Inside this Issue:

2016 One City, One Story Selection Announced
Page 2

December Event Listings
Page 3 – 7

Holiday Films & Activities
Page 4

Holiday Hours
All Libraries will OPEN at 12 noon on Thursday, Dec. 10
Central Library will close on Thursday, Dec. 17 at 4 p.m. for a private Mayoral event
Villa Parke Branch Library & Community Center will be closed Thursday, Dec. 24 – Sunday, Jan. 3, 2016

All Pasadena Public Libraries will be CLOSED for the following holidays:
Thursday & Friday, Dec. 24 & 25
Thursday & Friday, Dec. 31 & Jan. 1, 2016

Kick off your holidays at the Library!

Hanukkah
Enjoy our special displays celebrating the Festival of Lights.
Central Library • La Pintoresca Branch • Linda Vista Branch

Tree Lightings
4th Annual Allendale Holiday Literary Festival & 14th Annual Tree Lighting
Poets and authors Laurel Ann Bogen, F. Douglas Brown, Jessica Ceballos, David Kipen, Angela Penalredondo, Minh Pham, Joan-Jobe Smith, Phil Taggart, and Vickie Vertiz will explore the “true meanings” of the holidays in works ranging from the irreverent to the inspirational. Tree lighting at 5:30 p.m. Presented in partnership with the Madison Heights Neighborhood Association and Pasadena Public Works Department.
Saturday, Dec. 5 • 4 – 6 p.m. Allendale

3rd Annual Holiday Celebration and Tree Lighting
It’s the most wonderful time of the year! Get into the spirit of the season and join in the fun as we light our Christmas tree. Presented in partnership with the Hastings Branch Associates and Pasadena Public Works Department.
Friday, Dec. 11 • 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. Hastings

15th Annual Christmas Tree Lighting
Join in the holiday fun as we make holiday crafts, sing carols, visit with Santa and enjoy refreshments. Tree lighting at 6 p.m. Presented in partnership by the Pasadena Parks & Recreation Dept., Pasadena Public Works Dept., and Armory Center for the Arts.
Friday, Dec. 11 • 5 - 7 p.m. La Pintoresca Park

Concerts
Guitar Orchestra Holiday Concert
Enjoy the music of the holidays featuring A Night on Bald Mountain and The Arrival of the Queen performed by the Junior Guitar Orchestra and the Los Angeles Youth Guitar Orchestra.
Thursday, Dec. 3 • 7 p.m.
Central Library/Donald Wright Auditorium

Celebrate the Holidays with Music!
Harpist Allison Allport, a featured performer with the Pasadena Symphony and POPS, will present a solo harp concert for the whole family.
Wednesday, Dec. 16 • 3:30 p.m. • Hill Avenue

Holiday Concert and Party with José Luis Orozco
Celebrate the holidays with a musical performance by singer and author José Luis Orozco—and a special visitor from the North Pole!
Wednesday, Dec. 16 • 4 p.m. • La Pintoresca

Puppet Shows
Wacky Winter Adventure with Luce Puppets
Travel along with Pepe the Dog and Freezey the Snow Girl on their adventure to the North Pole to find the Gingerbread Princess, who, it is rumored, can grant anyone one wish. Pepe and Freezey need this wish to stop Freezey from melting when spring comes. Madcap adventures ensue! A charming and whimsical tale of friendship, loyalty, and resourcefulness.
Thursday, Dec. 17 • 10:30 a.m. • Linda Vista
Thursday, Dec. 17 • 3:30 p.m. • Santa Catalina

Kwanzaa
27th Annual Kwanzaa Celebration
Join us for Kwanzaa: A Celebration of Family, Community & Culture. Enjoy music, stories and tasty dishes prepared by members of the Pasadena Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.
Monday, Dec. 28 • 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. La Pintoresca

Holiday Greetings
All of us at the Pasadena Public Library join in saying “thank you” for supporting your library this past year. We wish you much happiness this holiday season and throughout the coming year.

Jan Sanders
Director of Libraries and Information Services

Off the Shelf Newsletter Online
The best of the season to you and yours! However you celebrate, whatever is your tradition, wherever you go—may all the joy of the season be yours.

As we pass through the final days of 2015, let’s consider some of the best parts of the year—at least the best parts where PPL is concerned! I only have space to do a few memories, but look for a fuller report in our January “Off the Shelf.” Here goes:

1) We celebrated a successful “One City, One Story” in March by highlighting THE UNKNOWN AMERICANS by Christina Henriquez. This year, our author visit went to Blair High school, where a crowd of eager students heard her remarks. The group had previously read the work and many had stories of their own to share. The Community Conversation in which I interviewed Ms. Henriquez drew a crowd as well and she kept fully kept everyone’s attention. As always, the selection committee chose a natural storyteller for our author.

2) Some of you remember that we did something a bit unusual to emphasize our Summer Reading Program. I challenged the staff to sign up 5,000 people to participate, whereupon I would dye my hair blue! We fell a tiny bit short of that number, but in an effort to honor those who DID sign up, I went ahead a turned blue for the season! If you want more details, pictures, and video, search “blue hair librarian Pasadena” on YouTube. It’s pretty funny. More importantly, we had thousands of people reading all through the summer and hopefully kept some students from suffering “the summer slide,” in which their skills drop and have to be re-gained when they return to school in the fall.

3) ArtNight has become a wonderful attraction for us every year. This year was no different. Christina Reeder, who leads us in this effort, wanted to emphasize local authors, so we invited several. Very quickly, all 72 seats were taken, and we could have added another 15-20 easily. We limited it to Pasadena and the San Gabriel Valley area and still had more than we could accommodate! Certainly, there is no shortage of talent surrounding us and we’re happy to play a small role in showcasing their efforts.

But there’s so much more I could share. Above all, we added services (electronic magazines), new titles (keeping up with all the bestsellers), new programs (more for adults like Zumba, chair aerobics, etc.), and new adventures. We hope we are meeting your expectations. The next time you’re in, take a minute to let staff know if we’re making your library reflect your needs.

Thanks again for all you do to help make us a strong library and for helping to make Pasadena the stellar community we want to be. Happy December!

---

2016 One City, One Story Selection Announced

Pasadena’s 14th One City, One Story community reading celebration book selection is the novel Orphan Train, by author Christine Baker Kline.

Now in its 14th year, sponsored by Pasadena Public Library, One City, One Story is designed to broaden and deepen an appreciation of reading and literature by recommending a compelling book that links the community in a common conversation on important issues.

Between 1854 and 1929, so-called orphan trains ran regularly from the cities of the East Coast to the farmlands of the Midwest, carrying thousands of abandoned children whose fates would be determined by luck or chance. Would they be adopted by a kind and loving family, or would they face a childhood and adolescence of hard labor and servitude?

As a young Irish immigrant, Vivian Daly was one such child, sent by rail from New York City to an uncertain future a world away. Returning east later in life, Vivian leads a quiet, peaceful existence on the coast of Maine, the memories of her upbringing rendered a hazy blur. But in her attic, hidden in trunks, are vestiges of a turbulent past.

Seventeen-year-old Molly Ayer knows that a community-service position helping an elderly widow clean out her attic is the only thing keeping her out of juvenile hall. But as Molly helps Vivian sort through her keepsakes and possessions, she discovers that she and Vivian aren’t as different as they appear. A Penobscot Indian who has spent her youth in and out of foster homes, Molly is also an outsider being raised by strangers, and she, too, has unanswered questions about the past.

Moving between contemporary Maine and Depression-era Minnesota, Orphan Train is a powerful tale of upheaval and resilience, second chances and unexpected friendship.

Christina Baker Kline is the author of five novels, including the #1 New York Times bestselling Orphan Train. Her other novels include Bird in Hand, The Way Life Should Be, Desire Lines and Sweet Water. She is currently at work on a novel based on the iconic painting Christina’s World, by Andrew Wyeth.

Kline has also written and edited five nonfiction books, and she commissioned and edited two widely praised collections of original essays on the first year of parenthood and raising young children, Child of Mine and Room to Grow, and a book on grieving, Always Too Soon. She is the co-editor, with Anne Burt, of a collection of personal essays called About Face: Women Write About What They See When They Look in the Mirror; and is co-author, with her mother, Christina Looper Baker, of a book on feminist mothers and daughters, The Conversation Begins. Her essays, articles, and reviews have appeared in The New York Times, the San Francisco Chronicle, Money, More and Psychology Today, among other places.

Kline was born in Cambridge, England, and raised there as well as in the American South and Maine. She is a graduate of Yale, Cambridge and the University of Virginia, where she was a Henry Hoyns Fellow in Fiction Writing. She has taught fiction and nonfiction writing, poetry, English literature, literary theory and women’s studies at Yale, NYU, and Drew University, and served as Writer-in-Residence at Fordham University for four years. She is a recipient of several Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation Fellowships and Writer-in-Residence Fellowships at the Virginia Center for the Creative Arts. She supports a number of libraries and other associations in New Jersey and Maine, and is a member of the Advisory Board for Roots & Wings, a nonprofit that provides support for at-risk adolescent and aged-out foster care youth.

Kline lives in an old house in Montclair, New Jersey, with her husband, David Kline, and three sons, Hayden, Will and Eli. She spends as much time as possible in an even older house in Southwest Harbor, Maine.

Programs will be held throughout March culminating in a discussion with the author on Thursday evening, March 31, 2016. Event details will be announced in the near future.
Book Clubs are increasing in popularity. There are adult groups, student-led groups, mother-daughter groups, father-son groups, teen groups, tween groups and parent-child groups, to name just a few. Pasadena has over 200 book groups alone!

Are you a book club member? Interested in meeting other book club members? Interested in participating in One City, One Story 2016? If so, please register your book club by e-mailing onecity@cityofpasadena.net

By the Book

For book selections, contact the branch libraries listed.

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

**Allendale Book Discussion**
Saturday, Dec. 5 • 10:30 a.m. • Allendale

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

**West Pasadena Book Discussion**
Saturday, Dec. 12 • 11 a.m. • San Rafael

**Santa Catalina Reads**
Tuesday, Dec. 15 • 4 p.m. • Santa Catalina

**Hill Avenue Book Discussion**
Saturday, Dec. 19 • 10:30 a.m. • Hill Avenue

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

**Holiday Shopper’s Special!**
Find that perfect gift for someone special or for little ‘ol you! Ten cents a book or bring your own bag and fill it to the brim with books for $1. You can’t go wrong!

**Tuesday, Dec. 1 – Saturday, Dec. 5**
10 a.m. – 6 p.m. (Tues. - Fri.)
& 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. (Sat.)
Villa Parke

**Monday, Dec. 14 – Saturday, Dec. 19**
10 a.m. – 6 p.m. (Mon. – Thurs. & Sat.)
& 2 – 6 p.m. (Fri.)
Santa Catalina

The Friends of the Pasadena Public Library Bookstore
Open Monday – Friday (Except Dec. 24, 25, 31 & Jan. 1)
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

- 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

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

Dec. 2 • The Cheaters (1945) NR
An eccentric wealthy family facing bankruptcy schemes to steal an inheritance, but an alcoholic ex-actor they take in for Christmas charity complicates their plan.

Dec. 9 • The Holly and the Ivy (1952) NR
A heartwarming tale of an English minister and his family reunited at Christmas time. Their story includes a remembrance of their World War II trials.

Dec. 16 • Pocketful of Miracles (1961) NR
A New York gangster and his girlfriend attempt to turn street beggar Apple Annie into a society lady when the peddler learns her daughter is marrying royalty.

Dec. 23 • Nothing Like the Holidays (2008) PG-13
A Puerto Rican family living in the area of Humboldt Park in west Chicago face what may be their last Christmas together.

Dec. 30 • New Year’s Eve (2011) PG
The lives of several couples and singles in New York intertwine over the course of New Year’s Eve.

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.

Family Fun Films
For movie title, call (626) 744-6510.

Thursday, Dec. 24 & 31
3:30 p.m. • Villa Parke

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, Dec. 5 • 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, Dec. 29 • 3:30 p.m.
Santa Catalina

December Exhibits

All Library Sites
Preparing for El Niño
Tips and information on how to prepare for the predicted El Niño weather conditions.

Central Library
Keni Arts
The Denas - Watercolor Paintings
North Entry, Humanities and Reading Wings

Hastings
Imprints
An exhibit of monoprints by artist Sherry Giang.

Paraguay: A Peace Corps Perspective
Surrounded by Bolivia, Brazil, and Argentina, the small sub-tropical nation of Paraguay lies at the heart of South America. The phrase “an island surrounded by land” refers not only to Paraguay’s physical remoteness but to a kind of psychological solitude brought about by wars, dictatorships, language, and a profound sense of unity. Join us as Peace Corps Volunteers, Genny Lewis (née Cook) and Stephen Lewis’ first-hand account of living and working in the earth of South America, and learn about Paraguay’s history, culture, natural beauty, and more!

Wednesday, Dec. 23
7 – 8:30 p.m. • Hastings

December Event Listings

Holiday Activities

Tamales with Mama
Love tamales but have no clue how to make them? Learn all about the art of tamales with Sandy “Mama” Romero and taste the love and flavor of the traditional Tamalada.

Saturday, Dec. 5 • 11 a.m.
Santa Catalina

Winter Craft Workshop
Create your own gift bags and gift tags for your holiday gifts.

For adults only.
Thursday, Dec. 10 • 3 p.m.
Linda Vista

Make a Holiday Monoprint
Join us and learn all about monoprints then make some cool holiday monoprints to keep or give away as gifts. Inspired by artist Sherry Giang’s “Imprints” exhibit. The workshop is led by the artist.

For ages 7+
Thursday, Dec. 17 • 4 p.m.
Hastings

Bird Feeder for Winter Birds
Help the birds this winter by creating a handmade bird feeder made out of a variety of natural materials to make hungry winter birds happy!

Thursday, Dec. 10 • 3:30 p.m.
Hill Avenue

Gift Tag Workshop
Create beautiful mixed medium art tags using paper, ink, colored pencils, stencils, fabric, paint and your own imagination to spruce up your holiday gifts and décor. All materials provided. This workshop is for all levels of creativity.

For teens and adults.
Friday, Dec. 18 • 3 p.m.
Villa Parke
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, purl two! Learn how to knit.
Thursdays, Dec. 3 & 17 • 2 p.m. San Rafael

Emerging Urban Poets
Featured and open poetry readings with facilitator Don Kingfisher Campbell.
Saturday, Dec. 12 • 10 a.m. • Lamanda Park

Perkins Alley Poets
A poetry writing and critique workshop with facilitator Carl Stilwell.
Saturday, Dec. 19 • 3 p.m. • Santa Catalina

GARDENING

Beneficial Bugs
A healthy native garden includes a miniature menagerie of tiny insects and other creatures that keep pest populations in check. This richly illustrated presentation highlights helpful bugs you’re likely to find in home landscapes, with tips on how to attract and conserve them.
Saturday, Dec. 5 • 10:30 a.m. • Hill Avenue

HEALTH & FITNESS

Lip Reading and Memory Enhancement
Wednesdays, Dec. 2 & 9 • 1 p.m. • Lamanda Park

Free Health Screenings
Registered nurses from Huntington Hospital provide free blood pressure and blood sugar screenings, referrals and health education.
Wednesday, Dec. 2 • 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. • Central Library/Great Hall
Tuesday, Dec. 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, Dec. 5 • 12:40 p.m. • San Rafael
Tuesday, Dec. 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, Dec. 12 & 19 • 11 a.m. • Lamanda Park

Yoga with Merry
Introduction to Yoga. To sign up call (626) 744-7262.
Thursday, Dec. 17 • 7 p.m. • Hastings

Digital Literacy

Free Computer/Technology Classes
pasadenapubliclibrary.net/training

BOOK US!

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.

HISTORY

Pasadena African-American Genealogy Group
Search out your heritage and recover the past with this dynamic genealogy group.
Saturday, Dec. 5 • 2:30 p.m. • Lamanda Park

LANGUAGE

Spanish Conversation Group
Thursdays (Except Dec. 24 & 31) • 12:45 p.m. • San Rafael

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, Dec. 3 & 10 • 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, Dec. 3 & 10 • 3 – 7 p.m. • Central Library/4th Floor Meeting Room

QuickLook: Introduction to WestlawNext
Presented by the LA Law Library.
Thursday, Dec. 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.
Tuesday, 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-Biz-Network.
Thursdays, Dec. 3 & 17 • noon – 2 p.m. • La Pintoresca

College Bound

Financial Aid: Plan Ahead & Save Money for College
Applying for financial aid can be complicated. Families often end up paying more than they need to for their child’s college education. Don’t let that happen to you! Join us for this free workshop and learn the top three strategies that can help families save money. Discover how you might qualify for financial aid even if you do not meet the requirements for the Cal Grant or other financial aid. Presented by National College Planning Solutions, Inc. Registration required. To sign up, call (626) 744-7262.
Wednesday, Dec. 9 • 7 p.m. • Hastings

Free Brand New SAT
Students, get ready for the new 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, Dec. 12 • 1:30 – 4:30 p.m. • Hastings

Creative Scene

Discovery Day
Get into the spirit as we create a special holiday craft. All materials supplied.
For teens only.
Thursday, Dec. 10 • 3 p.m. • Allendale

Make a Book Clock
Create a working clock using a recycled book! Paint or collage your own book design and install a working clock kit. Great for gifts! All materials provided. For teens only.
To sign up, call (626) 744-4246.
Saturday, Dec. 12 • 2 – 3:30 p.m. • Central Library/Studio on 4th

Metal Etching & No-bake Truffles
Personalize a metal box using a simple battery powered salt solution to etch in your design for yourself or as a gift. Then make some no-bake, no-cook chocolate truffles to fill the box. For teens only. To sign up, call (626) 744-4246.
Monday, Dec. 21 • 2 – 4 p.m. • Central Library/Studio on 4th

Teen Games Day
It’s Winter Break! Join us for board games, video games, and pizza.
Board game selection: Castle Panic, Pandemic, Forbidden Island, Dominion, Risk, Trivial Pursuit, Ticket to Ride, Monopoly, and more.
Video game selection on the Wii U: Just Dance, Mario 3D World, Dominion, Risk, Trivial Pursuit, Ticket to Ride, Monopoly, and more.
GameCube remote and prepare to send foes flying! For ages 13+.
Mondays • 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. • Hastings

YA Book Swap
It’s time to clean out that home library! Bring your leftover books or old favorites and swap them out for something new. Snacks and games also provided. Come, hang out and talk books with us.
Monday, Dec. 28 • 6 – 8 p.m. • Central Library/Studio on 4th

Books and More ...

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 • 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. • Hastings

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, Dec. 9 • 4 p.m. • Hastings

Animation for Video Games
Monday – Wednesday, Dec. 21 – 23 & Tuesday, Dec. 29
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. • La Pintoresca

GameMaker
Learn to create and design simple computer and videogame programs. Presented by digital artist Ean Moore. For ages 8+.
Monday – Wednesday, Dec. 21 – 23 & Tuesday, Dec. 29 • 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. • La Pintoresca

Ean’s Game Jam
Enjoy coding, creating and designing computer and videogame programs? Then join computer guru Ean Moore for a special “Game Jam.” For ages 8+.
Tuesday, Dec. 29 • 11:30 a.m. • La Pintoresca

Tweens

BOOKS AND MORE

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, Dec. 15 • 4:30 p.m. • Hastings

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 of your own! For ages 8 – 12. To sign up, call (626) 744-4066, option 4.
Friday, Dec. 18 • 4:30 p.m. • Central Library/Children’s Story Room

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

Make a Book Clock
Create a working clock using a recycled book! Paint or collage your own book design and install a working clock kit. Great for gifts! All materials provided. For teens only.
To sign up, call (626) 744-4246.
Saturday, Dec. 12 • 2 – 3:30 p.m. • Central Library/Studio on 4th

Metal Etching & No-bake Truffles
Personalize a metal box using a simple battery powered salt solution to etch in your design for yourself or as a gift. Then make some no-bake, no-cook chocolate truffles to fill the box. For teens only. To sign up, call (626) 744-4246.
Monday, Dec. 21 • 2 – 4 p.m. • Central Library/Studio on 4th

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, Dec. 9 • 4 p.m. • Hastings

Animation for Video Games
Monday – Wednesday, Dec. 21 – 23 & Tuesday, Dec. 29
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. • La Pintoresca

GameMaker
Learn to create and design simple computer and videogame programs. Presented by digital artist Ean Moore. For ages 8+.
Monday – Wednesday, Dec. 21 – 23 & Tuesday, Dec. 29 • 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. • La Pintoresca

Ean’s Game Jam
Enjoy coding, creating and designing computer and videogame programs? Then join computer guru Ean Moore for a special “Game Jam.” For ages 8+.
Tuesday, Dec. 29 • 11:30 a.m. • La Pintoresca
**BOOKS AND MORE**

**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 Darth Paper Strikes Back, by Tom Angleberger. For grades 2 & 3 and their families. You must register at least one week in advance with AnnMarie Hurtado (626) 744-4725.

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

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

**Saturday, Dec. 5** • 11 a.m. • Linda Vista  
**Tuesday, Dec. 8** • 3:30 p.m. • Hastings  
**Wednesday, Dec. 9** • 4 p.m. • Villa Parke

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

**Saturday, Dec. 12** • 11 a.m. • Santa Catalina  
**Thursday, Dec. 17** • 3:30 p.m. • Lamanda Park  
**Tuesday, Dec. 22** • 3:30 p.m. • Hill Avenue  
**Monday, Dec. 28** • 3 p.m. • La Pintoresca

**Got Books?**  
Practice your reading skills and enjoy literacy activities with students from La Salle High School.  
**Tuesdays, Dec. 8 & 15** • 3 – 4:30 p.m. • Hastings

**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. To reserve a time, call (626) 744-4066, option 4.

- For students grades K – 5  
  Mondays & Wednesdays  
  3:30 – 5:30 p.m. • Hastings

- For students grades K – 8  
  Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays (Except Dec. 17, 24 & 31)  
  4 – 6 p.m. • Central Library/Children’s Room

**Computer Pals**  
Learn how to use Word and the Internet for homework projects.  
**Saturdays, Dec. 5 & 19** • 10 – 11:30 a.m.  
La Pintoresca

**PLAY @ PPL**

**Baby Gym**  
Spend an hour playing with your child at the library! Meet other parents and have fun with baby.  
**Monday, Dec. 7** • 10 a.m.  
Santa Catalina

**INFANTS AND TODDLERS**  
**Up to 20 months**

**INFANTS - KINDERGARTENERS**

**Play @ PPL: Music Together**  
Newborns to Kindergarteners enjoy playing music in a fun interactive program presented by Foothills Music Together instructor Jeannia Quezada. Caregivers must participate. To sign up, call (626) 744-4066 option 4.  
**Thursday, Jan. 7** • 10 a.m.  
Central Library/Studio on 4th

**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.

**WINTER SESSION**

Register on Tuesday, Jan. 5  
Winter Session • Jan. 12 – Mar. 15

Each storyline is limited to 25 children and 25 adults. Children can be registered for one program time only. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis.  
No proxy registrations are allowed.

9 a.m. • PRIORITY REGISTRATION  
in person for Pasadena residents.  
Please bring your Pasadena Public Library card or a Driver’s License to verify your Pasadena address and receive priority registration.

11 a.m. • OPEN REGISTRATION in person.

NOON • OPEN REGISTRATION by telephone at (626) 744-4066, option 4.

**FOR INFANTS/TODDLERS**

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

**FOR PRESCHOOLERS**

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

WEDNESDAYS  
10:30 a.m. • Allendale  
10:45 a.m. • Hastings  
11 a.m. • San Rafael

THURSDAYS (Dec. 3 & 17 only)  
10:30 a.m. • La Pintoresca

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

**FOR FAMILIES**

MONDAYS  
Marvelous Mondays  
7 p.m. • Hastings

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

**MONTHLY/SPECIAL STORYTIMES**

**Mandarin Storytime**  
Sunday, Dec. 6 • 3 p.m. • Hastings  
(Bilingual Mandarin & English)

Wednesday, Dec. 16 • 3:30 p.m. • Hastings  
(Mandarin only)

**Storytime with Nicola O’Byrne**  
Children’s author, Nicola O’Byrne, will read her books, *Open Very Carefully, and Use Your Imagination*, exploring the children’s imagination through stories, drawing, and plenty of fun!  
**Tuesday, Dec. 8** • 3:30 p.m. • La Pintoresca

**Around the World Storytime**  
Wednesday, Dec. 9 • 11 a.m. • San Rafael

**Baby Storytime**  
Introduce your baby to the joy of language and reading at this early literacy-based storytime.  
**Saturday, Dec. 12** • 2 p.m. • Linda Vista

**Stories with Wooly Blue Curls**  
Wooly Blue Curls shares stories that combine Native American animal symbolism, the ancient art of tribal storytelling, fairy tales, modern dance and singing!  
**Wednesday, Dec. 16** • 10:30 a.m. • Linda Vista

**Chocolate Storytime: Tales & Candy Treats for Children**  
Join us for an afternoon of storytelling and village building, featuring stories authored by and/or about African-Americans, followed by a chocolate treat!  
Led by Dr. Ayesha Randall. *For ages 3+.*  
**Friday, Dec. 18** • 4 p.m. • La Pintoresca

**Armenian Storytime**  
Saturday, Dec. 19 • 11 a.m. • Santa Catalina
Congratulations to the associates on a very successful fundraiser which not only brought in $4,500 but also brought in many new members to the organization. Proceeds from the event will go towards creating an interactive learning and play center in the La Pintoresca Branch Library’s children’s area.

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.

Allendale 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

FREE Weekend Parking For CENTRAL LIBRARY Patrons
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.

Library Commission Welcomes You
The Library Commission is an advisory body whose role is to advise the City Council on matters relating to the public library system, so the library is well managed in a manner consistent with the law and policies, and to advise library administration on the development of library policies.

Nine members serve on the commission, one appointed by each Council member and the Mayor. The Mayor also nominates one additional member from persons recommended by the seven Council members. All must be residents of Pasadena and may serve up to two – three-year terms.

The commission meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. All meetings are open to the public and rotate between library sites. The next commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 16, 6 p.m. at San Rafael Branch Library, 1240 Nithsdale Rd. All are invited to attend and learn more about library and commission activities.

Kudos to the La Pintoresca Associates

Photos provided by: Karin Diana, Jane Gov, Catherine Hany and Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA.

Editor: Catherine Hany

The Library often photographs or videotapes programs for use in publicity materials. By being present during these activities, you consent to use of your appearance or likeness by the Library, and its licensees, designees, or assignees, in all media, worldwide, in perpetuity. To ensure the privacy of individuals and children, images will not be identified using names or personal identifying information without written approval from the photographed subject, parent or legal guardian.

For information on accessibility or to request reasonable accommodations, please call the branch location listed in this brochure one week in advance of program or event.

Visit Central Grounds For Coffee & Food
Central Library Patio

Join us on facebook.com/pasadenalibrary
Follow us on twitter.com/pasadenalibrary

pasadenapubliclibrary.net