words they associate with the month of February, they usually respond with Valentine's Day, the shortest month or something they love (candy, flowers or books). So, let's take the word "books". Our library has thousands of books available for check out at either the Bob Lucas Branch or the Main Library. In addition to that, the FRIENDS organization has hundreds, if not a few thousand, books that we place for sale in order to help raise funds for program support in the Library District. However, that is not enough.



As we prepare for the "Pop-Up" book sale on Saturday, February 24 and our BIG, annual weekend book sale on May 19-20, we are always in need of book donations to help fill the shelves for the sales. You can drop the books off at the library anytime during operating hours. If you have any questions about donations, please do not hesitate to email me at markmariscal@yahoo.com.

Regarding membership, we are still asking former members to renew your membership for 2018. For those of you who have not been members recently, we again ask that you consider becoming a member. Membership starts at \$10.00 and the funds go to support materials and programs at our library.

Established in 1959, the Friends of 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

Open Announcment for Board Vacancy

With the resignation of Trustee Adalila Zelada-Garcia, the Altadena Library Board of Trustees is accepting letters of interest from anyone who would like to serve on the board for her unexpired

Those applying must be at least 18, a resident of and registered to vote in Altadena. The Board meets at 5:00pm on the fourth Monday of each month. The Board will interview potential candidates at the next board meeting at 5:00pm on Monday, February 26. The applicant accepted must be willing to run in November 2018, if necessary. The current seat for which you are applying is for the unexpired term ending December 2020.

Interested parties should submit a letter of interest, resume, and completed supplemental questionnaire to the Library's Acting Director Ryan Roy by 5:00pm on February 16, 2018.

If you are interested in filling the open seat on the Board, please fill out the questionnaire on the Library website and submit it to wroy@altadenalibrary.org as soon as possible.

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.



February Displays: Lynette Jackson

Did you know that every month there are new artists displaying their work throughout the Main Library? In February, both the Community Room and Reading Court will feature the work of Lynette Jackson, facilitator of the February 4x4 Art Workshop.

Lynette Jackson's work is influenced by Modern and



Mid-Century design & architecture. Lynette credits her desire to deconstruct and reconstruct the built environment to her drafting background and passion for creating handmade collages. Her images are among the most recognized and liked on numerous

social media sites. The images are architecturally crisp and visually inviting. Her work has been featured in several national television commercials as well as architecture and design outlets A Daily Dose of Architecture, FastCoDesign, and Arcdaily. She has exhibited in group shows in Los

Angeles, Washington, D.C., and

Are you an artist with work you want to share with our community? Contact Melissa Aldama at maldama@altadenalibrarv.org!



COMMUNITY FEATURE

Remembering Bob Lucas

The Man Whose Vision Shaped West Altadena

Robert "Bob" Lucas, the man after whom the Bob Lucas Memorial Branch Library is named, understood the enormous influence and power of the written word. As a resident of Altadena since 1971, Bob was very much aware of the need for a library on the west side of Altadena, especially for the young people of the community and for those unable to travel to the main branch. He understood that being able to read and comprehend are vital skills that everyone needs. This led him to advocate and strongly encourage the library

board to re-open the site at Ventura and Lincoln. He hoped that through making books, literature and literacy skills training more available, others would learn how personal freedom could be achieved through reading.

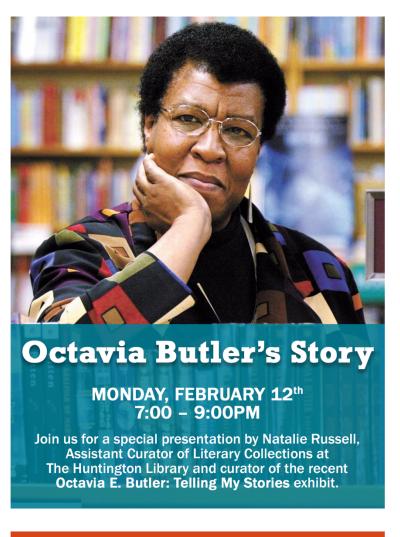
The Bob Lucas Memorial Library & Literacy Center continues to remind and inspire us all to meet the challenges for the fight for literacy and education in our community.

His fascinating life story can be read in detail at the Bob Lucas Branch during the month of February at a special display in his honor. We hope you will stop by and reflect on his significant contribution to our community!



with Sammy Davis Jr.





The Power of Poetry

Creative Writing

Saturday, February 10

Workshop

1:30 - 3:30PM

Share your story,

and honor your

his/herstory.

validate your voice,

Xicana Multimedia

Artist and Educator



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Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 13th, 7:00pm - 8:00pm

No Guilt Book Club





Before the Fall The Kindness of Strangers by Noah Hawley by Mike McIntyre

FEBRUARY'S NO GUILT BOOK CLUB

Staff Picks for Adults

Octavia Butler is just one example of the talented authors in the realm of Afrofuturism. In honor of Octavia and Black History Month, these staff picks are our favorite science-fiction and fantasy titles.



Electric Arches by Eve L. Ewing

"Ewing is an academic who researches the effects of racism and class on Chicago schoolchildren and education policy. She grew up in Chicago, and she has long sought the truth about her experiences, and that of many black kids like her. "Electric Arches," is a collection of poems and short stories that explore race and identity in a more personal way." The Lily.com – Electric Arches brings you straight to the streets of Chicago and allows you to experience through Ewing's magical prose the boundaries between self and world.



Black Panther

Although not yet released, the Library will be sure to acquire this widely anticipated film based on the Marvel Comics superhero. Panther is certain to be an exciting adventure of watching the Black Panther in his fight to save his kingdom, Wakenda.



OCTAVIA E. ROTLER The Parallel of the Talent

Parable of the Sower by Octavia E. Butler Parable of the Talents by Octavia E. Butler

Native Altadenan Butler forewarns of a California wrought with violence, disease, drugs and chaos. These dystopian novels tell the tale of Lauren Olamina and her fight to correct the injustices of the world. Sower was a 1994 nominee for the Nebula Award and Talents won the award for Best Novel in 1999.



Parliament (Sound Recording)

Come and get your funk on, with this great collection of tunes by the musical sci-fi masters!



Basquiat edited by Marc Mayer; essays by Fred Hoffman

In addition to reproductions of a generous number of the artist's paintings and drawings-few of which are in public collections-the book includes four essays by noted curators and scholars of contemporary American art exploring the meaning and importance of Basquiat's body of work.



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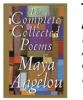
Comment

We asked you on social media to share your favorite books by African-American authors, and here's what you recommended!



Jazz by Toni Morrison

In 1926, Joe Trace, middle-aged door-to-door salesman of beauty products, shoots his teenage lover to death. At the funeral, Joe's wife, Violet, attacks the girl's corpse. This passionate, profound story of love and obsession brings us back and forth in time, as a narrative is assembled from the emotions, hopes, fears, and deep realities of black urban life. Available at the Main Library

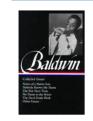


The Complete Collected Poems of Maya Angelou by Maya Angelou

For the first time, the complete collection of Maya Angelou's published poems - including "On the Pulse of Morning." Available at both the Main Library and Bob Lucas Branch



JOIN THE FUN AND CONNECT WITH US ON SOCIAL MEDIA @altadenalibrary



Collected Essays by James Baldwin James Baldwin was a uniquely prophetic voice in American letters. His brilliant and provocative essays made him the literary voice of the Civil Rights Era, and they continue to speak with powerful urgency to us today. Available at the Main Library



Miracle at St. Anna by James McBride Toward the end of World War II, four Buffalo Soldiers rom the Army's Negro 92nd Division find themselves

rom the Army's Negro 92nd Division find themselves separated from their unit and behind enemy lines. Risking their lives for a country in which they are treated with less respect than the enemy they are fighting, they discover humanity in the small village of St. Anna di Stazzema, the peasants who shelter them, the unspoken affection of an orphaned child, a newfound faith in fellow man. Even in the face of unspeakable tragedy, they learn to see the small miracles of life. Available at the Main Library

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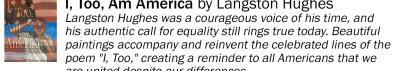
Staff Picks for Children

Every year, books are chosen to receive the Coretta Scott King Award; these titles in our collection have all won this prestigious award!



Firebird by Misty Copeland

American Ballet Theater soloist Misty Copeland encourages a young ballet student, with brown skin like her own, by telling her that she, too, had to learn basic steps and how to be graceful when she was starting out, and that some day, with practice and dedication, the little girl will become a firebird, too. Includes author's note about dancers who led her to find her voice.



are united despite our differences.

I. Too. Am America by Langston Hughes

Langston Hughes was a courageous voice of his time, and

his authentic call for equality still rings true today. Beautiful

Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson Woodson shares her childhood memories and reveals the first sparks that ignited her writing career in free-verse poems about growing up in the North and South.



When the Beat Was Born by Laban Carrick Hill

An introduction to pioneering DJ Clive Campbell describes how he devised new ways of playing music between dance songs, sharing insight into his youth in 1970s Jamaica and the Bronx, and how his musical achievements helped counter gang violence.



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

Baby Lap Time Wednesdays, 10:15am

Toddler Story Time Wednesdays, 11:00am

Preschool Story Time Thursdays, 11:00am

Hora de Cuentos Fridays, 11:00am

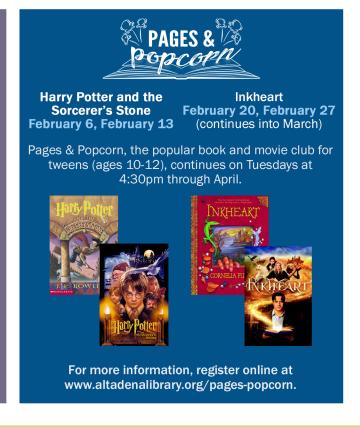
Lego Club Fridays, 3:30 - 5:00pm

Introductory Art Class Monday, February 5, 4:00pm Registration is now closed.

Valentine's Card Crafting Monday, February 12, 4:00pm

Chinese Brush Painting Thursday, February 22, 3:00 -5:00pm





TEEN PROGRAMS - FEBRUARY

DIY Book Hedgies Thursday, February 1, at 4:00pm

Create your very own Book Hedgie from an old paperback! Decorate him/her like your favorite superhero or other fandom. Be sure to give your little hedgie eyes and a personality!



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! Staff and volunteers will be on hand to assist you. Come for the whole time, or just part to work on making your unique creation.

Nom Nom Group - Mac & Cheese Tuesday, February 13, at 4:00pm

For our second meeting, we will be making homemade Macaroni and Cheese. You will learn to make pasta and prepare a simple cheese sauce. 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.

Harry Potter Escape Room Saturday, February 17, at 3:00pm

Test your skills in our Harry Potter Escape Room at the Main Library in the Community Room! The clock is ticking! Embrace the challenge of our Harry Potter-themed escape room to test your puzzle skills against the clock! You will have 40 minutes to escape, or not... Your time starts now!

Teen Game Day Tuesday, February 20, 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. We have a Playstation 4, WiiU, and several board games, like King of Tokyo, Apples to Apples, Jenga, and classics like chess.

Staff Picks for Teens

This month's titles, each set in a futuristic, other wordly seting, speak to the resilience of the human spirit in the face of all adversity.



Illuminae by Amie Kaufman & Jay Kristoff The planet Kerenza is attacked, and Kady and Ezra find themselves on a space fleet fleeing the enemy, while their ship's artificial intelligence system and a deadly plague may be the end of them all.

PARTIALS

Partials by Dan Wells

In a post-apocalyptic eastern seaboard ravaged by disease and war with a manmade race of people called Partials, the chance at a future rests in the hands of Kira Walker, a sixteen-vear-old medic in training.



Zodiac by Romina Russell

When a violent blast strikes the moons of Cancer, sending its ocean planet off-kilter and killing thousands of citizens, Rhoma Grace, a sixteen-year-old student from House Cancer, must convince twelve worlds to unite as one Zodiac against Ophiuchus, the exiled thirteenth Guardian of Zodiac legend, who has returned to exact his revenge across the Galaxy.

Teen Movie: "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Men Tell No Tales" Friday, February 23, at 3:30pm

Yo ho, yo ho! The infamous Captain Jack Sparrow is no stranger to trouble, and that trend continues while he searches for an ancient and powerful artifact, the Trident of Poseidon. Join us as we take to the high seas and eniov this recent installment of the famous movie series!



BOB LUCAS BRANCH LIBRARY UPDATES & FEBRUARY EVENTS

3D Printing OPEN HOURS

Starting this month, the Branch's 3D printer will be open to the public (all ages welcome) 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.

Valentine's Inspiration Station

From February 5 through 14, stop by to make a valentine or two for loved ones. The branch will have supplies available for anyone to make valentine cards. There is no limit to the number of cards a person may make, but please be considerate of others as supplies are limited.

Bob Lucas Display

Stop by the branch to learn about Bob Lucas, the man whose determination and passion for literacy helped bring a library to west Altadena.

Citizenship Classes

In partnership with the San Gabriel Valley Literacy Council, the Bob Lucas Branch is offering free civics lessons for those preparing for the U.S. citizenship exam. Register by calling (626) 798-0833 x102.

Mosaic Project Story Booth Opens

As discussed in the Director's Message, the Mosaic Project story booth is now open at the Branch! Throughout the month of February, you can record an original story or poem or piece by an African American author. A compilation of the recordings will be shared on YouTube at the end of the month!



Chinese New Year Dragons Thursday, February 15, at 3:30pm

Baby Story Time Thursdays, at 10:30am

Toddler Story Time

Tuesdays, at 11:00am

Dragons are considered to bring good luck in Chinese culture. Visit the Branch to learn about Chinese New Year and make your very own dragon using cardboard egg cartons. Craft available as long as supplies last.

Across the World in 30 Instruments

Wednesday, February 21, at 4:00pm

Four Shillings Short will entertain audiences with traditional folk and world music and present 30 instruments from all over the world.

Movie Dav

Friday, February 23, at 3:30pm

Enjoy a free showing of a family friendly film at the Branch. Popcorn provided for as long as supplies last.



Hours & Location

2659 Lincoln Avenue Altadena, CA 91001

Monday - Tuesday, 10am - 6pm Wednesday - Thursday, 10am - 8pm

Friday, 10am - 6pm