

The Gratitude Issue

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, this special issue is dedicated to sharing our gratitude with all the wonderful volunteers in our community that support the Altadena Libraries and make our work possible. Within these pages are stories about our dedicated supporters who give of their time and effort so selflessly to ensure that our Library is equipped to best serve Altadena.

**From the bottom of our hearts, thank you!
You enhance our libraries in so many ways.**

We can't wait to celebrate our volunteers during Volunteer Appreciation week this April!



Celebrate the Launch of Growing Together PASadena: *Providing services and support for local, young families*

In early 2019, the City of Pasadena's Office of the Young Child gathered several local entities that serve families and young children to form a network of early childhood hub sites called Growing Together PASadena. The Altadena Libraries are proud to join this effort to help families with children ages 0-5 access services and support, with a focus on school readiness.

Meet representatives from local hub sites and collaborating agencies at the Launch Celebration on **Friday, November 15, from 3:30 - 6:30pm** at Pasadena's La Pintesca Branch Library & Park. Enjoy an afternoon of arts and crafts, children's activities, healthy snacks, and parenting, pre-school, and early childhood resource booths! Learn more about this initiative online at www.growingtogetherPASadena.org.



Growing Together PASadena
Creciendo Juntos en PASadena
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Share Final Feedback on the New Strategic Plan

Since mid-2019, the Altadena Library District has been engaged in an in-depth strategic planning process facilitated by consultants at Margaret Sullivan Studios. After months of collecting feedback from the District staff, Board of Trustees, and community through focus groups, one-on-one interviews, a community survey, and interactive town hall meetings, a draft Strategic Plan has been compiled and is ready for public review. On **Monday, November 4, at 6:30pm**, the public is invited to a Town Hall Meeting to provide additional feedback that will help shape the final plan.

A Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees on **Wednesday, November 6, at 7:00 pm** will provide another opportunity for public comment. The final Strategic Plan document, that will guide library operations for years to come, is expected to be presented to the Board of Trustees for final approval at their November 25 regular meeting. The draft Strategic Plan can be reviewed in the October Board meeting package at www.altadenalibrary.org/board-materials.



The Strategic Planning team met with Altadena Town Council representatives to gather their input on the Altadena Libraries' strategic direction.

Altadena Bids Interim Director Cindy Cleary Goodbye

As preparations are made for the arrival of new District Director Nikki Winslow, library staff and the community bid farewell to Interim Director Cindy Cleary. During her short but productive tenure at the Altadena Libraries, Cindy made significant progress on many crucial projects, including updating key operating policies and procedures for approval by the Board of Trustees, hiring a consultant to launch the Strategic Planning process, hiring an architectural firm to create a comprehensive facilities plan, setting a human resources study into motion, and fostering an atmosphere of cohesion and teamwork among staff.

We are deeply grateful to Cindy for her wisdom and leadership during this exciting transition period for the Altadena Library District!



Save the Date for a Town Hall Meeting

Join Architectural Resources Group at Bob Lucas on **Monday, November 18, at 7:00pm** to share your vision for the Branch.

Architectural Resources Group is the firm hired

by the District to create a multi-phase plan for architectural upgrades to both Altadena libraries.



Staff Attend California Library Association Conference

Themed "League of Extraordinary Librarians," the California Library Association's annual conference took place the weekend of October 25-27 in Pasadena and was co-chaired by Altadena Libraries' new Director Nikki Winslow. Altadena Library District's extraordinary staff attended to learn all the latest library innovations and best practices to bring back to our community. As one staff member shared, *"Attending CLA enabled me to network with so many library professionals from around the state! While attending presentations is very informative, being able to discuss daily activities, challenges and successes in person with other librarians is so rewarding."*



FRIENDS OF THE ALTADENA LIBRARY UPDATE

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

Friends' 60th Anniversary Book Pitch Party on Saturday, November 2

Everyone Who Pitches Wins a Prize!

In 1959, civic-minded residents joined together to form the Friends of the Altadena Library. After a couple of years of highly successful book sales, the Friends paid for the professional survey that ultimately led to the construction of a modern library building on Mariposa.

This month, the Friends are excited to celebrate our 60th anniversary with a "Book Pitch Party" on **Saturday, November 2, from 6:30-9:30pm** in the Main Library. The idea is simple: Pitch a favorite book in two minutes and share your love of it with the rest of the party. EVERYONE who pitches will be entered into a drawing, with prizes from Friends tote bags and t-shirts to \$25 Book Store vouchers and Huntington Library tickets! And if the book isn't already in the Library's Collection, we'll make sure it's

added, so that anyone inspired by your pitch can check it out. Food and soft drinks are FREE, with wine and beer for sale by the Altadena Ale House. Everyone is welcome, not just Friends members, and there's no need to pitch to attend: Just come along and enjoy!

However, if you would like to pitch, PLEASE sign up as soon as possible at www.altadenalibrary.org/friends, or add your name to the sign-up form in the Friends Book Store. You can also sign up by emailing us at altadena_friends@yahoo.com with the book's name and author, or contact us there with any questions. There may also be room for last-minute sign-ups at the event, but please sign up early to secure your spot!

If you'd like to get more involved with what we do, please contact us at altadena_friends@yahoo.com, or come along to our next Board meeting on **Tuesday, November 5, at 7:30pm**, in the Director's Office at the Main Library [please note the unusual day and location]. And as always, everyone is welcome to join the fun at Friends book sorting in the basement of the Main Library, which will be from 7-9pm on **Tuesday, November 12**, and on **Mondays, November 18 and 25**, of this month.



NEW STAFF UPDATES



Welcome, Jesse! *Library Manager, Adult Services*

Jesse joins the Altadena Library team from Arizona State University Library, where he served as the Learning and Student Success Librarian, managing a staff of about 55 people. He previously worked at several academic libraries including Michigan, Wayne State and North Carolina State. Originally from the San Gabriel Valley, Jesse went to the same high school as his mom in El Monte and attended UCSB; he is ecstatic to return home to SoCal after a long time away. Previous to his life in libraries, he served in the US Marine Corps. Jesse, his fat Pitbull/Lab mix named Roux Peanut Lopez, and his girlfriend Melissa live in a cute, little apartment behind El Rancho Bar in Altadena. Jesse is excited to make new friends in Altadena and looks forward to meeting and working with everyone and conducting cool, new outreach and programming.



Welcome, Cindy! *Library Associate, Youth & Family Services*

Cynthia is excited to join the Altadena Library as a Library Associate in the children's and family services department. She previously worked at Brooklyn Public Library as the Education and Outreach Associate. During her time there, she created a legal resource guide for immigrant patrons which is still being brought to outreach events within the community. She is also currently working on her MLIS from San Jose State University and is a 2019 Reforma and Spectrum scholarship winner. She is looking forward to becoming more familiar with children's librarianship and programming.



Welcome, Ben! *Library Page*

Ben has library work in his blood. Growing up in Appleton, Wisconsin, he worked as a page during his teenage years at the Appleton Public Library where his mother was a librarian for 35 years. He's currently attending Pasadena City College's Library Technology

Certificate Program with ambitions to get his certificate by the end of spring 2020. Ben, a musician, also produces and hosts a long-running music podcast called All Time Top Ten (alltimetopten.podomatic.com) which has premiered new episodes almost every Monday for the past 8 years.

Unlock the Secrets of the FabLab's Cricut

The FabLab at the Main Library offers patrons a space to fabricate (hence the name "Fab"Lab) and use technology to expand their creative potential. One of the newest additions to the fleet of available maker-centric equipment is a Cricut Maker, a multifunction paper and textile cutter. Join library staff on **Saturday, November 9 at 2:00pm** to learn how to use the Cricut on your own and see a demonstration of its capabilities. No sign up required; just drop in!



No Guilt Book Club

Next No Guilt Book Club Meeting:
**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12,
7:00PM AT MAIN LIBRARY**



November Reads:
Swing Time by Zadie Smith
Radium Girls: The Dark Story of America's Shining Women by Kate Moore

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!



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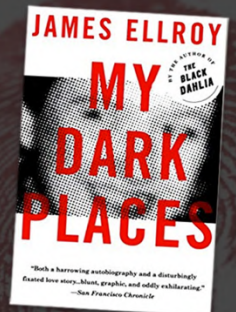
True Crime All the Time

Monthly Meeting
(Third Saturday of the Month):

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16,
4:00PM AT MAIN LIBRARY**

November Read:
My Dark Places by James Ellroy

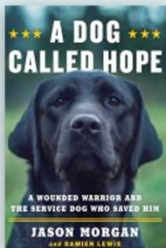
Dig deep into popular true crime reads with other aspiring investigators! Compare your case notes and explore possible theories around cases in each month's book, carefully chosen by library staff and members of the club.



November Staff Picks

PICKS FOR ADULTS

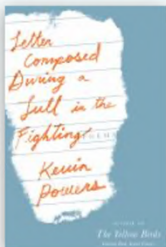
In honor of the brave people that serve our country through military service, here are some Veterans Day picks from the adult collection.



A Dog Called Hope: A Wounded Warrior and The Service Dog Who Saved Him by Jason Morgan

(paratrooper) and Damien Lewis

Main Library Adult Biography
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Letter Composed During a Lull in the Fighting by Kevin Powers

Main Library Adult Non-

Fiction 811 POW



Indivisible directed by David G. Evans

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Holding It Down: The Veterans' Dreams Project by Vijay Iyer & Mike Ladd

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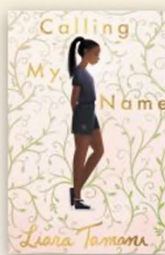


Craig & Fred: A Marine, A Stray Dog, and How They Rescued Each Other by Craig Grossi

Main Library Adult NonFiction 636.7 GRO

PICKS FOR TEENS

Jump into these #OwnVoices picks, meaning they were written about diverse characters by authors from the same diverse group.



Calling My Name by Liara Tamani

Main Library Young Adult Fiction YA FIC TAM



Dread Nation: Rise Up by Justina Ireland

Main Library Young Adult Fiction YA FIC IRE

Bob Lucas Branch
Young Adult Fiction YA FIC IRE



96 Words for Love by Rachel Roy and Ava Dash

Main Library Young Adult New Book Shelf YA FIC ROY



Beasts Made of Night by Tochi Onyebuchi

Main Library Young Adult Fiction YA SF ONY



Gem & Dixie by Sara Zarr

Main Library Young Adult Fiction YA FIC ZAR

PICKS FOR CHILDREN

November is Native American Heritage Month. Learn about the indigenous people of this country with these staff picks for children.



All Around Us by Xelena Gonzalez

Main Library Children's Picture Books E GON



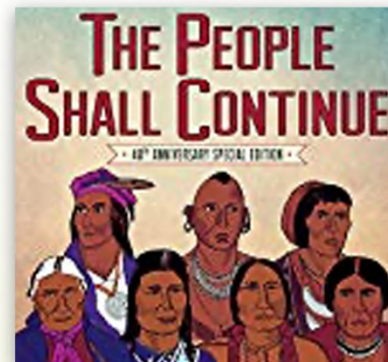
First Laugh, Welcome Baby! by Rose Ann Tahe and Bo Flood

Main Library Children's Picture Books E TAH



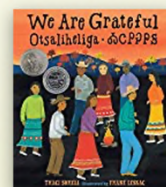
In the Footsteps of Crazy Horse by Joseph Marshall

Main Library Children's Fiction J MAR J.



The People Shall Continue by Simon J. Ortiz

Main Library Children's NonFiction J 970.00497 ORT



We Are Grateful: Otsaliheliga by Traci Sorell

Main Library Children's

NonFiction J 975.004 SOR

- ADULT EVENTS & UPDATES AT THE MAIN LIBRARY -



Second Saturday

2019-2020 Concert Series

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9
6:30PM - 8:45PM
 featuring **MARY JANE'S LAST DANCE**

Featuring opening youth group
ELIOT ARTS MAGNET
 ROCK BAND "THE FUSION"



Seed Library:
 Cover Crops &
 Companion Planting
 Saturday, November 2,
 10:00am - 12:00pm

See why easy-to-sow cover crops increase your harvest and revitalize your soil. Learn about companion planting, how garlic helps broccoli and how communities of plants enjoy the benefits of companionship.

Open Mic Night
 Tuesday, November 5, 7:00 - 8:30pm

Chasing Shackleton: An Antarctic Odyssey
 Saturday, November 16, 4:00 - 5:30pm

Follow in the footsteps of Ernest Shackleton's ill-fated *Endurance* expedition of 1914-1916. Earlier this year, traveler and photographer Terry Andrues visited the route of Shackleton's journey to see what these sites look like today. His photographs are interspersed with original images of the *Endurance* adventure to show what the escape route looked like then and now.



Monthly Crochet Club
 Monday, November 18, 6:00pm



National Alliance on Mental Illness: In Our Own Voice
 Saturday, November 23, 4:00 - 5:00pm

In Our Own Voice is an interactive presentation that provides insight into what it's like to live with mental illness. The presentation is led by two adults living with mental health conditions and includes video and discussion. Audiences are given a safe place to ask questions and gain understanding of an often misunderstood topic.

Community Nutrition Workshops
 Select Saturdays,
 12:30 - 2:00pm



Expand your knowledge about nutrition at these interactive workshops led by a graduate student in Cal Poly Pomona's Didactic Program in Dietetics.

- Nov. 2: Manage Your Gut Health
- Nov. 16: Boost Your Immune System

To sign up for one or more of the above dates, email Melissa Aldama at maldama@altadenalibrary.org!

ChapCare: Open Enrollment Appointments
 Mondays, November 4 and
 November 18, 5:00 - 8:45pm

Meet with a Certified Enrollment Counselor to enroll in a health insurance plan. Call (626) 486-9729 to sign up for an appointment!

All-Ages Chess Night
 Every Tuesday, 6:30 - 8:30pm



Volunteers Keep Our Libraries Beautiful

We are grateful to local groups like employees of **CIT Bank** and neighbors from the **Altadena Town and Country Club** that have worked hard to beautify the garden spaces around the Main Library, helping to make it a welcoming, inviting space for all.



- CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS AT THE MAIN LIBRARY -



Homework Helpers

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.

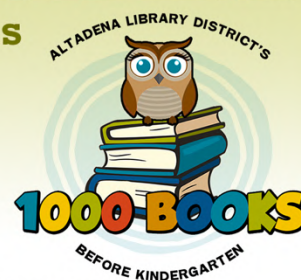
Volunteers Support Learning!

We are grateful to volunteers like **AI** in the FabLab, **Gretta** who helps with technology questions, and **teen volunteers** that provide homework help. From cooking class support to help with program translation, volunteers have provided patrons of all backgrounds with learning opportunities!



How Many Books Has Your Family Read?

If you and your young readers are reading up a storm, you can be earning prizes for your efforts! When you enroll in the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program, you will join the other hundreds of families that are earning prizes and benefiting from the support of our Children's staff as they read 1,000 books before their children enter kindergarten! Sign up today at altadenalibrary.beanstack.org!



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

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

- TEEN PROGRAMS -



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

Open Gaming Hours

Thursdays and Fridays, 3:00 - 5:00pm

FabLab Open Hours

Wednesdays, 3:00 - 5:00pm



DIY Robot Hands

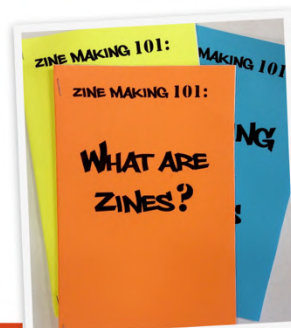
Friday, November 8, 4:00 - 5:00pm

With string, cardboard, and some well-placed glue, extend your reach with this DIY robotic hand.

Nom Nom Group: French Toast

Tuesday, November 12, at 4:00pm

Parlez-vous français? Learn how to make this tasty breakfast treat made, at its most basic, out of bread, eggs, and syrup. Play with fruits and butter until you make the perfect French toast!



Zine-Making Workshop

Wednesday, November 20, at 3:00pm

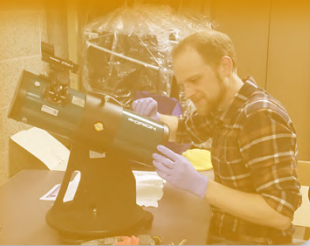
What's a zine? Learn how to make this type of mini magazine and play with layouts and designs around a topic you enjoy! Email teens@altadenalibrary.org to let us know you are coming!

- PROGRAMS AT THE BOB LUCAS BRANCH -



Volunteers Offer Expertise!

We are grateful to **Evan** and **Jesse** from JPL who have helped with retrofitting the District's telescopes! Programs like Star Parties and Dungeons & Dragons wouldn't exist without volunteers that share their special skills.



Crafternoon: Fall Leaves Windchime

Thursday, November 14, at 3:30pm

Children are invited to explore the delightful sounds of fall when they create a windchime out of fall leaves. Available as supplies last.

Adult Art: Fall Leaves Mason Jar

Friday, November 15, 11:00am

Light up your life with these decorative, fall mason jars. Use colorful paper and nature's best decoration (leaves!) to create a fun, festive piece of home decor to get you in the fall mood. Available as supplies last.



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.



Teen Program: Arckit

Thursday, November 21, at 3:30pm

Teens, what does your dream house look like? Learn about architecture and build impressive model structures using Arckit supplies!

Family Film Friday

Friday, November 22, at 3:00pm

Free popcorn included!



>> TEEN PROGRAMS CONTINUED

BOOK-ISH CLUB

ALTADENA LIBRARY'S BRAND NEW BIMONTHLY TEEN GATHERING

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH
4:00 - 5:00PM IN THE TEEN SPACE

Welcome to the new hang-out for book-loving teens that meets once a month, required reading optional!



Volunteers Make Events Possible!

We are grateful to **The Boy Scouts**, teens from **St. Francis High School**, and dedicated event volunteers that show up rain or shine to make special experiences happen for our community like Truck Day, the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten launch, movie nights, and more!



Library Board of Trustees Meeting

Monday, November 25, at 5:00pm

The public is welcome to attend the Altadena Library Board of Trustees monthly meeting. Agendas and resources can be found on the library website at www.altadenalibrary.org/board-materials.



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)

WALK-INS NOW ACCEPTED!
Call 626-798-2950 to schedule an appointment (*RECOMMENDED*).

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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Volunteers Enrich the Library!

The dedicated volunteers that make up the **Friends of the Altadena Library** and the **Altadena Library Foundation** support and enrich the District's programs and services through advocacy in the community and fundraising through events like book sales and Taste of 'Dena!



November Art on Display

featuring **Terry Andrues (Photography)** and **Heather Lowe (Lenticular Fine Art)**

From **November 2 through December 29**, take a journey to Antarctica in the Community Room with Terry Andrues' series of photographs. Of his work, Terry says, "The continent of Antarctica generates much of the world's weather with a combination of strong winds, ocean currents and large seasonal changes in sea ice. In March/April, 2019, I took a series of 10 Antarctic sunsets to show how much the weather changes day-to-day. I used a 50 year-old Yashica TLR (twin lens reflex) camera and Kodak Porta 160 film to make the images."

From **November 12 through December 30**, the walls of the Reading Court will display the work of Heather Lowe. Of her work, she says, "I am interested in visual illusion and visual perception. My medium is called lenticular which is a lens laminated to an image. As the viewer walks by, the colors and shapes move in and out of space. They are light pieces, require no head gear and can be easily hung on the wall with a small nail or screw. The connection of visual illusion to nature is important in my work expressing natural organic movement, rather than optical mathematical sequences. My inspiration comes primarily from my walks in Griffith Park in L.A. My studio is near Chinatown." Learn more about each artist at www.altadenalibrary.org/november2019art/



Filming at the Library

The Main Library and its parking lot have been used as a set and location for crew services for shows like Criminal Minds, Netflix and Hulu productions, commercials, and more!

Learn about our rates and how to reserve space at www.altadenalibrary.org/filming!