Pack Your Bags...Reading is Taking You Everywhere This Summer

Take the trip of a lifetime this summer... and never even have to leave Altadena. Stores have the special ability to transport even the most reluctant traveler to places they would never imagine. Join us this summer as we learn into the transformative power of books and let reading take us everywhere!

Special summer reading passports for every age group, from preschoolers to adults, will soon be available for pick up. With these passports, you can track your favorite summer reads and memories, collect stamps, and earn prizes that will take you all around our community!

Every week from June through August, the Main Library and Bob Lucas Branch will feature a variety of programs to support performances for children, lively activities for teenagers, and stimulating, educational events for adults. The summer festivities will culminate in an end-of-summer outdoor movie screening of The Wizard of Oz for the entire community on September 18 (Save the Date)!

The adventure begins soon... Passports will be available for pick-up and online registration opens at bestack.altadenalibrary.org on Saturday, June 2. Visit www.altadenalibrary.org/summer-reading for updates!

Hello, Springtime, Our Old Friend

The sun is shining, and Altadena is in full bloom! Don’t take these beautiful days for granted; below are some ideas for getting outside and making full use of the affordable outdoor resources our community has to offer.

Take a hike. Nestled in the shadows of the San Gabriel Mountains and Angeles National Forest, Altadena is the perfect launching point for your next hike. From beginner hikes on Millard Canyon Falls Trail to more challenging hikes on Mount Lowe Railway Loop, there are adventures for hikers of all experience levels.

Enjoy a book in the sun. Basik in the warm, spring sunlight and lounge on the outdoor benches at Altadena Main Library while you flip through a new book.

Visit Folsom Park. Folsom is just one of several parks in Altadena equipped with grass fields and play structures for little ones. Pack a picnic and enjoy some people-watching at Folsom Park at 588 E. Mt. Curve Avenue.

Shop at the Farmers Market. Stop by our special story time on the grass near the Farmers Market and then stroll through the booths and enjoy the locally-grown food and produce.

Splish-splash at Loma Alta Pool. Feeling the heat? Jump in for a recreational swim at Loma Alta Pool at 3300 N. Linwood Avenue starting in June, open daily from 12:30 to 5:00PM.

Lounge in the Triangle Pool. Just a few months ago, the Altadena Triangle Park at 800 E. Altadena Drive was opened! This sustainable park features water conservation elements, native habitat, and urban tree canopies perfect for relaxation after a walk or hike.

Learn to Garden at the Community Garden. The community’s volunteer-run, membership-based nonprofit garden offers workshops taught by gardening experts for low admission costs. Visit www.altadencommunitygarden.com

What are some of your favorite destinations to which books and stories have taken you?

Have you ever adventured somewhere because of a book you read? Tell us about it on social media! @AltadenaLibrary

UPCOMING EVENTS

Citizenship Classes
Every Tuesday through May 22, at 6:00PM
Enroll in free civics lessons to prepare for the U.S. Citizenship exam! Enroll today for this class, every Tuesday through the end of May at the Bob Lucas Branch. Call (626) 798-0833 x102 to register.

All-Ages Chess Night
Every Tuesday at 6:30PM
Calling all owners of chess, beginners included! All you need for this fun, all-ages chess experience is love of the game, good sportsmanship, and willingness to learn!

Seed Library Open Hours & Altadena Foothills 4-H Meeting
Saturday, May 5, from 10:00AM to 12:00PM
Learn about the operation of a Seed Library from the Altadena, from building benches and a sense of belonging for our community’s youth to growing a fun, farm-friendly friendly Altadena.

Friends of the Altadena Library Meeting
Monday, May 7, at 7:30PM

No Guilt Book Club
Tuesday, May 8, at 7:00PM
No guilt – Come even if you haven’t read the book! Meets in the Director’s Office.

Second Saturday Concert with The Podunk Poets
Saturday, May 12, at 6:30PM
Pull out your cowboy boots and get ready for an evening of honky-tonk and classic country music. The Podunk Poets are a three-piece folk band who perform in the spirit of Captain Beefheart and Tom Waits.

The World of Harry Potter: Virtual Tour
Tuesday, May 15, at 6:30PM
Clifford at Adult Potell-shiel Professional tour guide Sheila Stone will take guests on a virtual tour of the locations featured in the Harry Potter movie series.

Open Studios Artist Reception
Friday, May 18, at 6:00PM
Samples of ceramics, jewelry, paintings, sculptures and more from the artists will be on exhibit. Librarians and desserts will be available for purchase from the Altadena Ale House and Sweeter Than Honey. This is a great chance for you to meet the artists and plan how you will spend the tour. Visiting Open Studios in the area.

Friends of the Library HUGE Annual Book Sale
Friday, May 18 – Sunday, May 20 (see hours on Page 2)
Over 50,000 items to browse (books, both fiction and non-fiction, movies, music, and more) all proceeds benefit the Friends of the Library.

Library Board of Trustees Meeting
Monday, May 21, at 6:00PM

Repair Café
Saturday, May 26, 10:00AM – 1:00PM
Bring anything that needs mending to this meeting of FREE experts and specialists who enjoy spending time with community while you’re at it! You’ll find tools and materials to help you make any repairs on clothes, furniture, electrical appliances, bikes, toys, and more.

Can We All Get Along? Screening & Discussion
Saturday, May 26, at 3:00PM
Enjoy a film for anyone who believes that diversity and excellence are important elements of democratic living. The story of Pasadena’s Anti-Mur High School, focusing on the unique community that the school has come to represent for almost 90 years.

CLOSEUP MEMORIAL DAY
BOTH THE MAIN LIBRARY AND BOB LUCAS BRANCH WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, MAY 28.

Open Mic Night
Tuesday, May 29, at 7:00PM
Enjoy unique performances by comedians, storytellers, poets, and more in the comfort of your neighborhood library!
“Third Places” & Meeting You Where You Are
Libraries Are Not Limited to Their Literal Walls

Through the deepening of our collective understanding of sociology and urban planning over the past few decades, a term has emerged to describe public places in communities where people come together and interact: “third place.” Outside of the first two places, home and work, third places are informal meeting places where people of all backgrounds can congregate. Ray Oldenburg, urban sociologist, creator of the term, and author of The Great Good Place, argues that third places are “the heart of a community’s social vitality, the grassroots of democracy, but sadly, they constitute a diminishing aspect of the American social landscape.” We at Altadena Libraries know this to be true. In many of our Community Conversations in 2017, participants expressed a desire for connection to their neighbors around Altadena but struggled to name a “third place” that they frequented where they felt they were meeting a representative sample of their community.

That’s where the Altadena Library comes in. In Altadena, the Main Library and Bob Lucas Branch are some of the primary third places that meet the community’s needs and that have few barriers to entry, opening the doors to people of all socioeconomic backgrounds. We understand, however, that not everyone has the access to transportation that can get them to our libraries (see more on Mobility on page 3), so we are offering another location for patrons to interact with the library in the community! The Altadena Farmers Market, another popular “third place” in town, serves hundreds of Altadensians every week, and starting this spring, Altadena Library will have a more consistent presence at the Market with a monthly booth and weekly story times. Every Wednesday at 4:00pm, our Children’s librarian will be hosting a story time for families with babies, toddlers, preschoolers, and early elementary students on the grass near the Farmers Market. Then, on the first Wednesday of every month, Library staff will be present with a booth in the Market to check out books, sign people up for library cards, and commune with our patrons.

Planning for Taste of ‘Dena Is in Full Bloom

Last year’s Taste of ‘Dena was the first of its kind at the Altadena Library and a huge success! Over $13,000 were raised to launch the fundraising effort for Altadena Library Foundation’s capital campaign to build a new Community Classroom and outdoor development around the Main Library. To ensure another successful event, we need YOUR help! We are seeking volunteers for our committee that want to help plan the event and have fun along the way. To learn about the available volunteer roles and to sign up, please visit www.altadena.lib.ca.us/altadena-library-foundation.

COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS IN ACTION
Walking, Riding, Driving, Cycling
Community Discusses Mobility

On Saturday, April 28, close to 90 community members gathered at the Main Library’s Community Room to discuss challenges and solutions around mobility and traffic safety in Altadena. This Town Hall Meeting was convened by the Altadena Town Council’s new Safe Streets (Mobility & Traffic Safety) Committee, a group inspired by the Mobility priority area identified in the Library’s Community Conversations and dedicated to advocating for safe, inclusive, and healthy streets for all users. Designed to engage participants in a hands-on way, the gathering consisted of interactive workshops about topics ranging from Complete Streets to Walkability Studies, to a Bicycle Masterplan, to Safe Routes to School, and a collective mapping project where participants were encouraged to share their vision for mobility conditions in Altadena.

“It is inspiring to see our dynamic community coming together to develop solutions for traffic safety issues that affect every corner of Altadena,” says Altadena Town Council Member and founder of the Safe Streets Committee Dorothy Wong. “All Altadensians should be taking part in future Community Conversations, and hopefully together we can make our community a healthier, safer, and more accessible place.”

This gathering was the first of many about this complex topic. The Safe Streets Committee is committed to continuing the dialogue about mobility and traffic safety in Altadena and looks forward to more activities like this Town Hall Meeting to engage as many Altadensians in the solutions as possible. For those interested in getting involved, the Safe Streets Committee will continue the Mobility Conversation on Tuesday, May 8, at 7:00pm at the Main Library. Also there are several upcoming events in May as May is Bike Month:
- Safe Routes to School: Community Walks: June 20
- National Bike/Walk to School Day is Wednesday, May 9
- National Bike to Work Day is Thursday, May 17

Future monthly committee meetings will be held at the Altadena Community Center. For more events and updates, follow the Safe Streets Committee on Facebook and on the Town Council website: www.altadena.lib.ca.us

FILM SCREENING & DISCUSSION

What do the stories of an integrated and later desegregated high school say about the current and future state of diversity in public education? Can We All Get Along is a film for anyone who believes that diversity and excellence are important elements to good public education. Directed, produced, and written by Pablo Miralles, it tells the story of Passadena’s John Muir High School, focusing on the unique community that the school has come to represent for almost 90 years.

SATURDAY, MAY 26, 3:30PM

SEED LIBRARY

Alta Media Foothills
4H Club General Meeting

SUNDAY, MAY 5th
10:00AM - 12:00PM
COMMUNITY ROOM

Alta Media Foothills 4-H Club aims to build bonds and a sense of belonging for our community’s youth, and grow a fun, farm-and-family-friendly Altadena. Learn more at alta4h.net
TOSS IT? NO WAY! REPAIR CAFÉ

Altadena Library District is proud to partner with Repair Café Pasadena to present a Repair Café in Altadena! Bring anything that needs fixing to this myriad of FREE experts and specialists (and enjoy spending time with community while you’re at it!). If you have nothing to repair, you can enjoy a cup of tea or coffee or lend a hand with someone else’s repair job.

SATURDAY, MAY 26th
10:00AM - 1:00PM
AT THE MAIN LIBRARY

Learn more about Pasadena’s Repair Café and sign up to volunteer at www.repair-cafe-pasadena.org.

HIGHLIGHTING ART IN THE COMMUNITY

Announcing Open Studios Art Tour JUNE 2018

Who are the artists in your neighborhood? The Open Studios Art Tour provides an opportunity to visit local artists at their studios and select retail locations. Use the Tour Guidebook to plan your individual self-guided tour. There is a wide variety of art, including paintings, drawings, sculpture, ceramics, mixed media, assemblage, photography, jewelry and textiles.

Opening Event Reception
May 18, 6:00pm - 9:00pm
Altadena Main Library
The event will feature a silent auction in support of Open Studios.

Hungry? Purchase sandwiches, soups, and beautiful desserts provided by Sweeter Than Honey.

Thirsty? Purchase wine and ale provided by Altadena Wine & No Mouse.

For your listening pleasure, music will be provided by The Darrell Moore Trio.

Open Studios artists’ work will be on display in the Library from May 9 through June 5.

SAVE THE DATE - Open Studios Art Tour
Saturday, June 2 (11:00am - 5:00pm)
Sunday, June 3 ( Noon - 6:00pm)

This exciting weekend features 62 artists showing at 28 locations, live music and demonstrations, and food and refreshments.

Visit www.opensstudios.gallery for an interactive tour map, as well as more information about the artists, portfolios, photos, information, and updates. Printed maps will be available at the Main Library, Hopcat! An Emporium of Good Things, McIntyre’s Gallery, and at each studio.

Special Selection

May is Mental Health Awareness Month, dedicated to raising awareness about mental heath issues, realities of living with these conditions, and strategies for attaining mental health and wellness. One easy way to start reducing the stigma around mental illness is to educate yourself and others. These picks are fascinating looks at mental health from a variety of experts in the field.

Furiously Happy: A Funny Book About Horrible Things by Jenny Lawson
A hysterical, ridiculous book about crippling depression and anxiety. This sounds like a terrible idea. But terrible ideas are what Jenny does best. This is a book about embracing everything that makes us who we are - the beautiful and the flawed - and then using it to find joy in fantastic and outrageous ways.

Reasons to Stay Alive by Matt Haig
Like nearly one in five people, Haig suffers from depression. He knows how he overcome the disease with the help of reading, writing, and the love of his parents and his girlfriend, and eventually learned to appreciate life all the more for it.

Playful Intelligence: The Power of Living Lightly in a Serious World by Anthony T. DeBenedict, M.D.
The endless pressure to keep up with our responsibilities can be overwhelming. Playful intelligence shows adults that there is a way to live lighter—and smarter—as we navigate the seriousness of adulthood. It’s not about taking life less seriously, it’s about taking ourselves less seriously.

Staff Picks for Adults
This spring, make a point to get your hands dirty... in the kitchen, in the garden, or on the farm. Since the Library will now be present at the Farmers Market, our staff picks this month are perfect for such a setting!

The Forest Feast: Gathering Simple Vegetarian Menus for Hosting Family & Friends by Erin Gleeson
Inspired by the arrival of her weekly subscription farm box, Erin Gleeson creates impressive recipes, showcased artistically with her gorgeous and lush photography.

Wild Suburbia: Learning to Garden with Native Plants by Barbara Eisenstein
We highly recommend this book for anyone interested in gardening with natives. Barbara is a local author and has a great blog as well: www.wildingwildsuburbia.com

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 8th 7:00pm - 8:00pm
No Quilt Book Club

No guilt! Come even if you haven’t read the books! Meets in the Director’s office.

MAY’S NO GUilt BOOK CLUB

A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles
I’ll Be Gone In The Dark: One Woman’s Obsessive Search for the Golden State Killer by Michelle McNamara

Plants from Pits: How to Grow a Garden from Kitchen Scraps by Holly Farrell
Really great book for anyone interested in growing fruits and veggies with little equipment and little experience. Great book for new gardeners, young gardeners, or gardeners with not a lot of time or money.

How I Survived My First Year with Chickens by Su Falcon
Local author and speaker at our recent Seed Library program So Falcon shares her adventures in becoming a keeper of chickens.

The Woman Hobby Farmer: Female Guidance for Growing Food, Raising Livestock, and Building a Farm-Based Business by Karen Lerner
With references to one of the fastest growing sectors of the hobby-farming community, the time is right for practical advice and guidance from women to women. This insightful volume provides inspiration and direction for fellow females with agricultural aspirations.

Like what you’re reading? Give us your reviews on social media! @altdenalib #staffpicks
**CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS - MAY**

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

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

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

- **Market Stories**
  - Wednesdays, 4:00pm

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

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

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

- **Tail Waggin’ Tutors**
  - Saturday, May 5, 11:00am

- **Market Stories**
  - Wednesdays through October, 4:00pm (Altaadena Farmers Market)

This all-ages story time will have books, songs, and rhymes for families with babies, toddlers, preschoolers, and early elementary students! (On May 2, pop by the Library booth at the Market and check out some books to go!

**Staff Picks for Children**

These titles will get your little ones excited to go outside this spring!

- **BABIES:** In My Garden by Ruth A. Muegge
  - 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.

- **TODDLERS:** The Little Gardener by Emily Hughes
  - A little gardener who is not very good at gardening makes a wish for a little help...

- **CHILDREN:** Anne of Green Gables: A Graphic Novel by Mariah Marsden
  - A tale of an eleven-year-old orphan, sent to live by mistake to live with a wealthy, middle-aged brother and sister on a Prince Edward Island farm and proceeds to make an indelible impression on people around her.

- **ELEMENTARY:** The Wild Robot by Peter Brown
  - Based on the robot designer that she is alone on a remote, wild island with no memory of where she is from or why she is there, and her only hope of survival is to try to learn about her new environment from the island’s hostile inhabitants.

- **BOB LUCAS BRANCH LIBRARY UPDATES & MAY EVENTS**

  **May 7-11:**
  - **Mother's Day Inspiration Station Open Hours**
    - Mother’s Day is right around the corner and we will have supplies for you to make a personalized card for that special mother figure in your life, from Monday, May 7 through Friday, May 11.

  **3D Printing OPEN HOURS**

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

**Staff Picks for Teens**

Enjoy these hard, or realistic, science fiction picks this May!

- **20,000 Leagues Under the Sea** retold by Carl Brown
  - A scientist and his servant set sail to hunt a monster. With help from the world’s greatest happenstance, the men soon discover the creature to be a pesky submarine. To keep this secret from being revealed, the sub’s leader takes the men on an underwater adventure.

- **Feed** by M.T. Anderson
  - In a future where most people have computer implants in their heads to control their environment, a boy meets an unusual girl who is in serious trouble.

- **I Am Number Four** by Pittacus Lore
  - A rare Oh or “friend” and a girl prove distracting to a fifteen-year-old who has lived on Earth for years waiting to develop powers he needs to rejoin the other surviving Garde members and fight the Mogadorians who destroyed their planet, Lorien.

- **Life As We Know It** by Susan Beth Pfeffer
  - Through journal entries, sixteen-year-old Miranda describes her family’s struggle to survive after a meteor hits the moon, creating widespread tsunamis, earthquakes, and volcanic eruptions.

**TEEN PROGRAMS - MAY**

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

- **DIY: No Sew Phone Charging Pouch**
  - Thursday, May 3, at 4:00pm
  - Keep your charging cords neat and tidy with this phone charging pouch - no sewing required!

- **Nom Nom Group - Pancakes**
  - Tuesday, May 8, at 4:00pm
  - This month, we will bake up some pancakes! Learn the basics and then add fun modifications like chocolate, blueberries, and more. Space is limited to 8 people, so please reserve your spot by emailing teens@altaadenalibrary.org.

- **SAT Study Tips & Tricks**
  - Saturday, May 12, at 2:00pm

- **Teen Game Day**
  - Monday, May 21, 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: Justice League**
  - Friday, May 25, at 3:30pm
  - Fueled by his restored faith in humanity and inspired by Superman’s selflessness, Bruce Wayne enlists the help of his newfound ally, Diana Prince, to form an even greater entity. Red hood returns and is accompanied by a mobile phone app.

- **Bouquet of Flowers Craft**
  - Thursday, May 10, at 3:30pm
  - Give your mom the gift that keeps giving, this Mother’s Day with a no-water bouquet of flowers! Use egg cartons and a canvas to create the most beautiful bunch of flowers for the most beautiful person in your life!

- **Adult Craft – Rock Painting**
  - Friday, May 18, at 11:00am
  - Don’t have a green thumb? It’s no problem! Come to the Bob Lucas Branch Library to make yourself a rock cactus plant for your home. No watering required! All supplies will be provided; this activity is on a first come, first serve basis.

- **Movie Day**
  - Friday, May 25, at 3:30pm
  - Grab a seat and enjoy a family friendly movie at the Branch. Popcorn will be provided for as long as supplies last!

Register: teens@altaadenalibrary.org

**SAT Study Tips & Tricks Workshop**

Saturday, May 12, at 2:00pm

Sign up today and save your spot for this FREE workshop with The Princeton Review, covering study tips, tricks, and practice questions that will help improve your score!