Starting **Wednesday, February 19**, cardholders of the Altadena Libraries will no longer have access to OverDrive with their Altadena Library card. Don’t worry – you’re about to get a BIG upgrade. Borrowing and returning digital items has never been easier. We are excited to introduce **cloudLibrary**, the new feature-packed app that makes it easier to borrow, organize, and return your digital library items.

A cloud-based application that is available on Apple iOS, Mac OS, Windows, Google Play, Amazon Fire, nook, and more, cloudLibrary by bibliotheca allows the Altadena Library to share materials with over 25 other libraries, giving our patrons access to over **140,000 titles** (compared to only 3,500 that Altadena Libraries previously offered in OverDrive). To start browsing and enjoying this expanded collection of e-books and audio-books online or on your phone, download the app and use your Altadena Library card to gain access. No separate account required! Visit [yourcloudlibrary.com](http://yourcloudlibrary.com) for links to download the app on your preferred device and video guides to help you get started!

From February 19 through February 27, you will have access to only our current digital collection in cloudLibrary, as our staff complete the transition process internally. On February 28, access to all other cloudLibrary collections will be unlocked. If you have any questions throughout this transition, don’t hesitate to speak with library staff!

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**Celebrate Black History Month**

Black History Month is an annual reminder to celebrate the achievements and central role that Black and African Americans have played in our country’s history. In addition to featuring materials by and about historical Black figures and stories on the main displays at both Libraries, we invite you to these events to deepen your knowledge and discover something new!

- **African American History Bee Study Session**
  - Thursday, 2/13, 3:30pm
  - Study for the PUSD African American History Bee! We’ll have books to study with and snacks to munch on. Walk into the Bee ready with facts!

- **A Ballerina’s Tale: Misty Copeland**
  - Saturday, 2/22, 2:30pm
  - Families with elementary-age kids and older will love this inside look at Misty Copeland, the first African American female principal dancer with American Ballet Theatre.

- **Black History Family Trivia Night**
  - Saturday, 2/22, 6:00pm
Meet Mylinh, Our New Manager of Children & Family Services!

Mylinh (pronounced “me-ling”) has worked in the library profession since 2012. She has worked at libraries in Colorado, Virginia, and California; primarily as a Children’s Librarian with short stints in other library departments. She currently lives in Altadena with her husband, who works at JPL, and her children. Stop by the Children’s Room at the Main Library or an upcoming story time to meet Mylinh in person!

Speaking of Children & Family Services... are you coming to the Abriendo Puertas (“Open Doors”) Parenting Workshop Info Session on Tuesday, February 11, at 7:00pm? Visit www.altadenalibrary.org/abriendopuertas or hover your smart phone camera over the QR code to the left to learn more about this special workshop series launching in April and what to expect at the Info Session!

February Book Club Reads

No Guilt Book Club
Tuesday, February 11, at 7:00pm

The Ballroom by Anna Hope

True Crime All the Time
Saturday, February 15, at 4:00pm

The Yellow House by Sarah M. Broom

Gone at Midnight: The Mysterious Death of Elisa Lam by Jake Anderson

Stories & Play!

Connect with local parents and learn critical early childhood reading and social skills!

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

Early Literacy Playtime
Tuesdays, 10:00am - 12:00pm, Main Library (0-5) & Thursdays, 10:30 - 11:30am, Bob Lucas Branch (0-3)

Baby-Toddler Story Time (0-3)
Tuesdays, 11:00am, Bob Lucas Branch & Wednesdays, 10:30am, Main Library

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

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

Need Homework Help?

Visit the Main Library’s Children’s Room every Monday and Wednesday from 3:00 - 5:00pm to get free homework assistance from teen volunteers! Homework help is general, not subject-specific, and available for students in kindergarten through 8th grade.

Supporting Census 2020

Curious about the Census? Want to learn more about how it affects our community and how to get involved? The Altadena Libraries are pleased to announce two upcoming informational meetings about the 2020 Census.

- Saturday, February 29, 10:00 - 11:30am
  Community Room at the Main Library
- Wednesday, March 4, 11:00am - 12:30pm
  Bob Lucas Branch

Throughout the following months, library staff will be popping up all over town to spread the word about the Census and the new digital form! Want us to stop by your organization or community group? Email marketing@altadenalibrary.org today to schedule a time!
Book Clubs Offer Teens Safe Spaces to Connect

In the age of social media, it is more important than ever for libraries to provide opportunities for teens to connect face to face. The Altadena Library District now offers two teen-specific book clubs where teens can gather in the comfort of their local library and connect over books, movies, learning, discovery, and more!

- **Pride Book Club:** First Thursday of the Month, 4:00 - 5:00pm, Small Meeting Room
  February’s Suggested Read: The Stars and The Blackness Between Them by Junauda Petrus

- **Book-ish Club:** Third Monday of the Month, 4:00 - 5:00pm, Teen Space at the Main Library
  February’s Read: Let’s Call It a Doomsday by Katie Henry

Hygiene Kits for Our Neighbors Experiencing Homelessness

At the Altadena Libraries, we believe all of our neighbors, no matter where they live, deserve dignity and respect.

On Saturday, February 15, from 1:00 - 3:00pm, show your support for our neighbors experiencing homelessness at our Hygiene Kit Assembly Event. In support of Union Station Homeless Services, a nonprofit organization based in Pasadena that has served the San Gabriel Valley for over 45 years, donations from the list online at www.altadenalibrary.org/loveyourneighbor are accepted before the event.

February Art on Display

Throughout February, the glass display case at the Main Library will feature the art of Christine “Tini” Stormberg, a transdisciplinary artist based in Los Angeles. Her work (right) often explores human nature through femme archetypes, longing (desire), and chaos. Of her art, she says, “In this exhibition, I am exploring the fairy realm with hand-built ceramics. I love the elemental nature of clay. Creating creatures from mud makes me feel like a fairy, and I hope to share this sparkly feeling with this display of my works.” Ask Tini about her art at an Artist Reception on Saturday, February 29 at 3:00 - 5:00pm at the Main Library.

It’s also not too late to see the work of Joyce Miles and the students of Room 13 at Elliot Arts Magnet Academy up on display at the Main Library! For details about the exhibitions, use the QR code to the right or visit altadenalibrary.org/january2020art.

Friends of the Altadena Library Update

**Seeking Book-Loving Volunteers!**

The Friends will hold our next HUGE book sale in the parking lot of the Main Library on February 22nd and 23rd. We’ll be open on the Saturday from 10am-noon for Friends members only (If you’re not already a Friend, you can always join on the door for $10)! Then we’ll be open to ALL from 12-5pm on Saturday and 11am-4pm on Sunday.

We are in *urgent* need of more volunteers to help with the sale. Jobs include boxing up books ready for the sale, setting up before/clearing up after the sale, consolidating boxes during the sale, and more. More generally, we are *always* looking for volunteers to help tidy the Friends Book Store and clean donated books, and to sort donated books at the main library every week.

If you want to volunteer, email friends_altadenalibrary@yahoo.com!

We are so grateful for the MANY groups and individuals who have helped us in the past. One such group are the Scouts of Altadena Troop 1, who for decades have helped set up and take down our book sales, as well as volunteering in many other ways. At the January Board of Trustees meeting, Friends Board member and ex-Preside Marne Brown presented Troop 1 with a service award on behalf of the Friends and the Library (left), in grateful recognition of their dedicated and distinguished service.

- **Claire Newman | President**
  @AltadenaFriends

**FOAL BOARD MEETING:** Monday
February 3, 7:30pm, Community Room

**FUN BOOK SORTING:**
Mondays, February 10 & 24, and Tuesdays, February 4 & 18, 7:00 - 9:00pm, Main Library Basement
No need to sign up – come along when you can and join the fun! Ages 13+

**HUGE BOOK SALE:**
Saturday, February 22, 10:00am - 12:00pm (members only) & 12:00 - 5:00pm (all), and Sunday, February 23, 11:00am - 4:00pm, Main Library
February Events

This is only a handful of programs offered this month – Go online for even more!

Seed Library: Cultivating Native Habitat – Saturday, February 1, 10:00am-12:00pm, @ML (Adults)

Room 13 Artist Reception – Saturday, February 1, 4:00-5:30pm, @ML

After-School Homework Helpers – Mondays & Wednesdays, 3:00-5:00pm, @ML (Students in Kindergarten - 8th Grade)

Pages & Popcorn: The Chronicle of Narnia – Tuesdays, 5:00pm, @ML (Tweens ages 10-12)

Chess Night – Every Tuesday, 6:30-8:00pm, @ML (All Ages)

Open Mic Night – Tuesday, February 4, 7:00-8:30pm, @ML (Adults)

Panel to Page: Tween Graphic Novel Workshop Series – Wednesdays, 4:30pm, @ML (Tweens ages 10-12)

Pride Book Club – Thursday, February 6, 4:00pm, @ML (Grades 6-12)

Check Items Off Your Bucket List in VR! – Thursday, February 6, 5:00-6:00pm, @ML (Adults)

Second Saturday ft. Jack’s Cats – Saturday, February 8, 6:30-9:00pm, @ML (All Ages)

Nom Nom Club: Avocado Toast – Tuesday, February 11, 4:00pm, @ML (Teens in grades 6-12)

No Guilt Book Club – Tuesday, February 11, 7:00-8:00pm, @ML (Adults)

Crafternoon: Valentine’s Heart Cookies – Thursday, February 13, 3:30pm, @ML (Elementary-age children)

African American History Bee Study Session – Thursday, February 13, 3:30pm, @ML (Elementary-age children)

D&D @ ALD: Dungeons & Dragons Hours – Saturday, February 15, 10:00am-1:00pm, @ML (Teens in grades 6-12)

Hygiene Kit Assembly Day – Saturday, February 15, 1:00-3:00pm, @ML (All Ages)

True Crime All the Time Book Club – Saturday, February 15, 4:00pm, @ML (Adults)

DISTRICT CLOSURE: PRESIDENTS DAY – Monday, February 17

Family Learning Night – Tuesday, February 18, 6:30-8:00pm, @ML (Families with elementary-age children)

Craft: Birch Tree Art – Friday, February 21, 11:00am, @ML (Adults)

Friends of the Altadena Library BIG Book Sale – Saturday, February 22, 12:00-5:00pm & Sunday, February 23, 11:00am-4:00pm, @ML

Kid’s Movie: “A Ballerina’s Tale: Misty Copeland” – Saturday, February 22, 2:30pm, @ML (Families with elementary-age children)

Black History Trivia Night – Saturday, February 22, 6:00-8:30pm, @ML (All Ages)

Barks & Books – Monday, February 24, 3:30pm, @ML (Children ages 5-12)

Library Board of Trustees Meeting – Monday, February 24, 5:00pm, @ML

Census Info Session – Saturday, February 29, 10:00am, @ML (Adults)

Supa Awesome Dog Man Party – Saturday, February 29, 1:00pm, @ML (Children ages 5-12)

Key:
ML = Main Library
BLB = Bob Lucas Branch

Visit www.altadenalibrary.org/programs to see details about the above events and explore even more opportunities to ignite your curiosity and connect with your neighbors at your Altadena Libraries!