“Build a Better World” Through the Power of Summer Reading

Summertime is nearly upon us. Days are becoming longer. Vacation plans are being finalized. Children are growing antsy in anticipation of the excitement of summer break. The bliss of the sunny California summer is imminent. As families decide their priorities for the summer, Altadena Library District is excited to announce an array of events and activities for all ages as part of its 2017 Summer Reading Program, themed “Build a Better World.”

With the halt in a consistent flow of organized learning during summer break, libraries have the unique opportunity to fill this void in the lives of children and teens. Summer Reading helps prevent “summer slide” when it comes to reading comprehension and fluency. Think of what would happen if you didn’t go to soccer practice for three months and then tried to start in a game. You’d be pretty rusty! The same goes for your reading skills. According to Harvard researcher Jimmy Kim, “Regardless of ethnicity, socioeconomic level, or previous achievement, children who read four or more books over the summer fare better on reading comprehension tests in the fall than their peers who read one or no books over the summer.” And it’s not just the kids that can benefit from summer reading! One of the best ways to encourage your children to read for pleasure is to do so yourself and to make reading a family activity. Adults can (and should!) sign up for summer reading when they register their children. Setting aside time for pleasure reading has proven emotional, social, and psychological benefits for adults. Commitment from library patrons, paired with a strongly themed summer reading program, ensures growth for people of all ages around the community this summer!

Specifically in 2017, libraries around the country, in alliance with Collaborative Summer Library Program™, are uniting around the timely theme, “Build a Better World.” In today’s tumultuous political climate, it is more important than ever for children, teens, AND adults to be literate and to engage with sometimes difficult or challenging issues on a regular basis. One seamless way to engage and learn is through reading. By using the increased leisurely hours over the summer for reading, readers of all ages can expand their worldviews and become all the better equipped to face the challenges our world presents.

Summer Reading at the library means getting to read any book that you want—there are no lists to pick from and no quizzes to take. Letting children choose their own books leads to an increase in the number of children who find reading to be a pleasurable, fun activity. And there’s no wrong way to read! This means that listening to audio books, reading picture books aloud to younger siblings, or reading graphic novels all count as the “right” way to read. On top of the guided reading tracking, our talented librarians and library staff have planned out a diverse offering of educational events and activities for all ages. From regularly scheduled Story Times, to weekly child programming about music, science, animals, and, of course, bubbles, to Teen Crafting and Gaming days, this summer promises to be full of fun and learning for all!

You’re likely asking, “Where do I sign up?” This summer, Altadena Library is unveiling a new, online option for registration, reading tracking, and prize collection. Pre-registration opens online on May 1st, with programs and activities launching June 12th. Visit www.altadenalibrary.org/summer-reading for all the details!
FROM THE DIRECTOR - MINDY KITTAY
Community Conversations and a Town Hall Meeting: The Library as an Agent of Progress

What an amazing time to be an Altadenan! At the start of the New Year, Altadena Library District undertook an innovative initiative called “Community Conversations,” inspired by the American Library Association’s movement “Libraries Transforming Communities” and the Harwood Institute’s approach to community engagement. From January through March, over 200 residents across Altadena gathered in individual homes, local businesses, and organizations to discuss aspirations for the community, challenges we face, and practical action steps toward change.

Project Manager Brian Biery and I then gathered the raw data and synthesized a report that encapsulates both the results of the conversations as well as further action steps the Library recommends for the community moving forward. The top priorities highlighted in the report include maintaining Altadena’s unique character, community cohesion, small business development, the Library’s role in the community, public safety, neighborliness, information sharing, local government, mobility, civic engagement, and support for PUSD schools.

On Thursday, April 27th, these results were presented at a community-wide Town Hall Meeting at Farnsworth Park’s Upper Davis Building. Close to one hundred Altadena residents, including representatives from Chamber of Commerce, Altadena Rotary Club, Neighbors Building a Better Altadena, and Altadena Town Council, gathered to voice their reactions to the initiative’s findings and to build bonds with fellow residents in pursuit of our common aspirations. Facilitators Biery and expert in civic engagement Dr. David W. Campt challenged residents to examine where they can make space in their lives to commit to specific priorities around the community.

It is the desire of the Library to partner with the community to build upon the recommendations and action steps discussed at the Town Hall Meeting. We commit to (and have already started) taking action toward the betterment of our community, and we look forward to the bountiful growth Altadena has in store in the near future!

If you have any questions or feedback about the Community Conversation process or the Town Hall Meeting, I encourage you to email me at MKittay@AltadenaLibrary.org or call (626) 798-0833, ext. 103.

- Mindy Kittay, Library Director

NEW STAFF ANNOUNCEMENT
Meet Mark Parsons, Our New Collection Development Associate

Altadena Library District prides itself on the diverse professional backgrounds its employees bring to serve the community, and Mark Parsons, the new Collection Management Associate, fits right in. After obtaining a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Vanderbilt University, Mark attended London International Film School, earned a Library Tech degree from Pasadena City College, and is currently continuing his studies in the Masters in Library Science program at San Jose State University. In addition to his multifarious academic background, Mark’s prior professional experience includes 10 years at James Cameron’s production company, Lightstorm Entertainment, reading scripts and books and synthesizing summary reports, a period as a reality TV producer; and more recently, a stretch as a bookseller at Pasadena’s renowned Vroman’s Bookstore. When he is not occupied at Altadena Library, he currently works at the Getty Research Center.

Mark is a constant reader and lover of the science fiction, fantasy, and mythology genres; he enjoys the visionary nature of such works that offer inspiring and empowering ways for readers to look at the past, present, and future of our society. You will most often find him reading the mystical, contemporary fantasies of author Jonathan Carroll, an expat American who lives in Vienna, Austria and writes wonderfully strange fables and love stories with odd twists.

Mark’s favorite quote is, “It’s not where you take it from, it’s where you take it to,” by Jean-Luc Godard, French-Swiss film director and screenwriter. Fun fact: Like the man who said United States but also a British citizen.
WHAT’S HAPPENING

The Main Library Reopens May 1st!

In the six weeks that the Main Library has been closed, we learned many lessons, the most important of which can be summed up in a slight paraphrasing of an old adage: renovating not only restores the building, but also restores the story of the building and the neighborhood. The Phase I Renovations tackled some of the Main Library’s critically needed updates and, in the process, refreshed our beloved, historical building to expand its potential and better serve the community’s needs.

We invite you to come explore all that the updated Library has to offer -- vibrant colors all around, fresh flooring and carpet thanks to the Altadena Library Foundation, brand new ADA-accessible shelving, ornate wood carvings on the Information Desk, and fresh plantlife in our planter. One of the most exciting additions is the FabLab, a technological space where teens can innovate and learn some of today’s most modern technologies and software. The FabLab is equipped with a 3D printer, virtual reality equipment, video and sound production software, and more!

It has been truly inspiring to see Library staff and the community come together to complete this project. With the help and dedication of staff and volunteers, Altadena Library is now a modern institution, even better equipped to welcome back its patrons and connect them with the resources they need.

The empty book carts above were filled with every item on the old shelves and then emptied onto the new shelving. Now, that took a team effort!

The Michael Haggins Band is Coming to Altadena Library for Second Saturday!

Michael Haggins is a successful contemporary bassist and songwriter in the L.A. scene. Michael, who was born in Pasadena and began playing music in his early teens, has worked and recorded with many artists while also working in the Network Television industry.

Michael's music has been featured in episodes on Network Television & Feature Films:
- NBC Late night with Jimmy Fallon
- NBC "Community"
- ABC "Happy Endings"
- FOX "Raising Hope"
- FOX "New Girl"
- Feature Films "Hall Pass" and "The First Time"
- SHOWTIME "Ray Donovan"
- MSNBC "Wake Up With Al"
- The Weather Channel
- KTLA TV-5 Morning News

Michael continues to write and produce songs with his special brand of original music with his own unique sound. Michael's touring band, Michael Haggins & Friends, is based in Southern California.

Don’t miss the Michael Haggins Band at the Second Saturday Concert, May 13 at 6:30pm!

It’s time for the Friends of Altadena Library Annual Book Sale!

Members PreSale (Nonfiction Books)
Friday, May 19
1:00 - 4:00 pm
Not a member of Friends of Altadena Library?
You can join at the door!
Individuals: $10
Family: $25

Sale Open to Public! (Nonfiction & Fiction Books and Media)
Saturday, May 20
10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Final Day of Sale! (Prices greatly reduced!)
Sunday, May 21
1:00 - 4:00 pm

We need volunteers for the Book Sale!

If you would like to help on any of the dates listed above, please contact:

volunteer@altadenalibrary.org
GROWING UP 'DEN'A

Grand Reopening,
Summer Reading
Kick-Off,
& 50th Anniversary
Celebration

Saturday,
June 10th
10:00 AM - 8:30 PM

FEATURING:
10am - Welcome & John
Muir Drum Corp

10:15am - Mad Science
Program for kids

11:15am - Musical
performance for all ages
by CHROMA

12pm - Elected officials
Anthony Portantino, Kathryn
Barger, and more

Delicious lunch at 1960s
prices sponsored by
Altadena Rotary Club

1:30pm - Hip-hop
dance and spoken
word poetry by Antics

3:30pm - Special live
appearance by
Andy Vargas,
Vocalist for Santana
& Souleros

6:30pm - Second
Saturday Concert
with The Satisfaction
Band

YOU'RE INVITED!

For more information, visit
www.altadenalibrary.org/50th-anniversary-year-main-building
DID YOU KNOW?

Altadena Library can process your passport application and photo!

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

(626) 798-2950

Passport Services Hours

Monday & Tuesday
10:00am - 8:00pm

Wednesday-Friday & Saturday
10:00am - 5:00pm

www.altadenalibrary.org/passports

ATTENTION, LONGTIME RESIDENTS!

Were you around for Altadena Library’s Main Building Grand Opening in 1967?

Share your recollections and memories with us!

Please email hello@altadenalibrary.org to share your story!

Love Your Library!

Altadena Library is seeking volunteers to help in many ways!

Volunteer activities include shelving books, tutoring, special events, gardening, technology, and more!

Ready to volunteer? Email: volunteer@altadenalibrary.org

ART ABOUNDS IN ALTADENA!

Stop by Zorthian Ranch on June 3-4 from 1-5pm for art, poetry, music, demonstrations, and fun!

3990 N. Fair Oaks Ave., Altadena, CA 91001

Learn more at zorthianranch.com.
FEATURED FROM THE COMMUNITY

Resident Short Story Excerpt: “Tree - An Altadena Mystery”

Altadena Library celebrates the talent of local authors! Below is an excerpt from an Altadena resident Sidney Chance’s short story; this is the first of many to come in future CONNECT Newsletters. Enjoy!

Looking at the rear damage of Mrs. Garcia’s new Lexus LX SUV, Altadena Sheriff’s Deputy Robert Sage was quiet and circumspect. This narrow residential road in upper Altadena was not immune to its share of inebriated and errant drivers who moved too quickly and erratically. It was common to get station calls reporting property damage to one or another vehicle parked at what would be the curb, if the street had a sidewalk. This one didn’t.

What was unusual in this situation was Mrs. Garcia’s unwavering assertion she knew who the culprit was who hit her SUV - without ever seeing the accident happen. Mrs. Garcia, a serious woman in her mid-fifties, was certain of the tortfeasor responsible for the negligence.

Standing with Mrs. Garcia was retired postal worker and eccentric Ms. Gitlan, a woman in her early seventies. Appearing more youthful than her years, Ms. Gitlan’s long unkempt grey hair looked blonde except in certain light where it sparkled silver. Surveying her next-door neighbor’s vehicle damage, Ms. Gitlan shook her head and addressed the sheriff’s deputy directly. “Deputy Sage, I should know if I hit a neighbor’s car, shouldn’t I?” Sage nodded. “I tell you I was coming home from the annual two-day organic gardening conference in Riverside. This year, sulfur and nitrogen were the highlights. Very interesting stuff. Anyway, I went up Lake Avenue to see Tree before I came home. I always go up Lake and see Tree after an extended trip...”

Mrs. Garcia interrupted, “Deputy, let’s cut to the chase. I work for an insurance company. Her old VW Vanagon has a large triangle shaped dent in the front; it exactly matches the point of impact at the rear of my new SUV. She crunched my car by making a turn into her driveway that was way too wide. It’s obvious.”

Can’t get enough and want to keep reading? Visit altadenalibrary.org/community-authors-poets for more of Sidney Chance’s short story.

Resident Poetry: “Me, As A Child”

reaching for the typewriter keys, arms and legs thin bands of want, pulled by the magic clackety clack, the something that starts inside the belly, then rolls out of the mouth. Already, I know the feeling — a strike so letters cloud into air, or streak a ray of glyphs that bite against the white page’s blank.

Years later, my brother says, “You always were the light-headed one,” that mad press was already scrawling inside my skin, its smooth surface concealing the roil of words waiting to tap their way out.

About the Poet

Dr. Elline Lipkin holds an MFA in Poetry from Columbia University and a PhD in Creative Writing and Literature from the University of Houston. Her poetry has been published in a range of journals and she has been a resident at Yaddo, the Virginia Center for the Creative Arts, and the Dorland Mountain Arts Colony. She has also been a Pushcart Prize nominee, an invited participant at a National Endowment for the Humanities seminar, and a presenter at the Modern Language Association conference. She lives in Altadena with her family.

Local Masterpiece: Mountain View Mausoleum

A Serene and Beautiful Landmark

Mountain View Mausoleum is a sparkling gem in the landscape of Altadena’s rich history and scenic offerings.

When first walking through the doors of Mountain View Mausoleum, one is instantly transported to another time and place. Constructed in the mid-1920s by Cecil E. Bryan, architect of 80 mausoleums in his time, the Mausoleum is the final resting place for many of Altadena’s historical and notable citizens, including Bryan himself. The building features traditional arches and columns, beautiful marble, and ornate stained glass. In the main corridor along the ceiling is a 300-foot art piece, made of 40 separate panes, that outlines the story of Christianity from Genesis through the time of the apostles. The sizable grounds also feature beautiful gardens that reflect the internal beauty of the building out in the open air.

While it started as a community entity, Mountain View Cemetery acquired the Mausoleum in the 1970s and, since then, has added more art to the facility, including the addition of the New Radiance Corridor in 1980, designed by Pasadena artist Jane Carmichael, and extensive stained glass installations created by Judson Studios of Los Angeles, CA.

Visit www.mtn-view.com for more information about Mountain View Cemetery and Mausoleum including hours of visitation.
2nd Tuesday Nights 7pm - 8pm  
No Guilt Book Club  
April Reviews - Truth, Freedom, Beauty, Love!

The Japanese Lover by Isabel Allende  
The main theme of The Japanese Lover is the gritty survival of all the characters caught up in the adverse cultural limits of the war years. Isabel Allende takes you on a journey through decades mixed up with historical events, the personal stories of her characters, and how those events changed their lives. It explores many social issues such as racial prejudice, human trafficking, child abuse, and AIDS. It also portrays the reality of the elderly population in the US, the loneliness, the physical and mental challenges, their philosophy of life at this late stage and how they relate to their environment and circumstances. Interwoven is a love story spanning a lifetime that shows the complexity of love and convention. A condemnation of xenophobia and Japanese Internment during WWII and the resilience of one friendship, ultimately this is a book about tolerance and overcoming prejudice both real and imagined. Our book club felt that this story was formulaic, not up to Allende’s standards, and featured undeveloped characters and some improbable events.

The Book of Joy by Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu  
Both the Dalai Lama and Desmond Tutu have risen beyond their respective religions to reach out to all humans regardless of their location. They have decades of hard-earned knowledge shaped by repetitive practice in action. The insights they share are for all.

This story describes the seven day journey of the pair celebrating the 80th birthday of His Holiness, the Dalai Lama. We loved the narrator’s skill in blending the dialogue with scientific proof on happiness and joy. (Hint: Joy is different from happiness and if you deliberately try to find happiness you may never find joy.) The photos woven inside of the book themselves tell a story of pure delight in the company of each other. The two have a fantastic loving relationship and play off one another well to create a lighthearted examination of good humor in the face of tragedy. We are fortunate to have their encouraging and inspiring words on how to live in these challenging times. A charming book by two enlightened souls who sometimes disagree but never argue! This enamoring read could lighten your load, put a giant smile on your face, and maybe change your life.

No guilt – come even if you haven’t read the books! Meets in the Director’s Office!

MAY 9, 2017  
A House Without Windows  
by Nadia Hashimi  
The Wright Brothers  
by David McCullough

JUNE 13, 2017  
The Mercy of Thin Air: a novel  
by Ronlyn Domingue  
The Hidden Life of Trees: what they feel, how they communicate: discoveries from a secret world  
by Peter Wohlleben

Staff Picks for the Adult Collection

Chris’s Pick: Babymetal Live @ Wembley  
Why? Watch this Blu Ray and “you will witness the phenomenal girl power of international superstars Babymetal live in concert!”

Christina’s Pick: The Night Circus by Erin Morgenstem  
Why? “For Celia and Marco, the circus is a wonder, half-real and half-magicked; and, a battlefield, where there can only be one winner.”

Kylynn’s Pick: Unstoppable: Harnessing Science To Change the World by Bill Nye  
Why? “Climate change is a hot topic, (literally)!"

Mark’s Pick: The Vorrh by Brian Catling  
Why? “A 1920’s colonial African adventure meets a Brothers Grimm-style dark fairy tale for grown-ups! The Vorrh is a mad, mythic modern classic and you will want to read the sequel, The Erstwhile.”

Mindy’s Pick: A Man Called Ove by Fredrik Backman  
Why? “This feel-good story about a curmudgeonly old man will warm your heart. It is a thoughtful and beautiful exploration of the profound impact one life can have on countless others.”

Staff Picks continue on next page...
Staff Picks for the Adult Collection

Melissa’s Pick: *The Soul of an Octopus: A Surprising Exploration in the Wonder of Consciousness* by Sy Montgomery
Why? “A lovely and heartwarming book for the entire family, that explores the world of the octopus and a community of people that come together around a shared passion for cephalopods.”

Rebecca’s Pick: *Saga* by Brian K. Vaughan
Why? “The saga of Alana and Marko, a couple from warring extraterrestrial races, trying to raise their daughter Hazel, while being pursued by authorities from both sides of the galaxy.”

Ryan’s Pick: *The Pillars of the Earth* by Ken Follett
Why? “This Epic historical fiction, set in England in the Middle Ages, has everything: action, suspense, betrayal, revenge, an endearing tale of true love, and one of the most despicable villains in modern fiction!”

CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS

**Birth to Preschool**

**Teddy Bear Story Time**
Mondays, 6:30 p.m. (through 5/19)

**Baby Lap Time**
Wednesdays, 10:15 a.m. (through 5/19)

**Toddler Story Time**
Wednesdays, 11:00 a.m. (through 5/19)

**Market Stories**
Wednesdays, 4:00 p.m.

**Preschool Story Time**
Thursdays, 11:00 a.m. (through 5/19)

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**Elementary**

**Pokemon Club**
Tuesdays, 4:00 p.m.

**Lego Club**
Fridays, 3:30 p.m.

**May the Fourth**
Thursday, May 4, 3:30 p.m.
Make your own pool noodle light saber and get your Jedi on!

**Native Gardening**
Saturday, May 6, 10:00 a.m.

**Tail Waggin’ Tutors**
Saturday, May 6, 11:00 a.m.
Join us as we host Cedar, a friend from Therapy Dogs International. Bring your favorite book (or find a new one at the library) and tell Cedar a story!

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**FEATURED CHILDREN’S EVENT**

**MAY 15-16 - STUFFED ANIMAL SLEPOVER**

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to spend the night at the library? Here’s a chance for your stuffed animals to find out!

Bring a stuffed animal to Teddy Bear Story Time at 6:30pm on Monday, May 15. Then give a goodnight kiss and say goodbye, because your stuffie gets to stay overnight! They’ll read books, play games, make a craft, and have so much fun at the library. Then, on Tuesday, May 16, you can pick them up and hear all about their fantastic time.

Can’t make it to Teddy Bear Story Time? Drop off your stuffed animal at any time on Monday, May 15. We suggest bringing a friend who doesn’t mind spending the night away from you. This program is for children aged 0-7.

If you have any questions or require special accommodation, please contact the Children’s Desk at 626-798-0833 x 108 or at childrens@altadenalibrary.org.
Staff Picks for the Children’s Collection

**Niko Draws a Feeling** by Bob Raczka
*Why?* Niko draws all the time, putting his feelings into pictures. Nobody seems to understand his pictures until a new friend moves in next door. Niko Draws a Feeling is artistic and imaginative and will inspire children to perceive their world in a new way.

**Up in the Garden, Down in the Dirt** by Kate Messner
*Why?* A beautiful companion to Over and Under the Snow and Over and Under the Pond, this marvelously illustrated non-fiction book shows the plants and animals that make up the complicated ecosystem (and all of the hard work!) in a backyard garden.

**Marta Big and Small** by Jen Arena
*Why?* Young readers will enjoy following Marta as she embarks on a trip through the jungle. Since the text has Spanish words sprinkled throughout the pages, readers are introduced to some basic Spanish vocabulary for terms while also comparing her actions to those of various animals.

**The Penderwicks** by Jeanne Birdsall
*Why?* This book came out over a decade ago, but it proves as sweet and timeless as ever. Rosalind, Skye, Jane, Batty, their father, and Hound the dog are on an idyllic summer vacation. But rabbits, gardens, first crushes, and a strange face at an upstairs window are bound to complicate what is supposed to be a time to relax.

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**TEEN PROGRAMS**

**Announcing Updated Teen Space & More!**

The library is excited to unveil the new and improved Teen Space on May 1st. Be sure to stop by and check out one of our many programs! We kick off the month with our May the Fourth Celebration by making light up light sabers. Supplies are limited so please arrive on time. On Saturday, May 6th, learn the basics of 3D printing. On Monday the 8th, we’ll be shooting off vinegar and baking soda rockets (outside of course) so you will want to be there for that. Teen Game Day is on May 15th this month. We are excited to unveil our new virtual reality cooperative game, Keep Talking and Nobody Explodes. If you missed it in theatres or just want to see it again, we will be screening Rogue One on May 26th. Looking forward to seeing you there!

**Teen DIY Club: Light Sabers**
**Thursday, May 4 at 4:00 p.m.**
Take a study break and celebrate May the 4th by making your own custom light saber. Supplies are limited so please arrive on time!

**Beginning 3D Printing**
**Saturday, May 6 at 3:00 p.m.**
Get to know this up and coming technology, create your own custom designs, and print your creations.

**Maker Monday: Vinegar Rockets**
**Monday, May 8 at 4:00 p.m.**
Using common household products, teens will create a small rocket, powered by baking soda and vinegar. See whose rocket flies the highest when we test them outside!

**Teen Game Day**
**Monday, May 15 at 4:00 p.m.**

**Teen Movie: Rogue One**
**Friday, May 26 at 3:30 p.m.**

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**Staff Picks for the Teen Collection**

**Kate’s Pick: Cinder** by Marissa Meyer
*Why?* “A cyborg Cinderella story set in space, Cinder is a gripping start to a new series. I laughed when I first heard the premise, but once I started reading, I was completely hooked.”

**Mark’s Pick: Batman ‘66** by Jeff Parker
*Why?* “Revisit the Batman of the past in this reissue of the classic comic.”

**Kate’s Pick: Partialis** by Dan Wells
*Why?* “When weaponized robots who look like humans have unleashed a deadly virus and forced all the remaining Americans onto Long Island, Kira sets out to save her race and discovers that the survival of humans is dependent on the survival of partials. With so many teen dystopians on the market, I appreciated this one for its originality and true SciFi focus.”
UPCOMING EVENTS - MAY
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**Friends of the Library Board Meeting**
Monday, May 1 at 7:30 p.m.

**Teen Advisory Board Meeting**
Wednesday, May 3 at 3:30 p.m.

**No Guilt Book Club**
Tuesday, May 9 at 7:00 p.m.
No guilt! Come even if you haven’t read the books!

**Second Saturday Concert: Michael Haggins Band**
Saturday, May 13 at 6:30 p.m.
Michael Haggins Band combines funk and smooth jazz with a taste of old school, having been inspired by Stanley Clarke, Isley Brothers, George Duke, Earth Wind & Fire, and many others. Enjoy the live music while tasting delectable treats from local vendors, including Sweeter Than Honey and Altadena Ale & Wine House!

**Friends of the Library Annual Book Sale**
Friday, May 19 through Sunday, May 21
More details listed on page 3!

**Library Board of Trustees Meeting**
Monday, May 22 at 5:00 p.m.

**Learn How to Crochet**
Thursday, May 25 at 4:00 p.m.
Come join the last of the Crochet Club’s three part session to learn how to crochet. We will be covering all the basics! Limited Space Available!

**Tea Program**
Saturday, May 27 at 4:00 p.m.
Join Linda Louie, owner of Bana Tea Company, for soul warming samples of pu-erh and black teas as well as tales of how she travels purchasing for her passion. Learn what constitutes the perfect cup. Find out how tea and tea culture evolved through the passing of dynasties and how the same tea plant can produce thousands of variations of tea. Explore and expand your sensory experience tasting a black, oolong and pu-erh tea.

**CLOSED - Memorial Day**
Monday, May 29

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**National Small Business Week is April 30 through May 6!**

Since 1963, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) sponsors National Small Business Week to honor the more than half of Americans that either own or work for a small business and highlight their impact on job creation, innovation, and America’s competitiveness globally.

This year, Altadena Library District is doing its part to honor the small businesses in town while also celebrating its main building’s 50th Anniversary. We invite you to join the celebration and explore Altadena’s diverse businesses!

Stop by the main library or Bob Lucas Branch to pick up your Altadena “passport”! Earn prizes by visiting a variety of businesses and completing Library-related activities before Saturday, June 10th, Altadena Library’s Grand Reopening, Summer Reading Kick-Off, and 50th Anniversary Celebration, where the prize drawing will take place!