Enter the JazzZone at February’s Jazzy Second Saturday!

The Altadena Library is pleased to welcome the JazzZone as February’s Second Saturday concert artist! This talented group of musicians will take the Main Library stage on Saturday, February 9, at 6:30pm. With food available for sale from El Patron and drinks from Altadena Ale & Wine House, all ages will enjoy sizzlin’ smooth jazz, connection with community, and our dance floor ready for your moves!

Launched of Website!

The Altadena Library District’s new website is live! The site’s new design and capabilities, among many internal improvements, allow patrons to better connect with programs designed for their interests and age level, browse staff-recommended reads, get involved at the Library, and more. The site is a living, breathing resource that will continue to grow over time and allow staff to innovate how it connects patrons with helpful, Library resources!

CRUCIBLE OF ART:
ALTADENA AS A SPECIAL SPACE IN BLACK HISTORY

A Conversation about Black History and Art in Altadena: Altadena Heritage and the Altadena Library Welcome National Book Award Winner Jeffrey C. Stewart and Historian Michele Zack

Altadena Heritage and the Altadena Libraries are thrilled to present a discussion on Saturday, February 9, at 2:00pm with 2018 National Book Award winner Jeffrey C. Stewart, facilitated by local historian Michele Zack. Highlighting the contributions of Altadensans like Charles White and Octavia Butler through the lens of Alain Locke’s philosophical ideas, Stewart and Zack will explore how Altadena has acted as a crucible of culture throughout its history, especially for its African-American residents.

Jeffrey C. Stewart is a professor in the Department of Black Studies at the University of California at Santa Barbara. Oxford University Press recently published his biography, The New Negro: The Life of Alain Locke, which won the 2018 National Book Award for Nonfiction. Local historian Michele Zack, author of Donald H. Pflueger Award-winning Altadena: Between Wilderness and City, will bring her background in researching racial change, the history of PUSD, and the arts in Altadena to her facilitation of the discussion.

The Friends of the Altadena Library have generously donated several copies of Stewart’s award-winning book for the community to read and share among friends and neighbors, in hopes of sharing the joy of reading with as much of Altadena as possible.

You Won’t Want to Miss This Month at the Bob Lucas Branch…
See page 7 for multiple educational, cultural programs for adults and children!
James Baldwin on the Silver Screen
Old stories teach universal lessons in new media

A story of resilience, passion, and love in the face of adversity and injustice, If Beale Street Could Talk is director Barry Jenkins’ latest emotional powerhouse film leaving audiences speechless. An adaptation of James Baldwin’s 1974 novel of the same name, If Beale Street Could Talk tells the story of a young Black couple, torn apart by false incarceration, and their struggle as they seek justice and care for one another and their families through immense stress. When books from previous decades achieve modern, mainstream success as films, the importance of the role of libraries in communities is affirmed. So much of being a human is carrying forward the stories of our past and learning from either how far we have come or how far we have yet to go. If Beale Street Could Talk, while written about and in the language of a specific time period in American history, still rings incredibly true to today’s America. Libraries are filled with stories from bygone decades, and while most will never see their titles on movie posters, the success of films like Jenkins’ adaptation is an invitation to explore library shelves in hopes of discovering another gem of a story whose lessons could shed new light on modern issues. Below are some James Baldwin-related titles in the Altadena Library’s collection:

Giovanni’s Room
Adult Fiction
FIC BAL 2000 at the Main Library

Notes of a Native Son
Adult Nonfiction
305.896 BAL at the Main Library

I Am Not Your Negro
Media Center
DVD 323.1196 at the Main Library

Little Man, Little Man
Children’s Collection
BRANCH J BAL at the Bob Lucas Branch

James Baldwin was one of the most prolific African-American writers throughout the 20th century. His works, both fiction and nonfiction, explore the complex racial, sexual, and socioeconomic dynamics of America in the 1960s and 1970s.

SEED LIBRARY: JUMPSTART YOUR SUMMER GARDEN

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2
10:00AM - 12:00PM
COMMUNITY ROOM

Did you know that you can start some of your summer crops as early as January or February? This time of year is a great time to start your tomatoes, peppers, and eggplants. All you need are some plastic bottles headed for the recycling bin and some garden soil. Turning these plastic bottles into mini-greenhouses, Master Gardener Jessica Yarger will show you all you need to know to start and nurture these favorite summer crops. Bring your empty plastic bottles and leave with the start of your summer garden!

The Fruits of Community Efforts

The Friends of the Altadena Library (FOAL) is a volunteer-run organization with several activities happening concurrently by numerous dedicated volunteers, often behind the scenes. Everyday, volunteers accept and sort the hundreds of books donated to FOAL to stock our Bookstore. Throughout the year, volunteers organize book sales, moving and arranging thousands of books for the public to peruse. The Board of the Friends meets monthly to evaluate efforts and make decisions about fundraising efforts. All efforts by hardworking community members are paid off in moments like those at the December Board of Trustees meeting, when I, representing the Friends, and members of the Altadena Library Foundation, got to present checks totaling $16,000 to the Library Board. These funds, earned through the efforts of our devoted volunteers, will make a tangible impact in the community through the materials and programs provided by the Altadena Libraries.

Want to be a part of the supportive efforts? Save the date for the Friends’ upcoming Pop-Up Book Sale on Saturday, February 23 from 10:00am to 4:00pm, as well as the Annual Book Sale the weekend of May 17-19. These events raise a large portion of the Friends’ annual revenue and give the community an opportunity to find treasures among books and movies for affordable prices.

Above: Mark presented an $11,000 check from the Friends to the Library Board of Trustees; Below: The Altadena Library Foundation presented $5,000 to the Board.
No Guilt Book Club
Tuesday, February 12th, 7:00 - 8:00pm
in the Director’s Office

FEBRUARY’S READS:

The Outer Beach
by Robert Finch

Any biography - Members’ choice!
Members should bring ideas for book selections for the next 3 months!

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

February Art on Display
Community Room & Reading Court
The art of “eccentrically creative” Brian A. Bernhard remains on display for the month of February. Stop by the Main Library on Tuesday, February 12, at 7:00pm for his art reception and presentation about his artistic process.

Glass Display Case
For the month of February, the Main Library’s glass display case will celebrate Black History Month with a tribute to Charles W. White and Octavia E. Butler, both of whom have residential history in Altadena. The Library staff that curated this display offer a special thank you to Altadena Historical Society for donating their materials for Black History Month!

Staff Picks for Adults
Black History Month is a month-long invitation to delve into the stories that have so often been left out of the telling of our nation’s history and to honor the importance of Black history in the American story.

The New Negro: The Life of Alain Locke
by Jeffrey C. Stewart
Adult New Arrival
BIO LOC, A.

Looking for Lorraine: The Radiant and Radical Life of Lorraine Hansberry
by Imani Perry
Adult New Arrivals
027.475 WIE

I, Too, Sing America
by Catherine Clinton & Stephen Alcorn
Adult Nonfiction
811.081

The Warmth of Other Suns
by Isabel Wilkerson
Adult Nonfiction
BRANCH 304.873 WIL

The Sketchbook Project
Don’t forget to stop by the Main Library or Bob Lucas Branch throughout February to add to our sketchbook! This book, once filled with the artistic contributions of Altadensans of all ages, will be submitted back to The Sketchbook Project, where it will be stored alongside 41,346 other sketchbooks contributed by individuals and communities from over 135 countries. Visit altadenalibrary.org/art to see where you can find the sketchbook throughout the month!

Henry Taylor: The Only Portrait I Ever Painted of My Momma Was Stolen
by Henry Taylor
Adult New Arrival
OS 759.13 TAY

Visit www.altadenalibrary.org/adults for more Black History Month recommendations in our collection!
Celebrate Chinese New Year and Learn Chinese Brush Painting

The Chinese New Year officially begins February 5, so to honor this important holiday, patrons of all ages are invited to a demonstration and workshop of Chinese brush painting on Saturday, February 2, from 2:00pm to 4:00pm. Chinese brush painting can be traced back 6,000 years and continues to hold artistic significance in Chinese culture today.

2019 is the Year of the Pig. Learn more about Chinese New Year at chinesenewyear.net.

AND NOW

LOVE

SCREENING + EXPERT PANEL

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23
4:00PM - 6:00PM

“And Now, Love” is a 94-minute documentary memoir, directed by Jill Demby Guest, that follows the life and work of Dr. Bernard Bail, who was captured by the Nazis and rescued by a secret love affair with his German nurse. After the war, while battling PTSD and antisemitism in the US, he became a doctor and psychoanalyst devoted to healing emotional suffering.

Weekly Mac to the Max

Every Friday from 1:00pm to 4:00pm, the Altadena Library's Macbooks and an experienced Mac user will be standing by in the Main Library's FabLab to assist new Mac users as they learn how to navigate this popular operating system.

Already an experienced Mac user? Come try your skills on apps like Final Cut Pro (video editing) and Photoshop on the Macbooks!

No reservation necessary – Just drop in! Access to Macbooks is first come, first served.
**Homework Helpers** *(K - 8th grade)*  
Mondays and Wednesdays, 3:30 - 5:00pm

**Pajama Story Time** *(Ages 0-5)*  
Mondays, at 6:30pm

**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

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

**Ben’s Bots (STEM Activities)**  
Monday, February 11, at 4:00pm

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**Children’s Staff Picks**  
These picks are about the important things in life: friends, family, joy, love, and truth!

**Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut**  
by Derrick Barnes

**Mommy’s Khimar**  
by Jamilah Bigelow-Thompkins

**Harbor Me**  
by Jacqueline Woodson

**The Parker Inheritance**  
by Varian Johnson

**8th Grade Superzero**  
by Olugbemisola Rhuday-Perkovich

**Let’s Clap, Jump, Sing, & Shout: Dance, Spin, and Turn it Out!**  
by Pat McKissack

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**Pages & Popcorn Tween Book Club**  
Tuesdays, at 4:30pm

Altadena Library’s popular tween book and movie club is back in February reading and watching *A Wrinkle in Time*. Sign up at www.altadenalibrary.org/tweens!

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**Black History Movie: Hidden Figures**  
Monday, February 11, at 6:00pm

Free pizza and popcorn while supplies last!

**Happy Dogentines Day!**  
Wednesday, February 13, at 3:30pm

Join us to make toys and treats for our furry friends at the Pasadena Humane Society.

**Rodgers & Hammerstein’s Cinderella (1997)**  
Wednesday, February 27, at 3:30pm

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**Sensory Story Time**  
Meets every other Monday  
February 11th, February 25th

*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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*Hello there, friends!*  
Ada, the Altadena reading owl, here! Are you still younger than a kindergartener? Have you signed up for 1000 Books Before Kindergarten? Learn more about how you can start earning prizes for your reading at AltadenaLibraryBeanstack.org
Staff Picks for Teens
February is the month of LOVE, so this month’s staff picks are #OwnVoices picks with a romantic theme!

- 96 Words for Love by Rachel Roy & Ava Dash
- The Field Guide to the North American Teenager by Ben Philippe
- All the Stars Denied by Guadalupe Garcia McCall
- Inventing Victoria by Tonya Bolden
- ... y algunos libros en Español!
  - El Odio Que Das by Angie Thomas
  - La Reina Roja by Victoria Aveyard
  - Nyxia by Scott Reintgen

New Teen Resource Section on Library Website
www.altadenalibrary.org/teenresources

All of Altadena Library’s FREE homework resources just became easier to access for teens. With an Altadena Library card, teens have access to several research databases to assist with your next essay or research project, free one-on-one online tutoring, and more! There are also links chosen by our Teen Librarian to connect you with useful information about passing your driver’s test, sexual health and wellness, and more. On this page, you may also sign up for an upcoming practice test session (ISEE, HSPT, SAT, ACT, and AP test).
- BOB LUCAS BRANCH PROGRAMS -

**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, February 19** 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: Surprise!**
**Thursday, February 14, 3:30pm**
Kids, come for a surprise craft this month!

**Adult Crafting: String Art**
**Friday, February 15, 11:00am**
Come for the craft and enjoy some conversation while you are at it. We will make art using string. All materials will be provided.

**Family Film Friday**
**Friday, February 22, 3:30pm**
Popcorn provided as long as supplies last!

**African Drum Circle**
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH 3:30PM - 4:30PM**
Clarence “Chazz” Ross is bringing his 40 years experience in African music and dance to the Branch for an interactive experience! Audience members will have the opportunity to play djembe drums as part of the drum circle that Chazz will instruct and lead.

**THE DELICIOUS HISTORY OF chocolate**
**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8th 11:00AM - 12:00PM**
Join “Chocolate Guru” Lee Theisen for a presentation all about the history and science of chocolate – just in time for Valentine’s Day!

**ADULT LITERACY PROGRAM UPDATES & ACTIVITIES**

**Learn to Read!**
Work with a tutor to improve your reading and writing skills. Call 626-798-0833 ext. 104 for more information.

**ESL Classes**
**Monday - Thursday, at 10am-12pm**
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 10:00am**
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.

Mac to the Max
Every Friday, 1:00pm - 4:00pm
Practice your Mac skills on the Library’s Macbooks in the FabLab.

Seed Library: Jumpstart Your Summer Garden with Mini Greenhouses
Saturday, February 2, 10:00am - 12:00pm
Master Gardener Jessica Yarger will teach participants how to start their peppers, eggplants, and tomatoes using only soil and plastic bottles.

Chinese Calligraphy: Demonstration & Workshop
Saturday, February 2, 2:00pm - 4:00pm
Watch an artist at work and take home your own customized Chinese brush painting, in honor of Chinese New Year!

Friends of the Altadena Library Meeting
Monday, February 4, at 7:30pm

Open Mic Night
Tuesday, February 5, at 7:00pm
Enjoy performances by local talent, or sign up to take the stage! Musicians, poets, storytellers, dancers, and comedians are welcome to perform. If you have talent, we want to see it!

Crucible of Art: Altadena as a Special Space in Black History
Saturday, February 9, 2:00 - 4:00pm
Altadena Heritage and the Altadena Libraries are thrilled to present a discussion with author and 2018 National Book Award winner Jeffrey C. Stewart, facilitated by local historian Michele Zack.

Second Saturday: The JazzZone
Saturday, February 9, at 6:30pm
Smooth jazz is sure to sizzle with the JazzZone on stage!

No Guilt Book Club
Tuesday, February 12, at 7:00pm
No guilt – come even if you haven’t read the books!

Old School vs. New School Tournament
Saturday, February 16, at 3:00pm
Adult and teen gamers, join us to compete head-to-head in some of the biggest video games from the 80s to now at this gaming free-for-all!

Closure - Presidents’ Day
Monday, February 18, All Day

Friends of the Library Pop-Up Book Sale
Saturday, February 23, 10:00am - 4:00pm

“And Now, Love” Screening + Panel
Saturday, February 23, at 4:00pm
Meet filmmaker Jill Demby Guest and expert Dr. Loren Weiner, Ph.D. in a panel following the screening of documentary “And Now, Love” about the life and work of Dr. Bernard Bail.

Library Board of Trustees Meeting
Monday, February 25, at 5:00pm

SAVE THESE EARLY MARCH DATES:

Seed Library: Monarch Butterflies (Location TBA)
Saturday, March 2, 10:00am - 12:00pm

The Art of Basket Weaving & Poetry
Saturday, March 2, at 1:00pm
Altadena Poet Laureate Hazel Clayton Harrison and textile artist Gloria Sanyika present a unique workshop about basket weaving and poetry.

Second Saturday: The Allan Wasserman Jazz Ensemble
Saturday, March 9, 6:30pm - 8:30pm