



Salsa the Night Away

The next **Second Saturday concert** on **Saturday, April 13, at 6:30pm** will feature **Sangre Nueva!** Starting at 6:00pm, a free dance lesson will be offered by The Connected Dancer, a local dance studio, in the Community Room to get guests ready to show off their best moves to the musical stylings of one of Southern California's hottest salsa bands. Food and drinks will be available for sale, but dancing is free!



ALTADENA HERITAGE

ADVOCACY AND PRESERVATION

Spread the Altadena Love at AltaDitty 2.0





Altadena Heritage and the Altadena Libraries are partnering up on **Saturday, April 6, at 3:00pm** to bring you performances by your favorite local singer/songwriters and poets. Join us in the Community Room at the Main Library for an afternoon of songs and poems about Altadena by creative folks in our community!

Celebrate National Library Week 2019!

Every year since 1958, libraries and their communities around the country take time in April "to celebrate the contributions of our nation's libraries and librarians and to promote library use and support." During the week of **April 7-13**, the Altadena Library District joins libraries of all types in celebrating the many ways libraries build strong communities by providing critical resources, programs, and expertise.

In Altadena, the Altadena Libraries strive to strengthen our community by being responsive to its needs. From the 2017 Community Conversations initiative have sprung countless programs and materials, including the launch of an Open Mic Night, translation of library marketing collateral into Spanish, the development of a digital Community Calendar on which all are free to post their events, and more. The Literacy Program housed at the Bob Lucas Memorial Branch teaches dozens of adult learners each year to read. Thousands of Altadenans are introduced to new skills and ideas at library programs on topics including, but not limited to, gardening, history, literature, science, and more. Hundreds of young readers build critical literacy skills in daily story times at both libraries. Each of the small moments of positive impact that happen at the Altadena Libraries have the potential to ripple into positive change that strengthens our community.

If you have witnessed the Altadena Libraries' impact in strengthening our community, we invite you to join the celebration! There are plenty of ways to celebrate and become a library advocate during National Library Week:

-  **Sign up for a library card.** It's free. It's easy. It gives you access to countless materials and resources that will enrich your life.
-  **Visit the Main Library or Bob Lucas Memorial Branch.** Haven't been to the library in a while? You're in for a treat! We have books (of course!), audiobooks, music, movies, video games, computers, Wi-Fi, printers, 3D printers, sewing machines, and resourceful librarians just waiting for you to access!
-  **Wear a button.** Throughout the week, we will have special, limited-edition buttons available for FREE for library visitors at both of our locations so that you can show your library support out in the community.
-  **Share your library story on social media.** If libraries are important to you and you love your Altadena Libraries, tell the world! Use a photo of your most recent library experience and share it on social media tagging @AltadenaLibrary, #LibrariesTransform and #NationalLibraryWeek.



PLEASE NOTE:

The Altadena Libraries will be closed on Tuesday, April 23 for a staff professional development day.



Altadena Libraries

Newsletter funded by the Friends of the Altadena Library



Honoring Felipe Avila

The Altadena Libraries announce with great sadness the loss of long-time employee Felipe Avila, age 56, on March 16, 2019. Felipe was an invaluable member of our team, bringing a warm, inviting spirit to his 30 years of service at the Altadena Libraries. His coworkers will always remember his persistent smile and positive attitude in the workplace. He is survived by

his wonderful wife Mireya, his two sons, his two daughters, his three brothers, his only sister, his three grandchildren, and many family members, friends, and coworkers that will miss him greatly. To read an article from 2016 about Felipe's work ethic and legacy at the Libraries, visit www.altadenalibrary.org/FelipeAvila.

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE from Cindy Cleary, Interim District Director



There are few things more calming than the sounds of a library. Pages flipping, keyboards tapping, light conversation as neighbors connect in passing, the soft tittering of children in a nearby story time... As I settle in and get to know the Altadena Libraries, my new workplace for the next several months, I am inspired by the familiar buzz of librarians busy connecting their patrons with resources and new ideas.

I have worked in libraries for the past 38 years, working up from an intern in the Glendale Library system to the role of Director of Library, Arts, & Culture, from which I retired last year. In my various positions, I have witnessed significant transitions, from the transformative physical improvements I oversaw in the Glendale libraries, to the ongoing national shift in the culture of libraries and their role in communities. When the opportunity was presented to fill a key role in the Altadena Libraries, it felt only natural to revisit the community in which I used to live and offer my experience to the District in this time of transition.

I plan to use my months as Interim Director to rebuild a foundation of stability after what has been a sometimes unsettling year for this community. District staff and I are working together to reinforce your Library's role as a welcoming, community hub with an array of resources, materials, and unique programs designed to "bring people and ideas together." I look forward to seeing you around the Main Library and Bob Lucas Branch and getting to know you. Together as a community, we can ensure the future of the Altadena Library District is bright!

Meet Oia, Altadena Libraries' Youngest Donor!



Oia Lujan has been visiting the Altadena Library for one year, and she considers it an honor to be supporter of the Altadena Library Foundation. She has a library card and uses it often to check out books. She especially loves Bilingual Story Time with Ms. Amanda. During this time, Oia has made new friends and looks forward to seeing them each week. The songs and books that are shared during Story Time have helped build her vocabulary and her appreciation of music. The Altadena Library also has wonderful programming for children. Oia is excited to participate in the **1,000 Books Before Kindergarten** initiative. Having this goal will make reading all the more interesting and fun! Oia is eager to discover many great books on her new literary journey!



FRIENDS OF THE ALTADENA LIBRARY UPDATE from Mark Mariscal, President of the Friends

Save the Date for the Annual Book Sale!

Few people are aware, likely because so much of the Friends' daily work happens quietly behind the scenes, that the Friends of the Altadena Library have been significantly supporting library operations since 1959 through the very book sales our community looks forward to every year! In the Friends' early years, proceeds from book sales paid for the professional survey that ultimately led the district from a small building on Lake Avenue to the mid-century modern library on Mariposa Street. Book sales have the potential to make a similar impact today.

In just one month, the Friends will once again put out their thousands of books, music, movies, and more for the BIG Annual Book Sale! Save the date for **Saturday, May 18, from 10:00am to 4:00pm** and **Sunday, May 19, from 1:00pm - 4:00pm** – you will not want to miss the opportunity to save big on our amazing selection and support the libraries you love in the process! **Become a Friend and make a donation at www.altadenalibrary.org/Friends**



Above: Community members enjoy the selection of Friends materials back in the 1960s.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES UPDATES

Draft Board Policies

In advance of an April Special Meeting (date TBA), the public is invited to read the updated Board policies which will replace the 2006 Bylaws. These policies represent a substantial change from the previous incarnation, and combine relevant state law as well as special district best practices. This draft has been reviewed by the District's outside counsel, and we encourage you to bring questions or comments in person at the Special Meeting. For a digital copy, please visit:

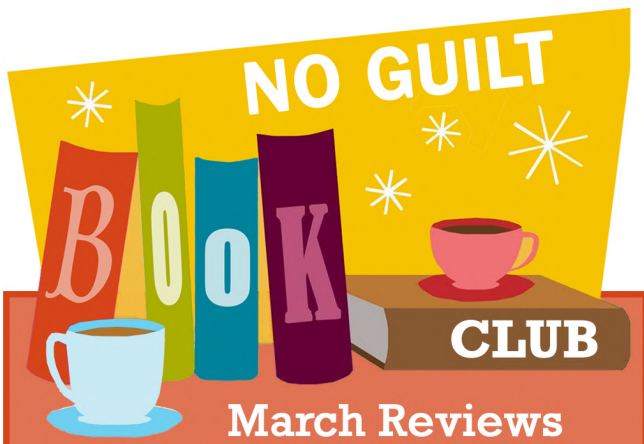
www.altadenalibrary.org/draftboardpolicies

Printed copies are also available at both libraries. If you would like an email notification once the meeting date has been set, please email hello@altadenalibrary.org with the subject line "Board Policies."

Requests for Proposals

The Board of Trustees is moving forward in an RFP process for an Executive Search Firm, a Strategic Planning Consultant, and a Facilities Master Plan Architect. The RFP for the Executive Search Firm has closed, the deadline for Strategic Planning Consultant proposals is Wednesday, April 17, and the Facilities RFP should be posted in April. For more information, visit:

www.altadenalibrary.org/RFPs.



March Reviews

The March request for No Guilt Book Club was that members read anything they wanted written by or about Mark Twain. Here are a few interesting facts of his life to interest you in choosing him as your next great read. Did you know that “Mark Twain” is a river term meaning it is safe to navigate referring to the depth of the water? It is suiting that he chose this name in honor of his days on the Mississippi River. When his younger brother Henry died he became interested in parapsychology. He recorded a number of personal experiences in telepathy, and an experience with an apparition which he had in Montreal. He briefly served on the Confederate side in the Civil War. For two weeks. He realized death and destruction were not for him. There are no direct descendants of this witty writer.

Circe by Madeline Miller: Circe, who is the daughter of the god of the sun, Helios, is more than a goddess. She is also a witch, capable of creating powerful spells that she can cast on both gods and mortals. As she is just becoming aware of her powers as a witch, she casts two spells that lead Zeus to banish her forever on the deserted island of Aiaia. And "forever" is a really, really long time for a goddess, since she will never die. While Circe is stuck here, she is not living her millennia in solitude. She has visitors! Lots of them. Some are good and some are evil, but none is boring. And the parade of mortals and gods who come to Aiaia is a supremely entertaining tour through the best of the myths. Unfortunately our book club did not enjoy this book choice, not finishing it.

NEXT: TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 7:00PM



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

Volunteer Highlight: Richard Tirado

Volunteers are crucial to keeping our libraries running smoothly. From helping with event set-up to shelving books, volunteers like **Richard Tirado**, a 17 year-old senior at Pasadena High School, make up the dynamic team that help staff provide excellent service to the community of Altadena. This is Richard's volunteer story:



I have been part of the Altadena Library family since 2017 a place I call my second home. The Altadena Library has given me opportunities to grow. I've gained experience through volunteering and being part of the Teen Service Club. I've developed great organizational, excellent communication, and leadership skills from working with the devoted staff and volunteers at the Altadena Library. These skills have allowed me to obtain an internship at Keck Medicine of USC and now at Science Systems and Applications, Inc. (SSAI) as a part-time Assistant Website Editor. Also, I just got into University of California Los Angeles with a major of Biological Sciences!

We are so proud of Richard and all our teen volunteers that bring their enthusiasm and hard work to the Altadena Libraries. If you are interested in joining our volunteer team, perfect timing! We are now seeking summer volunteers to help with Summer Reading and beyond. Email volunteer@altadenalibrary.org to get more information or attend an upcoming **Volunteer Meet and Greet** on **Tuesday, April 9, at 6:30pm** or **Saturday, April 13, at 2:00pm.**

SEED LIBRARY

DOCUMENTARY & DISCUSSION

SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 10:00AM - 12:30PM

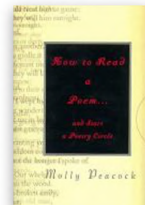
Join us for a presentation of “Being the Change,” a one-hour documentary about author and scientist Peter Kalmus and his gamechanging book “Being the Change: Live Well and Spark a Climate Revolution.” Peter will lead a discussion immediately following the screening.

Staff Picks for Adults

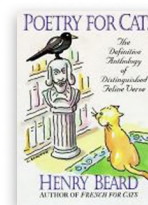
Celebrate National Poetry Month with these poetic picks!



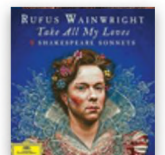
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How to Read a Poem by Molly Peacock
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Poetry for Cats by Henry Beard
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811 BEA



Take All My Loves: 9 Shakespeare Sonnets
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TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

RFID Prep in its Final Stages

If you have been to the Bob Lucas Branch or Main Library in recent months, it is likely that you have seen library staff pushing a trolley through the shelves, carefully tagging and scanning materials as they go. This detailed, deliberate process is leading to the District's transition to using RFID technology for tracking and managing the collection. RFID, short for "Radio-Frequency Identification," will make the check-out process easier for patrons and will ensure more reliable management of the collection for staff. To ensure an accurate transition, Library staff has had to individually tag every item in the collection!

This new technology is scheduled to go live the first week of May. Until then, the new RFID check-out stations (pictured right) will start appearing at both locations. Training materials will be available for patrons before the transition is complete and staff will be prepared to help you with any of your questions about the new check-out process!



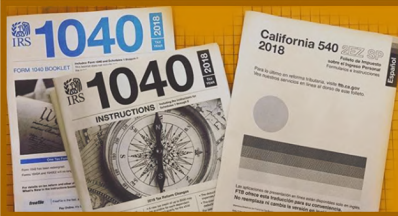
Mindful Meow



SATURDAY, APRIL 6, AT 9:30AM

Join us for a morning meditation, light movement, and mindfulness activities outside the Main Library.

"I have lived with several Zen masters – all of them cats." - Eckhart Tolle



The Altadena Libraries Have Your Back This Tax Season!

Free Federal 1040 forms, California 540 forms, and their respective instructional booklets are available at both the Main Library and Bob Lucas Branch. Don't forget - taxes are due Monday, April 15!

The need is constant. The gratification is instant. Give blood.™

Blood Drive



Join the Altadena Library District for a blood drive powered by the American Red Cross and help us make small steps toward ensuring the availability of a safe and reliable blood supply for all.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 19
12:00PM - 6:00PM**

**BLOODMOBILE
IN THE MAIN LIBRARY
PARKING LOT**

**SIGN UP FOR AN APPOINTMENT:
<http://signup.com/go/eztjtuc>**

URL is case sensitive



Poetry & Cookies Celebration

SPONSORED BY THE FRIENDS OF THE ALTADENA LIBRARY

SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 1:00 - 4:00PM
at the Main Library

Join us for one of the largest gatherings of poets in our community! Hear readings from many of the poets in the new: **Altadena Poetry Review: Anthology 2019** (Published by Shabda Press). This event is FREE and open to the public with refreshments, cookies, mingling with the poets, books to browse and buy, photo ops and more!



- CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS AT THE MAIN LIBRARY -



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





**MONDAY,
APRIL 22 AT
3:30PM**
IN THE
**COMMUNITY
ROOM**

*Decorate your own cardboard car
and then settle in for a family-friendly movie.
For families with children aged 0-5.*



ADA, THE OWL'S PROGRAMMING UPDATE Early 1KB4K Stats Are In!

Just a few months ago, the Altadena Libraries' new initiative, 1000 Books Before Kindergarten (1KB4K) launched to support families as they make reading a regular part of their routine and build early literacy skills with their infants, toddlers, and preschoolers. **Already, over 100 families have signed up and have read upwards of 3,500 books!**

The joy of this program is that you can sign up anytime before your child enters kindergarten and can read at your own pace. Our Children's staff initially provides a guidebook and educational resources for parents, and then you're on your way reading and earning prizes!

If you are ready to start your own literary journey with your young reader, sign up today online at

AltadenaLibrary.Beanstack.org



Pages & Popcorn Tween Book Club



Tuesdays, at 4:30pm
Altadena Library's popular book and movie club will go on a magical adventure starting April 2 with Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban. Sign up online at www.altadenalibrary.org/tweens!



Ben's Bots: Bouncy Balls, Crystals, and Slime, Oh My!

Monday, April 8, at 4:00pm

Mister Ben is back with interactive STEM activities and experiments sure to intrigue elementary-aged children!

Art Tiles Craft for Elementary Students

Wednesday, April 10, at 3:30pm

"Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse"

Wednesday, April 24, at 3:30pm

Teen Miles Morales becomes Spider-Man, crossing his path with five counterparts from another dimensions to stop a threat for all realities.

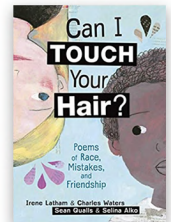


Children's Staff Picks

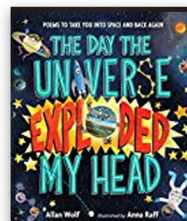
Readers of all ages can enjoy poetry and novels written in verse!



Inside Out & Back Again
by Thanhha Lai



Can I Touch Your Hair?
Poems of Race, Mistakes, and Friendships
by Charles Waters



The Day The Universe Exploded My Head: Poems to Take You Into Space and Back Again
by Annette Bay Pimentel



The Crossover by Kwame Alexander

- TEEN PROGRAMS AT THE MAIN LIBRARY -



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



Nom Nom Group: Omelets
Tuesday, April 9, at 4:00pm

Teens, let's learn to make omelets stuffed with a variety of savory fillings including cheese, tomatoes, onions, mushrooms, and more!

Volunteer Meet & Greets

Tuesday, April 9, at 6:30pm AND Saturday, April 13, at 2:00pm



Looking for the perfect opportunity to make a meaningful impact in the community, earn School Service Hours, and make lasting memories this summer? Join us at one of the above dates for an informational gathering to get to know our Library, answer questions about summer volunteering opportunities, sign up for volunteer activities, and meet other caring community members.

Creative Writing Workshop

Monday, April 15, at 4:00pm
Join us for a writing workshop to jumpstart your creativity! Together we will write short stories from simple prompts. Share your work if you want to receive constructive feedback about your writing.



Practice Testing Event

Saturday, April 20, at 10:00am

Visit www.altadenalibrary.org/teenresources to sign up for a practice SAT, ACT, ISEE, HSPT, or AP subject test of your choice. In partnership with MeriEducation, the Altadena Libraries are pleased to offer these tests free of charge to our teen patrons!



Peep Diorama Contest
Saturday, April 20, at 3:00pm

Using peeps, the sweet marshmallow treat we all know and love, and other sugary snacks, build detailed dioramas and compete with other teens! What will you build?

Teen Game Zone
Friday, April 26, at 4:00pm

Staff Picks for Teens

Teens, jump in and explore these unique recommendations from the teen collection in honor of National Poetry Month!



Shout: A Poetry Memoir by Laurie Halse Anderson



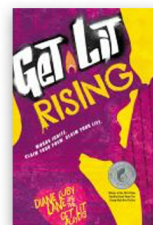
Blue Lipstick: Concrete Poems by John Grandits



Dizzy in Your Eyes: Poems About Love by Pat Mora



Black Girl Magic by Mahogany Browne



Get Lit Rising by Diane Luby Lane and Get Lit Players



Light Filters In by Caroline Kaufman

TEEN RESOURCE HIGHLIGHT

Online Tutoring in Brainfuse

From the Altadena Library website's Teen homepage (www.altadenalibrary.org/teens), the click of one button can save Altadena Library cardholders hundreds of dollars in tutoring fees! Click "Free Online Tutoring" to access Brainfuse, a digital study platform that connects users with one-on-one tutors in a variety of subjects for grades 3-12. Access flashcards, practice tests, study games, and an online writing lab to sharpen your knowledge. With Brainfuse's MEET™ tool, you can even schedule study sessions with others in your class and utilize a virtual, private study room. Wondering what college major is right for you? Try out Brainfuse's eParachute feature that helps match you with majors and career paths that complement your talents and interests.

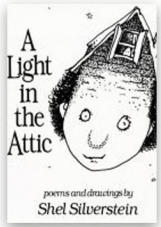


- PROGRAMS AT THE BOB LUCAS BRANCH -



Staff Picks at the Bob Lucas Branch

This month, check out these petite, poetic picks available in the Branch's collection!



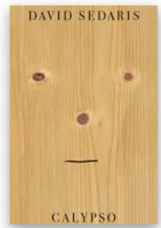
A Light in the Attic by Shel Silverstein



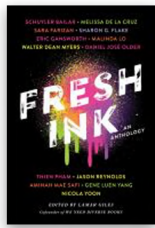
Flutter & Hum: Animal Poems by Julie Paschkis



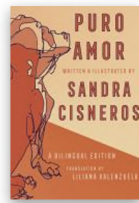
The BreakBeat Poets edited by Kevin Coval, Quraysh Ali, and Nate Marshall



Calypso by David Sedaris



Fresh Ink by Jason Reynolds



Puro Amor by Sandra Cisneros



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!

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.



Birdhouse Crafternoon Thursday, April 11, at 3:30pm

Come and paint a pre-made birdhouse to take home! Program goes for as long supplies last.

Adult Crafting: Buttons! Friday, April 19, at 11:00am

Get crafty with your neighbors this month and come by for button inspired project that can be hung on your wall. Program goes for as long as supplies last.



Family Film Friday: "A Dog's Way Home"

Friday, April 26, at 3:30pm

Free nachos will be served, as supplies last!

ADULT LITERACY PROGRAM UPDATES & ACTIVITIES

The Bob Lucas Memorial Branch is home to the Altadena Library District's Literacy program, which connects volunteer tutors with adults learning to read. The program also serves English learners with ongoing group classes. Interested in volunteering or signing up as a learner? Email literacy@altadenalibrary.org to learn more!



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.



Friends of the Altadena Library Meeting

Monday, April 1, at 7:30pm



All-Ages Chess Night

Every Tuesday, at 6:30pm

Open Mic Night

Tuesday, April 2, at 7:00pm

Enjoy performances by local talent, or sign up to take the stage! Musicians, poets, storytellers, dancers, and comedians are welcome.



Mac to the Max

Every Friday, 1:00pm - 4:00pm



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Crochet Club

Monday, April 8, at 6:00pm

Volunteer Meet & Greet

Tuesday, April 9, at 6:30pm AND Saturday, April 13, at 2:00pm

Learn about summer volunteer opportunities, get signed up, and meet other caring volunteers from around town that enjoy serving at the Library!



No Guilt Book Club

Tuesday, April 9, at 7:00pm



Second Saturday Concert: Sangre Nueva

Saturday, April 13, at 6:30pm

Don't forget to stop by the Community Room at 6:00pm for a quick salsa lesson from The Connected Dancer before heading upstairs for the most energetic salsa band in Southern California!



Red Cross Blood Drive

Friday, April 19, 12:00pm - 6:00pm

Library Board of Trustees Meeting

Monday, April 22, at 5:00pm



DISTRICT CLOSURE

All Day on Tuesday, April 23

Poetry & Cookies

Sunday, April 28, at 1:00pm

Enjoy dynamic readings from the largest, annual gathering of poets in our community!



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

SMILE

The Library often photographs or video tapes programs for use in publicity materials. By being present during these activities, you consent to use of your appearance or likeness by the Library, and its licensees, designees, or assignees, in all media, worldwide, in perpetuity. To ensure the privacy of individuals and children, images will not be identified using names or personal identifying information without written approval from the photographed subject, parent, or legal guardian. Thank you!

COMING SOON!

2019's Summer Reading Program at the Altadena Libraries is going to be out of this world... Check out our countdown and get updates at: www.altadenalibrary.org/summerreading