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!

>> LEARN MORE ABOUT THE COSTUME SWAP ON PAGE 6

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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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 Andrues 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.”

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

PARTICIPATING VENDORS

Altadena Ale & Wine House
Altadena Grocery Outlet
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Trader Joe’s
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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 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.
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.

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**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-Järger, 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.

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**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!
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

--- 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!

--- 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

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

- **Sarai Saves the Music**
  by Sarai Gonzalez
  Main Library Children’s New Books J GON

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

- **Dreamers**
  by Yuyi Morales
  Main Library Children’s Picture Books E MOR

For more staff picks for adults, visit www.altadenalibrary.org/adults.
For more staff picks for teens, visit www.altadenalibrary.org/teens.
For more staff picks for children, visit www.altadenalibrary.org/children.
Second Saturday
2019-2020 Concert Series
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12
6:30PM - 8:45PM
featuring Upstream

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

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.

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

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!

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!

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**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!*

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**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

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**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

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**Lego Club (All Ages)**

Fridays, 3:30 - 5:00pm, in the Children’s Room

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**COCO**

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!

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

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**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](http://www.altadenalibrary.org/teens) to take a brief survey about your world and interests!
**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.

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.

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.

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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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