UPCOMING EVENTS - NOVEMBER
Find Branch Library and Children’s Programs on page 6, and Teen Programs on page 7.

Techies-In-Training
Wednesdays, November 1, 8, 15, and 29, at 10:00am
Brush up on your computer skills with this four-part workshop series. Attend just one or attend them all— you’re sure to leave with improved skills in navigating computer basics. Call (626) 798-0833 x117 to register for one or more.

Friends of the Altadena Library (FOAL) Meeting
Monday, November 6, at 7:30pm
All-Games Chess Night
Tuesdays, November 7, 14, 21, and 28, at 6:30pm
Calling all lovers of chess, beginners included! All you need for this fun, all-ages chess experience is your love of the game, good sportsmanship, and willingness to learn! This popular program is led by local chess enthusiast Will Petiton.

#BeTheMedia: Citizen Journalism Workshops
Tuesdays, November 7, 14, and 21, at 7:00pm
Join us to learn about Interviewing on the 7th and Structure of a News Story on the 21st. Each workshop consists of a lecture and then a group discussion about news topics participants bring in from the community.

DISTRICT CLOSURE FOR VETERANS DAY
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10
3D Printing Workshops
Saturday, November 11 and 18, at 10:00am
Learn everything you need to know about 3D printing! Both workshops will cover the same curriculum and are for ages 18+. Registration is required! To register, call (626) 798-0833 x105 or email vwoy@altadalenlibrary.org.

Artisanal LA Community Block Party
Saturday, November 11, from 1:00pm to 6:00pm
You won’t want to miss this amazing party featuring gourmet food trucks, crafters, makers, and community organizations.

Friends of the Altadena Library Book Sale
Saturday, November 11, at the Artisanal LA Block Party
Roll and rock the night away to the classic rock stylings of The Tone Brothers! With food and drink available for sale and a bunch of dancing neighbors this is the place to spend your Saturday night!

No Guilt Book Club
Tuesday, November 14, at 7:00pm
Come even if you haven’t read the book! Meets in the Director’s Office.

Open Studios Art Tour Opening Reception
Friday, November 17, at 6:00pm
Altadena Library will once again participate in Open Studios Art Tour and is excited to open our doors to the community. Gather with fellow art lovers and celebrate the start of another successful Art Tour throughout Altadena and Pasadena! Learn more about event details at openstudiosgallery.com.

“Jerusalem: the Sacred Hub” Book Talk & Signing
Sunday, November 19, at 4:00pm
Photographer Ari Roth will take guests on a visual journey of his travels to Jerusalem through the enigmatic, powerful photography of his book “Jerusalem: the Sacred Hub.”

DISTRICT CLOSURE FOR THANKSGIVING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22 AT 5:00PM THROUGH FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24
Library Board of Trustees Meeting
Monday, November 27, at 5:00pm
Open Mic Night
Tuesday, November 28, at 7:00pm

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10am to 6pm
Wednesday through Saturday
10am to 6pm
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BY APPOINTMENT ONLY
626-798-2950
Monday and Tuesday
9am to 8pm
Wednesday through Saturday
9am to 5pm
Bob Lucas Branch
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Altadena, CA 91001
626-798-8383

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

ChapCare at the Library This Winter
Stop By & Learn Your Healthcare Options
We are happy to announce that for this year’s Covered California Open Enrollment period, ChapCare will have a certified enrollment counselor at the Altadena Library to help community members renew and sign up for Covered California plans.
ChapCare was founded in 1995 by a group of community residents, city officials, and healthcare agencies to establish primary healthcare services for low-income, uninsured residents in Pasadena and Altadena. ChapCare began providing medical services in 1996 and dental services in 2001. Today, ChapCare is a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) that provides comprehensive healthcare services, including family medicine, women’s health, pediatrics, dental, vision, behavioral health, pharmacy, and health insurance enrollment assistance.
The enrollment process is easy. In order to successfully enroll, you must bring the following documents: identification (driver’s license, state ID, passport), proof of California residence (California driver’s license/ID, utility bill), proof of current income (recent tax return, W-2, recent pay stubs, etc.), proof of legal residency (social security number, legal resident card, naturalization certificate, certificate of citizenship, etc.), birthdates, and home address.
Open Enrollment for private health coverage through Covered California for 2018 began November 1st and ends on January 31, 2018. The enrollment counselor will be at the Main Library from 5:00pm to 9:00pm on:
- Tuesdays, November 14th & 28th
- Tuesday, December 5th
- Tuesdays, January 2nd, 9th, 16th, & 23rd

For more information, please call (626) 486-9729.

Lauch of the Block Parties
Bringing Neighbors Together Around Food and Fun
Grab friends and family, celebrate the harvest season and get a jump on holiday shopping while meeting and supporting local food artisans, crafters, makers, and your neighbors at the Second Saturday Block Party on Saturday, November 11th, from 1:00pm to 6:00pm at the Main Library parking lot.

Born from the feedback gathered in the Community Conversations, this special event is just the start of what the Library hopes to become a series of block parties throughout our community. We’re getting things started with a bang! Altadena Library District has partnered with Artisanal LA to bring one of its signature market stands, featuring 20 Artisanal LA makers and a handful of sweet and savory food trucks to keep our appetites satisfied while we spend quality time with our friends and neighbors. Also featured at the event will be several community organizations and nonprofits so that you can learn firsthand about all the exciting initiatives currently in motion in Altadena and how to get involved in our community.

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, this special issue is dedicated to the purpose of sharing our gratitude with all the wonderful people in our community that support the Altadena Library District and make our work possible. Within these pages are stories from and about our dedicated volunteers who give of their time and effort so selflessly to ensure that our Library is equipped to best serve our community.

Thank you all! From the bottom of our hearts, thank you!

ChapCare
A Posture of Gratitude This Thanksgiving Season
Without YOU, Where Would We Be?

The month of November always calls for pauses and reflection. As we approach Thanksgiving, a holiday whose meaning can all too easily be swept aside in the flurry of food preparation and family drama, it is important to set aside time to reflect on all that we have to be grateful for. I hope you will join me in this season in adopting a posture of gratitude, being mindful and in support of honoring the many things for which we can be grateful.

Specifically, in the Altaaden Libraries there is much to be grateful for. Our continued operations and success in meeting the needs of our community are due to the hard work of staff and our cadre of dedicated volunteers. From volunteers who have been here for decades to newer teen volunteers who recently started getting involved, our Library is always bustling with hard-workers who consistently show up in a variety of crucial roles. These volunteers include our Altaaden Library Foundation and our Friends of the Altaaden Library who both tirelessly support the programs the Library offers and to advocate for the Library in the community. The following pages share the stories of just some of our volunteers for whom we are SO grateful.

Our gratitude does not end there. It is not our shelves of books or technology that makes our Library so special; it is the consistent patronage of our community. Every day as I walk through the Library watching our youngest patrons learning to read and light up during story times and our regulars enjoying our comfortable seating, my heart is warmed and encouraged. Our diversity of programming is a testament to the creativity of our patrons. Our welcoming atmosphere is due to the smiling faces of our patrons. The driving force behind our staff is their love of the community we serve. We would be nowhere without YOU!

All that said, the staff of Altaaden Library and I wish you all a wonderful Thanksgiving celebration with your loved ones this year. While the Library will be closed during the holiday season (detailed closure information on page 8), we will be with you in spirit and are happy to direct you to our helpful collection of cookbooks before the holiday! You can also always download ebooks and audiobooks from our website even when we are closed!

I leave you with the following reflection:

“Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow.”
- Author Melody Beattie

May we all adopt a posture of gratitude, enjoy the resulting peace this holiday season, and let it guide our visions for the future! As always, never hesitate to email me at mkiday@altaadenlibrary.org or call (626) 798-0833, ext. 103 with any questions or comments!

Mindy Kitting
Mindy Kitting, Library Director

SPECIAL THANKSGIVING FEATURE
Honor Our Many Volunteers
In coordination with staff, the Library’s volunteers are what make this special place tick! Our halls are always bustling with the activity of our volunteers (who we keep quite busy!), and it is because of their service that we can continue to expand our services and programs for the community. Below is just a handful of profiles of volunteers that give generously of their time and efforts. Be sure to thank them next time you run into them at the Library!

Paulina Arevelo - Special Projects & Maintenance

The Arevelo family is no strangers to Altaaden Library. Volunteer Paulina Arevelo’s husband has visited the Library since he was a child, and once the family bought a house over 20 years ago, the family continued to use the Library for its youth programs until it became the “go-to library” for educational resources during their homeschooling years. Now that her daughters are adults, Paulina supports the Library’s regular volunteer service. Before and after all other events, you find Paulina helping with set-up, décor, and a variety of tasks. Of her work ethic, she says “You might say it’s been a good habit to stay behind and lend a helping hand however and whoever needs it.” Her favorite part of her volunteer work? “To be able to give back to the community for the Library has always been a great use of resources, whether educational, personal, or recreational. The staff has always been supportive and welcoming of my family.”

Reggie Watson - Technology

Reggie is a true Altaadenian; he has lived in this community for over 40 years. After he retired, he was seeking a way to stay active as an older adult and found that volunteering was the perfect outlet to both use his skills as a teacher in helping others and to improve his overall quality of life. “As a volunteer, it seems to be my duty to help every and anyone needing assistance,” says Reggie, “To me, it’s an exciting and rewarding experience.” Reggie is especially fond of the bonds he has created with regulars in the Library.

Stephner White - Literacy

Volunteers are not limited to working at the Main Library; the Bob Lucas Branch, host of the District’s Summer Reading program, receives the support of Stephen White. An Altaaden resident for 20 years, Stephner was first introduced to the volunteer program through the late champion of literacy Roberta Lauderdale (also daughter of Bob Lucas for whom the Branch was named), and she started by tutoring just one learner. As she says, after that, “The rest is history”! Stephner has since relocated to Los Angeles but continues to volunteer with the literacy program every Tuesday and now works with four learners on a regular basis. She loves “watching [her] students grow, learn, blossom,” and it is crucial that her learners continue to do just that. Of the Altaaden Library, Stephner says, “The [literacy] program is so positive, effective, and community-based. With all the book sales, programs, and events, the Library is actively involved in the community. My learners are meeting goals and learning.”

Kathy Mataffey - Friends of the Altaaden Library Bookstore

Friends are always nearby at the Altaaden Library. Kathy, a longtime member of the Friends of the Altaaden Library (F.O.A.L.), volunteers in the bookstore several times a week. She first moved to Altaaden in 1974, thus fulfilling her lifelong dream to live in walking distance of a library. A true bibliophile, she loves “the treasure hunt feel of finding a rare book that has been donated;” she still gets surprised. She also loves connecting patrons, especially kids, with books she knows they will enjoy.

Cynthia Carmona - 50th Anniversary & Foundation

2017 was a big milestone year for the Altaaden Library District, and in celebration of the building’s 50th anniversary, a volunteer committee was formed. Altaaden resident, nonprofit leader, and devoted mom Cynthia Carmona generously took on the momentous task of leading the committee in its preparation of the year’s special events including Growing Up ‘Dena in June and Taste of ‘Dena in September. As 2017 comes to a close, her work continues. Recently, Cynthia was nominated for and voted in as new President of the Altaaden Library Foundation, one of the District’s main support organizations. “The Altaaden Library is an important part of not only my life, but of this community,” says Carmona, “My children and I frequent the Library and its many educational events, and I know we are not the only ones who get so much from the to the community and an organization that does so diverse offering of programs. This is my way to give back much to serve its many constituents.”
November Exhibitions & Displays

The Main Library glass display case will highlight the many family activities offered at our local Eaton Canyon Nature Center. Drop by the Nature Center for free admission to a wonderful kid-friendly nature museum with live animal exhibits of snakes, lizards, tortoises, spiders and beetles. Families are also invited to participate in activities & programs designed for children. There’s a fun gift shop as well.

On Saturday mornings, join the Eaton Canyon Nature Center outoors for a guided Family Nature Walk at 9:00am and then a free “Nature Trails” Storybook Reading Time at 10:30am.

Eaton Canyon Nature Center | 1750 N. Altadena Drive
www.eccna.org

The Reading Court will feature the work of photographer Avi Roth (see more details on page 5).

From November 7th through December 7th, the Community Room will house Altadena Historical Society’s recent exhibit featuring 50+ Interesting Altadens through the years that have made Altadena such a special place.

“We’ve had great fun researching and producing this exhibit,” said Jane Brackman, Society president. “Many of the people featured are our current neighbors and gave us their kind permission for us to include them, while others have passed on. In fact, we didn’t include several Altadena residents who are major stars in their fields, but cherish the privacy they have by living here.”

Are you an artist or community organization with work you want to share with our community in our displays? Contact Melissa Aldama at maldama@altadenalibrary.org to discuss scheduling and eligibility requirements.

Second Saturday
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14
6:30 - 8:30PM AT THE MAIN LIBRARY

Free live music, delicious food and drink, and good friends... all right around the corner!

This Second Saturday Concert featuring The Tone Brothers is supported in part by funds from the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Foundation.

Staff Picks for Adults
In the spirit of Thanksgiving, enjoy these staff picks focused on gratitude!

1. The Little Book of Hygge: Danish Secrets to Happy Living by Meik Wiking

“Hygge” is about gratitude and savoring the simple pleasures in life. In short, it is the pursuit of everyday happiness.”

2. Live Happy: Ten Practices for Choosing Joy by Deborah K. Heisz and the Editors of Live Happy magazine

“A new kind of ‘happiness’ is being born. Authentic happiness: how surprisingly simple, everyday acts lead to lifelong joy and fulfillment.”

3. Spirituality of Gratitude: The Unexpected Blessings of Thankfulness by Joshua OonoMinn Kang

“Fifty-two reflective chapters on the theme of gratitude.”

4. Pianos, Trains & Automobiles [Movie]

Comedy classic about a traveling business man trying to get home for Thanksgiving who learns a big lesson about being grateful.

Attention, Readers! Join Us for a Book Signing & Presentation
This month, the walls of the Reading Court will feature the work of photographer Avi Roth and a sample of his photographs from his book Jerusalem: The Sacred Hub. He will discuss his prolific career and his journeys through Jerusalem at his Presentation & Book Signing on Saturday, November 14th, at 4:00pm in the Community Room.

For over half a century, without maintaining his emotional distance, Avi Roth has been photographing images that are beyond voyeurism, images that form a mosaic of personal identity. Learn more at www.aviroth.com.

No Guilt Book Club
Solitary Assistance
Walking Lions by Ayetel Gundar-Goshen

Walking Lions is a moving tale of a successful Israeli neuro surgeon who becomes entwined with an Eritrean immigrant who lives on the fringes of society. There is so much to learn from this book about the reality of immigration, especially for those who view Israel as the shining country on the hill because of its origin. Israel is a real country with imperfect citizens who face existential problems that threaten survival. Whether the threat is from Palestinians or illegal immigration from Africa, the response from the Israeli populace revealing bigotry and lack of compassion will be little different from the people of any other country. Aside from the lesson on immigration, this thriller is a universal story about failure and disappointment in ourselves and each other as human beings, and how frequently we misinterpret other people’s intent and motivation. This is a dark story, full of cruelty, greed and betrayal, but also is shot through with redemption and perseverance.

The reader must consider humanity, privilege, and human understanding whilst caring for the ever-changing events orchestrated by Gundar – Goshen.

Books for Living by Will Schwalbe
Books come alive to different people for different reasons. Finding just that right book, exactly when we need it can be difficult. They take us on journeys, connect us with others, help heal the whole heart, keep someone’s memory alive, seek understanding, perhaps find forgiveness in our hearts, and know hope. In many ways, BOOKS FOR LIVING is less an account of the specific books author Schwalbe cherishes than it is a gentle nudge to encourage others to recall or seek out the kinds of books that can sustain them with the meaning, solace, and enlightenment he’s gleaned from his cherished picks. He weaves a beautiful tapestry in each chapter that includes a summary of the book, a memory that the book triggered for him, and a personal note about how the book connects with and precisifies how that book was relevant in the personal issues he has faced in his life. His stories and experiences are heartfelt and relevant to us all. There is a list in the back that names numerous other related titles mentioned, in case the reader would like to research for further enjoyment. Above all, Schwalbe makes a plea to bring reading back, from an exclusively solitary endeavor, to a means of connecting to humanity, not only through experiencing the lives or ideas of books, but by bonding us directly to contemporary, even strangers, with whom we may think we have nothing in common, by asking that mysterious, forgotten question: “What are you reading?”

The Twelve Lives of Samuel Hawley by Hannah Tinti
The Twelve Lives of Samuel Hawley
by Cara Nicoletti

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

November’s Picks
Staff Picks for Children

This Thanksgiving, share important messages about giving and gratitude with your little ones!

Bear Says Thanks by Karma Wilson
Bear is bored in his cave. He decides he will have a feast to share with his friends. But he opens his cupboard and sees that it is bare. One by one his friends happen by with some food. Before long there is a feast for everyone. Throughout the story, Bear says thanks to his friends for their generosity.

Gracias the Thanksgiving Turkey by Jow Crowley
In this story, the young boy is given a turkey by his dad. He is told to “tatten up the bird” so they can enjoy the turkey on Thanksgiving! But the little boy treats the bird as a pet instead. He takes it on walks and feeds it leftovers from the grocery store. Everyone in town comes to love the turkey.

Thankful by Eileen Spinelli
Spinelli combines charming rhymes and whimsical illustrations to convey the importance of being thankful for everyday blessings. Lila, the turkey, is grateful for every green sprout, and the fireman, for putting the fire out, readers are encouraged to be thankful for the many blessings in their lives.

CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS - NOVEMBER

Pokemon Club
Tuesday, 4:00 - 5:00pm

Baby Lap Time
Wednesday, 10:15am

Toddler Story Time
Wednesday, 11:00am

Preschool Story Time
Thursday, 11:00am

Hora de Cuentos
Fridays, 11:00am
No Story Time November 3rd or November 10th

Lego Club
Fridays, 3:30 - 5:00pm

BOB LUCAS BRANCH LIBRARY UPDATES & NOVEMBER EVENTS

Rainy Day Crafts & Games (Yes, we mean ALL Rainy Days!)

Don’t forget when it starts to rain during this fall and winter season, you are invited to come by the Branch to make a craft! Children, teens, and adults are all welcome, and we are well stocked for a variety of DIY projects. If you don’t feel like crafting, then challenge someone to a board game. Trust us, it’s worth braving the rainy weather... See you next time it rains!

Bilingual Story Time Continues!
The Bob Lucas Branch continues its new Bilingual Storytime this November! Join us as we fun with books, songs, and rhymes in both Spanish and English. For ages 0-5 and their parents and caregivers.

¡Este Noviembre, la biblioteca Bob Lucas Branch comenzará cuentos bilingües! Acompáñanos a estos cuentos nos divertiremos con libros, canciones y rimas en español e inglés. Para niños de 0-5 años, acompañados con sus padres o encargados.

Superhero Appreciation Day!
Thursday, November 16, 4:00pm
Calling all Mega Boys, Dynamic Girls, and Super kids! Celebrate Superhero Appreciation day in the Library! Join us in the Community Room for our Superhero Appreciation Day event. Design a mask, create your own sidekick, and write your own superhero story because we all have a hero inside of us.

Get Ready for Winter Reading!
Winter is here and that means cold days, cozy nights, and curling up with a good book! This winter, kids are invited to participate in Winter Reading! Between November 23rd and January 15th, read three books and write (or draw) three book reviews, and you’ll earn yourself a free book! Open to kids from birth through 5th grade. Registration opens on November 16th online at altadenaiteary.beanstack.org.

Music Mobile: Meet the Instruments
Saturday, November 18, 2:00 - 4:00pm
Bring your young, musical explorers to this special program facilitated by the Pasadena Conservatory of Music with the support of Pasadena Showcase House. Participants will enjoy a fascinating lecture by musical experts and get to interact hands-on with a variety of musical instruments, not just for kids under age 5.

If you have any questions or require special accommodation, please contact the Children’s Desk at childrens@altadenaiteary.org or 626-798-0633 ext. 108.

TEEN PROGRAMS - NOVEMBER

DIY: Put Yourself in a Bottle
Thursday, November 2, at 4:00pm
Take a picture of yourself in a soap bottle! Fill it with opaque soap and watch yourself resurface as you wash your hands! These make a great gift for special people in your life.

Special Saturday: Candle Making
Saturday, November 4, at 3:30pm
Make your own candles and learn how to substitute scents to get as basic or creative as you want.

Maker Monday: Dino Planters
Monday, November 13, at 4:00pm
Create a unique plant experience by substituting the pot for a dinosaur. Paint and decorate your dino as you see fit before filling him/her with dirt and plants.

Teens Game Day
Monday, November 20, at 4:00pm
Enjoy a variety of board games, party games, and video games. We have a PlayStation 4, Wii, and several board games, like King of Tokyo, Apples to Apples, Jenga and more.

Engage in the Newsmaking Process!
Join the Teen News Team and Gain Invaluable Experience

On Saturday, October 21st, several teens gathered at the Main Library for a special opportunity; Tami DeVine of Pasadena’s Crown City Network led the teens through a variety of training activities, all centered around engaging in the newsmaking process. Teens learned how to determine news-worthy topics, ask effective interview questions, and film and edit a news segment. The wonderful result of their hard work is now available for viewing on Crown City Network’s YouTube channel.

The excitement does not end here! Altadena Library is inviting interested teens to join the Altadena Library Teen News Team that will produce monthly videos about Library Happenings, Altadena news, and hot topics. It is a great opportunity for teens to gain real-life experience building an ongoing content strategy and seeking out real stories in the community. For more information, please email volunteer@altadenaiteary.org!

Left: (Above) Teen practices her on-camera reporting skills; (Below) The News Team gathers stories.

Baby & Infant Story Time
Every Thursday at 10:30am - 11:15am
Enjoy a morning of rhymes, songs and stories. Designed for babies ages 0-3 years old and their parents and caregivers.

Baby Turkey
Wednesday, November 8, at 11:00am
Say Cheese! The librarian will snap a photo of your cute baby and turn him/her into a turkey. Take home a baby turkey memory. This craft is designed with young ones in mind, but children of all ages and their caregivers are welcome.

Festive Turkey Craft
Thursday, November 16, at 3:30pm
Use glue, scissors, construction paper and colorful feathers to create fun turkey centerpieces for your dinner table. Or you can use them as hats! Don’t miss out! Supplies are limited so come early.

Movie Day
Friday, November 17, at 3:30pm
Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the Branch is showing a movie on Friday the 17th. Come enjoy a free showing of a family friendly flick. Popcorn provided for as long as supplies last.

Hora de Cuentos! Bilingual Story Time
Tuesday, November 21, at 11:00am

Turkey Fun On Its Way to the Branch
Thanksgiving festivities are coming to the Branch! Our creative librarians have developed some fun crafts and activities for our patrons this month. Thanksgiving is a time to come together, no need to stock up on new Thanksgiving décor – we have turkey crafts! Capture Thanksgiving memories at our Baby Turkey activity!