**July Art on Display: Light Bringer Project**

**LIGHT BRINGER PROJECT**

Throughout the month of July, the Community Room, Reading Court, and glass display case will feature pieces that tell the story of the Light Bringer Project and its relationship with Pasadena Unified School District and Pasadena Chalk Art Festival.

Based in Pasadena, the Light Bringer Project “builds community through the power of art and education.” Founded in 1990, its founders imagined ways to bring more of today’s artists and their creative resources into the mainstream of community life. Today, the organization is widely known for its arts and educational programs provided to underserved youth in the greater Pasadena and Los Angeles area. Learn more at [lightbringerproject.org](http://lightbringerproject.org).

**CLOSURE - INDEPENDENCE DAY**

Both the Main Library and Bob Lucas Branch will be closed on Wednesday, July 4.

**Family Game Night**

Every Tuesday, at 6:30pm

Calling all lovers of board games (including chess and Dungeons & Dragons) On Tuesday evenings this summer, guests of all ages are invited to play their favorite board game in the comfort of the Library!

**STORYTOLD Library’s Nature Plays & “Adventures with Altadena’s Exotic Plant-Exploring Popeneos”**

Saturday, July 7, from 10:00am to 12:00pm

Presenting in partnership with Altadena Heritage, Michele Zack will tell an interesting, illustrated story of Altadena’s horticultural past – that of the West India Garden and its founding family, the Popeneos. The Popeneos, including a family member round left in Iraq in 1913, visited the Midwest to bring back exotic new items for our plates such as the avocado.

**Storytelling Jam Summer Sessions**

Tuesdays, July 10, 17, and 24, at 7:00pm (continues into August)

Lance Anderson returns to lead the popular workshop series, this summer focusing on creating a five-minute polished story. Whether you are a performer, public speaker or writer, this series will help you form stories that are poetic and succinct.

**No Guilt Book Club**

Tuesday, July 10, at 7:00pm

Because June’s meeting was canceled, we will discuss June’s books in the July meeting. (Continued from May's meeting, please.)

**Haiku Guys + Gals at the Farmers Market**

Wednesday, July 11, 4:00pm - 6:00pm

Visit the Altadena Library’s booth at Altadena Farmers Market, check out a book of your choice, “Hello!” and leave with a personalized haiku written by the talented poets of Haiku Guys + Gals.

**Worlds Fantastic, Worlds Familiar**

Saturday, July 14, at 2:00pm

Leeding planetary astronomer and author of “Worlds Fantastic, Worlds Familiar” Bonnie Buratti will take guests on a personal tour through the cosmos, explaining NASA’s latest discoveries. Discover what it is like to be involved in a major scientific enterprise, with all its pitfalls and excitement, from the perspective of a female scientist. Copies will be available for sale and to be signed.

**Chalk Walk**

Saturday, July 21, 10:00am - 3:00pm

See talented chalk artists in action! Throughout the day, visit Altadena Library’s sidewalks and walkways to watch talented artists demonstrate their skills and invite others to participate as well. Experiment with chalk in designated areas and learn techniques from watching the artists in action.

**Library Board of Trustees Meeting**

Monday, July 23, at 5:00pm

Open Mic Night

Tuesday, July 31, at 7:00pm

Enjoy unique performances by musicians, storytellers, poets, and more in the comfort of your neighborhood library!
Optimizing Outdoor Space with Volunteer Partnerships

Mobility is a hot topic in Altadena. Through its Community Conversations initiative in 2017, the Altadena Library District identified mobility as a priority area and has since taken steps to support the Altadena Town Council’s Safe Streets Committee in their recent efforts to get “mobilized” and improve walkability around the community.

Part of improving mobility is creating spaces throughout the community that promote walkability. The Altadena Main Library, in an effort to develop a space at which walkers and passersby can rest and congregate while crossing town on foot, has been working on a plan to optimize the outdoor space surrounding its historic Main Library building. Plans launched in September of 2017 when the Altadena Library Foundation hosted its first Taste of ‘Dena fundraiser, raising over $14,000 for the project.

Since Taste of ‘Dena’s fundraising success, our Volunteer Coordinator Yuni LaFontaine has made progress in a big way! By creating meaningful partnerships with local organizations, like Girl Scouts, and corporate groups, like CIT Bank, volunteers have broken ground and have started enhancing the space surrounding the Main Library parking lot. Meadows of California Golden Poppies are in full bloom, inviting visitors to explore and experience native flora with multiple senses. Pumpkins are growing swiftly, promising a bountiful harvest in the fall. Beautification around the parking lot entrance and Water Conservation Garden creates a more inviting space at which visitors can lounge, read, and enjoy.

“Collaborating with dedicated volunteers on the outdoor spaces around our library makes our progress all the more meaningful,” says Yuni, “We welcome the participation of volunteer groups of all ages to make these outdoor spaces truly by and for the community of Altadena.”

If you want to get involved in supporting the development of this outdoor space, please email volunteer@altadenalibrary.org today!

F.O.A.L. PRESIDENT MARK MARISCAL MONTHLY UPDATE

Summer with the Friends of the Library

What a year it has been! I want to extend my sincerest gratitude to all supporters of the Friends of the Altadena Library for their generous contributions, both through membership dues and through book sales. It was because of your ongoing support that the Friends were able to enrich the Altadena Library District with contributions exceeding $24,000 throughout the year. We hope, as we approach the beginning of our new fiscal year on July 1, to exceed that number in the coming year, and we hope that we can rely on your continued support of our important work in the community.

Please note: The Friends’ Board will not meet this month, but our regularly scheduled monthly meetings will resume in August. The Friends meet the first Monday every month at 7:30pm in the Community Room at the Main Library. You do not have to be a member to attend, and we welcome anyone who has an interest in what the Friends do and who would like to get involved!

This month’s newsletter is evidence of the creative Summer Reading programs and events happening at the Library, many of which are cosponsored by the Friends. I encourage you to pick up a Summer Reading Passport for you and your loved ones and attend a few of the educational and entertaining events our Library works hard to provide. It’s likely you’ll meet a Friend along the way.

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 www.altadenalibrary.org/friends-library.

SUMMER READING HIGHLIGHTS & UPDATES

Truck Day! More Like Fun Day!

Hundreds of families gathered to stand in awe of complex and BIG pieces of machinery and trucks on Truck Day, our Children’s Summer Reading Kick-Off event. Along with fire trucks and even a California Highway Patrol motorcycle, guests enjoyed a demonstration of a full-sized, remote-controlled dozer in action!

Thank you to all providers of the trucks – what a fascinating day!

Thank You, Wil Wheaton, for Supporting the Altadena Library

The Dungeon Master Training on Saturday, June 16, organized by Teen Library Kate Shumaker, was a huge success! We want to extend a special thank you to Wil Wheaton who brought his Dungeons & Dragons knowledge to our audience of almost 400 enthusiastic gamers on a chilly, overcast afternoon! We are so pleased to see a D&D presence at the Library’s Game Nights on Tuesday at 6:30pm.

Congratulations to “Levi & The Jets” for Dominating at Adult Trivia Night

Adult Summer Reading launched on Friday, June 22, with the Library’s first ever Trivia Night, and the competition got fierce. Five rounds and 60 questions later, the trivia champions stood proud and accepted their crowns! After all the positive feedback, the Library is looking forward to throwing another Trivia Night in the fall… Stay tuned for more details and start gathering a team of winners in the meantime!

Meet us at the Market with the Haiku Guys + Gals

Meet us at the Altadena Farmers Market on Wednesday, July 11: we are proud to host the Haiku Guys + Gals, who write personalized haiku poems on typewriters for individuals on the spot! Each interaction takes just a minute and culminates with the creation of a custom gift for the event guest to take home or share. Some people have likened the experience to “a photo booth for the soul.”

Stop by between 4:00pm and 6:00pm to get your personalized haiku, sign up for Summer Reading, and connect with your local library!

There’s No Place Like Home

OUTDOOR MOVIE & END-OF-SUMMER CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 6:00PM

MAIN LIBRARY PARKING LOT

THE WIZARD OF OZ

As the sun sets, we will begin our outdoor screening of The Wizard of Oz. Just as Dorothy has taken us everywhere this summer, we’ll be transported once more by this magical family classic movie! Pack a picnic at home and purchase some sweet treats from Kona Ice and Sweeter Than Honey, and poopcorn, of course!

HAIKU GUYS + GALS

The Haiku Guys + Gals are professional poets that write personalized haiku or tanka on the spot before the movie begins, stop by for a brief chat that will culminate with the creation of a custom haiku to take home!

SONG & DANCE

Before the movie begins, as guests set up their picnic areas, we will enjoy a mix of old-fashioned, interactive songs and dancing, as well as some OZ-themed crafts!
Taste of 'Dena Returns in 2018!
Altaadena Library Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting and enriching Altaadena Library District’s facilities, resources and services, is pleased to announce that the Taste of 'Dena fundraiser will return in 2018! After its success in 2017 raising over $14,000 for the launch of an outdoor improvement project at the historical Altadena Library property, the theme for this year’s Taste of 'Dena is:

To Plant a Garden
Audrey Hepburn once said, “To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow,” and we believe that here at the Altadena Library District. Our goal is to develop an outdoor space that will provide for the needs of generations to come. This 2nd Annual Taste of 'Dena is another step toward making our dream come to fruition, and we hope you will join us for another fun-filled evening supporting a meaningful cause. Details will be released in late July.

Save the Date - Saturday, September 29, at 7:00pm.
Got Wine? Similar to last year, one of the main features of the event will be a mystery Wine Puff! Guests will be able to purchase a wrapped wine bottle for a flat fee, with the promise of the bottle’s value being over $20. Some bottles are even packaged with surprise prizes!

We need donated wine to make this happen! Do you have bottles of wines you would like to donate? Drop them off at the Main Library today!

Learn more at www.altadenalibrary.org/altadena-library-foundation.

SEED LIBRARY:
ADVENTURES WITH ALTADENA’S EXOTIC PLANT-EXPLORING POPENOES
SATURDAY, JULY 7th
10:00AM - 12:00PM
COMMUNITY ROOM
In a joint program of Altadena Heritage and the Library, Michele Zaek will tell an interesting, illustrated story of Altadena’s horticultural past — that of the West India Garden. Frederick O. Popenoe established this nursery in 1906 to cultivate subtropical fruits and other plants in high demand from the thousands of newcomers pouring into Southern California. But the Popenoess were far more than nurserymen, they were avid plant explorers. Frederick sent his sons Paul and Wilson to Israel, Lebanon, Mexico and Central America to find new fruits and other foods to introduce to the United States. Dates and avocados were just two of their most successful plant introductions.

Above: The Popenoess, including Paul Popenoe, above in Israel in 1916, visited the Middle East to bring back dates. They also traveled to Mexico and Central America to bring back exotic new items for their plants such as the avocado.

L.A. Works’ Back-to-School Backpack & School Supplies Drive
L.A. Works is a nonprofit, volunteer action center that serves the Los Angeles area with hands-on community service projects. For this year’s major service day, L.A. Works Day, in August, they will be collecting backpacks and school supplies for children transitioning out of homelessness in Los Angeles-based nonprofit programs. Altadena Library District wants to help! Will you join us?

From July 9 through July 30, collection containers will be stationed at the Main Library and Bob Lucas Branch for interested community members to drop off new (or like new) backpacks (not blue or red) and new school supplies like packs of highlighters, pencils, and paper. New ideas of what to donate? L.A. Works has an Amazon wish list from which to order directly: http://gocap.org/U7RnX

We hope you will join us in supporting this worthy cause that will prepare students in need for the new school year!

Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 10th, 7:00pm - 8:00pm
No Guilt Book Club
Because June’s meeting was canceled, July’s books will be the same books that were meant for June.

Staff Picks for Adults
Summer is the perfect time for a vacation. Whether you have travel plans or not this summer, these books will take you on a journey, from California’s picturesque coastline to the far corners of the world.

Canoeing in the Wilderness by Henry David Thoreau
Reading this book will take you on a beautiful journey through the wilderness of Maine with famed poet and naturalist Henry David Thoreau.

Crossing California: A Cultural Topography of a Land of Wonder and Weirdness by Sam McManis
A compilation of some of the best travel columns from the Sacramento Bee’s journalist.

Reading on the Go Has Never Been Easier!
We understand that with a busy schedule, it can be challenging to get to a physical library every time you need a book! When you are on the go or traveling, you can access Altadena Library’s collection of e-books and audiobooks from any device, including e-readers like the Kindle, thanks to our online platform OverDrive.

Reading on your computer is simple with OverDrive! Visit ADL.OverDrive.com, sign in with your Library card number, and start reading right away! You’ll have access to thousands of e-books and audiobooks from our catalog.

If you want to read or listen to audiobooks on your phone or tablet, download the Libby app. OverDrive’s mobile app. All you have to do is add Altadena Library as your preferred library in the app and sign in with your Library card number. If you prefer reading on your Kindle, Libby can send titles to your e-reader directly.

Worlds Fantastic, Worlds Familiar
BOOK DISCUSSION WITH BONNIE BURATI
SATURDAY, JULY 14th
2:00 - 3:30PM
COMMUNITY ROOM
Join Bonnie J. Buratti, a leading planetary astronomer, on a tour of NASA’s latest discoveries. Moving through the Solar System, past comets and asteroids and the moons of the giant planets, to Pluto, and on to exoplanets, she gives vivid descriptions of landscapes that are similar to those found on Earth but that are more fantastic.

Copies will be available for sale and to be signed.

JULY’S NO GUILT BOOK CLUB
The Immortalists by Chloe Benjamin
Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End by Atul Gawande
Our Towns: A 100,000-Mile Journey Into the Heart of America by James Fallows and Deborah Fallows
A unique, reverential portrait of small-town America: the activities, changes, and events that shape this mostly unseen part of our national landscape, and the issues and concerns that matter to the ordinary Americans who make these towns their home.

Secret Marvels of the World written by Alex Howard [and 51 others]; Illustrator, Lauren Crow, edited by Samantha Forgie, Nick Mee, Christina Webb
From eerie natural wonders to historical oddities and ancient architecture, this is a travel companion for the incurably curious.

Walking the Americas: 1,800 Miles, Eight Countries, and One Incredible Journey from Mexico to Colombia by Leif Ericksen
Walking the Americas is a thrilling personal tale, an accomplished piece of cultural reportage, and a breathtaking journey across some of the most diverse and unpredictable regions on earth.
Staff Picks for Children

Reading: these picks will take your little ones everywhere this summer!

50 Cities of the U.S.A. by Gabrielle Balkan; illustrated by Sol Linero
Take a tour of America’s best-loved—and lesser known—urban delights in this compendium of city maps. Explore skyscraper streets, museum miles, local food trucks, and city parks from Anchorage to Washington D.C., and discover over 2,000 facts that celebrate the people, culture, and diversity that have helped make America what it today

Applewhites Coat to Coast by Stephanie S. Tolan and R.J. Tolan
Thirteen-year-old Ed. Applewhites, still reeling from her bewildering kiss with former bad boy Jake, embarks on a cross-country road trip in a wildly painted school bus with her eccentric, highly creative family, as they come together in an art educational quest for a big cash prize.

Follow the Line Around the World by Laura Jungkvist
Learn about animals and their habitats from all around the world.

Space Exploration created and designed by Bashier; text by Dan Green
Introduces gardens and gardening, including how a seed grows into a plant, how fruits and vegetables form, and what animals and insects also live in a garden.

50 States of America: A Puzzle Atlas by Gia Vang; illustrated by Kai Nozawa
A puzzle atlas to the 50 states of the USA, accompanied by detailed information on each.

Staff Picks for Teens

Prepare for a journey because these picks fit our Summer Reading theme, “Reading Takes You Everywhere!”

DIY: No-Sew Octopus Plushie
Thursday, July 5, at 4:00pm
Who doesn’t love an Octopus plushie in their life? Join us as we create these adorable companions.

Nom Nom Group - Brownies
Tuesday, July 10, at 4:00pm
This month, we will bake brownies! Space is limited; be sure to reserve your spot by emailing teens@altadenalibrary.org.

Teen Game Day
Monday, July 16, at 4:00pm
Teen’s ages 12-19 are invited to enjoy a variety of board games, party games, and video games.

Star Wars Fandom Party
Saturday, July 21, at 3:00pm
Henna Tattoos
Tuesday, July 24, at 3:00pm
Join us as we do an Henna tattoo; a traditional body art

Teen Service Club
Tuesday, July 31, at 3:00pm
Make a difference in your community as a leader at the Library! Earn Community Service hours too!

Where Will Reading Take You This Summer?

One way only to find out! Sign up for Summer Reading on Beanstack and pick up the Passport for your age group at altadenalibrary.beanstack.org

Teen Programs - July

Teen Maker Exploration
Every Wednesday from 3:00 - 5:00pm
Use our virtual reality headset, create and print a 3D model, sew a new shirt, practice coding, and much more!

BOB LUCAS BRANCH LIBRARY UPDATES & JULY EVENTS

Coming Soon: Pop-Up Bike Skills Workshop
The Altadena Safe Street Committee is hosting a bike skills event at the Bob Lucas Library in late August! Families and youth are invited to learn about pedestrian and bike safety and how to optimize bike use in Altadena. Stay tuned for details in next month’s newsletter!

3D Printing OPEN HOUSE
Come see Bob Lucas Branch’s 3D Printer in action on Mondays from 3:00pm - 5:00pm. Patrons may print 2 items per month at no cost. Inquire in person or call for more details!

40th Annual Art Show
Friday, July 6, at 6:00pm
A celebration of the visual arts featuring local and regional artists.

Crafternoons: Bird Wind Chime
Thursday, July 12, at 3:30pm
Spend the afternoon making a Bird Wind Chime for patio or room. This is for the kiddies, but certainly fun for all ages. As always, craft will last for as long as supplies last.

Adult Craft: Wall Art
Friday, July 20, at 11:00am
Come and create simple Wall Art to add a pop of color to your space. Super easy and fun. All supplies will be provided.

Movie Day with FREE Ice Cream
Friday, July 27, at 3:30pm
Come enjoy a Friday afternoon with a family friendly movie and ice Cream (Popsicles for those who don’t eat dairy)! We’ll start serving treats at 3:15pm, so plan to arrive on time as ice cream will probably go fast!