Seed Library Open Hours & “Beginning Gardening” Presentation
Saturday, March 3, from 10:00am to 12:00pm
Master Gardener Lizba Hostager and Tricia Alston will guide guests to learn the basics of starting your summer garden, site selection, plant selection, watering, and basic pest control and seed saving.

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 and sporting spirits, a willingness to learn! This popular program is led by local chess enthusiast Will Patton.

Storytelling Jam Workshops & Final Performance
Tuesday, March 6 and 13, at 7:00pm
Hone your storytelling, writing, and oral speaking skills at this special workshop series led by master storyteller Lance Anderson.

February Library Board of Trustees Meeting
Wednesday, March 7, at 5:00pm

Beauty Beasts Beast Screening
Thursday, March 8, at 7:00pm
In honor of International Women’s Day, join UHA Pasadena for a special screening of the documentary Beauty Beasts by Eleni Skontard. The screening will be followed by a spirited Q&A with Skontard and Ken Gruberman, the film’s director and co-producer.

A Stitch of Time Book Reading
Saturday, March 10, at 2:00pm
Author Lauren Marks will read from her memoir, which Simon & Schuster describe as “an incredible first-person account of one woman’s journey to regaining her language and identity after a brain aneurysm affects her ability to communicate.”

Second Saturday Concert with DeRumba
Saturday, March 10, at 6:30pm
Rock the night away to the Latin tunes of DeRumba! Food and beverages will be available for sale, and all ages are welcome at this festive concert event!

No Guilt Book Club
Tuesday, March 13, at 7:00pm

Building Your First Website with HTML & CSS
Tuesday, March 20, at 6:30pm
For everyone: from pre-school age to you, this introductory course designed for ages 16+, on HTML and CSS is for people with no prior coding experience. Register at hello@altaadenalibrary.org.

4x4 Art Workshop - Beans and Beginners: Zine Creation with Alma Rosa
Saturday, March 24, at 11:00am
Designed for adults and teens (ages 15+), Beans and Beginners is an intro to zine making course that will teach each activity of making a book, to zine up for a zine fest, to creating an income with zine making. Register today by emailing 4x4art@altaadenalibrary.org.

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

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

The Lisu: Far from the Ruler Book Signing
Saturday, March 31, at 4:00pm
March is Women’s History Month and we are proud to host an influential woman in our community, Michelle Zack, award-winning writer, journalist, and historian. Michelle Zack will present and read from her new book The Lisu: Far from the Ruler about one of the smallest, most egalitarian, and last groups of stateless people in Southeast Asia.

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Community Calendar Ready For Your Use!
There is always something going on in Altadena. While tucked away in the nearby area, Altadena is surrounded by nature. Our city is abuzz with an assortment of businesses, dedicated volunteer organizations, and community groups, all with their own events and activities.

As a hub of the community, the Altadena Library District developed a free online calendar for community members to use:
www.altadenalibrary.org

No cost, individuals, groups, and organizations of any affiliation can post their events on this shared resource! Simply look for the “Submit an Event” button on the left of the page and enter your event details!

We encourage you to share this resource with your friends around the community. Let’s make this the go-to resource for Altadena happenings!

Read Across America!
Reading is more important than ever. National illiteracy rates remain around 20%, and individuals who struggle with literacy are significantly more likely to struggle with healthcare, poverty, unemployment, and incarceration; however, there is hope! There are programs across the country, including at the Altadena Library District, focused solely on providing literacy education and tutoring for those in need. We also provide reading resources and materials for students to promote reading and help them build positive reading and study habits that will contribute to their success. It is this hope for our future generations of readers that motivates us and keeps us inspired in this crucial work.

For this reason, we celebrate Read Across America Day on Friday, March 2, students and readers of all ages across the United States will engage in a variety of reading events and activities in celebration of the importance of reading. Here in Altadena, Library staff will be collaborating with Reading Partners to visit classrooms in local elementary schools around the community and share in special story times!

The reading celebration doesn’t need to end there. Whether you are ready or not, summer is right around the corner, and our plans are already underway for our Summer Reading Programs for youth AND adults. This year’s theme “Reading Takes You Everywhere” is sure to inspire even the most reluctant readers to take a reading journey to a whole new world found in a good book.

In the meantime, TEACHERS, we are dedicated to providing your students and you with the reading resources you need, including access to engaging story times and books for all reading levels. Please contact either our Children’s Librarian at cmcheng@altaadenalibrary.org, our Teen Librarian at kshrumaker@altaadenalibrary.org, or the Bob Lucas Branch Librarian at dwong@altadenalibrary.org coordinate a school or library visit.

What are you reading?
Post pictures of your story time and tag @altadenalibrary!

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

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March holds the national designation of Women’s History Month, and at the Altadena Library District, we welcome the opportunity to both highlight our collection of works by influential women (see page 5) and host events featuring inspirational women from our community and beyond. The Altadena Library District recently hosted a special presentation about influential science-fiction author Octavia Butler, which drew an amazing crowd. We hope this momentum can continue with the following March events:

**Processing Tragedy: Libraries as a Resource**

Our country is yet again in the midst of a period of recovery. The recent tragedy in Parkland, Florida has rocked our nation’s sense of security and normalcy, and with the waves of grief come necessary, albeit tough, conversations with the young people in our lives. These conversations, while crucial after an act of violence, can be challenging to approach for both parents and educators but can sometimes feel more organic with the help of stories and allegories. Below are some titles in our collection that deal with grief, loss, trauma, and related issues in ways that are developmentally appropriate.

**COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHT**

**Collaborate at the Neighborhood Summit!**

Altadena Library District has been making a concerted effort through the Community Conversations program to engage actively in the community and share opportunities for community groups to work together. Collaborate PASadena, a partner in supporting our services for students, will be hosting a Neighborhood Summit at the Library on Wednesday, April 4, from 5:30 - 8:00pm. You are invited to share the story of your neighborhood and organization’s strengths and challenges so that as a community, we can learn from one another’s experiences about how we can make our community a caring, safe, and fun place to live. To RSVP, call (626) 714-7670 or email elizabeth@colpas.org.

**March Artists on Display**

Starting March 1, the Community Room will feature the work of Patricia Cunillife. In addition to being an abstract painter, Patricia is an integrated producer of various mediums. She is a writer, producer, director, cinematographer and editor - best known for her bilingual documentary feature about Latino artists in Los Angeles, A Language of Passion. Patricia production managed the PBS documentary, Bridging the Divide: Tom Bradley and the Politics of Race and was associate producer of Tom Bradley’s Impossible Dream for LAUSD. A collaboration with composer Dom Aiken who first wrote the music for Potters Field. Patricia later created the visual element. Patricia’s paintings can also be seen at Amy’s Patio Café in Altadena. Patricia is currently in post-production on her documentary about the Pueblo Revolt.

Of her art, Patricia says, “I always felt that it was my duty, as an artist, to address political issues or societal issues in my work. However, with the current climate of affairs in this country, and in the world, I find myself having to detach from it all by using painting more as a form of therapy. For my more recent work, I recycle found canvases, with many times an odd element of the former piece being the impetus for my new piece. Through this process of healing, I find myself painting simply for the aesthetic of it, rather than as a political statement.”

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**Celebrating Women’s History Month**

We are living in an era of women making history. All around us, women are rising up together in solidarity against the hardships they have encountered throughout history. The recent significant marches and #MeToo and #TimesUp movements are testaments to the power of women who stand on the shoulders of centuries of women that persisted and broke through barriers in their fight for equality.

**Book Presentation by Michele Zack**

Saturday, March 31 at 4:00pm

Michele Zack is an award-winning writer, journalist, and historian who also happens to live in Altadena. Join us as she shares from her new book, “The LSU: Far from the Ruler” and discusses her study of the LSU people of Southeast Asia.

Left: Presenter Nathalie Russell discusses the life and works of Octavia Butler

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**March 16 - 20. Save the date; we hope to see you there!**

You’ll find great bargains on your favorite titles. We are also still accepting donations to help fill the shelves for the sale. You can drop off items at the Library anytime during operating hours. If you have any questions about donations, please do not hesitate to email us at markmariscalo@yahoo.com.

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.altadenallibrary.org/friends-library.

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**When Dinosaurs Die**

Laureen Krasny Brown

Young Children

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**A Terrible Thing Happened**

Margaret M. Holmes

Elementary Students

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**The Sky is Everywhere**

Jandy Nelson

Teens

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**The Body Keeps the Score**

Bessel van der Kolk

Adults

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**Friends of the Altadena Library**

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

Friends of the Altadena Library Update

What a fruitful February the Friends had! First, I want to thank the amazing crowd that came out for the Octavia Butler presentation and borrowed the “Kindred” books that the Friends donated! It is always inspiring to see our community come out and enjoy the educational programs at the Library that the Friends support. Thank you for making our work all the more meaningful.

Second, I am grateful to all community members that stopped by the Friends’ Pop-Up Book Sale on Saturday, February 24. Your purchases tallied over $800 in sales that will go directly to supporting and expanding the program and material offerings of the Altadena Library District. Enjoy your purchases, and as you read your new book or watch your new movies, I hope you will remember the Friends and plan your next visit to our Bookstore in the Main Library!

Lastly, I have an important reminder: The Friends work hard all year round to prepare for our BIG Annual Book Sale, which is taking place the weekend of May 19 - 20. Save the date; we hope to see you there! You’ll find great bargains on your favorite titles. We are also still accepting donations to help fill the shelves for the sale. You can drop off items at the Library anytime during operating hours. If you have any questions about donations, please do not hesitate to email me at markmariscalo@yahoo.com.
SCORE Resources for Businesses Coming Soon!
Throughout the Library’s Community Conversation project, a recurring theme was our community’s desire to support local businesses both by shopping local and providing access to resources for business owners. The Library decided to respond to this effort in December by partnering with LA County’s Department of Business and Consumer Affairs to offer small business workshops, and we have even more in the works!
SCORE is a nonprofit association dedicated to helping small businesses get off the ground, grow, and achieve their goals. Through SCORE Los Angeles, aspiring business owners can be paired with a mentor - for free! SCORE also offers workshops throughout Los Angeles on business, marketing, accounting, and more, as well as an abundance of tools and resources related to small business. You can learn more about SCORE’s offerings at https://losangeles.score.org.

As community centers of knowledge and information, many libraries across the nation partner with SCORE to provide services and resources to business owners. Altadena Library District is in the process of planning an event series of SCORE webinars at the Library to bring SCORE’s services to our community. Stay tuned for updates in the coming months’ newsletters!

Building a Website with HTML & CSS

Tuesday, March 20
6:30 - 8:30pm
Join Pasadena High School’s App Academy for an introductory course on HTML and CSS for people with no coding experience.
Registration is required. Class is limited to 15 people and designed for ages 16+.
To register, email 4x4art@altadenalibrary.org and include “Website Workshop” in the subject line.

4x4 Art Workshops
AT ALTADENA LIBRARY

Beans and Beginners: Zine Making with Alma Rosa
Saturday, March 24
11:00am – 1:00pm
Beans and Beginners is an into zine making course that will teach everything from what a zine is to how to sign up for zine fest and creating an income from zine making. All questions and concerns are welcome. The workshop’s theme will center on celebrating culture and continue the tradition of storytelling through self-publishing. We encourage people from all backgrounds to participate.

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

SEED LIBRARY
BEGINNING GARDENING WITH MASTER GARDENERS
JESSICA YAGER AND PATRICK HASEN
SUNDAY, MARCH 5
10:00AM - 12:00PM
COMMUNITY ROOM

OPEN MIC NIGHT
TUESDAY, MARCH 27
7:00 - 8:30PM
Enjoy unique performances by musicians, storytellers, poets, and more in this lively open mic night.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 13th, 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!

Staff Picks for Adults
March is Women’s History Month, so we asked our female staff members to recommend some of their favorite titles written by or about fascinating women.
You can check the status of any of these titles at catalog.altadenaLIBRARY.org.

Helen’s Pick:
Deb Jerebko, or A Feminist Manifesto in Fifteen Suggestions by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
“This would be a great gift to a new parent of a baby girl. Straight talk about gender issues – so that in the future, there won’t be any!”

Melissa’s Pick:
Mean by Myriam Gurba
“I thoroughly enjoyed this heartbreaking, funny, and moving memoir. Highly Recommended!”

Kyllon’s Pick:
You Are a Badass: How to Stop Doubting Your Greatness and Start Living an Awesome Life by Jen Sincero
“She has a very direct writing style and reading this, you feel like you’re talking to a friend that is trying to motivate you into getting your act together. I absolutely loved this book and couldn’t put it down.”

Selena’s Pick:
American Heiress: The Wild Saga of the Kidnapping, Crimes and Trial of Patty Hearst by Jeffrey Toobin
“The New York Times calls it, ‘technically engrossing,’ and with a subtitle of wild saga, you will be compelled to read this account of Patty Hearst.”

Yuni’s Pick:
Rise of the Rocket Girls: The Women Who Propelled Us, From Missiles to the Moon to Mars by Nathalia Holt
“It’s a fun read and especially interesting for Altadeners as many of these women still live in our community.

Attention, Avid Readers!
You do not want to miss the opportunities to meet two inspiring female authors.

In 2007, Lauren Marks was a PhD student, director, and actor, touring a show in Edinburgh. One night, she suddenly collapsed and woke up from her emergency surgery to find out that an aneurysm had ruptured in her brain. Her memoir, A Stitch of Time, follows her story in the twelve months following her diagnosis and gives readers a glimpse into the intricate machinations of a mind in construction. Hear her story on Saturday, March 10 at 2:00pm at the Main Library.

Michele Zack is an important figure in our community, known for both her selfless service in a variety of local organizations and her expertise as a historian. Her latest book The Lisu: Far from the Ruler introduces a unique and fascinating culture in Southeast Asia and discusses the Lisu’s path to global citizenship. Michele will join us at the Main Library on Saturday, March 31 at 4:00pm to sign copies of her book and share about her study of such a distinct peoples.

Heads Up, Movie Lovers!
The 90th Academy Awards are coming up on Sunday March 4, and we are ready! From 1950’s All About Eve that was based on the short story The Wisdom of Eve by Mary Orr, to 1972’s The Godfather based on the novel The Godfather by Mario Puzo, many of our historically favorite films are based on literary pieces.

From March 1 to March 17, the Main Library will feature a special Oscar’s display where patrons can pick up a copy of the 2018 Oscar ballot, check out a selection of award-winning films and books, and get in the mood for Hollywood’s most celebrated night of the year!

Right: For example, the 2013 Best Picture winner 12 Years a Slave, was based on Solomon Northup’s memoir Twelve Years a Slave. Both the original book and movie are available to check out from our collection!
Staff Picks for Children

It's never too early to share stories of female empowerment and influential women throughout history. Enjoy these Women's History Month-themed picks for kids!

The Pink Hat by Andrew Joyner
Follows the journey of a pink hat that is swiped out of a knitting basket by a pesky kitten, blown into a tree by a strong wind, and used as a hat for a baby. Then finally makes its way onto the head of a young girl marching for women's equality.

Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History by Vashitl Harrison
Based on her popular Instagram posts, debut author/illustrator Vashitl Harrison shares the stories of 40 bold African American women who shaped history.

Amelia Earhart by Ma Isabel Sanchez Vegara
An introduction to the life and achievements of the famed American pilot, describes her childhood ambitions to fly and the daring trip around the world during which she disappeared.

Who is Sonia Sotomayor? by Megan Stine
Introduces readers to the Supreme Court judge and first Hispanic woman to hold that position, explaining her inspiring path to success.

Disenchanted: The Trials of Cinderella by Megan Morrison
For generations, the Cinderella story has been a curse, but now that the witch Enchanted is dead, the curse should be broken...however, things are complicated at Charming Palace: King Demeo is still nasty, Queen Maid has had the help of her son, Prince Dash, and Ella Coach (called Cinderella) would rather be at home sewing than living in the palace at Charming Prep school.

Staff Picks for Teens

TEEN PROGRAMS – MARCH

DIY Candy Airplane & Author Visit
Thursday, March 14, at 4:40pm
Build your own candy airplane while meeting Gwen Katz, author of Among the Red Stars. Be ready to hear excerpts from her book and ask questions! You can purchase copies of her book in addition to creating, taking home, and eating your airplane.

Elements of Your College App
Saturday, March 12, at 11:00am
Our series in college readiness continues as we learn about the different parts of your college application. Learn how to use SAT and ACT to fit into the larger picture of the process.

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!

Nom Nom Group - Cookies
Tuesday, March 13, at 4:00pm
For our third meeting, we will be making chocolate chip cookies. Take home the recipe and amaze your family with your new skill. Space is limited to 8 people. Be sure to register at altdena.libal.org.

Live Murder Mystery Game
Saturday, March 17, at 4:00pm
Bring your inner suspect to this live action Clue game. Participants will be given the alter ego of one of the suspects, and as they try to solve the mystery, they give you clues. Ticket prices vary depending on the role you choose.

Teen Game Day
Monday, March 15, 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.

Teen Movie: Thor
Friday, March 23, at 3:30pm

Adult Craft - Water Marbling
Friday, March 9, at 11:00am
We will be using nail polish to marbelize a canvas and vase. Take home masterpieces for everyone to see. All supplies will be provided, and this activity is on a first come, first serve basis.

Crafternoon Leprechaun Gold
Thursday, March 15, at 3:30pm
Fortune and glory for any kid who finds a leprechaun’s pot of gold! Create your own marbled craft and treasure hunt activity. First, some painting then look for gold coins and print hidden around the library. See what you can discover!

Movie Day
Friday, March 23, at 3:30pm
Grab a seat and enjoy a family-friendly movie. Popcorn will be provided for as long as supplies last!

Staff Picks for Teens

Action-packed and challenging, this month’s picks for teens are real thinkers and conversation-starters. Enjoy!

Tomboy by Liz Prince
Escaping female stereotypes throughout her early years and failing to gain acceptance on the boys’ baseball team, Liz learns to view her life as the experience of coming of age, in an anecdotal graphic novel memoir.

Ready Player One by Ernest Cline
Ready Player One takes place in the not-so-distant future—the world has turned into a very bleak place, but luckily there is Oasis, a virtual reality world that is a vast online utopia. People can plug into OASIS to play, go to school, earn money, and even meet other people (or at least they can meet their avatars), and for protagonist Wade Watts it certainly beats passing the days in his grim, poverty-stricken real life. Wade dreams of finding three keys left behind by the now-deceased creator of OASIS and the richest man to have ever lived. Whoever finds them will inherit Halliday’s fortune, but it will not be easy. And there are real dangers in this virtual world.

Big Bad Ironclad by Nathan Hale
Big Bad Ironclad! covers the history of the amazing ironclad steam warships used in the Civil War. From the ships inventor, who had a history of blowing things up and only took 10 years to complete his project, to the mischievous William Cushing, who pranked his way through the whole war, this book is surprisingly true facts and funny, brave characters.

Alice 19th by Yu Watase
Alice was a typical young girl—hopelessly in love and bored, until she follows a magical rabbit that literally changes the course of her life.

The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas
After witnessing her friend’s death at the hands of a police officer, Starr Carter’s life is complicated when the police and a local drug gang try to intimidate her and her family. In an effort to learn what happened the night Khalil died.

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