



Introducing New District Director Nikki Winslow

The Board of Trustees has appointed Nikki Winslow to District Director, effective November 4, 2019. Winslow succeeds Interim District Director Cindy Cleary, who has led the libraries since February.

About the transition, Cleary said, “My work over the past several months has been focused on establishing a more stable foundation for our District, upon which my replacement can build. I am proud of what the Trustees and staff have accomplished during my tenure and feel confident that Ms. Winslow’s breadth of experience makes her the ideal candidate to keep the Altadena Libraries moving forward with positive momentum.”

>> LEARN ABOUT NIKKI WINSLOW INSIDE ON PAGE 2.

A Caribbean Party at the Library with Upstream

The Altadena Library’s Second Saturday concerts are back in full swing! SoCal’s hottest reggae, soca, and caribbean band Upstream will rock the house on **Saturday, October 12, at 6:30pm** after an opening performance by local youth band Coveted Future. Upstream has been spreading their message of love and positivity through their exhilarating Caribbean Music, namely, Reggae, Calypso, Soca and Steel Drum Music, for quite some time now. This concert marks the fourth year Upstream has performed at the Main Library.



Costume Swap Time!

Are you tired of paying for overpriced Halloween costumes that your kids grow out of the second Halloween is over? Join us for our family-friendly, super affordable Halloween Costume Swap on **Saturday, October 12 at 2:00pm!** Costume donations are accepted before the event!

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Newsletter funded by the Friends of the Altadena Library

A Big Thank You to Our Taste of 'Dena Sponsors and Vendors!

The magic of the Altadena Library Foundation’s Taste of 'Dena event on September 28 was brought to life by heartfelt gifts from these generous supporters! We appreciate your dedication to the Altadena Library Foundation’s literacy and accessibility initiatives.

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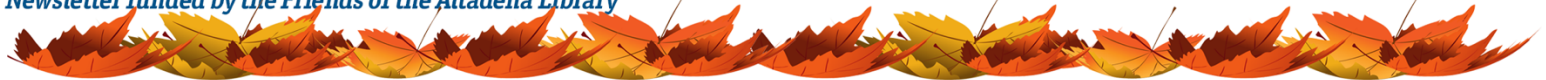
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Ms. Winslow has more than 14 years of experience innovating in library systems. She graduated from University of Nevada, Las Vegas with a Bachelor's degree in Political Science in 2001 and from the University of North Texas with a Master's of Library and Information Science in 2005. Her most recent post was Assistant Director for the Glendale Library, Arts & Culture where she oversaw Public Services for eight branches, Technical Services, and Library Information Services. Prior to her work in Glendale, she managed the Spring Valley Library of the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District.

In addition to her regular duties, she is currently serving as the Conference Chair for the Annual California Library Association Conference that will take place in Pasadena from October 24-26.

Ms. Winslow's appointment follows an extensive, nationwide search launched by the District's Board of Trustees in March 2019 with the hiring of executive search firm William Avery & Associates. Using feedback collected from staff and members of the community about their desired qualities for the new Director, the Board of Trustees narrowed down candidates and conducted final interviews in closed session at the August Board meeting.

"We are very pleased to have come to an agreement with Nikki Winslow as the new Director of the Altadena Library District," said President Terry Andruess on behalf of the Board of Trustees. "We conducted an exhaustive search and found her to be an excellent candidate; we are fortunate to have her. We look forward to years of service with Ms. Winslow at the helm of our dynamic library district."



FRIENDS OF THE ALTADENA LIBRARY UPDATE

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

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

A big THANK YOU to everyone who volunteered for and shopped at the Friends' September Book Sale! We took an amazing **\$4,863** over the two days of the sale, and that money will go toward the numerous Altadena Library programs and events we support, from this newsletter and Literacy/ESL materials to the Summer Movie Nights and Second Saturdays. If you'd like to know more about what we do, please attend our next Board meeting on **Monday, October 7 at 7:30pm** at the Main Library. And if you'd like to get involved, please contact us at altadena_friends@yahoo.com, or just come along and join the fun at Friends book sorting in the basement of the Main Library, from 7-9pm on Tuesdays, October 8 and 15 and Mondays, October 21 and 28.

This month, the Friends will be busy preparing for our **60th Anniversary Book Pitch Party** on **Saturday November 2, from 6:30-9:30pm** in the Main Library. The idea? Pitch a favorite book to the rest of the party in two minutes, and if you impress the panel of judges you could win a \$25 gift voucher to the Friends Book Store, a Friends t-shirt, tote bag, and more - but most of all, you'll be encouraging others to discover a book you love. 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'd like to pitch a favorite book, PLEASE sign up as soon as possible at www.altadenalibrary.org/friends to secure your book, or add your name to the sign-up form in the Friends Book Store at the Main Library. **There's no need to bring along copies of the book you'll be pitching!** We'd originally planned a 'Book Swap' along those lines, but realized it wouldn't be feasible if a book is rare or very new. So, if you sign up in advance, the Friends will instead work with the Library to make sure that there's a copy in the Library's collection, either by the party or shortly thereafter.



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Thank you to our wonderful local vendors for sharing their culinary talents with our guests!

PARTICIPATING VENDORS

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| Altadena Ale & Wine House | Craftsman Brewing Company |
| Altadena Grocery Outlet | El Patron |
| Boisset Collection | Fox's |
| Café de Leche | Red Hen Café |
| Elisa Callow, The Urban Forager | Sweeter Than Honey |
| Casa de Brisa | Trader Joe's |
| Coffee Gallery | Zorthian Ranch |

A special thank you to Gail Casburn of the Altadena Ale & Wine House and 1881 for coordinating the wine and beer tastings!



FRIENDS OF THE ALTADENA LIBRARY'S

Book Pitch Party!

Celebrating Our 60th Anniversary

SAT., NOV. 2ND, 6:30 - 9:30PM AT THE MAIN LIBRARY
600 E. MARIPOSA STREET, ALTADENA 91001

Pitch a favorite book in two minutes to win book vouchers, Friends t-shirts, and more!
(Or just stop by to watch and enjoy the party!)

Sign up to pitch your favorite book at

WWW.ALTADENALIBRARY.ORG/FRIENDS



or in the

FRIENDS' BOOK STORE

and secure your book!

EVERYONE is welcome!

FREE food and soft drinks; wine and beer for sale by Altadena Ale House

Questions? Email: friends_altadenalibrary@yahoo.com



Celebrate Latinx & Hispanic Heritage and Día de los Muertos



COCO (Saturday, October 19, 7:00 - 9:00pm) - Celebrate the power of family at this special screening of Disney/Pixar's Coco at the Main Library. Food will be available for sale from El Patron as the movie is shown on a BIG screen up on the Main Library floor.



THEMED PAJAMA STORY TIME (Monday, October 21, 6:30 - 6:45pm) - Young readers will love this evening story time featuring stories by and about influential Latinx and Hispanic figures in history.



POTTERY & POTLUCK (Monday, October 21, 6:45 - 8:00pm) - Bring the whole family down to the Community Room at the Main Library to paint your own pottery and celebrate the richness and diversity of Latinx and Hispanic cultures! Bring a favorite snack to share with the community while you express your creativity using the provided pottery pieces.



SUGAR SKULLS CRAFT FOR TEENS (Wednesday, October 23, 3:30 - 4:30pm) - Dive into the history of Día de los Muertos and learn about the cultural significance of this holiday while you decorate your very own sugar skull.



No Guilt Book Club

Next No Guilt Book Club Meeting:
**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8,
7:00PM AT MAIN LIBRARY**



October Reads:
The Gargoyle Hunters
by John Freeman Gill
Lives in Ruins:
Archaeologists and the
Seductive Lure of
Human Rubble
by Marilyn Johnson

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!



Growing Up Art Exhibit

One month left to see the *Growing Up* art exhibit in person in the Main Library's Community Room, Reading Court, and glass display case! Featuring the work of Steven Félix-Jäger, Joshua James Freeman, Sarah Kuhn, Christine Lee Smith, and Amara Sarmiento, *Growing Up* is an exhibit about the murky, complicated process we all go through to become ourselves. Stop by before October 29, 2019 to enjoy this intriguing mix of photography, painting, pottery, and mixed media art.

Lend the Library a Hand

Our community is full of people with unique talents and skills, a fact that is displayed daily at both of the Altadena Libraries in the work of our talented volunteers. From helping to shelve books to creating decorations for events, to assisting with event setup and teardown, there are many ways to help out your local libraries. To apply to volunteer, visit www.altadenalibrary.org/volunteer and submit the Volunteer Application. Our Volunteer Coordinator will be in touch shortly about upcoming volunteer opportunities!

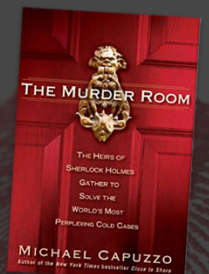


True Crime All the Time

Monthly Meeting
(Third Saturday of the Month):
**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19,
4:00PM AT MAIN LIBRARY**

October Read:

The Murder Room: The Heirs of Sherlock Holmes Gather to Solve the World's Most Perplexing Cold Cases by Michael Capuzzo



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.

October Staff Picks

PICKS FOR ADULTS

It's the spooky time of year again...
Get in the mood for Halloween with
these creepy picks!



The Penguin Book of Ghost Stories: From Elizabeth Gaskell to Ambrose Bierce
by Michael Newton

Main Library Adult NonFiction
823.08 PEN



Kill Creek by Scott Thomas
Main Library Adult Fiction FIC THO



The Grand Dark by Richard Kadrey
Main Library Adult New SF KAD



Baby Teeth by Zoje Stage
Main Library Adult Mystery M STA



Available on DVD at both libraries
Novel available at Main Library

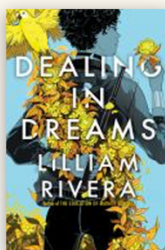
For more staff picks for adults,
visit www.altadenalibrary.org/adults.

PICKS FOR TEENS

Celebrate Latinx & Hispanic
Heritage Month with these picks by
Latinx and Hispanic authors.



The Closest I've Come by Fred Aceves
Main Library Young Adult Fiction YA FIC ACE



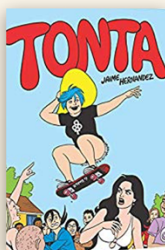
Dealing in Dreams by Lilliam Rivera
Main Library Young Adult New Book Shelf YA SF RIV



Gabi, A Girl in Pieces by Isabel Quintero
Main Library Young Adult Fiction YA FIC QUI



The Living by Matt de la Peña
Main Library Young Adult Fiction YA FIC DEL



Tonta by Jaime Hernandez
Main Library Young Adult New Book Shelf
Coming soon!

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

PICKS FOR CHILDREN

Explore the richness of Latinx
and Hispanic cultures with these
picks in English and in Spanish!



The Life of Selena/La Vida de Selena by Patty Rodriguez
Main Library Children's Board Books BB ROD

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Bob Lucas Branch Children's World Languages Collection SPANISH BB ROD



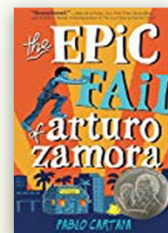
My Papi Has a Motorcycle by Isabel Quintero
Main Library Children's New Books E QUI

Main Library Children's New Books E QUI



Sarai Saves the Music by Sarai Gonzalez
Main Library Children's New Books J GON

Main Library Children's New Books J GON



The Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora by Pablo Cartaya
Main Library Children's Fiction J CAR

Main Library Children's Fiction J CAR



Dreamers by Yuyi Morales
Main Library Children's Picture Books E MOR

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

- ADULT EVENTS & UPDATES AT THE MAIN LIBRARY -



Second Saturday

2019-2020 Concert Series

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

6:30PM - 8:45PM

featuring Upstream

Featuring opening youth band
COVETED FUTURE



Connect with friends on the dance floor at the Main Library and enjoy food, beverages, and LIVE MUSIC at this community favorite!!

All-Ages Chess Night

Every Tuesday, 6:30 - 8:30pm, in the Reading Court

ChapCare Open Enrollment Appointments

Monday, October 21, 5:00 - 8:45pm

Monthly Crochet Club

Monday, October 21, 6:00pm

How Will Voting Change?

with League of Women Voters
Tuesday, October 22, 6:30pm



Historical Walking Tour

Saturday, October 26, 9:00am

Explore Altadena's history and architecture along "Millionaire's Row" from the early 20th century to present. With knowledgeable Altadena Historical Society volunteers waiting at every stop, you'll discover stories and characters in Altadena's past you never knew! Email Melissa at maldama@altadenalibrary.org to claim your spot; participation is limited.

The Elements of Poetry Workshop

Saturday, October 26, 1:00pm - 3:00pm

What is the first element of poetry you focus on when writing a poem? Award-winning local poet Thelma T. Reyna will explore the different elements and tools that make poetry "poetic."

OPEN MIC NIGHT

TUESDAY,
OCTOBER 1
7:00 - 8:30PM

TUESDAY,
NOVEMBER 5
7:00 - 8:30PM

Enjoy unique performances by musicians, storytellers, poets, and more in the comfort of your neighborhood library!



Seed Library:

Fighting Citrus Psyllid & Huanglongbing

Saturday, October 5, 10:00am - 12:00pm, in the

Community Room

Master Gardener Sara Harris will offer information for home gardeners on strategies for identifying and dealing with this fatal disease to citrus plus alternative fruit crops that are appropriate to the Southern California landscape.

Community Nutrition Workshops

Select Saturdays, 12:30 - 2:00pm, in the Community Room



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

- Oct. 5: Managing Diabetes/Blood Sugar
- Oct. 19: Eating for Optimal Heart Health
- 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!



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- 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 and **Tuesdays at 3:30 - 5:00pm** at the Bob Lucas Branch!

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Costume Swap

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2:00 - 4:00PM

Join us for our family-friendly, super affordable Costume Swap! Bring in your old Halloween costumes and take home a costume!

We strongly encourage bringing in your donated costume(s) BEFORE the event!



Celebrate the power of family with a special screening of Disney/Pixar's



Saturday, October 19
7:00pm - 9:00pm
at the Main Library

The movie will be shown on an extra large screen; food will be available for sale from El Patron!



NASA@ My Library

Jump to Jupiter & Moon Landing Saturday, October 12, at 1:00pm

Jump through a course of the solar system from the Sun, past Earth, to Jupiter and beyond! After exploring the solar system each astronaut can make their own straw rocket and compete in a moon landing contest.

This program is led by library staff using materials provided by NASA@ My Library. No NASA representatives will be present.

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.



What Do YOU Want to Learn About?

We want the library to be a place of discovery for teens, equipped with resources YOU need and access to materials YOU want to engage with. Visit www.altadenalibrary.org/teens to take a brief survey about your world and interests!

Open Gaming Hours
Thursdays and Fridays, 3:00 - 5:00pm

FabLab Open Hours
Wednesdays, 3:00 - 5:00pm

Nom Nom Group - Ramen
Tuesday, October 8, at 4:00pm



Owl Pellet Dissection
Friday, October 18, at 4:00pm

You can learn a lot about an animal by looking through its vomit! Uncover bone fragments, teeth, and more and try to identify what owls eat.

Note: Owl pellets do contain animal remains, but the pellets used in this program are heat sterilized by the distributor to eliminate the presence of most bacteria and all participants will be required to wear gloves while handling the pellets.

- PROGRAMS AT THE BOB LUCAS BRANCH -



We Tell Stories SPECIAL PERFORMANCE

Tuesday, October 17 at 3:30pm

Get in the mood for Halloween with this family-friendly performance featuring stories from classic literature and folktales - eerie fun for all! Don't worry - the stories won't be TOO scary! Families with school-age children are sure to enjoy the spooky fun!



Crafternoon: Halloween Mason Jars

Thursday, October 10, at 3:30pm

Make Halloween magic come alive with DIY decorative mason jars. Take them home and place a candle within to see your Halloween scene glow!

Adult Art: Abstract Paintings

Friday, October 18, 11:00am - 1:00pm
Considered one of the purest forms of self-expression, abstract painting allows the creator to freely release their creativity without structure or form. Try it out at the monthly adult crafting time and take home a new art piece that's uniquely yours!



NEW! Homework Helpers

Tuesdays, 3:30 - 5:00pm

Students in kindergarten through 8th grade receive general homework assistance from teen volunteers.



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.



NEW! Teen Program:

DIY Sugar Skulls

Wednesday, October 23, at 3:30pm

Celebrate Día de los Muertos and learn about the cultural significance behind this holiday while you decorate your very own sugar skull!

Family Film Friday

Friday, October 25, at 3:00pm

Free popcorn included!



>> TEEN PROGRAMS CONTINUED

HOWL'S MOVING CASTLE

MOVIE NIGHT

Tuesday, October 29, 5:30 - 7:30pm
Community Room

BOOK-ISH CLUB

ALTADENA LIBRARY'S BRAND NEW BIMONTHLY TEEN GATHERING

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 21ST
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!





Library Board of Trustees Meeting

Monday, October 28, 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.



Altadena Libraries

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

SMILE

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

THE ADULT SECTION IS A Quiet Zone!

To ensure a positive library experience for *all* users, we ask that while in the Adult Section of the Main Library you consider others and remain silent in the space. Remember the following guidelines:



Keep any noise to a minimum



Keep listening devices on silent and use headphones



Groups of no more than 4 people to a table

Altadenans for Clean, Healthy Air, Altadena Heritage, the Altadena Town Council Safe Streets Committee, and the Altadena Libraries invite you to learn how you can help clean the air in a fun and friendly environment!

**Saturday, October 5
4:00 - 6:00pm
in the Community Room**

For a full list of participating organizations and activities, visit

www.altadenalibrary.org/cleanairday.

**ALTADENA
CLEAN
AIR DAY
CELEBRATION
& FAMILY FAIR**



Take the Clean Air Pledge at cleanairday.org!



Navigate Open Enrollment at the Library with ChapCare

Open Enrollment is the yearly period during which you can enroll in a health insurance plan. The 2020 Open Enrollment period runs from Friday, November 1 to Sunday, December 15, 2019. On select dates throughout the fall, you can meet with a Certified Enrollment Counselor from ChapCare at the Main Library:

Monday, October 21, 5:00 - 8:45pm

Mondays, November 4 and 18, 5:00 - 8:45pm

Mondays, December 2 and 16, 5:00 - 8:45pm



To make an appointment to meet with a Certified Enrollment Counselor during the above hours, please call (626) 486-9729.