Sustainable practices are becoming more and more commonplace as our society strives to become more environmentally and socially responsible. As we aim to cut down on our carbon footprint, we’re faced with making sustainable choices every day as we buy products large and small.

Big-ticket items such as automobiles have been at the forefront of the sustainability movement, evolving from fossil-based fuel to renewable resources. Advancements in the field have given us an array of alternative-fuel choices, including electric vehicles (EVs), green vehicles and plug-in hybrids (PHEVs).

This month, Pasadena Public Library explores new roads in technology, with sustainable and alternative fuel vehicles.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS
New Technology at Pasadena Public Library
Library Director Jan Sanders highlights the library’s recent technological advancements.
1 – 1:15 p.m. • Donald Wright Auditorium

Formula SAE Electric
Presented by the Caltech Sustainable Vehicle Club
1:15 p.m. • Donald Wright Auditorium

Future of Transportation Design
Presented by Stewart Reed, Chair, Transportation Design, Art Center College of Design
2 p.m. • Donald Wright Auditorium

Video: “What is the Electric Car?” followed by highlights from the new book, What is the Electric Car? 72 Reasons to Drive Electric
Presented by Scott DuPont, Producer and Author, followed by Q & A. Books will be available for sale.
3 p.m. • Donald Wright Auditorium

Reimagine Electric
Presented by TESLA Car Company
4 p.m. • Donald Wright Auditorium

EXHIBITS
• Pasadena Transportation Department
  Information on alternative modes of transportation.
  1 – 5 p.m. • North Parking Lot

• Pasadena Water and Power
  Information on the City of Pasadena’s electric vehicle incentive program and energy efficiency programs and incentives.
  1 – 5 p.m. • North Parking Lot

CHILDREN’S ACTIVITIES
• Create your own button featuring cars, spaceships and more.
• Crafts for Preschoolers.
  1 – 5 p.m. • West Patio
• Obstacle course featuring robots, Dash and Dot.
  2 – 3:30 p.m. • Sunroom

NEW LIBRARY CARDS AND TECHNOLOGY PETTING ZOO
1 – 5 p.m. • Great Hall

ELECTRIC VEHICLE DISPLAYS
• TESLA
• 2016 Chevy Volt
• Caltech’s Electric Go-Kart
• PWP’s BMW i3
• PWP’s Prius
  1 – 5 p.m. • North Parking Lot

Have you been thinking of purchasing an electric car? Or are you interested in learning more about them? Join us on Saturday, September 19 from 1 to 5 p.m. at Central Library, 285 E. Walnut St., to see an array of electric cars up close, including a TESLA, a 2016 Chevy Volt, Pasadena Water and Power’s (PWP’s) BMW i3 and Prius, and Caltech’s Electric Go-Kart. Enjoy presentations by alternative-vehicle experts (see the schedule below), and browse through special exhibits provided by PWP and the City’s Transportation Department. A new electric car charging station will even be unveiled in Central Library’s north parking lot. We hope to see you there!
News from Library Director
Jan Sanders

Ah, the end of summer! Seems like we just got started with summer reading, and it’s already fall! The seasons just keep slipping by me with greater and greater speed. If I didn’t know better, I’d think I was aging …

Speaking of time passing, it’s time for back-to-school. And what better way to be sure your student is ready than by handing him or her a brand new library card? This year we’re celebrating National Library Card Sign-up Month in September by breaking out three free library cards for you to choose from. You told us you wanted “keycards” so you could carry just the bar code instead of the bigger card. You got it!

We also wanted to offer you a choice of designs, so take a look at our traditional card, the one with shapes and colors giving off a “techie” feel, or the one featuring a quote from above our south doors at Central Library: “Be Made Whole By Books As By Great Spaces And The Stars.” The choice is yours! The important thing is that you have this indispensable tool in your pocket or purse so you can use PPL wherever you are. Enjoy!

Later in September, we are excited to host an entire day of information and demonstration of alternative fuel vehicles. We are unveiling a new electric car charging station in our north parking lot that day, too. Now you can come to the library and be sure that your car is juiced up and ready to go when you are. The station is made possible by the Pasadena Department of Transportation through a generous grant from the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

If this is your first trip back to the library after your summer hiatus, you will want to explore the new catalog we installed while you were gone. I think you’ll find that there are options and extras you didn’t have before. For one, putting reserves on books is even easier, and you can download right from the catalog—no more shifting to other sites to get the titles you want. Questions? Ask any staff member, or find answers on our website.

Glad to have you back for another great season here at the library. We’re excited about the possibilities and thrilled that you are with us! See you soon.

Thanks for Helping Us Turn Jan’s Hair Blue!

This summer Library Director Jan Sanders challenged Pasadena Public Library staff to sign up 5,000 participants for our Summer Reading Program. To honor those who signed up for the 2015 Summer Reading Challenge Director Sanders made good on her bet to color her hair blue as you can see by this photo.

Get Your First Library Card!

In honor of National Library Card Sign-up Month, for their first library card at any Pasadena Public Library site in September will receive a special “First Library Card” reading pack. The free gift contains a “First Library Card” certificate, a library card lanyard, bookmark and sticker, along with a “Star Reader” yard sign (while supplies last). Children will also receive a free paperback book and have their photo taken for our “Star Reader” bulletin board.

LINDA VISTA ASSOCIATES
GENERAL MEETING

YOU’RE INVITED TO ATTEND AN OPEN HOUSE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 • 10:30 A.M.
LINDA VISTA BRANCH LIBRARY • 1281 BRYANT STREET

THE LINDA VISTA ASSOCIATES ARE REINVigorATING THEIR LIBRARY SUPPORT GROUP THAT FUNDRAISES AND PLANS FUN EVENTS TO BENEFIT THE LINDA VISTA COMMUNITY.

Call (626) 744-7278 for more information.

Come Back for an Encore

PPL has a whole new catalog, Encore, featuring a more intuitive search tool, eBook checkout, eResource searching and more! New features include:

• Spell-checking and search suggestions as you type, similar to popular search engines.
• A single search for eBooks and eResources -- get books, articles and more with a single login.
• Community tags -- Encore tags resources in everyday language, with richer descriptions and better findability for users.
• You can share your discoveries via social media like Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, and more.
• You can now use the Language Settings to view searches in Spanish, Chinese (Simplified and Traditional), Russian and more!

Your current library card barcode and PIN are stored in Encore so you can log in and take a tour today! If you have questions or would like further assistance, stop by any PPL location, call us at (626) 744-4066 or contact us at http://cityofpasadena.net/library/about_the_library/contact_us.

We’re always happy to help!

New Library Cards!

Pasadena Public Library offers FREE library cards, now including a keycard option. Any California resident is eligible to receive one. There are now three designs available at all Pasadena library locations. Stop by today to choose yours or go to http://cityofpasadena.net/library/library_cards_my_account/library_cards.
Special Events

Cooking with Isaac
Learn how to prepare fresh pasta from scratch and then receive step-by-step instructions on creating a baked stuffed pasta dish. Enjoy a tasting afterwards!
Saturday, September 19 • 2 p.m. • Allendale

Pasadena: At the Corner of San Pasqual and Bandini
Join us as local author Roberta Martinez shares stories of Pasadena’s famed Elliott and Bandini families, the Greene brothers, Father Throop and the roots of Caltech, plus a Nobel prize winner or two!
Thursday, September 24 • 7 p.m. • Central Library/Donald Wright Auditorium

Working with Home Remodeling Contractors
Looking to remodel your home? Join us and pick up tips on working with contractors from the experts at Slate Ltd.
Saturday, September 26
3 p.m. Linda Vista

Family Events

Zen for Families
Learn stretching and movement techniques to help enhance you and your children’s mental, emotional and physical health. Presented by yoga instructor Merry Everest.
Wednesday, September 2 • 10:45 a.m. • Hastings
Monday, September 14 • 7 p.m. • Hastings

Knit Along with Alathea!
End your week with a fun, relaxing knitting class. Create projects perfect for your level: a scarf or cowl for beginners, and a hat for more advanced knitters. Presented by knitting instructor Alathea Allarey. All materials provided. To sign up, call (626) 744-6510.
Fridays, September 11, 18 & 25 • 3:45 – 5:45 p.m. • Villa Parke

Sun Prints
Use the power of the sun and natural objects to make interesting “photographs.” The blue molecules in the paper are sensitive to ultraviolet light, so you can create your own blue and white design. All materials provided.
Thursday, September 17 • 4 p.m. • Hill Avenue

Folk Music Concert
Enjoy a folk music concert with tunes that the whole family will enjoy, featuring Jerry Burgan of the 60s group We Five.
Saturday, September 19 • 10:45 – 11:45 a.m. Central Library/Donald Wright Auditorium

Take a Walk on the Wild Side
Explore the world of wild animals. Learn how these amazing creatures survive and thrive, and the important role they play in the planet we share. Presented by Wild Wonders, Inc.
Thursday, September 24 • 3 p.m. • Santa Catalina

By the Book

For book selections, contact the branch libraries listed.

Book Chit Chat
Tuesday, September 1 • 6:30 p.m. Hastings

Great Literature and Discussion Group
Mondays (except September 7) • 11 a.m. • Lamanda Park

Allendale Book Discussion
Saturday, September 12 • 10:30 a.m. • Allendale

Love to read? Join our two new book groups at Santa Catalina Branch & Central Library!

Santa Catalina Reads
Tuesday, September 15 • 4 p.m. • Santa Catalina

Pasadena Readers
Led by Merry Pawlowski from California State University, Bakersfield. The fall theme is “Dixie on My Mind,” featuring stories from the Southern United States. To sign up, email creeder@cityofpasadena.net.
After you sign up, pick up a copy of the first book at Central Library’s Circulation Desk’s Will Call Shelf. Future selections will be distributed at upcoming meetings.
Monday, September 21 • 3 p.m. Central Library/4th Floor Meeting Room

Hill Avenue Book Discussion
Saturday, September 26 • 10:30 a.m. • Hill Avenue

West Pasadena Book Discussion
Saturday, September 26 • 11 a.m. • Linda Vista

Rave Reviews
Monday, September 28 • 2 p.m. • Lamanda Park

Author Talk

Los Angeles Wine: A History from the Mission Era to the Present
Local author Stuart Byles, a historian raised in Pasadena, has researched the wine industry in California from the first vineyards in 1782 to the current times. His latest book, Los Angeles Wine: A History from the Mission Era to the Present, will be available for purchase and signing. Q & A will follow.
Saturday, September 26 • 2 p.m. • Allendale

Author Fair

Pasadena Public Library is looking for local authors to participate in our 3rd Annual Author Fair on Friday, October 9 from 6 – 10 p.m. at Central Library as part of Pasadena’s biannual ArtNight celebration.

All authors are invited to participate, including those who specialize in art, photography, woodworking, crafts, knitting, sewing decorating, baking, cooking, home improvement, self-help, biography, history, fiction and non-fiction, children’s literature and other subjects. Display and sell your book/s, keep all sale proceeds and greet guests one-on-one!

Participation is free. Sign up at www.pasadenapubliclibrary.net. Registration and exhibit location is based on a first-come, first-served basis. Participants will receive a confirmation email following registration.

• All Pasadena Public Library programs and events listed in this newsletter are free and open to the public.
• Our programs and events are extremely popular. Space is limited and registration may be required. Check program and event listings for details.
Films for All Ages

SEPTEMBER FILMS
This month’s film selections feature automobile car chases and electric cars.

CENTRAL LIBRARY/DONALD WRIGHT AUDITORIUM
Wednesday • 1 p.m.

Presented by The Friends of The Pasadena Public Library. The film will be cancelled if The Friends of the Library volunteers are unable to show the movie.

September 2 • Tucker: The Man and His Dream (1988) PG
Unimpressed with the cars being built following World War II, Preston Tucker dreams of building a more stylish model. But even with the help of his business-savvy wife and mechanic son, Tucker faces roadblocks -- mainly from the auto industry itself.

September 4 • Revenge of the Electric Car (2011) PG-13
Director Chris Paine takes his film crew behind the closed doors of Nissan, GM and the Silicon Valley start-up Tesla Motors to chronicle the story of the global resurgence of electric cars.

September 9 • Bullitt (1968) PG
Lt. Frank Bullitt must baby-sit a Chicago gangster for 48 hours before he testifies against his brother. But when hit men snuff the witness, Bullitt won’t be stopped in his quest for vengeance.

September 16 • Revenge of the Electric Car (2011) PG-13
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September 23 • The Italian Job (1969) G
Comic caper movie about a plan to steal a gold shipment from the streets of Turin by creating a traffic jam.

September 30 • The Yellow Rolls-Royce (1964) NR
One bright-yellow Rolls Royce has three different owners in this star-studded comedy-drama, with a Hollywood Who’s Who ensemble cast. Presented as a progression of three stories, the film earned a Golden Globe nod for Best Original Score, and Best Original Song (“Forget Domani”).

Discovery Classes (Adults)

CREATIVE ARTS
Art a la Carte
Artist Lorrie Shriner teaches drawing, watercolor and collage techniques. Beginners welcome. Wednesdays • 2 p.m. • San Rafael

Perkins Alley Poets
A poetry writing and critique workshop with facilitator Carl Stilwell. Saturdays, September 5 & 19 • 3 p.m. • Santa Catalina

Emerging Urban Poets
Featured and open poetry readings with facilitator Don Kingfisher Campbell. Saturdays, September 12 & 26 • 3 p.m. • Santa Catalina

GARDENING

Wildflowers from Seeds
Learn how to grow your own wildflower garden! Genny Arnold from the Theodore Payne Foundation will teach you how to plant wildflowers from seeds. Saturday, September 12 • 10:30 a.m. Hill Avenue

HEALTH & FITNESS

Free Health Screenings
Registered nurses from Huntington Hospital provide free blood pressure and blood sugar screenings, referrals and health education. Wednesday, September 2 • 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. Central Library/Great Hall Tuesday, September 15 • 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. • Hastings

Chair Aerobics
Learn new non-impact exercise routines performed while seated or standing next to or behind a chair. For ages 55+. Saturday, September 5 • 11 a.m. San Rafael Tuesday, September 15 • 12:30 p.m. San Rafael

Zumba Class
Zumba is a great way to lose weight, tone up, increase cardio strength, improve coordination, gain self-esteem and feel happy! Beginners are welcome. Saturdays, September 12 & 26 • 11 a.m. Lamanda Park

Yoga with Merry
Join us for an introductory session to yoga presented by yoga instructor Merry Everest. To sign up, call (626) 744-7262. Thursday, September 24 • 7 p.m. Hastings

Lip Reading and Memory Enhancement
Wednesday, September 30 • 1 p.m. Lamanda Park

LANGUAGE

Spanish Conversation Group
Thursdays • 12:45 p.m. • San Rafael

Book Us! For Help with your NEW eReader Device
Would you like to learn how to check out eBooks for your new eReader? Make a BOOK US! appointment, skip the line and meet with reference staff when it is most convenient for you. The service is available to Pasadena Public Library card holders who live or work in Pasadena.

Digital Literacy

Free Computer/Technology Classes
pasadenapubliclibrary.net/training

Central Library

Learn to Code with US
Never written a software program before? Learning your 5th programming language? Get support at our bring-your-own-laptop event. Wednesdays • 7 – 8:30 p.m. • Sunroom

Tech M@de Easy
You’ve got tech questions … we’ve got tech answers! Whether it’s your computer, laptop, Microsoft Office, smartphone or tablet, we can help you. Drop in and learn how to download eBooks and audiobooks, or test drive our new online catalog and learn to manage your own personal library account. Tuesday, September 8 • 10 – 11:30 a.m. • Studio on 4th Wednesday, September 23 • 2 – 3:30 p.m. • Studio on 4th

La Pintoresca Branch Library

Open Computer Lab Time
Teach yourself Mango Languages, FC Search Online and the 2010 Microsoft Office Suite. Research the Foundation Directory Online and apply for jobs and government programs. Computer time may be limited based on demand. Monday - Friday • 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Linda Vista Branch Library

Tech FAQs for Seniors
Stop by and speak with a librarian about your devices and/or any general tech questions. Monday, September 14 • 3 p.m.

LAW

LA Law Librarian in Law Room
Free weekly service with legal research specialists (not attorneys) to help you answer legal questions. Provided by LA Law Library. Thursdays • 1 – 5 p.m. Central Library/Law Room

Facing Eviction
One-on-one eviction defense consultation by an attorney. Learn what to expect the day of the trial. Assistance limited to eviction cases filed in the Pasadena Courthouse. To sign up, call (213) 385-2977 x 402. Thursdays • 3 – 7 p.m. Central Library/4th Floor Meeting Room

QuickLook: Self Help and Litigation Resources on the California Courts Website
Presented by the LA Law Library. Thursday, September 17 • 1 – 1:45 p.m. Central Library/Law Room

Business Services

SCORE Small Business Counseling
Free one-on-one counseling provided by business professionals to anyone operating a small business or thinking of starting one. To sign up, call (626) 744-7351. Tuesdays • Central Library/4th Floor Meeting Room

Pasadena Small Business Owners Networking Group
Increase your business knowledge, meet other local business people and practice your 30-second “elevator introduction.” Sign up at www.meetup.com/Pasadena-Small-Biz-Network. Thursdays, September 3 & 17 noon – 2 p.m. • La Pintoresca
Central Library/Children’s Story Room

Wednesday, September 16

up, call (626) 744-4066, option 4.

Confessions of Charlotte Doyle

choice.

girls 11+, their mothers or an adult guest of their

Mondays

Tuesday, September 22

For ages 9 – 12

selected book beginning September 1.

Read great books and make new friends in this

CREATIVE ARTS

Anime Your Way

Learn how to create and modify your very own

Animal character using basic shapes and simple

concepts. Presented by former Simpson’s artist

Carlos Nieto III. All materials provided. For

ages 8+. To sign up, call (626) 744-7262.

Thursday, September 3 • 4 p.m. • Hastings

Explore with Paper

Explore the artistry of paper and create a

collage. Presented by artist Medar de la Cruz.

To sign up, call (626) 744-7268.

Thursday September 10 • 4 p.m. La Pintoresca

Teen Scene

Smash Bros Club

Settle it at the Library! Super Smash Brothers for WiiU has arrived and the battles are heating

up! Every Monday you can challenge your friends, make new rivals and learn new tricks!

Pick up a GameCube remote and prepare to send foes flying! For ages 13+.

Mondays (except September 7) • 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. • Hastings

Digital Photography

Learn what makes a great captured moment. Bring your own device (iPad, iPhone, iPod Touch, Samsung, etc.) or use one of ours to create some awesome digital photos. Presented by photographer Katie Ferguson. To sign up, call (626) 744-4246.

Saturday, September 5 • 2 p.m. • Central Library/Studio on 4th

Game Maker

Learn to create and design simple computer and video game programs with digital artist

Ean Moore. Bring your own laptop or reserve one of ours. To sign up, call (626) 744-4246.

Mondays, September 14, 21 & 28 • 4:30 – 6 p.m. • Central Library/Studio on 4th

Teen Anime Afternoon

Enjoy this month’s special edition of the Anime Club, with Japanese snacks and the newest

manga in the library’s collection.

Saturday, September 12 • 2 p.m. • Central Library/Children’s Story Room

SC Anime Club

Teens, go crazy over the latest anime! Join us for a special screening.

Tuesday, September 29 • 3:30 p.m. • Santa Catalina

Teen Book Club

Read great books and make new friends in this

special book club just for tweens. Pick up the

selected book beginning September 1.

For ages 9 – 12. To sign up, call (626) 744-7262.

Tuesday, September 22 • 4:30 p.m. • Hastings

Collegebound

Free Practice SAT®, Scores, Analysis & Tips

Prepare for the official SAT® by taking a practice test proctored and scored by C2 Education. Pick up your test scores the

following week directly from C2 Education. There you will have an individual meeting and receive tips on how to raise your

scores and areas of the exam where you need to concentrate. Registration required. To sign up, call (626) 744-7262.

Saturday, September 12 • 1:30 – 4:30 p.m. • Hastings

College Essays: Stand Out and Get In!

Discover what admissions committees look for in a candidate. Pick up tips on selecting your essay topic through self-reflection

and brainstorming exercises. Learn how to structure your thoughts in an interesting and well-organized way and how to revise

your essay to create sophistication and depth. Presented by C2 Education. To sign up, call (626) 744-4246.

Tuesday, September 22 • 6:30 p.m. • Central Library/Children’s Story Room

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

STEAM Team Club

Explore the STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) concepts through creative, innovative projects based on fun STEAM-related challenges. For grades 3 – 6. To sign up, call (626) 744-7262.

Wednesday, September 9 • 4 – 5 p.m. • La Pintoresca

Lego® Club

Join us for our Lego® Club! Make stuff! Fun stuff! Science stuff! Create awesome projects based on our weekly theme. Lego® parts provided. For ages 7 – 12. To sign up, call (626) 744-7268.

Mondays (beginning September 14) • 4 p.m. • La Pintoresca

Curiosity Machine – Magnets!

Learn about the science of magnetic fields while working with your parents on engineering projects using magnets! For ages

8 – 12 and their parents. To sign up, call (626) 744-4066, option 4.

Monday, September 21 • 2 – 3 p.m. • Central Library/Children’s Story Room

Monday, September 21 • 4 – 5 p.m. • Central Library/Children’s Story Room

BOOKS AND MORE

Kids’ Book Club

Join us as we discuss and have fun with A Long

Way from Chicago by Richard Peck. For grades 3 - 5. To sign up, visit Central Library’s Children Desk or call (626) 744-4066, option 4.

Wednesday, September 9 • 4:30 p.m. Central Library/Children’s Story Room

Mother/Daughter Book Club

Join us as we discuss books that inspire compassion, self-esteem and courage in the face of social pressure and explore what it means to be a strong, confident young woman! For girls 11+, their mothers or an adult guest of their choice. This month’s selection is The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle by Avi. To sign up, call (626) 744-4066, option 4.

Wednesday, September 16 • 7 p.m. Central Library/Children’s Story Room

Tweens

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Wednesday, September 9 • 4:30 p.m. Central Library/Children’s Story Room

Kids’ Writing Workshop

Are you a dreamer? Do you love to write? It’s never too early to start writing your own stories. You don’t have to be an expert – you just have to love stories and have a great imagination. For ages 8 – 12. To sign up, call (626) 744-4066 option 4.

Friday, September 25 • 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. Central Library/Children’s Story Room

Super Cute Crafts

Do you like super cute things and want to learn to make your own? Join us and learn how! Presented by artist Liane Shih. For Teens & Teens.

Saturday, September 19 • 3 p.m. • Linda Vista

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Monday, September 21 • 4 – 5 p.m. • Central Library/Children’s Story Room

Assemblage Jewelry Workshop

Create a mixed medium piece of jewelry from an eclectic group of beads and components. Bring vintage, old or broken pieces of jewelry from home to incorporate into your unique creation, if you like. All other supplies will be provided. Presented by artist Janell Mithani. For Teens and Adults.

Saturday, September 19 • 2 p.m. Hill Avenue
**CREATIVE ARTS**

**Strike Yer Colors! There Be Pirates Here!**
Avast ye, me hearties! It’s Talk Like a Pirate Day! Join in the fun and become a pirate for a day. Be part of the sailing crew and learn the special art of eye patch, hook hands and sword making. Then come with us as we sail through the seven seas in search of treasure.

**Thursday, September 17 • 4 p.m. • Hastings**

**Books and More**

**Lucha Libros Information Night**
Second and third graders, get ready to do battle in a reading competition like no other! Are you set to be a reading warrior, a Lucha Libros Luchador? Join us and create your own luchador mask and take photos. Learn all about this year-long reading program and receive a copy of your first book. Then return in October to answer questions about the book and win prizes! For grades 2 & 3 and their families.

**Tuesday, September 1 • 6:30 p.m.**
Central Library/Donald Wright Auditorium

**Homework Help**
Volunteer homework helpers are available during the school year to help children with their homework. For students up to 5th grade.

**Mondays & Wednesdays • 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. • Hastings**

**Barks and Books**
Children read a book to a gentle, well-trained dog. Presented by Pasadena Humane Society volunteers.

**Saturday, September 5 • 11 a.m.**
Linda Vista

**Tuesday, September 8 • 3:30 p.m.**
Hastings

**Thursday, September 10 • 4 p.m.**
Central Library/Children’s Story Room

**Creative Writing for Beginning Readers**
Do you love reading? Would you like to learn how to write stories of your own? We will help you create new characters and stories using fun and easy exercises based on popular children’s books. Just bring your imagination! For ages 5 – 8. To sign up, call (626) 744-4066, option 4.

**Tuesday, September 8 • 4:30 p.m.**
Central Library/Children’s Story Room

**Digital Literacy**

**Computer Pals**
Learn how to use Word and the Internet for homework projects. For students K – 12.

**Saturdays, September 12 & 26 • 10 – 11:30 a.m.**
La Pintoresca

**Storytimes**

**CENTRAL LIBRARY**

**Infant and Toddler Storytime**

**NO STORYTIME IN SEPTEMBER**

**REGISTRATION FOR CENTRAL LIBRARY INFANT AND TODDLER STORYTIME FALL SESSION**

**Tuesday, October 6**
Central Library/Children’s Room
For more information call (626) 744-4066, option 4.

**FOR INFANTS/TODDLERS**

**THURSDAYS**

10:30 a.m. • Lamanda Park (Sept. 3 only)

**FOR PRESCHOOLERS**

**TUESDAYS**

10:30 a.m. • Hill Avenue
10:30 a.m. • Lamanda Park (Sept. 1 only)
10:30 a.m. • Villa Parke

**WEDNESDAYS**

10:30 a.m. • Allendale
10:30 a.m. • Santa Catalina (Sept. 16, 23 & 30 only)
10:45 a.m. • Hastings (Begins Sept. 30)
11 a.m. • San Rafael

**THURSDAYS**

10:30 a.m. • La Pintoresca
10:30 a.m. • Linda Vista (Sept. 10, 17 & 24 only)

**Saturdays**

10 a.m.
Central Library/Children’s Story Room

**FOR FAMILIES**

**MONDAYS**

**Marvelous Mondays**
7 p.m. • Hastings (Sept. 28 only)

**WEDNESDAYS**

**Léeme un cuento**
Spanish Storytime/Hora de cuentos en español
4 p.m. • La Pintoresca

**Hatha Yoga for Children & their Caregivers**
Learn techniques to help children relax and focus through stretching and movement, presented by Yoga instructor Merry Everest.

**Monday, September 14**
10 a.m.
Santa Catalina

**Infants & Toddlers**

**Up to 24 months**

**Baby Gym**
Spend an hour playing with your child at the library! Meet other parents and have fun with baby. We’ll have different activities set up to stimulate motor, visual and language skills.

**Monday, September 14 • 10 a.m.**
Central Library/Studio on 4th Floor

**Book Lovers**
Ages 5 – 8

**Tuesday, September 8**
Linda Vista

**Thursday, September 10**
Linda Vista

**FOR PRESCHOOLERS**

**THURSDAYS**

3:30 p.m. • Allendale
3:30 p.m. • Santa Catalina (Sept. 16, 23 & 30 only)
4:15 p.m. • Hastings (Begins Sept. 30)
5 p.m. • San Rafael

**FRIDAYS**

2:30 p.m. • Lamanda Park
3 p.m. • Villa Parke

**WEDNESDAYS**

3:30 p.m. • La Pintoresca
4 p.m. • Linda Vista (Sept. 17 & 24 only)

**Saturdays**

12 p.m.
Central Library/Children’s Story Room

**FOR FAMILIES**

**MONDAYS**

**Marvelous Mondays**
7 p.m. • Hastings (Sept. 28 only)

**WEDNESDAYS**

**Léeme un cuento**
Spanish Storytime/Hora de cuentos en español
4 p.m. • La Pintoresca

**Lucha Libros Information Night**
Second and third graders, get ready to do battle in a reading competition like no other! Are you set to be a reading warrior, a Lucha Libros Luchador? Join us and create your own luchador mask and take photos. Learn all about this year-long reading program and receive a copy of your first book. Then return in October to answer questions about the book and win prizes! For grades 2 & 3 and their families.

**Tuesday, September 1 • 6:30 p.m.**
Central Library/Donald Wright Auditorium

**Homework Help**
Volunteer homework helpers are available during the school year to help children with their homework. For students up to 5th grade.

**Mondays & Wednesdays • 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. • Hastings**

**Barks and Books**
Children read a book to a gentle, well-trained dog. Presented by Pasadena Humane Society volunteers.

**Saturday, September 5 • 11 a.m.**
Linda Vista

**Tuesday, September 8 • 3:30 p.m.**
Hastings

**Thursday, September 10 • 4 p.m.**
Central Library/Children’s Story Room

**Creative Writing for Beginning Readers**
Do you love reading? Would you like to learn how to write stories of your own? We will help you create new characters and stories using fun and easy exercises based on popular children’s books. Just bring your imagination! For ages 5 – 8. To sign up, call (626) 744-4066, option 4.

**Tuesday, September 8 • 4:30 p.m.**
Central Library/Children’s Story Room

**Computer Pals**
Learn how to use Word and the Internet for homework projects. For students K – 12.

**Saturdays, September 12 & 26 • 10 – 11:30 a.m.**
La Pintoresca

**DIGITAL LITERACY**

**Hatha Yoga for Children & their Caregivers**
Learn techniques to help children relax and focus through stretching and movement, presented by Yoga instructor Merry Everest.

**Monday, September 14**
10 a.m.
Santa Catalina

**Infants & Toddlers**

**Up to 24 months**

**Baby Gym**
Spend an hour playing with your child at the library! Meet other parents and have fun with baby. We’ll have different activities set up to stimulate motor, visual and language skills.

**Monday, September 14 • 10 a.m.**
Central Library/Studio on 4th Floor
**Hastings Branch Surprises**

At an impromptu visit to the Hastings Branch recently, I was overwhelmed by the amount of activity going on at the library. Every table and computer work station was filled. The casual reading section was more than a little busy, with all the soft chairs occupied. There was a flurry of volunteer activity, as well. Hastings is a very popular and welcoming spot for those living in East Pasadena.

I visited again the next day and finally joined the Adult Summer Reading Challenge. Who can resist seeing Library Director Jan Sanders with blue hair? Branch Manager Diane Walker took me around to see all of the recent changes at the branch. There is a new display cabinet featuring “Perfect Reject Soft Sculpture,” an array of stuffed animals created by artist Nina Salerno. The sculptures are plush, quirky toys that celebrate difference and diversity. The mission is to inspire the expression of compassion, courage and empathy through play, and to create a community of belonging. They remind everyone that we are all perfectly imperfect. The animals were an integral part of a recent program on bullying.

We then took a short walk outside to the Butterfly Garden, where Ms. Walker informed me that the garden is now an official stop for the Monarch Butterfly. It is a beautiful, tranquil gathering spot for reflection, reading and relaxation, enjoyed by many in the neighborhood.

If you haven’t stopped by to visit Hastings Branch Library before, I encourage you to do so and discover another gem in our wonderful library system.

**Morris Dent, Chair**
Pasadena Library Commission

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**Tell Your Story** Writing Contest

As part of the 2015 One City, One Story Contest, student contestants submitted an original short story sharing how they or a family member came to America. Stories depicted family tales (true or fictionalized) or explored the topic of what it means to be an American. Judges considered themes of family, being an American and immigration. The winning short stories from grades 3-5 were published in the May newsletter and the winning entries for grades 6-8 in the summer newsletter. To read their complete winning short stories, visit [http://pasadena-library.net/kids/2015/ocos](http://pasadena-library.net/kids/2015/ocos). Here are the winning entries for grades 9-12.

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**1st Place Winner**

**Judah Foster, 9th Grade**

**Title:** “Land of the Free”

**Summary:** A thirteen year old African boy is kidnapped and subjected through the stages of being sold as a slave.

**Excerpt:**

Yesterday my mom threw my baby brother overboard the cargo ship. He flew from her hands like a bundle of trash and sank into the water until he disappeared completely. She nearly dragged me over also, but as a boy of age thirteen I was stronger than her and managed to slip from her cold fingers. One of the traders, who saw what had happened, ran over and clutched my arm as I watched the captain of the ship throw his fists in my mom’s face and beat her until she stopped struggling. That was the last time I ever saw her. The trader who was gripping my arm threw me back below deck where the musty air and cluster of 400 other kidnapped Africans made me want to throw up.

A lot of the men, women and children below deck were from my land. I didn’t know anyone personally and I didn’t want to, because now they all seemed unapproachable and dead. It was as if they were taken so fast that their joy and personality was left behind on the coasts of Africa. Rubbing my sore arm, I forced myself past a few limp bodies and sat down, resting my sweaty cheek on my coffee colored knees while focusing on my shallow breathing. Somehow, the steady rocking and creaking from the ship and the distant coughs of dying people drifted me to sleep. I was rudely awakened by the sound of a woman screaming. Before, I would’ve cared about what she was crying about, but now, I screwed my eyes shut and covered my ears because her shrieking was making me sick.

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**2nd Place Winner**

**Julia Nail, 9th grade**

**Title:** “Anyone Can Be Successful”

**Summary:** After moving from Japan to America to seek help for her sister’s illness, Kira finds success in something she didn’t think of before.

**Excerpt:** Kira’s younger sister, Nagasaki, had cancer, so they wanted to leave the radioactive environment that began after the 2012 earthquake and tsunami that hit the nuclear power plant, located near their home. Their family came to the United States for better medical care and advanced medical technology only available through American engineering and research. Doctors in America could diagnose and treat Nagasaki’s illness more effectively than the doctors in Japan. A lot of people from Asia are both afraid of being ostracized at their new school. Eleanor from France and Patricia from Mexico, who are both afraid of being ostracized at their new school.

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**3rd Place Winner**

**Elizabeth Nail, 9th grade**

**Title:** “Coming to America”

**Summary:** A dual narrative of two immigrant girls, Eleanor from France and Patricia from Mexico, who are both afraid of being ostracized at their new school.

**Excerpt:** All through last night I’d been up, planning my outfit and wondering what the first day at my new school would be like. I’d dashed off a few emails to my friends back home in Lyon, but the time change put us too far apart from each other; they were all asleep in France. The reason I wasn’t there with them was because my parents had finally divorced.

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**Congratulations to all our winners!**
Celebrating Constitution Day

Join the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) – Martin Severance Chapter as they celebrate Constitution Day by the ringing of bells at 1 p.m. to celebrate “Bells Across America,” a national commemoration started in 1987 by the late Chief Justice Warren E. Burger. DAR members will also distribute free pocket copies of the American Constitution.
Thursday, September 17 • 10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. • Central Library/Great Hall

Banned Books Week
September 27 – October 3

Banned Books Week is an annual event celebrating the freedom to read and highlighting the value of free and open access to information. Banned Books Week brings together the entire book community – librarians, booksellers, publishers, teachers and readers of all types – in shared support of the freedom to express ideas, even those some consider unorthodox or unpopular.

Pasadena Library Abuzz!

Enjoy the Author Fair, comics creators, jazz, classical music, the 25th Anniversary of ADA Art Show, art history, crafts, a trivia contest, an F. Scott Fitzgerald impersonator and more!
Friday, October 9 • 6 – 10 p.m. • Central Library

Sensory Storytime Themed Kits

The library now offers Sensory Storytime Themed Kits for checkout at our Lamanda Park Branch Library. Each kit features a specific topic appropriate for individual play or family storytime. Themes include: The Alphabet, Babies, Bedtime, Birthdays, Bugs, Community Helpers, Dinosaurs, Farms, Let’s Get Dressed and more. The kits come in cloth bags and contain four books centered on the theme, an activity cd and a sensory toy.

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SEPTEMBER EXHIBITS

Central Library
Exploring New Roads
Electric Car & National Library Card Month Displays
North Entry

Digital Art: 3 Themes called String of Pearls
Paper Treasure - Sculptural forms provide a new perspective from life’s important documents.

Night Sweats - Experiences with menopause.
Metamorphosis - “Butterflies,” Flight!
KT Boyce, artist

Humanities Wing

Perfect Reject Soft Sculpture
Plush, quirky toys that celebrate difference and diversity.
Nina Salerno, artist

Centennial Room
Constitution Week – Celebrate the U.S. Constitution
The U.S. Constitution with posters, pictures and descriptions.
Presented by The Daughters of the American Revolution - Martin Severance Chapter

Reading Wing

Hastings
Missing: Find a Banned Book
Can you believe that there are still books that are banned in the U.S.? Stop by during Banned Books Week (September 27 – October 3) to check out our Banned Books Display, including a list of the most banned and challenged books.

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