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 preschool 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 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.
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.

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!

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 a Friend of the Altadena Library or make a donation!
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

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

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.

The Anxiety Solution by Chloe Brotheridge
Adult New Arrival
152.46 BRO

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

Rules of Civility by Amor Towles
Adult Fiction
FIC TOW

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

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!
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** (Ages 0-5)
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

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**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

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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

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Recent Coretta Scott King Book Award Winners

[Images of book covers] 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

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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!
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.

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**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

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

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

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**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**

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Kindred: A Graphic Novel Adaptation by Octavia Butler, Damien 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.

**Craft afternoon: 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.

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