This Summer **Read to the Rhythm!**

by Carlene Chiu

Children, teens and adults are invited to join the Summer Reading Club. We’ll be offering special events, give-a-ways, and contests all summer long. Sign up begins June 23rd. Our program, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, builds communities of readers and library users and helps prevent summer learning loss. Adults get to model good reading habits for youth. The programs motivate participants to set and meet reading goals. And it’s not just about books. The library has free events that extend the reading experience, and programs that help kids develop literacy, arts, science, math, technology, and social skills.

The California Library Association is challenging all public libraries to sign up one million summer readers in 2015! (In 2014, over 700,000 Californians signed up for summer reading at a public library.) The Altadena Library is participating in meeting this challenge. Join us and you can help us meet the state’s goal. In addition, Altadena Library is participating in the state’s "Five Book Summer Challenge" which asks libraries to count and report how many kids read five or more books during the summer.

The Library has planned a fun-filled summer of reading challenges for children, teens, and adults. Participants who sign up for the "Five Summer Book Challenge" will be entered to win a prize.

This year we are happy to announce that we will be offering online registration to our summer reading program at [www.altadenalibrary.org](http://www.altadenalibrary.org)! Participants will be able to log their reading progress and set personal goals as well as complete challenges.

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**Friends Invite You to Annual Meeting**

Everyone is invited to the Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Altadena Library at 7pm on Tuesday, June 23rd. In addition to Friends business and refreshments, the meeting will feature a talk by Mars Curiosity Rover’s Project Scientist, Ashwin Vasavada, on "NASA’s Curiosity Rover: 1000 Days on Mars." The Red Planet has captured the imagination of humankind throughout history, and is now the focus of an intense international program of scientific exploration. Our planetary neighbor is the most Earth-like planet in our solar system, making it both interesting and accessible. But perhaps the most compelling reason we explore Mars is to determine whether it ever supported life. His talk will cover the latest findings from the mission, the challenges of exploration, and what lies ahead.

Dr. Ashwin Vasavada is a planetary scientist at the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory. After eleven years of mission design and planning, he now leads the international team of scientists as they explore Gale Crater on the surface of Mars. He has participated in the operation and analysis of data from several NASA spacecraft missions, including the Galileo mission to Jupiter and the Cassini mission to Saturn.
From the Director

Summer reading programs began in the 1890s as a way to encourage school children, particularly those in urban areas and not needed for farm work, to develop the habit of reading and use the library during summer vacation. The good news is that we have expanded and now summers at the library include adult and family programs.

We all know that summer reading programs encourage lifelong reading habits and it helps children keep their skills up during the long months of summer. At the Altadena Libraries, we pride ourselves on programs that are just good fun and provide opportunities for family time.

Quote for June:

“One benefit of Summer was that each day we had more light to read by.”

— Jeannette Walls, The Glass Castle

What Are You Reading?

Katie Lampier / Page

The Enchanted Forest Chronicles is a delightful quartet, written by Patricia C. Wrede, detailing the adventures of a princess named Cimorene, who refuses to accept that she shouldn’t follow her passions simply because they’re not proper. Tired of being told that fencing, magic, Latin, and cooking are simply “not done” by princesses, Cimorene runs away from her family’s most recent attempt to force her to be proper — marriage. Instead, Cimorene becomes a dragon’s princess, and many fun adventures ensue. Get ready for sneezing dragons, sneaky wizards, and every fairytale you loved growing up getting dumped on its head and twisted around in the most hilarious ways! A must read for adults and kids alike!

Shermaine Alya / Admin. Assistant

My Korean Deli: Risking It All for a Convenience Store by Ben Howard, Senior Editor for the Paris Review, chronicles an intimate look at opening a Korean-owned NY deli. Howard, able to trace his lineage directly to the Mayflower, provides a unique snapshot into American living by way of his Korean immigrant in-laws. What resonates with me most is the dichotomy in Howe’s life. He finds himself living in the basement of his in-laws’ Staten Island home, commuting to the Paris Review offices in George Plimpton’s Upper East Side townhouse by day, and heading to Brooklyn at night to slice cold cuts and peddle lottery tickets. It’s a hilarious, mind-bending, and insightful read!

Cassandra Stearns / Children’s Librarian

I just finished reading The Book of Blood: From Legends and Leeches to Vampires and Veins by HP Newquist. This book has everything you ever wanted to know about blood, and a whole lot of what you didn’t, from ancient times to modern science. A fascinating, if a little gross, look at what blood is and what it isn’t. I couldn’t put it down in spite of myself!

Edward William / Literacy Coordinator

The Naval Battles for Guadalcanal 1942: Clash for Supremacy in the Pacific by Mark E. Stille isn’t the typical 400-page tome on war. Historical battles can be hard to comprehend, especially when the details of history quickly overwhelm those who want to learn about them. Stille, a retired Commander of the United States Navy, covers the naval battles around Guadalcanal during one of the fiercest fights between the United States and Imperial Japan. At only 96 pages, Stille covers the ships, commanders, and time of events of the battles with pictures, illustrations, maps, and historical analyses. This is a great read for those looking for a quick reference on naval combat at Guadalcanal. Osprey Publishing has other historical resources in a similar concise format.

Literacy Program Update

June will offer a learning experience for both staff and tutors as we have two major literacy conferences coming June 12 and 13. Library director Mindy Kittay and literacy coordinator Edward William will have a chance to meet with California Library Literacy Services’ staff, and supporter Carla Lehn along with other library directors and literacy coordinators who provide literacy programs at their libraries. This meeting will give our Altadena Library District staff a better understanding of how the state literacy program functions and how we can provide literacy services to our community. Edward William will also be attending the READ San Diego Tutor Conference with tutors, which will provide workshops such as reading comprehension tools, ESL tools, and solutions for struggling readers. These tools will be discussed with our current tutors who cannot attend the conference, giving them new resources for their work with their literacy learners.

Edward William
Life Will Be a Dream! Sh-Boom!

The Mighty Echoes Performing Live at the Library!

Join us June 13th from 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM as Altadena Library welcomes The Mighty Echoes to their monthly event series, Second Saturday. The Mighty Echoes began singing together in 1986 in a store front venue on Los Angeles' Sunset Boulevard. Over twenty-five years later they continue to craft fabulous harmonies performing a cappella doo wop, and re-creating the vocal group sound of rock and roll's classic era. They are best known for their film and TV guest star appearances, beginning with “Who's The Boss?” and continuing, most recently, with "It's Always Sunny In Philadelphia."

Decadent deserts will be available from The Bacon Babe who was just declared co-champion of The 2015 California Strawberry Festival. The Altadena Ale & Wine House will be pouring from its excellent selection of craft ales and fine wines, and El Patron, the Altadena Chamber of Commerce 2014 Business of the Year, will be serving up their amazing Mexican food -- hot off the grill. The library will remain open during the event, so come and enjoy browsing our robust collection of books, DVDs, and music. The music program is free; food and beverages will be on sale.

Croquis [in Motion] with Artist Valerie Daval

You're invited to Croquis [in Motion], an exhibition at the Altadena Library showing sketches from live dance sessions. The exhibition will be up June 6-15 during regular Library hours. As part of the Open Studios Tour, (June 6 - 7) a free tour of the home studios of local artists in the Altadena and Pasadena area. Valerie Daval will do live sketches of dancers throughout the opening day, in successive sessions from 11 AM to 5 PM with dancers from Altadena's Community Dance Jam and from Contact Improv Dance Pasadena.

According to Daval, the word "croquis" comes from French and means simply "sketch." “I will capture dancer’s gestures during their improvised dance. Sketching movements is challenging because the sketch is a fast drawing. It all happens in an instant. The speed of execution is an integral part of the character of the sketch.”

Life Inside Out — a Free Film Screening

On June 29 at 6:30, the Main Library will host a free screening of Life Inside Out. This family friendly film tells the story of a mother returning to her musical roots and discovering a way to connect with her troubled teenage son. Join us after the screening for a Q & A with the director, Jill D'Agnenica, writer/actress Maggie Baird and producer Tessa Bell.

Maggie Baird’s real-life son, Finneas O’Connell, stars with her in Life Inside Out.
Adults: Read to the Rhythm Isn’t Just Kidstuff!

Read to the Rhythm this summer at the Altadena Library invites all adults aged 18 and over to participate in our second annual summer reading program to win great prizes for just for reading. Sign up starts on June 23 at the Reference Desk at the Main Library and at the Branch Library. Those who complete their reading logs by July 31 will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win this year’s grand prize: a NOOK eReader!

To motivate you to complete your reading logs, one pair of Laemmle Theaters tickets will be raffled off each Saturday at 2 PM for six weeks. To qualify for the weekly raffles, you must report to a librarian on one qualifying item that you checked out that week. Entries for that week must be made by 1 PM on Saturday. To be entered into the drawing for the NOOK, you must check out at least one item each week. The Grand Prize drawing and program finale will be held Saturday, August 1 at 2 PM.

We will have three movie screenings in tune with the Read to the Rhythm theme at the main Altadena Library. On June 29 at 6:30 PM come and view Life Inside Out (see story page 3). Next, we will screen what is possibly the best musician’s story ever told, Searching for Sugarman, on Saturday, July 11, 2015 at 2 PM. Finally, learn about the little-known lives of backup singers in Twenty Feet From Stardom on Saturday, July 25, 2015 at 2 PM.

To top it all off, Adult Services is also running a Sleeveface/Bookface photo contest during Read to the Rhythm. Take a picture of yourself with a record sleeve or book cover obscuring or augmenting any part of your body, creating an illusion. A special prize will be awarded on August 1 to participants with the best bookface and sleeveface photograph. Submissions will be accepted at the Main Reference Desk or at the Branch in person or by email to aim@altadenalibrary.org until 5 PM, July 31.

All programs will be held in the Barbara J. Pearson Community Room, unless otherwise noted.

Examples from left to right: Elvis Presley sleeveface; John Lennon and Audrey Hepburn bookfaces.

Teens: Swords, Dr. Who, Masks, and Moolah!

Teens looking for entertainment and fun challenges this summer need look no further -- Reading to the Rhythm is around the corner! Teens entering grades 7-12 can read and win big starting June 23rd. Join the five book challenge this summer to earn a free book of your choice and to be automatically entered into the grand prize raffle for a $250 Visa gift card! You’ll also have a chance to win smaller prizes like gift cards from Comic Factory and Gamestop by taking different weekly challenges throughout the summer: create cover art for your favorite book, write alternate endings to books you have read, and make a vine about a book you’ve read!

But wait—there’s more! This year, Altadena Library is offering several special events for teens, including a Karaoke event, Dr. Who Party, and two special workshops. Learn to turn trash into treasure or take a class in Historical European Martial Arts with Swordscholar. And for the first time ever, we will host a teen event at the Bob Lucas Branch—Superhero Mask Making!

Altadena Library District—it’s the ONLY place to be this summer!

Carrie Wilson
Children: Summer Fun Starts Now!

Summer at the library will be a magical place for children. Our usual story times will continue, but you can introduce your child to Shakespeare with a film inspired by A Midsummer’s Night Dream, to opera by way of a hilarious magic act, to physics with a juggler who defies gravity and to the values of friendship and forgiveness through a puppet presentation of Jack and the Beanstalk. The entire schedule can be found in the Summer Reading Handbook available at both libraries. Remember, participation in summer reading programs is a great way to prevent knowledge loss between school years.

Children who read or have books read to them during the Five Book Challenge will be eligible for a drawing for a $200 gift card to Target. But only if you sign up! Registration begins on June 23 and the program ends August 4. There’s no better place for children this summer than at the Altadena Libraries.

June 23 through August 4 @ Your Altadena Libraries!

Branch Notes: Movies, Games, Puzzles and More!

Every Tuesday at 4:00 PM there is something amazing happening at the Branch. Join us this summer to watch a puppet show, a juggler, hear opera and see magic, learn about animal sounds, and then there is Fantastic Patrick, too funny to believe. Fridays will be devoted to playing great board games or watching movies, such as Annie and Into the Woods. Snacks may be involved. And our summer inspiration station is a puzzle of forest animals. Help us complete the puzzle by the end of the summer! For all ages!

For Teens, we are planning our first ever Super Hero Mask Making workshop. Is your alter ego Batman or Cat Woman? Show the world who you really are. All materials provided, but you must bring your own creativity.

Be sure to sign up and get your copy of the Summer Reading Handbook which has the entire list of fabulous fun things.
Children

Saturday, June 13 @ 11:00 to 12:30
The last meeting of the Lego Club (until September)

Friday, June 26 @ 3:00 PM
Strange Magic (PG)

Tuesday, June 30 @ 2:00 PM
Jack & The Beanstalk: The Puppet Musical (Noteworthy Puppets)

Teens

Friday, June 5 @ 4:00 PM
Teen Anime Club presents Pom Poko

Friday, June 12 @ 4:00 PM
Fun & Games Friday! board games and video games. Your games or our games. Snacks while they last!

Thursday, June 25 @ 2:30 PM
Karaoke @ Altadena Library followed by a screening of Pitch Perfect (PG13) with cookies!

Adults and Families

Saturday, June 6
from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Croquis [In Motion] as part of Open Studios Tour

Tuesday, June 9 @ 7 PM
No Guilt Bookclub

Saturday, June 13 @ 6:30 PM
The Mighty Echoes!

All events are at the Main Library unless otherwise noted.

Art in the Library

Susan Braig makes a satirical statement with her fabulous jewelry: "I started making Designer Drug Jewelry in 2007, after nearly going bankrupt from post-cancer medical debts. My prescriptions cost as much as precious gems, which inspired my message that 'health care is still a luxury item for millions of Americans.'" Her creations are on display now outside the passport office.

Burma Brown’s artwork is also currently featured in the library. Burma’s creations reflect the things in life he loves the most -- music, the ocean and freedom. Through his art he has found a voice to speak to the world and say "I am here!"
**Audio Books**

**West of Sunset / Stewart O'Nan**

This novel is based on F. Scott Fitzgerald’s last years in Hollywood. In 1937, F. Scott Fitzgerald was a troubled, uncertain man whose literary success was long over. In poor health, with his wife consigned to a mental asylum and his finances in ruins, he struggled to make a new start as a screenwriter in Hollywood. By December 1940, he would be dead of a heart attack.

**Orphan Train / Christina Baker Kline**

The author of *Bird in Hand* and *The Way Life Should Be* delivers her most ambitious and powerful novel to date. This is a captivating story of two very different women who build an unexpected friendship -- a 91-year-old woman with a hidden past as an orphan-train rider and the teenage girl whose own troubled adolescence leads her to seek answers to questions no one has ever thought to ask.

**At the Water’s Edge / Sara Gruen**

In her stunning new novel, Gruen returns to the kind of storytelling she excelled at in *Water for Elephants*: a historical timeframe in an unusual setting with a moving love story. Think Scottish Downton Abbey.

**The Children’s Crusade / Ann Packer**

From the New York Times bestselling, award-winning author of *The Dive From Clausen’s Pier*, a sweeping, masterful new novel that explores the secrets and desires, the remnant wounds and saving graces of one California family, over the course of five decades.

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**EBooks and EAudioBooks Available on Our Website**

Did you know that the Library has over 1,600 eBooks that can be downloaded to various mobile devices from the comfort of your own home? All you need is an Altadena Library card and access to the Library website (www.altadenalibrary.org). When you are on the website click on the icon on the left which says “**Now Available** OverDrive eBooks” and start your search. There is a Help button on the site in case you have any questions.

The list includes mystery, science fiction, fantasy, popular fiction, nonfiction, best sellers, children and young adult titles -- all available for downloading. Some recent additions include: an eAudioBook of *Being Mortal* by Atul Gawande, and fiction selections including *Every Fifteen Minutes* by Lisa Scottoline, *At the Water’s Edge* by Sara Gruen, and *Memory Man* by David Baldacci. Nonfiction best sellers *The Wright Brothers* by David McCullough, and *Dead Wake* by Erik Larson have recently been added to the collection.

There is more than one way to read or listen to a book!

Laureen McCoy

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**Your Library Now Offers an Array of Business Services**

**Copy, fax and scanning** services are now available for reasonable fees at the main Library. You may have items faxed to you or you may send faxes from the library. You may have items scanned to a flash drive or scanned and emailed to you. You can get color and black and white copies and you can get small runs of documents, brochures or newsletters printed.

Stop by the Library and pick up a flyer that describes our fees for our new services.
"The only way to have a friend is to be one," said Ralph Waldo Emerson.

The Friends of the Library meet on the first Monday of each month at 7:30 pm in the Community Room. You do not have to be a member to attend. For info go to www.altadenalibrary.org/friends

Simon Spalding
Monday, July 20 at 7 - 8:30 PM
Life at Sea in the Age of Sail
A Musical Picture of Maritime California (for all ages)
Get ready for sing-along shanties, fiddle tunes, and seagoing ballads as historian-musician Simon Spalding traces the history of seafaring, exploration, and maritime commerce in California, with special emphasis on Southern California. Simon sets the California coast in the larger context of the Pacific Basin using sailor songs from the coasts of China, Samoa, Hawai‘i, and Indonesia, as well as local songs.

Bluesman Brother Yusef
Friday, July 24, 2015 from 7 - 8:30 PM
This interactive program is filled with singing, dancing, and learning about the blues. Brother Yusef has been described as a master solo guitarist, as well as a uniquely passionate vocalist. He has honed his guitar skills and vocals for over thirty years to create a sound that he calls Fattback Blues. Fattback Blues combines traditional finger picking and slide guitar playing with the contemporary feel of urban blues to create a full band sound with one guitar.

Altadena BestFest
BestFest is coming Oct. 3, 2015. Art, Music, Food, Crafts, Surprises! Proceeds benefit the Altadena Library Foundation, whose goal is to raise funds for the renovation and expansion of the Altadena Main Library while honoring and preserving the historic architecture of the existing building. Find how you can be a part of BestFest at altadenabestfest.com.

No Guilt Book Club
Our selections for the month of June are Carthage: A Novel by Joyce Carol Oates. In it a young girl’s disappearance rocks a community and a family in this stirring examination of grief, faith, justice, and the atrocities of war. U.S. Marshals: Inside America’s Most Storied Law Enforcement Agency by Mike Earp, our non-fiction selection, blends history and memoir, as it offers an exclusive and fascinating behind-the-scenes look at this 200-year-old law enforcement agency. We always meet on the second Tuesday of the month, so please join us on June 9 from 7-8 PM in the Library Director’s office. No guilt! Come even if you have not read the book!