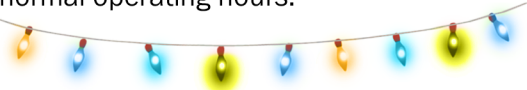


# CONNECT\*

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## Please Note - Holiday Closures

In observance of the Christmas holiday, the Library District will be closed from **Monday, December 24 through Wednesday, December 26**. The District will reopen on Thursday, December 27 at normal operating hours.



## Main Library Closed for Christmas Tree Lane Tree Lighting

The historic Christmas Tree Lane is a street lined with deodar cedar trees in Altadena. First planted in 1885 by real estate magnate John P. Woodbury, these 134 deodar trees along Santa Rosa Avenue now attract visitors from around the country every year who celebrate the beauty of their lights during the holidays. The first tree-lighting ceremony took place in 1920, and this tradition continues to this day. This year, the Christmas Tree Lane Association's Tree Lighting will take place on **Saturday, December 8 at 6:00pm**, and the Altadena Main Library will close at **2:00pm**, just in time for the start of the Christmas Tree Lane Association's Winter Arts and Crafts Festival that also begins at 2:00pm.



## Deposit Libraries Popping Up Around Town

**Take a Book, Read a Book, Keep a Book, Share a Book!**

**As the Altadena Library District continues to shape how it serves its community, moving services and resources beyond the physical walls of its libraries' buildings remains a priority.** Due to transportation and time limitations, it is not always convenient to stop by the Main Library or Bob Lucas Branch to pick up books for the family. The Altadena Libraries Children's Department understands this challenge and its implications for families, especially those with young children. Whether waiting on the spin cycle at a local laundromat with your children or waiting for your appointment at the doctor's office, there are many moments in which having access to books would be helpful and ease the wait. Thus, the Children's Department is starting to install "Deposit Libraries" in businesses around Altadena, especially places where customers might need a read while they wait. The first has been installed at Santos Coin Laundry on the corner of Altadena Drive and Lincoln Avenue, and more will be popping up around town over the coming months. If you have a contact at a business or organization that would welcome a Deposit Library for their customers, please email [childrens@altadenalibrary.org](mailto:childrens@altadenalibrary.org).

## Make Handmade Holiday Gifts at the Library!



Nothing says you care like a handmade gift for your loved ones over the holidays. On **Tuesday, December 4, between 5:00pm and 8:00pm**, visit the selection of craft stations at the Main Library to express your creativity and stock up on holiday gifts. Already have your holiday gifts? No problem! Put the finishing touches on them at our gift wrapping station where guests can wrap already purchased gifts as well as the crafts they make at the Library that evening.

## Website Testing

The Altadena Library is close to launching its new website, and we need your help. A Website

Committee was formed of Library staff in early 2018 to start the process of assessing the library's current website and to pursue the development of a new one. For the past several months, Marketing Coordinator Chloé Cavalier has worked diligently to design and develop the new site, and we are approaching its launch. In order to ensure that the new website is user-friendly and easy to navigate for patrons, the Library's Marketing Coordinator is hosting several brief focus group testing sessions in December:

- **Monday, December 3, at 6:00pm** (at the Main Library FabLab)
- **Monday, December 10, at 6:00pm** (at the Main Library FabLab)
- **Wednesday, December 12, at 6:30pm** (at the Bob Lucas Branch)
- **Saturday, December 15, at 10:00am** (at the Main Library FabLab)
- **Monday, December 17, at 6:00pm** (at the Main Library FabLab)

Email [marketing@altadenalibrary.org](mailto:marketing@altadenalibrary.org) with your name and preferred date to sign up for one of the above sessions. Each session should take no longer than an hour.



**Participants' names will be entered into a drawing for a gift card at each session! Sign up today!**



## Board of Trustees Election Update

**Results of the 2018 General Election are in.** There were several seats of the Altadena Library District Board of Trustees up for election in November 2018. Two of the seats were for unexpired terms ending December 2020, and the other two were for full 4-year terms on the Board.

According to the results posted by the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk, over 8,800 people in Altadena voted. The results are as follows.

In the race for the unexpired terms ending December 4, 2020, appointed incumbents Betsy Kahn and Terry Andrues were elected to continue on the Board. In the race for the four-year term seats, newcomers Katie Clark and Jason Capell were elected.

We welcome (and welcome back) our newly elected Board of Trustees members!

To learn more about the Board of Trustees, its role at the Library, and materials from previous Board meetings, please visit [www.altadenalibrary.org/about-board](http://www.altadenalibrary.org/about-board).



## FRIENDS OF THE ALTADENA LIBRARY UPDATE Critical Funds for Critical Needs



During the week after Thanksgiving, the Los Angeles Times ran a series of articles by Steve Lopez talking about the lack of housing and the challenges that children face in attending school where they are seen as "homeless".

Although part of the challenge is a job that pays a living wage, another has to do with the education level of the parent. And of these parents, many lack the ability to read at a proper grade level. That is where the FRIENDS - including you reading this article - comes in.

The FRIENDS raise money to help support the library, and the biggest part of our fundraising goes to the Literacy Program for Adults and Children. How can you help? Please continue to purchase books at our bookstore inside the library. Become a member (membership renewals are going on now). Donate funds. Help sort books. Keep **May 18 and 19, 2019** on your calendar for the Annual Book Sale!

The month of November had many great activities at the library. And of course, the month of December will be busy too. What better gift during the season than to invite a local neighbor or family member to attend an event at the library. With more than 50,000 people living in the community of Altadena, there are some people who have not been to our library in years. Encourage them.

*Have a great Holiday Season and a Happy New Year!*

*- Mark Mariscal, President*

## SEED LIBRARY BEEKEEPING & SEED BOMBS

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1<sup>st</sup>**

**10:00AM - 12:00PM  
COMMUNITY ROOM**

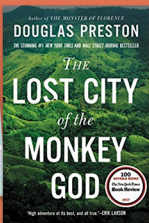
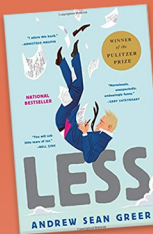
Altadena beekeeper **David Bock** from **Buzzed Honey's** will show how to inspect a bee hive and discuss backyard beekeeping. Come taste the raw honey from hives around Los Angeles! Stick around after to make seed bombs filled with California Poppy seeds to sprinkle around your garden!





## No Guilt Book Club

Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 - 8:00pm  
in the Director's Office



### DECEMBER'S READS:

**Less: A Novel**  
by Andrew Sean Greer

**The Lost City of the Monkey God**  
by Douglas Preston



*No guilt – Come even if you haven't read the books!*

## From Page to Table

MONTHLY BOOK CLUB + POTLUCK

Saturday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>  
2:00 - 4:00pm

Find a new recipe from a cookbook you own or from the Library's collection and bring in the dish to taste and share!

Send in your recipe to  
hello@altadenalibrary.org so we can print copies for other guests.

## E-Books and Audiobooks Access Made Easy!

There is no better time to catch up on your reading than the holidays! On your days off of work and school, cuddle up with a warm cup of cocoa or coffee and enjoy a good book on any of your portable devices with the Libby app. Powered by OverDrive, the Altadena Library's online platform for audiobooks and e-books, Libby is accessible on smart phones, tablets, and even digital readers like Kindles. From within the app you are able to manage your digital loans, place holds, and renew your materials if you need a little more time.

To get started search for "Libby" in the application store on your device; it is free to download. Plug in your Altadena Library card number and you'll be all set to start checking out titles! Hint: You can plug in your library cards from other libraries for access to even more titles! Need help getting started? Visit [ALD.OverDrive.com](http://ALD.OverDrive.com) and look for the Libby logo (above).



## Staff Picks for Adults

This month's picks are chosen to help you make your holiday season extra special! Check these out and take your holidays to the next level.



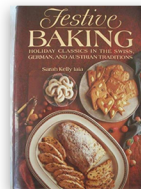
**NPR Holiday Favorites CD** by Susan Stamberg of National Public Radio  
SBC C.D.  
394.2663 NPR



**The Man Who Invented Christmas** by Les Standiford  
Adult Nonfiction  
823.4 D548S



**Love Actually DVD**  
DVD LOV



**Festive Baking: Holiday Classics in the Swiss, German, and Austrian Tradition** by Sarah Kelly laia  
Adult Nonfiction  
641.865 IAI



**Cookie Craft Christmas** by Valerie Peterson  
Adult Nonfiction  
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# December Exhibitions

## 📷 Photography by Walt (Walt Trepashko)

For the month of December, the walls of the Main Library will be adorned with photography by Altadena Walt Trepashko, of Photography by Walt on Mariposa Street.

Of his art (sampled below), Walt says, "Over the past forty years I have captured the world on film. During my travels I have always carried a camera. Today, photography is much easier with hi-res digital images. My travel images are basically photojournalism captured in black and white, sepia and color formats. The prints are displayed on canvas and masonite and hung without frames. My photography is straight out of the camera and not manipulated in Photoshop. I have been in business as a professional photographer in Altadena since 1994. Places we have visited include: Africa, Europe, Asia, South America, New Zealand, and the United States."

Want to meet Walt in person and learn more about the inspiration behind his photos? Stop by the Community Room on **Saturday, December 15, from 11:00am to 12:30pm** for an Artist Reception.



## ⚙️ Technology Updates

### RFID Tagging Completed at the Branch!

The Altadena Library District is making large strides in its transition to using only RFID (radio-frequency identification) technology, which will dramatically streamline the check-out process for patrons and make collection maintenance more efficient for staff. The tagging process involves physically adding RFID tags to each item in the collection. Staff at the Bob Lucas Branch have completed the tagging of the Branch's collection! Tagging has now begun at the Main Library as well. Progress is underway!

### Virtual Reality at the Branch

An Oculus Go virtual reality headset is now available for use at the Bob Lucas Branch. Equipped with games, video streaming services, and interactive, immersive virtual reality experiences. It is also equipped with Oculus Venues, a service that puts you in the front row of the hottest live entertainment around the world!



SAVE THE DATE FOR ALTADENA LIBRARY'S 2019

# Second Saturday

## COMMUNITY CONCERTS

January 12

*Pasadena Playboys*  
Country

April 13

*Sangre Nueva*  
Salsa

February 9

*JazzZone*  
Smooth Jazz, R&B

May 11

*The Leapin' Lizards*  
Rockabilly, Blues, Swing

March 9

*The Allan Wasserman Jazz Ensemble*  
Jazz

June 8

*Harbor Groove*  
Latin Rock

# - CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS -



Greetings, I'm Ada, the Altadena Library owl – The Library is all atwitter because our new program 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten (1KB4K) is launching in January! On **Saturday, January 12 at 10:00am**, save the date for our kick-off event that will feature some of my animal friends from a local petting zoo who are excited to get you reading!

## Please Note the Children's Programs Hiatus for the Holidays

Children's programs will be paused from **Monday, December 17 - Sunday, January 6**

### 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.



### 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.

### **BUILD!** Lego Club (Ages 3-12)

**Fridays, 3:30pm**

← Check [www.altadenalibrary.org/programs](http://www.altadenalibrary.org/programs) for the **NEW** schedule starting **January 7!**

### Homework Helpers (K-8<sup>th</sup>)

**Mondays and Wednesdays, 3:00 - 5:00pm**

### Tail Waggin' Tutors (Ages 5+)

**Saturday, December 1, 11:00am**



### Make a Blizzard in a Jar

**Thursday, December 6, 3:30pm**

A winter craft for ages 4 - 12!



### "Mary Poppins" Screening

**Thursday, December 13, 3:30pm**

## INTRODUCING Sensory Story Time

Meets every other Monday for six sessions starting **January 14<sup>th</sup>**

Sensory Story Time is a good fit for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder and children with sensory processing difficulties. Sensory story time will have more structure and repetition than a traditional story time.

Pre-registration is required. To sign up, learn more, and share a "Going to the Library Social Story" with your child, visit

[www.altadenalibrary.org/sensory-stories](http://www.altadenalibrary.org/sensory-stories)

## Staff 2018 Favorites for Children



**Dreamers**  
by Yuyi Morales



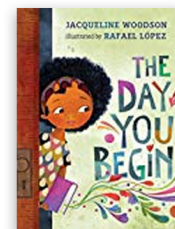
**And There Was Evening, and There Was Morning**  
by Harriet Helfand



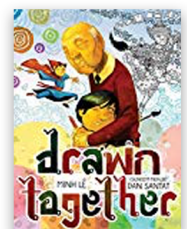
**Fur, Feather, Fin: All of Us Are Kin**  
by Diane Lang



**The Big Bed**  
by Bunmi Laditan



**The Day You Begin**  
by Jacqueline Woodson



**Drawn Together**  
by Minh Lê

# - TEEN PROGRAMS -

Unless otherwise stated, entrance to teen programs is limited to students in 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade only.

**Teen Maker Exploration** in the FabLab  
Every Wednesday, 3:00 - 5:00pm

**Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Release**

Friday, December 7, at 3:00pm  
Play the just released Super Smash Bros. Ultimate! Whether you are an avid gamer or just curious, this is your chance to test out your skills.



**SAT & ACT Workshop** (@ Bob Lucas Branch)

Saturday, December 8, 9:00am - 12:00pm  
Get ready to take the SAT or ACT by attending this Test Prep Workshop. Register by emailing [dwong@altadenalibrary.org](mailto:dwong@altadenalibrary.org).



**Nom Nom Group: Tacos**  
Tuesday, December 11, at 4:00pm

Who doesn't love a good Taco Tuesday? We'll explore the basics of taco-making and a bunch of fun flavor profiles!

**Great Stories Book Club**

Thursday, December 13, 4:00 - 5:00pm

**Winter Wonderland Party**

Saturday, December 15, at 3:00pm  
Create snowmen out of socks, enjoy our hot chocolate bar, and play a rousing game of winter-themed FishBowl.



**SAT & ACT Workshop: Math and Science**  
Monday, December 17, at 4:00pm

Want to learn tips and tricks to improve your math or science portions on the SAT or ACT? Be sure to stop by our Math and Science workshop where MeriEducation will be providing tried and true methods to increase your score. Register by emailing [teens@altadenalibrary.org](mailto:teens@altadenalibrary.org).

**PLEASE NOTE: Teen Service Club Meeting canceled for December**  
Meetings will resume in January.

## Staff Picks for Teens

These books make great gifts! Come check them out and give them a read to prove it!



Turtles All the Way Down  
by John Green



The Hate U Give  
by Angie Thompson



To All the Boys I've Loved Before  
by Jenny Han



Everything, Everything  
by Nicola Yun



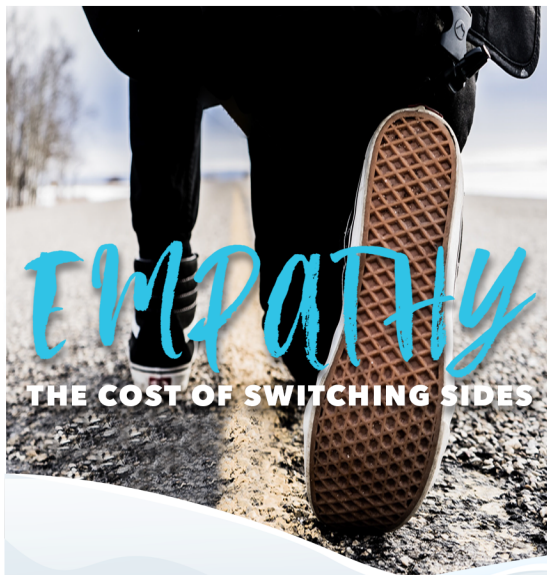
Watch the movie on Netflix!



Now a feature film!



Learn about teen-specific updates, book and music recommendations, events, and more by following our new Instagram account for teens: [@AltadenaTeens](https://www.instagram.com/AltadenaTeens)



## 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  
December 13, January 10, February 14

TO SIGN UP, EMAIL [TEENS@ALTADENALIBRARY.ORG](mailto:TEENS@ALTADENALIBRARY.ORG)

Kindred: A Graphic Novel Adaptation  
by Octavia Butler, Damian Duffy, John Jennings

All American Boys by Jason Reynolds and  
Brendan Kiely

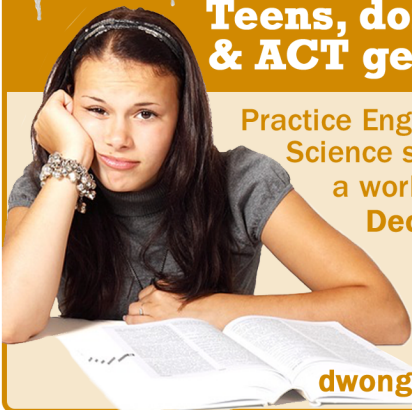
Stuck in Neutral by Terry Trueman

March: Book Three by John Lewis, Andrew  
Aydin, Nate Powell



# - BOB LUCAS BRANCH PROGRAMS -

## Teens, don't let the SAT & ACT get you down...



Practice English, Math, and Science section strategies at a workshop on Saturday, December 8 at 9:00am.

**FREE!**

Register by emailing [dwong@altadenalibrary.org](mailto:dwong@altadenalibrary.org)



## Conversation Club

Tuesdays, until December 11, 10:30am - 12:00pm

Chat with other English learners in a relaxed environment.

## 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!

## 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.

## 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.

## We Tell Stories "Season of Giving" Holiday Performance

Wednesday, December 12, 3:30pm

Enjoy a performance for all ages about myths, folktales, and literature for the holiday by We Tell Stories!

## Winter Mason Jar Craft

Thursday, December 13, 3:30pm

Kids are invited to make a snowy winter decoration for your home!



## Inspiration Station

Monday, December 17 - Friday, December 21

We have supplies to make cards to give to friends, neighbors and family to celebrate the winter season and New Year!

## Please Note the Story Time Hiatus for the Holidays

All story times at the Branch will be paused from Monday, December 17 - Friday, January 4.

## Staff Picks at the Branch

The Bob Lucas Branch is stocked with your holiday favorites! Cuddle up with any of these movies and a cup of hot cocoa for the perfect winter night.



A Charlie Brown Christmas DVD



The Polar Express DVD



A Christmas Story DVD



Elf DVD



A Madea Christmas DVD

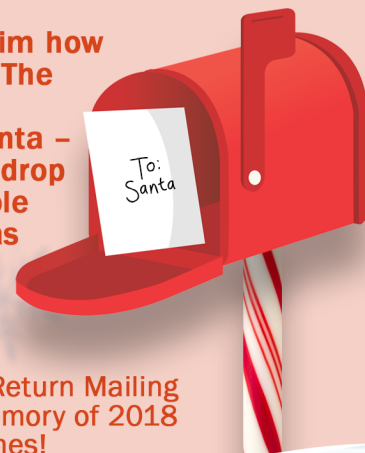


New Year's Eve DVD

# LETTERS TO Santa

Write to Santa and tell him how good you were this year. The Bob Lucas Library will deliver your letters to Santa - Bring in your letters and drop it in our special North Pole mail box at the Bob Lucas Memorial Library by Friday, December 14.

Each letter should include: Child's Name, Child's Age, Return Mailing Address, Child's favorite memory of 2018 and any special holiday wishes!



## UPCOMING EVENTS *Find Branch, Children's, and Teen Programs on pages 5-7.*



**Seed Library: Bee Keeping & Seed Bomb Activity**  
Saturday, December 1, 10:00am - 12:00pm

**Sounds of the Season - Concert with Non Duo**  
Saturday, December 1, at 6:30pm



**Health Care Enrollment with ChapCare**  
Mondays, December 3, 10, 17, 5:00pm - 9:00pm  
Call (626) 486-9729 to make your appointment to meet with a certified health care enrollment counselor from ChapCare!



**Library Website Focus Groups**  
Mondays, December 3, 10, 17 at 6:00pm, Wednesday, December 12 at 6:30pm, Saturday, December 15 at 10:00am  
Email [marketing@altadenalibrary.org](mailto:marketing@altadenalibrary.org) to register for one of these sessions to give crucial feedback about the new website!



**Friends of the Altadena Library Meeting**  
Monday, December 3, at 7:30pm



**Conversation Club (@ Bob Lucas Branch)**  
Every Tuesday until December 11, 10:30am - 12:00pm  
The Conversation Club is a great opportunity to chat with other English language learners in a relaxed and comfortable environment.



**Holiday Crafting**  
Tuesday, December 4, 5:00 - 8:00pm

**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.



**Open Mic Night**  
Tuesday, December 4, 7:30pm

**EARLY CLOSURE AT MAIN LIBRARY**  
Saturday, December 8, at 2:00pm  
The Main Library will close early for the Christmas Tree Lane Tree Lighting Ceremony.



**Library Board of Trustees Meeting**  
Monday, December 10, at 5:00pm



**No Guilt Book Club**  
Tuesday, December 11, at 7:00pm  
No guilt – come even if you haven't read the books!



**From Pages to Table - Book Club + Potluck**  
Saturday, December 22, at 2:00pm  
Practice your holiday cooking and bring your new recipe to share at the return of the Library's popular book club! Email your recipe to [hello@altadenalibrary.org](mailto:hello@altadenalibrary.org) ahead of time to print copies for other guests.

**DISTRICT CLOSURE FOR THE HOLIDAYS**  
Monday, December 24 through Wednesday, December 26  
The Main Library and Bob Lucas Branch will reopen Thursday, December 27 for normal business hours.



**DISTRICT CLOSURE - NEW YEARS**  
Tuesday, January 1, All Day  
The Main Library and Bob Lucas Branch will close early on Monday, December 31, at 5:00pm.



[www.AltadenaLibrary.org](http://www.AltadenaLibrary.org)

**Main Library**  
600 E. Mariposa Street  
Altadena, CA 91001  
626-798-0833

### Hours

Monday & Tuesday  
10:00am to 9:00pm  
Wednesday through Saturday  
10:00am to 6:00pm

**Passport Office** (Main Library)  
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY  
626-798-2950

Monday and Tuesday  
9:00am to 8:00pm  
Wednesday through Saturday  
9:00am to 5:00pm

**Bob Lucas Branch**  
2659 Lincoln Avenue  
Altadena, CA 91001  
626-798-8338

### Hours

Monday, Tuesday & Friday  
10:00am to 6:00pm  
Wednesday & Thursday  
10:00am to 8:00pm

### 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.

For information, go to [AltadenaLibrary.org/friends-library](http://AltadenaLibrary.org/friends-library)

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*Happy Holidays from your friends  
at the Altadena Library!*