Library Gardens

Stepping into a garden transforms us for a brief moment from our hectic everyday world into a serene, peaceful setting where natural beauty surrounds us. Breezes waft through while chirping birds, butterflies and the occasional bee keep you company.

Many of our Pasadena library sites provide you with such an opportunity to enjoy a moment of solitude and reflection in one of our beautiful library garden settings. It’s the perfect spot to sit and read.

Our gardens vary in focus and scope, and most have been updated in the past few years with the help of our community partners: Pasadena Beautiful, Pasadena Community Foundation, San Rafael Associates, former and current Councilmembers Steve Haderlein and Gene Masuda, Polytechnic School and the Pasadena Public Works Department.

Many also serve as demonstration gardens for the community, showing the effective (and beautiful) use of water-wise irrigation, California natives and drought-tolerant plants that both conserve water and attract local wildlife. The Hastings Branch even has a Butterfly Garden that has become an official stop for migrating Monarch butterflies.

The next time you stop by your local Pasadena Public Library, take a moment to stop and enjoy the library gardens.
News from Library Director
Jan Sanders

Time to begin another year. I don’t want to sound trite, but they just keep ticking by, it seems with greater speed every year. Here’s wishing you a year filled with smiles and happiness. We are glad you make the Pasadena Public Library a part of your life.

The year 2015 was another busy and productive one for us. One of our biggest successes was the formation of branch library associates groups at both La Pintoresca and Linda Vista. Each of these sites had wanted a more active group as part of their services, and now that has come to pass through the strong and diligent efforts of a dedicated team of community volunteers. Linda Vista Associates had been “resting” for some time, but they were able to revive with a core group who are working closely with Librarian Deborah Takahashi to ensure an even better programming year. And at La Pintoresca, volunteers hosted a Sunday fundraiser that netted over $4,000 for that location. Many, many thanks to everyone who gave their time and effort.

We continue to participate in ArtNight, the community celebration, which was even more exciting this year with the addition of local authors. We hosted over 70 writers who showcased their works in October.

You may remember that March is our traditional “One City, One Story” celebration. We had great support and participation this year from teens and high school students. Cristina Henríquez in her book, The Unknown Americans, told the story an immigrant family who came seeking more and were met instead with hardship and sorrow. One of the best parts of the OCOS experience, however, was helping young people own their own immigration story and share it with others. Their conversations with Ms. Henriquez were inspiring.

In our effort to stay up-to-date with library services and resources, we added two new pieces to our technology offerings. First, we added hundreds of electronic magazines to the collection with two new services, Flipster and Zinio. Now, if you don’t want to subscribe to magazines on your own, you can simply go onto our website the download your favorites to your personal device. We think this will be a popular addition, so take a look and let us know what you think. We also improved our infrastructure by adding fiber connections to all locations. That means that every branch now has 10 GB WI-FI capacity, allowing multiple users to access resources simultaneously without loss of speed. It has been a long-term effort, but we are pleased that it has come to pass.

I hope you’ll come to the Mayor’s State of the City presentation on Jan. 20 at McKinley School auditorium. There, you will learn all kinds of good things about the City and have a chance to see the City’s annual report, which includes some interesting facts about PPL as well.

There’s more, but that’s it for now. Take a look through the rest of “Off the Shelf” to learn all the things that are happening in January. We look forward to seeing you!

PREPARING FOR EL NIÑO

Weather forecasters and scientists are predicting upcoming El Niño weather conditions. Significant, heavy rains and severe storm conditions could impact Southern California with flooding, mud slides, wind damage and related emergency conditions, such as power outages and damage to property. The City of Pasadena is actively preparing to meet the challenges of El Niño and City public safety officials urge all residents and businesses to do this same. Whether it’s an El Niño event, major earthquake or other emergency, all residents and businesses should have enough food, water and other emergency supplies to last them from three days to a week or longer, in response to a widespread disaster. The next major storm, earthquake or human-caused emergency will happen. It is not a matter of “if” but “when.” All members of your family, including pets, need to be prepared at home, in the car, and at work.

If you were unable to visit one of our El Niño preparation displays during the month of December, here are some tips on page 7 on how to prepare for the predicted El Niño weather condition. Take a look!
January Event Listings

Special Events

Royal Tea Party
Future kings, queens, princes and princesses come dressed in your finery for a very special visit from the 2016 Tournament of Roses King.
The court will share their favorite princess stories and recent New Year’s experiences. Bring a camera and a smile to pose with royalty.
Saturday, Jan. 9 • 2 – 3:30 p.m. • Hastings

DIY: Pressed Leaves & Flower Bookmarks
Make your own! Use pressed leaves and flowers to create an interesting bookmark to use when you read.
Thursday, Jan. 14 • 3 p.m. • Hill Avenue

Local Trails with the Pasadena Sierra Club
Join us and meet members of the Sierra Club’s Pasadena Chapter.
Saturday, Jan. 16 • 11 a.m. • Santa Catalina

First Annual Kids’ Art Salon Exhibit
Join us for a culminating exhibit of artwork created by Pasadena schoolchildren and inspired by artists Piet Mondrian, Frida Kahlo, Marcel Duchamp and Henri Matisse. The year-long program was part of history lesson, part creative inspiration. Enjoy the exhibit and the interactive displays, and create your own Readymade Art. To round out the fun, take a photo with a Master artist from the past.
Saturday, Jan. 16 • 2 – 4 p.m.
Central Library/Studio on 4th

January films honor film actress Maureen O’Hara and the Old West.
Central Library/Donald Wright Auditorium
Wednesdays • 1 p.m.

Jan. 6 • Rio Grande (1950) NR
Between skirmishes with Apaches on the Mexican border, Lt. Col. York tries to reconcile with his estranged wife and son.

A Chicago cop must balance loyalty to his overbearing mother and a relationship with a shy funeral home worker.

Jan. 20 • Red River (1948) NR
In one of his landmark roles, John Wayne plays a taciturn Texas cattle rancher who adopts a young boy orphaned by a native raid on a wagon train. After coming of age, the son finds himself compelled to challenge his father during a long cattle drive.

Laughter is the Best Medicine
Everyone knows that laughing feels good, but did you know that you can use it to improve your health and sharpen your edge at home and work? Discover how laughter can be used as a sound, reliable and sustainable form of complementary medicine and a valuable business tool. You will get a healthy D.O.S.E. (Dopamine, Oxytocin, Serotonin, Endorphins) of happiness and learn essential tools and techniques for leveraging laughter and amplifying your body, mind and spirit. Presented by Sebastien Gendry, The Laughter Wellness Guy.
Thursday, Jan. 21 • 7:30 p.m. • Central Library/Donald Wright Auditorium

An Afternoon with John Schulian
John Schulian, a much-honored journalist, sportswriter, television writer-producer and one of Pasadena’s greatest wordsmiths, will discuss his life experiences and his recently-published debut novel, A Better Goodbye, an adventure in L.A. noir for the 21st century. Fellow author Richard Lange described the novel as “a peek at the grit beneath the glitter of the Southern California myth. For every winner in L.A., there are a thousand losers, and this book tells a few of their stories.” Books will be available for sale and signing.
Saturday, Jan. 23 • 2 p.m. • Allendale

Global Warming: What are the Solutions?
We’re on a planet with an urgent problem. How can we collectively mitigate the worst consequences of global warming? Join us as expert Robert Haw compares and contrasts policy options, including EPA regulation, cap and trade, carbon tax and carbon fee plus dividend. Haw is a physicist at NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory and co-founder of the Pasadena Foothills chapter of the Citizens Climate Lobby, an organization exclusively devoted to building the political will for a livable planet.
Thursday, Jan. 28 • 7:30 p.m. • Central Library/Donald Wright Auditorium

Working with Home Remodeling Contractors
Pick up tips critical to the success of a home-remodeling project, from finding and hiring the right contractor to an on-time, in-budget quality outcome.
Saturday, Jan. 30 • 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. • Hastings

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

Great Literature and Discussion Group
Mondays • 11 a.m. • Lamanda Park (except Jan. 18)

Book Club
Tuesday, Jan. 5 • 6:30 p.m. • Hastings

Allendale Book Discussion
Saturday, Jan. 16 • 10:30 a.m. • Allendale

Hill Avenue Book Discussion
Saturday, Jan. 16 • 10:30 a.m. • Hill Avenue

West Pasadena Book Discussion
Saturday, Jan. 16 • 11 a.m. • Linda Vista

Santa Catalina Reads
Tuesday, Jan. 19 • 4 p.m. • Santa Catalina

Rave Reviews
Monday, Jan. 25 • 2 p.m. • Lamanda Park

Pasadena Readers
Led by Dr. Merry Pawlowski, Emeritus Professor of English, California State University, Bakersfield. To sign up, email creeder@clayofpasadena.net.
Monday, Jan. 25 • 3 p.m. • Central Library/4th Floor Meeting Room

Films for All Ages

Jan. 6 • Rio Grande (1950) NR
Between skirmishes with Apaches on the Mexican border, Lt. Col. York tries to reconcile with his estranged wife and son.

A Chicago cop must balance loyalty to his overbearing mother and a relationship with a shy funeral home worker.

Jan. 20 • Red River (1948) NR
In one of his landmark roles, John Wayne plays a taciturn Texas cattle rancher who adopts a young boy orphaned by a native raid on a wagon train. After coming of age, the son finds himself compelled to challenge his father during a long cattle drive.

Jan. 27 • Shane (1953) NR
Amid stunning vistas, this western follows a reformed gunslinger whose determination to avoid a fight is tested when greedy cattle barons threaten his community of homesteaders.

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

Presented by The Friends of the Pasadena Public Library
Wednesday, Jan. 27 • 1 p.m. • Central Library/4th Floor Meeting Room

Family Fun Films
For movie title, call (626) 744-6510.
Thursdays • 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, Jan. 16 • 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, Jan. 26 • 3:30 p.m. • Santa Catalina

The Friends of the Pasadena Public Library Bookstore
Open Monday – Friday (except Jan. 1 & 18)
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.

For more information, visit pasadenalibrary.org
**CREATIVE ARTS**

**Art a la Carte**
Artist Lorrie Shiner 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 Stillwell.
**Saturdays**, Jan. 2, 16 & 30
3 p.m. • Santa Catalina

**San Rafael Knitting Group**
Knit one, purl two. Learn how to knit.
**Thursdays**, Jan. 7 & 21 • 2 p.m.
San Rafael

**Emerging Urban Poets**
Featured and open poetry readings with facilitator Don King.
**Saturdays**, Jan. 9 & 23 • 3 p.m.
Santa Catalina

**GARDENING**

**Returning Rain to the Aquifer Beneath Us**
We do get rain in Southern California, though much of it goes right into the storm drain. The runoff is wasteful and full of pollution when it reaches the ocean. We can do better! Learn simple ways to retain water on-site and filter it back into the soil and aquifer. Presented by well-known landscape architect and educator Orchid Black.
**Saturday**, Jan. 9 • 10:30 a.m. – noon
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**, Jan. 6 • 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.
Central Library/Great Hall
**Tuesday**, Jan. 19 • 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.
Hastings

**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.
**Saturday**, Jan. 9 & 23 • 11 a.m.
Lamanda Park

**Chair Aerobics**
Learn new non-impact exercise routines performed while seated or standing next to or behind a chair. For ages 55+
**Friday**, Jan. 15 & **Saturday**, Jan. 30
11 a.m. • San Rafael

**Lip Reading and Memory Enhancement Workshop**
**Wednesday**, Jan. 27 • 1 p.m.
Lamanda Park

**LANGUAGE**

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

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**Digital Literacy**

**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 (except Jan. 18)** • 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. • La Pintoresca

**Open Computer Lab Time**
Search the Web, work on your assignments, pay your bills, use our databases, learn new languages with Mango Languages, apply for jobs or government programs and much more ...
**Monday – Friday (except Jan. 18)** • 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. • Villa Parke

**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.
**Monday, Jan. 11** • 3 p.m. • Linda Vista
**Tuesday, Jan. 12** • 10 – 11:30 a.m. • Central Library/Studio on 4th
**Wednesday, Jan. 27** • 2:30 – 4 p.m. • Central Library/Studio on 4th

**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 @ www.meetup.com/Pasadena-Small-Biz-Network.
**Thursdays**, Jan. 7 & 21 • noon – 2 p.m. • La Pintoresca

**Nonprofit Management**

**Foundation Directory Online Search Workshop for Grantseekers**
Learn how to generate a targeted list of funding prospects from the Foundation Directory online databases, conducted by La Pintoresca staff. To sign up, call (626) 744-7268.
**Tuesday, Jan. 12** • 4 p.m. • La Pintoresca

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**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 consultation with an eviction defense 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: Introduction to Lexis Advance**
Presented by the LA Law Library.
**Thursday, Jan. 21** • 1 – 2 p.m.
Central Library/Law Room

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**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.
College Bound

SCHOLARSHIPS: WHERE TO FIND THEM
There are lots of scholarships available. Learn how to find them. Presented by C2 Education.
For students and parents. To sign up, call (626) 744-4246.
Tuesday, Jan. 26 • 6:30 p.m. • Central Library/Children’s Room

Teen Scene

CREATIVE ARTS

Discovery Day
Discover something new about yourself or the world around you! It could be games, crafts or something you’ve never seen before! A fun adventure awaits – don’t miss it! For teens only.
Thursday, Jan. 14 • 3 p.m. • Allendale

YA Book Club
Join us for a discussion of Carry On by Rainbow Rowell. For ages 13 and up. To sign up, call (626) 744-4246.
Monday, Jan. 11 • 6 p.m. • Central Library/Teen Central

Welcome to Night Vale Listening Party
Join us for a Welcome to Night Vale podcast. In the style of community updates for the small desert town of Night Vale, the podcast features local weather, news, announcements from the Sheriff’s Secret Police, mysterious lights in the night sky, dark hooded figures with unknowable powers and cultural events. We’ll be listening to two episodes per month while we snack. For teens only. To sign up, call (626) 744-4246. Turn on your radio and hide!
Sunday, Jan. 31 • 1:30 – 4:30 p.m. • Central Library/Teen Central

GAMES 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 (except Jan. 18) • 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. • Hastings

SC Gaming Day
Kick off the new year by learning a new game and making new friends!
Tuesday, Jan. 12 • 3:30 p.m. • Santa Catalina

Wii Game Day
Play games on the Wii. To sign up for half-hour slots, call (626) 744-6501.
Wednesday, Jan. 20 • 3:30 – 5 p.m. • Villa Parke

Tweens

BOOKS AND MORE

Kids’ Writing Workshop
Are you a dreamer? Do you love to write? Join us for a workshop featuring award–winning songwriter Emily Arrow, creator of beautiful literature-based songs for kids. You’ll be inspired to write a poem, story or song of your own! For ages 8 – 12. To sign up, call (626) 744-4066, option 4.
Friday, Jan. 15 • 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 Secret Hum of a Daisy by Tracey Holczer.
To sign up, call (626) 744-4066, option 4.
Wednesday, Jan. 20 • 7 p.m. • Central Library/Children’s Story Room

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) 744-7282.
Tuesday, Jan. 26 • 4:30 p.m. • Hastings

Kids’ Book Club
Join us as we discuss and have fun with Nuts to You by Lynne Rae Perkins. For grades 3 – 5.
To sign up, call (626) 744-4066, option 4.
Wednesday, Jan. 27 • 4:30 p.m. • Central Library/Children’s Story Room

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Paint Your Own Galaxy (STEAM ART)
Explore the many colors and surprises the galaxy has for us, then create your own painting of the galaxy. Presented by artist Sherry Giang. For grades 3 – 6.
To sign up, call (626) 744-7262.
Wednesday, Jan. 13 • 4 p.m. • Hastings
**Library Kids**

**BOOKS AND MORE**

**Barks and Books**
Children read a book to a gentle, well-trained dog. Presented by Pasadena Humane Society volunteers.
- **Saturday, Jan. 2** • 11 a.m. • Linda Vista
- **Saturday, Jan. 9** • 11 a.m. • Santa Catalina
- **Monday, Jan. 11** • 3 p.m. • La Pintoresca
- **Tuesday, Jan. 12** • 3:30 p.m. • Hastings
- **Wednesday, Jan. 13** • 4 p.m. • Villa Parke

**Central Library/Donald Wright Auditorium**
**Tuesday, Jan. 5**
with AnnMarie Hurtado at (626) 744-4725.
You must register at least one week in advance
by Beverly Cleary.

**Central Library/Story Room**
- **Monday, Jan. 25** • 3 p.m. • La Pintoresca
- **Tuesday, Jan. 26** • 3:30 p.m. • Hill Avenue
- **Thursday, Jan. 28** • 3:30 p.m. • Lamanda Park

**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 *Ramona the Pest* by Beverly Cleary. For grades 2 & 3 and their families. You must register at least one week in advance with AnnMarie Hurtado at (626) 744-4725.
**Tuesday, Jan. 5** • 6:30 p.m.
Central Library/Donald Wright Auditorium

**Sensory Play with Jordan & Sue**
Enjoy an inclusive sensory play date with Jordan and Sue! For children ages 10 and younger.
**Saturday, Jan. 9**
11 a.m. Linda Vista

**Creative Writing for Beginning Readers**
Do you love reading and making up stories? Then join us for a workshop presented by award-winning songwriter Emily Arrow, creator of beautiful literature-based songs for kids. Play with words and make them come to life! For ages 5 – 8. To sign up, call (626) 744-4066, option 4.
**Tuesday, Jan. 12** • 4:30 p.m.
Central Library/Story Room

**Got Books?**
Practice your reading skills and enjoy literacy activities with students from La Salle High School
**Tuesdays, Jan. 19 & 26**
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 (except Jan. 18)
  - 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. • Hastings
- **For students grades K – 8**
  - Tuesdays & Thursdays • 4 – 6 p.m.
  - Central Library/Children’s Room

**Computer Pals**
Learn how to use Word and the Internet for homework projects.
**Saturdays, Jan. 2, 16 & 30**
10 – 11:30 a.m. • La Pintoresca

**Storytimes**

**Central Library**

**Infant and Toddler Storytime**

**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 JAN. 12 – MARCH 15 Register on Tuesday, Jan. 5**
Each storytime 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.

**WEEKLY STORYTIMES**

**For Infants/Toddlers**
**TUESDAYS**
10:30 a.m. • Lamanda Park

**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
10:45 a.m. • Hastings
11 a.m. • San Rafael

**THURSDAYS**
10:30 a.m. • La Pintoresca
10:30 a.m. • Linda Vista

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

**For Families**
**MONDAYS (except Jan. 18)**
**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, Jan. 3** • 3 p.m. • Hastings (bilingual Mandarin & English)
**Wednesday, Jan. 27** • 3:30 p.m. • Hastings (Mandarin only)

**Around the World Storytime**
**Wednesday, Jan. 13** • 11 a.m. • San Rafael

**Baby Storytime**
Introduce your baby to the joy of language and reading at this early literacy-based storytime.
**Saturday, Jan. 16** • 2 p.m. • Linda Vista

**Armenian Storytime**
**Saturday, Jan. 30** • 11 a.m. • Santa Catalina

**Storytime with the Burn Foundation**
Learn about fire safety and how to avoid burns at home.
**Tuesday, Jan. 26** • 10:30 a.m. • Villa Parke

**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, Jan. 29** • 4 p.m. • La Pintoresca

**INFANTS AND 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, Jan. 4** • 10 a.m. • Santa Catalina

**INFANTS - KINDERGARTENERS**

**Play @ PPL: Music Together**
Newborns to Kindergarteners enjoy playing music in a fun interactive program presented by Foothills Music Together instructor Jeanina Quezada. Caregivers must participate. To sign up, call (626) 744-4066 option 4.
**Thursday, Jan. 7** • 10 a.m.
Central Library/Studio on 4th
BEFORE THE STORM
- Make emergency kits for your home, work and car.
- Have supplies for every member of your household, including pets, for up to one week.
- Emergency supplies include non-perishable food, water, medicine, first aid and personal hygiene products, flashlights, a battery-operated radio, extra batteries, solar chargers, clothing and gloves. You need one gallon of water per person, per day.
- Your pets need food, a collar, leash, ID and carrying devices for transport or co-location at an emergency shelter. Consider microchipping your pets.
- Make copies of critical documents, such as insurance policies, bank accounts, credit cards, passports, birth and marriage certificates.
- Consider keeping a small amount of cash in small bills with your supplies, as teller machines or banks may not be open.
- Build up supplies with additional food and water, games or books for children, tools, emergency shelter materials and tarps.

PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY
- Review and update all insurance policies.
- Consider buying flood insurance; take photos to document property and possessions in “before” condition.
- Inspect your entire yard area for dead trees or dead limbs, yard debris, outdoor furniture, or objects easily blown by storm winds.
- Do not over-trim trees; improper pruning makes trees more vulnerable. Do not trim trees on a ladder without help; consider hiring a professional.
- Inspect and repair retaining walls and slopes. Water should drain away from your home.
- Clean all drains and gutters. Do not clean gutters on a ladder without a spotter; consider hiring a professional.
- Adjust outdoor irrigation systems now to water only once per week, and shut them off when it rains.
- Inspect your roof, or hire a roofing contractor, for conditions. Make repairs now.
- Beware of scams and con artists. Check www.csbs.ca.gov to verify contractors. Call Pasadena Police at (626) 744-4241 if you suspect a scam.

DURING A STORM
- Avoid areas subject to flooding.
- Never walk or drive into flowing water or flooded areas higher than your ankles.
- Stay away from all downed power/utility lines and report them to 9-1-1.
- Call (626) 744-7311 to report street flooding or clogged storm drains.
- Monitor news media, the Internet and City info sites for emergency updates and weather conditions.
- Be prepared to evacuate if necessary.
- After the storm, check your home or business for damage and make immediate repairs.
- Inspect and repair any sandbag sites.
- Make sure rain gutters and drains are clear.

SAND BAGS
Free sand and sandbags for Pasadena residents are available now at:
Fire Station 37, 3430 E. Foothill Blvd. and Fire Station 38, 1150 Linda Vista Ave.

Sand and sandbags are for residential use only. Be prepared to show ID. You can fill and take 10 bags per trip. Please be careful where you park when you come to get your sand and sand bags.

The City has pre-identified locations at Victory Park and Robinson Park where additional sand and sand bags will be made available should they be needed. Information will be posted to www.cityofpasadena.net/Fire/ElNiño with additional sites when activated.

REGISTER FOR “PLEAS” – THE CITY ALERT SYSTEM
Everyone who lives or works in Pasadena should sign up today for alerts, Red Flag announcements and other emergency information from the City by joining the Pasadena Local Emergency Alert System, or PLEAS. The system uses both text and voice messages. Phone subscribers receive a message with the latest information and safety instructions that must be listened to in their entirety or the system will call you back. Go to www.cityofpasadena.net/Fire/PLEAS to register your phone today.