You’re Invited to a Town Hall Meeting
Your feedback will shape the future of your Altadena Libraries!

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 6:30PM - 9:00PM

The Altadena Library District will be holding a Town Hall Meeting on Thursday, August 15 in the Community Room at the Main Library. The goal of this free and open meeting is to gather information about your aspirations for the Altadena Libraries that will guide the development of a new Strategic Plan.

Over the coming months, community members’ feedback from the Town Hall will be synthesized with input from library staff, the volunteer Strategic Planning Committee, and the Libraries’ Board of Trustees to create a comprehensive Strategic Plan that will be responsive to our community’s unique needs and prioritize operational efforts around initiatives that will improve the Altadena Libraries’ services for all.

There is no power for change greater than a community discovering what it cares about.
- Margaret Wheatley -

💡 Spotlight on Women in Science

Sandwiched between two of the world’s most prestigious scientific institutions, NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) and the California Institute of Technology, Altadena is home to many brilliant scientific minds. On Saturday, August 10 at 2:00pm, we invite our community to join us for a celebration of eight local, female scientific innovators. Through a discussion panel moderated by Dr. Claire Newman, President of the Friends of the Altadena Library and atmospheric physicist, these women will discuss their unique journeys and achievements in fields that have for too long been dominated by men.

The panel will include (listed alphabetically and pictured below left to right) marine life researcher and advocate Apryl Boyle, biologist Anne Chomyn PhD, Earth and Space Science MSc student Brittney Cooper, engineer Nicole DePasquale, astrophysicist Decker French, biologist Tara Gomez-Hampton PhD, atmospheric scientist Claire Newman PhD, and astrophysicist Marie Ygouf PhD.

An audience Q&A will immediately follow the discussion.

🎉 Celebrate an Amazing Summer!

As our dedicated summer readers return from your journey through “A Universe of Stories,” we want to celebrate your accomplishments! Join the Altadena Libraries on Saturday, August 17 for an end-of-summer Space Party! Starting at 6:00pm inside the Main Library, children will enjoy a showing of a family-friendly movie in the Community Room, teens will battle it out with Nerf guns, and guests of all ages will enjoy an experience in a mobile planetarium provided by our neighbors at the Carnegie Observatories. At 7:30pm, head out to the parking lot for lawn games, food trucks, and a showing of “Rogue One: A Star Wars Story” on a huge, inflatable screen! Remember to bring some cozy blankets or camping chairs to sit on...

Library staff will also have Summer Reading prizes available for pick-up!
INTERIM DIRECTOR’S MESSAGE by Cindy Cleary, Interim District Director

This summer has been centered around progress, progress, and more progress! As the end of my time as Interim Director nears, I am working closely with the Board of Trustees on key initiatives that will keep the District moving forward with positive momentum. Our consultants at Avery Associates have identified talented candidates for the District Director position. To protect the privacy of the candidates, the Board of Trustees will go into closed session on August 22 for initial interviews. It is the goal of the Board to have selected a candidate and finalized a contract by the end of September. Additionally, the Facilities Committee is close to selecting an architectural firm to develop preliminary plans for Main and Bob Lucas. We expect a recommendation to be presented at the August Board meeting.

Requests for Proposals have been released for Banking Services and Human Resources Services. Proposals for both are due by Monday, August 12, 2019. For detailed requirements, please visit www.altadenalibrary.org/RFPs.

Finally, in partnership with the Board’s Strategic Planning Committee, our consultants at Margaret Sullivan Studio are moving forward with a plan to acquire input from library staff, the Board of Trustees, stakeholders in the Altadena Library Foundation and Friends of the Library, and as many community members as possible. Your input is important in helping us develop programs and services over the coming years that best meet the needs of the Altadena community. While initially planned to be released by September, the final Plan has been shifted to November to allow a new Director to participate in its development.

Along with the Board of Trustees I welcome and encourage your participation as we make key decisions about the District’s future! Please visit www.altadenalibrary.org/board for upcoming meeting dates and more information about the above initiatives.

FRIENDS OF THE ALTADENA LIBRARY UPDATE

by Claire Newman, President of the Friends of the Altadena Library

Happy 60th Anniversary to the Friends!

This year is the 60th anniversary of the Friends of the Altadena Library, and we will be celebrating with a fun “Book Pitch / Book Swap Party” in the evening on Saturday, November 2. The idea is simple: come along and ‘pitch’ one of your favorite books to the rest of the party in two minutes! If you impress the judges you could win a $25 gift voucher to the Friends Book Store, and more - but most of all, you’ll be encouraging others to discover a book you love. All are welcome, including those who just want to enjoy listening to the pitches, and everyone’s encouraged to bring along a used copy of a favorite book to participate in the ‘book swap’ near the end of the evening. We’ll provide more details - including how to sign up to participate - next month, but in the meantime please save the date and start thinking about which book you’d like to pitch!

This is also NASA’s 60th year, and July 20 was the 50th anniversary of the first Moon landing, fitting beautifully with the Altadena Library’s summer program focused on space exploration, a topic close to my own heart as a planetary scientist. In July, I had a lot of fun giving a talk on the History of Mars Exploration, and on Saturday, August 10 at 2:00pm I’ll be moderating a panel discussion on Women in Science, with panelists ranging from marine biologists to aerospace engineers. Then on Saturday, August 17, the Friends will be at the “Space Party & Movie Night” selling a wide range of space and sci-fi books and DVDs.

Finally, we have confirmed book sale dates for the coming year! On the weekend of September 7-8 the Friends will be holding a HUGE 2-day sale in the library parking lot. The sale will be open to Friends members only from 10:00am-noon on the Saturday (join at the door for $10), then open to all from noon-5:00pm that day and from noon-4:00pm on the Sunday. Our next sale after that will be at Christmas Tree Lane in December, with another huge 2-day sale the weekend of February 22-23, and our massive 3-day sale on May 15-17 next year.
Furniture Sale

Due to normal wear and tear through regular use by the public, the Friends of the Altadena Libraries are selling used furniture that no longer meet the needs of the District. To see the items in person and to make a purchase stop by one of the following sales:

**Saturday, August 17, 10:00am - 12:00pm**
in the Community Room at the Main Library

**Saturday, September 14, 10:00am - 12:00pm** *
in the Community Room at the Main Library

A full list of available items for sale and their prices can be found at www.altadenalibrary.org/furnituresale. If you are interested in purchasing one of the items before the sale, please follow the instructions at the link. All proceeds from the sale will benefit library programming and services.

More items may be added soon.

*The September sale may be canceled if all the items are sold in August. We recommend attending the August sale for first pick of the available inventory. Please check the Library’s online calendar to confirm the sale is still happening before attending.

August Artist Reception: Marcos Reyes & Barney Patterson

Through the end of August, the community can enjoy the art of Marcos Reyes and Barney Patterson on the walls of the Community Room and Reading Court. Before the exhibition comes to an end, meet the artists in person at their Artist Reception on Monday, August 19 at 7:30 - 8:30pm where you can mingle with the artists, enjoy light refreshments, and learn about the inspiration behind their pieces and their artistic approaches.

Art of Marcos Reyes (above) and Barney Patterson (below)

Deadline Approaching for Altadena Poetry Review

Time to submit your poetry for The Altadena Poetry Review 2020, an annual anthology of poetry and prose published in Altadena featuring local poets and writers! Submissions are accepted until August 31, 2019 at:

shabdapress.submittable.com/submit

Submission is free. Although we would prefer to give free copies of the APR to those who are published in it, as we face the economic realities of publishing and the desire to be as inclusive as possible and not charge a submissions fee to pay for publishing costs, those published in the Altadena Poetry Review: Anthology 2020 would need to purchase their own copy, at a contributor discount, if they choose to do so.

Welcome Our New Library Clerk at the Main Library!

Alice was born in Pasadena and spent her childhood summers attending various reading programs at libraries across the San Gabriel Valley. She received her BA in media studies and production from The Evergreen State College. After years of hosting a successful poetry reading series, playing music in bands, and working as support staff for adults with disabilities, she is excited to be back in the San Gabriel Valley, working at one of Los Angeles’ finest libraries! In addition to working the adult services desk, Alice plans to put her curatorial skills to work and help with the programming at ALD.
July “No Guilt Book Club” Reviews:

An Anonymous Girl by Greer Hendricks and Sara Pekkanen: When Jess Ferris wriggles her way into a psychological study, that she’s heard will pay $500 for answering a questionnaire on ethics and morality, she has no idea what she is really getting into. When she is later singled out to continue in the study by the sophisticated and elegant female professor running the trial—she agrees as the money will really help her parents care for her disabled sister. However, as she is asked to do more and more that she is not comfortable with, she ruminates about the true nature of the study and the controller running it. Twisted with manipulation, lies, surveillance, invasion of privacy, breach of confidentiality and more, An Anonymous Girl is a nail biter.

Rise of the Rocket Girls by Nathalia Holt: Who knew the women of JPL right up the hill in Pasadena were known as “computers” for their quick, accurate, and intricate calculation skills in America’s rocket industries? It’s told with such grace you could almost forget you were reading about hard-core rocket science and the cold war tension of the space race. We loved learning about the role these amazing women played in advancing the war effort and ultimately space exploration, to the Moon and Mars, and beyond. The Rocket Girls’ careers spanned decades in a man’s world of engineering, (though many of the women didn’t even have degrees), and yet they still managed to balance marriage, family and child-rearing in a time when women didn’t typically work outside the home. A strong tribute to the women pioneers of space flight!

NEXT No Guilt Book Club MEETING:
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 7:00PM

Once Upon a River by Diane Setterfield
Damnation Island: Poor, Sick, Mad and Criminal in 19th Century New York by Stacy Horn

August’s Staff Picks

PICKS FOR ADULTS

Sneak in some final summer trips with the help of these recommendations by library staff!

Helen’s Pick:
Ghost Towns of Route 66 by James Hinckley & Kerrick James (Main Library Adult Nonfiction 917.8 HIN)

Why? “This is the perfect read for travelers that love the discovery of stories of those that came before us and their fascinating lives... and afterlives” – Helen

Stella’s Pick:
On the Road by Jack Kerouac (Main Library Adult Fiction KER 2011)

Why? “A fun fictionalized autobiography of two friends road-tripping across America, and, into Mexico at the height of the Beat Era.” – Stella

Melissa’s Picks:
California Coastal Access Guide by California Coastal Commission (Main Library Adult Nonfiction 917.94 CAL 2014)

Why? “This guide gives tips and tricks for accessing remote and hard to find public beaches along the California Coast.” – Melissa

Return of the Sea Otter: The Story of the Animal that Evaded Extinction on the Pacific Coast by Todd McLeish (Main Library Adult New Arrival 333.95 MCL)

Why? “A thorough and fascinating read on the history of the California Sea Otters. A great read for anyone heading up the coast to the Big Sur and Monterey area.” – Melissa

Chloé’s Picks:
Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail by Cheryl Strayed (Main Library & Bob Lucas Branch Adult Biography BIO STR C.)

Wild directed by Jean-Marc Vallée (Main Library Media Center DVD WIL)

Why? “It is empowering to read a woman’s raw story of self-discovery through the trials of being out alone in nature. The story is an authentic, no holds barred rollercoaster ride.” – Chloé

For more staff picks for adults, visit www.altadenalibrary.org/adults.
- ADULT EVENTS & UPDATES AT THE MAIN LIBRARY -

**Seed Library: Hybrid Versus Open-Pollinated Seeds & Seed Saving**
Saturday, August 3, 10:00am - 12:00pm, in the Community Room
Master Gardener Yvonne Savio will discuss the difference between hybrid and open-pollinated seed and why this matters in saving seeds from vegetables and flowers in your garden. She will demonstrate how to save seeds with plants from her Pasadena garden and will provide plants for you to add to your own garden!

**Women in Science Panel**
Saturday, August 10, 2:00pm - 4:00pm, in the Community Room
Join us for a panel discussion celebrating the achievements of a group of talented innovators in the fields of astrophysics, engineering, biology, chemistry, science advocacy, and more! See cover of the newsletter for more details.

**Crochet Club**
Monday, August 12, 6:00pm
Bring your current crochet projects and hang out with other local crocheters as you learn new tips and tricks from one another!

**Bill & Ted’s Excellent Adventure**
Monday, August 12, at 6:30pm in the Community Room
Escape the summer heat and enjoy a throwback to the 80s with this Keanu Reeves favorite!

**“An Altadena Boyhood” Book Launch & Signing with Richard Bale**
Saturday, August 24, 3:00pm - 5:00pm, in the Community Room
Meet author Richard Bale as he discusses Altadena Historical Society’s new book *An Altadena Boyhood*, his memoir that details growing up in Altadena in the 1940s and 1950s. With a charming and evocative style, Bale immerses the reader in WWII-era southern California and captures Altadena as it was in that time: the local stores and gas stations, the soda fountains and high school hangouts, and the orange groves and farms that were soon developed into housing and grocery stores.
Reminder – Children’s programs are on hiatus until August 10th so we can prepare for the school year! A big thank you to all of our Summer Readers! The last day to pick up your final prizes is Saturday, September 21st!

Abby Returns into Hiding!
Our feathered friend Abby spent her summer exploring the Universe of Stories, and she is almost home and ready to play Hide & Seek again (but with new rules)! Starting August 12, pick up a punch card at the Main Library, and each week, follow the weekly clue to track her down in the shelves. Earn one punch per week when you find her and after 3 punches, you earn a prize!

NASA@ My Library: STEM Activity for Elementary Students
Saturday, August 24, 1:00 - 2:00pm
Calling all aspiring scientists and engineers! The Altadena Libraries are partnering with NASA@ My Library to bring STEM experiences to children in our community. Deep dive into space at the launch of this new initiative!

Summer Reading officially ends on Saturday, August 17, and we are gearing up for our new fall programs. Mark your calendars with the new schedule, starting August 12!

**Pajama Story Time (All Ages)**
Mondays, 6:30pm, in the Children’s Room

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

**Baby-Toddler Story Time (Ages 0-2)**
Wednesdays, 10:30am, in the Community Room

**Preschool Story Time (Ages 3-5)**
Thursdays, 2:00pm, in the Community Room

**Hora de Cuentos/Bilingual Story Time (Ages 0-5)**
Fridays, 11:00am, in the Children’s Room on August 16 then always in the Community Room

**Lego Club (All Ages)**
Fridays, 3:30 - 5:00pm, in the Children’s Room

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

Welcome Our New Teen Librarian!

“Hello! I’m so excited to be at the Altadena Library District! I first started working in teen library services in Baltimore, MD, my home-town, and my favorite part of this job is making book recommendations and meeting new people. I love good literature and spicy food, and am frequently found enjoying the two together.”

Stop by the Teen Space at the Main Library and greet Isabelle in person! Curious what you can ask a librarian about? Here are some ideas!

- **SCHOOL**
  Librarians can help with homework and research! Not sure where to start finding sources for your next essay or project? Ask Isabelle! She would even be happy to proofread your paper when you’re done!

- **CAREER**
  Through the library, you have access to a plethora of tools to help you create a winning resume and cover letter. Isabelle can help you learn about different career paths and practice for your upcoming interview!

- **READING**
  While libraries are about so much more than just books, our librarians LOVE introducing visitors to exciting new stories and worlds through literature.

- **FUN!**
  From helping you set up one of the library’s video game consoles to assisting you with a creative project in the FabLab, Isabelle is ready to jump in and connect you with your next fun adventure in the library!
Reminder – Programs are on hiatus until August 10th so we can prepare for the school year!

**Toddler Story Time**
**Tuesdays, at 11:00am (starting Aug. 13)**
We’ll have fun with books, rhymes, and songs that encourage literacy and vocabulary skills, and we’ll spend time making a craft!

_The story time on Tuesday, August 20 will be in Spanish and English!_

**Baby Story Time**
**Thursdays, at 10:30am (starting Aug. 15)**
Enjoy a morning of rhymes, songs and stories. This program is designed for babies and infants, ages 0-3 years old.

**Adult Crafting: Tissue Paper Wall Art**
**Friday, August 16, at 11:00am**
Overlay unique color combinations and shapes to make one-of-a-kind art!

**Family Film Friday:**
“Pokemon Detective Pikachu”
**Friday, August 23, at 3:30pm**
Snacks will be provided!

**Welcome Our New Library Clerk at the Branch!**
Aaron recently relocated to California from living in the Northern Virginia suburbs of Washington, D.C. He is a student of Library and Information Science at Clarion University and is active in the Los Angeles arts community where he contributes photography, writing, and sound art. He lives in Pasadena with his wife Ari, their dog Grizz, and cat, Mitty. Aaron looks forward to becoming a part of the Altadena community through his work at the library.

**SAVE THE DATE FOR A FASCINATING TALK & TASTING!**

**Seven Gifts from LA Kitchens to the World**
**Friday, September 6, 11:00am**
Each wave of immigrants to Los Angeles brought their own tastes in food, and new cuisines developed that included elements from Europe, Central America, and Asia. This talk by Richard Foss traces the waves of migration to Los Angeles and looks at seven items invented in California with inspiration from all over the world.

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**Open Gaming Hours**
**Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 3:00 - 5:00pm**

**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.

**Marbled Notebooks**
**Thursday, August 8, at 3:00pm**
Get set for school with customized notebooks and learn how to make marbled paper, a traditional method of book decorating from many countries around the world!

**Nom Nom Group: Apple Donuts**
**Tuesday, August 13, at 4:00pm**
There’s a new type of donut in town! Experiment with different icing and toppings to maximize apple flavors!

**Teen Book-ish Club**
**Monday, August 19, at 3:00pm**
A monthly meeting for book-loving teens, no required reading! Watch movie adaptations, do book themed crafts, discuss favorite reads, and discover new ones! Check the library’s teen website for this month’s activity.

**DIY Sun Prints**
**Thursday, August 29, at 4:00pm**
Using materials found in nature, capture a unique image using the photographic process of cyanotype development.
Library Board of Trustees Meeting
Monday, August 26, at 5:00pm
Agendas and resources can be found on the library website at www.altadenalibrary.org/board-materials.

Attention, Chess Fans!
Every Tuesdays, at 6:30pm
Don’t forget about the Altadena Library’s weekly all-ages Chess Night at the Main Library! Drop in to practice your chess skills with players of all skill levels – beginners to experts.

“How Will Voting Change?”
Saturday, August 10, 10:00am - 1:00pm
The Altadena Libraries are proud to host the League of Women Voters for a presentation about how voters can receive an interactive sample ballot, vote at any vote center in Los Angeles County, and register and vote on the same day!

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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ACROSS
3. Avenue of Bob Lucas Branch
10. Volunteers that sort and sell donated books
11. Where to find the 3D printers at the Main Library
13. Monthly arts and crafts events for kids at Bob Lucas Branch
16. Summer Reading points earn...
17. 2019 Summer Reading theme, “A ________ of Stories”
19. Main Library is on “_______ Tree Lane”
20. Share your vision for the Libraries’ future at this event on August 15

DOWN
1. OverDrive’s app for mobile devices
2. Altadena _______ Review 2020
4. Stars of August 10 event at 2:00pm
5. Read 1000 Books Before when?
6. Walk-ins now available for ________ Services
7. Namesake of Branch Library
8. Observatories providing mobile planetarium at Space Party on August 17
9. Free resource for online magazines
12. Free online tutoring resource
14. Annual Foundation fundraiser in September
15. New book club “_______ All the Time”
18. Our low pressure adult book club

Use this newsletter and the Altadena Library website to help you complete the crossword! Visit either location and ask staff for the answer key when you are finished!