Technology Spotlight

From virtual reality equipment to sewing machines, your Altadena Libraries have technology to support any project!

State-of-the-Art PCs
Computers give our patrons free reign to personalize their session with the ability to download the software or applications they need during their visit.

Coming Soon: Our fleet of computers will soon include iMac computers that we intend to equip with sound, graphics, and video editing software over time.

Access to Macbooks
Macbooks equipped with Photoshop and Final Cut Pro are available every Friday from 1:00pm to 4:00pm during which patrons can practice their Mac skills and get tips and tricks from the District’s IT Manager!

Free 3D Printing
Patrons have access to free 3D printing at both the Main Library and Bob Lucas Branch. There is no charge to print, and our trained staff and volunteers are always happy to help you initiate print jobs from home or use the printers during 3D Printing Open Hours at both library locations!

Science on the Big Screen
Maximize the molecular with the microscope available in the FabLab! Hook it up to the big screen to see your slides in high-resolution.

Virtual Reality Experiences
Patrons are invited to use the Altadena Libraries’ Oculus Rift virtual reality (VR) headset in the Main Library’s FabLab space for immersive VR experiences and games.

Coming Soon: In the coming months, we will be adding Oculus Quest equipment to our VR offerings, which provides users with an untethered virtual reality experience with 6 degrees of freedom.

Free Office 365 Pro Plus
With an Altadena Library card, you get free access to the Microsoft Office 365 software (valued at over $200 per year), including Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, and 1 terabyte of storage. To get signed up, log in to your Catalog account and look for “Microsoft Office Pro Plus” under the “Your Personal Details” tab.

Hotspots Ready for Checkout
Mobile hotspots make Wifi access on the go easier than ever! Stop by the Main Library or Bob Lucas Branch to check out a hotspot and bring Wifi with you wherever you go.

Unleash Your Inner Gamer
Not only do both libraries have thousands of video games available for check-out, but during FabLab open hours, patrons can use video game consoles to play their favorite games! Teens also have designated gaming hours on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 3:00pm - 5:00pm.

Makerspace Materials
Take your art and crafting to the next level in the Main Library’s FabLab, where patrons can use sewing machines and a Cricut cutter that can cut designs out of paper, fabric, and even wood for your next creative project!

Save the Date for the 3rd Annual Taste of ’Dena fundraiser benefiting the Altadena Library Foundation! Tickets will go on sale soon...

Saturday, September 28, 7:00PM
Visit www.altadenalibrary.org/foundation for updates!

PLEASE NOTE: The Altadena Libraries will be closed on Thursday, July 4, in honor of Independence Day.
Both libraries will reopen on Friday, July 5, for normal operating hours.
INTERIM DIRECTOR’S MESSAGE by Cindy Cleary, Interim District Director

Budget Update: A Guide for the New Fiscal Year

In many ways, the library’s budget sets the tone for the year ahead. Developed with input from the Board of Trustees, library staff, and members of our community, the budget is a tangible guide where you can see exactly how taxpayer dollars support library programming and operations. At the June Board of Trustees meeting, a balanced budget was approved that reflects this year’s most important objectives, including programs and services, facilities and accessibility, executive search, strategic planning, and staff development.

This year’s budget includes a 3.3% cost-of-living raise for all staff. This is based on April’s Consumer Price Index for Los Angeles County and recognizes the many contributions to the Altadena community made by our hard-working staff. Funding was also approved for staff attendance at the annual California Library Association conference that will be held at the Pasadena Convention Center in November. This is a great networking and professional development opportunity focused on best practices and innovation in libraries. Our programming and library material budgets also remain robust with some additional funding given to each.

We are pleased that over sixteen architecture firms have expressed interest in helping to develop a phased plan that will focus on accessibility needs. The director recruitment is going well with the hope that a recommendation will come to the Board in September. Finally, Margaret Sullivan Studios has been chosen as our strategic planning partner. Margaret’s team will help develop a dynamic and inclusive community outreach process to ensure we get as many people as are interested to help plan the next five years.

The Board of Trustees and I welcome public input in each of the above initiatives, as well as in other library service areas, to ensure that your Altadena Libraries continue to take action that is in alignment with our community’s needs and desires. My door is always open to members of our community who have questions or comments about the budget and our progress in each of these priorities. If you know of opportunities for partnership on the above initiatives, please contact Chloé, our Marketing & Community Engagement Manager, at 626-798-0833 x126 or at marketing@altadenalibrary.org.

FRIENDS OF THE ALTADENA LIBRARY UPDATE by Claire Newman, President of the Friends of the Altadena Library

Plans for the Coming Year

It was my great honor to be elected as President of the Friends of the Altadena Library at our June 3rd Annual Meeting & Social Event, in front of a heartwarming crowd of both long-term Friends and several brand new Friends who joined that very evening! The Friends Board presented the remainder of our $24,000 donation to the library for the 2018-19 fiscal year, in the form of a check for $11,500 which was accepted by Interim Library Director Cindy Cleary and Library Trustees Terry Andrues and Katie Clark (pictured below). The event included fantastic musical entertainment by “One Olive Martini” and delicious refreshments from “Sweeter Than Honey Baking” and the Friends Board.

The Friends have big plans for the coming year, not least celebrating our 60th Anniversary! The Friends of the Altadena Library formed in 1959 and were instrumental in raising funds and paving the way for the current Main Library to be built. We will be discussing our plans for a book-themed 60th anniversary party at our next Board meeting, which will be held at the Main Library at 7:30pm on Monday July 8, and ALL are welcome to attend and provide ideas.

Other plans include moving from one to THREE big book sales per year. Our May sale will continue to be a massive 3-day event, but we will also be adding two huge 2-day sales in September and February. The main reason is that we receive so many wonderful donations that our book sorting room is always bursting at the seams months before the May sale, making it very hard to work in and risking us having to refuse donations at some point. But we’re also looking forward to having a bit more room at our sales, making it easier for shoppers to get to all the books we put out!

We invite you to get involved by joining the Friends, joining our Board, or helping at our events. If you are interested, please check out our website www.altadenalibrary.org/friends, come along to our Board meetings, or email us at friends_altadenalibrary@yahoo.com.

JOIN THE SORTING FUN!

Weekly Book Sorting

MONDAYS AT 7:00PM
IN THE FRIENDS’ STORAGE ROOM AT THE MAIN LIBRARY
(Ask staff at the Information Desk if you need directions!)

A group of Friends volunteers gathers each Monday (or Tuesday on weeks there is a Friends Board meeting or Library closure) to sort donated books, magazines, and movies in the Friends’ storage room below the Main Library. This is great fun for all bibliophiles, and there’s no need to sign up in advance, stay the full two hours, or attend every week!

Finally, I would like to thank our outgoing President, Mark Mariscal, for his two years of devoted service to and leadership of the Friends, despite his many other commitments. Thankfully, Mark will continue to provide his energy and ideas to the Friends by remaining on our Board going forward!
Growing Together PASadena Partnership: A Local Network of Early Childhood Resources

The California State Library recently awarded Pasadena Public Library (PPL) a regional Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant for $230,000 to establish a supportive network of early childhood hub sites throughout Pasadena and its surrounding communities. The Altadena Library District is proud to announce its involvement as one of the seven primary hub sites that will participate in this new initiative, called Growing Together PASadena, coordinated by PPL’s Office of the Young Child.

All hub sites will offer a welcoming space for children and their families, individualized resources and referrals, parenting support, and opportunities for children to grow in the five key developmental areas defined by the Early Development Instrument (EDI). The participating hub site hosts are other well-established community organizations that also presently serve families with young children: La Pintoresca Branch Library (PPL), Villa Parke Community Center and Public Library, Sierra Madre Public Library, ChapCare Lincoln Health Center, Pacific Clinics Early Head Start-Nesbitt Site, and Families Forward Learning Center. Growing Together PASadena is set to launch in the fall of 2019.

Funding received is from the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered in California by the State Librarian. For more information, contact Crystal O’Grady, Program Coordinator for the Office of the Young Child, at (626) 744-4297 or cogrady@cityofpasadena.net or Catherine Hany, (626) 744-4207 or chany@cityofpasadena.net.

1KB4K Is Well Underway!

Altadenans are readers! 1000 Books Before Kindergarten (1KB4K), the Altadena Libraries’ self-paced and ongoing early literacy program that encourages families to read 1000 books with their infants and toddlers before entering kindergarten, is gaining traction. Since its launch in January 2019, participants have logged over 10,300 books in Beanstack, the libraries’ online tracker for 1KB4K!

“What makes this initiative so special is that it strengthens early literacy skills and family relationships through the act of reading together consistently, while also building positive memories for children at their local library,” says Acting Children’s Librarian Amanda Toledo. “We are thrilled to walk alongside our participating families and celebrate each child’s success throughout their reading journey.”

Children that read 1000 books (yes, you can repeat books!) earn a special certificate and a book plate recognizing their achievement in a book in the Children’s collection, as well as prizes at each 100-book milestone. Sign up your family online at AltadenaLibrary.Beanstack.org!

Early Summer Reading Stats Are Stellar!

One month into this year’s Summer Reading program, we have already reached 80.5% of our enrollment goal! With a month and half left in the program, there are still plenty of opportunities to earn prizes by visiting the Main Library or Bob Lucas Branch, reading for at least 20 minutes, and checking out library materials.

Spread the Word!

We want to hear about your summer experiences at the library! Share all the fun you’re having on social media and tag us @AltadenaLibrary!

REMEMBER TO KEEP TRACKING YOUR ACTIVITIES:
ALTADENALIBRARY.BEANSTACK.ORG
June Book Reviews

“Everyone’s Going Through Something”

Sing, Unburied, Sing: Jesmyn Ward creatively tells a not-so-traditional story to force the reader to deal with the unpleasantness of what is reality to some in our country. She mesmerizes readers with a haunting story about a black boy whose mother’s love for his white father, and for drugs, leaves no room for him. It is not a coming of age story, but an insightful perspective of life in rural Mississippi for a 13-year-old son of drug addicts. The novel is rich with the details of poverty and race in the Mississippi Delta, yet universal in its pain and compassion. It is about people the world too often forgets, ground down by time and place and the ghosts that haunt them. The writing is raw and real—with few glimpses of hope and happiness.

Educated: A Memoir: A young woman grows up in a survivalist family and leaves to learn what she has been missing. This family was ruled by fear, manipulation, and mental illness in both parents and the brother. They just happened to use un/homeschool, herbalism, home birth, religion, and back to the land ideologies as tools for their brutality. What makes this memoir unique is Tara Westover’s ability to build a story of abuse that is infused with love. Humans are complex creatures. They can be both kind and cruel. It is possible to despise and adore at the same time. It examines the relationship between what we are born into, what we are taught, what we want to be, and what we ultimately become. In Educated, be prepared to think and seriously question what education means and the ways that people across the USA learn and grow up.

NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, JULY 9, 7:00PM

An Anonymous Girl by Greer Hendricks & Sarah Pekkanen
Rise of the Rocket Girls: The Women Who Propelled Us, from Missiles to the Moon to Mars by Nathalia Holt

Coming in September...

Join fellow aspiring investigators at our new book club called True Crime All the Time. Details and meeting dates coming soon!

July’s Staff Picks

PICKS FOR ADULTS

Spend your July outside with the help of these titles!

Los Angeles by Serge Ramelli
Main Library Adult Nonfiction 979.49 RAM

Emeril at the Grill by Emeril Lagasse
Main Library Adult Nonfiction 641.58 LAG

Outside the Bungalow by Paul Duchscherer
Main Library Adult Nonfiction 717 DUC

Must Love Dogs DVD
Main Library Media Center DVD MUS

For more staff picks for adults, visit www.altadenalibrary.org/adults.

PICKS FOR TEENS

Check out these new titles in the Teen section...

Shout by Laurie Halse Anderson
Main Library New Books YA 811 AND

Dealing in Dreams by Lilliam Rivera
Main Library New Books YA SF RIV

Internment by Samira Ahmed
Main Library Fiction YA SF AHM

Spin by L. R. Giles
Main Library Fiction YA M GIL

For more staff picks for teens, visit www.altadenalibrary.org/teens.

PICKS FOR CHILDREN

Our Children’s section is always growing—here are some new titles recently added to our collection!

The Hidden Witch by Molly Ostertag
Main Library Children’s Graphic Novels JGN OST

Twinchant-ment by Elise Allen
Main Library Children’s New Books J ALL

The Pod and the Bog by Asia Citro
Main Library Children’s New Book Shelf J CIT

Yasmin the Explorer by Saadia Faruqi
Main Library Children’s Beginning Readers BR FAR

For more picks for kids, visit www.altadenalibrary.org/children.
**Solar Eclipse Live Stream**  
**Tuesday, July 2, Total eclipse occurs from 12:55pm to 2:50pm, in the FabLab**  
You don’t have to travel to Chile or Argentina to get a glimpse of the first total solar eclipse since 2017’s Great American Eclipse! Enjoy a live stream of the eclipse from the FabLab at the Main Library.

**Seed Library: Water Harvesting, Habitat, & Creative Use of Bio-Mass**  
**Saturday, July 6, 10:00am - 12:00pm, in the Community Room**  
Altadenan Leigh Adams will present on water optimization techniques, soil building through re-use of garden waste, and some creative weaving and construction using garden products.

**Mindful Meow**  
**Saturday, July 13, 9:30am - 10:00am**  
Bring a yoga mat or towel and gather with neighbors in the shade of the trees on the front lawn of the Main Library to engage in guided meditation, light movement, and gentle mindfulness activities.

**The History of Mars & My Life as a Martian by Dr. Claire Newman**  
**Saturday, July 13, at 2:00pm**  
Dr. Claire Newman will talk about the history of Mars Exploration - from how early ideas, including canals and vegetation, were blown away when the first spacecraft images in the ’60s showed a desert-like planet, to how we now live in a golden age of Mars science with six spacecraft in orbit, two active missions on the surface, and even more in the planning stages.

She’ll also discuss how Mars has influenced everything from pop culture to politics, why dust storms are a really big deal on Mars, and what it’s like to help plan the measurements made by the Curiosity Rover and In-Sight Lander.

**Movie Monday for Adults**  
**Monday, July 15, at 6:30pm in the Community Room**  
Escape the summer heat and improve your Monday with a relaxing screening of the zany sci-fi comedy *Spaceballs*... free popcorn included, of course!
**Popcorn & Popsicles**
Mondays, at 2:00pm
- Monday, July 1 - “Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse”
- Monday, July 8 - “Home”
- Monday, July 15 - “The Princess Diaries”
- Monday, July 22 - “Star Wars: Clone Wars”

**Summer Reading Performances**
Tuesdays (July 2 - July 23), at 2:00pm
- Tuesday, July 2 - Michael McCarty Storytelling
- Tuesday, July 9 - Wild Wonders
- Tuesday, July 16 - JPL Rocket Launch
- Tuesday, July 23 - Mad Science

**Tween Space (Ages 10-12)**
Wednesdays, at 4:30pm
- Wednesday, July 3 - Favorite Movie Talk
- Wednesday, July 10 - Galaxy Slime Craft
- Wednesday, July 17 - Favorite Book Talk
- Wednesday, July 24 - Harry Potter Birthday Party

**Early Literacy Playtime**
(Ages 0-5)
Tuesdays, 10:00am - 12:00pm

**All Ages Story Time**
Wednesdays, at 10:30am

**Market Stories (@ Altadena Farmer’s Market)**
Wednesdays, at 4:00pm
Meet us at the Altadena Farmers Market for a summer story time in the shade on the grass!

**Elementary Activities (K - 8th grade)**
Thursdays, at 2:00pm
Play games, do a craft, and engage in a variety of activities made just for them. Materials for a new activity will be set up for people to drop in at their leisure and have fun

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

**Lego Club (Ages 0-12)**
Fridays, at 3:30pm

Entrance to teen programs is limited to students in 6th through 12th grade only.

**Open Gaming Hours**
Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 3:00 - 5:00pm (starting June 17)

**FabLab Open Hours**
Wednesdays, 3:00 - 5:00pm
Express yourself creatively using all the gadgets and gizmos in our FabLab! Design and sew something on our sewing machines, make an iron-on for a t-shirt with our Cricut machine, 3D print a model, and more!

**Teen Game Zone**
4th Friday of Every Month, 4:00pm
Enjoy the end of the week with a relaxed afternoon of board games, party games, and video games with other local teens.

**Nom Nom Group - Candy Olympics**
Tuesday, July 9, at 4:00pm
Try putting a sweet twist on a savory favorite! Switch out the seaweed with some sour belts and you’re on your way! Which candy combinations will you try?

**Super Smash Ultimate Party**
Monday, July 15, at 2:30pm
It has been a while since Super Smash Bros. Ultimate was released, so we know you have been practicing! Stop by the Teen Space to show off your skills with the 74 characters, 100+ stages, and the all-around awesome features of Super Smash Bros. Ultimate!

Snacks will be provided, and the competition promises to be intense!
New Video Games Galore
Check out the hottest new games from the Bob Lucas Branch for your Nintendo Switch, PS4, and Xbox!

- **Fortnite** by Epic Games, Inc.
  Bob Lucas Branch VGAME FOR

- **Mortal Kombat 11** by NetherRealm Studios, WB Games
  Bob Lucas Branch VGAME MOR

- **Final Fantasy XII: The Zodiac Age** by Square Enix
  Bob Lucas Branch VGAME FIN

- **Super Smash Bros. Ultimate** by Nintendo
  Bob Lucas Branch VGAME SUP

- **Carnival Games** by 2K
  Bob Lucas Branch VGAME CAR

**Toddler Story Time**
**Tuesdays, at 11:00am**
We’ll have fun with books, rhymes, and songs that encourage preliteracy and vocabulary skills, and we’ll spend time making a craft!

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  *Tuesday, July 23, 4:30pm - Mad Science*

**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.

**Crafternoon: Space Slime**
**Thursday, July 11, at 3:30pm**

**Adult Crafting: DIY Magnets**
**Friday, July 19, at 11:00am**

**Family Film Friday: "Dumbo"**
**Friday, July 26, at 3:00pm**
Free ice cream and popcorn for the whole family!

**Entrance to teen programs is limited to students in 6th through 12th grade only.**

**Constellation Boxes**
**Thursday, July 18, at 3:00pm**
Bring the sparkling night sky into your very own room with these decorative constellation boxes! Pick a star pattern that you like and use lights to create a unique piece of art.

**The Great Oreo Taste-Off**
**Saturday, July 20, at 3:00pm**
Oreos come in way more colors and flavors than the classic chocolate and cream! From red velvet to pumpkin, from root beer to limeade, test your tastebuds and see if you can identify these wacky Oreo flavors!

**Astrology & Horoscopes**
**Tuesday, July 23, at 3:00pm**
Make and decorate your personalized birth chart and create horoscopes based on the alignment of the planets on the day you were born!

**Summer is for Teens at the Altadena Libraries**
This summer, skip the heat and enjoy our AC while earning awesome Summer Reading prizes! Here are some fun ways to earn points at the Altadena Libraries:

**Build Your Resume:** There are always volunteer opportunities available at the libraries for dedicated teens. Visit www.altadenalibrary.org/volunteer to fill out an application and our Volunteer Coordinator will be in touch shortly to get you started. (Hint: Summer is a great time to earn Service Hours for school!)

**Compete With Friends:** Between attending open gaming hours and gaming programs throughout the month, teens can earn Summer Reading points just for hanging out and playing video games at the library!

**Express Your Creativity:** Make a craft during Teen Maker Exploration on Wednesdays and earn a point for your visit. We even have fabric and materials to help you get started!

**Binge on a Series:** Earn a point when you check out DVDs of your favorite tv shows or book series!
MORE RECURRING EVENTS

All-Ages Chess Night
Every Tuesday, 6:30pm - 8:30pm
Hone your chess skills by playing with everyone – beginners to experts!

Mac to the Max
Every Friday, 1:00pm - 4:00pm
Practice your skills on the library’s Macbooks, equipped with Photoshop Elements and Final Cut Pro, and get tips and tricks from our IT Manager Christopher!

Crochet Club
2nd Monday of the Month, July 8, at 6:00pm
Bring your latest project to this social time for fellow crocheters to learn from one another and get ideas for new crochet pieces!

Library Board of Trustees Meeting
Monday, July 22, at 5:00pm

July Art on Display: Marcos Reyes & Barney Patterson

From July 3 through August 30, the Main Library is proud to feature the art of local artists Marcos Reyes and Barney Patterson in the Community Room and in the Reading Court.

Marcos Reyes is an artist that “[uses] organic lines and patterns over images to represent the disappearance of our values due to the current acts of violence in our world.” (Samples pictured below)

Barney Patterson says of his own art (samples pictured below), "As an artist, I am essentially interested in creating works of art that are spiritually inspiring and uplifting. I express my art in a variety of styles (Surrealism, Expressionism) and using multi-mix mediums - acrylic, gouache, water colors, pastels, collages, etc."

Got Extra Wine?
Donate it to the Altadena Library Foundation for Taste of 'Dena!

Bring your wine donations to the Main Library or Bob Lucas Branch, and staff will set it aside to be used in the mystery Wine Pull and other wine games that raise money to support library programming and accessibility initiatives. Wine donations will be accepted until mid-September.

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

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