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Get Wild with Read-a-Dena!

The Altadena Library District is honored to announce its first annual Read-a-Dena book selection, **Wild LA: Explore the Amazing Nature In and Around Los Angeles** by the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County, Lila Higgins and Gregory B. Pauly with Jason G. Goldman and Charles Hood. Read-a-Dena is the Altadena Library District's new community-wide reading initiative launching in March 2020.

"While perhaps an untraditional pick for a 'One Community, One Book' reading initiative, Wild LA celebrates the unique spirit of Altadena, which has nature deeply engrained in its history and identity," says District Director Nikki Winslow. "The Altadena we know and love is adventurous, curious, and connected to the splendor of our landscape. Wild LA offers something for everyone, from passive nature observers to the more active explorers in our community."

Throughout the months of March, April, and May 2020, 50 free copies of Wild LA will be available at both the Main Library and Bob Lucas Branch for the public to pick up, peruse, and pass along to neighbors and friends. Free copies will also be available to individuals who sign up to lead or join local Reading Groups, gatherings that bring



neighbors together in small groups across Altadena to discuss topics in Wild LA and dig deeper into the book through library-curated activities and excursions. Interested group leaders can sign up at www.altadenalibrary.org/readadena.

In coordination with authors of Wild LA and other community organizations, the Altadena Libraries are pleased to offer many events and programs related to Read-a-Dena, including, but not limited to, a panel with the authors of Wild LA, a workshop on nature journaling,



presentations on topics ranging from native reptiles to mushrooms, and a guided nature walk through Eaton Canyon. Every Read-a-Dena event will have free copies of Wild LA available the first 10 guests upon arrival.



#CountInLibraries - 2020 Census

The importance of the upcoming Census stretches far beyond just counting residents living in the United States. Its significance lies in its two key results - money and power. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, "Census results help determine how billions of dollars in federal funding flow into states and communities each year [and] determine how many seats in Congress each state gets." Get any questions you have about the Census answered at the upcoming Information Sessions:



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29
10:00AM - 12:00PM
MAIN LIBRARY

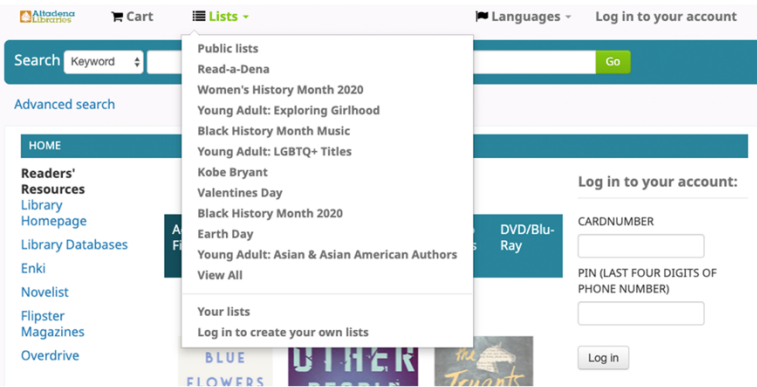
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4
11:00AM - 1:00PM
BOB LUCAS BRANCH

We are curious.

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Did You Know About Curated Book Lists in the Catalog?

With over 80,000 items in the Altadena Libraries' collections, it can seem like a daunting task to narrow down your search and find your next great read. It doesn't have to be difficult anymore! Our librarians curate lists for a variety of interests in the online catalog to help ease your search and introduce you to new authors and titles you may have not discovered otherwise. Next time you're on the catalog landing page (catalog.altadenalibrary.org), click the Lists button at the top of the screen and enjoy perusing our curated selections for all ages and interests. Want to make your own lists based on your findings? Log in and you can save materials in our collection in your very own lists to come check out later!



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

NEW! >> Family Story Time (All)

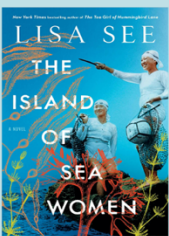
Second Saturday of the Month, 10:30 - 11:30am, Main Library



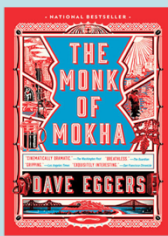
March Book Club Reads

No Guilt Book Club

Tuesday, March 10, at 7:00pm



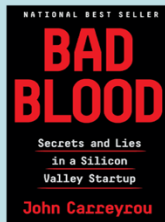
The Island of Sea Women by Lisa See



The Monk of Mokha by Dave Eggers

True Crime

All the Time Saturday, March 21, at 4:00pm



Bad Blood: Secrets and Lies in a Silicon Valley Startup by John Carreyrou



Vote by Mail... at the Library

Through the end of Election Day on Tuesday, March 3, the Altadena Main Library is a Vote by Mail (VBM) ballot dropoff location. Bring in your ballots by 8:00pm when the drop box will be collected! Before you drop off your Vote by Mail ballot make sure:

1. Your ballot is securely placed inside the envelope.
2. You sign the back of the envelope.



Census Day is April 1st

Need help submitting your response to the Census online? On **Wednesday, April 1, from 5:00 - 8:00pm** at the Bob Lucas Branch, library staff and volunteers from Pasadena/Altadena Coalition of Transformative Leaders will be standing by to both answer any questions about the Census and help community members complete the questionnaire on the Branch computers.

For a variety of helpful links about the 2020 Census and answers to frequently asked questions, please visit:

www.altadenalibrary.org/census2020

Connectors.

We are neighbors.

Save the Date! 2020 Taste of 'Dena is on Saturday, September 26th

Thanks to so many of you, the Altadena Library Foundation raised **more than \$20,000** at the 2019 Taste of 'Dena event, funds that go toward the Altadena Library District's access and outreach goals. In addition to supporting our beloved library branches, this fun, festive event is a great way to mingle with your neighbors and meet new friends, bid on incredible silent auction items, and sample tasty treats from restaurants and caterers from the community.



The Foundation is excited to announce that the 2020 Taste of 'Dena will be held on **Saturday, September 26, from 7:00 to 9:30pm**. Please mark your calendar, and contact us if you have ideas for the event, have connections with local vendors, or would like to serve on the event committee. Email admin@altadenalibraryfoundation.org for details!

Right: Volunteers on past Taste of 'Dena planning committees make the event happen! We are so grateful for our dedicated helpers!



March Art on Display: Women's History Month

From March 3 - April 29, the glass display case, Reading Court, and Community Room at the Main Library will display vintage ephemera of women's liberation movement history, collected by Jennifer Hall Lee, Altadena Town Council member and creator of the award winning film *Feminist: Stories from Women's Liberation*. The collection includes posters, booklets, magazines, and more from primarily the 60s and 70s.



Visit www.altadenalibrary.org/art to see past exhibitions and learn how to display your art at the Altadena Libraries in future years!



Thank You from the Friends of the Library!

February saw our first huge book sale of the year. Due to the threat of rain we ended up taking over much of the Main Library to hold half of the sale indoors, with the rest outside under cover. We had an excellent turnout, taking **more than \$6,300** over the two days and finding new homes for over **13,000 books!** We would like to thank Library Director Nikki Winslow and the Library staff (especially Jonathan and Yuni) for being so supportive; our dozens of volunteers for their hard work setting up, taking down, and running the sale; and Library users for being understanding of any disruptions on the Saturday.

Last month the Friends also welcomed new Board member Tom Ruffner, who is behind many of the photos you'll see of

our events. We are always looking to grow our Board, so if you would like to get more involved please come along to our monthly Board meetings or join us for weekly book sorting.

In March, the Friends are proud to sponsor the Second Saturday concert on March 14 and the Chamber Concert on Sunday, March 29. Looking further ahead, our next BIG book sale will be a 3-day sale on May 15-17. Finally, we hope many of you will join us for the Friends Annual Meeting on Monday, June 1. Bestselling author of "The Ballad of Huck and Miguel" Tim DeRoche will be joined by CA State Senator (ret.) Gloria Romero to talk about Tim's new book "A Fine Line," which concerns the school districting laws and policies that dictate,

often unfairly, which kids are allowed to go to which schools.

- **Claire Newman | President**
 @AltadenaFriends

FOAL BOARD MEETING: Monday
 March 2, 7:30pm in the
 Community Room

BOOK SORTING:
 Tuesday, March 3 &
 Mondays, March 9, 16, 23,
 and 30, 7:00 - 9:00pm in
 the Main Library Basement
*Ask the Information Desk
 for directions.*



March Events

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



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

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

Open Mic Night - Tuesday, March 3, 7:00-8:30pm, @ML (Adults)

Learn about 2020 Census! - Wednesday, March 4, 11:00am, @BLB


Pride Book Club - Thursday, March 5, 4:00pm, @ML (Grades 6-12)

Seed Library: "Friendly Pests" with The Urban Homestead - Saturday, March 7, 10:00am-12:00pm, @ML (Adults)

Zine Space - First and Third Saturdays, 2:00-4:00pm, @ML (All Ages)

Building Healthy Relationships & Consent - Saturday, March 7, 4:00pm, @ML (Grades 6-12)

Crochet Club - Second Mondays, 6:00-8:00pm & Third Saturdays, 10:00am-12:00pm, @ML (Adults)

 **How to Love Your City** - Monday, March 9, 7:00-8:30pm, @ML (Adults)

Nom Nom Club: Latte Art - Tuesday, March 10, 4:00pm, @ML (Grades 6-12)

No Guilt Book Club - Tuesday, March 10, 7:00-8:00pm, @ML (Adults)

Crafternoon: Fairy Houses - Thursday, March 12, 3:30pm, @BLB (Elementary-age children)

Second Saturday ft. The Harbor Groove Band - Saturday, March 14, 6:30- 9:00pm, @ML (All Ages)


Teen Book-ish Club - Monday, March 16, 4:00pm, @ML (Grades 6-12)

Charlie Chaplin's "The Kid" with Live Piano Accompaniment - Tuesday, March 17, 7:00-9:00pm, @ML (All Ages)

Adult Craft: Upcycled Suncatcher - Friday, March 20, 11:00am, @BLB (Adults)

D&D @ ALD: Dungeons & Dragons Hours - Saturday, March 21, 10:00am-1:00pm, @ML (Grades 6-12)

 **Nature Identification Walk** - Saturday, March 21, 10:00am, @ML (Adults)


 **Nature Journaling for Personal Satisfaction** - Saturday, March 21, 1:00pm, @ML (Adults)

True Crime All the Time Book Club - Saturday, March 21, 4:00pm, @ML (Adults)

Barks & Books - Monday, March 23, 3:30pm, @ML (Children ages 5-12)

Sewing Class - Tuesday, March 24, 5:00-8:00pm, @ML (Grades 6-12)

Library Board of Trustees Meeting - Monday, March 23, 5:00pm, @ML

 **Spring Craft** - Saturday, March 28, 2:00pm, @ML (Children ages 5-12)

Mt. Lowe Chamber Players Concert - Sunday, March 29, 3:00-6:00pm, @ML (All Ages)

Author Talk: "A Forgotten Land: Growing Up in the Jewish Pale" by Lisa Cooper - Tuesday, March 31, 7:00pm, @ML (Adults)

Key: ••••• Never Miss an Event!

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!



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 in the Community Room.

BOB LUCAS MEMORIAL 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

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