Altadena Library
Water Conservation Garden
Grand Opening  Saturday, July 9 at 10 am

Libraries have extended well beyond books to providing opportunities to learn about, and experience, our world. Our garden is a demonstration and teaching landscape, as well as aesthetically pleasing to look at! The garden is designed to capture and hold water in our dry Southern California landscape to achieve maximum water retention.

The garden also features native plants. Join us! Our garden design consultant, January Norman, will be on hand as well as Supervisor Antonovich who is responsible for our major grant. Learn the water conservation techniques you can use in your own garden.

LEARN AND VIEW WATER CONSERVATION TECHNIQUES

SWALES to slow and direct water
Swales are ditches or trenches dug into the contour of a landscape. Swales slow and capture runoff by spreading water horizontally across the landscape (along an elevation contour line), to the soil. This type of swale is created by digging a ditch on contour and piling the dirt on the downhill side of the ditch to create a berm. In arid climates, vegetation planted along the swale can benefit from the concentration of runoff.

HUGELKULTUR to allow for accumulation of condensation
Hugelkultur is a passive water collection technique. Logs are stacked in a mound and covered with soil. The temperature differential between the interior and exterior of the mound promotes condensation. Soil is enhanced as the organic material in the mound biodegrades.

SLOPE ADJUSTMENT to direct the flow of water

INFILTRATION BASIN to hold water and allow for percolation
The Infiltration Pond is a shallow dugout area that collects the flow of water and allows it to infiltrate into the landscape. The pond can be filled with gravel, rocks, or mulch, and planted with hearty native plants.

OVERFLOW OUTLET to allow excess water to escape

PERMEABLE SURFACE WALKWAYS allow for water infiltration on a firm walkway surface

GROUND COVER to hold moisture in soil
Mulch is used to cover the soil. This allows organic matter to permeate the soil, moderates soil temperature, slows moisture evaporation and promotes the growth of essential soil organisms.

HARDY NATIVE PLANTS to be in harmony with water conservation and our climate

Keep an eye out for exciting programs throughout the year on water conservation, gardening, drought tolerant plants and nature crafts.

Altadena Libraries
Bringing People + Ideas Together
From the Director

Do our goals align with yours?

July is the start of our new fiscal year and we have a lot of exciting opportunities planned for you – our community – in this next year. This past year has been very exciting and enriching with new programs and continued improvements and changes within the Library. Thank you to our Board, Staff, Friends and Foundation – and also our great community – for a wonderful year!

We will continue to offer opportunities for each and every person in our community as your trusted community resource and the place for learning, creativity and innovation. Our goal is to help transform lives through the learning, curiosity, collaboration and discovery that we as a library inspire. But we want to get better at this and the way we can do that is by aligning our services with the goals of our community.

As we meet with members of the community throughout the year we want to know what kind of community do you want? What do you see as the most important issues when it comes to our community? What are the kinds of things that could be done that would make a difference? What groups or individuals would you trust to take action on these things?

We believe that our role is to provide opportunities for the community where you can have experiences that help you think about the world – and our community – in new ways. Our hope is that the programs we are offering will give you the opportunity to connect with an idea, play with it, do something, learn something, make something happen.

Visit our New Bestseller Slat Wall

Stay up to date on all the newest bestsellers! If the book you want is not on the shelf, just ask a staff member to place a hold for you and, as soon as the book is returned, you will be notified that it is waiting for you at the Library!

Bob Lucas Memorial Branch

Bob Lucas Branch and Literacy Center Honored at Neighborhood Church

On June 11th, 2016 the Bob Lucas Branch and Literacy Center was honored at the Altadena’s 7th Day Adventist’s Church’s International Day of Fellowship for community service. The Church recognizes one organization’s community service annually at this event. We were this year’s proud recipients!

Staff were presented with a plaque at the service that now adorns our wall.

The International Day of Fellowship was coordinated by Dr. Sybil Cross and the service was conducted by Lead Pastor, Dr. Richardson Honoré, Pastor Dr. Royal Harrison and Pastor E.M. McBride. The event featured beautiful singing by Noelette Leader and other parishioners and music by the Church band. This spiritually uplifting event celebrated neighbors, community, and diversity. International fellowship was celebrated by a parade of flags from around the world that were carried by local community members. Our own ESL teacher, Modesta Nava proudly carried the flag for Mexico.

We are grateful for this recognition for our literacy program and library services for the community.
SUMMER READING for All Ages

CHILDREN

Blue Submarine—Lifestyles of the Slimy & Squishy
Tuesday, July 5 at 2 pm Main Library / 4 pm Bob Lucas Branch
Children experience marine life up-close and have touch time with live tide pool animals.

The Rope Warrior
Tuesday, July 12 at 2 pm Main Library / 4 pm Bob Lucas Branch
In this high-impact, high-energy stage show, The Rope Warrior performs incredible jump rope tricks and record-breaking jumps.

Game Day!
Tuesday, July 19 at 2 pm Main Library / 4 pm Bob Lucas Branch
A fun filled afternoon where families can enjoy some board games.

Read for the Win Finale
Tuesday, July 26 at 2 pm Main Library / 2 pm with Kung Fu Panda 3 at the Bob Lucas Branch
Ice cream and giveaways

TEENS

Movie: Star Wars: The Force Awakens
Friday, July 8 at 3 pm Main Library

Anime Drawing Workshop
Friday, July 15 at 3 pm
Main Library
A free workshop taught by professional artist and animator Carlos Nieto III who worked as a layout artist on “The Simpsons” and “King of the Hill.” No experience or supplies required to participate in this workshop, which is open to teens ages 12-19.

Teen Just Dance Dance-Off
Friday, July 22 at 3 pm
Main Library
Do you have what it takes to outlast and out-dance the competition? Join us for our first ever JUST DANCE Dance-Off! The competition is open to teens ages 12-19. All experience levels are welcome. Your honor (and great prizes) are on the line!

ADULTS

Movie: Creed
Saturday, July 2 at 3 pm
Main Library

No Guilt Book Club
Tuesday, July 12 from 7 to 8 pm Main Library
Come discuss [even if you haven’t read the books!]

Europe for People Who Think They Can’t Afford it
Saturday, July 16 at 4:30 pm Main Library
Experiencing Europe isn’t just for the well-heeled. Find out how to get there – and get around – for less. Learn how to find unique but inexpensive places to stay, dine well for less money, and connect with locals for a truly memorable trip. Also included are tips for packing light, plus the secret of a FREE week at a 4-star hotel in Spain! A lively discussion with Tour Guide Sheila Stone.

Movie Raucus Fun: The Big Lebowski!
Saturday, July 23 at 3 pm Main Library

The History of Rebozos
Saturday, July 30 at 3 pm Main Library
Spanish for “shawl,” the rebozo is a versatile garment, originating in Mexico, with a very diverse and fascinating history.
HAPPENING AROUND THE LIBRARY

Art around the Library
Susan C. Price is the July exhibiting artist in our Reading Court. Susan focuses her attention on shapes, aging beauty, and family and strives towards “balance” when working with different shapes, colors, tones, and lines.

Self Check in Children’s Room
Children are now able to express their independence at our new self check machine just for them! It’s easy to use and the kids love it!

Graduation
He was 13 months old last May when he took his first steps in the Library’s Story Time program, thus graduating from Baby Time to Toddler Time.

Feedback
“Thank you so very much for letting me use the new computers. Awesome. I’m a happy camper. I took 2 tests and I passed both of them. So happy. Thank you once again!”
– Rosalin Alzaga

Rosalin needed to be on a computer with Adobe Flash 9 to access a website for job testing.

Jazz Zone
Local high school student and library patron, Will, was invited to play guitar with JazzZone during our Second Saturday event last month. Will, who intends to pursue a career in music, impressed the crowd with his talent.

Concentration
One of our young visitors enjoying our 2G wifi!
HAPPENING AROUND THE LIBRARY

Altadena Library Hosts a Raucous Audience Participation Screening of The Big Lebowski
Saturday, July 23 at 3 pm
Main Library

Calling all Urban Achievers! Just in case you aren’t in Louisville, Kentucky, this July for the 15th Annual Lebowski Fest – the Altadena Library has your back. In the grand tradition of “audience participation” film events (think Rocky Horror Picture Show), the Altadena Library is hosting its own raucous screening of the Cohen Brother’s modern cult masterpiece, The Big Lebowski.

Wear costumes. Bring props. Shout out lines. Show up with the fixings for your own White Russians – we’ll provide the cream. And stick around after the film for a prize raffle and a chance to win various items of Lebowski swag, including a $50 gift card to Bowlmor Lanes in Pasadena!

So whether you are a long-time fan of the movie, or new to the philosophy of The Dude – join us for this fun-filled audience participation event. Be aware, however, that the film contains adult language and subject matter. Viewer discretion is advised.

The Dude Abides

Technology at the Library

We are excited about the technology upgrades to our Community Room. Those of you who have been using and attending events in the room for years know that we have been limping along with some very inadequate sound and projection. But that is all over now! We have an HD projector mounted in the ceiling – eliminating the need for the old cart style setup, running wires and adjusting settings. The image is clear and sharp – even with the lights on! Or, we can turn off the lights to make the image pop – as long as you’re not afraid of the dark.

And, who said, “an investment in sound is a sound investment”? We now have six speakers to create an overlapping sound source. Music and voices and birds and ocean waves will not sound like they are projected at you, instead, sound fills the room. If you close your eyes, you will feel you are at the beach or running down the street or, must we say it, about to be caught by a zombie (at least you will hear them coming and have a head start).

Then, when you come to give a talk about your experiences, we have two new monitor speakers and four cordless microphones. If this does not sound like enough, this system has four hearing induction devices for the hearing impaired.

Lastly, sessions within the community room can be recorded (video and sound) via a single fixed camera connected to a digital video recorder so we will be able to keep your great presentation for posterity – or for your website, to share with cohorts and keep for memories.
**Children**

*Mumbet’s Declaration of Independence* by Gretchen Woelfle; Illustrated by Alix Delinois

“All men are born free and equal.” Everybody knows about the Founding Fathers and the Declaration of Independence in 1776. But the founders weren’t the only ones who believed that everyone had a right to freedom. Mumbet, a Massachusetts slave, believed it too. She longed to be free, but how? Would anyone help her in her fight for freedom? Could she win against her owner, the richest man in town? Mumbet was determined to try. *Mumbet’s Declaration of Independence* tells her story for the first time in a picture book biography, and her brave actions set a milestone on the road toward ending slavery in the United States.

**Teens, What Are You Reading?**

Shirley read *The Truth About Twinkie Pie* by Kat Yeh. It’s the tale of a girl looking for her Mom—who finds out her Mom is her sister! Grandma is really her Mother! Wow! She said it was a really interesting story.

Shirley likes to read and just found this title on the shelf. She and her Grandma go to lots of different libraries and she checked it out from one of them.

Cailey had to find a book for her reading log for school and chose *The Maze Runner* by James Dashner. She knew it was a popular series but had never read it before. She likes it so much she has read it more than once. Cailey also just started the 2nd book in this series, *The Scorch Trials*.

Cailey stated, “I like it here in the library because it’s quiet. At home people are always talking and asking me to do stuff. I’m not a social person. I like to read here.”

**The Next Good Book**

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- Recommended books: What to Read Next button
- Read on your selected topic: SelectReads button
- and, see www.tinyurl.com/ALDOnlineBookClub to read the latest books via your email.

**Teens**

*The Book is in the Eye of the Beholder* observations by Carrie Wilson, Teen Librarian

One of things I enjoy most about summer reading is reading all the awesome, funny, and insightful reviews from participants. Altadena teens read voraciously – and they read diversely. They read books in multiple languages, in multiple formats, and in multiple genres. One of the favorite collections in the YA area is the teen manga collection. (I think Altadena’s teens read even more manga than I do!) One teen turned in a gorgeous rendition of characters from *Arata: The Legend*.

One reader, who prefers to remain anonymous, shared her thoughts about some books she’d enjoyed recently and gave me permission to post them on our website http://www.altadenalibrary.org/news/2016/05/06/teen-book-reviews. Of *The Mortal Instruments: City of Bones* by Cassandra Clare, she said “Once I read the first book I had a strong desire to read the next book in the series. These book are very addicting.”

Fantasy is a very popular genre in this community – another teen said of the fantasy title *Dragnspell* by Donita K. Paul “this book was super engaging and I was glued to the book for hours.”

I love reading more critical reviews as well. One teen said of *James Dashner’s Eye of Minds* “this book had an only vaguely interesting plot, and for me, the plot of the story is what makes or breaks the book. As the story progressed, I did not see a change in the quality of the storyline.”

Altadena’s teens are all about building a community of readers who engage each other with their insights and recommendations. That’s why we encourage readers to submit reviews of Young Adult books they’ve read throughout the year – thoughtful reviews of 100 words or more are posted online, and even count toward service project hours! *(Email Carrie Wilson, teen librarian at CWilson@AltadenaLibrary.org for details.)*

*Fighting Ground* by Avi

This Independence Day, dig into the Newbery Medal winning book *Fighting Ground* about a thirteen year old American ready to go to the war against the British.

*My Brother Sam Is Dead* by James Lincoln Collier

In this oldie-but-goodie Newbery Honor winner, Sam Meeker leaves his home in Redding, Connecticut, a town loyal to the king, to fight with the rebel army.
**Trickster’s Choice and Trickster’s Queen by Tamora Pierce**

Aly, the teenage daughter of the famed Alanna, the first lady knight in Tortall is captured and sold as a slave. Her spying skills ensure her freedom. She eventually joins an underground rebellion against the colonial rulers of the Copper Isles.

**Adults**

**How to break up with anyone: letting go of friends, family, and everyone in-between by Jamye Waxman**

A multitude of books exist on romantic breakups, yet few discuss how to disengage from a friend, family member, or even a former version of oneself. Waxman fills that void by putting forth seven steps to dissolving a union, starting with deciding to do it and ending with feeling the burn and repeating a mantra. Using concrete examples, she emphasizes that it can be a gift to everyone to walk away from a situation that isn’t serving anyone well.

**All the single ladies: unmarried women and the rise of an independent nation by Rebecca Traister**

In 2009, the award-winning journalist Rebecca Traister started All the Single Ladies—a book she thought would be a work of contemporary journalism—about the twenty-first century phenomenon of the American single woman.

**Modern Lovers by Emma Straub**

From the New York Times’ bestselling author of The Vacationers, a smart, highly entertaining novel about a tight-knit group of friends from college—their own kids now going to college—and what it means to finally grow up well after adulthood has set in. Friends and former college bandmates Elizabeth and Andrew and Zoe have watched one another marry, buy real estate, and start businesses and families, all while trying to hold on to the identities of their youth. But nothing ages them like having to suddenly pass the torch (of sexuality, independence, and the ineffable alchemy of cool) to their own offspring. This book is also available as an audiobook and an ebook. For a list of all our ebooks and eaudio books please go to ald.lib.overdrive.com.

**No Guilt Book Club Try Not To Die!**

**Into Thin Air by Jon Krakauer** What drives a man to climb the world’s highest peak in spite of the physical, mental and emotional trauma it has wrought on those who have attempted it before him? Krakauer’s account explores this issue and answers some of those questions in a way even those of us who have never climbed a mountain can understand. We assimilate with Krakauer and his fellows as they scaled some of the most difficult terrain on the planet, all the while enduring winds, snow and wind chill of 100 below zero. The scene of the climb is Mt. Everest. This exceptionally well-written account of the fulfillment of his lifelong dream of climbing Everest and the tragic circumstances that shrouded the expedition is frank, descriptive and minces no words. He comes down hard (too hard?) on himself and the guides on the mountain that day for their role in the deaths of his fellow climbers.

Andy Weir’s first novel is The Martian, and it is a winning read of the highest order with our group. During a manned mission to Mars, Astronaut Mark Watney is presumed dead after a fierce storm and left behind by his crew. But Watney has survived and finds himself stranded and alone on the hostile planet. With only meager supplies, he must draw upon his ingenuity, education, wit, and spirit to subsist and find a way to signal to Earth that he is alive.

Comfortable with your own company? Silence make you nervous? Secure in making a decision? Do you possess faith? Read this fantastical story - Mark’s got more tricks up his spacesuit sleeve than MacGyver!
UPCOMING EVENTS

We will be Closed Independence Day
Monday, July 4

Read to Cedar
Saturday, August 6 at 11 am
Eager young readers are invited to visit the Children’s Room and read to their furry new friend from Therapy Dogs International.

American Ghosts: Ghost Signs of the United States with Dr. Ken Jones
Tuesday, August 23 at 7 pm
Ghost signs, or painted brick ads, once covered almost every available brick wall in cities and towns across the United States. They advertised tobacco, soft drinks, alcohol, patent medicines, shoes — anything and everything. Starting in 2009, Dr. Ken Jones has photographed over 7000 ghost signs in over 4000 cities and towns in 48 states.

From Page to Table Book Club
Saturday, August 27 at 1 pm
From Page to Table is our new Book Club coming to the Altadena Library. It’s simple: single out a new recipe from a cookbook, prepare, and share! Have staff print copies of the recipe for distribution. That’s it. All ages welcome. Multi-generational potluck, anyone?

Second Saturday Series Continues Beginning in October
New Second Saturday Schedule

UPSTREAM, Saturday October 8 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Upstream has been spreading their message of love and positivity through their exhilarating Caribbean Music, namely, Reggae, Calypso, Soca and Steel Drum Music. www.upstreammusic.com. This concert is sponsored by Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich.


Louis Van Taylor Quintet comes in February.
Louis has performed with with the Kool and Gang Band and has performed with the Gerald Wilson Orchestra. He played in June with JazzZone at the Library and it was fantastic! www.plazanoir.com/louis-van-taylor-2/

March brings DeRumba. The sound of the Spanish guitar to the beat of the gypsy rumba — they are AMAZING! www.facebook.com/ DeRumba-442458272548590/

April’s Second Saturday is with Splish Splash Band. An acoustic classic rock, folk ‘n blues band made up of (currently) Pierce Brochetti and Dolores D’Angelo. They take you through time playing tunes from the ‘60s, ’70s, ’80s, ’90s and all the way to the present with a few originals thrown in the mix. www.Facebook.com/SplishSplashBand.

Become a Friend of the Library
The Friends of the Library meet on the first Monday of each month (except July and August) at 7:30 pm in the Community Room. You do not have to be a member to attend. For info go to AltadenaLibrary.org/friends-library

“ The healing place of the soul”
Inscription over the door of the library of Thebes.

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