Music’s Power in Community
Altadena Library as a Hub for Cultural Enrichment

There are innumerable benefits of music on the health and connectivity of a community. Music is neither created nor shared in a vacuum; it is a way of telling stories that directly reflect the time and conditions of the culture in which the music came to life. More pervasive than perhaps any other method of storytelling, music can cross boundaries of race, ethnicity, age, socio-economic status, and gender, offering commonality to people groups that might not have connected or found reconciliation before in any other context.

Time and again the Altadena Library District has displayed its commitment to sharing in the time-honored tradition of gathering around live music and providing opportunities for the community to convene around music it loves. This fall, that tradition will continue as the well-known and beloved Second Saturday concert series will recommence, launching on Saturday, October 14th, with Southern California’s premier Reggae, Soca, and Caribbean band – Upstream (pictured above)! These monthly concerts will feature bands with a diverse range of musical styles, food and dessert offerings for purchase from local restaurants, and drinks for purchase from Altadena Ale & Wine House.

In an effort to usher in new talent and empower the young creators in our community, the District is including a new feature this season; young, upcoming artists will be the opening acts for our featured bands. Opening for Upstream is Natalie & Friends, a duo of violinists (learn more on page 4 inside). Get your dancing shoes, and come ready to support Altadena’s young talent in their early forays into live performance!

These community-oriented concerts would not be possible without our generous sponsors. The Second Saturday concert featuring Upstream on October 14th is generously sponsored by the office of Los Angeles County Supervisor Kathryn Barger. All Second Saturday concerts are supported in part by funds received from the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Foundation. As with all other Library programming, the Friends of Altadena Library also play a large role in supporting the production of Second Saturdays.

Right: (Above) The 50th Anniversary Committee worked diligently to transport guests to an autumn wonderland; (Below) Hundreds of guests enjoyed the tastings and music under the twinkling lights and lanterns in the transformed Main Library.

Taste of ’Dena
An Evening of Hope and Commitment to Progress

On the evening of Saturday, September 23rd, the Altadena Library District was all abuzz. Lit up and draped in festive fall garlands, the Main Library glowed as guests from all around Altadena sipped on delicious wines and beers and tasted decadent samplings from local restaurants and caterers to the jazzy melodies of the David Victorino Band.

The event’s purpose was not lost in all the wine-drenched fun. Generosity freely flowed in support of the development of the new outdoor space at the Main Library to serve the connective and mobility needs of the community. By the end of the event, between generous sponsorships, ticket sales, and revenue from the Wine Pull, gross proceeds to benefit the new initiative surpassed $14,000!
The Community Conversations initiative is not a thing of the past. The initial 23 Conversations and Town Hall Meeting in early 2017 were just a launching point for continuous dialogue between the Altadena Library and its community. The Library has been busy applying the extensive feedback we collected about the community’s aspirations and challenges to changes in Library programming, and the impact is evident in the length of the list alone. Here is a mattering of the changes already in effect in the District based solely on the Community Conversations feedback:

- The Library launched a digital Community Calendar where anyone can post community events.
- Our Children’s Librarian has started an ongoing special story time at the Altadena Farmers Market to be more engaged outside the walls of the Library.
- The Library has participated in Green Circle at the Farmers Market with a booth offering eco-conscious books and Library information.
- Library staff has been present at Parks After Dark.
- This month, we are launching a multi-session workshop on citizen journalism, led by an experienced journalist local to the Altadena area.
- One of the participants of the Community Conversations launched a monthly Open Mic Night at the Library on the last Tuesday of every month.
- Partnering with Artsenal LA, the Library will host a block party in November, featuring live music, food trucks, and tables for community organizations.
- A weekly Chess Club has started in result of being turned outward and being present at Parks After Dark.

A bilingual story time is now available at Main Library and will be at the Branch beginning in the fall. The impact does not stop within the Library walls; turning outward is infectious in Altadena. We have witnessed positive changes in several local organizations, including more citizens in their processes and being more engaged in the community. We are committed to being a more active role in Altadena’s growth!

To continue fostering the Library’s active presence in the community, starting this month I am offering bimonthly opportunities to meet me in the morning in a local café or in the evening at a local bar to discuss your aspirations for Altadena and potential action steps. These will take place on the third Wednesday and Saturday of each month; locations will vary month to month. We will announce the new locations online, in our weekly e-blast, and in our monthly newsletter! Email me at mkittay@altadenaLibrary.org or call (626) 798-0833, ext. 103 with any questions!

-Mindy Kittay, Library Director

THANK YOU TO THE GENEROUS SPONSORS OF TASTE OF ‘DENA!

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Altadena Rotary Club
Rotary is a global network of 1.2 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who come together to make positive, lasting change in communities at home and abroad. To learn more about Altadena Rotary Club, please visit www.altadenerotary.com.

Friends of the Altadena Library

The Friends of the Altadena Library is an organization committed to the support of the Altadena Library District and its programs and services by stimulating public interest in the library, assisting with funding to purchase library materials, and supporting cultural and educational programs at the Altadena Library. Learn more at www.altadennalibrary.org/friends-library.

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Summer Kids

Welcome to a place where the #1 rule is to “Have Fun.” Summer Kids’ goal is the same as it was when it began: to make summer a special time when your children can grow and play and learn new skills in an environment of natural beauty and caring staff. Learn more at www.summertimekids.net.

FRIENDS of the Altadena Library

FRIENDS: [friends] 1. n. an iconic television show from 1994-2004; 2. non-family members that we grow close to in our personal lives; 3. a common title to a group of supporters such as the Friends of the Altadena Library

FROM F.O.A.L. PRESIDENT - MARK MARISICAL

Friends of the Altadena Library Update

Those of you who are members of the Library’s support group - Friends of the Altadena Library (FOAL) are aware of the important contributions that derive from your annual membership dues, book sales inside the library, the Annual Library Book Sale each May and straight monetary donations. Last year, the Board of Directors of our 501c3 organization contributed more than $21,000 that supplemented many of the programs our library provided to the community. This year, our goal is to contribute at least $24,000; this is our 58th year of supporting our local library.

For those of you who weren’t able to attend the Library’s big event - “Taste of ‘Dena”, the event was well planned and successful in raising some of the funds needed towards the landscape improvements to the perimeter of the library property. The FOAL was one of the co-sponsors and we were well represented with members who purchased tickets and attended, volunteered at food and drink stations, and assisted with the check-in of guests.

Starting this month, the Board is asking you to start thinking about renewing your membership for the 2018 year, or if not a current member, registering now as a member of FOAL. All membership applications are processed by the end of the year are considered members during the full 2018 calendar year. End of the year contributions for tax purposes are also welcomed.

This year, we are expanding our book sales by holding one-day sales on the second Saturday of the month (October 14th, from 10-4pm, November 11th, from 10-4 pm, and December 9th - time TBD). These sales are open to the general public. We hope to see you there!

Established in 1959, the Friends of Altadena Library is an organization committed to the support of the Altadena Library at www.altadennalibrary.org/friends-library.
Meet Violinist & Game Changer Natalie Dale
Second Saturdays Welcome Young Talent as Opening Acts

Altadena Library District’s Second Saturdays are now venues for new talent to hone their performance skills and gain a new audience. The October 14th concert featuring Upstream will open with a gifted young performer with a passion. Violinist Natalie Dale, leader of her performance group “Natalie & Friends,” is a woman on a mission. Armed with her violin and a mixed repertoire of classical music, Natalie performs locally to spread awareness and raise funds for an organization that is near and dear to her heart, Music & Memory.

Based around the research that shows the positive impact of familiar music on an elderly person’s quality of life, Music & Memory collects, extracts, and trains elders care professionals and caregivers “how to create and provide personalized playlists” to reach elderly patients struggling with cognitive and physical challenges and help them “reconnect with the world through music-triggered memories.” Learn more about Music & Memory at http://musicandmemory.org.

As a musician, Natalie understands firsthand the power of music in someone’s life. “We love the way music can express what we feel and how making music makes us feel good,” says Natalie and her fellow performers. “When we tried to think of ways to give back, the M&M program that reaches out to those who have lost some of their ability to think and feel inspired us. We want to help bring back the joy and the love!”

Come by and show your support of Natalie and her endeavors at October’s Second Saturday concert on Saturday, October 14th, at 6:30pm! Together we can usher in a generation of talented musicians and empower them to share their musical gifts with the world.

Save the Date
The Friends of the Library is having its first
POP-UP BOOK SALE!

ONE DAY ONLY!!
Saturday, October 14th
10:00am - 4:00pm
The sale will be held in the northwest corner of the parking lot under the overhang.

Enjoy our excellent prices - a “buck a book!”

Fiction, Non-Fiction, and Media For Sale!
Children’s and mass paperbacks less than $1!

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

Altadena Library to Offer Health Insurance Resources
Covered California™ Reps Coming Soon!

As a hub for information and resources for people of all backgrounds in our community, the Altadena Library is committed to providing our patrons with relevant and practical resources. On certain days each week from November through January, the Library has invited Covered California™ representative to offer guidance to those interested in their health insurance options and to help our patrons apply on the spot for Covered California™ health insurance plans during the Open Enrollment period (November 1st - January 15th).

Covered California™ is a section under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (shortened to the ACA and also known as Obamacare). It acts as a marketplace where individuals can shop around for different types of insurance plans and gives individuals an opportunity to compare the rates and prices of the different health plans in the system. Covered California™ is the Covered California™ representative at the Main Library starting in November.

Details about the days and times the representative will be available at the Library will be released online and in the November newsletter. Stay tuned for more information!

#BeTheMedia: Empowering Citizens to Take Part in Creating & Sharing News

Dean Lee was new to the Altadena Library District when he attended the Community Conversations’ Town Hall Meeting in April of 2017. Initially, he had only attended to cover the event for the newspaper of which he is the Editor, Mountain View News. Soon after joining the priority action table for Information Sharing, however, he was inspired to take action and had just the plan to bring the news-making process to the people of Altadena directly.

Throughout the months of October and November, Dean will lead bimonthly workshops for citizens interested in taking news into their own hands. The workshops will break down different pieces of the typical news-making process at established media institutions, and, through hands-on practice, help participants shape their own news stories from local issues and events. Each meeting will include a formal lecture and then a group discussion about topics participants bring in from the community, similar to a typical newsroom setting, pitching ideas and determining as a group, under Dean’s experienced supervision, which issues qualify as news stories.

Spaces for this workshop will be limited, so please register for one or more of the workshops by calling (626) 798-0833 ext. 117 or by emailing cchui@altadenalibrary.org.

TUESDAY, OCT. 10 Identifying News
What makes information news-worthy? Learn how to use “news sensibilities” to understand information’s importance in the community.

TUESDAY, OCT. 24 Digging for Information
Peel back the “layers of truth” from press releases to investigative news.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7 Interviewing
Learn the types of interviews, from “in person” to the use of email correspondence. This will also cover “on the record” and “off the record.”

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21 Structure of a News Story
Break down how to use “leads,” including understanding the four different mediums of news, audio, video and writing to tell stories.

October Artist on Display: Preston Craig

Did you know that every month there are new artists displaying their work throughout the Main Library? In October, the walls of our Community Room and Reading Court will carry the work of local artist Preston Craig. Of his work, Preston says,

“The nature of my work is that through the use of varied imagery, classical and digital painting techniques and humor, I utilize teddy bear images to address contemporary, social issues that are relevant and that affect the human race on a physical and spiritual level. Some paintings are a result of investigating my Native American roots (Choctaw), while others are a result of my spiritual quest and studies in Jungian symbology, Shamanic practices, and karmic evolution. Through my ‘Twisted Teddy’ series and other imagery, I hope the viewer is inspired to be more aware of their global connections to each other and to take personal responsibility for effecting change in society.”

Preston’s work will be up from October 2nd through October 30th. Preston will be holding an Art Reception and Presentation on Tuesday, October 17th, at 7:00pm - 9:00pm.

Are you an artist with work you want to share with our community? Contact Melissa Aldama at maldama@altadenalibrary.org to discuss scheduling and eligibility requirements.
Heads Up! Resources for Local Neighborhood Associations
Altdena Library Supports Community Building Efforts Around Altdena

One of Altdena Library’s key priorities is acting as a connector in the community, both directly within its walls and indirectly out in the community. Altdena is made up of its diverse and numerous neighborhoods, and many are organized by Neighborhood Associations and protected by community Neighborhood Watch groups. To empower those organizations to best serve their neighborhoods, bring people of all backgrounds together, and keep our communities safe, Altdena Library is proud to now offer FREE Library resources to organizers and leaders of local Neighborhood Associations and Neighborhood Watch groups.

At the recent Neighborhood Summit hosted by Collaborate PASadena (pictured to the right), Library representatives engaged in meaningful discussions with fellow Altdenans and Pasadenaans about best practices for communicating and engaging with neighbors, and many participants shared that it is challenging to reach everyone effectively in their neighborhoods. Some people rely on digital communication through email and social media; some rely strictly on printed and handout materials in the mail. We listened intently to these expressed needs and have decided to help bridge the communication gap for our community organizers. Resources for administrators of the Neighborhood Associations and Neighborhood Watch groups will now include free printing and copies on our color printer and social media support.

Poetry Is in Full Bloom This Fall at the Library
Poetry is alive and well in Altdena! Under the experienced supervision of the Altdena Poet Laureate Dr. Elinne Lipkin, a dedicated volunteer committee is busy preparing for the compilation of the Annual Poetry Review, an anthology of poems by Southern California poets. Each year this special book is published and released in the fall. For more information about this year’s submissions is Sunday, October 22, 2017.

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Pictured to the left is the 2017 Altdena Poetry Review Anthology, edited by Elinne Lipkin and Paul Dutton, for sale at the Altdena Main Library at the Information Desk.

For any questions about the Altdena Poetry Review or to submit your work, please contact Elinne Lipkin at: AltdenaPoetryReview2018@gmail.com

2nd Tuesday Nights 7pm - 8pm
No Guilt Book Club

Loss & Life
Idaho by Emily Rusckovich
A beautiful story of a most hideous event - who killed May, and what happened to June? Idaho depicts one man, two wives, unexpected new friends, and missing children. There is such profound loss yet also great understanding between two sets of people, mainly because of one woman’s compassion and feeling that she has caused the undoing of a family. It is so intricate. Back and forth, debut writer Emily Rusckovich takes us, through the mountains, the wildlife, and the life of a man whose memory does not seem to bother him. The reader deeply feels how fragile life can be and how love and compassion exist within the boundaries of an isolated state with uncontrollable hardships. This poetic riff on memory and how deceptive memory can be, from a devastating story within a family, the story of loss is told from different perspectives moving within the past, present and future — though not necessarily in that order, Idaho does not take that path ending nor ever fully resolve some of its major questions. This will frustrate some — but not this reader — but it is so beautifully written by someone who truly understands that there are rarely simple explanations for life’s dark events. The ending is complete, THEIR story is over.

Designing Your Life: How to Build a Well-Lived, Joyful Life by Bill Burnett & Willi Laschke
Designing Your Life is a manual for all of us ready to approach life with a zero-loss perspective and start designing the life we want to live. The book is an inspirational call to action and is full of gentle reminders suggesting actions leading to discovery. It points us toward a life we love and makes us happy, redeploying our course of action to get there. This is a path of discovery of how to inject some dreams, chutzpah, and oomph into your current job, or a push to make an energized transition or leap and start doing what excites your passion. Designing Your Life doesn’t cater to an age group; it targets creatives who are ready to get inspired and take action. These two authors live in the real world and the book focuses on small actionable exercises. You will be amazed how easy it is to find what your ‘true north’ is. You receive the vocabulary to express what is right/working with your life and what is not working, and how to aim back towards ‘true north’.

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Staff Picks for Adults
Did you know that October 4 - 10 is World Space Week? Join us in our excitement about space exploration by reading these space-y titles!

American Eclipse: A Nation’s Epic Race to Catch the Shadow of the Moon and Win the Glory of the World by David Baron
In vibrant historical detail, American Eclipse animates the fierce jockeying that came to dominate late nineteenth century American astronomy, bringing to life the challenges faced by three of the most determined eclipse chasers who participated in this adventure.

The Astronomy Book by Jacqueline Mitton, David W. Hughes, Robert Dinwiddie, and Penny Johnson
From planets to black holes and the Big Bang, an extensive, building-block guide to astronomy tells the story of our ideas about space, time and the physics of the cosmos—from ancient times to the present day.

Books for Living by Will Schwab̩le

In Search of Stardust: Amazing Micrometeorites and Their Terrestrial Imposters by Jon Larsen
Tiny pieces of space rock called micrometeorites are everywhere on Earth. In Search of Stardust shows you how to find them!

In this newly updated and expanded edition of their classic work, Ian Ridpath and Wil Tirion illuminate the night sky as never before, providing novice stargazers and professional astronomers alike with the most informative, user-friendly, comprehensive, and authoritative celestial field guide available.

Making Contact: Jill Tarter and the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence by Sarah Scoles
Sharing into the science, philosophy, and politics of SETI—searching for extraterrestrial intelligence - Sarah Scoles follows the fascinating figure at the center of the final frontier of scientific investigation. This is the perfect book for anyone who has ever looked up at the night sky and wondered if we are alone in the universe.
Staff Picks for Children
In honor of National Bullying Prevention Month, these titles address bullying in ways your little ones will grasp! It’s never too early to teach kindness and respect!

- Wonder by R. J. Palacio
  August Pullman was born with a facial difference that, up until now, has prevented him from going to a mainstream school. He wants nothing more than to be treated as an ordinary kid—but his new classmates can’t get past Auggie’s extraordinary face.

- Stand Tall, Molly Lou Melon by Patty Lovell
  Molly Lou Melon is short and clumsy, has buck teeth, and has a voice that sounds like a frog being squeezed by a boa constrictor. She doesn’t mind. Her grandmother has always told her to walk proud, smile big, and sing loud, and she takes her advice to heart. But then Molly Lou has to start in a new school with a horrible bully, but Molly Lou Melon knows just what to do.

- Fish in a Tree by Lynda Mullaly Hunt
  This emotionally-charged, uplifting novel will speak to anyone who’s ever thought there was something wrong with them because they didn’t fit.

**CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS - OCTOBER**

**Pokémon Club**
- Tuesdays, 4:00 - 5:00pm
  Celebrate your inner creature collector at our monthly Pokémon Club! Children will build and experience a “real world” Pokémon Go in a fun and safe environment.

**Reverse Engineering Day**
- Thursday, October 19, at 3:30pm
  Have you ever wondered what the inside of a speaker, or a clock, or a keyboard looks like? Do you like building things? Do you like destroying things? Join us at the library for our Reverse Engineering Day! We will provide the tools and the electronics—please bring the grit and the curiosity. For elementary students and their families.

**BOB LUCAS BRANCH LIBRARY UPDATES & OCTOBER EVENTS**

**Stay Healthy - Free Flu Shots!**
- On October 26, from 3:00 to 5:00pm, Huntington Hospital will provide free flu shots at the Bob Lucas Branch Library. Vaccines are available for adults aged 18 and over, and children aged 9-17 with parent/guardian present for consent. Please note:
  - No allergy to eggs or previous influenza vaccine
  - No history of Guillain-Barre syndrome
  - No serious illness or fever on day of vaccination

**New Bilingual Story Time**
- Every Thursday at 10:30am - 11:15am
  For ages 0-3 years old and their parents and caregivers.

**Rainy Day Crafts & Games**
- Finding things to do on a rainy day can be challenging. If it starts to rain this fall and you are all out of ideas, the Branch invites you to come by and make a craft. Children, teens, and adults are welcome! If you don’t feel like doing crafts, then challenge someone to a board game. See you next time it rains!

**Spooky Footprints**
- Wednesday, October 11, at 11:00am
  Bring your baby feet! Make an impression of your child’s footprints in paint, with a Halloween twist! This craft is designed with young ones in mind, but children of all ages and their caregivers are welcome.

**Rain or Shine Events**

**Staff Picks for Teens**
These young adult titles will offer unique perspectives into the important topic of bullying prevention.

- Hello, Universe by Erin Entrada Kelly
  Lives of four misfits are intertwined when a bully’s prank leaves all at the bottom of a well and Valentina, Kain, and Gen band together in an epic quest to find and rescue him.

- Dead Little Mean Girl by Eva Darrow
  When popular geek girl Emma’s new stepsister, mean girl Quinn, moves into the bedroom next door, Emma’s world is turned upside down, but when Quinn dies suddenly, Emma realizes there was more to her stepsiseter than anyone ever realized.

- Vigilante: A Novel by Kady Cross
  Enraged at the boy who her best friend and drove her to suicide, senior Hadley targets each of the perpetrators to strip them of their dignity and status. With sly, clever, and highly dangerous choices make her question her motives.

- Gutless by Cara Deuker
  With both good speed and good hands, wide receiver Brock Ripley should be a natural for the varsity team, but he shies from physical contact. When his issues get him cut from varsity, he also loses his friendship with star cornerback Hunter Gates. Now a target for bullying, Brock struggles to overcome his fears and discover that, in his own way, he is brave enough.

**TEEN PROGRAMS - OCTOBER**

**DIY: Zombie Costumes**
- Thursday, October 5, at 4:00pm
  Prepare for Halloween with this freaky craft! Create your own Zombie collection of clothespins. Supplies are limited so please arrive on time.

**Special Saturday: Zombie/Fairy Jars**
- Saturday, October 7, at 3:30pm
  Make your own ghoulish or magical creatures to fit the contents of your choice. Go with the traditional fairy jar or change it up with aliens, zombies, superheroes, or something else of your choosing. Supplies provided; please arrive on time.

**Teen Game Day**
- Monday, October 16, 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, Apple to Apples, Jenga and more.

**Teen Movie: Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2**
- Friday, October 27, at 3:30pm
  Join us for this fast-paced sequel! “I am Groot.”

**Prep for the Future - Register for the FREE PSAT Practice Test**
- In partnership with the Princeton Review, we are pleased to offer a PSAT review, starting October 28 with a practice PSAT test. To register yourself or your child, please email the participant’s name and grade level to teenagers@altadenalibrary.org. Registration is required.

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**BRANCH EVENTS CONTINUED**

**Family Game Day**
- Friday, October 13, at 2:00pm - 5:00pm (every 2nd Friday of the month)
  Board Games are available for the public to play. Challenge the librarian to a game of Scrabble or Monopoly.

**Hora de Cuentos! Bilingual Story Time**
- Tuesday, October 17, at 11:00am
  Join us as we have fun with books, songs, and rhymes in both Spanish and English. For ages 0-5 and their parents and caregivers.

**Rice Krispie Monsters**
- Wednesday, October 25 at 3:30pm
  Turn pre-packaged Rice Krispie Treat bars into edible monsters! The program will run for as long as supplies last. So come early!

**FREE Flu Shots**
- Thursday, October 26, from 3:00 - 5:00pm
  The supply is limited, so plan to arrive early.

**Movie Day**
- Friday, October 27, at 3:30pm (every 4th Friday of the month)
  Come enjoy a free screening of a family-friendly flick. Popcorn provided for as long as supplies last.
UPCOMING EVENTS - OCTOBER
Find Teen and Branch Library programs on page 9 and Children’s Programs on page 8.

Weekly All-Ages Chess Night
Tuesdays, October 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31, at 6:30pm
Chess beginners AND aficionados are invited to this weekly gathering to share in their love of chess and hone their skills!

Techies-in-Training: Computer Literacy Classes
Wednesdays, October 4, 11, 18, and 25, at 10:00am
Brush up on basic computer skills, including use of the mouse and keyboard, Internet searching and emails, Microsoft Word, and use of the Library’s online resources. Register to (626) 798-0833, ext. 117.

DISTRICT CLOSURE FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY
Monday, October 9, All Day

#BeTheMedia: Citizen Journalism Workshop
Select Tuesdays, October 10 and 24, at 7:00pm (Continues into November!)
Led by experienced news professional Dean Lee, each workshop consists of a formal lecture and then a group discussion about topics participants bring in from the community. Register today to cchiu@altadenaalibrary.org!

No Guilt Book Club
Tuesday, October 10, at 7:00pm
No guilt! Come even if you haven’t read the books!

Friday Bloody Friday Blood Drive
Friday, October 13, from 12:00pm to 6:00pm
The American Red Cross will be bringing their mobile bloodmobile to the Main Library parking lot for a blood drive. Sign up for your donation appointment online at signup.com/go/JruC0ch.

Crafting a Book, Crafting a Poem
Saturday, October 14, at 1:30pm
Join local poet and author Genevieve Kaplan for a generative writing and book-making workshop. Explore themes, imagery, and language in poetry and then fold a simple book out of a single sheet of paper!

Halloween Costume Swap
Saturday, October 14, at 2:00pm to 4:00pm
Donate your old costumes in the weeks leading up to this event, and then stop by to peruse our selection of gently used costumes!

Second Saturday Concert Featuring Upstream
Saturday, October 14, at 6:30pm
Our beloved Second Saturday concerts return in October with a bang! Upstream, Southern California’s premier Reggae, Soca, and Caribbean band will launch us into Fall. Enjoy yummy treats and dance the night away...

Cocktail Convos with the Library Director
Wednesday, October 18, at 7:00pm (@ Altadena Ale House)

Coffee Conversations with the Library Director
Saturday, October 21, at 9:00am (@ Sidewalk Café)

Library Board of Trustees Meeting
Monday, October 23, at 5:00pm

Open Mic Night
Tuesday, October 31, at 7:00pm
Enjoy unique performances by musicians, storytellers, poets and more in the comfort of your neighborhood library. Some content may not be appropriate for all ages; discretion is advised.

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Wednesday through Saturday
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BY APPOINTMENT ONLY
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Monday and Tuesday
9am to 8pm
Wednesday through Saturday
9am to 5pm

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Wednesday & Thursday
10am to 8pm

Become a Friend of the Library
The Friends of the Library meet on the first Monday of each month (except July and August) at 7:30pm in the Community Room. You do not have to be a member to attend.
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