RODRIQUEZ IS CONVINCED THAT A WRITER CAN CHANGE THE WORLD. INDEED, IT WAS EDUCATION AND THE POWER OF WORDS THAT HELPED HIM BREAK FREE OF THE POVERTY, VIOLENCE AND DESPAIR HE ENDURED FOR YEARS AS AN EAST L.A. GANG MEMBER.

LATER HAILED AS AN AWARD-WINNING CHICANO POET, RODRIGUEZ WAS SURE THE STREETS WOULD HAUNT HIM NO MORE—UNTIL HIS YOUNG SON JOINED A GANG HIMSELF. FIGHTING FOR HIS CHILD HE PENNED THE BESTSELLING MEMOIR, ALWAYS RUNNING: LA VIDA LOCA, GANG DAYS IN L.A., DETAILING THE DEATH AND DESTRUCTION OF GANG LIFE. THE BOOK EARNED A CARL SANDBURG LITERARY AWARD AND WAS DESIGNATED A NEW YORK TIMES NOTABLE BOOK AND ONE OF THE 100 MOST CENSORED BOOKS BY THE AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION. HIS SEQUEL, IT CALLS YOU BACK: AN ODYSSEY OF LOVE, ADDICTION, REVOLUTIONS, AND HEALING, WAS CONSIDERED FOR THE NATIONAL BOOK CRITICS CIRCLE AWARD.

CHINESE NEW YEAR
Sunday, Feb. 7 • 3 p.m. • Hastings

Chinese New Year is celebrated on the first day of the Chinese lunar calendar, which falls this year on Monday, Feb. 8. The date differs each year on the Gregorian (internationally-used) calendar, varying between Jan. 21 and Feb. 20. This is the Year of the Monkey, the 4714th Chinese Year.

The ninth of 12 zodiac signs, the Year of the Monkey comes around every 12 years. Those born in a Year of the Monkey, including 1920, 1932, 1944, 1956, 1968, 1980, 1992, 2004 and 2016, are considered to be witty and intelligent, with a magnetic personality.

Discover what your Chinese zodiac sign is and join us as we celebrate the Year of the Monkey with an interactive storytime, Lion Dance, holiday crafts and special treats.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH
Also known as National African American History Month, Black History Month is an annual celebration recognizing the achievements of black Americans and their central role in our nation’s history. President Gerald R. Ford first designated the month in 1976, calling upon the public to “seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history.” It is an expansion of “Negro History Week,” first held in 1926 and the brainchild of noted historian Carter G. Woodson and other prominent African Americans.

Pasadena African American Genealogy Group
Saturday, Feb. 6 • 2:30 p.m. • Lamanda Park

Search out your heritage and recover the past with this dynamic genealogy group.

Conversation with Peter J. Harris & Pam Ward
Saturday, Feb. 13 • 2 p.m. • Allendale

Enjoy readings and conversation with local literary luminaries Peter J. Harris and Pam Ward.

Harris is the author of Bless the Ashes, a poetry collection which received the 2015 PEN Oakland Josephine Miles Award, and The Black Man of Happiness: In Pursuit of My ‘Unalienable Right,’ which won a 2015 American Book Award. Since 1992, he has been a member of the Anansi Writers Workshop at the World Stage in L.A.’s Leimert Park.

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Villa Parke Branch Library will be closed for painting and carpeting upgrades from Feb. 11 – March 2.
February. This is truly a short month with a long list of happenings! I hope you will take a look and be sure to add some of the programs, celebrations and events to your own calendar.

February is typically a patriotic month, set aside to honor past presidents and their birthdays, to celebrate our diverse heritage and to explore our roots. So that all of us can celebrate, Pasadena libraries will be closed on both Friday, Feb. 12 and Monday, Feb. 15 to mark presidential birthdays. We are open the days in between, and we hope we can continue to meet your needs. Come on by.

We’ll also be celebrating Chinese New Year and Black History Month with a variety of events and programs. Help ring in the Year of the Monkey, the 4714th Chinese year, at Hastings Branch with a storyline, dance, and arts and crafts on Sunday, Feb. 7. This will be an especially great time for our PUSD students (and others) enrolled in Mandarin learning programs. Students, come and bring your family!

Then, to mark Black History Month, we have authors (including our own Peter J. Harris and Pam Ward), drummers and lots of genealogists who will talk about the journeys folks have made to start new lives in the U.S. and Mexico. Events happen at a number of branches on a number of days, so be sure to check listings in this newsletter.

We’re doing something a little different for One City, One Story this year. Because the 2016 selection, Orphan Train, centers on the events of children’s lives and their adult memories of them, we are hosting both a writing and art contest based on memory. These contests were the brainstorm of some of our children, youth and teen librarians, designed to encourage conversation, creation and recording of memory. Children and youth in grades 3 through 12 are encouraged to submit a short story or an illustration that captures or explores the topic of childhood memories. This a great way for our younger readers to become involved in the citywide conversation about Orphan Train and to explore their own stories. I can’t wait to see what our youth come up with! I’m sure you’ll be interested to know as well. Watch for exhibits and displays during March.

I hope that gives you some options for things to do and things to explore through your public library. We are always excited to see you and delighted to have you participate.

Thanks again for supporting your Pasadena Public Library!

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**News from Library Director Jan Sanders**

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**Educator Appreciation Night**

**Thursday, Feb. 11 • 6:00 – 7:30 P.M.**

**Pasadena Central Library, Studio on 4th**

Pasadena Public Library invites all teachers who work or live in Pasadena to Educator Appreciation Night – our opportunity to say “thank you” for all you do to inspire, challenge and engage students.

Please join us for a complimentary dinner, learn about our free resources for teachers and students, and take home a tote bag full of books!

RSVP: (626) 744-4066, option 4 or anhurtado@cityofpasadena.net

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**A Visit with Los Angeles Poet Laureate, Luis J. Rodriguez continued**

Today, Rodriguez shares his stories through appearances at libraries, prisons, juvenile detention facilities, schools and universities, migrant camps, Native American reservations and homeless shelters, sparking dialogue on the complex but vital issues of race, class, gender and personal rage.

In addition to his soon-to-be-published volume of poetry, Borrowed Bones; the non-fiction Hearts and Hands: Creating Community in Violent Times; and a novel, Music of the Mill; Rodriguez is co-editor of the award-winning Rushing Waters, Rising Dreams: How the Arts Are Transforming a Community. He has also written award-winning children’s books, published in English and Spanish.

Appointed Los Angeles Poet Laureate in 2014, Rodriguez is the recipient of the Poetry Center Book Award, a PEN/Josephine Miles Literary Award, Patterson Young Adult Book Award, a Parent’s Choice Book Award, a Lila Wallace-Reader’s Digest Writers’ Award, a Lannan Fellowship for Poetry, a Hispanic Heritage Award for Literature, a California Arts Council fellowship and several Illinois Arts Council fellowships. He was one of 50 leaders worldwide selected as Unseen Heroes of Compassion, presented by the Dalai Lama.

Rodriguez is also behind a number of prominent organizations, including Chicago’s literary arts organization Guild Complex; Rock a Mole Productions, which produces music and art festivals, CDs and film; and Youth Struggling for Survival, a Chicago-based non-profit organization. He is a founder of the Tia Chucha Press publishing house, as well as Tia Chucha’s Centro Cultural & Bookstore, a bookstore, art gallery, performance space and workshop center in the San Fernando Valley.

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**Black History Month continued**

Ward is a novelist, graphic designer and political activist, and a recent Pushcart Prize nominee for her poem, Anais’ Husband. She has been writing about her native city for decades and recently completed her poetry/dramatic presentation, I Didn’t Survive Slavery for This. She is currently working on a novel, I’ll Get You My Pretty, about her aunt, a Black Dahlia suspect during the 1940s. Ward received a California Arts Council Fellowship in Poetry and a Diva Award from Black Women for Wellness for community activism. She runs Short Press, which publishes black women poets from Leimert Park.

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**Marcus Miller’s African Rhythms**

**Tuesday, Feb. 16 • 1 p.m.**

La Pintoresca

Explore the world of drums and drumming with musician and educator Marcus Miller.

**Travelling Shoes**

**Tuesday, Feb. 23 • 3:30 p.m.**

La Pintoresca

Celebrate Black History Month with amazing stories of African American heroes who had to put on their “travelling shoes” to make the long journey to freedom. For Tweens and up.

**Yanga: Exploring Mexico’s African Roots**

**Thursday, Feb. 18 • 7 p.m.**

Central Library/Donald Wright Auditorium

Discover Mexico’s African heritage, through a slideshow including codices, paintings, photographs and live music. Presented by Dr. Gloria Arjona, Spanish language and literature professor, Caltech.

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

**Friday, Feb. 26 • 4 p.m.**

La Pintoresca

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+.
Special Events

Jazz in the Morning
Start your morning right and enjoy the music of the Donavan/Muradian Quintet.
Saturday, Feb. 6 • 11 a.m. • Linda Vista

Jazz in the Afternoon
Celebrate the season of love with the Donavan/Muradian Quintet.
Saturday, Feb. 6 • 3 p.m. • Santa Catalina

Why L.A.? Pourquoi Paris?
“When you fall in love with a city, it is forever.” - Toni Morrison.

This unique book is about exploring Paris and Los Angeles, a mixing and pairing of yesterday and today, the monumental and the everyday, the people and things, all shared through text and illustrations that tell the stories of these two very different, yet similar, cities. As a long-time resident of both cities, author Diane Ratican curates visual pairings of Los Angeles and Paris with a newfound appreciation for their similarities, differences and eccentricities. Books will be available for sale and signing.
Thursday, Feb. 11 • 7 p.m. • Central Library/Donald Wright Auditorium

Films for All Ages

January films celebrate Black History Month, Valentine’s Day, President’s Day and Rare History Day.
Central Library/Donald Wright Auditorium
Wednesdays • 1 p.m.

Feb. 3 • Freedom Song (2000) NR
Unsung citizens risk their lives to bring change at the grassroots level during the Civil Rights Movement. Set in a fictional hamlet, the film is based on eyewitness accounts of activists who stood on history’s front lines.

Feb. 10 • Return to Me (2000) PG
A Chicago architect donates his wife’s heart after she’s tragically killed in an accident. A year later, he falls in love with a plucky waitress, only to learn that she’s the woman who received the heart.

Feb. 17 • My Fellow Americans (1996) PG-13
Two ex-presidents and former political foes unite in the face of adversity. Forced to overcome their partisan bickering when the current president tries to frame and kill them, they go on a whistle-stop tour, taking it on the lam among the “common people.”

Feb. 24 • Door to Door (2002) NR
The story of salesman Bill Porter, who came into contact with many people during his decades of knocking on doors despite suffering from cerebral palsy.

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.

For book selections, contact the branch libraries listed.

Great Literature and Discussion Group
Mondays • 11 a.m. • Lamanda Park
(except Feb. 15)

Book Chit Chat
Tuesday, Feb. 2 • 6:30 p.m.
Hastings

Allendale Book Discussion
Saturday, Feb. 13 • 10:30 a.m.
Allendale

Hill Avenue Book Discussion
Saturday, Feb. 13 • 10:30 a.m.
Hill Avenue

Santa Catalina Reads
Tuesday, Feb. 16 • 4 p.m.
Santa Catalina

Hastings
Saturday, Feb. 20 • 11 a.m.
San Rafael

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

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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, Feb. 13 • 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, Feb. 23 • 3:30 p.m.
Santa Catalina
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, Feb. 4 & 18 • 2 p.m. • San Rafael

Perkins Alley Poets
A poetry writing and critique workshop with facilitator Carl Stilwell.

Saturdays, Feb. 6 & 20 • 3 p.m. • Santa Catalina

GARDENING

Unusual Fruits and Vegetables for the Home Garden
Discover “baby” and “gourmet” varieties of fruits and vegetables for your home garden. Presented by local gardening expert Yvonne Savio.

Saturday, Feb. 6 • 10:30 a.m. – noon • Hill Avenue

Health & Fitness

Lip Reading and Memory Enhancement

Wednesdays • 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, Feb. 3 • 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. • Central Library/Great Hall

Chair Exercises
Learn new non-impact exercise routines performed while seated or standing next to or behind a chair. For ages 55+

Fridays, Feb. 5 & 19 • 11 a.m. • San Rafael

Understanding Your Health Insurance Options
Community representatives from the Pasadena Public Library Health Department will answer your health insurance questions and provide free information about Medi-Cal, including benefits and where to apply.

Wednesday, Feb. 3 • 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. • Central Library/Great Hall

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, Feb. 6 • 11 a.m. • Lamanda Park

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
www.pasadenapubliclibrary.net/training

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 Feb. 12 & 15) • 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 Feb. 12 & 15) • 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. • Villa Parke

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 • 7 – 8:30 p.m. • Central Library/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.

Monday, Feb. 8 • 3 p.m. • Linda Vista

Tuesday, Feb. 9 • 10 – 11:30 a.m. • Central Library/Studio on 4th

Wednesday, Feb. 24 • 2:30 – 4 p.m. • Central Library/Studio on 4th

LAW

Spanish Conversation Group

Thursdays • 12:45 p.m. • San Rafael

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 WestlawNext
Presented by the LA Law Library.

Thursday, Feb. 18 • 1 – 2 p.m. • Central Library/Law Room

Business Services

SCORE Small Business Counseling
Free one-on-one counseling provided by business professionals to anyone operating a small business or thinking of starting one. To sign up, call (626) 744-7351.

Tuesdays • Central Library/4th Floor Meeting Room

Pasadena Small Business Owners Networking Group
Increase your business knowledge, meet other local business people and practice your 30-second “elevator introduction.” Sign up @ www.meetup.com/Pasadena-Small-Biz-Network.

Thursdays, Feb. 4 & 18 • noon – 2 p.m. • La Pintoresca
How to Apply for Financial Aid
Worried about being able to afford college?
Discover the different types of financial aid available, who gets aid and how to apply. Learn the basics of the financial aid process so you know what to expect when you sit down to fill out the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) or Dream Act application. There will also be a Q & A session, so bring your questions! For students and parents/guardians. Presented by College Access Plan. To sign up, call (626) 744-4246.
Saturday, Feb. 6 • 2 - 4 p.m.
Central Library/Studio on 4th

Travel is in your future! Learn about Study Abroad Opportunities
Discover the multitude of study abroad opportunities available to teens, varying in length from two weeks to one year with programs in over 40 countries for students ages 13-18. Hear from a recent returnee about his experience abroad. Presented by AFS Intercultural Programs, one of the most reputable study abroad organizations in the world. For students and parents/guardians. To sign up, call (626) 744-4246.
Sunday, Feb. 7 • 2 p.m.
Central Library/Studio on 4th

FREE PRACTICE ACT, SCORES, ANALYSIS & TIPS
Get ready for the official ACT® 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 a one-on-one meeting and receive tips on how to raise your scores and areas where you may need to concentrate. Please bring pencils, a calculator and a snack. Register by calling (626) 744-7262.
Saturday, Feb. 27 • 1 p.m.
Hastings

BOOKS & MORE
YA Book Club
Join us for a discussion of Everything, Everything by Nicola Yoon. For ages 13 and up. To sign up, call (626) 744-4246.
Monday, Feb. 8 • 6 p.m.
Central Library/Teen Central

CREATIVE ARTS
Valentine Jewelry Making
Use your creativity and design jewelry for Valentine’s Day for yourself or to give to that special someone. For teens and adults. Presented by Janell Mithani. To sign up, call (626) 744-6510.
Wednesday, Feb. 3 • 3 p.m.
Santa Catalina

Discovery Day
Celebrate Valentine’s Day with a fun, inspiring craft. For teens only.
Thursday, Feb. 11 • 3 p.m.
Allendale

CRITICALLY MINDED
UNIVERSITY BOUND
ACT® Prep Monday Night
Tuesdays (Except Feb. 15)
Get ready for the ACT® by participating in ACT® Prep Monday Night. Each week, we will review a section of the test. For students ages 13-18. Free. To sign up call (626) 744-7262.

SUPER SMASH BROS BRAWL THROW DOWN
Stop by for an afternoon of epic battles and a whole lot of fun with the Super Smash Brothers for WiiU. For ages 12 +.
Tuesday, Feb. 2 • 3:30 p.m.
Santa Catalina

Board Game Day
Enjoy playing board games with friends and family.
Friday, Feb. 19 • 3 – 5 p.m.
Villa Parke

GAMES & 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 Feb. 15) • 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 around various fun STEAM-related challenges. For ages 8 - 12. To sign up call (626) 744-7262.
Wednesday, Feb. 10 • 4 p.m.
Hastings

BOOKS & MORE
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 One Crazy Summer by Rita Williams-Garcia. To sign up, call (626) 744-4066, option 4.
Wednesday, Feb. 17 • 7 p.m.
Central Library/Children’s Story Room

Twen 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, Feb. 23 • 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, Feb. 26 • 4:30 p.m.
Central Library/Children’s Story Room

CREATIVE ARTS
Animal Community Art Workshops with Side Street Projects
Join us for a special ongoing workshop that incorporates research, design and creating animal transfers that will be painted onto the Side Street Projects Wood Bus in May. For ages 7+.
Thursdays, Feb. 11, 18 & 25 • 3:30 p.m.
La Pintoresca

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. Led by Alethea Allarey. For teens only. To sign up, call (626) 744-4246.
Saturday, Feb. 20 • 2 p.m.
Central Library/Studio on 4th

Kawaii Dollmaking
Make your very own super cute doll with the help of local artist Liane Shih. For teens and adults. To sign up, call (626) 744-7278.
Saturday, Feb. 27 • 3 p.m.
Linda Vista

Welcome to Night Vale Listening Party
Join us for a Wel come 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, Feb. 28 • 1:30 – 4:30 p.m.
Central Library/Teen Central

Super Smash Bros Brawl Throw Down
Stop by for an afternoon of epic battles and a whole lot of fun with the Super Smash Brothers for WiiU. For ages 12 +.
Tuesday, Feb. 2 • 3:30 p.m.
Santa Catalina

 board game day
Enjoy playing board games with friends and family.
Friday, Feb. 19 • 3 – 5 p.m.
Villa Parke
**Library Kids**

**Books and More**

**Got Books?**

Practice your reading skills and enjoy literacy activities with students from La Salle High School. **Tuesdays, Feb. 2 & 16**

3 – 4:30 p.m. Hastings

**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 *Big Nate, In a Class by Himself* by Lincoln Peirce. For grades 2 & 3 and their families. You must register at least one week in advance with Ann Marie Hurtado at (626) 744-4725. Tuesday, Feb. 2 • 6:30 p.m. Central Library/Donald Wright Auditorium

**Creative Writing for Beginning Readers**

Do you love reading and making up stories? Would you like to write stories of your own? We will help you create some new characters and stories. Just bring your imagination.

For ages 5 – 8. To sign up, call (626) 744-4066, option 4. **Tuesday, Feb. 9 • 4:30 p.m. • Central Library/Story Room**

**Creative Arts**

**Valentine’s Day Crafts**

Make a fabulous Valentine gift or card for someone special in your life.

**Thursday, Feb. 11 • 3 p.m. • San Rafael**

**Thursday, Feb. 11 • 4 p.m. • Hastings**

**Sensory Storytime**

If your child has difficulty sitting through one of the library’s traditional storytimes, this program may be just what you are looking for! Designed for preschool-age children with autism and sensory challenges, it combines books, songs, movement, sensory play and therapeutic activities that incorporate the five senses. Because a small group setting is part of what makes Sensory Storytime effective and engaging, registration is required. To sign up, call Cherie Johnston at (626) 744-7266.

**Saturday, Feb. 13 • 11 a.m. • Linda Vista**

**Saturday, Feb. 13 • 11 a.m. • Santa Catalina**

**Tuesday, Feb. 23 • 3:30 p.m. • Hill Avenue**

**Thursday, Feb. 25 • 3:30 p.m. • Lamanda Park**

**Vegetable Art**

Use a variety of fruits, vegetables, seeds and paints to create a unique bookbag!

**Thursday, Feb. 18**

3:30 p.m. Hill Ave.

**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 Feb. 15)**

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, Feb. 13 & 27**

10 – 11:30 a.m. La Pintoresca

**Preschoolers**

**Hatha Yoga for Children & their Caregivers**

Learn techniques to help children relax and focus through stretching and movement, presented by yoga instructor Merry Everest.

**Monday, Feb. 8 • 10 a.m. • Santa Catalina**

**Infants and Toddlers**

Up to 24 months

**Baby Gym**

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

**Monday, Feb. 1 • 10 a.m. Central Library/Studio on 4th Floor**

**Storytimes**

**Central Library**

**Infant and Toddler Storytime**

**Winter Session**

Jan. 12 – March 15

**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.

**Weekly Storytimes**

**For Infants/Toddlers**

**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 Feb. 15)**

**Marvelous Mondays**

7 p.m. • Hastings

**Wednesdays**

**Léeme un cuento**

**Spanish Storytime/Hora de cuentos en español**

4 p.m. • La Pintoresca

**February 24**

3 – 4:30 p.m. Hastings (Bilingual Mandarin & English)

**Mandarin Storytime**

Sunday, Feb. 7 • 3 p.m. Hastings

**Armenian Storytime**

Saturday, Feb. 27 • 11 a.m. Santa Catalina

**Around the World Storytime**

Wednesday, Feb. 10 • 11 a.m. San Rafael

**Baby Storytime**

Introduce your baby to the joy of language and reading at this early literacy-based storytime.

**Saturday, Feb. 13 • 3 p.m. Linda Vista**
ART CONTEST
For Children & Teens
Submit a one-frame drawing or illustration depicting a vivid memory from your past, exploring the topic of childhood memories or something about trains!

Contest Guidelines:
• Open to children and teens in grades 3–12.
• Single-frame illustration in pencil, pen, ink or paint depicting the theme of memories, childhood or trains.
• Size can range anywhere between 8” x 10” and 22” x 28.”

Entries:
• Submit to any Pasadena Public Library site by March 10, 2016.
• Must include artist’s contact information along with illustration.
• Paper-clip the entry form to your illustration for submission. Entry form will be removed before judging and a number assigned to the design. Entries will be judged based on creativity, technical skill and execution.

TWO first-place winners will be selected, one in each of the following categories:

Category 1: Grades 3–8
First-place winner in category 1 will win free tuition for a class at Art Center for Kids at Art Center College of Design (valued at up to $300). Second- and third-place winners will receive prize baskets.

Category 2: Grades 9–12
First-place winner in category 2 will win free tuition for a Saturday High class at Art Center College of Design (valued at up to $400). Second- and third-place winners will receive prize baskets.

All winning entries will be displayed at Pasadena Central Library, published online and printed in a Pasadena Public Library publication. All participants, their families and friends will be invited to a special reception honoring their work on Saturday, March 19, 2016. Original artwork will be returned.

WRITING CONTEST
For Children & Teens
“A Vivid Memory” Contest
Submit a short story about a vivid memory from your past or explore the topic of childhood memories, true or fictionalized.

Contest Guidelines:
• Open to children and teens in grades 3–12.
• Stories must be 200-1000 words, writer’s choice, and must be legibly hand-written or typed.
• Stories must be original and the writer’s own work.

Categories for entries:
• Grades 3–5
• Grades 6–8
• Grades 9–12

Entry deadline: March 10, 2016
Stories may be submitted with a completed and signed entry form to any Pasadena Public Library site, or emailed to Jane Gov at jgov@cityofpasadena.net.

A first, second and third prize will be awarded in each category
First prize • A free private writing lesson with a published author and a gift basket.
Second prize • Gift basket full of literary items.
Third prize • Gift basket full of literary items.

Winners will be published online and printed in a Pasadena Public Library publication. Winners and runner-ups will be invited to a special reception honoring their work on Saturday, March 19, 2016.
Central Library
37th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Art Contest
Featuring the artwork of the 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place winners from Pasadena public and private schools (elementary, middle and high schools). Presented by the Pasadena Martin Luther King, Jr. Coalition.
North Entry

Hastings Branch Library
Art Exhibit by Renoir Woodlin
“Art lives in human culture and it is with this art that he explains who he is in that culture. His intent is to create by reviewing history, observing nature’s ways and participating in the politics of culture as a process to invite transformation for the best possible future.”

Afro-Cuban Art
Explores and celebrates the presence and influence of African culture and practices that helped shaped Cuba’s culture and identity. Featuring contemporary Cuban Painter, Luis Alvarez; Afro-Cuban Artist, Sade; Brazilian Artist, Gerardo De Souza; and Cuban Artist—Sobredo.

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.

A list of online tax resources can also be found on the library’s website, cityofpasadena.libguides.com/Taxes.