We Are So Grateful…
...to our Taste of 'Dena sponsors! Thanks to the generosity of our community, the Altadena Library Foundation’s Taste of ‘Dena event on Saturday, September 29 raised over $21,000 to support improvement of accessibility for the Altadena Libraries through both physical upgrades and programming!

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Bohland and Kumanchik Families
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Paula and Mark Mariscal

Upstream spreads a message of love and positivity through their Caribbean Music, namely, Reggae, Calypso, Soca and Steel Drum Music.

Caribbean Party at the Library
If there is one thing we can all agree upon, it’s that Altadenaans love music. A handful of Library staff members enjoyed mingling with community members at the popular Concerts in Farnsworth Park throughout the summer. A big thanks to all our neighbors that dropped by the Library booth to get caught up on Library happenings and to dance!

The Altadena Library District is thrilled to carry the community’s musical momentum into fall with the relaunch of the Second Saturday concert series. Upstream, Southern California’s premier live Reggae, Soca, and Caribbean band, will launch the series on Saturday, October 13, at 6:30pm at the Main Library. El Patron will be present on the patio to sell delicious Mexican fare while Altadena Ale & Wine House pour tasty libations inside. Bring your friends, family, and, of course, your dancing shoes to this special community event!

Join the Hispanic Heritage Festivities!
September and October mark a special celebration nation-wide of the histories, cultures, and contributions of Hispanic Americans. This month, on Saturday, October 27, at 3:00pm, join us at the Main Library for a Folklorico demonstration, followed by an all-ages sugar skull decorating craft project, just in time for Dia de Muertos to begin on October 31.

Shortly after, the Library will host a special screening of Disney/Pixar’s Coco in Spanish on Saturday, November 3 at 1:00pm. Bring your parents, grandparents, and all the people who are special to you as we embark on an extraordinary, musical journey with Miguel, his Xolo dog Dante, his new friend Hector, and his beloved Mama Coco.

The movie will be played in Spanish with English subtitles.
COLLECTIONS UPDATE

Plays, Plays, and More Plays!

A library collection and its arrangement is ever developing and changing. As new materials are added, as damaged and out of date materials are weeded, and as metrics are analyzed about a community’s use of its library’s collection, materials may be moved around and adjusted. We are pleased to announce that a robust collection of plays is being moved back onto the Main Library floor after being stored in Closed Collection. This adjustment will allow for patrons to more freely browse plays in the Library’s collection and will aide staff to provide more expedient retrieval of plays requested by patrons.

Additionally, the Main Library’s Spanish-language collection has been relocated to the shelving adjacent to the Passport office. Read on, Altadena!

F.O.A.L. PRESIDENT MARK MARISCAL’S UPDATE

Check Donations at the Door

The Friends Board of Directors recently updated its procedures on receiving donations from the public.

Over the years, we have received donations that included not only books but also items that our volunteers wondered what the true intention was of the donor. Examples have included old school yearbooks, photo albums, money, personal documents (old driver’s licenses, birth certificates, etc.) and other odd things. When we think it is something that we normally don’t receive, we try and locate the donor to ask if the item was donated by mistake. From now on, if something comes to us and we try but are unsuccessful in locating the owner, we will consider the item a donation after 90 days and then utilize the donation to the best of our ability on behalf of the Library District.

October, like all of the other months, is a busy one at our library. The Friends were instrumental in helping organize free dance lessons that will occur on each of the first four Tuesdays from 6:30-7:30pm. Registration is limited and required. We also have a program offered by the Library’s Poet Laureates this month on Saturday, October 6 at 1:00pm. And there is the “Second Saturday” concert on October 13 starting at 6:30pm! I look forward to seeing you at one of the many events during October!

SEED LIBRARY

FALL GARDENS AND SEEDS
ROUND TABLE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6th
10:00AM - 12:00PM
COMMUNITY ROOM

Bring your experiences and questions to our round table discussion. We will discuss plans for our fall/winter gardens, what went right (and wrong) in our summer gardens, share tips of the trade, and answer any questions you have about gardening and seed saving. New to gardening? This would be a great place to start!

MESSAGE FROM ACTING DIRECTOR ESTELLA TERRAZAS

A Reminder to Turn Outward

I had the recent opportunity to attend a training with the Harwood Institute for Public Innovation, which provided the guiding philosophy of our Community Conversations in 2017. As one of the first libraries in California to take on this initiative, we were invited back to brainstorm and share wisdom with the new batch of libraries as they implement the initiative in their own communities. The discussions held at the training renewed my hope in the efficacy of the Turning Outward philosophy, which as the Harwood Institute describes, is “an orientation – a mindset, a stance – of using the community as your reference point for creating change.” The library systems represented at the training, both large and small, all face their own challenges. How encouraging it was to affirm that from program development to collection maintenance, we and other libraries across our state share in being dedicated to providing resources that are reflective of the needs of our communities! We left the training refreshed, motivated, and buzzing with ideas about how to keep “turning outward” at the forefront of our team’s priorities as we move forward. Recent months have been undeniably challenging for our District and our community, and as the Altadena Library continues to move toward peace and stability, I feel confident that our continued effort to turn outward and to listen and incorporate the needs and desires of the community will fulfill Harwood’s promise of keeping our Libraries on “a path of possibility and hope.”
October Artists on Display

Mary Veselich, Glass Display Case

From October 4 through October 30, the Main Library’s glass display case will feature the sculptures of returning artist Mary Veselich. Of her art, Mary says,

“About five years ago I was looking for a new ceramics challenge. I was inspired by my joy of gardening to create my own interpretations of succulents and cacti. I love arranging them into “gardens” in interesting containers. It’s fun for me to have people do a “double take” after realizing that they are not real. I hope that collectors enjoy them as much as I enjoy imagining and crafting them.”

Stop by throughout the month of October to get a glimpse of Mary’s creations, a small sample of which is pictured below!

The Community Room and Reading Court will continue to feature the artwork of Andrew Robinson. For more information about Andrew’s art, read the Library’s September newsletter online!

Costume Swap & Chalk Walk
Pumpkin Fun Included!

On Saturday, October 13 at 10:00am, a group of talented chalk artists will transform the Main Library’s pathways with their artwork! Artists of all ages will work from 10:00am to 3:00pm, and the public is invited to come see the artwork unfold.

Starting at 1:00pm, our chalk artists will be joined by guests of our annual Costume Swap! Parents, are you tired of paying for overpriced Halloween costumes that your children grow out of the second Halloween is over? Bring in your old (gently used) costumes and take a home a costume! Halloween- and pumpkin-themed arts and crafts will be available for our young guests, and the Friends of the Altadena Library will host a pop-up book sale during the festivities. There’s no better way to get in the mood for fall than enjoying a beautiful, (hopefully) cool afternoon with friends and neighbors gathering around art, crafts, costumes, and pumpkins! Remember to stick around for the first Second Saturday of the season starting at 6:30 pm that evening!
September No Guilt Club Book Reviews | “Dreams and Nightmares”

Has it been a long time since you’ve felt like you were a child reading a fairytale? The good, old kind that are both bright and lovely as well as deeply scary? My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She’s Sorry is a delight in a true-life tale sort of way. This novel is told from the perspective of a bright, observant young girl, Elsa, as she untangles the fantasy within the fairy tales her grandmother made up to ease her transition when her parents divorced into the reality about the lives of the other inhabitants in their apartment building. This is also another transition for her as she delivers the letters her grandmother left after her death. Granny has populated the make believe world from their real world neighbors. Delivering the letters bestows to Elsa Granny’s last act of connecting the interesting village of adults around her to make a family. This is a book about love for the unlovable, everyday people in our lives. A fairy tale from a child’s mouth straight to your heart.

This is an amazing true story of the Osage Native Americans fight for their rights to own their land while being murdered by the people they once trusted. It also chronicles the beginning of the FBI who proved to be their only salvation. Happening not even 100 years ago, Killers of the Flower Moon is a very interesting account of how the Osage Indians in Oklahoma were deceived, robbed, and murdered for their oil riches, partly through government practice of appointing “guardians” who were supposed to help manage the money, but instead found ways to move the money and oil rights to themselves. It’s a well written narrative of the Osage people from their semi-nomadic lives on the plains, to their brief period as oil-rich landowners, to their struggle to survive against a network of greedy Oklahoma murderers and thieves hiding among the professional elite and their own families. As the stories of Mollie and of Tom Wells (Texas Ranger, FBI investigator, and prison warden) unfold, one can’t help but think about the corruption and moral decrepitude that still permeates our government, our businesses, and our industries. Despite a number of unusual deaths, every investigation stalled. Finally, the Bureau of Investigation (which became the FBI) sent a force of ‘Cowboys’ to stop the killings and bring the killers to justice.

Staff Picks for Adults

The Altadena Library staff love spooky reads and films; here are just a few of our scary picks just in time for Halloween!

Devil in the White City by Erik Larson
“Well narrated, paints a haunting picture of a gruesome crime and a unique time in American history.”

Baby Teeth by Zoe Stage
“A diabolical daughter whose obsession for her father may drive her mother mad!”

The Cabin at the End of the World by Paul Tremblay
“A different kind of dystopian nightmare. Absolutely frightening!”

The Babadook on DVD
“See what can happen when you bring a creepy book home...”

Don’t Look Now on DVD
“This film is a classic supernatural thriller!! Highly recommend.”

The Sixth Sense on DVD
“Now a classic, it is worth watching again. See the movie that started Toni Collette’s career in horror.”

I’ll Be Gone in the Dark: One Woman’s Obsessive Search for the Golden State Killer by Michelle McNamara
“Nothing spookier than a true story!”
Read Books, Earn Burgers!
In-N-Out’s Cover-to-Cover reading program is BACK! Beginning Saturday, October 6 and running through Wednesday, November 7, kids aged 4-12 can read books and earn burgers! Sign up at the Altadena Library Children’s Desk or at the Bob Lucas Memorial Library, and read five books to earn a FREE hamburger or cheeseburger from In-N-Out. Limit of 3 burgers per child.

Preschool Movie Mondays
Mondays, 11:00am
Start your week off right with videos we know your preschooler will love, from Mr. Rogers to Sesame Street, to Storybook Classics.

Pajama Story Time
Mondays, 6:30pm
Wear your PJs and bring a stuffed animal friend to listen to an evening story time at the Main Library!

Baby Lap Time
Wednesdays, 10:15am
For newborns and babies who are not yet walking and their caregivers.

Toddler Story Time
Wednesdays, 11:00am
For toddlers who are walking through 2 years old and their caregivers.

Market Stories
Wednesdays, 4:00pm (at Altadena Farmers Market)
For families with babies, toddlers, preschoolers, and early elementary students. Market Stories will pause until spring on October 31!

Preschool Story Time
Thursdays, 11:00am
For children ages 3-5 years old and their caregivers.

Hora de Cuentos
Fridays, 11:00am
For children ages 0-5 years old and their caregivers.

Staff Picks for Children
Carve a pumpkin, light a candle, and get in the mood for fall with these especially spooky picks for children! For extra fun, practice your scary monster voices while you read these spooky tales...

Lego Club (Ages 3-12)
Fridays, 3:30pm

Abstract Art (Grades K-5+)
Thursday, October 4, 4:00pm

Tail Waggin’ Tutors
Saturday, October 6, 11:00am
Bring your shy readers to visit Cedar, a Reading Therapy Dogs from Therapy Dogs International! For independent readers ages 5 and up.

Kids Movie - “Hook”
Thursday, October 18, 4:00pm
Children in kindergarten through 5th grade will enjoy this 1991 fantasy adventure classic about Peter Pan when he’s all grown up!

Barks & Books
Wednesday, October 24, 3:30pm
Visit Reading Therapy Dogs from the Pasadena Humane Society! For independent readers ages 5 and up.

Mission: Renaissance Art Class
Monday, October 29, 4:00pm (Ages 5-12)
Parents must register their own children by emailing childrens@altadenalibrary.org with their child’s name, age, parent’s name, and a contact phone number. Space is limited and registration is required. A child MUST be registered by their own adult (no signing up friend’s kids).

Coraline by Neil Gaiman
Meetings: Tuesdays through October 30
4:30pm in the Small Meeting Room

www.altadenalibrary.org/pages-popcorn
- TEEN PROGRAMS -

JOIN ALTADENA LIBRARY’S NEW “GREAT STORIES CLUB”
Deepen your understanding of timely topics, including race, police brutality, ableism, family dynamics, and more in this five-part book club.
Meets the Second Thursday of Every Month, 4:00 - 5:00pm
October 11, November 8, December 13, January 10, February 14
TO SIGN UP EMAIL TEENS@ALTADENALIBRARY.ORG

Staff Picks for Teens
October is Bullying Awareness Month, and Altadena Library is pleased to provide staff picks this month that stimulate the ongoing dialogue about bullying, its consequences, and its prevention.

**Hello Universe** by Erin Kelly
**The Way It Hurts** by Patty Blount
**Playground** by 50 Cent
**Dear Bully: 70 Authors Tell Their Stories** edited by Carrie Jones

Teen Maker Exploration
Every Wednesday at 3:00 - 5:00pm
Use our virtual reality headset, create and print a 3D model, sew a new shirt, practice coding, and much more!

Nom Nom Group: Burgers & Fries
Tuesday, October 9, at 4:00pm
Learn how to prepare a restaurant-quality burger and fries sure to thrill your friends at your next BBQ!

Email teens@altadenalibrary.org to register!

Great Stories Book Club
Thursday, October 11, 4:00 - 5:00pm

ACT Practice Test at the Branch
Saturday, October 13, 9:00 - 1:00pm

Crime Stoppers
Monday, October 15, at 4:00pm
Attention, teen detectives! A rare book has been stolen from the Library! You are tasked with the job of gathering evidence, interviewing suspects, and solving the crime. Do you think you can solve the mystery and find the lost book?

SAT Practice Test at the Branch
Saturday, October 20, 9:00 - 1:00pm

Teen Game Zone
Friday, October 26, at 4:00pm
Teens ages 12-19 are invited to enjoy a variety of board games, party games, and video games.

Teen Service Club Meeting
Tuesday, October 30, at 3:30pm
Visit www.altadenalibrary.org/teen-service-club to apply.

Learn about teen-specific updates, book and music recommendations, events, and more by following our new Instagram account for teens: @AltadenaTeens

Register by emailing dwong@altadenalibrary.org!
**Conversation Club**
Tuesdays, starting October 23, 10:30am - 12:00pm
Chat with other English learners in a relaxed environment, pick up new vocabulary, improve your English fluency, and sharpen your pronunciation skills. No registration required! Call (626) 798-0833 extension 102 with any questions!

**Citizenship Classes**
Tuesdays, 6:00pm to 7:30pm
Prepare for the US Citizenship exam with these free civics lessons. Classes continue weekly until February 2019. Register by calling (626) 798-0833 extension 102.

**Toddler Story Time**
Tuesdays, 11:00am
We’ll have fun with books, rhymes, and songs that encourage your toddler’s preliteracy and vocabulary skills, and then we’ll spend time making a fun craft!
*Storytime on Tuesday, October 16 will be in Spanish!*

**Baby Story Time**
Thursdays, 10:30am
Enjoy a morning of rhymes, songs and stories. This program is designed for babies and infants, ages 0-3 years old.

**Crafternoons - Halloween Mason Jars**
Thursday, October 11, 3:30pm
Get in the mood for Halloween with this simple, seasonal craft. One jar per child.

**Adult Craft - Learn to Crochet**
Friday, October 19, 11:00am
Beginners are invited to learn a fall-themed crochet craft! All materials and supplies will be provided, but supplies are limited so come early!

**Special Halloween Performance - Buster Balloon**
Tuesday, October 23, 3:30pm
Join Buster Balloon for an afternoon of ghoulish giggles and hocus-pocus! A delightfully, frightfully good time for little monsters of all ages!

**Family Film Friday: “Coraline”**
Friday, October 26, 3:30pm
Enjoy this spooky, family-friendly film with free popcorn.

**Halloween Treats**
Wednesday, October 31
Children ages 12 and under who come into the Bob Lucas Branch in costume will get a treat!

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**Building Community Cohesion Around Mobility & Street Safety**
On Sunday, September 23, Altadena Town Council’s Safe Streets Committee partnered up with the Altadena Library District to transform the Bob Lucas Branch parking lot into a pop-up park! While children tested their bike skills on an interactive course, families enjoyed a community resource expo and demonstrations throughout the day from Two Dragons Martial Arts, Red Cross, and Water LA. Inside the Branch, Day One provided an informational Safe Routes to Schools workshop in preparation for Walk to School Day on October 10. Dose of Merriment Yoga hosted a yoga class, and children made DIY bike streamers. A mini “Taste of Lincoln” food festival took place outside, featuring the contributions of Perry’s Joint, Unincorporated Coffee, and Super King.

Mobility, named a priority area in the Library’s 2017 Community Conversations, has since been a hot topic in Altadena, and the Safe Streets Committee is eager to make progress toward making Altadena’s streets “safe, inclusive, and healthy for all users, regardless of mode and ability.”

To get involved in the Safe Streets effort, attend a committee meeting on the first Thursday of each month at the Altadena Community Center at 6:00pm and follow @AltadenaSafeStreets on Facebook for updates.

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**Hours & Location**
2659 Lincoln Avenue
Altadena, CA

**Monday - Tuesday, 10am - 6pm**
**Wednesday - Thursday, 10am - 8pm**
**Friday, 10am - 6pm**
UPCOMING EVENTS  

Friends of the Altadena Library Meeting  
Monday, October 1, at 7:30pm

Citizenship Classes (@ Bob Lucas Branch)  
Every Tuesday, 6:00 - 7:30pm  
Register for these free civics lessons to prepare for the US citizenship exam by calling (626) 798-0833 extension 102.

Ballroom Dance Classes with The Connected Dancer  
Tuesdays, October 2 - 23, 6:30 - 7:30pm  
Each week, learn a different ballroom dance, including the waltz, tango, and more! Email hello@altadennalibrary.org to claim your spot in the class.

Seed Library: Fall Gardening Round Table  
Saturday, October 6, 10:00am - 12:00pm  
Join a fruitful discussion where we reflect on our fall and winter gardens and answer any questions about gardening and seed saving.

Poetry Workshop on Sonnets & Rhyming  
Saturday, October 6, 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Storytelling Jam Final Performance  
Saturday, October 6, 4:00pm - 6:00pm  
These writers and storytellers have been working all summer on their 5-minute stories. Celebrate their efforts at this culmination of personal narrative storytelling.

DISTRICT CLOSURE  
Monday, October 8, All Day  
Both the Main Library and Bob Lucas Branch will be closed all day.

No Guilt Book Club  
Tuesday, October 9, at 7:00pm  
No guilt – come even if you haven’t read the books!

Chalk Walk, Book Sale & Costume Swap  
Saturday, October 13, Chalk Walk and Book Sale start at 10:00am, Costume Swap starts at 1:00pm  
See page 3 to learn more about this day of community fun!

Second Saturday with Upstream  
Saturday, October 13, at 6:30pm

Library Board of Trustees Meeting  
Monday, October 22, at 5:00pm

Conversation Club (@ Bob Lucas Branch)  
Every Tuesday starting October 23, 10:30am - 12:00pm  
The Conversation Club is a great opportunity to chat with other English language learners in a relaxed and comfortable environment.

Folklorico and Sugar Skulls Crafting  
Saturday, October 27, 3:00pm - 4:30pm

Open Mic Night  
Tuesday, October 30, at 7:00pm  
Enjoy unique performances by musicians, storytellers, poets, and more in the comfort of your neighborhood library!

Post Your Events on the Community Calendar!  
At altadenanews.org, everyone can post their upcoming community events, meetings, fundraisers, and more on our Community Calendar! Simply click  
Submit an Event  
Submit an Event to the left of the calendar and your event will appear!  
If you do not see your event right away, wait a few minutes and refresh the page. It may take some time to process the new event.