

## UPCOMING EVENTS Find Branch, Children's, and Teen Programs on pages 7-9.



### **DISTRICT CLOSURE FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY** MONDAY, JANUARY 1



### **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.



### **Covered California Enrollment with ChapCare** Tuesdays, January 2, 9, 16, and 23, from 5:00 to 9:00pm

Make your appointment today to meet with a Certified Enrollment Counselor by calling 626-486-9729!



### **Seed Library Open Hours & "A Seed Library in Palestine" Presentation**

Saturday, January 6, from 10:00am to 12:00pm

Presenter Vivien Sansour will discuss her journey through founding the Palestine Heirloom Seed Library, educating Palestinians about traditional forms of agriculture in the Holy Land, which are in danger of being forgotten, and about the culture associated with them.



### **Friends of the Altadena Library Meeting** Monday, January 8, at 7:30pm



### **No Guilt Book Club** Tuesday, January 9, at 7:00pm

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



### **Storytelling Jam Workshops**

Tuesdays, January 9, 16, and 23, 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.



### **Second Saturday Concert featuring Kai Clark** Saturday, January 13, at 6:30pm

Rock the night away to the tunes of rock 'n roll native Kai Clark with special guests Carla Olson and John York!



### **Cocktail Conversations with the Library Director** Wednesday, January 17, from 7:00 to 8:30pm

Meet Library Director Mindy Kittay at 1881 Club (1881 E Washington Blvd.) to discuss your aspirations for the community and the library!



### **Coffee Conversations with the Library Director** Saturday, January 20, from 9:00 to 10:30am

Meet Library Director Mindy Kittay at Café de Leche (2477 Lake Avenue) for lively conversation about the future of our community and library!



### **Shredder Day**

Saturday, January 20, from 10:00am to 1:00pm



### **Library Board of Trustees Meeting** Monday, January 22, at 5:00pm

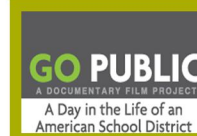
### **4x4 Art Workshop – Silkscreen Poster Making** Saturday, January 27, from 11:00am to 1:00pm

While this workshop is only accepting registrations to the waitlist, members of the waitlist will be given first priority for registration for a future potential workshop with Self-Help Graphics. Email 4x4art@altadenalibrary.org to join the waitlist.



### **Getting Your Degree... Without Losing Your Mind** Saturday, January 27, at 4:00pm

Learn what it takes to return to the world of higher education from the experienced Sheila Stone, even if you've been out of it for a while! It's never too late to chase your dreams.



### **"GO PUBLIC" Screening & Discussion Panel** Monday, January 29, at 6:30pm

Enjoy this special screening of the documentary about a day in the life at Pasadena Unified School District, followed by a Q&A panel with the film's producers and Superintendent Dr. Brian McDonald.



### **Open Mic Night** Tuesday, January 30, at 7:00pm



[www.AltadenaLibrary.org](http://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](http://AltadenaLibrary.org/friends-library)

#### **SMILE**

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# CONNECT\*

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# welcome to 2018!

## **New Year, New Ideas**

### **Help Us Redefine the Role of the Modern Library**

A New Year is an opportunity for a fresh start and renewal of effort around existing initiatives. While we cannot promise what the future holds, we can assure you that in 2018 Altadena Library will continue to push the boundaries of what a library can be. Our world has changed dramatically over the past several decades, and just as the needs of communities have changed, so must the focus of the library, one of the last institutions left that is free to all.

Libraries around the world are working hard to balance the maintenance of their collections with providing events, resources, and opportunities for cultural enrichment that are responsive to their communities' needs. Thus, we challenge you in this New Year to join us in using our imaginations to expand our ideas about what our library can do. As our systems continue to advance as a society, we carry the important responsibility of providing not only books but also resources that equip all ages to adapt to this new world.

The possibilities of what our Library can be are limitless. In a couple sentences, we are going to ask you to close your eyes and think about the following. What does your ideal library look like? What do the facilities look like? Knowing the technology we have at our fingertips, what technologies do you wish you had access to or would want to be trained in? In this imaginary library, what are the librarians doing? Be creative!

*When you are ready, give yourself a few minutes, close your eyes, and let your imagination run wild.*

Now, take all that you just envisioned, and tell us about it! Through all the changes that the future holds for us, we promise you this – we will continue to listen to you and incorporate your voice in how the Library grows and expands. Through Community Conversations and individual engagement, we will dream together about what our Library can be for our community and use the power of the collective to put these plans into action.

## **DID YOU KNOW... that we don't charge overdue fines?**



Bringing **People + Ideas** Together

That's right! Forget the days of avoiding the library out of fear of the staff chasing you to collect of your overdue fines! Our mission is to provide our community with **free** and equal access to information, and we understand that for some, paying even a few dollars in library fines is a challenge and would cause hesitation before returning to the library. We don't want these charges to limit who checks out our materials or participates in our programs. So, we hope that in the New Year you will explore our collection and check out some materials that interest you!

## **Save the Date - Exclusive "Go Public" Film Screening & Discussion Panel** **Meet PUSD's Superintendent in Person at the Library!**

In 2012, a documentary crew followed around Pasadena Unified School District students to capture a day in the life at our local school district. Years later, the discussion about how to best support PUSD continues; in the Library's first Community Conversations, supporting PUSD came up countless times as a priority for our community. On **Monday, January 29 at 6:30pm**, Altadena Library invites all to a screening of the "Go Public" documentary followed by a discussion panel with the film's producers James and Dawn O'Keeffe and PUSD Superintendent Dr. Brian McDonald. This special event comes at a perfect time for locals interested in learning more about PUSD, as Open Enrollment runs from January 11 through mid-April. Bring an open mind and questions about this inside look at our local school district, and we guarantee a fascinating discussion about the current state and future of PUSD!



## FROM THE DIRECTOR - MINDY KITTAY

### Libraries Are For Everyone.

We "Lift Our Lamp" with Critical Resources to the "Huddled Masses"

"Give me your tired, your poor / Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, / The wretched refuse of your teeming shore. / Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me, / I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"

Thus reads the 1886 inscription on our renowned Statue of Liberty in New York Harbor. For decades, she oversaw millions of immigrants making their way onto American soil, beginning their long, difficult journeys toward citizenship and cultural assimilation. To this day, our country is host to over 40 million foreign-born people, many of whom are still struggling to attain citizenship.

As an institution that believes in providing free and equal access to ideas to our entire community, we are pleased to offer free civics classes for those seeking American citizenship and planning to take the US Citizenship Exam in the New Year. This weekly course will take place on Tuesdays, starting February 6, at our Bob Lucas Memorial Branch Library on Lincoln Avenue and will continue through the end of May.

In planning for this new program, I was reminded of the importance of a library's inclusiveness in this day and age. Over the past several years, we have witnessed the challenges faced by immigrants in our nation. The divisive nature of the political discourse surrounding immigration law has depersonalized the very individuals that the policies in question affect. No matter where you fall on the political

spectrum, it is undeniable and important for all of us to remember that the country we know and love was built upon the backs of immigrants fleeing persecution. I am proud that the Altadena Library District can offer free, safe spaces for people of all nationalities and backgrounds to explore new ideas, access critical information, and commune with neighbors in a meaningful way.

Finally, I will be engaging in regular Community Conversations again in the New Year! Below are the dates for January; future months will follow the same structure, meeting the third Wednesday evening and third Saturday morning each month. If you have a community organization, religious group, or school that would like me to visit and hear your thoughts about Altadena and the library, please let me know at [mkittay@AltadenaLibrary.org](mailto:mkittay@AltadenaLibrary.org) or call (626) 798-0833, ext. 103! Happy New Year to all!

- Mindy Kittay, Library Director

<b>COCKTAIL CONVOS</b>		<b>COFFEE CONVERSATIONS</b>
<b>Wednesday January 17<sup>th</sup> 7:00 - 8:30pm</b>		<b>Saturday January 20<sup>th</sup> 9:00 - 10:30am</b>
<b>1881 Club</b> 1881 E. Washington Boulevard Pasadena 91104		<b>Café de Leche</b> 2477 Lave Avenue Altadena 91001



## FROM F.O.A.L. PRESIDENT - MARK MARISCAL

### Friends of the Altadena Library Update



As we say hello to 2018, you will see a photo (to the left) of the Friends' first major contribution given last month to the Altadena Library District. For the fiscal year, our goal is to contribute at least \$24,000 to:

- support programs,
- aid in literacy,
- and purchase materials.

The generosity of the Friends of the Altadena Library is only realized through the contributions and membership renewals by those of you who become members. However, you do NOT need to be a member to purchase books at the Bookstore in the Library or to donate books, time, and money to the organization. I encourage you to pick up an envelope in the next few weeks and renew or sign up as a member. For as little as \$10, you make a difference!

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 at [www.altadenalibrary.org/friends-library](http://www.altadenalibrary.org/friends-library).



Above: Friends of the Altadena Library President Mark Mariscal presents the Friends' \$12,000 check to Library Director Mindy Kittay.

## 4x4 Art Workshops – One for Each of the First Four Months of 2018!

Altadena Library District is thrilled to offer four unique opportunities to unleash creativity in the community. From January through April, on the last Saturday of the month, the Library will host an artist of a different medium for special workshops that we are certain will excite participants of all ages!

**Saturday, January 27**  
11:00am - 1:00pm  
*Silkscreen Poster Making with Self Help Graphics*

WAITLIST ONLY!

**Saturday, March 24**  
11:00am - 1:00pm  
*Zine Creation with Alma Rosa Rivera*

A PREVIOUS ARTIST ON DISPLAY AT THE LIBRARY!

**Saturday, February 24**  
11:00am - 1:00pm  
*iPhone Art with Lynette Jackson*

**Saturday, April 28**  
11:00am - 1:00pm  
*Photography with Alfred Haymond*

Space is limited at each workshop. RSVP is required. To register for a workshop, email [4x4art@altadenalibrary.org](mailto:4x4art@altadenalibrary.org) as soon as possible!



## FEATURED JANUARY EVENT

### Kai Clark Brings His Unique Musical Legacy to January's Second Saturday Concert

Kai Clark (pictured right) is no stranger to the music industry. His father Gene Clark played a key role in expanding and diversifying the world of folk rock as founding member and songwriter for the Byrds in the mid-1960s. Over 50 years later, Kai carries on his legacy in his own way and on his own terms. While stepping into a role his father so perfectly embodied could be daunting and laden with expectation, Kai has embraced the challenge, driven by his inherent love of music. Now, the Kai Clark Band has established a unique sound, "[combining] elements of blues, country and rock, with influences that include Waylon Jennings, Willie Nelson, Johnny Cash, Jimi Hendrix, Taj Mahal, and Keb Mo."



(Photo by Mark Cuffey)

The Altadena Library District is thrilled to feature the Kai Clark Band, with special guests Carla Olson and former member of the Byrds John York (pictured below), at our January Second Saturday concert on **Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 8:30pm at the Main Library**. Kai Clark will play both some of his father's Byrds hits as well as his own original pieces; both John and Carla will also play their favorites.



Drinks will be available for sale from Altadena Ale & Wine House, and guests can also purchase treats from El Patron and Sweeter than Honey.

Learn more about Kai and his music online at:

**3** [kaiclarkmusic.com](http://kaiclarkmusic.com)

## Don't Miss the Altadena Library's SHRED DAY EVENT

Protect yourself from identity theft – bring your old bills, statements, and sensitive documents to our FREE and secure shredding event. The Altadena Library District has partnered with a professional shredding vendor to offer this FREE service to our community!

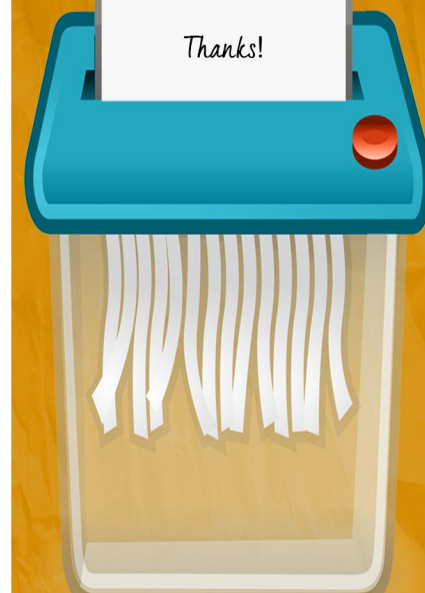
**Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup>**  
10:00am - 1:00pm

at the Main Library's Parking Lot

600 E. Mariposa Street  
Entrance on Santa Rosa Ave.

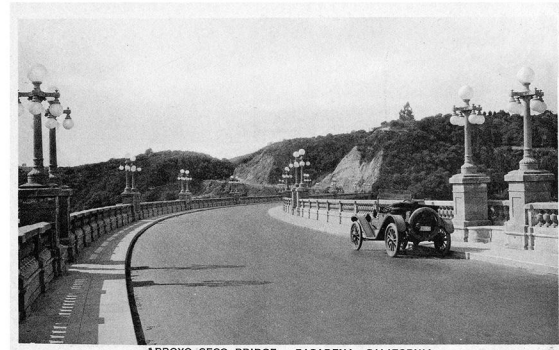
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## LIBRARY TECHNOLOGY IN ACTION

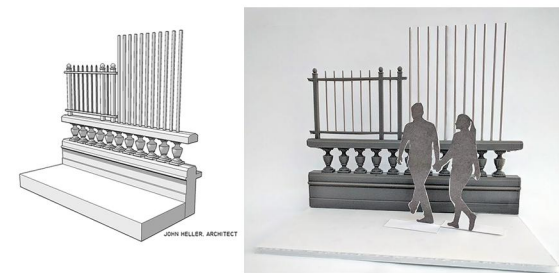
### Altadena Library's 3D Printers Empower Local Architect to Design New Possible Solutions for Colorado Street Bridge



When South Pasadena Historic Architect John Heller learned that the City of Pasadena's Department of Public Works might be looking to redesign the guard railings on the landmark Colorado Street Bridge, John designed a possible replacement. John made a 3D computer model of his design to present at the City's first public meeting and thought that a physical 3D model would be a great presentation tool as well. John brought his computer model in to the Main Library on a USB drive and a few hours later left with an impressive plastic model to show at his meeting!

No decisions have been made yet about any mitigation measures. The community meetings are opportunities to gather input and obtain ideas from all. For more information about the Colorado Street Bridge railing project, please visit the city's website at: <http://tinyurl.com/ColoradoStreetBridge>

(Above: This historic photo postcard depicts the bridge soon after its completion. Originally, there were no steel fences above the cast concrete guard rail. Left: Illustration of a portion of the concrete bridge guard rail showing the current steel top fence and the proposed replacement steel tube fence. Right: 3D model of the railing design printed on the Library's MakerBot printer in dark grey Polylactic Acid filament. The sidewalk is made of foam-core, 3/32" aluminum tubs were inserted into "printed" holes in the top of the wall. The male figure represents a height of 6'.)



Altadena Library District offers use of its 3D printers to adults every Thursday from 2:00 to 4:00pm and to teenagers on Wednesday from 3:00 to 5:00pm. Bring in a 3D computer model on a USB drive, and print it at the Main Library or Bob Lucas Branch. Not to worry if you do not have a model ready for print – staff can help you find a pre-sculpted model online to download for printing! New to the world of 3D printing? Keep an eye out for future 3D printing workshops in the New Year!

## Storytelling Jam Workshops Return to Altadena Library in 2018

The New Year is the perfect time to brush up on your writing and public speaking skills, both of which are covered in this Winter's Storytelling Jam Workshop series. Every Tuesday (excluding the last Tuesday of the month) at 7:00pm from January through mid-March, join local podcaster and master storyteller Lance Anderson for in-depth sessions developing your story!

- **January 9:** Introduction to the workshop and fellow participants; Free-writing exercises focused on setting and character development.
- **January 16:** Sharing short pieces on setting and character descriptions, including examples of other authors.
- **January 23:** Refine and share openings of the stories
- **February 6:** Work on the conflict and structure of the story along with performance exercises.
- **February 13:** Share the climax and resolution of the stories along with a focus on performance techniques.
- **March 6:** Rehearsals and refinement of the stories and performances.
- **March 13:** FINAL PERFORMANCE

**Beginners:** Bring an idea for a short 3-5 minute story to develop.  
**Experienced Storytellers:** Bring a 5-7 minute story that you would like to polish, in both the writing and/or performance elements.



You have a chance for your story to be displayed at the Main Library. Starting in the month of February, the glass display case will feature patron-submitted stories about:

- **Friendship:** Love and heartbreak. Your best secret keeper and your most honest critic. What friendship has had an effect on your life?
- **Acts of Kindness:** Small or large. From a close family member to a stranger. What act of kindness has had an effect on your life?
- **Volunteering with the Peace Corps**

You can submit your story by email, traditional mail, or in person.

- **Email:** [mystory@altadenalibrary.org](mailto:mystory@altadenalibrary.org)
- **Mail:** 600 E. Mariposa St., Altadena, CA 91001
- **In Person:** Look for our StoryBox at the Information Desk at the Main Library!

We would love to exhibit any of your artifacts or mementos to accompany your story. Stories can also be submitted anonymously.

## One Month Left Until End of Covered California Open Enrollment

Altadena Library District's partnership with ChapCare will continue through the end of January. On select Tuesdays from 5:00 - 9:00pm, a Certified Enrollment Counselor from ChapCare will be present at the Main Library to assist community members with renewing or enrolling in Covered California plans.

- **January 2**
- **January 9**
- **January 16**
- **January 23**

Open Enrollment, the period during which applications for Covered California health insurance plans are accepted, ends January 31, so take advantage of these meeting times while you can! Outside of open enrollment, one can only enroll in a plan if a life event occurs that qualifies one for a special-enrollment period.

Please Note: It is highly recommended that interested parties make an appointment on one of the above dates between 5:00 and 9:00pm by calling 626-486-9729.

Walk-ins are accepted, but people with appointments get priority. We cannot promise that you will meet with a ChapCare representative if you do not have an appointment.

## January Artists on Display

Dale Voelker, Community Room

From **January 6 through January 30**, the Community Room will feature the work of painter Dale Voelker. "My intention with my art is to visualize the mind and the multiple layers upon layers of experiences that make up who we are," says Voelker, "I am interested in the struggle between consciousness and what lies underneath; how the two interact and come together. Sometimes these experiences are subtle like a color gradation or they are screaming in dark purple. As a boy I was always fascinated with artwork series I saw in churches, which depicted the stations of the cross (the steps leading to Jesus being crucified.) They were usually abstract in nature, but revealed the psychology of the gruesome event. That was my introduction to art. I treat the raw canvas more as fabric foundation that absorbs the paint and allows me to build the piece with overlays of washes, stains and marks using a variety of media including acrylics, ink, dirt, oil and wax. I run a graphic design business that caters to entertainment, technology, non-profits, education and retail."

Amish Desai, Reading Court



In January, the Reading Court walls will display the photography of Amish Desai. Born in Bombay (now Mumbai), Desai made his way to Los Angeles, where he spends his time hiking in the mountain and paddling out at sea. Photography has been a way of life for him ever since he picked up his first camera in his teens. Over time, a hobby turned to passion and his lens now allows him to see the world in new, unexpected ways. His photography has appeared on book covers, inside apps, and in scientific literature. He is always ready to

embark on projects that lead to exciting adventures. "Nature presents me with the scene. Resplendent. Serene. Splashed with color. The shapes, angles and light are my guides as I respond to the invitation and attempt to capture its impossible beauty," Desai says of his work, "Humbled by earth's power to continue to amaze, my photographs hope to remind us that we just one part of a universe that is much more intricate and expansive than anything we can ever imagine."

## Get Your Degree... Without Losing Your Mind!

Sheila Stone's journey proves it's never too late to chase your dreams!

Thinking about going back to school but not quite sure how to go about it? Join us for nuts-and-bolts information, tips to make the experience easier, and loads of encouragement!

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 27  
4:00PM, COMMUNITY ROOM**

### ABOUT THE PRESENTER

As a single parent, Sheila Stone thought that getting a degree was beyond her reach. After starting her own educational journey at age 48, she graduated Magna cum Laude from UCLA in 2005...one year behind her oldest son and a year ahead of her youngest. A couple of years later, she got her MA from Leeds Beckett University in England.





Next Meeting: Tuesday,  
January 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm - 8:00pm  
**No Guilt Book Club**

**JANUARY'S NO GUILT BOOK CLUB**



**The Water Knife**  
by Paolo Bacigalupi



**Soul of an Octopus: A Surprising Exploration...**  
by Sy Montgomery

**Staff Picks for Adults**

In the spirit of the New Year, new resolutions, and new hobbies, the theme of both the Library's book displays and staff picks in January is National Hobby Month! Join the fun and try something new!



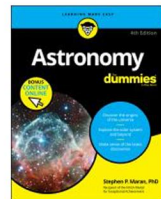
**Girl With a Sewing Machine: The No-Fuss Guide to Making and Adapting Your Own Clothes** by Jenniffer Taylor  
Using Jenniffer's fun and imaginative ideas, this book will teach you how to get started transforming unloved items of clothing into new and exciting outfits; how to customize clothes with doilies, tassels, tie-dyeing and block printing; and finally, how to measure yourself, create patterns and make clothes from scratch, including dresses, skirts, tops, trousers and a coat.



**Paper to Petal: 75 Whimsical Paper Flower Ideas to Craft By Hand** by Rebecca Thuss and Patrick Farrell  
Design experts Thuss and Farrell walk you through the basics of transforming inexpensive tissue and crepe papers and other simple materials into handmade blooms suitable for every occasion.



**Birds & Blooms** (A Bi-Monthly Magazine Available Online on Flipster!)  
Learn about attracting birds to your yard, planting special blooms and plants, and enjoying the calming hobbies of birdwatching and butterfly observing from America's #1 Backyard Birding and Gardening magazine.



**Astronomy for Dummies** by Stephen P. Maran, PhD  
Do you know the difference between a red giant and a white dwarf? From asteroids to black holes, this easy-to-understand guide takes you on a grand tour of the universe. Featuring updated star maps, charts, and an insert with gorgeous full-color photographs, Astronomy For Dummies provides an easy-to-follow introduction to exploring the night sky.



**Family Handyman** (Monthly Magazine Available for Check Out!)  
Take up some do-it-yourself projects in 2018! Get home improvement ideas, home repair guides, and home maintenance tips from the oldest do-it-yourself magazine. Family Handyman provides the how-to knowledge you'll need for any home project!



**The Gardening in Miniature Prop Shop: Handmade Accessories for Your Tiny Living World** by Janit Calvo  
The Gardening in Miniature Prop Shop is the next big thing for the crafters and gardeners already captivated by gardening small. Organized by playful themes—including gardens around the world, holidays, and fantasy gardens—it's a fun-filled guide to creating one-of-a-kind gardens and the accessories that make them shine.

**BOB LUCAS BRANCH LIBRARY UPDATES & JANUARY EVENTS**

**New Story Time for "Tots" at the Branch**

Starting on **Tuesday, January 23, at 11:00am**, the Branch will entertain older tots with songs, stories, and an easy craft. This program is designed for toddlers ages 3-5 years old and their parents or caregivers.

**3D Printing Open Hours**

We are firing up the Branch's 3D printer for all your creative needs! This January, we will begin taking appointments for library patrons to come and use the MakerBot Replicator Mini 3D Printer. Make your appointment today by calling **626-798-0833 x102**. In the coming months, the Branch will offer open hours for 3D printing, so stay tuned!

**Rainy Day Crafts**

We haven't seen much rain this season, but remember this – when it does start to rain, you are invited to come by the Branch to make a craft! Children, teens, and adults are all welcome. If you don't feel like making a craft, then challenge someone to a board game. See you next time it rains!



**Baby and Infant Story Time**  
Thursdays, at 10:30am

Resumes Thursday, January 11  
Enjoy a morning of rhymes, songs, and stories. This program is designed for babies and infants, ages 0-3 years old, and their parents or caregivers.

**Bilingual Story Time/Hora de Cuentos**  
Tuesday, January 16, at 11:00am

Join us as we have fun with books, songs, and rhymes in both Spanish and English. For children ages 0-5 and their parents or caregivers.

**CITIZENSHIP CLASSES**  
Free civics lessons to prepare for the US Citizenship exam



**TUESDAY NIGHTS AT THE BRANCH**  
FEBRUARY 6 THROUGH MAY 22, 2018  
6:00 - 7:30PM

**REGISTER TODAY BY CALLING**  
626-798-0833 x102

**Dragon Eggs Craft**  
Thursday, January 18, at 3:30pm

We can't say you'll really hatch a dragon, but we guarantee you will have fun making your very own dragon egg with clay and jewels. Craft available for as long as supplies last.



**Toddler Story Time**  
Tuesday, January 23, at 11:00am

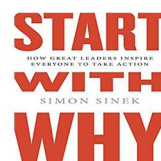
**Movie Day**  
Friday, January 26, at 3:30pm

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

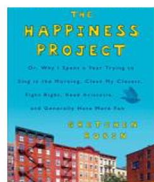


**BONUS – Reader Picks!**  
Post to Profile Comment

We asked you on social media to share the books that inspire you the most around the New Year, and here's what you suggested!

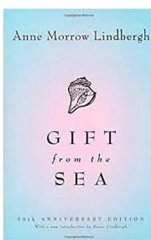


**Start With Why: How Great Leaders Inspire Everyone to Take Action** by Simon Sinek  
In studying leaders with the greatest influence in the world, Sinek discovered that they all think, act, and communicate in the exact same way. Available in Audiobook form at the Main Library

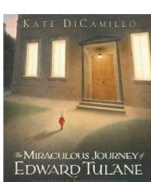


**The Happiness Project** by Gretchen Rubin  
A thoughtful and prescriptive work on happiness filled with practical advice, sharp insight, charm, and humor. Available in Paperback at Bob Lucas Branch

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



**Gift from the Sea** by Anne Morrow Lindbergh  
Anne Morrow Lindbergh has given moving and memorable form to the problems that beset the human heart – youth and age, love and marriage, peace, solitude, and contentment. Available in Book form at the Main Library



**The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane** by Kate DiCamillo; Illustrated by Bagram Ibatoulline  
Edward Tulane, a cold-hearted and proud toy rabbit, loves only himself until he is separated from the little girl who adores him and travels across the country, acquiring new owners and listening to their hopes, dreams, and histories.

6 Available in Book and Audiobook forms at the Main Library



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**Bob Lucas Branch Library Hours & Location**  
2659 Lincoln Avenue  
Altadena, CA 91001

Monday - Tuesday  
10:00am - 6:00pm

Wednesday - Thursday  
10:00am - 8:00pm

Friday  
10:00am - 6:00pm

## Staff Picks for Children

A new year means new books! Our Children's Librarians are always working hard to diversify and keep our collection up-to-date. Here are new additions to enjoy with your little ones at the start of 2018!



**Lucia the Luchadora** by Cythng Leonor Garza  
*Lucia zips through the playground in her cape just like the boys, but when they tell her 'girls can't be superheroes', suddenly she doesn't feel so mighty. That's when her beloved abuela reveals a dazzling secret: Lucia comes from a family of luchadoras, the bold and valiant women of the Mexican lucha libre tradition. But when she's confronted with a case of injustice, Lucia must decide if she can stay true to the ways of the luchadora and fight for what is right, even if it means breaking the sacred rule of never revealing the identity behind her mask.*



**Engineering** by Basher  
*Crammed with mega machines, breathtaking buildings, and all the technology in between, this book has the real insider view on engineering*



**Strong is the New Pretty: A Celebration of Girls Being Themselves** by Kate T. Parker  
*Girls being fearless. Girls being silly. Girls being wild, stubborn, and proud. Girls whose faces are smeared with dirt and lit up with joy. So simple and yet so powerful, Strong Is the New Pretty celebrates, through more than 175 memorable photographs, the strength and spirit of girls being 100% themselves.*



**Pashmina** by Nidhi Chanani  
*Priyanka Das has so many unanswered questions: Why did her mother abandon her home in India years ago? What was it like there? And most importantly, who is her father, and why did her mom leave him behind? But Pri's mom avoids these questions and the topic of India is permanently closed. For Pri, her mother's homeland can only exist in her imagination. That is, until she finds a mysterious pashmina tucked away in a forgotten suitcase. When she wraps herself in it, she is transported to a place more vivid and colorful than any Bollywood film.*



**The Stars Beneath Our Feet** by David Barclay Moore  
*Unable to celebrate the holidays in the wake of his older brother's death in a gang-related shooting, Lolly Rachpaul struggles to avoid being forced into a gang himself while constructing a fantastically creative LEGO city at the Harlem community center.*

## It's Not Too Late for Winter Reading!

It's January, and you're back from your holiday travels. We know that those last few days of winter break can be hard to fill for your kids. We have the solution – get them signed up for Winter Reading! All they have to do is read 3 books and write (or draw) 3 book reviews, and they will win a FREE BOOK!

Sign up today and learn more at [altadenalibrary.beanstack.org](http://altadenalibrary.beanstack.org)

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In 2018, the Children's Department is thrilled to present the first book and movie club for tweens (ages 10-12)! Through carefully planned weekly meetings and reading schedules, the club will read popular and classic books that have been turned into movies... and then will watch the movie together!

**JANUARY'S BOOK & MOVIE:**  
**Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone**

Join us for our Kick-Off Event on  
**Tuesday, January 9, at 4:30pm!**

Don't miss this meet-and-greet with icebreaker games, sweet treats, and a Hogwarts sorting!

Weekly club meetings start the next  
**week on Tuesday, January 16!**

**SIGN UP TODAY AT**  
**ALTADENALIBRARY.ORG/PAGES-POPCORN**  
*Reading schedule available online!*

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

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

Designed for ages 8(ish) to 12 years old.

**Baby Lap Time**  
**Wednesdays, 10:15am**

Designed for newborns and babies who are not yet walking and their parents or caregivers.

**Toddler Story Time**  
**Wednesdays, 11:00am**

Designed for toddlers who are just walking through 2 years old and their parents or caregivers.

**Preschool Story Time**  
**Thursdays, 11:00am**

Designed for children ages 3 to 5 years old.

**Hora de Cuentos**  
**Fridays, 11:00am**

Designed for children ages 0 to 5 years old.

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

Designed for children ages 3 to 12 years old.

*Story times at Altadena Library are specially designed by our expert librarians for specific age groups. Please try to respect the recommended age ranges so participants can get the very most out of the programs.*

*If you have questions or require special accommodation, please contact the Children's Desk at 626-798-0833 x108 or [childrens@altadenalibrary.org](mailto:childrens@altadenalibrary.org).*

## Staff Picks for Teens

In honor of the new Nom Nom Group for teens, January's picks will get you in the kitchen, practicing your cooking, cutting, mincing, boiling, and broiling skills!



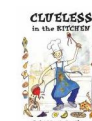
**The Unofficial Hunger Games Cookbook: From Lamb Stew to "Groosling" – More Than 150 Recipes Inspired by the Hunger Games Trilogy** by Emily Ansara Baines

*When it comes to The Hunger Games, staying alive means finding food any way possible. If you're starving for more from Katniss, Peeta, and Gale, this cookbook is sure to whet your appetite!*



**Holidays of the World Cookbook for Students** by Lois Sinaiko Webb & Lindsay Grace Roten

*Explore holidays celebrated by nations around the world, 445 recipes from more than 150 countries to be exact!*



**Clueless in the Kitchen: A Cookbook for Teens** by Evelyn Raab

*This thorough and witty culinary guide demystifies the kitchen and its contents for young adults and anyone who's found themselves in front of a full fridge exclaiming, "There's nothing to eat here!" With 200 easy-to-follow recipes, Evelyn Raab shows the culinary neophyte how to make all kinds of simple and scrumptious dishes for every meal and occasion.*



**The Teen's Vegetarian Cookbook** by Judy Krizmanic

*From Apple-Date Dessert to Zesty BBQ Burgers, vegetarian cooking is more varied and exciting than ever before. So get ready to do some vegetarian cooking—all it takes is a little enthusiasm and the willingness to experiment, and in no time at all you'll be simmering, sautéing, and stir-frying like a pro!*

## The Nom Nom Group

NEW COOKING CLUB FOR TEENS!

January's Meal:  
**Homemade Cheese Pizza**

*We will make crust from scratch and prepare a simple cheese pizza. Take home the recipe and amaze your family with your new skill!*

Reserve your spot today by emailing [teens@altadenalibrary.org](mailto:teens@altadenalibrary.org)

For teens ages 12-18

Space is limited to 8 people.



## TEEN PROGRAMS

The new year brings with it exciting new changes to teen programming. With Teen Librarian Kate Shumaker back in the library, teens can look forward to new opportunities for DIY projects, technological exploration, and some fun movie screenings. We are especially excited to debut our new monthly cooking program, Nom Nom Group. Read on for more details, and we look forward to seeing you around the Teen Space!

**NEW Teen Maker Exploration**  
**Wednesdays, 3:00 - 5:00pm**

Teens in grades 6-12 are invited to come to open hours in our state-of-the-art FabLab. 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.



**DIY Book of Awesome**  
**Thursday, January 4, at 4:00pm**

Turn your favorite decks of cards into an inspirational book. Fill it with quotes, pictures, or inspirational sayings for each day of the year!

**Nom Nom Group – Homemade Pizza**  
**Tuesday, January 9, at 4:00pm**

**Teen Game Day**  
**Monday, January 16, at 4:00pm**

Young adults 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!

**Demystifying the SAT & ACT**  
**Saturday, January 20, at 2:00pm**

Trying to decide between standardized tests for college? Learn the difference between SAT and ACT, understand how the relate to each other and how they apply to the college admissions process. Leave better equipped to make your educational decisions! Reserve your seat at this presentation by the Princeton Review as soon as possible by emailing [teens@altadenalibrary.org](mailto:teens@altadenalibrary.org).

**Teen Movie: "Wonder Woman"**  
**Friday, January 26, at 3:30pm**

Before she was Wonder Woman, she was Diana, princess of the Amazons, trained to be an unconquerable warrior. When an American pilot crashes on their shores and tells of a massive conflict raging in the outside world, Diana leaves her home, convinced she can stop the threat. Fighting alongside man in a war to end all wars, Diana discovers her full powers and true destiny.



**SPECIAL VOLUNTEER ROLE:**  
**Teen Advisory Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, January 30, 3:30 - 5:30pm**

Learn more about this cool way to earn service hours and make friends on the Library website!

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