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. Library time for Tree Arts also

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.

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 Cavelier 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 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!

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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 Andrus 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.

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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

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SEED LIBRARY BEEKEEPING & SEED BOMBS

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1st**
**10:00AM - 12:00PM**
**COMMUNITY ROOM**

Altadena beekeeper David Bock from Buzzed Honeys 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 11th, 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!

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 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.

From Page to Table
MONTHLY BOOK CLUB + POTLUCK

Saturday, December 22nd
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.

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
641.8654 PFT
December Exhibitions

Photography by Walt (Walt Trepashko)

For the month of December, the walls of the Main Library will be adorned with photography by Altadana 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.

Sounds of the Season featuring NON DUO

Saturdays, December 1st
6:30PM - 8:30PM
ALTADENA MAIN LIBRARY
LIVE MUSIC • FOOD & DRINKS • COMMUNITY • FUN!

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

January 12 | Pasadena Playboys
February 9 | JazzZone
March 9 | The Allan Wasserman Jazz Ensemble
April 13 | Sangre Nueva
May 11 | The Leapin’ Lizards
June 8 | Harbor Groove

COMMUNITY CONCERTS

Country
Smooth Jazz, R&B
Jazz
Salsa
Rockabilly, Blues, Swing
Latin Rock
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

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

Check www.altadenalibrary.org/programs for the NEW schedule starting January 7!

Homework Helpers (K-8th)
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 14th

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
**TEEN PROGRAMS**

*Unless otherwise stated, entrance to teen programs is limited to students in 6th through 12th 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.

**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 MeniEducation will be providing tried and true methods to increase your score. Register by emailing 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 Thomas
- *To All the Boys I’ve Loved Before* by Jenny Han
- *Everything, Everything* by Nicola Yoon

**Now a feature film!**

Watch the movie on Netflix!

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

**Empathy: The Cost of Switching Sides**

Join Altadena Library’s New “Great Stories Club”

- *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

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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

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 mailbox 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 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 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.

Happy Holidays from your friends at the Altadena Library!

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

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