Unleash the POWER of Your Library Card

#LibraryCardSignUp

September marks the annual national celebration of Library Card Sign-Up Month! Being an Altadena Library cardholder means more than just having access to thousands of books, movies, magazines, and games in our collection, as well as digital resources like e-books and research databases. It means you are part of a powerful movement focused on building community and making an impact in our community in a meaningful way! Here’s how you can join the celebration throughout September and beyond:

- Visit the Main Library or Bob Lucas Branch. Staff at both of our libraries would be thrilled to show you around and get you started on your library journey.
- Sign up for a library card! With digital registration now available (see below), signing up for a card has never been easier!
- Refer a friend. Share the library love with friends and neighbors! There is something for everyone at the Altadena Libraries!
- Help spread the word! Follow the Altadena Libraries on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter @AltadenaLibrary and share a post about why you support your local libraries! Be sure to use #LibraryCardSignUp and tag us in your post!

**Sign Up for a Library Card Online!**

Need fast access to Altadena Library’s digital resources but don’t have a library card? No problem! You can now sign up for an e-card online at catalog.altadenalibrary.org. Click “Register Here” on the right side of the screen and follow the on-screen instructions to receive a library card number you can use immediately to access our online databases, e-book and audiobook collections, and more! To see a full list of Altadena Library’s digital offerings, visit www.altadenalibrary.org/databases.

**Tastings That Make a Difference**

Thanks to community members like you, last year’s Taste of ’Dena event raised more than $15,000 — surpassing the previous year’s efforts. The Altadena Library Foundation is excited to announce that the 3rd annual Taste of ’Dena celebration will be on Saturday, September 28, at 7:00pm. We hope you will join us!

Taste of ’Dena is a festive evening event held at the beautiful Altadena Main Branch Library. This year’s program celebrates the “Magical World of Books” and features wine and beer tastings, an assortment of small bites prepared by area restaurants, a silent auction with unique packages, wine pull and wine toss activities, live music and magic, and more. Funds raised will once again go to support the Altadena Library District and its literacy and accessibility initiatives.

To purchase tickets or sponsor the event, visit www.altadenalibrary.org/Foundation.

**Want to volunteer at the event?** We will need help setting up and cleaning up the event, as well as pouring wine and directing guests during the festivities. Email volunteer@altadenalibrary.org to sign up!
INTERIM DIRECTOR’S MESSAGE by Cindy Cleary, Interim District Director

As the days grow shorter and my time at the Altadena Libraries nears its end, I am reflecting on the progress our team has made over the past several months. From making critical updates to District policies, to launching a Strategic Planning process, to taking significant steps toward hiring firms for banking, human resources and architectural services, I am proud of what we have accomplished. As the Board of Trustees finalizes a search for a permanent District Director, I am confident we have established a more stable foundation upon which my replacement can build.

Exciting progress is being made toward the development of an updated Strategic Plan. Margaret Sullivan Studio, the New York firm hired by the Board of Trustees, made their first of four trips to Altadena. They facilitated a well-attended Town Hall meeting and engaged library staff, the Board of Trustees, and the community Strategic Planning Committee in envisioning our future. The level of community engagement throughout the process has been impressive. The good news is you can still participate. Over the coming weeks we will distribute a community survey and staff will conduct interviews with patrons about their library experiences. If you would like to receive the survey, or give us 45 minutes of your time for an interview prior to September 17, please contact Marketing & Community Engagement Manager Chloé at (626) 798-0833 extension 126 or cceveller@altadenalibrary.org.

Finally, our Board of Trustees has selected Architectural Resources Group (ARG) to begin a community outreach process to help guide the development of a phased building plan for Main and Bob Lucas. Former ARG clients include Huntington Library, Brand Library and Art Center, Berkeley Public Library, South Pasadena Library and Los Angeles Union Station. ARG’s integrated approach to design and belief that historic buildings play an important role in communities honors both the architectural significance of our mid-century Main Library and the history of the Bob Lucas branch.

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

Sharing the Love of Books

In this issue, Friends Board Member Sallie Cruise shares her favorite memories of a wonderful Friend and book lover, Elizabeth Ivers, who passed away in August. Remembering those we’ve lost reminds us of all the ways in which we are still connected to them, often by a shared love of something. My beloved father passed away last year, and after he became unwell we bonded over my reading books aloud to him. Our favorites were the 1950s detective novels of James Hadley Chase, which all featured American characters – despite the British author never having set foot on US soil – so I put on some truly terrible American accents in my attempt to do the stories justice. But I like to think it just added to the fun we had.

In fact, many of my happiest memories involve books - from discovering a great new author to working at book sales with the Friends. That’s why I’m looking forward to the Friends’ 60th Anniversary Book Pitch / Book Swap Party on Saturday November 2nd, from 6:30-9:30pm in the Main Library. 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 panel of 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 book fans are welcome, including those who just want to enjoy listening, and all are encouraged to bring along a used copy of a favorite book to participate in the ‘Book Swap’ near the end of the evening. Food and soft drinks are FREE and the Altadena Ale House will be selling wine and beer. We’d like everyone to pitch a different book, so please sign up ASAP here: https://bit.ly/2y46Koc and secure the book you want!

FRIENDS of the Altadena Library

And if you’re looking for ideas, try our HUGE 2-Day Book Sale on Saturday, September 7 and Sunday, September 8 in the Main Library parking lot! The sale is open to Friends members only from 10:00am - noon on the Saturday (join on the door for $10), then open to everyone from noon-5pm that day and from noon - 4:00pm on the Sunday. More details are online here: booksalefinder.com/CAS.html#X77.
TRIBUTE TO ELIZABETH IVERS
by Sallie Cruise

It is with enormous fondness that I remember my dear friend Elizabeth Ivers. Elizabeth passed on in August and my friendship with her is inextricably linked with her close ties to the Altadena Library. Originally from New York, Elizabeth took up residence in Altadena as a newlywed in the 80’s. She came from an Irish and Polish background and was well spoken, well traveled and very well read. She had a quick mind and a sharp sense of humor and was an absolutely wonderful conversationalist.

I met Elizabeth during the 2004 Parcel Tax campaign. We called nearly everyone in Altadena and sat in front of Ralph’s and other stores, hoping to convince residents of the importance of voting for the Tax that would support the Library, and we were successful. I remember Elizabeth entertained us in her beautiful home to celebrate and I was enchanted by her sense of style and color.

Through that experience I joined the Friends of the Altadena Library (FOAL), where Elizabeth was already a member. In fact, over the years she was also FOAL President, ran multiple Book Sales, and was an excellent, long-serving Treasurer. But Elizabeth not only supported the library, she also used it extensively. She was always scanning the LA Times literary section for book recommendations, which she would order from the library and read in copious amounts.

Elizabeth was always a familiar face to the library staff because she had been going there regularly for years; either borrowing and returning books, or volunteering. In addition, as FOAL Treasurer she would visit the library several times per week to pick up the FOAL Bookstore takings. Elizabeth loved the library and always spoke to as many staff as she would see. They were good friends to her and she looked forward to seeing them.

Elizabeth was a great friend to a lot of people and we will all miss her.

Growing Up Art Exhibit
featuring Amara Sarmiento, Joshua Freeman, and Christine Lee Smith (Artist and Exhibit Curator)

Growing Up is an exhibit about the murky, complicated process we all go through to become ourselves. The works in this show, created by local contemporary artists, are looking at a different aspect of this phase of life. Freeman’s work explores the tensions of adolescence through ceramic works that represent both vintage 90s teen culture and the historical references to ancient pottery. Sarmiento’s work looks at the complexity of growing up with autism through illustrative works. Smith’s pieces pull back the curtain on Andrew’s struggle with gender transition. The viewer is invited both to look into the stories presented through these pieces, as well as to reflect on their own messy process of growing up.

Growing Up will be featured in the Community Room and Reading Court at the Main Library from September 5 through October 29, 2019.

Above (From Left to Right): Samples of artwork on display including "Pubertea" by Joshua James Freeman, “PROGRESSION” by Amara Sarmiento, and “Becoming Andrew” by Christine Lee Smith

No Guilt Book Club

Next No Guilt Book Club Meeting:
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 7:00PM AT MAIN LIBRARY

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

Make new friends and enjoy relaxed discussion about great reads in this comfy, monthly book club! No guilt if you didn’t read the books – everyone can join the conversation!

True Crime All the Time
First True Crime All the Time Book Club Meeting:
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 4:00PM AT MAIN LIBRARY

American Predator:
The Hunt for the Most Meticulous Serial Killer of the 21st Century
by Maureen Callahan

Dig deep into popular true crime reads with other aspiring investigators! Compare your case notes and explore possible theories around cases in each month’s book, carefully chosen by library staff.

Have ideas for future reads? We will pick our book at the September meeting!
September Staff Picks

PICKS FOR ADULTS
Get in the mood for our new book club with these gritty true crime recommendations.

**My Dark Places: An L.A. Crime Memoir** by James Ellroy
Main Library
Adult NonFiction BIO ELL J

“Ellroy’s journey from tortured kid to the search for his mother’s murderer. It is a detective procedural with no payoff. Ellroy never loses his bloodlust for that dark corner where organized crime, beautiful women and bad cops intersect.”

**Blood Will Out** by Walter Kirn
Bob Lucas
Branch Adult NonFiction 364.1523 KIR

“The true story of a young novelist who meets and befriends an eccentric, privileged New Yorker when he delivers a crippled hunting dog to him from an animal shelter, and later discovers that his friend was a serial impostor and brutal double-murderer.”

**Furious Hours: Murder, Fraud, and the Last Trial of Harper Lee** by Casey N. Cep
Main Library
Adult New Arrivals 364.1523 CEP

“An Alabama preacher who benefitted financially from the mysterious deaths of six people, his assassin and the southern small-town lawyer who defended them both. Lee’s attempt to follow up her best-selling novel with a true crime story in the mood of Truman Capote’s In Cold Blood, her childhood friend and sometime mentor.”

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

PICKS FOR TEENS
Here is what our Teen Librarian is currently reading!

**The Griev Keeper** by Alexandra Villasante
Main Library
Adult New Arrivals FIC VIL

“After escaping a detention center at the U.S. border, seventeen-year-old Marisol agrees to participate in a medical experiment hoping to keep her and her younger sister, Gabi, from being deported to El Salvador.”

**The Motherless Oven** by Rob Davis
Main Library
Young Adult Collection GN DAV R.

**Goodnight PunPun** by Inio Asano
Main Library
Young Adult Collection GN ASA

“A Japanese manga about Onoderara Punpun, a normal child depicted in the form of a bird. The story follows him as he copes with his dysfunctional family and friends, his love interest, his oncoming adolescence and his hyperactive mind.”

**The Vanishing Stair** by Maureen Johnson
Main Library
Young Adult Fiction M JOH

“When Stevie Bell returns to Ellingham Academy after identifying the culprit in the murder of a classmate, she attempts to uncover the truth about the school’s founder.”

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

PICKS FOR CHILDREN
Pack your bags because these picks will take young readers on epic adventures!

**The Serpent’s Secret** by Sayantani DasGupta
Main Library
Children’s Fiction J DAS

“An action-packed adventure read ideal for elementary students and tweens!”

**Aru Shah and the End of Time** by Roshani Chokshi
Main Library
Children’s Fiction J CHO

“Meet a plethora of mythical characters on this innovative coming-of-age tale!”

**Twinchantment** by Elise Allen
Main Library
Children’s New Book Shelf J ALL

“Jump into a fantastical world with incredible twists and all the quirky fun of sisterhood!”

**Charlie Hernández & The League of Shadows** by Ryan Calejo
Main Library
Children’s Fiction J CAL

“Tweens will love the fast-paced chapters and deep dive into Hispanic myths and legends through Charlie’s magical adventure!”

For more staff picks for children, visit www.altadenalibrary.org/children.
Passport Services at the Library

Getting ready for your next trip? Process your passport application at the Altadena Library. Services include:

- Passport for Ages 15 & Under: $80 (plus $35 fee to Altadena Library)
- Passport Card: $15
- Passport for Ages 16+: $110 (plus $35 fee to Altadena Library)
- Passport Card: $30
- Passport Photo: $15

Visit www.altadenalibrary.org/passports to read detailed requirements for your appointment. To make an appointment, please call (626) 798-2950. Passport Services are available:

Monday & Tuesday - 9:00am - 8:00pm
Wednesday - Saturday - 9:00am - 5:00pm

Seed Library: Gardening Roundtable
Saturday, September 7, 10:00am - 12:00pm, in the Community Room

Find out what to plant this time of year, how to rotate your plantings for best soil health, how to plan now for spring pest prevention, and more. In fact, for anything in the garden you’ve been wondering about but didn’t know who to ask, here’s your chance!

Beginners Hand Sewing Class
Saturday, September 7, 2:00 - 4:30pm, in the Community Room

Expert sewing instructor Naomi Lewis will teach adults ages 18+ to tie a sewer’s knot, sew on a button, complete the running stitch and backstitch, and more! Registration is required. Email marevalo@altadenalibrary.org to reserve your spot!

Monthly Crochet Club
Monday, September 9, 6:00pm

Bring your current crochet projects and hang out with other local crocheters as you learn new tips and tricks from one another!
Need Homework Help?
Students in K-8th grade can get general homework assistance from teen volunteers on Mondays and Wednesdays at 3:30 - 5:00pm at the Main Library and Tuesdays at 3:30 - 5:00pm at the Bob Lucas Branch!

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 Community Room

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

Play Hide & Seek with Abby the Owl! Pick up your punch card at the Main Library to start earning treats each week when you find Abby!

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Earth’s Temperature and Treats: STEM Activity

Saturday, September 7, 1:00 - 2:00pm
Take earth’s temperature using an infrared thermometer! Explore the amount of infrared radiation (heat) of different surfaces around the library. Each young scientist gets to decorate an earth cookie afterwards!
This program is led by library staff using materials provided by NASA@ My Library. No NASA scientists will be present at the event.

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

Finish Your Graduation Service Hours at the Library!
Many volunteer opportunities exist for teens at the libraries, from special event support to helping young patrons with homework after school. If you are interested in fulfilling your community service graduation requirements at the Altadena Libraries, email our Volunteer Coordinator at volunteer@altadenalibrary.org to receive an application and learn more about available volunteer roles.

Open Gaming Hours
Thursdays 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!

Succulent Terrariums
Friday, September 6, at 4:00pm
Put together simple ingredients to make the perfect living environment for your colorful succulents. This easy craft will make a beautiful addition to your living space!

Nom Nom Group - Pizza Bagels
Tuesday, September 10, at 4:00pm
Bagels, cheese, and pepperoni all in one snack! Need we say more?
SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Seven Gifts from LA Kitchens to the World
with Richard Foss
Friday, September 6, at 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.

Signup is required! To reserve your spot, email dwong@altadenalibrary.org or call (626)798-8338.

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!

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.

Craftnoon: DIY Book Tote
Thursday, September 22, at 3:30pm
Elementary students are invited to decorate their own book totes (and fill them with books while you’re here!).

Family Film Friday:
"Pokemon Detective Pikachu"
Friday, September 27, at 3:30pm

Programs for Grades 6-12
Coming to the Branch in October! Stay tuned for details!

NEW! Homework Helpers
Tuesdays, 3:30 - 5:00pm
Students in kindergarten through 8th grade can now get general homework assistance from teen volunteers on a first come, first served basis at the Bob Lucas Branch!

Vision Boards
Thursday, September 26, at 3:00pm
Visualization is a powerful technique for achieving your goals, and a vision board is the perfect tool to keep you motivated and moving toward your dreams! Supplies will be provided, and you are welcome to bring any special images you want included on your board!

Follow Altadena Library’s Instagram for Teens!
Avoid #FOMO and get the hottest library memes, events, activities, and recommended reads straight to your Instagram feed.

@ALTADENATEENS

BOOK-ISH CLUB

ALTADENA LIBRARY’S BRAND NEW BIMONTHLY TEEN GATHERING

Launching Monday, September 16th
4:00 - 5:00PM in the Teen Space

Welcome to the new hang-out for book-loving teens that meets twice a month, required reading optional! Watch movie adaptations, do book themed crafts, discuss favorite reads, and discover new ones!
Both the Main Library and Bob Lucas Branch will be closed on Thursday, September 19 and Friday, September 20. The libraries will also close early on Saturday, September 28 at 3:00pm.

Library Board of Trustees Meeting
Monday, September 23, at 5:00pm
Agendas and resources can be found on the library website at www.altadenalibrary.org/board-materials.

All-Ages Chess Night
Every Tuesday, 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?”
Tuesday, September 17 & 24, 6:00 - 9:00pm
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!

Friends of the Altadena Library
HUGE Book Sale
SATURDAY, September 7
10am - Noon: Friends Members Only (or join at the door for only $10!)
Noon - 5pm: Open to All!
SUNDAY, September 8
11am - 4pm: Open to All!
20,000 Fiction and Non-fiction Books, DVDs, CDs, Blu-rays, and More!

Used 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 on:

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

A list of available items 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 contact IT Manager Christopher at (626) 798-0833. All proceeds from the sale will benefit library programming and services.

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

Assistive Listening Devices are available upon request for events in the Community Room.

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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