The Magic of Storytime!

Once upon a time ... Those words bring us all back to the magic of childhood and the magic of stories.

Storytime plays an important role in promoting early literacy and the love of books, learning and exploring the world. Storytime programs expose children and their parents and caregivers to books, simple songs, finger plays, rhymes and crafts based on a theme, such as going to the farm, making friends or dinosaurs.

It also helps them learn behavioral skills. "Going to storytime really impacted my child’s behavior. He learned to sit quietly on the carpet and pay attention as he listened to the librarian reading the story. I am very grateful for the storytimes," said a Hill Avenue storytime parent.

When children attend storytime, they see and hear more words than they do in their normal everyday setting. During storytime, parents and caregivers learn to model reading aloud techniques by using their voice to enhance the characters and make the stories more interesting and appealing.

Reading aloud to children helps them with reading readiness and is a great way to bond as a family, beginning when they are infants through early elementary age.

Brenda Miller’s children have attended many storytimes at Pasadena Central Library. The sessions helped instill in both of them a love of language and story as well as the ability to sit still and listen to someone read to them. As a parent, she loved how the sessions were all curated by a professional librarian, exposing her to all sorts of different kinds of children’s books and other resources. "Both of my kids were better prepared to begin preschool because they attended storytimes from an early age," she said.

Xochitl Arteaga’s son, Dalí, has enjoyed storytime -- both at the library and at home -- since he was just months old. Arteaga loves to watch the wonder in his eyes as he processes and recognizes the pictures and narratives. At 15 months old, he grabs his favorite books and "reads" on his own. He laughs at the parts he recognizes as funny, and practices the words he learned as she listens to him talk to himself. As adults, we have come to marvel at the genius of children’s books. They are clever and funny, and perfectly age-appropriate.

Librarians (like Dalí’s grandma) would appreciate the photo of him above. Dalí throws toys out of his basket and makes room to settle down with a book. He sighs and rubs his little feet together as he relaxes for his favorite activity. To him, his books are his favorite toys.

Pasadena Public Library offers over 60 storytimes each month for children and their parents and caregivers, from Infant and Toddler Storytimes to Storytimes in Mandarin, Armenian and Spanish -- all FREE! The options are seemingly endless. Check them out below.

- by Angela Arzu, Youth Services Librarian

**Storytimes**

**Central Library**

**Infant and Toddler Storytime**

**Fall Session**

Oct. 13 – Dec. 15

For Infants and Toddlers

**TUESDAYS**

9:20 a.m. • Central Library/Children's Story Room

(Infants up to 17 months)

Pre-registration required.

10 & 11 a.m. • Central Library/Children’s Story Room

(Toddlers 18-36 months)

Pre-registration required.

For Infants/Toddlers

**THURSDAYS (Except Nov. 26)**

10:30 a.m. • La Pintoresca

10:30 a.m. • Linda Vista

**SATURDAYS**

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

For Preschoolers

**TUESDAYS**

10:30 a.m. • Hill Avenue

10:30 a.m. • Lamanda Park

10:30 a.m. • Villa Parke

**WEDNESDAYS**

10:30 a.m. • Allendale

10:30 a.m. • Santa Catalina

(Except Nov. 25)

10:45 a.m. • Hastings

11 a.m. • San Rafael

For Families

**MONDAYS**

Marvelous Mondays

7 p.m. • Hastings

**WEDNESDAYS (Except Nov. 25)**

Léeme un cuento

Spanish Storytime/

Hora de cuentos en español

4 p.m. • La Pintoresca

**THURSDAYS (Except Nov. 19 & 26)**

Family Storytime

3:30 p.m. • Lamanda Park

**Monthly Storytimes**

**Mandarin Storytime**

Sunday, Nov. 1 • 3 p.m.

Hastings

(Bilingual Mandarin & English)

**Wednesday, Nov. 18**

3:30 p.m. Hastings

(Mandarin only)

**Around the World Storytime**

**Wednesday, Nov. 11** • 11 a.m.

San Rafael

**Chocolate Storytime: Tales & Candy Treats for Children**

Storytelling and village building, featuring stories by or about African-Americans, followed by a chocolate treat! Led by Dr. Ayesha Randall. For ages 3+

**Friday, Nov. 20** • 4 p.m. • La Pintoresca

**Armenian Storytime**

Saturday, Nov. 21 • 11 a.m. • Santa Catalina

**Baby Storytime**

Saturday, Nov. 21 • 2 p.m. • Linda Vista

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**All Pasadena Public Libraries will be CLOSED**

**Veterans Day** • Friday, Nov. 13

**Thanksgiving Eve** • Wednesday, Nov. 25 at 5 p.m.

**Thanksgiving** • Thursday, Nov. 26 & Friday, Nov. 27

**Central Library will close on**

Saturday, Nov. 7 at 4 p.m. for the California Library Association Conference.
We are happy to see November come, as we are able to welcome the California Library Association (CLA) to our city Nov. 5-8. Pasadena is one of only a few cities who get to host the annual library conference on a regular basis, and we are delighted to have our friends and colleagues here. There will be over 1,000 librarians and library staff in the area, so look out! Seriously, it’s a great time for us to reconnect with our associates and make new professional friends, and we’re always ready to brag about Pasadena.

I am delighted to tell you that many of your library commissioners will also be attending CLA. We are happy to offer them a chance to meet other librarians from throughout the state, and compare our activities, programs and goals with others. It provides a wonderful learning experience for our citizen commissioners as they hear what’s new and exciting in the “library world.”

Appointed by the Pasadena City Council, our volunteer commissioners are very dedicated to what they do. They act as “eyes and ears” across the community, telling me what might be popular or needed, and sharing what the library is currently offering. Having a representative from every city council district (plus some at large) gives us the coverage we need to really know what Pasadena’s citizens expect from their library. We can tailor our programs, respond to current “hot issues,” and build the kind of services that YOU want—all by listening to what these involved citizens have to offer. We also keep them involved and aware of wider library issues, legislation both in Sacramento and Washington, and national trends in library services. These dedicated civil servants spend time reviewing lots of ideas and articles that I pass along to them, all in an effort to stay current and knowledgeable. At our meetings, we discuss what we want the library to be—both now and in the future—paying attention to constraints like changing demographics, static budgets and challenging technology. It’s a great conversation, and you are welcome to join us at any meeting on the third Wednesday of every month; check www.cityofpasadena.net for locations, as we move around from branch to branch.

Also, be aware that Mayor Tornek will be announcing this year’s selection for One City, One Story on Wednesday, Nov. 18. Check this newsletter for details. Be among the first to know what’s ahead!

Thanks again for your support and for all you do for the Pasadena Public Library.

Films for All Ages
This month commemorates Veterans Day, Agatha Christie’s 125th birthday and Thanksgiving cooking.

Central Library/Donald Wright Auditorium
Wednesdays • 1 p.m.

Nov. 4 • Daddy Long Legs (1955) NR
On a trip to France, millionaire Jervis Pendelton sees an 18-year-old girl in an orphanage. Enchanted with her, but mindful of the difference in their ages, he sponsors her to college in New England.

Nov. 11 • The Men (1950) NR
A paralyzed war vet tries to adjust to the world without the use of his limbs.

Nov. 18 • Murder on the Orient Express (1974) PG
In 1935, when his train is stopped by deep snow, detective Hercule Poirot is called on to solve a murder that occurred in his car the night before.

In LA’s Fairfax District, where ethnic groups abound, four households celebrate Thanksgiving amidst family tensions.

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.

Villa Parke Branch Library
Family Fun Films
For movie title, call (626) 744-6510.
Thursdays • 3:30 p.m.

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, Nov. 21 • 2 p.m. • Central Library/Children’s Story Room

SC Anime Club
Teen Anime Afternoon
Teens, go crazy over the latest anime! Join us for a special screening.
Tuesday, Nov. 24 • 3:30 p.m. • Santa Catalina
AUTHOR TALKS

The Role of Writers in Our Society: What Do We Really Value – Material Wealth or Knowledge?
Thursday, Nov. 5 • 7 p.m.
Central Library • Donald Wright Auditorium

Occidental College Alumni Seal Award winner Randy Jurado Ertll (’95) will speak about the experiences, motivation and perseverance required to be a writer in today’s society. Can we achieve social changes through the written word? What is the price that writers pay to exercise their freedom of speech?

Ertll is the author of Hope in Times of Darkness: A Salvadoran American Experience, Esperanza en Tiempos de Oscuridad: La Experiencia de un Salvadoreño Americano, The Life of an Activist: In the Frontlines 24/7, and The Lives and Times of El Cipitio. His books will be available for sale and signing.

Shot Down: The True Story of Pilot Howard Snyder and the Crew of the B-17 Susan Ruth
Thursday, Nov. 12 • 7 p.m.
Central Library • Donald Wright Auditorium

Shot Down is about author Steve Snyder’s father, pilot Howard Snyder, the 10-man crew of the B-17 Susan Ruth, and the unique experiences of each man after their plane was knocked out of the sky by German fighters over the French/Belgium border on Feb. 8, 1944. Some men died. Some were captured and became prisoners of war. Some evaded the Germans for awhile but were betrayed, captured and shot. Some men evaded capture and were missing in action for seven months. The stories are all different and all remarkable.

A fascinating account set within the compelling events of the war in Europe, the book offers an insider’s seat to the drama surrounding a remarkable group of young airmen and the courageous Belgian people who risked their lives to help them. Join us as Snyder takes us through the stories of the crewmen, who come alive through their letters, oral and written accounts, military records and interviews. Books will be available for sale and signing.

Waterman: The Life and Times of Duke Kahanamoku
Saturday, Nov. 14 • 2 p.m.
Allendale Branch Library

Join us as Los Angeles-based author David Davis discusses and signs copies of his new biography, Waterman: The Life and Times of Duke Kahanamoku. Long before Olympians Michael Phelps and Mark Spitz made their splashes in the pool, Duke Kahanamoku (1890-1968) emerged from the backwaters of Waikiki to become America’s first superstar swimmer. The original “human fish” won numerous Olympic medals and set dozens of world records, and his rivalry with Johnny Weissmuller helped transform competitive swimming from an insignificant sideshow into a headliner event. Kahanamoku used his Olympic fame to introduce surfing, an activity unknown outside of Hawaii, to the rest of the world. No American athlete has influenced two sports as profoundly as Duke Kahanamoku did, and yet he remains an enigmatic and underappreciated figure – a dark-skinned Pacific Islander who encountered and overcame racism and ignorance before the likes of Joe Louis, Jesse Owens and Jackie Robinson. David Davis is the author of several books, and his work has appeared in Sports Illustrated, Smithsonian Magazine, The New York Times, The Los Angeles Times and elsewhere. Books will be available for sale and signing.

NOVEMBER EXHIBITS

Central Library
Frederick Martin Postcards
North Entry

Free Your Mind
Display by artist Bridget Ford.
Humanities Wing

Hastings
Artwork of Ronald J. Llanos
Artwork done in sketchbooks and fold-out accordion books focusing on the youth culture of urban Los Angeles.

Free Seasonal Flu Shot Clinics
Free flu shots will be offered to children and adults ages 6 months and older by the Pasadena Public Health Department. Minors must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Vaccine supplies are limited. Flu shots will be given on a first-come, first-served basis.
Tuesday, Nov. 10 • 9 – 11 a.m.
Santa Catalina
Tuesday, Nov. 17 • 9 – 11 a.m.
Allendale
Tuesday, Nov. 24 • 9 – 11 a.m.
La Pintoresca

• 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.
By the Book
For book selections, contact the branch libraries listed.

Great Literature and Discussion Group
Mondays • 11 a.m. • Lamanda Park

Book Chit Chat
Tuesday, Nov. 3 • 6:30 p.m. • Hastings

Allendale Book Discussion
Saturday, Nov. 7 • 10:30 a.m. • Allendale

Pasadena Readers
Led by Dr. Merry Pawlowski, Emeritus Professor of English, California State University, Bakersfield. The fall theme is “Southern Stories.” To sign up, email creeder@cityofpasadena.net.
Monday, Nov. 16 • 3 p.m. • Central Library/4th Floor Meeting Room

Santa Catalina Reads
Tuesday, Nov. 17 • 4 p.m. • Santa Catalina

Hill Avenue Book Discussion
Saturday, Nov. 21 • 10:30 a.m. • Hill Avenue

West Pasadena Book Discussion
Saturday, Nov. 21 • 11 a.m. • Linda Vista

Rave Reviews
Monday, Nov. 23 • 2 p.m. • Lamanda Park

Discovery Classes

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

San Rafael Knitting Group
Knit one, purf two! Learn how to knit.
Thursdays, Nov. 5 & 19 • 2 p.m. • San Rafael

Perkins Alley Poets
A poetry writing and critique workshop with facilitator Carl Stiwell.
Saturdays, Nov. 7 & 21 • 3 p.m. • Santa Catalina

Emerging Urban Poets
Featured and open poetry readings with facilitator Don Kingfisher Campbell.
Saturday, Nov. 28 • 3 p.m. • Santa Catalina

GARDENING
Home Garden Tour
Jose Ramirez’ garden is a work of art, featuring over 60 varieties of fruit trees and an abundance of vegetables planted artfully in a terraced space. He has cultivated a spectacularly concentrated and beautiful garden that you won’t want to miss. Call (626) 744-7264 for directions. Carpooling is encouraged.
Saturday, Nov. 14 • 10:30 a.m. • Hill Avenue

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, Nov. 14 & 28 • 11 a.m. • Lamanda Park

HEALTH & FITNESS
Lip Reading and Memory Enhancement
Wednesdays • 1 p.m. (Except Nov. 25) Lamanda Park

Free Health Screenings
Registered nurses from Huntington Hospital provide free blood pressure and blood sugar screenings, referrals and health education.
Wednesday, Nov. 4 • 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. Central Library/Great Hall
Tuesday, Nov. 17 • 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, Nov. 7 • 12:40 p.m. • San Rafael
Tuesday, Nov. 17 • 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, Nov. 14 & 28 • 11 a.m. • Lamanda Park

HISTORY
Pasadena African-American Genealogy Group
Search out your heritage and recover the past with this dynamic genealogy group.
Saturday, Nov. 7 • 2:30 p.m. • Lamanda Park

LANGUAGE
Spanish Conversation Group
Thursdays • 12:45 p.m. • San Rafael (Except Nov. 26)

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. (Except Nov. 26) 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. (Except Nov. 26) Central Library/4th Floor Meeting Room

QuickLook: Introduction to Lexis Advance
Presented by the LA Law Library.
Thursday, Nov. 19 • 1 – 1:45 p.m. Central Library/Law Room

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 programing language? Get support at our bring-your-own-laptop event.
Wednesdays, Nov. 4, 11 & 18 • 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, Nov. 10 • 10 – 11:30 a.m. • Studio on 4th
Wednesday, Nov. 25 • 2:30 – 4 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. (Except Nov. 26 & 27)

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, Nov. 9 • 3 p.m.
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 @ www.meetup.com/Pasadena-Small-Business

Thursdays, Nov. 5 & 19 • noon – 2 p.m. • La Pintoresca

Books and More

Mondays

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, Nov. 11 • 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

CREATIVE ARTS

Button Maker Madness
Explore your creativity and make a one-of-a-kind button. Draw a unique image or search through our old magazines for just the thing! Make them for your friends or to decorate your backpack. All materials provided. For ages 9 – 12. To sign up call (626) 744-7262.

Thursday, Nov. 12 • 4 p.m. • Hastings

Science and Technology

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 • 4 p.m. • La Pintoresca

WEEKLY WORKSHOPS

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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 Blossoming Universe of Violet Diamond, by Brenda Woods. To sign up, call (626) 744-4066, option 4.

Wednesday, Nov. 18 • 7 p.m. • Central Library/Children’s Story Room

TEENS

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 Blossoming Universe of Violet Diamond, by Brenda Woods. To sign up, call (626) 744-4066, option 4.

Wednesday, Nov. 18 • 7 p.m. • Central Library/Children’s Story Room

HIGH SCHOOL BOUND

Preparing for High School Life
Speaker series presented by Dan Bodwell, Associate Director of Admissions, Maranatha High School, held at Central Library. For students 6th grade and up. Call (626) 744-4066, option 4 to sign up.

Preparing for the Independent School Entrance Exam (ISEE)
Thursday, Nov. 5 • 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Students will receive a detailed overview of the ISEE exam, including format, question types and ways to prepare, as well as admissions requirements. Students will gain an understanding of how schools weigh the ISEE as part of the admissions process.

Preparing for the Interview and High School Life
Thursday, Nov. 12
7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Students will receive sample questions to consider and interview prep tips. They will also take part in a mini mock interview, practicing effective introductions, expressing school fit and voicing their interest in the school of their choice.

They will also learn about the different aspects of high school life from emotional, social and academic perspectives. Highlights will include ways to engage in extra-curricular activities, handling teacher expectations and ways to deal with social challenges.

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FREE PRACTICE ACT®, Scores, Analysis & Tips
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Saturday, Nov. 14 • 1:30 – 4:30 p.m. • Hastings

COLLEGE BOUND

Social Media Mistakes and Fixes That Can Affect College Admissions
College admission officers want to know the real you, but that doesn’t mean that they have to see what you were doing last Friday night. Learn the best ways to use social media and how to avoid getting rejected due to a post, picture or status update. Discover exactly why posts on supposedly anonymous sites like Snapchat are not as private as you think. Learn how to use social media to your advantage and how to clean up your digital footprint. Presented by National College Planning Solutions, Inc.

Thursday, Nov. 12 • 7 – 8 p.m. • Hastings

Free Practice ACT®, Scores, Analysis & Tips
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Young Readers League Celebrates Rump

Rump, by author Liesl Shurtliff, is this year’s Young Readers League selection. In the spirit of One City, One Story, the Young Readers League was designed as a school-wide community reading extravaganza. As with the annual One City, One Story program, a month-long series of theme-related programs and events are planned, culminating with the author event. The program was established by Vroman’s Bookstore and is sponsored this year by The Friends of the Pasadena Public Library.

Create a Gnome Home
Legend has it that if you build a tiny house in your yard, you just might attract a fairy or gnome. Grab a basket and head outside to gather your building materials. It can be twigs, rocks, moss — anything that inspires you with its shape, texture or color. Just make sure that you don’t harm any trees or other living things. Bring all your materials to create a fantastic structure, to be envied by all the neighborhood gnomes. Additional building materials will be provided. For ages 10+. To sign up, call (626) 744-7262.
Tuesday, Nov. 3 • 4 p.m. • Hastings

Magic Show
Magic is in the air as you enjoy a magical performance like Kessler, the traveling magician in Rump. For all ages.
Wednesday, Nov. 4 • 11 a.m. • San Rafael

Rump’s Restaurant
Enjoy food-filled fun, creating food and food-structures inspired by Rump. We’ll make butter to put on the miller’s bread, build a spaghetti tower for Rump’s gold and create some tasty troll sludge. Yum! For ages 8+. To sign up call (626) 744-4066, option 4 or register at the Children’s Desk.
Monday, Nov. 9 • 4:30 p.m. • Central Library/Library Studio on 4th

Kids’ Book Club
Join us as we discuss and have fun with this year’s Young Readers League book, Rump, by Liesl Shurtliff. For grades 3 – 5. To sign up call (626) 744-4066, option 4 or register at the Children’s Desk.
Wednesday, Nov. 11 • 4:30 p.m. • Central Library/Library Studio on 4th

Discovery Days
You can’t spin straw into gold? That’s OK. Discover your own magical talent. It could be games, crafts or something you’ve never seen before! A fun adventure awaits – don’t miss it! For teens only.
Thursday, Nov. 12 • 3 p.m. • Allendale

Spinning Magic with Rump
“Spin” out of control with Rump. Join us as we discuss Rump’s true story, use his magical spinning wheel, and dig for gold. Come, unleash the magic with you while you enjoy tasty Troll Sludge.
Thursday, Nov. 12 • 3:30 p.m. • La Pintoresca

DIY Bracelet Making
Want to be like Rump and weave your own bracelet? Then join us and create one with the Rainbow Loom! For ages 7+.
Thursday, Nov. 12 • 3:30 p.m. • Santa Catalina

Paint a Gnome Workshop
Paint your very own magical gnome! For families with children ages 7+. To sign up call (626) 744-7278.
Saturday, Nov. 14 • 11 a.m. • Linda Vista

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.
Saturday, Nov. 14 • 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. • Central Library/Library Studio on 4th

Maleficent
A vengeful fairy is driven to curse an infant princess, only to discover that the child may be the one person who can restore peace to their troubled land.
Monday, Nov. 16 • 3 p.m. • Allendale

Tween Book Club
Read great books and make new friends in this special book club just for tweens. For ages 9 – 12. To sign up, call (626) 744-7262.
Tuesday, Nov. 17 • 4:30 p.m. • Hastings

Conversation with Author Liesl Shurtliff
Meet the author, learn the truth, and search for gold!
Tuesday, Nov. 17 • 6 p.m.
Central Library/Library Studio on 4th
Celebrate Rump, this year’s Young Readers League selection. Meet author Liesl Shurtliff, go on a scavenger hunt, don disguises in the photo booth, snag a prize and munch on themed snacks.

Trees of Gold
Create a tree or a whole forest with leaves of gold. All materials provided.
Thursday, Nov. 19 • 3:30 p.m. • Hill Avenue

Handmade Lettering
Transform your handwriting into artful drawings. Style a phrase or your name, and develop an illustrative concept that matches its mood and tone. For teens only.
Led by Alethea Allarey. To sign up, call (626) 744-4246.
Thursday, Nov. 19 • 4:30 p.m. • Central Library/Library Studio on 4th

Doll Making
Sew your own Rump inspired doll. Led by artist Liane Shih. For ages 8+. To sign up, call (626) 744-7266.
Saturday, Nov. 21 • 3 p.m. • Lamanda Park

“What’s in a Name” Contest
In the spirit of this year’s Young Reader’s League selection, Rump, by Liesl Shurtliff, we are holding a writing contest. In 300 words or less, tell us something about your name. This could be how you got your name, what it means to you, or what it means in general. Anything about your name is fine. The winners will be featured on the library blogs and win a gift card to Vroman’s Bookstore. Contest forms are available at all library sites and online at www.pasadenapubliclibrary.net.
Deadline Nov. 30, 2015.

Entry Categories
Ages 8 – 11 • Ages 12 – 14

First prize
$100 gift card to Vroman’s Bookstore

Second prize
$50 gift card to Vroman’s Bookstore

Third prize
$25 gift card to Vroman’s Bookstore

For more information, contact:
Jane Gov • (626) 744-4246 or Jennifer Driscoll • (626) 744-4389
**BOOKS AND MORE**

**Barks and Books**
Children read a book to a gentle, well-trained dog. Presented by Pasadena Humane Society volunteers.
- Saturday, Nov. 7 • 11 a.m. • Linda Vista
- Tuesday, Nov. 10 • 3:30 p.m. • Hastings
- Wednesday, Nov. 11 • 4 p.m. • Villa Parke
- Thursday, Nov. 12 • 4 p.m. Central Library/Children’s Story Room
- Saturday, Nov. 14 • 11 a.m. • Santa Catalina
- Thursday, Nov. 19 • 3:30 p.m. • Lamanda Park
- Monday, Nov. 23 • 3 p.m. • La Pintoresca
- Tuesday, Nov. 24 • 3:30 p.m. • Hill Avenue

**Lucha Libros**
Second and third graders, if you can answer questions about this month’s book, you will prove yourself a reading warrior and a Lucha Libros luchador – and earn fun prizes! The book will be *Junie B. Jones and Her Big Fat Mouth*, by Barbara Park. For grades 2 & 3 and their families. You must register at least one week in advance with AnnMarie Hurtado (626) 744-4725.
- Tuesday, Nov. 3 • 6:30 p.m. • Central Library/Donald Wright Auditorium

**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, Nov. 10 • 4:30 p.m. • Central Library/Children’s Story Room

**Got Books?**
Practice your reading skills and enjoy literacy activities with students from La Salle High School.
- Tuesdays, Nov. 10 & 17 • 3 – 4:30 p.m. • Hastings

**CREATIVE ARTS**

**Art Class**
Explore all different kinds of art making! Have fun painting, working with clay and creating collages. Presented by the Armory Center for the Arts.
- Tuesdays • 3:30 – 5 p.m. (Except Nov. 24) La Pintoresca

**When Animals Were People**
Flights of Fantasy Story Theatre will share stories from the Chumash culture in celebration of Native American Heritage Month. Join in the fun and share the laughter with coyote, crow, hare and their friends as you experience the literature of one of the ancient Native American people.
- Thursday, Nov. 5 • 10:30 a.m. • Santa Catalina
- Tuesday, Nov. 10 • 1:30 p.m. • La Pintoresca

**HOMEWORK HELP**

**After-school Homework Help**
Need help with your homework or practice reading? Drop by the library and one of our volunteers can help.
- For students grades K – 5.
  - Mondays & Wednesdays (Except Nov. 25)
  - 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. • Hastings
- For students grades K – 8.
  - To reserve a time, call (626) 744-4066, option 4.
  - Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays (Except Nov. 25 & 26)
  - 4 – 6 p.m. Central Library/Children’s Room

**Computer Pals**
Learn how to use Microsoft Word and the Internet for homework projects. For students grades K – 12.
- Saturdays, Nov. 7 & 21 • 10 – 11:30 a.m. • La Pintoresca

**Infants & Toddlers** (Up to 20 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, Nov. 2 • 10 a.m. • Central Library/Studio on 4th

**For Storytime listings see front cover.**

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**The Friends of the Pasadena Public Library Bookstore**
Open Monday – Friday
11 a.m. – 4 p.m. • Central Library

**The Friends of the Pasadena Public Library Book Sale**
Second Saturday of each month
9 a.m. – noon • Central Library East Patio
One of my life’s most significant experiences was the week I spent volunteering with the wild bison herd on the rugged border of Yellowstone National Park with an environmental conservation group called Buffalo Field Campaign - the only nonprofit in our nation exclusively dedicated to protecting wild North American bison. I’m reading In the Presence of Buffalo, the riveting memoir of my friend Daniel Brister, co-founder of Buffalo Field Campaign. In his memoir (available at the Pasadena Library!), Daniel describes how he became compelled to dedicate his life to protecting the North American bison and he also gives an unflinching account of the political and economic challenges facing this key species. In the Presence of Buffalo is an inspirational read and also spiritual, as buffalo are inextricably linked to sacred elements of Native American culture. If you enjoyed The Legacy of Luna by Julia “Butterfly” Hill, you will definitely love this book. Who knows? You may even find yourself volunteering with wild bison in the future!

Andrea Abrams
Pasadena Library Commission

It is not really my style to read more than one book at a time, but conditions like “borrowed book,” book club, library due date approaching, for example, have involved my reading several books simultaneously.

I have just finished The Sound and the Fury, by William Faulkner. It is a difficult read but I finally finished it for the book club.

I also read Malice at the Palace, by Rys Bowen. This is a delightful, cozy mystery during the 1930s in England during George V’s time. Very entertaining!

I also just finished The Wright Brothers, by David McCullough, a wonderful book about the early and inventive years of the two brothers in Dayton and their bike shop.

I am currently reading The Grapes of Wrath, by John Steinbeck, a very depressing story about the Dust Bowl victims and their trek across the desert to California in the 1930s.

Morris Dent, Chair
Pasadena Library Commission

### LOCATIONS & HOURS

Central Library - 285 E. Walnut Street • (626) 744-4066
Mon–Thurs • 9 a.m. – 9 p.m. Fri & Sat • 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Sun • 1 – 5 p.m.

Allenland Branch - 1130 S. Marengo Ave.
(626) 744-7260
Mon–Thurs & Sat • 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Fri • 2 – 6 p.m.

Hastings Branch - 3325 E. Orange Grove Blvd.
(626) 744-7262
Mon–Thurs • 10 a.m. – 9 p.m. Fri & Sat • 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Sun • 1 – 5 p.m.

Hill Avenue Branch - 55 S. Hill Avenue • (626) 744-7264
Mon–Thurs & Sat • 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Fri • 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Lamanda Park Branch - 140 S. Altadena Drive
(626) 744-7266
Mon–Thurs & Sat • 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Fri • 2 – 6 p.m.

La Pintoresca Branch - 1355 N. Raymond Avenue
(626) 744-7268
Mon–Sat • 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Linda Vista Branch - 1281 Bryant Street • (626) 744-7278
Mon–Thurs & Sat • 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Fri • 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

San Rafael Branch - 1240 Nithsdale Road
(626) 744-7270
Mon–Thurs & Sat • 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Fri • 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Santa Catalina Branch - 999 E. Washington Blvd.
(626) 744-7272
Mon–Thurs & Sat • 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Fri • 2 – 6 p.m.

Villa Parke Branch - 363 East Villa Street • (626) 744-6510
Mon–Fri • 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Sat • 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Visit Central Grounds
For Coffee & Food
Central Library Patio

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Additional free parking is available on Saturdays & Sundays at the adjacent University of Phoenix underground parking structure.
To access the lot, enter the driveway near the corner of Garfield & Corson streets.

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