

## March is Women's History Month

Women don't just hold up half the sky... They also fill our lives with literary gems!

Here are some of Altadena Library staff's favorite female authors! (Visit the Main Library and Bob Lucas Branch for even more Women's History picks on display!)



### **Nayyirah Waheed** (author of *Salt*)

"A woman that writes evocative poetry on the experience of living within the body of a woman, an immigrant, a person of color."



### **Julie Lythcott Haims** (author of *Real American*)

"She's inspiring! She teaches important truths, especially those that are hard to hear, through the telling of her personal story that will capture the heart of every reader."



### **Clarissa Pinkola Estés** (author of *Women Who Run With the Wolves*)

"Her unique style of storytelling captures the raw, untamed power women possess in their innermost beings. Her mystical approach taps into memories and pieces of the collective female experience that have been lost over centuries under the male-prioritized societal narrative."



### **Glory Edim** (author of *Well-Read Black Girl: Finding Our Stories, Discovering Ourselves*)

"Founder of the Well-Read Black Girl book club/festival/movement, she does the important work of lifting up Black voices in literature. Her collection of essays from some of the most prominent and esteemed African American authors of our time is a treasure for literature lovers."



### **America Ferrera** (author of *American Like Me*)

"A talented actress who has moved into the realm of activism. Completely uplifting and incredibly important, America Ferrera has collected the stories of people across a vast array of cultures and backgrounds and put into one book."



### **Ayn Rand** (author of *Atlas Shrugged*)

"As an undergrad, I explored a few philosophical ideologies. Ayn Rand's Objectivism was particularly helpful in digesting the nature of 1940's libertarianism while simultaneously providing a sense of adventure and treasures to contemplate."



### **Roxane Gay** (author of *An Untamed State*)

"She is a powerful storyteller, and her work spans fiction, memoir, short stories, graphic novels, and more. I recommend her to everyone, but especially those who want to explore the intersections of identity, feminism, and culture."



### **Brenda Jackson** (author of *Some Like It Hot*) & **Beverly Jenkins** (author of *Tempest*)

"They both tell stories filled with romance and adventure... Enough said!"



## The Allan Wasserman Jazz Ensemble Takes the Stage in March

The Altadena Library is pleased to welcome the Allan Wasserman Jazz Ensemble to Second Saturday on Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30pm!

Lovers of jazz will get double the thrills at March's Second Saturday featuring the multi-talented Allan Wasserman Jazz Ensemble, with the Pasadena Conservatory of Music Youth Jazz Orchestra performing as the opening act. Food and drinks will be available for sale, but dancing is free!



## March Seed Library Demystifies the Monarchs

Join instructor Kristy Brauch Clougherty at the Main Library for the Seed Library on Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 10:00am!

Kristy will teach about the life cycle, migration, and western population decline of the monarch butterfly. Attendees will learn about

the best nectar sources for pollinators and general garden necessities for the support of monarch habitats as well as resources for creating home and public pollinator habitats.



# Women's History in Libraries

Libraries have existed in various forms in America dating back to when Benjamin Franklin founded the first American membership library in 1731 and later the nation's first public library in 1790. In the early years, it was men from New England's elite, like Franklin, that drove the early library movement, with women from families of similar status volunteering at libraries, typically within the children's programs. A gradual shift occurred, however, when the American Library Association was formed in 1876 by a group of 103 librarians (90 men and 13 women). One of those women, Mary Cutler Fairchild, performed a research study that described the trend in many libraries of men in directorial positions, with women running operations, often times greatly outnumbering men. Library education became more readily available for women and men with many programs made available in libraries staffed primarily by women. By the turn of the century, librarianship was a sought-after profession for middle- and working-class women, offering an opportunity for public service as well as a chance at adventure for those willing to go West.

The American Library Association elected its first female president in 1911, and from there the numbers shifted dramatically. While in the 1880s men made up 52% of the 636 librarians in the U.S., by 1930, men made up only 8% of librarians.

The Altadena Library District also has women to thank for much of its growth. The first Altadena library was formed in 1908 as a mere bookshelf and bushell of books in a local school house. It was the Woman's Circle of Altadena that created the first adult library in Altadena as a branch of the Los Angeles County Library, housed in the kindergarten room of Calaveras Street School. As we look back on how far our District has come since its early days, we remember and thank the women that had the vision to expand the Library's materials and services beyond a bookshelf to reach even more of our community.

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Hassler, Dorothy. Altadena: Yesterday and Today. The Altadenan Publishing Co. 1969.  
Beveridge, Andrew, Weber, Susan, and Beveridge, Sydney. Librarians in the United States from 1880-2009. Oxford University Press. June 20, 2011.

## Take Note! Notary Services at the Library

The Altadena Library District offers affordable notary services

# \$15

PER NOTARIZATION

To make an appointment, call  
(626) 798-0833 ext. 118.



## The Art of Weaving Baskets & Poetry

SATURDAY, MARCH 2  
1:00 - 3:30PM  
COMMUNITY ROOM



Learn about historical perspectives on traditional basket weaving and how the art relates to weaving words into poetry. In this interactive workshop, you will be guided by talented artisans Hazel Clayton Harrison and Gloria Sanyika through the creation of your own poems, inspired by ancient basket weaving techniques.



## FRIENDS OF THE ALTADENA LIBRARY UPDATE

from Mark Mariscal, President of the Friends

As President of the Friends of the Altadena Libraries, I am most inspired in my work by moments when months of hard work and collaboration come together and transform into results. On the last weekend of February, the Friends held another Pop-Up Book Sale (pictured below) at the Main Library and earned over \$1,000 that will support the Friends' ability to enrich the Altadena Libraries' offering of materials and programs! A big thank you to our generous community members that stock our sales with their donations, to the Friends that patiently sort through our many donations, and to our community that supports our efforts with your purchases!

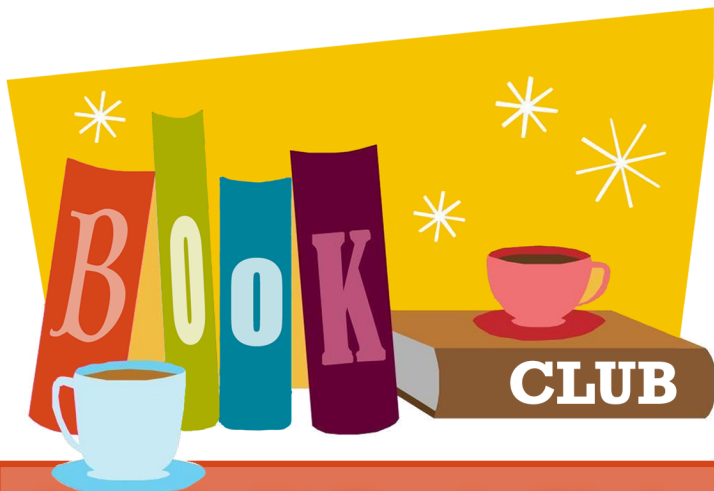
A perfect example of the programming your purchases support is The Art of Weaving Baskets & Poetry workshop. The Friends proudly support poetry efforts in Altadena through the libraries, working closely with Altadena Poet Laureates Hazel Clayton Harrison and Teresa Mei Chuc to support poetry workshops for our community. These events are always well attended and connect new people each time with new ideas.

If you are interested in helping support our efforts, please save the date for the Friends' Annual Book Sale the weekend of **May 18 - 19**.

Members of the Friends get special access to a pre-sale where you get first pick of our huge selection of books, music, and movies, so become a Friend soon! Memberships range from just \$10 for individuals to \$25 for families, all the way to \$500 for a lifetime membership.



Become a Friend online at  
[www.altadenalibrary.org/Friends](http://www.altadenalibrary.org/Friends)



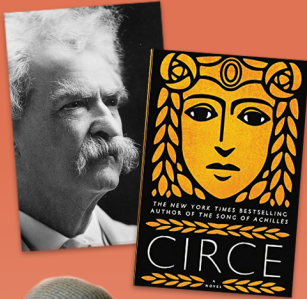
## No Guilt Book Club

Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 - 8:00pm  
in the Director's Office

### MARCH READS:

**Circe: A Novel**  
by Madeline Miller

Member's choice of any  
book by Mark Twain!



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

## The Sketchbook Project Update!

As you may have heard, the Altadena Libraries are facilitating the creation of a community sketchbook that will be submitted to The Sketchbook Project, a library of over 41,000 sketchbooks from communities around the globe.

If you want to add your own sketches, stories, drawings, and more to the sketchbook, it will reside at the Bob Lucas Branch until **March 11**, when it will be moved to the Main Library until completion of the project on **March 27**.

## March/April Art on Display Community Room

From **March 7 through April 29**, visual artist Kres Mersky will showcase her collection in the Community Room at the Main Library. Of her art, Kres says:

*"I've been making art, writing, acting, drawing, and painting all my life. It seems it's what I have to do. I love exploring the anatomy of humans and animals, trying to capture a likeness for sure, but it's more than that. I'm looking for the subjects authentic spirit and aliveness.*

*Creating collages is a wonderful form of storytelling. Putting together the disparate papers, photos, and found objects is like working a puzzle where finally some tale is told. Hopefully, all my work imparts compassion, humor, the absurd and general enjoyment."*

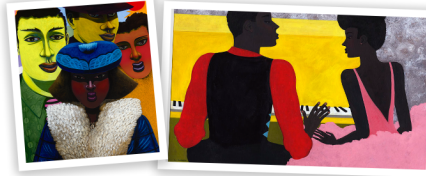


### Reading Court

From **March 2 through April 29**, artist Linda Ternoir will showcase her paintings and ink drawings in the Reading Court at the Main Library. Of her art, Linda says:

*"I paint with acrylic paint. I draw with ink. I work from imagination and memory. Most of my work gives a view of people.*

*I also have an affinity for animals. I become the choreographer leading the eye of the viewer into the performance of the art."*



## Staff Picks for Adults

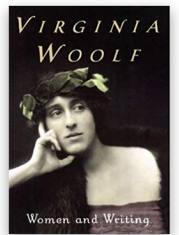
Join the Altadena Main Library in celebrating amazing women this month!



**Conversations with Octavia Butler** by Octavia Butler  
Adult Nonfiction  
813.54 BUT



**Notorious RBG: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg** by Irin Carmon  
Adult Biography  
BIO GIN, R.



**Virginia Woolf, Women and Writing** by Virginia Woolf  
Adult Nonfiction  
820.9 WOO



**In Pieces** by Sally Field  
Adult New Arrival  
L.T. BIO FIE, S.



**Votes for Women** DVD  
Media Center  
DVD 324.62



**Becoming** by Michelle Obama  
Adult New Arrivals  
BIO OBA, M.

# Crochet Club

MONTHLY GATHERING FOR CROCHETERS

MONDAY, MARCH 11, 6:00PM - 8:00PM  
AT THE MAIN LIBRARY

Bring your own projects to this social gathering for crocheters and learn from other locals, as well as a crochet expert on staff who will drop in to lend a hand!

## Star Light, Star Bright Star Gazing Night

THURSDAY, MARCH 14  
7:00PM - 8:30PM

IN THE MAIN LIBRARY PARKING LOT

Join local scientists in gazing upon the night sky! Come set up your telescope at 6:30pm as the sun sets. Around 7:30pm, guests should be able to see a waxing crescent moon and maybe even Mercury, Venus, Jupiter, and Saturn!

All ages are welcome but this event will be best enjoyed by those 9 years old and up.

A limited number of telescopes will be provided for guests to use. Bring your own telescope if you have one!

## The Urban Forager

COOKBOOK TALK WITH  
AUTHOR ELISA CALLOW



SATURDAY, MARCH 16<sup>TH</sup>  
10:00AM - 11:00AM

Community Room  
at the Main Library



The Altadena Libraries are pleased to welcome local author and the Urban Forager Elisa Callow to discuss her newly published cookbook **The Urban Forager: Culinary Exploring & Cooking on L.A.'s Eastside** that showcases one of California's richest and most rapidly expanding culinary cultures: the eastside of Los Angeles. Food makers representing the eastside's diverse traditions share beloved personal recipes, ingredients, innovations, and neighborhood resources.

## Face Swap IN PHOTOSHOP

TUESDAY, MARCH 5  
6:30 - 8:30PM  
IN THE FABLAB

Learn Photoshop basics and freak out your friends with your new face swap skills! To register, email [hello@altadenalibrary.org](mailto:hello@altadenalibrary.org). REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.



## Intro to Web Coding

<when>Saturday, March 16, 3-5PM</when>  
<where>FabLab</where>

<what>In this beginner-level coding class, learn the basics of HTML, CSS, and even some JavaScript from the experts at Coding Dojo.</what>

<register>Space is limited to teens (13+) and adults. Email [teens@altadenalibrary.org](mailto:teens@altadenalibrary.org) to sign up.</register>

## REPAIR CAFÉ & SHRED DAY

Altadena Library District is proud to partner with Repair Café Pasadena to present a second Repair Café in Altadena! Bring anything that needs fixin' to our myriad of FREE experts and specialists, and drop off your old paperwork that needs shredding in the parking lot while you're here!

SATURDAY, MARCH 30<sup>th</sup>  
10:00AM - 1:00PM



# - CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS AT THE MAIN LIBRARY -



**Homework Helpers** (K - 8<sup>th</sup> 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

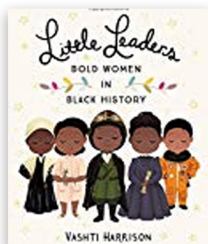
**Hora de Cuentos** (Ages 0-5)  
Fridays, at 11:00am

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



## Children's Staff Picks

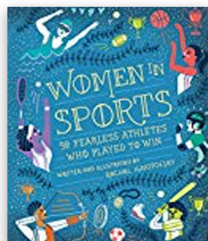
To honor Women's History Month, enjoy these picks in our collection from the Amelia Bloomer List, an annual list of the best feminist books for young readers!



**Little Leaders:  
Bold Women in  
Black History**  
by Vashti Harrison



**Shark Lady: The True  
Story of How Eugenie  
Clark Became the  
Ocean's Most  
Fearless Scientist**  
by Jess Keating



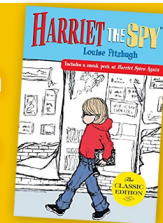
**Women in Sports: 50  
Fearless Athletes  
Who Played to Win**  
by Rachel Ignotofsky



**Girl Running**  
by Annette Bay Pimentel

## Pages & Popcorn Tween Book Club

Tuesdays, at 4:30pm  
Altadena Library's popular tween book and movie club is throwing it back in March with Harriet the Spy. Sign up at [www.altadenalibrary.org/tweens!](http://www.altadenalibrary.org/tweens!)



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

## BINGO

Wednesday, March 13, at 3:30pm  
Bingo was his name-o! Elementary students are invited to enjoy this engaging game of chance!

## Elementary Movie

Wednesday, February 27, at 3:30pm

Enjoy an afternoon of family and laughter at a screening of

# SHREK

EN ESPAÑOL

Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 1:30pm  
Community Room

Free pasteles will be available as supplies last!

The movie will be played in Spanish with English subtitles.

## Greetings, friends!

Ada, the Altadena Reading Owl, here! Just dropping by to check on how you're doing with your reading! Parents of toddlers, have you been tracking your books in Beanstack as part of 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program? Remember: you can log in to track your reading and prizes at [AltadenaLibrary.Beanstack.org](http://AltadenaLibrary.Beanstack.org).



Also are you almost ready for summer? We are hard at work getting our exciting Summer Reading program ready for readers of all ages! Be sure to save the date for our Summer Reading Kick-Off on Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, and keep an eye out for details coming soon about this year's theme! It's sure to be out of this world...

# - TEEN PROGRAMS AT THE MAIN LIBRARY -



## Goodbye, Kate!

Our now previous Teen Librarian Kate wishes you farewell:

*Thanks, Altadena Teens, for the last two years! I've really enjoyed getting to know you, and I've done my best to provide*

*programs that you would enjoy. My family has decided that our best move is to return to Ohio at this time. I'll miss you and wish you the very best.* – Kate

**We thank Kate for her service and for all the wonderful programs she brought to teens in our community!**

*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



## Nom Nom Group: Meatball Sub Sandwiches

**Tuesday, March 12, at 4:00pm**

A handful of simple ingredients comes together to make magic on a bun! Learn this Italian-American staple at our next cooking class for teens.

## Intro to Web Development

**Saturday, March 16, 3:00pm**

Our partners at Coding Dojo are back to teach teens and adults the basics of HTML, CSS, and even some Javascript. Space is limited; email [teens@altadenalibrary.org](mailto:teens@altadenalibrary.org) to sign up!



## SAT & ACT English Section Workshop

**Monday, March 18, at 4:00pm**

Need practice for your upcoming exam? Our partners at MeriEducation are offering a workshop on the English portion of the SAT and ACT. Email [teens@altadenalibrary.org](mailto:teens@altadenalibrary.org) to sign up and save your spot!

## Teen Game Zone

**Friday, March 22, at 4:00pm**

Enter the Game Zone! 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.

## SAVE THE DATE

## April Monthly Practice Test Event

**Saturday, April 20, 10:00am**

Need practice for your upcoming exam? Come to our monthly practice test event throughout 2019 where you can practice taking the ISEE, HSPT, SAT, ACT, AP tests, and more! Sign up today at [www.altadenalibrary.org/teenresources](http://www.altadenalibrary.org/teenresources). (Hint: There are also a ton of teen resources on that page including free online tutoring, databases to help with your next research project, and a variety of helpful links!)

## Staff Picks for Teens

Check out these new graphic novels in our teen collection!



**Goodnight Punpun** by Inio Asano



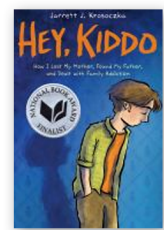
**Cicada** by Shaun Tan



**Blue Exorcist** by Kazue Kato et al



**Yona of the Dawn** by Mizuho Kusanagi et al

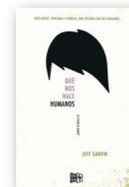


**Hey, Kiddo** by Jarrett Krosoczka

... y algunos libros para adolescentes en Español!



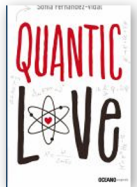
**Batman** by Marie Lue



**Qué Nos Hace Humanos** by Jeff Garvin



**La Sirena** by Kiera Cass



**Quantic Love** by Sonia Fernández-Vidal

## First Monthly Practice Testing Event a Success!

February marked the first in a new monthly series of practice testing events for teens at the Library offered in partnership with MeriEducation, a Pasadena-based test prep and tutoring agency. Thank you to all the teens that came out to prepare for their next big exam!



# - BOB LUCAS BRANCH PROGRAMS -



## Toddler Story Time

**Tuesdays at 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, March 19** will be bilingual in Spanish and English!

## Baby Story Time

**Thursdays at 10:30am**  
Enjoy a morning of rhymes, songs and stories. This program is designed for babies and infants, ages 0-3 years old.



## Dinosaurs Rock!

**Tuesday, March 12, at 3:30pm**  
Learn about dinosaurs, see real fossils and participate in a dig to excavate for fossils.

## Crafternoon

**Thursday, March 14, at 3:30pm**  
Come make an easy safari terrarium. Program goes for as long as supplies last.



## Family Film Friday

**Friday, March 22, 3:30pm**  
Popcorn provided as long as supplies last!

## Staff Picks at the Branch

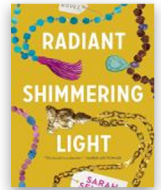
Check out these new titles by female authors available for check out at the Bob Lucas Branch!



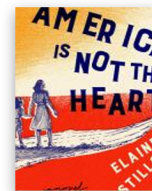
**The Magnolia Inn** by Carolyn Brown  
*Adult New Arrivals*  
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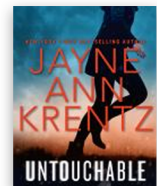
**The Beast's Heart** by Leife Shallcross  
*Adult New Arrivals*  
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**Radiant Shimmering Light** by Sarah Selecky  
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**America is Not the Heart** by Elaine Castillo  
*Adult New Arrivals*  
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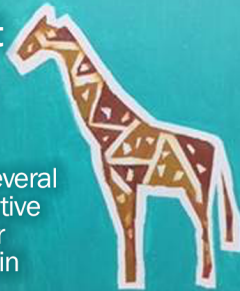


**Untouchable** by Jayne Ann Krentz  
*Adult New Arrivals*  
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## Adult Craft: Resist Art

**FRIDAY, MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup>**  
**11:00AM**

**Resist art** is an art technique that uses several layers to expose or define a design in negative space. Come enjoy conversation with other locals while you learn a new art technique in our cozy Branch Library.



**ACT PRACTICE TEST**  
**SATURDAY, MARCH 16<sup>th</sup>**

**SAT PRACTICE TEST**  
**SATURDAY, MARCH 23<sup>rd</sup>**

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

The Bob Lucas Branch is paying for practice tests so that you don't have to! Don't miss this opportunity to practice for the big 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, Tuesdays at 10:00am**  
Chat with other English learners in a relaxed environment.



### Citizenship Class

**Weekly, Tuesdays 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



**Seed Library: *Demystify Monarch Butterflies***  
Saturday, March 2, 10:00am - 12:00pm  
Come learn about the life cycle, migration, and western population decline of the monarch butterfly at the Main Library!



**The Art of Weaving Baskets & Poetry**  
Saturday, March 2, 1:00pm - 3:00pm  
Learn new methods of weaving both textiles and words into beautiful pieces of art! Participants will be guided by talented artisans through the creation of your own poems, inspired by the ancient practice of basket weaving.



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



**Open Mic Night**  
Tuesday, March 5, at 7:00pm  
Enjoy performances by local talent, or sign up to take the stage! Musicians, poets, storytellers, dancers, and comedians are welcome.



**Photoshop Face Swap**  
Tuesday, March 5, at 6:30pm  
Email [hello@altadenalibrary.org](mailto:hello@altadenalibrary.org) to sign up for this workshop on Photoshop basics.



**Second Saturday Concert: The Allan Wasserman Jazz Ensemble**  
Saturday, March 9, at 6:30pm  
This multi-talented jazz group will thrill the crowd, with the assistance of the Pasadena Conservatory of Music Youth Jazz Orchestra as an opening act.



**Crochet Club**  
Monday, March 11, at 6:00pm



**No Guilt Book Club**  
Tuesday, March 12, at 7:00pm



**Star Party**  
Thursday, March 14, at 7:00pm



**The Urban Forager: *Book Talk with Elisa Callow***  
Saturday, March 16, at 10:00am  
Learn from an expert all about one of California's richest and most rapidly expanding culinary cultures: the eastside of Los Angeles. Elisa will discuss food makers of the eastside through personal recipes, ingredients, innovations, and neighborhood resources.

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



**Repair Café and Shred Day**  
Saturday, March 30, at 10:00am  
Bring all your items that need fixing to the Repair Café for free, expert assistance, and drop off any old paperwork that needs shredding at the professional, secure shredding event in the parking lot.

### SAVE THESE EARLY APRIL DATES:



**Mindful Meow: *Cultivating Nonjudgmental Awareness***  
Saturday, April 6, 9:30am - 10:00am



**Seed Library: *Sparkling a Climate Revolution***  
Saturday, April 6, 10:00am - 12:00pm

**AltaDitty 2.0 with Altadena Heritage**  
Saturday, April 6, at 3:00pm  
Enjoy performances by some of Altadena's best-known songwriters, musicians, poets, and other creative folks in our community!



[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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