Book Sale Supports
Free Programs at the Library

The Friends of the Altadena Library's HUGE annual book sale is nearly here! This is one of the largest used book sales in the LA area, taking over much of the Main Library's parking lot and the Barbara J. Pearson Community Room. The sale features over 50,000 fiction and non-fiction, hardback and paperback books for all interests and age groups, plus DVDs, CDs and other items -- all at GREAT prices! The main sale is open to everyone and takes place on Saturday, May 16th from 10 AM-4 PM and Sunday May 17th from 1-4 PM. There's also a special pre-sale for Friends members only, on Friday May 15th from 3-7 PM. Join at the door for as little as $10! Last year's event was a big success, and this year's event looks to be even bigger.

Proceeds from the Friends book sale and book store go toward sponsoring Library programs that are available free to all ages, such as the Summer Reading Program and Proceeds also go toward the purchase of furniture, library collections, and more. To find out more about the Friends of the Altadena Library, or to join us, please visit our website here: www.altadenalibrary.org/friends-library.

Our library offers many useful online research and educational tools for our patrons, including Brainfuse. This database provides one-on-one homework help from live, online tutors for students in grades K-12. Subject areas include math, science, social studies and English/ language arts. Writing lab specialists help students produce better term papers and reports. Tutors are available Monday-Sunday 1:00 PM to 10:00 PM in English and Spanish. Login at www.altadenalibrary.org and click on Online Databases and scroll down to Homework Help. All you need is your Altadena Library card number to access Brainfuse.
From the Director

May is a very exciting month at the library! We have some new services to announce and a brand new event.

On May on the 9th at 7pm, join us for our first Second Saturday!, an evening of music, singing and excellent food and drink! El Patron, Nancy’s, and Altadena Ale & Wine House will be on site to provide dinner and libations while you join The Nowe’re Men in a Beatles Sing-a-Long. The library will be open. This will be your chance to enjoy your favorite beverage while perusing our collection for books, movies and music! And you won’t want to miss our June Second Saturday!, featuring The Mighty Echoes singing A Cappella Doo Wop. They are fantastic!

In early May we will be adding some new services at the main library:
- Color printing/copying and scanning
- Faxing
- Printing services for small to mid-size jobs -- including stapling, folding, 3-hole punch and collating

Our whole facility received new lighting this past month and the difference is nothing short of amazing. By installing LEDs our energy consumption is reduced and we will save on our electricity bills.

And finally, I would like to let everyone know about the winner of our first quarterly “Above and Beyond” award for staff. Helen Milner, whom I am sure many of you know, is one of the smiling faces that you will see here at the library on a daily basis. She is always willing to lend a hand and go the extra mile. I have received many compliments about Helen’s work both from staff and from the public. It is an honor to work with Helen and I congratulate her on being our first award winner.

Quote for May:
“We have an obligation to support libraries. To use libraries, to encourage others to use libraries, to protest the closure of libraries. If you do not value libraries then you do not value information or culture or wisdom. You are silencing the voices of the past and you are damaging the future.”

Neil Gaiman

Branch Notes: Bob Lucas Memorial Library

The Bob Lucas Memorial Branch and Literacy Center is happy to welcome Edward William as its new literacy coordinator. William also works in the literacy program at the Monrovia Public Library. His background includes eight years in public libraries, five years in literacy programs and a Master of Library and Information Science from San Jose State University. He will be responsible for bringing new learners and tutors into the program, providing the resources and materials for learners to reach their literacy goals, conducting tutor training, and helping the program grow with the support of volunteer tutors.

"I have met with many of our tutors and learners, and I look forward to working with anyone who would like to join our program," said Williams. "We always need volunteer tutors for our team. Our next tutor training is Saturday, May 30 by reservation. If you are interested in becoming a tutor or if you would like to improve your reading and writing in English, please contact us."

Children are invited to create a lovely bouquet of flowers in celebration of Mother’s Day on Thursday, May 7 at 3:00. Create flowers with foam petals, foam leaves, pipe cleaners, ribbon, stickers, and tissue paper! Create a card to go with your bouquet. Supplies provided.
Teens: Henna Tattoos at the DIY Club

On May 15th at 4 PM teens and tweens, ages 11-17, can get gorgeous, personalized henna tattoos from guest artist Lernie Bueler! These designs are applied with a special henna paste, which is not permanent, but can stay on the skin for 1-3 weeks. While waiting for your design, browse through our literature on the art of mehndi, practice sketching your own designs, and learn to make henna paste for home use! Lernie Bueler has been practicing the art of mehndi for over 10 years, sharing her talent and passion for this traditional art form with others at special private events as well as at colleges and libraries.

Teen DIY Club is a monthly pop-up makerspace for teens and tweens. What’s a makerspace? It is a place where we provide tools for creating all sorts of arts and crafts projects. We invite you to make what you love, share what you know, and learn something new. Each month, a new project is introduced! This program is generously sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Carrie Wilson

Children: Bookmark Winners and More

Thank you to all who participated in our annual bookmark contest! The 2015 Summer Reading Bookmark Contest winners are:

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Our only adult entry and winner is Anna Kalinka! The winning bookmarks will be professionally printed and distributed during the 2015 Summer Reading Program which begins June 23.

The award-winning early learning curriculum ABCmouse.com is now available free at the library! Early learners (ages 2-6+) can choose from more than 3,500 interactive books, educational games, puzzles and other learning activities. ABCmouse.com has no advertising, no pop-up ads and no external links and is accessible on library computers only.

Casandra Stearns

What Are You Reading?

Suzanne Im, Adult Services

I am currently reading Bad Feminist: Essays by English professor and social commentator, Roxane Gay. Do not let the fact that she is a professor put you off. Her writing is intelligent, yet approachable, and absorbing. In this collection of essays, Gay makes you think more critically about important (or seemingly inane) topics, from Scrabble competitions to the merits of Twitter to Fifty Shades of Grey. Throughout Gay acknowledges that she, like everyone else, can be a ball of contradictions, but that makes her no less a feminist. Highly recommended.

Sue Colasuordo, Library Associate

Marrying George Clooney: Confessions From a Midlife Crisis by Amy Ferris is a series of short chapters of middle-of-the-night wide-awake musings on various aspects of her life. Ferris talks to her father (who happens to be dead), converses with her husband while he drives too fast in a foreign country, fantasizes “what-if’s” (like marrying George Clooney) and assays the challenges of the menopause era. Sometimes outrageously funny, and sometimes a little sad, it is a delightful, laugh-out-loud read, often reminding you of yourself or someone you know.

Tina Wallin, Library Finance Director

I am currently reading Aegean Dream by Dario Ciriello; a memoir that chronicles the struggles and adventures he and his wife Linda endure while starting a new life and a business on the Greek island of Skopelos. The book brings you into Dario and Linda’s daily dealings, which at times are quite hilarious, but is also a bit tragic due to all the bureaucracy they face trying to make it all work! A must read!
Adults: Get into the Act! with Book-to-Action

Older Americans Month has been celebrated every May for 50 years in an effort to recognize older Americans for their contributions to the nation. The theme this year is “Get into the Act,” and that’s exactly what the Altadena Library and the Altadena Senior Center are doing. We are collaborating on programs that will celebrate the accomplishments, as well as raise awareness about the needs, of local older Americans.

First, the community is invited to participate in our inaugural Book-to-Action event featuring New York Times bestseller Grandma Gatewood’s Walk by Ben Montgomery. The Book-to-Action program is a variation on the traditional library book group. It offers participants not only the opportunity collectively to read and discuss a book and meet the author, but also to put their newfound knowledge into action by engaging in a community service project related to the book’s topic.

So join local residents to discuss the story of Grandma Gatewood, the first woman to hike the entire Appalachian Trail alone. Copies of Grandma Gatewood’s Walk are available for checkout at the main Altadena Library. FREE copies of this book will also be given away at various events throughout the coming month. Share with other readers your favorite aspects of the book, and pose questions you’d like to discuss.

You can also meet the author, Ben Montgomery. He is an enterprise reporter for the Tampa Bay Times, founder of the narrative journalism website Gangrey.com, and cofounder of the Auburn Chautauqua, a Southern writers’ collective. He was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in 2010 and has won many other national writing awards.

For the “action” part of Book-to-Action, the Altadena Library is organizing volunteers to create customized care packages for local, homebound older Americans. Each volunteer will receive a wish list from an older American which outlines his or her preferences. Volunteers may gather or buy items for a custom care package based on this list (kind of like a volunteer Secret Santa, but in the summer time!). Packages will be delivered to participants by the end of May. We also need volunteers to be a reading buddy to these older Americans. Sign up at the main Altadena Library Reference Desk by May 8, 2015!

Celebrate Older Americans Month

Older Americans Month Inspiration Station
Send a note of appreciation to an elder in your life. Postcards and envelopes provided.
Altadena Main Library

Saturday, May 2
Rethink Possible: Getting a Job at 50+ with Camille Levee, Executive Director of Women at Work
Register at the Main Reference Desk, or call (626) 798-0833 ext. 104
10:30 AM, Altadena Library, Barbara J. Pearson Community Room

Wednesday, May 6
Movie Screening: The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel
2 PM, Altadena Library, Barbara J. Pearson Community Room

Friday, May 8
Get into the Act! Volunteer Registration Deadline
6 PM, Altadena Library, Reference Desk

Tuesday, May 12
“No Guilt” Book Club Discussion of Grandma Gatewood’s Walk and The 100-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared
7 PM, Altadena Library, Barbara J. Pearson Community Room

Wednesday, May 20
Movie Screening: Philomena
2 PM, Altadena Library, Barbara J. Pearson Community Room

Saturday, May 23
In Conversation with Patricia Bunin, Senior Moments Columnist
2 PM, Altadena Library, Barbara J. Pearson Community Room

Saturday, May 30
Meet Ben Montgomery, author of Grandma Gatewood’s Walk
2 PM, Altadena Senior Center Multipurpose Room, 560 E. Mariposa St.

Book-to-Action is a project of the California State Library in partnership with the California Center for the Book, and it is being implemented in libraries throughout the State.

Suzanne Im
**Hot New Titles!**

**DVDs**

**The Drop**  Bob Saginowski (Tom Hardy), a bartender at a Brooklyn drinking establishment run by his cousin Marv (James Gandolfini) rescues an injured puppy that's been put in the garbage of a woman (Noomi Rapace), and adopts the dog and begins dating the woman. Meanwhile, the bar is robbed, causing Bob and Marv possibly lethal grief with the bar’s Chechin owners. As Bob tries to put everything straight, his new girl’s psychotic former boyfriend comes on the scene.

**BOOKS**  **Yellow Crocus** / Laila Abrahim

Moments after Lisbeth is born, she’s taken from her mother and handed over to an enslaved wet nurse, Mattie, a young mother separated from her own infant son in order to care for her tiny charge. Thus begins an intense relationship that will shape both of their lives for decades to come. Though Lisbeth leads a life of privilege, she finds nothing but loneliness in the company of her overwhelmed mother and her distant, slave-owning father. But can two women in such disparate circumstances form a bond like theirs without consequence? This deeply moving tale of unlikely love traces the journey of these very different women as each searches for freedom and dignity.

**Palm Springs Modern Living / James Schnepf**

Palm Springs is as much a showcase for its unparalleled collection of Midcentury Modern architecture as it is for the unique people that designed and inhabit that architecture. In this book, photographer James Schnepf has created a wonderful collection of photographs that document both the iconic architecture and fascinating people of this desert oasis. More than fifty modernists, artists, builders, and architects were interviewed, including such luminaries as Donald Wexler, William Krisel, and Hugh Kaptur, and their stories provide a perfect complement to Schnepf’s vivid photography. Together, they manage to bring Palm Springs to life.

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**What to Read Next**

Many avid readers have finished a good book and then wondered “What do I read next?” This question is easy to answer with our new, free updated title alert service, MySelect Reads.

Think of MySelect Reads as your personal librarian – alerting you to new titles on subjects you’ve selected. Choose topics you’re interested in, enter your email address and you’ll get a weekly bulletin with book recommendations generated specifically for you – it’s that simple! You can find the link in the right hand column on the home page at www.altadenalibrary.org.

There are many appealing genres to choose from such as Literature and Fiction, Cooking, Food, and Wine, Crafts and Hobbies, Children’s Books, Audio Books and more. Find recommended reads, read book summaries, link to our catalog to see if the book is available, and put the book on hold! In addition, you can sign up for a weekly newsletter, read reviews from GoodReads, and get alerts on books by your favorite author using the Author Check feature.

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**Garden Tools from Recyclables**

The Altadena Library is pleased to once again welcome Master Gardener Yvonne Savio, Master Garden Volunteer Training Program Coordinator at the UC Cooperative Extension of Los Angeles County. Last September, Yvonne spoke at the library on planting fall vegetables and flowers and the audience clamored for more! In March of this year, she gave us detailed info on what to plant for Spring and Summer. This time she will teach us how to recycle household items for use in our gardens. Yvonne will also show an episode of Huell Howser’s “California’s Green,” which focuses on her garden and her specialty of turning household items into new garden tools. Bring your gardening questions! She's got the answers!

**Monday, May 11, 2015: 7 PM to 8:30 PM**
**Barbara J. Pearson Community Room**

Pamela Richards
Open Studios  
**Saturday, June 6  11AM-5 PM**  
Open Studios, in cooperation with the Altadena Library will be hosting Valérie Daval, artist painter in an exhibition of drawings and performance in the Barbara J. Pearson Community Room for four sessions of live drawings of dancers from 11 AM to 12 PM, 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM, 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM and 4 PM to 5 PM. This exhibition and performance is part of the Altadena Open Studios Art Tour on June 6 and 7. An exhibition of Daval's pieces will continue until June 15 at the library. For more information see www.openstudios.gallery.

**Second Saturday**  
**Saturday, June 13  7:00 PM to 8:30 PM**  
The Library hosts Second Saturday! featuring food, beverages, and music by the incomparable Mighty Echoes! The Mighty Echoes are one of California’s most accomplished and respected a cappella ensembles. They have performed for President Bill Clinton and appeared with many famous artists: Ray Charles, Chuck Berry, Stevie Wonder, The Coasters, The Marvelettes, The Marvelettes, Chubby Checker, Tony Orlando, and many more. The library will be open that evening so if you are inspired you can check out books, movies and CDs to prolong the Doo Wop experience. Second Saturday! will take a break for July and August and resume in September.

**Life Inside Out**  
**Monday, June 29  6:30 PM**  
When a mother returns to her musical roots, she rediscovers the passion of her youth, and finds a way to connect with her troubled teenage son. Life Inside Out is a rare breed, an art house film -- for families. An award winning festival movie that is inspiring and full of hope, this is a film about the challenges of being creative and authentic amidst the responsibilities of everyday life and about what it takes for parents to support their children as they discover their own path. Join us for a screening and a Q & A session members of the cast and crew.

**2015 Summer Reading Program**  
*Read to the Rhythm* will kick off on **June 23**! The library will host a range of free activities for children, teens, and adults that encourage and support a love of reading. Participants also can win prizes for reaching their reading goals.

**Altadena BestFest**  
BestFest is coming **Oct. 3, 2015**. Art , Music, Food, Crafts, Surprises! Proceeds benefit the Altadena Library Foundation. Find how you can be a part of BestFest at altadenabestfest.com.

**No Guilt Book Club**  
Our No Guilt Book Club selections for the month of May are in keeping with our celebration of Older Americans Month. Our fiction choice is *The 100-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared* by Jonas Jonasson, and *Grandma Gatewood’s Walk* by Ben Montgomery is our non-fiction choice. Montgomery will be our guest author at the Altadena Senior Center on May 30. We always meet the second Tuesday of the month, so please join us on Tuesday, May 12, in the Barbara J. Pearson Community Room at 7:00 PM. Come even if you have not read the book.

Altadena Library Reads On Together!