**Our New Poet Laureate**

Dr. Elline Lipkin is the new Poet Laureate for the Altadena Library District. She was inaugurated in April during the Altadena Poetry Review: Anthology 2016 (available on Amazon and in our Library).

“I am so grateful for this wonderful opportunity. Still, Thelma Reyna [the current Poet Laureate] is a hard act to follow,” comments Dr Lipkin, “...I look forward to meeting and working with other local poets and our wonderful community and making poetry more present in our lives.”

Dr. Lipkin has published two books: The Errant Thread and Girls’ Studies and she is working on a second poetry manuscript. She holds an MFA in Poetry from Columbia University; a PhD in Creative Writing and Literature from the University of Houston; and is currently a Research Scholar with UCLA’s Center for the Study of Women. She also teaches poetry for Writing Workshops Los Angeles, as well as privately; works as an editor on a range of writing projects; and writes semi-regularly for the Ms. Magazine blog and Girl w/Pen.

Dr. Lipkin is also a volunteer with the nonprofit WriteGirl in Los Angeles; an active participant with the MOMS Club of Altadena; lives in Altadena with her family; and is a frequent user of the Altadena Library.

**Excerpt from Conversation With My Father after Grimm’s The Maiden Without Hands**

After we speak I go to the hardware store to decide on a drill, feel each black–packaged tool bristle with its will to do harm. I interlope among bit sets, arrays of blade and shaft, gun–like metal shapes that brag of power. The word–whir of our talk still buzzes its drone a hot saw always left in the corner, ready to hack. Important safety instructions flutter then drop. I follow your advice on what’s needed to needle a skin of paint, the force it takes to punch the wall.

Meet children’s book illustrator, Yuyi Morales at the Latino Festival. The first 100 children will get a free copy of Thunder Boy Jr. [see page 6]
From the Director

How May We Serve You?
Looking for a particular book that's not in our collection? Let us know! We may purchase the item (giving you the first opportunity to read the book) and then add it to our collection for others to borrow. Our collection is best when it reflects our community’s choices.

Reach out to a librarian or request your item online at www.Altadenalibrary.org [go to “My Account” in the upper right, sign in and select “Suggest a Purchase” in the box on the right].

Our Changing Libraries
Libraries throughout the country are experiencing expansive change in response to the evolving needs of their communities to create vigorous and engaging community centers.

The American Library Association, in their latest annual report, had many interesting, and relevant, comments:

- Libraries are using design thinking to reimagine services and spaces for teen patrons, and they are also experimenting with ways to help teens apply design thinking to their own learning experiences. Opportunities for teen creativity include dedicated makerspaces, tinkerlabs, and other reconfigurations of the library’s space.
- The vital role public libraries play in communities has expanded to include services and programs for childhood literacy, computer training, and workforce development.
- Libraries are responding to the ever-changing needs of children. Summer reading, a longstanding campaign in public libraries, is evolving into summer learning. Summer programs have flourished in recent years; they now integrate traditional reading activities with others that explore such special interests as the arts, STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math), and digital learning.
- Adults find libraries a place for lifelong learning with resources and programs useful in exploring new ideas, personal interests, and careers. Increasingly, libraries also offer patrons a neutral space to meet their neighbors and to discuss and resolve important issues. In 2015, libraries continued to strengthen their role as leaders in community engagement, leading community forums, taking part in anti-violence activities, and providing a safe, neutral place for an increasingly divided populace to come together.
- Libraries today are less about what they have for people and more about what they do for and with people. Library professionals promote opportunities for individuals and progress for communities. Libraries of all kinds add value in five key areas (the E’s of Libraries: education, employment, entrepreneurship, empowerment, and engagement. They are advancing the legacy of reading and developing a digitally inclusive society.

Altadena Library’s strength comes from the wisdom of it’s community (patrons, staff and board) to incorporate diverse views into a strategic plan that ensures that our Library will always be relevant while honoring and respecting it’s rich history.

Volunteer to be a Volunteer Coordinator :-(

We are seeking an organized, enthusiastic recruitment coordinator for our Main Library (part-time volunteer). Bring your attention to detail, and excellent communication and people skills, to the Altadena Library District. Gain valuable experiences while assisting a team that is dedicated to the community we serve.

The Volunteer Recruiter/Coordinator will develop and implement effective methods to recruit and retain volunteers to meet operational, fundraising, educational and programming needs for the Library District. Recruit individuals and organizations; implement and coordinate training requirements; Develop volunteer recognition programs. Contact me at mkittay@altadenalibrary.org

Bob Lucas Memorial Branch

Adult Literacy Tutor, Stephner White

The backbone of Let’s Read Altadena’s Adult Literacy Program is our hard working and passionate volunteer tutors. Without their knowledge and assistance, our program would not be able to provide the tutoring services for our adult learners. Our tutors do not require advanced degrees in education or even experience in tutoring. They just need the desire to help another person to read and write. People coming in with that desire just need a place to work with a learner, a little bit of training, and the workbooks, which we provide.

Stephner “Steff” White has been a tutor with our literacy program for several years, and has worked with many learners in our program. During high school, she worked with computers and telephones, which led to her being involved in communications and training with the city of Los Angeles. Steff always felt a calling to be a teacher so she began tutoring during, and after, college. We asked Steff why she decided to tutor at Let’s Read Altadena and she expressed her wish to work with her Altadena community and that she had been influenced by Roberta Lauderdale, who was our literacy coordinator from 1996 to 2014 before she passed away.

While working with learners in our program, Steff said that her overall goal is to learn about the person she is tutoring and discovering what they want to accomplish with their literacy skills. This is a regular process for many of our tutors and the initial steps they take before working on the literacy needs of their learner. Steff uses many of the literacy materials we have for our tutors and learners, but she states, “being in a library, I have all of the resources I need!”
Children  Bookmark contest

We received 24 submissions for the annual Summer Reading Bookmark contest. Thank you to all who participated! 13 winners in grades 1st through 11th grade were selected based on creativity and originality. The winning bookmarks will be professionally printed and distributed during this year’s Summer Reading Program at the library. They are:

Victoria, 1st grade, St Elizabeth Parish School
Kayla, 1st grade, St Elizabeth Parish School
Hana, 3rd grade, St Elizabeth Parish School
Samantha, 3rd grade, Homeschool
Caydence, 3rd grade, St Elizabeth Parish School
Rachel, 3rd grade, Crestview (Honorable Mention)
Kelly, 4th grade, Altadena Elementary
Salvatore, 4th grade, Homeschool
Bailey, 5th grade, Homeschool
Abigail, 6th grade, Homeschool
Emma, 6th grade, Aveson
Thalia, 8th grade, Eliot Arts Magnet
Maud, 11th grade, Pasadena Waldorf High School

Teens  3D Printing Classes Launched!

The recent teen 3D Printing workshops that took place last month were an exercise in innovation, creativity and problem solving. 3D printing is exciting, no doubt, and the community was eager to sign up for these workshops. In less than 12 hours, I had to start adding names to the wait list. At the mandatory first workshop, we introduced the concept of 3D printing and the basics of using a 3D printer, including info on what file types were needed. At the second workshop, students learned how to use basic 3D modeling software, 123D Design.

The final workshop in the series was awesome – the teens split into teams tasked to create game pieces unified by concept. One team did a riff on LIFE characters, another team did figures for a Monopoly game, and the third (and winning) team did an Axis and Allies type of game complete with battleships and dice. The teams were judged on creativity, cohesiveness and collaboration.

All three classes were taught by our volunteer instructor, mechanical engineer Evan Hilgemann who knows firsthand the important applications of 3D printing, as he uses industry-grade 3D printing at Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

What does the future hold for our 3D printers in our Altadena community? Well, stay tuned! We are hoping to offer more classes, including another round of beginner’s classes for teens and adults with a smaller instructor to student ratio, as well as intermediate and advanced classes for teens and adults. We are hoping to launch our second round of classes for Altadena’s creators and innovators this fall for both teens and adults!

Adults  Welcome to a More Open, Innovative, and Comfortable Library Experience

If you’ve been to the Altadena Library recently, you’ve probably noticed some changes. The public spaces are evolving into a more welcoming, customer-friendly environment in which to explore, learn, and connect with your community. Look for our flyers at the main desk, and on our website as well, detailing how the Altadena Library is transforming the concept of the local library into a much more open, innovative, and comfortable experience.

OPEN You may have noticed the new reading area behind the main desk with the gorgeous views of the outside gardens and the mountains to the north. Previously, book shelves blocked much of this view. And before the two service desks were consolidated into one, the old circulation desk took up a large amount of space that can now be dedicated to custom-made shelving and displays with more room for patrons to browse. The next step in creating a more open floor plan is to move the “New Books” shelving closer to the magazine lounge, so that the central Reading Court is now easily visible and accessible from all sides, bringing back the original design concept by the architect, Boyd Georgi.

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Top Waterfall Hikes in the San Gabriel Valley

Tuesday, May 3 at 7 pm at the Main Library with Laura Randall

The San Gabriel Mountains offer dozens of waterfalls within easy reach: some are hidden and undiscovered, while others are busy all the time. Laura Randall, author of 60 Hikes within 60 Miles: Los Angeles, has been exploring the trails that lead to them all year. Join her as she talks about some of her favorite discoveries, which ones are best for beginner hikers and which ones will appeal to the more adventurous, and how she learned to stop worrying about crowds and embrace the camaraderie of a busy trail.

Mother’s Day Flower Pot Frame Craft

Thursday, May 5 at 3:30 pm at the Bob Lucas Branch

Nothing says “I love you Mom” like a hand painted & decorated flowerpot frame with your picture in it! Bring your own photo or we will help you take & print one!

Tail Waggin’ Tutors Read to Cedar!

Saturday, May 7 at 11 am in the Children’s Room

Therapy Dogs International’s “Tail Waggin’ Tutors” program encourages children to read by providing a non-judgmental listener and furry friend to read to that won’t laugh at them if they make a mistake or stumble over a word, but rather lie next to them and enjoy the story being read to them. The children learn to associate reading with being with the dog, and begin to view reading in a positive way. Over time, the child’s reading ability and confidence can improve because they are practicing their skills, which will help them to enjoy reading even more.

Coffee and Conversation with the Director

Saturday May 7 from 11 am to Noon in the Reading Court of the Main Library

Please join our Director, Mindy Kittay, for coffee and conversation in the reading court. Questions, Comments, Concerns – or if you just want to chat. The Director and the District would like to know all about what makes you happy. What are your concerns for the community at large? Is there something you would like to do at the Library to help out? How can the Library better serve you and the community?

Magic: The Gathering

Tuesday, May 10th at 4:30 pm in the Main Library

Magic: The Gathering was created in 1993 by Richard Garfield, a Game designer with a Doctorate in Combinational Mathematics. From humble beginnings sprang a worldwide phenomenon – over 12 million people around the world play Magic: The Gathering. Magic is so popular that there are Pro Tours and locations around the world that host Friday Night Magic. Altadena teens want to welcome teen MTC fans to the library’s first tournament. The tournament type is Legacy, meaning that it incorporates all types of Magic cards. All tournament participants will receive polyhedral dice and the top 5 finishers will receive an intro pack to keep. In addition to the intro pack, the top three finishers will receive mythic cards! Register by emailing Carrie at cwilson@altadenalibrary.org. The tournament is free and open to teens 12-19 of all levels.

Second Saturday with Tremoloco

Saturday, May 14 at 6:30 pm

After you enjoy our Latino Cultural Festival, Celebrating Roots which begins at noon, dance the night away with the band, Tremoloco at 6:30 pm. Tremoloco is an eclectic band who have been described as Mexican Americana, Sonoran, Gothic Folk, Gulf Coast Folklorico among many other descriptions. They blend Mexican Folk music with Roots/Country and write and perform original songs in both English and Spanish.

Friends of the Altadena Library’s Annual Book Sale

Saturday May 21 from 10 am to 4pm; Sunday May 22 from 1 to 4 pm

Over 50,000 titles from fiction to non-fiction for adults, teens, children + DVDs, CDs and more. There will be a pre-sale for members of the Friends: Friday May 20 from 3 to 7 pm. But, you may join at the door for $10.
Technology at the Library

New computers, loaded with goodies, have been installed at our Main and Branch Libraries. Now, you can edit 3D printing material with AutoDesk’s 123D; make Skype calls from the computers using a headset specifically designed for Skype; browse planet earth with Google Earth; perform medium level photo editing via paint.net; perform preliminary programming leveraging Notepad++; burn a CD or DVD with InfraRecorder (desktops only); and a lot more.

Feel free to explore the system and install any software or app you wish. Best of all, our computers run the latest version of Microsoft Office Standard Edition, which means you can login to your Library-provided Office 365 Pro Plus account and store all your documents in One Drive.

Remember this though, any reboot of the computer will clean the slate of all changes including downloaded apps. You will still have access to files you stored on Office 365 One Drive. Refreshing the computers with a reboot keeps the machines clean for public use, and protects you by erasing everything from your session.

Music at the Library

The musical category, “soundtrack,” refers to the music that accompanies a movie or television series. A soundtrack may consist of an original musical score created for the film or series, or may be a selection of existing musical pieces.

The Altadena Library has a growing collection of soundtracks on CD for you to check out with your library card. Some of our most recent arrivals are:

- **Downton Abbey: the Ultimate Collection** featuring the musical highlights of all six seasons;
- **Straight Outta Compton** music from the motion picture;
- **Star Wars, Episode VII, Force Awakens** original motion picture soundtrack;
- **John Williams Conducts Music from Star Wars**;
- **Muscle Shoals** original motion picture soundtrack;
- **Dazed and Confused** the film soundtrack everyone will be talking about;
- and **Game of Thrones, Season 3** music from the HBO series.

Check some out today!

Welcome to a More Open, Innovative, and Comfortable Library Experience

**INNOVATIVE** Floor space is not the only part of the library receiving an upgrade. The library has recently installed lightning-fast 1G internet, as well as 12 new wide screen desktop computers and over 20 new laptops – offering a more adaptable experience for computer users who wish to move away from the fixed PC workstations and conduct business at tables or amongst the books in the stacks.

The community room is also receiving an upgrade, with improved audio quality and HD video projection capabilities.

Keep in mind, though, that the innovation is not limited to technology. Even the model that provides the very foundation of the library’s customer service experience is being improved with the upcoming additions of a welcome station near the entrance (where we can answer any questions you may have and check in your books for you), roaming librarians (readily available out on the floor to help you wherever you are in the library), and an improved central information and research desk (custom-designed to provide the best possible service for all who visit the library).

**COMFORTABLE** Aside from the wonderful Reading Court, the Altadena Library has created several new areas of comfortable seating, including the magazine lounge, a new area for teens, and the previously-mentioned reading area against the north windows. Next up in the plan is a new media browsing area: a comfortable space in which to sit and relax or peruse our expanding music and audiobook collections.

We hope you enjoy these latest steps toward evolving your community library experience. Perhaps OCLC librarian Megan Knapp said it best: “As libraries look to address 21st century customer needs, rethinking and reshaping indoor spaces can create welcoming, fun, and comfortable environments that keep customers visiting time and again.” We hope to see you soon at the Altadena Library, relaxing and enjoying our open, innovative, and comfortable spaces.
**The Next Good Book**

See our website, www.AltadenaLibrary.org for:
- New book alerts: What’s New button
- 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.

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**Children**

**Sophie Quire and the Last Storyguard** by Jonathan Auxier

Sophie knows little beyond the four walls of her father’s bookshop, where she repairs old books and dreams of escaping the confines of her dull life. But when a strange boy and his talking cat/horse companion show up with a rare and mysterious book, she finds herself pulled into an adventure beyond anything she has ever read.

**Thunder Boy Jr.** by Sherman Alexie (Author), Yuyi Morales (Illustrator)

Thunder Boy Jr. is named after his dad, but he wants a name that’s all his own. Just because people call his dad Big Thunder doesn’t mean he wants to be Little Thunder. *Meet Yuyi Morales at The Latino Festival on May 15 at the Library.* [see page 1]

**Ada’s violin: the Story of the Recycled Orchestra of Paraguay** by Susan Hood

From award-winning author Susan Hood and illustrator Sally Wern Comport comes the extraordinary true tale of the Recycled Orchestra of Paraguay, an orchestra made up of children playing instruments built from recycled trash.

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**Teens**

**Hot E-audio book: Graceling by Kristen Cashore**

Book 1 in the Seven Kingdoms Trilogy. This rich fantasy is set in a world where some people are born with a Grace – a unique, sometimes uncanny, gift. Some of these Graces are gifts like extreme strength or extraordinary singing talent. Katsa’s Grace – the grace of killing – is an eerie one that makes her a perfect pawn in her cruel uncle’s power plays.

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**Adults**

**A Few of the Girls** by Maeve Binchy

Previously unpublished in the United States, this latest collection of short stories provides readers with one last contribution from the late author who died in 2012. The stories are filled with the signature warmth and humor that have always been an essential part of Maeve’s appeal. We have this book available in a regular print edition and also a Large Print edition.

**No Safe Secret** by Fern Michaels

In her powerful new novel, #1 New York Times bestselling author Fern Michaels weaves a story of betrayal, courage, and starting over…From her silver Mercedes to her designer kitchen, Molly’s life is gleaming and beautiful – at least on the surface. Married to Tanner, a top cosmetic dentist, she has a wonderful daughter finishing high school and twin stepsons from Tanner’s first marriage. No one in her exclusive neighborhood in Goldenhills, Massachusetts, knows what living with the demanding Tanner is really like. They know even less about the life she left behind in Florida almost two decades ago. Large Print or regular print!
Rinker Buck’s Oregon Trail: a new American Journey serves as a combination of an historic discussion regarding the Oregon Trail and a story of two brothers trying to replicate the pioneering deed of making the trek complete with a restored covered wagon and a team of mules. It held our interest and proved fascinating at times, both as an insight into the related events of the late 1800s as well as a story of how two very different men can work together toward a common goal. There are few places one can go physically using only teamwork and one’s own ingenuity these days, so the opportunity to revisit the unregulated times of nearly two centuries ago is welcome for those with explorer lust.

What are you reading?

Our Patron James just finished reading Last Child in the Woods: saving our children from nature-deficit disorder by Richard Louv. He recommends this book to any parent who wants to enrich their children’s life in the easiest most affordable way, by opening the back door. It reminds us of the value of play in nature for our children’s physical, emotional and spiritual health. If you ever rode bikes, built forts and dams, climbed trees and played outside all day long and far from home, the outside world was your entertainment. James found this to be an outstandingly researched book about the issues facing us as we increase our urbanization and decrease our access to natural spaces. It talks about the impacts on our children’s development including the increase in ADHD and harm to creativity.

What are you cooking?

Five people showed up for our new Book Club - From Page to Table in April – Yeah! We were treated to a Foley Cake from a recipe from the book Little Flower: recipes from the café by Christine Moore, Baked Cheddar Olives, a cold Artichoke and Rice Salad, and a chocolate Texas Sheet Cake that was as expansive as its namesake. That cake was from a recipe in a family cookbook.

Our next potluck will be on Saturday June 25 from 1 to 3 pm. Join us as we explore cookbooks, both old & new, restaurants in the area, family favorite recipes and also discuss the dish that we created and brought to share. Don’t be intimidated – we are a very informal and friendly bunch!
The Library will be CLOSED Memorial Day
Monday, May 30

Open Studios Tour with Story Chicks
Saturday, June 4 at 11 am
Children, be part of ‘A Story Chicks Day Of Play’ creating art and props, writing your own stories, and acting and dancing onstage! CE Jordan and Terri MartinLujan, one tall and one small story chick, will then perform a collection of their classic country childhood adventures as a finale to the day.

Friends of Altadena Library Annual Meeting with guest speaker, Michelle Feynman
Monday, June 6 at 7:30 pm
Friends of the Altadena Library hosts guest speaker Michelle Feynman, the daughter of Richard P. Feynman and editor of Perfectly Reasonable Deviations from the Beaten Track: The Letters of Richard P. Feynman and The Art of Richard P. Feynman: Images by a Curious Character. All are welcome!

Second Saturday with JazzZone
Saturday, June 11 at 6:30 pm at the Main Library
Enjoy blues, jazz, and rap performed by The JazzZone. Prepare to dance!

Juno and the New Renaissance
Saturday, June 18 at 4 pm
in the Community Room at the Main Library
Join us for an exciting and enlightening presentation by Theo Clarke on the NASA Juno Mission to Jupiter.

Indie Author Panel
Tuesday, June 21 at 7 pm
Interested in local authors, creative writing, or no-cost self-publishing? Join us for an Indie Authors Panel, where five local novelists discuss their work, their writing process, and their independent publishing journey.

From Page to Table
Saturday, June 25 from 1 to 3 pm
From Page to Table is 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?

CHROMA
Saturday, June 25 from 1 to 3 pm
CHROMA creates Musical Adventures for Kids of all Ages. Winners of the 2014 Encore! Producers’ Award at the Hollywood Fringe Festival, they have an ongoing series at the Pasadena Conservatory of Music.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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Wednesday and Thursday
10 am to 8 pm

www.AltadenaLibrary.org

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

“It was a Tie!”
Carlene and Mikayla have been voted employees of quarter by their fellow employees. Congratulations!

Carlene Chiu Librarian II (Branch Manager)
Mikayla Arevalo Page

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