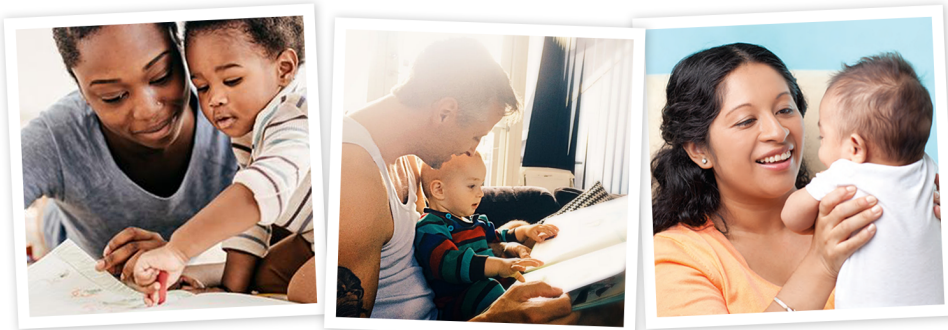


CONNECT*

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Happy New Year!

From the Team at the Altadena Library District



1000 Books Before Kindergarten Launches: Start your reading journey in 2019!

It's no secret that the ability to read is an early indicator of academic success down the road. Since most public education systems do not formally begin until around age 5, it is essential that children are regularly read with before kindergarten, instilling essential skills that will help boost their chances at success no matter the educational and vocational paths they choose. Decades of research point to the importance of positive parent-child engagement in the toddler and pre-school years, when children are first building critical communication and thinking skills. Basically, spending time reading to your child is very important... and we are here to help!

In January, the Altadena Library District is launching a new program that will help parents and caregivers make reading a more regular part of home life for their children - 1000 Books Before Kindergarten (1KB4K)! How does it


work? It's as simple as it sounds! Sign up at the library, use the tracking sheets and Readers' Guide you receive to start reading, and then read, read, read!

1000 books sounds like a big number, but when you read 1 book a day for two years, you will have already read 730 books. If you read multiple books in each sitting, for example at least 2 a day for a year, you will have read that many in half the time. If you start early enough, your child will have read potentially thousands of books by age 5!

The Main Library will host a 1KB4K Kick-Off on **Saturday, January 12, from 10:00am to 12:00pm** where our Children's Librarians will be standing by to help you get started! A petting zoo from Danny's Farm and local and county organizations that provide resources for young families will also be present to celebrate the launch of your reading journeys.

Save the Date - January's Second Saturday Concert!

Boogie the night away on Saturday, January 12

 Altadena Library is welcoming in 2019 the best way it knows how - gathering its community for an evening of music, dancing, and fun! Grab your cowboy hat and boots and two-step on down to the Main Library on **Saturday, January 12 at 6:30pm** for a family-friendly concert featuring The Pasadena Playboys. Operating on the philosophy of "why would we expect others to have a good time if we're not having a good time ourselves" the Pasadena Playboys bring fun to the stage with quality music and knee-slapping gags.



 **Altadena Libraries**

Bringing **People + Ideas** Together



Adult Trivia is Back at the Library

Gather your team and study – competition will be fierce!

2018 was a year of many firsts for the Altadena Library in adult programming, a favorite of which was the first adult Trivia Night in June! Altadenans came together at the end of Summer Reading 2018 for a thrilling evening of snacks, community, and challenging trivia. The Altadena Library District is throwing down the gauntlet again! Adults, ages 18+, are invited to another afternoon of trivia at the Main Library on **Saturday, January 26, at 4:00pm to 6:00pm.**

Register your team of 6 or register as an individual at www.altadenalibrary.org on the home page or under the Programs tab in the main menu.

Face Swap IN PHOTOSHOP

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 6:00 - 8:00PM
IN THE FABLAB AT THE MAIN LIBRARY

Learn Photoshop basics and freak out your friends with your new face swap skills! To register, email hello@altadenalibrary.org. **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.**



FRIENDS OF THE ALTADENA LIBRARY UPDATE



Wishing You a "Friend"ly 2019



The 2018 year for the FRIENDS of the Altadena Library (FOAL) was very productive. The highlights included donating more than \$24,000 to the Library District helping provide program, material and supply support for the staff. We held our Annual Book Sale in May along with 4 other smaller book sales throughout the year. Our funds more specifically helped continue the literacy program managed by the Bob Lucas Branch staff, kept the CONNECT monthly newsletter being printed, sponsored the annual Poetry and Cookies program, supported the Second Saturday Concert Series and of course, provided funding for the Summer Reading Program, to name a few.

As you are keenly aware, Altadena is an exceptional place to live, an unincorporated, independent part of the County of Los Angeles. And our Library District is also independent. It survives with the support of the exceptional people who choose to live, work, and enjoy this special part of California. In these last few days of the old year and the first days of the New Year, I would like to ask the members of the Friends of the Altadena Library for your help to keep the thriving spirit of our Library a viable part of the community.

The annual membership in FOAL is for the January - December calendar year. I ask you to continue your membership for the 2019 year or sign up for the first time! Your paid membership is a necessary and vital part of the FOAL's ability to continue to sponsor programs like those mentioned above. Our guest speaker series and book collections have been and continue to be donor supported. The Friends of the Altadena Library depend on your continued support to sustain our contributions to the Library for programming. I thank you for being a partner in support of this valuable community resource. Visit www.altadenalibrary.org/friends-library to become **2** a Friend of the Altadena Library or make a donation!

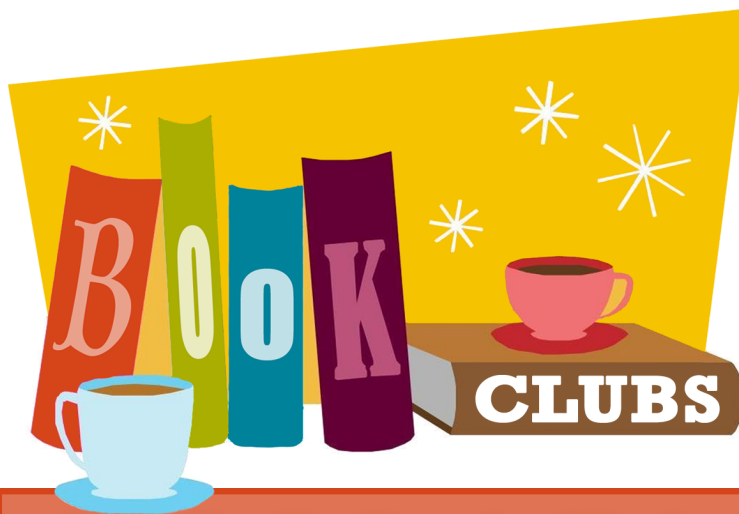
SEED LIBRARY: OPTIMIZING SOIL WITH COMPOSTING

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5
10:00AM - 12:00PM
COMMUNITY ROOM

Compost is the most natural way to nourish the earth with organic material. Composting doesn't have to be a big, smelly ordeal! **UC Master Gardener PJ**

Johnson (right) will show just how easy it is to make composting a part of your life!





No Guilt Book Club

Tuesday, January 8th, 7:00 - 8:00pm
in the Director's Office



JANUARY'S READS:

Pachinko
by Min Jin Lee

The Bad Ass Librarians of Timbuktu: Their Race to Save the World's Most Precious Manuscripts
by Joshua Hammer



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

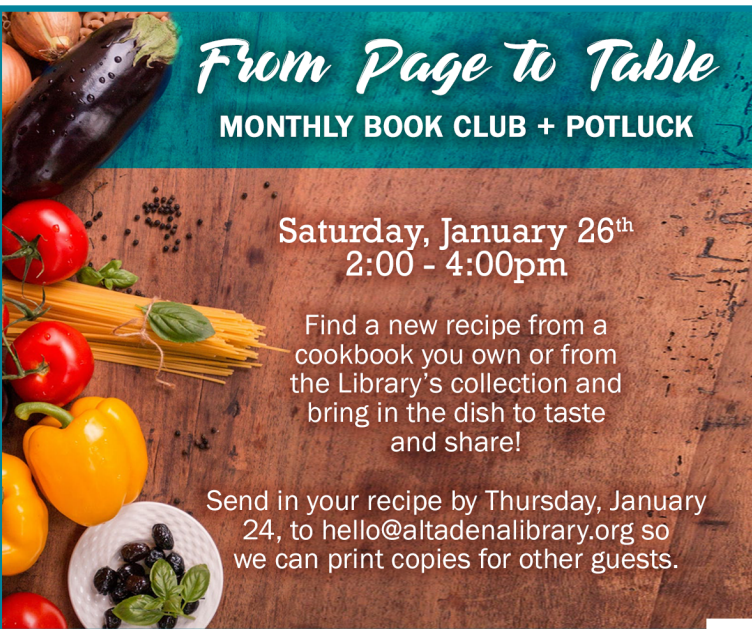
From Page to Table

MONTHLY BOOK CLUB + POTLUCK

Saturday, January 26th
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 by Thursday, January 24, to hello@altadenalibrary.org so we can print copies for other guests.



Indulge Your Curiosity...

Did you know... that your Altadena Library card gives you access to not only books and movies, but also a plethora of online databases? **enki Library** is an online, shared eBook network that gives California libraries and their users access to even more eBooks! eBooks available in enki Library can be accessed on your mobile device and downloaded on your eReader. Start reading at ALD.enkilibrary.org!



Books for Every Mood



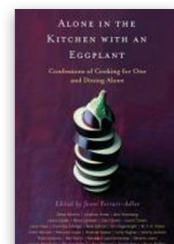
Did you know... that your Altadena Library card gives you access to your very own personal, online librarian? With **NoveList Plus**, you can check out books and discover new titles, simply by responding to the prompt, "I am in the mood for books that are..." With options ranging from "Heartwarming and Likeable" to "Lush and Descriptive," and an option to combine mood types for a custom search, you are sure to find your favorite new book. Start exploring at www.altadenalibrary.org/databases.

Staff Picks for Adults

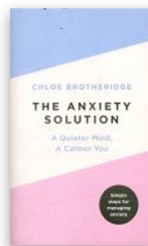
New Year, New You... no, really this time!



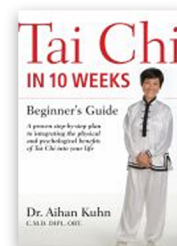
New Year's Eve
DVD



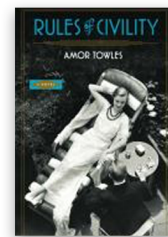
Alone in the Kitchen with an Eggplant by Jenni Ferrari-Adler
Adult Nonfiction
641.561 ALO



The Anxiety Solution by Chloe Brotheridge
Adult New Arrival
152.46 BRO



Tai Chi in 10 Weeks by Dr. Aihan Kuhn
Adult New Arrivals
613.71 KUH



Rules of Civility by Amor Towles
Adult Fiction
FIC TOW



January + February Exhibition:

Brian A. Bernhard with “Icons, Lunatics, Weirdos & Everything In Between”

For the months of January and February, the walls of the Main Library will be adorned with the art of the “eccentrically creative” Brian A. Bernhard.

Of his art (sampled to the left), Brian says:

“Love, more than anything else fuels my creative fire. My love to inspire, create, and explore unknown paths. Carving new trails is what artists do, designing new perspectives and alternative points-of-view for people to consider; is the essence of my creative philosophy.

My work seeks to define itself (the medium is not the message, but rather just a delivery system), my explorations and creative adventures seek to build their own worlds, their own meanings and establish a universe where all people are free to explore and all people are open to discovering who they truly are, free from societal expectations.

The meaning of the word ‘weird,’ is much more interesting than most people realize. The noun form of the word ‘weird’ is ‘a persons destiny.’ Embracing the weird, is about embracing your creative destiny and allowing your true self to shine.

My work seeks to be the inciting incident in the flow of life, which inspires the viewer to let their freak flag fly!”

Want to meet Brian in person and learn more about the inspiration behind his art? Attend his Artist Reception on **Tuesday, February 12, at 7:00pm - 9:00pm** for a brief presentation, reception, and light refreshments. Follow Brian on social media @BrianABernhard.

The Sketchbook Project: Sharing Altadena’s Legacy in a Global Art Library



Starting in January, Altadena Library invites the community to join the 162,000+ people around the globe who have participated in The Sketchbook Project by stopping by and lending us your creativity. A blank sketchbook will live at the Main Library and Bob Lucas Branch intermittently until the end of February, just waiting to be filled with whatever you create! Once we have filled the pages of this sketchbook with the creativity of our community, we will send it in to the Brooklyn Art Library, where it will live with the over 41,000 other sketchbooks from communities around the world. You can view prior submissions online at www.sketchbookproject.com/library. **Will you join the creative endeavor and contribute to this time capsule of our community?**

START THE NEW YEAR OFF RIGHT WITH

Mindful Meow

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 26
9:30AM - 10:00AM
MAIN LIBRARY**

Join us for a meditation at the Main Library. We will take a note from our feline friends and engage in light movement, mindfulness activities, and guided meditation as a group in the open air. Please bring a yoga mat or towel.



*“I have lived with many Zen masters – all of them cats.”
- Eckhart Tolle*

To register, email hello@altadenalibrary.org

EVENTS AROUND ALTADENA

Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count
Tuesday, January 22 - Thursday, January 24

Sign up today to volunteer at theywillcountyou.org.

Hosted by Los Angeles Homeless Service Authority

Altadena Farmers Market
Wednesdays
3:00pm - 7:00pm

600 W. Palm Street

Altadena Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, January 15
7:00pm

Altadena Community Center
730 E. Altadena Drive

Neighbors Empowering Youth First Robotics Team 2404 Kick-Off
Saturday, January 5
1:00pm

2011 Lincoln Avenue
Pasadena 91103

Neighbors Building a Better Altadena Meeting
Saturday, January 26
9:00am Coffee, 9:30am Meeting

First Presbyterian Church
2775 N. Lincoln Avenue






Want your community event listed here? Post your events to altadenanews.org!

- CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS -




A New Year means a new schedule starting January 7. We can't wait to see you at our new story times...

... at the Main Library

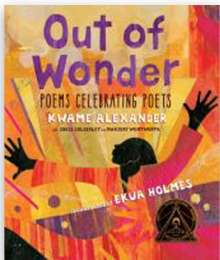
-  **Pajama Story Time**
Mondays, at 6:30pm
Wear your PJs and bring a stuffed animal friend to listen to an evening story time at the Main Library!
-  **Early Literacy Play Time** (Ages 0-5)
Tuesdays, 10:00am - 12:00pm
-  **Baby & Toddler Story Time** (Ages 0-2)
Wednesdays, at 10:30am
-  **Preschool Story Time** (Ages 3-5)
Thursdays, at 11:00am
-  **Hora de Cuentos** (Ages 0-5)
Fridays, at 11:00am

... at the Bob Lucas Branch

-  **Toddler Story Time** (Ages 2+)
Tuesdays, at 11:00am
The 3rd Tuesday of every month is in Spanish!
-  **Baby Story Time** (Ages 0-2)
Thursdays, at 10:30am



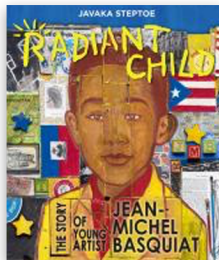
Recent Coretta Scott King Book Award Winners



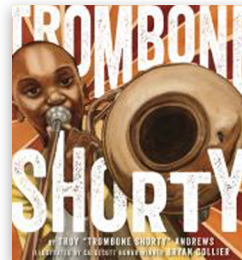
Out of Wonder
by Kwame Alexander, Chris Colderley, Marjory Wentworth, and Euka Holmes



Mama Africa! How Miriam Makeba Spread Hope with Her Song
by Kathryn Erskine and Charly Palmer



Radiant Child: The Story of Young Artist Jean-Michel Basquiat by Javaka Steptoe



Trombone Shorty
by Troy Andrews, Bill Taylor, and Bryan Collier



Hello! Remember me? I'm Ada, the Altadena reading owl! Please enjoy these award-winning books in our collection chosen by Martin Luther King, Jr.'s wife, Coretta Scott King!



Pages & Popcorn

Tuesdays, at 4:30pm
Starting January 22

Altadena Library's popular tween book and movie club is back in January reading and watching *A Wrinkle in Time*. Sign up at www.altadenalibrary.org/pages-popcorn/



Homework Helpers (K - 8th grade)
Mondays and Wednesdays, 3:30 - 5:00pm

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



Children's Art Studio
Wednesday, January 9, at 3:30pm

 **Ben's Bots (STEM Activities)**
Monday, January 14, at 4:00pm

Kids' Movie (K - 5th grade)
Wednesday, January 23, at 3:30pm

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. Pre-registration is required. To sign up, learn more, 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

Great Stories Book Club
Thursday, January 10, 4:00 - 5:00pm



Nom Nom Group Teen Cooking Class: Soft Pretzels
Tuesday, January 15, at 4:00pm
Twist 'em, turn 'em, bake 'em, don't burn 'em! Try making new shapes and dipping sauces for this comfort food favorite.

Teen Crime Stoppers Mystery Game

Saturday, January 19, at 3:00pm

Teen detectives, a rare book has been stolen from the library. You, as a detective, are tasked with the job of gathering evidence, interviewing suspects, and solving the crime. Do you think you can find the lost book?



Enter the Game Zone!

Friday, January 25, at 4:00pm

We have tons of party games, board games (everything from chess to Apples to Apples), and a PS4, WiiU, xBox One, and Nintendo Switch to suit any tournament you could ever want. You can even start a monthly Dungeons & Dragons campaign with your new gamer friends.



Teen Service Club Meeting

Tuesday, January 29, at 3:30pm

You have the power to make a difference in your community! Do you love your community and want to

improve Library resources and services for fellow teens? Earn Service Hours while spending time with new friends, building leadership skills, and improving your college applications! Sign up online at www.altadenalibrary.org/teen-service-club.



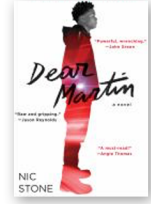
Learn about teen-specific updates, book and music recommendations, events, and more by following our new Instagram account for teens: [@AltadenaTeens](https://www.instagram.com/AltadenaTeens)

Staff Picks for Teens

Young adult fantasy and sci-fi author Corinne Duyvis started the hashtag #OwnVoices to highlight the work of authors and their characters that share a marginalized identity. Here are a few #OwnVoices picks!



#NotYourPrincess edited by Lisa Charleyboy and Mary Beth Leatherdale



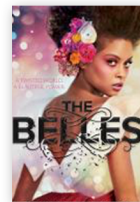
Dear Martin by Nic Stone



The Poet X by Elizabeth Acevedo



American Born Chinese by Gene Luen Yang and Lark Pien



The Belles by Dhonielle Clayton

Want to recommend your own #OwnVoices books? Post them and tag us on Instagram!



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
January 10, February 14

TO SIGN UP, EMAIL 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 -

Story times will remain on hiatus until Monday, January 7.



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!

Hora de Cuentos - Toddler Story time on **Tuesday, January 15** will be bilingual in Spanish and English!

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.



Crafternoon: Marker Tile Magic

Thursday, January 10, 3:30pm

Kids are invited to decorate blank tiles with markers in any design they choose. Add a little magic and watch their designs turn into beautiful abstract patterns!

Adult Crafting: Colorful Coasters

Friday, January 18, 11:00am

Create a set of customized coasters to brighten up your coffee table! Supplies are limited.

Please Note - Upcoming Closure

The Main Library and Bob Lucas Branch will be closed on Monday, January 21, for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

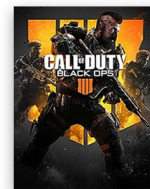


Staff Picks at the Branch

The Bob Lucas Branch now offers video games for Nintendo Switch, PS4, and Xbox. Check out these featured games!



FIFA 19 for PS4



Call of Duty: Black Ops III for PS4



NBA 2K19 for Nintendo Switch



Hasbro Family Fun Pack: 4 Great Games in 1 for Xbox One



Captain Toad: Treasure Tracker for Nintendo Switch

ADULT LITERACY PROGRAM UPDATES & ACTIVITIES

Seeking Adult Literacy Tutors!

In 2019, make a difference in someone's life by signing up as an Adult Literacy tutor! Tutors empower adult learners by teaching basic reading, writing and functional literacy skills. After completing a self-paced, online training module and being matched with a learner, tutors and learners meet 1 to 2 hours per meeting at least once a week at the library or other location based on their own schedules. To sign up as a volunteer, email literacy@altadenalibrary.org!



ESL Classes

Monday - Thursday, at 10:30am

Learning English? We offer small group instruction for learners looking to gain basic verbal and written fluency.



Conversation Club

Weekly, Starting Tuesday, February 5 at 10:30am

Chat with other English learners in a relaxed environment.



Citizenship Class

Weekly, Starting Tuesday, February 5 at 6:00pm

Prepare for the United States citizenship exam at this weekly civics lesson.

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

2019

DISTRICT CLOSURE FOR NEW YEAR'S

Tuesday, January 1, All Day

The Main Library and Bob Lucas Branch will reopen Wednesday, January 2 for normal business hours.



Seed Library: *Optimizing Soil with Composting*

Saturday, January 5, 10:00am - 12:00pm

Join UC Master Gardener PJ Johnson to dig into the basics of composting and its amazing benefits for your home garden!



Friends of the Altadena Library Meeting

Monday, January 7, at 7:30pm



No Guilt Book Club

Tuesday, January 8, at 7:00pm

No guilt - come even if you haven't read the books!



1000 Books Before Kindergarten Kick-Off

Saturday, January 12, 10:00am - 12:00pm

Bring your young readers to the launch of the Altadena Library's new Early Literacy program! Sign up to start reading and get connected with local resources for young families. Oh, and don't forget to stop by the petting zoo from Danny's Farm while you're here!

Second Saturday Concert *featuring*

The Pasadena Playboys

Saturday, January 12, 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Grab your cowboy hat and boots for the first Second Saturday concert of 2019 featuring the country stylings of The Pasadena Playboys! All ages are welcome at this community gathering with live music, food, drinks, and dancing.



DISTRICT CLOSURE FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

Monday, January 21, All Day

The Main Library and Bob Lucas Branch will reopen Tuesday, January 22 for normal business hours.



Photoshop Face Swap

Tuesday, January 22, 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Get introduced to the basics of Photoshop and learn a fun face swapping trick that will thrill your friends! Registration required. Details on page 2.



Mindful Meow

Saturday, January 26, 9:30am - 10:00am

Email hello@altadenalibrary.org to register for this meditative gathering.



From Pages to Table - Book Club + Potluck

Saturday, January 26, at 2:00pm

Practice your cooking and bring a recipe to share at the Library's popular book club! Email your recipe to hello@altadenalibrary.org ahead of time to print copies for other guests.



Trivia Night

Saturday, January 26, 4:00pm - 6:00pm

Sign up a team of 6 or as an individual and test your trivia knowledge!



Library Board of Trustees Meeting

Monday, January 28, at 5:00pm

SAVE THESE EARLY FEBRUARY DATES:

Seed Library: *Mini Greenhouses*

Saturday, February 2, 10:00am - 12:00pm



Citizenship Classes (@ Bob Lucas Branch)

Every Tuesday, 6:00 - 7:30pm, Starting February 5

Conversation Club (@ Bob Lucas Branch)

Every Tuesday, at 10:30am, Starting February 5



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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