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Pasadena Community Foundation Grant Equips Users with State-of-the-Art Meeting Technology

The Altadena Library Foundation is pleased to announce receipt of a \$15,000 grant from Pasadena Community Foundation (PCF) to fund the purchase of a Microsoft Surface Hub 2S for the Altadena Library. This new technology, available in early December, is an all-in-one digital whiteboard and meetings platform equipped with essential Microsoft apps, remote meeting capability, and an interactive whiteboard for note-taking, brainstorming, drawing, and more.



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Right: Foundation President Bridget Brewster, Treasurer Mark Mariscal, and District Director Nikki Winslow attended PCF's annual celebration for grant recipients.

Library Honors Altadena Troop 1

At the Altadena Library Board of Trustees meeting on **Monday, December 16**, the Board and the Friends of the Altadena Library will honor the Altadena Scouts Troop 1 for decades of distinguished service to the Altadena Library.



Our libraries rely on the service of dedicated volunteers, and we are grateful to the Scouts for their continued support over the years! Learn more about Troop 1 at www.troop1.us.

Holiday Closures

The Altadena Library District will be closed on **Monday, December 23 through Wednesday, December 25**. Both libraries will open on Thursday, December 26 at normal hours.



Seeking Christmas Tree Lane Lighting Ceremony Book Sale Volunteers

Every year, thousands come from far and near to bask in the glow of multicolored lights amidst the historic deodar cedar branches along Christmas Tree Lane. Guests enjoy food, festivities, and fun around the Main Library at the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony, organized by the Christmas Tree Lane Association. The Friends of the Altadena Library host a mini book sale as part of the festival and need volunteers, ages 13 and up, to sign up to assist with the sale. This year's Tree Lighting Ceremony is on Saturday, December 14 from about 3:00 to 7:00pm. If you are interested in volunteering and want details, please email volunteer@altadenalibrary.org today!



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A SPECIAL FRIENDS OF THE ALTADENA LIBRARY UPDATE

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

Congratulations and Thank You!



Congratulations to all those who won a prize at our "Book Pitch Party" and 60th Anniversary Celebration last month, and thank you to everyone who came out to enjoy the event and to the wonderful volunteers and staff who helped make it happen! We had a fantastic evening, with sixteen books enthusiastically pitched to an audience of almost a hundred (pictured right), and we plan to repeat this event every year.



On the night, the Friends were presented with a plaque and certificate celebrating our 60 years by the Library and Altadena Library Foundation (pictured below right). We then presented a Lifetime Membership to outgoing Library Director Cindy Cleary, in recognition of her enormous contribution to the Library over the past year.

And finally, the Friends presented Library Board President Terry Andrues (pictured below left) with our annual donation check to the Library. Thanks to the hard work of our volunteers, the generosity of our members and donors, and the money raised through book sales and other events, our donation for this fiscal year is \$34,500.

As promised, to the right is a list of all the books pitched; titles already in the Altadena Library collection are marked with an asterisk. Also included below is the quiz we gave out on the night! The winner of the quiz was Danielle Gladding, who won a \$25 Book Store voucher after getting every question completely right. However, Rachel Rehwald-Merriam was a very close second and received a \$15 voucher.

To get more involved with what we do, please contact us at altadena_friends@yahoo.com, or come to our next Board meeting on **Monday, December 2 at 7:30pm**, in the Main Library's Community Room. And as always, all are welcome to join the fun at Friends book sorting in the Main Library's basement from 7:00-9:00pm every Monday when the Library is open.



Friends of the Altadena Library Quiz

1. What was the original price of a Family Membership in the Friends (back in 1960)?
2. Name three ways the Friends earn money to donate to the Library.
3. Where was the first location of the Altadena Library (back in 1908)?
4. What was the Friends' first gift to the Library?
5. In what year did the Main Library on Mariposa Street open?
6. At least three children of very famous parents have been speakers at Friends sponsored events. Name one of the famous parents.
7. Which of the following authors did not speak in the Friends Fall Speakers Series: Irving Stone, Ray Bradbury, Stephen J. Cannell, Octavia Butler?
8. Which room in the Library was originally furnished by the Friends?
9. Which of the following Library programs have the Friends sponsored: Summer movie series, Second Saturdays, Poetry and Cookies, or All of the above?
10. In which month will the next HUGE 2-day FOAL book sale be held in the parking lot?

Flip to the back cover for answers!

BOOKS PITCHED:

Strrr-ike!! My First Biography: Emmett Ashford, Baseball Umpire by Adrienne (Ashford Lewis) Bratton

Chasing Vapor: Exploring the Murky Malice of Cybercrime by Wes Andrues

Unexampled Courage: The Blinding of Sgt. Isaac Woodard and the Awakening of President Harry S. Truman and Judge J. Waties Waring by Richard Gergel

***The Spellman Files** by Liza Lutz

***Washington Black** by Esi Edugyan

The 1930, unrevised edition of **The Hidden Staircase** by Mildred Wirt under the pen name of Carolyn Keene

***The 39 Clues** series by multiple authors including Rick Riordan

Death of the Zanjero by Anne Louise Bannon

***How to Fight Anti-Semitism** by Bari Weiss

The Myth of the Robber Barons: A New Look at the Rise of Big Business in America by Burton W. Folsom

If the Creek Don't Rise: A Memoir by Rita Williams

***The Tombs of Atuan** (Earthsea Cycle #2) by Ursula K. Le Guin

"Medieval Mysteries" - including the Cadfael stories, the Owen Archer mysteries, John the Eunuch mysteries, Maisie Dobbs mysteries and the Sorrowful Mysteries of Brother Athelstan!

A Winkle in Time: Mr. Winkle Celebrates the Underdogs of History by Lara Jo Regan

***The Emperor of All Maladies: A Biography of Cancer** by Siddhartha Mukherjee

***The Scarlet Pimpernel** by Baroness Orczy

What Magazines Do You Love?

The Altadena Library District wants to know about your reading interests! We want to provide magazines that YOU want to read and welcome your input as we order some additional magazines for the new year.

Please visit www.altadenalibrary.org/newmagazines to take a brief survey by **Sunday, December 15!** Printed copies of the survey are available at both libraries. *Please Note: We have a set amount of space that we can devote to print magazines and can only purchase titles that will comfortably fit into our materials budget.*



No Guilt Book Club

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

December Reads:

Evergreen Tidings
from the
Baumgartners by
Gretchen Anthony

The Feather Thief:
Beauty, Obsession,
and the Natural
History Heist of the
Century by Kirk W.
Johnson



Celebrate Community & Culture at the Library



If there is one thing that Altadenans can agree on, it is that this community is beautiful because of the array of cultures represented in its population. The Altadena Libraries celebrate Altadena's diversity and offer a platform for cultural groups to share their stories and traditions!

Starting in October, **Community & Culture Nights**, multigenerational events featuring a different cultural group every month, were launched with a potluck and pottery activity in celebration of our Latinx neighbors. On **Monday, December 9 at 7:00pm**, musical group Zetz Klezmer Ensemble (pictured above) will take the stage and honor the classic klezmer traditions of Eastern European Jews through an evening of music and infectious fun!

Do you want your cultural group to be highlighted? Email volunteer@altadenalibrary.org with "Community & Culture" in the subject line and let us know about what you want highlighted!

Don't Miss Open Enrollment Help from ChapCare

Open Enrollment is the yearly period during which you can enroll in a health insurance plan. The 2020 Open Enrollment period runs from October 15, 2019 through January 31, 2020. On select dates throughout the fall, you can meet with a Certified Enrollment Counselor from ChapCare at the Main Library to sort through your health insurance options and start the enrollment process.

- Monday, December 2, 5:00 - 8:45pm
- Monday, December 16, 5:00 - 8:45pm
- Monday, January 6, 5:00 - 8:45pm

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



ChapCare has delivered high-quality primary healthcare services to the underserved communities of the San Gabriel Valley for more than 21 years. ChapCare provides medical and dental care, behavioral health counseling, and access to specialty care services from 8 health center locations in the San Gabriel Valley.



True Crime All the Time

NO DECEMBER MEETING!

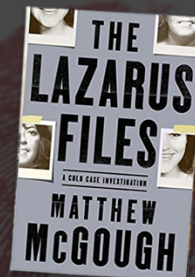
Monthly Meetings Resume
(Third Saturday of the Month):

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 18,
4:00PM AT MAIN LIBRARY**

January Read:

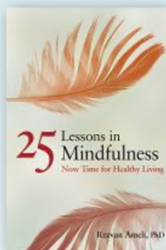
**The Lazarus Files: A Cold
Case Investigation**
by Matthew McGough

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.



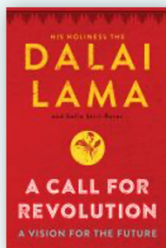
– STAFF PICKS FOR ADULTS –

In this season of giving, celebrate kindness, hope, and love with these inspiring titles!



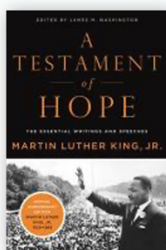
25 Lessons in Mindfulness: Now Time for Healthy Living by Rezvan Ameli

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Adult NonFiction
616.8914 AME



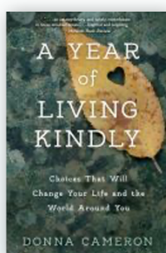
A Call for Revolution: A Vision for the Future by Dalai Lama

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294.356 BST



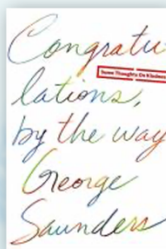
A Testament of Hope: The Essential Writings and Speeches of Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Adult NonFiction 323.1196 KIN



A Year of Living Kindly: Choices That Will Change Your Life and the World Around You by Donna Cameron

Bob Lucas Branch Adult
NonFiction 177.7 CAM



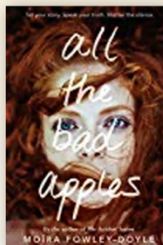
Congratulations, By the Way by George Saunders

Main Library
Adult NonFiction
177.7 SAU

Need more new reads? Stop by a library and talk to staff! OR explore our online reading tools at www.altadenalibrary.org/digitalreading!

– STAFF PICKS FOR TEENS –

Family is complicated! Secrets, curses, missing sisters, step siblings, rivalries, adventure, history, love... These books have it all!



All the Bad Apples by Moira Fowley-Doyle

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Tiffany Sly Lives Here Now by Dana Davis

Main Library Young Adult Fiction
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You Bring the Distant Near by Mitali Perkins

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She's the Worst by Lauren Spieller

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– STAFF PICKS FOR KIDS –

As the days get shorter and the nights grow colder, enjoy these wintery picks!



Winter: A Pop-Up Book by David A. Carter

Bob Lucas Branch Children's
Picture Books E CAR



Snow by Uri Shulevitz

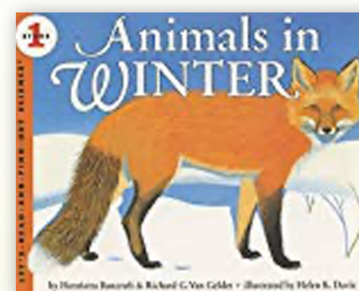
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Gold Medal Winter by Donna Freitas

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Animals in Winter by Henrietta Bancroft

Main Library Children's
Beginning Readers 591.5 BAN



The Snowy Day by Ezra Jack Keats

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Bob Lucas Branch Children's
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- ADULT EVENTS AT THE MAIN LIBRARY -



All-Ages Chess Night

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

Drop in to this casual gathering of chess lovers, from beginners to experts. Learn from others and hone your skills in a friendly, relaxed community setting!

Monthly Open Mic Night

Tuesday, December 3, 7:00 - 8:30pm, Community Room

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



Seed Library

Saturday, December 7, 10:00am - 12:00pm,
Community Room

"Check out" seeds for your home garden, connect with other gardeners, and enjoy an educational presentation by local experts!

Crochet Club Monday, December 9, 6:00pm



Seed Bombs Gone Wild!

Saturday, December 7, 11:00am - 12:00pm,
Community Room

Create California wildflower seed bombs! Native flowers have a special place in

Altadena's history, since its hills were once covered in poppies and wildflowers. You can take home your creations and plant them in your garden.

Community & Culture Night: Zetz Klezmer Ensemble

Monday, December 9, 7:00pm, Community Room
See page 3 for details!

No Guilt Book Club

Tuesday, December 10, 7:00 - 8:30pm

Open Enrollment Help with ChapCare

Mondays, December 2 & 16, 5:00 - 8:45pm,
Small Meeting Room

Call (626) 486-9729 to make an appointment!

- TEEN EVENTS AT THE MAIN LIBRARY -



Open Video Gaming Hours

Thursdays & Fridays, 3:00 - 5:00pm
and Saturdays, 10:00am - 5:00pm



FabLab Open Hours

Wednesdays, 3:00 - 5:00pm

DIY Polymer Clay Beads

Friday, December 6, 4:00 - 5:00pm, Community Room

It's squishy, it's mushy... it's polymer clay! Mold this adult Play-doh into colorful beads that will last a lifetime! Just in time for holiday gifting,

make necklaces, keychains, and more for your loved ones with this versatile clay!

Nom Nom Group: Lots o' Latkes

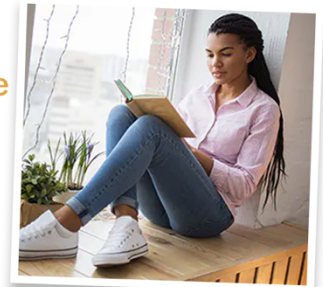
Tuesday, December 10, 4:00 - 5:00pm,
Community Room

Latkes = Fried potato pancakes! Learn how to make this delicious snack and about its significance in Jewish culture.

Book-ish Club

Monday, December 16,
4:00 - 5:00pm, Teen Space

Hang out in the Teen Space at the Main Library with other book-minded teens! No required reading - just show up and enjoy lighthearted conversation about books, movies, and more!



Mean Girls

Tuesday, December 17, 5:30 - 7:30pm,
Community Room

Whether it's your first time seeing Mean Girls or your millionth, you will love watching this teen comedy classic! We provide the popcorn and snacks!



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- CHILDREN'S EVENTS AT THE MAIN LIBRARY -



Snow Paint Craft

Wednesday,
December 11,
4:00 -
5:00pm,
Community
Room



Stop by to paint your masterpiece wintry scene to take home! Can't make it to the event? Snow paint at home! Mix equal amounts of shaving cream and glue, add some glitter & peppermint extract if you're feeling fancy!

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.

Pajama Story Time (All Ages)
Mondays, 6:30pm

Early Literacy Playtime
(Ages 0-5)
Tuesdays, 10:00am - 12:00pm

Baby-Toddler Story Time
(Ages 0-2)
Wednesdays, 10:30am

Bilingual Story Time (Ages 0-5)
Fridays, 11:00am

Lego Club (All Ages)
Fridays, 3:30 - 5:00pm

Programming Hiatus
Monday, December 16 - Saturday,
January 4



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 ACCEPTED
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 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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- EVENTS AT THE BOB LUCAS BRANCH -



Toddler Story Time

Tuesdays, 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!



Crafternoon: Mason Jar Snow Globe

Thursday, December 12,
3:30pm

Elementary students will love this winter-themed craft time to take home and enjoy during the colder months!



Baby Story Time

Thursdays, 10:30am

Enjoy a morning of rhymes, songs and stories. This program is designed for babies and infants, ages 0-3 years old.

Let's Talk About (and Taste) Cacao & Chocolate!

Friday, December 13, 11:00am

Celebrate National Hot Cocoa Day joining us for a lecture on the history and production Cacao and Chocolate. We will have tastings of mass manufactured hot cocoa versus artisanal hot cocoa; and both American and international artisanal chocolate bars. YUM!



FRIENDS QUIZ ANSWERS: 1. \$2.50; 2. Book sales, other sales (including Christmas Tree Lane Festival), memberships, donations; 3. A shelf in a school classroom on Calaveras Street; 4. A drive-up book return; 5. 1967; 6. Zane Grey, Richard Feynman, Pierre-Auguste Renoir; 7. Stephen J. Cannell; 8. The Community Room; 9. All of the Above; 10. February (specifically the 22nd and 23rd)