Altadena Library is offering patrons of all ages opportunities to escape the heat, expand their minds, and have fun through a diverse offering of programs for adults, teens, and children. Adults, start on this page for events designed just for you!

- Saturday, July 8 at 3:00pm -
*Wildcrafing: Wild Food Is Gourmet Food*

We are surrounded by super food and yet, most people have forgotten about the bounty around us in which plants are edible, medicinal or poisonous. The weeds in your garden may be more nutritious and tasty than what you would purchase at the grocery store. In fact 90% of the plants we can collect for food are non-native/invasive, and you can even help the environment by eating them. Wild food experts Pascal Baudar and Christopher Nyerges will talk about local, edible wild food and demonstrate a couple of simple recipes on location. Guests will enjoy some yummy wild snack and drink!

- Mondays, July 10, 17, & 31 at 7:00pm -
*Storytelling Jam with Lance Anderson*

The foundation of the Storytelling Jam will be the personal narrative non-fiction storytelling workshops in the Community Room. These will be informal sessions with a combination of writing and performing exercises with an emphasis of getting the participants to tell or read their story in front of the group. Constructive feedback will be given if the storyteller chooses to develop their stories for themselves and/or for the live performances. Guest performers and storytelling coaches will be invited to attend some of the workshops. From the workshop we will develop stories to be performed in front of a live audience. The performances will be a mix of featured performers from the workshops and invited special guest storytellers. The live performance will be on Monday, August 21.

Remember to check out our Children’s and Teen programs and events on pages 6 and 7 inside!

- Saturday, July 29 at 3:30pm -
*Women’s Film Fest:
“Feminist: Stories from Women’s Liberation” &
“Inez Milholland: Forward Into Light”*

“Feminist: Stories from Women’s Liberation” is a one hour film about the women’s liberation movement covering the years 1963-1970. Jennifer Hall Lee, the filmmaker, started shooting the interviews for the film in 2004. Released in 2013, it won "Best of the Fest" for documentary at the Los Angeles Women's International Film Festival. “Inez Milholland - Forward Into Light” is a short documentary that tells the story of American icon, Inez Milholland, who broke convention with her striking conscience advocating for gender equality, pacifism, racial justice, unions and free speech in the early Twentieth Century.

- Saturday, August 5 at 3:30pm -
*“Beauty Bites Beast: Missing Conversations About Ending Violence”*

Join us for a film by Ellen Snortland. She says, “Consider that one third of all women and girls worldwide are assaulted during their lifetime, and chances are they didn’t fight back. Why is this, when females of other species would?” “Beauty Bites Beast” sets out to answer this question and vanquish the barriers to teaching women and girls unarmed verbal and physical empowerment-based self-defense. Director, Ellen Snortland and co-producer, Ken Gruberman will be there for a Q&A.

Snortland says, “We were invited to screen Beauty Bites Beast in Pakistan last year, thanks to Jennifer Lee, a fellow Altadena film-maker. We now know the answer to “What would be a good test for deciding if your movie has a universal theme or not?” We discovered that audiences here in LA, NY and in Pakistan cried, laughed and gasped at the exact same places. Beauty Bites Beast is truly universal and appropriate for any gender. We all need to learn more about stopping “grabby” people! Beauty Bites Beast flips ideas about female helplessness, as women undertake the transformative experience of learning verbal, emotional and physical techniques and reclaim their lives. How often can you say with certainty that a movie will save lives? This one already has. The filmmakers have gotten emails saying, “If I hadn’t seen Beauty Bites Beast when I did, I could have been severely injured or killed.”

- Tuesday, August 8 at 6:30pm -
*Songwriters Serve Up Organic Music*

Guests will feast on fresh music directly from songwriters’ hearts to the listeners’ ears. Organic music has no fat, no fluff, no GMO and consists of pure, home grown songs performed acoustically. Five songwriters whose individual uniqueness will be reflected in their lyrics and style will each perform a sampling of songs. The songwriters include Jill Freeman, Raspin Sturtew, Leslie Beauvais, Shelby & Tieg, and Petrella, First Lady of Country Soul, who will also host the evening.

- Friday, August 25 at 7:30pm -
*Summer Reading Grand Finale Concert*

Join us to raise a glass to the end of Summer Reading at Altadena Library District while dancing the night away to world-renowned Spanish performer, master guitarist, songwriter, and Latin Grammy Winner El Twanglero. Beverages will be available for sale by Altadena Ale House.
FROM THE DIRECTOR - MINDY KITTAY

Seeking Passionate and Driven Community Members for the Library’s Volunteer Groups!

The Altadena Library is in a special place in its growth. For over 90 years, its services have impacted the community and positively contributed to the development of Altadena and its citizens. While celebrating the 50th Anniversary of its main building and reflecting on the Library’s past accomplishments, its leadership teams are also facing the future and making critical decisions about the direction the Library is headed.

In recent months, the Library has been putting in special effort to “turn outward,” a Harvard Institute approach, to allow the community’s direct feedback and needs into strategic planning moving forward. Through the Community Conversations and Town Hall Meeting, we gathered a large amount of data that are already directly influencing the Library’s programs and services.

That being said, we are ready to take that community involvement a step further. We are turning to the community and seeking enthusiastic individuals who are passionate about the Library to join our volunteer support organizations! It is important to us that our Library is community-based and community-driven – what better way to incorporate community members into our planning process than to have them in the very groups that make decisions for the Library’s future?

There are three main groups that support the Altadena Library District and its operations – the Library Board of Trustees, Friends of Altadena Library, and the Altadena Library Foundation. The Library’s Board of Trustees holds primary responsibility for governing and for providing vision for the Library. The Friends of the Altadena Library is an organization committed to stimulating public interest in the Library, assisting with funding to purchase Library materials, and supporting cultural and educational programs at the Library. The Altadena Library Foundation supports and enriches the facilities, resources, and services of the District through fundraising and advocacy. Each group is entirely managed by volunteers and serves the Library in significant ways.

On Saturday, July 29th from 9:00am to 3:30pm, the Library invites you to come learn about the roles, responsibilities, and best practices of the Library’s Board of Trustees, Friends of Altadena Library, and Altadena Library Foundation Board, as well as the challenges facing the Library and the future directions for the Library, Friends, and Foundation partnership. This retreat-style event will consist of a mix of presentations, discussions, and exercises for all participants: our current volunteers and guests like you who are interested in volunteering for one of our support organizations and becoming more involved in your Library. Plus, lunch is included for all participants!

Please RSVP to hello@altadenalibrary.org by July 25th.

If you have any questions about this retreat, email me at: MindyKittay@altadenalibrary.org or call (626) 798-0833, ext. 103.

- Mindy Kittay, Library Director

UPDATE FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE ALTADENA LIBRARY

New President Mark Mariscal Begins His Term at the Start of the Month

On June 5th, the last meeting of the Friends of the Altadena Library, the organization elected a new President of the Board of Directors, Mark Mariscal. He takes the reins on July 1st and follows Ms. Marne Brown who has volunteered with the organization for over 40 years. Mark is no stranger to the Library or the Altadena Community. He has been active with the Library for about 25 years when he first started volunteering for the Friends organization. In addition to volunteering, he served on the Board of the Friends group a few times. In 2003, he became an elected member of the Altadena Library District’s Board of Trustees and served as Chair of the Board from 2005-2007. He has been involved with the Altadena Library Foundation and Strategic Planning Committee over the years.

In addition to his volunteer duties at the Library, he is an active member of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at St. Elizabeth Church and a member of the Rotary Club of Altadena. Mark and his wife Paula have lived in Altadena since 1990. They have two adult daughters and two grandchildren.

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. The purpose of the Friends is to stimulate public interest in the library, assist with funding to purchase library materials, and to support cultural and educational programs at the Altadena Library.

To learn more, please visit www.altadenalibrary.org/friends-library.

BUSINESS SERVICES UPDATE

Altadena Library now accepts credit cards for passport applications, merchandise sales, and more!

Making payments at the Library just got easier! Thanks to a recent technology update, the Library can now process payments for passport applications, merchandise sales (water bottles and book bags), and other business service fees with credit cards for your convenience.

Call the Business Office at the Main Library to make your passport appointment:

(626) 798-2950

Passport Services Hours
Monday & Tuesday 9:00am - 8:00pm
Wednesday - Friday & Saturday 9:00am - 5:00pm
(Some passport fees must be paid by check)

Visit www.altadenalibrary.org/passports for more information about types of passport applications we process, eligibility requirements, and paperwork to bring to your appointment.

TECHNOLOGY CORNER

New Integrated Library Services Platform

September 1, 2017, patrons will access the Library catalog and find an entirely different interface with exciting new widgets because the catalog will be migrated to Koha Integrated Library Services (ILS), supported by ByWater Solutions (integratedlibrary.com/). This will improve staff productivity, operational efficiency, user experience, improved support, and quality and end user tools prompted the decision to cut our ties with our previous ILS vendor. The Altadena Library staff strive to achieve the greatest return on the dollar for the Altadena Community. Here is a taste of tools and improvements facing the end user:

- Language selection
- Reading history opt-in
- No $1.00 surcharge per transaction on lost item fees
- Private and public book lists
- Text message notifications
- E-mail notifications, community commentary on books
- News blasts
- Self-registration
- And many more improvements!

Login instructions will be posted as news on the Library’s landing page, and when the shift occurs our chat and telephone support services will be there to help you with the changes.

Virtual Reality Equipment Has Arrived!

Some of the guests that attended our Growing Up Dana to 2017 event got to witness a sneak peek at samples of our state-of-the-art virtual reality equipment. The Fab Lab is now officially equipped with VR technology, and Library staff are working diligently to design interactive virtual reality programs in the Fab Lab space. Keep an eye out for program details to be announced soon!
COMMUNITY FEATURES

Patron Spotlight: Dorothy Wong
A New Face in the Altadena Town Council

Longtime Altadena resident and newly elected member of Altadena Town Council Dorothy “Dot” Wong is passionate about her community. She was first drawn to Altadena over 15 years ago because of its scenic beauty and proximity to the mountains and trails she had come to love as an avid cyclist. “How lucky I feel to go out the door and ride my bike, walk, or hike on beautiful trails,” she says. “Everyday, I find beauty here.”

It was this love of Altadena's scenic wonders that inspired her to protect the aspects of Altadena that she and so many in the community cherish. Never one to shy away from a challenge, over the past 15 years Dorothy has thrown herself into advocacy for safe streets and mobility, as well as protecting open space in Altadena and its surrounding mountains. She became a dedicated member of the San Gabriel Mountains Forever Leadership Academy, Arrayo Seco Foundation (earning her the prestigious title of Volunteer of the Year!), Board of Directors of California Bicycle Coalition, and a Citizen Advisory Committee that ultimately was responsible for the Chandler Bike Path in Burbank. Her diverse experiences in community organizing and civic engagement equipped her for leadership, but it was one special community experience that pushed her to run for Town Council. Dorothy attended Altadena Library’s Town Hall Meeting in April 2017 and heard the results of the Innovative Community Conversations project. After meeting the other residents passionate about bettering the community at her priority action group’s table, she realized “[she] would love to make a difference in Altadena,” specifically as a member of the Altadena Town Council. Just a few short months later, Dorothy was elected to represent Census Tract #4603.01.

Already, Dorothy is working to create a community master plan with a strong focus on mobility, greening, and protecting open space while keeping Altadena Funky! She looks forward to further engaging in the Library’s future Community Conversations; as she says, “it’s amazing when we talk and we learn from each other; we can excite our own community to help itself.”

Keep an eye out for Dorothy on the trails or around the Library. She is always inspired to meet people passionate about Altadena and bettering our community!

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Benefiting Altadena Library District

Celebrations of the 50th Anniversary of the Library’s Main Building aren’t over yet! The timeless 50th Anniversary Committee has started planning a fundraiser to benefit the Library on Saturday, September 23rd that will consist of wine, beer, and spirits tastings, samplings of amuse-bouches from a diverse assortment of local restaurants and caterers, and prize drawings.

We need your help! Do you or does someone you know own a restaurant that wants to participate? Is your business interested in sponsoring our event? Would you like to make a donation to our prize drawings? Do you love event planning and want to join our event coordination committee? Please email hello@altadenalibrary.org today!

At the very least, we hope you will be able to attend this special event! Save the date – information about ticket sales will be released soon!

Community Event:

Farnsworth Park Concerts
Until Second Saturday Concerts Start Again, Enjoy Music in the Park

We know you are anxiously awaiting Altadena Library’s Second Saturday Concerts that begin again in October, but you don’t have to wait all that time for local, live music.

Every summer, the Sheriff’s Support Group of Altadena hosts “Concerts in the Park,” a summer concert series held in the Amphitheater at Farnsworth Park every Saturday night at 7:00pm through July and August. Visit http://altadenasheriffs.blogspot.com/ for more details.

2nd Tuesday Nights 7pm - 8pm
No Guilt Book Club

JULY 11, 2017
Spill Simmer Falter
Wither
by Sara Baume

The Bird Market of Paris:
A Memoir
by Nikki Moustaki

SEPTEMBER 12, 2017
Idaho
by Emily Rusckovich

Designing Your Life: How to Build a Well-Lived,
Joyful Life
by William Burnett & Dave Evans

OCTOBER 10, 2017
Waking Lions
by Avelis Gundar-Gosheen

NOVEMBER 14, 2017
Books for Living
by Will Schwalbe

AUGUST 8, 2017
The 19th Wife
by David Ebershoff

Fooling Houdini: Magicians,
Mentalists, Math Geeks, & The Hidden
Powers of the Mind
by Alex Stone

Staff Picks for the Adult Collection

This month, staff picks in each section include books that “Build a Better World” and that fit the theme of each section’s display at the Library. Stop by to pick up your favorite staff pick and see our creative displays in person!

Christopher’s DVD Pick: A Plastic Ocean Produced by Adam Leirig, Jo Ruxton; Written by Mindy Elliott, Craig Leeson; Directed by Craig Leeson
Why? “This tour around the world’s oceans will cause you to consider your use of plastics in everyday life and their impact on the environment.”

Kylyn’s Pick: Coward: The Hidden Impact of 93 Million Cows on America’s Health, Economy, Politics, Culture, and Environment by Dennis Boyer Hayes
Why? “Humans co-evolved with cows, but what is our current relationship with bovines? The authors visit cattle farmers exploring how we can farm these animals while simultaneously building a sustainable world.”

Sue’s Pick: Stay: Lessons My Dog Taught Me About Life, Loss, and Grace by Dave Burchett
Why? “Burchett adopts rescue dogs and corresponds bible verses with lessons the dogs teach him about life. Regardless of religious interest, everyone can learn something from this book.”

Melissa’s Pick: Wild Suburbia: Learning to Garden with Native Plants by Barbara Eisenstein
Why? “Gardening with native plants helps to build a balanced ecosystem that supports local beneficiaries, and, are drought, and fire resistant.”

Stella’s Pick: A Sand County Almanac, and Sketches Here and There by Aldo Leopold, Illustrated by Charles W. Schwartz
Why? “Leopold shared his vision for a world in which the natural environment is respected and protected. The essays and illustrations make this a wonderful summer read.”
Staff Picks from the Children’s Collection

**Learn to Program with Minecraft:**
*Transform Your World with the Power of Python* by Craig Richardson
Using Python, a coding language, you can learn how to customize Minecraft to make mini-games, duplicate entire buildings, and turn boring blocks into gold!

**Grace Hopper: Queen of Computer Code**
by Laurie Wallmark
Grace Hopper was a software tester, workplace programmer, ace inventor, avid reader, naval leader - AND rule breaker, chance taker, and troublemaker. She also developed programming languages that helped people talk to computers!

**Upl! Upl! Skyscraper** by Anastasia Suen
Computer coding too esoteric for your tastes? Are you more of a “dirty hands” sort of builder? With this book you can watch workers dig, pour, pound, and bolt a skyscraper into existence.

**Coding in Scratch** by Jon Woodcock and Steve Setford
Perfect for children ages 6-9 who are new to coding, this highly visual workbook is a fun introduction to Scratch, a free computer coding programming language, that will take kids from playing games to creating them.

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**CHILDREN’S SUMMER PROGRAMS**

**Mondays**

**Family Game Night**
5:00 - 8:00pm at Main Library
Whether you’re super into Scrabble or more of a Sorry person, we have a game for you! Games for all ages, from children through adults, will be available. (Cancelled Monday, July 3)

**Tuesdays**

**Summer Reading Performers***
2:00pm at Main Library, 4:00pm at Bob Lucas Branch Library (except for Scientsellers, which will begin at 4:00pm at the Bob Lucas Branch Library)

**Pokemon Club**
4:00 - 5:00pm at Main Library

**Family Movie Sing-A-Long**
July 11 & July 25, 6:30pm at Main Library
Pack a picnic dinner and a comfy blanket and warm up your vocal chords! We’ll be showing some of your favorite movies to sing along to.

**Wednesdays**

**Baby Lap Time**
10:15am at Main Library

**Toddler Story Time**
11:00am at Main Library

**Market Stories**
4:00pm at Altadena Farmers Market
Join us at the Altadena Farmers Market (600 S. Palm Avenue) for reading stories and singing songs among the vegetables and cheese. For families with children aged 0-6. Parents are required to remain with their children

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**Thursdays**

**Preschool Story Time**
11:00am at Main Library

**Grab Bag Thursdays**
2:00pm at Main Library
Make some art, play around, or find a new hobby – who knows what you might learn or discover. A new adventure every week! For children aged 5 and up.

**Fridays**

**Pool Stories**
2:00pm at Loma Alta Pool
Our Librarians love bringing the joy of reading to Altadena residents directly! Kids can enjoy a story time in the summer heat while cooling down by the Loma Alta Pool.

**Lego Club**
3:30 - 5:00pm at Main Library

**Fun Flick Friday**
July 21, 3:30pm at Main Library

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**ENTERTAINMENT**

**Entwined**
by Heather Dixon
Azalea is trapped in her life as the eldest of 12 princesses who are mourning their lost mother. With their favorite activity, dancing, forbidden, everything seems perfect when the sisters meet the enigmatic Keeper who allows them to keep dancing secretly. But not everything is as it seems. Will Azalea save her sisters from danger before it is too late?

**Beautify**
by Alex Flinn
Alex has it all, money, books, social status, but all that is taken away when a witch turns him into a beast for mocking her ugliness. Alex now has two years to find his true love and get her to kiss him.

**Rapunzel’s Revenge** by Shannon, Nathan, and Dean Hale
Unlike usual retellings of Rapunzel, this graphic novel gives Rapunzel a chance to shine. Set in the old west, Rapunzel escapes her tower and travels around the old west richting wrongs and saving the day.

**Briar Rose** by Jane Yolen
All her life, Rebecca has been hearing her grandmother’s stories at Briar Rose. Rebecca promises her dying grandmother that she will uncover the truth about her grandmother’s claim to being Sleeping Beauty. Her search brings her down a path of danger and horror as she uncovers her family’s past.
UPCOMING EVENTS - JULY

Find Children’s Programs on page 6 and Teen Programs on page 7.

MAIN LIBRARY CLOSURE for HVAC Repair
Monday, July 3 - ALL DAY
Bob Lucas Branch Library will remain open.

LIBRARY CLOSURE for Independence Day
Tuesday, July 4 - ALL DAY
Both the Main Library and Bob Lucas Branch Library will be closed.

Wildcrafting: Wild Food Is Gourmet Food
Saturday, July 8 at 3:00pm
Wild food researcher and author Pascal Baudar will discuss local, edible wild food and demonstrate a couple simple recipes on location. Guests will get to enjoy some yummy, wild snack and drink!

Storytelling Jam with Lance Anderson
Mondays, July 10, July 17, & July 31 at 7:00pm (Continues into August!)
Storytelling Jam is a mix of storytelling styles and formats including informal writing workshops, live performances, podcasting and a public radio show hosted by Lance Anderson. Workshops: The foundation of the Storytelling Jam will be the personal narrative non-fiction storytelling workshops in the auditorium. These will be informal sessions with a combination of writing and performing exercises with an emphasis of getting the participants to tell or read their story in front of the group. Constructive feedback will be given if the storyteller chooses to develop their stories for themselves and/or for the live performances. Guest performers and storytelling coaches will be invited to attend some of the workshops.

No Guilt Book Club
Tuesday, July 11 at 7:00pm
Come even if you haven’t read the book! No Guilt Book Club meets in the Director’s office.

Library Board of Trustees Meeting
Monday, July 24 at 5:00pm

Library Support Organizations Retreat & Information Session
Saturday, July 29 at 9:00am to 3:30pm
Please RSVP to hello@altadena.library.org to reserve your spot. Lunch will be provided.

Women’s Film Fest - “Feminist: Stories from Women’s Liberation” Documentary & “Inez Milholland” Short
Saturday, July 29 at 3:30pm
Join us for screenings of two films, one which covers the women’s liberation movement and the other which tells the story of American icon, Inez Milholland. Q&A with filmmakers Jennifer Hall Lee and Martha Wheelock will follow.

A GLANCE AT UPCOMING EVENTS IN AUGUST

“Beauty Bites Beast” Film Q&A with Ellen Snortland
Saturday, August 5 at 3:30pm
“Beauty Bites Beast” flips the idea about female helplessness as women and at-risk folks undertake the transformative experience of learning empowerment based self-defense. Q&A with filmmaker Ellen Snortland will follow.

Organic Music with Singer-Songwriters
Tuesday, August 8 at 6:30pm
Singer-songwriters Jill Freeman, Raspin Stuwart, Leslie Beauvais, Shelby & Tieg, and Petrella will showcase their unique musical sounds and styles.

Must Love Books - A Speed Dating Event Between the Stacks
Friday, August 25 at 6:15pm
Single and ready to mingle with fellow book lovers? Stay tuned for more information about this exclusive, RSVP-only event!

Summer Reading Grand Finale Concert
Friday, August 25 at 7:30pm
Join us to raise a glass to the end of a fabulous, fun-filled summer at our Grand Finale of Summer Reading concert, featuring world-renowned artist El Twanguero.

www.AltadenaLibrary.org

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Altadena, CA 91001
626-798-0833

Hours
Monday & Tuesday
10am to 9pm
Wednesday through Saturday
10am to 6pm

Passport Office (Main Library)
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY
626-798-2950
Monday and Tuesday
9am to 8pm
Wednesday through Saturday
9am to 5pm

Bob Lucas Branch
2659 Lincoln Avenue
Altadena, CA 91001
626-798-8338

Hours
Monday, Tuesday & Friday
10am to 6pm
Wednesday & Thursday
10am to 8pm

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

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