Now in its 15th year, One City, One Story is designed to broaden and deepen an appreciation of reading and literature by recommending a compelling book that sparks a community conversation on important issues.

The winner of the 2016 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction, as well as five other awards, The Sympathizer is the breakthrough novel of the year. With the pace and suspense of a thriller and prose that has been compared to Graham Greene and Saul Bellow, The Sympathizer is a sweeping story of love and betrayal. The narrator, a communist double agent, is a “man of two minds,” a half-French, half-Vietnamese army captain who arranges to come to America after the Fall of Saigon. While building a new life with other Vietnamese refugees in Los Angeles, he is secretly reporting back to his communist superiors in Vietnam. The Sympathizer is a blistering exploration of identity and America, a gripping espionage novel, and a powerful story of love and friendship.


One City, One Story community programs will be held throughout March, beginning with a conversation with the author on Thursday evening, March 2, 2017. Event details will be announced in the near future.

Now in its 4th year, this exciting program was designed as a city-wide community reading extravaganza in the spirit of One City, One Story, organized by Pasadena Public Library and Vroman’s Bookstore and sponsored by The Friends of the Pasadena Public Library. Last year more than 1,000 children in the Pasadena community participated.

The 2016 selection is Circus Mirandus by author Cassie Beasely. The book celebrates the power of seeing magic in the world.

Do you believe in magic? Micah Tuttle does. Even though his awful Great-Aunt Gertrudis doesn’t approve, Micah believes in the stories his dying Grandpa Ephraim tells him of the magical Circus Mirandus: the invisible tiger guarding the gates, the beautiful flying birdwoman, and the magician more powerful than any other—the Man Who Bends Light. Finally, Grandpa Ephraim offers proof. The Circus is real, and the Lightbender owes Ephraim a miracle. With his friend Jenny Mendoza in tow, Micah sets out to find the Circus and the man he believes will save his grandfather.

The only problem is, the Lightbender doesn’t want to keep his promise. And now it’s up to Micah to get the miracle he came for.

Beasley is from rural Georgia, where she helps out on the family pecan farm when she’s not writing. She earned her MFA in Writing for Children and Young Adults at the Vermont College of Fine Arts. Circus Mirandus is her first novel.

Events will be held throughout November, concluding with the conversation with the author on Saturday, Nov. 19 at 2 p.m. in Central Library’s Donald Wright Auditorium.

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YOUNG READERS LEAGUE 2016

The book selection for Pasadena Public Library’s 2017 One City, One Story community reading celebration is The Sympathizer by author Viet Thanh Nguyen.

For a complete event listing go to page 2.
Hello and a happy November to all!

Well, I am still here so obviously a new permanent Director of Library and Information Services has not been hired. Yet. But I can say that the process continues to move forward. (To be honest, it has always been my experience that it generally takes longer when hiring for a director-level position, because the vetting and reference checking is more in-depth.)

But on to more fun things! First of all, if you haven’t heard, on Friday, Oct. 21 as part of the 2016 ArtNight Pasadena, Mayor Terry Tornek revealed that the book for the 2017 One City, One Story program is The Sympathizer by Viet Thanh Nguyen. To quote from the Pulitzer Prize web site, “The Sympathizer is the story of a man of two minds, someone whose political beliefs clash with his individual loyalties. In dialogue with, but diametrically opposed to the narratives of the Vietnam War that have preceded it, this novel offers an important and unfamiliar new perspective on the war: that of a conflicted communist sympathizer.” And yes, The Sympathizer did indeed win the 2016 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction.

But wait, there’s more! As part of the 2017 One City, One Story celebration, on March 2, 2017, author Viet Thanh Nguyen will be coming to the Pasadena Public Library for an interview and book signing. This event will kick off a month-long celebration with all kinds of programs and activities themed around the One City, One Story selection. More details will follow as the time gets closer.

And looking thorough the multitude of programs and great activities that are going on at all of the libraries in November, two things caught my eye:

The first is Juggler David Cousin. Full disclosure, over the years from working at other libraries, I have seen David perform any number of times. He is fantastic! (I even tried to get him to teach me how to juggle, but it was an exercise in futility.) But if you can catch either of his performances in Pasadena, do so! (And here is a bit of David Cousin trivia: He is married to a librarian!)

The other program that I would like to visit (and this is more for professional development) is a sensory storytime. Library staffs have been trained to provide a great storytime experience for children with autism and sensory challenges. Very few libraries in California offer such a program, but it really is a credit to the staff of the Pasadena Public Library that they recognized a need in our community and have been able to address it.

That’s all from me for November. Thank you for your support of the Pasadena Public Library. I hope to see you here!

YOUNG READERS LEAGUE EVENTS

Marckmann’s Big Top
This miniature train is a replica of the famous Depression-era circus trains that laced their way across America entertaining crowds, from the big cities to isolated rural towns. It was built by Otto Marckmann, an Altadena resident and model railroad enthusiast, and is on loan from his daughter, Karen Bargn, an Altadena artist, and his granddaughter Chelsea Bargn. While this simple exhibit cannot begin to have the charm of the moving train, it can still spark a love of circuses and trains in the hearts of those who remember how to be kids.

Month of November • Hastings

Animal Magic Show
Be amazed by animal magician John Abrams and his exotic pets!
Thursday, Nov. 3 • 3:30 p.m. • Lamanda Park

Juggler David Cousin
Prepare to be dazzled by juggler David Cousin.
Thursday, Nov. 10 • 3:30 p.m. • Allendale
Tuesday, Nov. 15 • 3:30 p.m. • Hill Avenue

Grandparent and Kids Movie Afternoon
Micah and his grandfather spent an awesome day at the movies together. Join us and bring your grandparent/s to see Zootopia while munching on popcorn. Grandparents are encouraged, but not required.
Monday, Nov. 14 • 4 p.m.
Central Library/Donald Wright Auditorium

ELECTION EXPLORATION CENTER

In preparation for the Nov. 8 General Election, Central Library has created an election resource center that allows you to register to vote, check to see if you are registered, find your ballot and polling place, and review the Official Voter Information Guide. This information will also be available on our website at www.pasadenapubliclibrary.net. If you have questions, please ask your friendly library staff.

SPECIAL EVENTS

A Spicy Afternoon with Indian Entertainer Vinita
Actor/comedian Vinita is on a mission. Over the last 10 years, not only did she complete two master’s degrees in science, but she’s also been pushing boundaries as an entertainer. Vinita studied improv at the world-famous Groundlings Theatre and the Upright Citizens Brigade, and has her own YouTube channel! Straying from the stereotypical Indian girl who would likely be a doctor by now, Vinita’s goal is one thing and one thing only: to make people laugh. Join us as we enter the world of Vinita’s Indian character, Asha Patel, for a comedy hour full of improv, storytelling and a tutorial on how to survive an Indian wedding.
Saturday, Nov. 12 • 2 p.m. • Allendale

The Nightmare Before Christmas Fest
Create a new family tradition viewing The Nightmare Before Christmas. There will be face painting, snacks, a photo-op with a life-size Jack Skellington and Zero, a movie facts “quiz show” with a cool prize and a free screening of this new holiday classic. Presented by Greene Lopez and Joy Grierson.
Thursday, Dec. 1 • 6 p.m. • Central Library/Donald Wright Auditorium

The Wacko Show
Enjoy a fantastic comedy and magic extravaganza!
Wednesday, Nov. 16 • 11 a.m. • San Rafael

Traveling Circus Craft
The traveling circus is in town! Use your imagination to create your own traveling circus. Photo props will be available for silly selfies and goofy group photos. Refreshments provided. To sign up, call (626) 744-7262.
Thursday, Nov. 17 • 4 p.m. • Hastings

Be a Lightbender
Learn more about how light works with fun science activities! For ages 8-12 years. To sign up, call (626) 744-4066, option 4.
Friday, Nov. 18 • 4:30 p.m. • Central Library/Story Room

CIRCUS MIRANDUS EXTRAVAGANZA
Celebrate this year’s Young Readers League selection. Enjoy circus activities and games. Have your photo taken at our photo booth, enjoy snacks, earn prizes and meet author Cassie Beasley!
Saturday, Nov. 19 • 2 p.m.
Central Library/Donald Wright Auditorium

Tween Book Club
Read great books and make new friends in this special book club just for tweens. We’ll discuss Circus Mirandus by author Cassie Beasley. For ages 9-12. To sign up, call (626) 744-7262.
Tuesday, Nov. 22 • 4:30 p.m. • Hastings
BY THE BOOK

Great Literature and Discussion Group
Call (626) 744-7266 for the upcoming reading schedule.
Mondays • 11 a.m. • Lamanda Park

Book Chat Chat
Discuss The Girl with the Seven Names by Hyeonseo Lee.
Tuesday, Nov. 1 • 6:30 p.m. • Hastings

Allendale Book Discussion Group
Discuss Story Sisters by Alice Hoffman.
Saturday, Nov. 5 • 10:30 a.m. • Allendale

Hill Avenue Book Discussion Group
Discuss My Wish List by Gregoire Delacourt.
Saturday, Nov. 5 • 10:30 a.m. • Hill Avenue

West Pasadena Book Discussion Group
Discuss Everything I Never Told You by Celeste Ng.
Saturday, Nov. 19 • 11 a.m. • Linda Vista

Pasadena Readers
Led by Dr. Merry Pawowski, Emeritus Professor of English, California State University, Bakersfield, discuss The Maltese Falcon by Dashiel Hammett. To sign up, email creeder@cityofpasadena.net.
Monday, Nov. 21 • 3-4:30 p.m.
Central Library/4th Floor Conference Room

Rave Reviews
Hear reviews of the latest books, the ones you might not notice otherwise.
Monday, Nov. 28 • 2 p.m. • Lamanda Park

AUTHOR TALKS

The Hundred Year Walk
Growing up, Dawn MacKeen heard fragments of her grandfather Stepan’s story of how he was swept up in the deadly mass deportation of Armenians during World War I and miraculously managed to escape. Longing for a fuller picture and the lost home her family fled, Dawn travels alone to Turkey and Syria, across a landscape still rife with tension. Using his long-lost journals as a guide, she reconstructs her grandfather’s odyssey to the far reaches of the Ottoman Empire.

Part reportage, part memoir, The Hundred Year Walk alternates between Stepan’s tale of resilience and Dawn’s remarkable journey, providing a rare first-hand account of the 20th Century’s first genocide. It’s filled with edge-of-your-seat escapes and accounts of lifesaving kindness in the harsh desert, where Dawn finds the unexpected secret to Stepan’s survival. Presented by author Dawn Anahid MacKeen. Q&A will follow. Books will be available for sale and signing.

Thursday, Nov. 3 • 7 p.m. • Central Library/Donald Wright Auditorium

Private Lucky
Some people are born lucky. Others make their own luck.

As a boy, Hank wanted nothing more than to fight for his life. But when he learns that pilot training stopped with the end of the war, it seems he’ll never reach his goal. Undaunted, Private Hank is determined to pursue his lofty goals in a manner only this quirky and very lucky Dutch-American would even think of trying, flying by the seat of his pants to some of the highest levels of aviation. Presented by author Melissa Guzzetta. Q & A will follow. Books will be available for sale and signing.

Thursday, Nov. 10 • 7 p.m. • Central Library/Donald Wright Auditorium

Finding Cleveland
Where Far East Meets Deep South
Join us for a fascinating look at the history of Chinese immigrants in the American South. This documentary explores the little-known history of Chinese settlement in the Mississippi Delta. The screening will be followed by a discussion and live musical performance inspired by the film. Presented by national recording artists and filmmakers Baldwin Chiu (aka: Only Won) and Larissa Lam.

Thursday, Nov. 17 • 7 p.m. • Central Library/Donald Wright Auditorium

CALLING ALL BOOK CLUBS

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 2017? If so, please register your book club by e-mailing onecity@cityofpasadena.net.

FILMS FOR ALL AGES

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

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

Nov. 2
In celebration of the 100th anniversary of the founding of the National Woman’s Party, which led to the passage of the 19th Amendment in 1920.

Nov. 9
The Other Sister (1999) PG-13
In memory of Garry Marshall.

Nov. 16
The Producers (1967) PG
In memory of Gene Wilder.

Nov. 23
No film showing.

Nov. 30
We’re No Angels (1955) NR
Kick off your holiday season with this classic movie!

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

Thursdays • 3:30 p.m.
Villa Parke

Family Films: Animals and the Circus
Join us as we celebrate this year’s Young Readers League with a selection of animal and circus films the whole family will enjoy! For movie title, call (626) 744-7270.

Tuesdays, Oct. 11–Nov. 15
San Rafael

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. We will be showing episodes of a series called Utawarerumono, a historical fantasy anime which began as a computer game.

Saturday, Nov. 5 • 2-4 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, Nov. 29 • 3:30 p.m.
Santa Catalina

• 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.
CREATIVE ARTS
Art a la Carte
Artist Lorrie Shriner teaches drawing, watercolor and collage techniques. Beginners welcome. All materials provided.
Wednesdays • 2 p.m. • San Rafael
The Courage to Write Writing Workshop
Join published author Esther Bradley-De Tally in finding your own voice as she walks you through the writing process. This is a hands-on, six-week workshop. No prior experience is necessary.
Fridays • Nov. 4 & 18 • 1 – 3 p.m. • La Pintoresca
Emerging Urban Poets
Featured and open poetry readings with facilitator Don Kingfisher Campbell.
Saturdays, Nov. 5 & 26 • 3 p.m. • Santa Catalina
Perkins Alley Poets
A poetry writing and critique workshop with facilitator Carl Stilwell.
Saturdays, Nov. 12 & 19 • 3 p.m. • Santa Catalina
Holiday Card Pastel Workshop
Create your own holiday cards using pastels. All materials supplied. Presented by Ed Faubert.
Tuesday-Thursday, Nov. 15-17 • 2-4 p.m. • Central Library/Sunroom

FINANCES
Building a Proper Financial Foundation
Learn how to consolidate debt, manage expenses, protect against loss of income, prepare for unexpected expenses, outpace inflation and minimize taxation. Presented by Mary Li. To sign up, call (626) 382-6198.
Wednesday afternoons by appointment
Central Library/4th Floor Conference Room

HEALTH & FITNESS
Lip Reading and Memory Enhancement
Wednesdays • 1-3 p.m. • Lamanda Park
Free Health Screening
Registered nurses from Huntington Hospital provide free blood pressure and blood sugar screenings, referrals and health education.
Wednesday, Nov. 2 • 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+. Saturday, Nov. 12 • 11 a.m. • San Rafael
Zumba Class
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Saturday, Nov. 12 • 10:30 a.m. • Hill Avenue
Seed Packing Party
Seeds, seeds and more seeds. Help the Pasadena Grows Seed Library prepare seed packets for the winter and spring seasons while enjoying the company of neighbors and friends.
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GAMES
American Mah Jongg Club
Play Mah Jongg. Led by instructor Marie Clark.
Thursdays (except Nov. 24) • 1-3 p.m. Central Library/Studio on 4th

DIGITAL LITERACY
Free Computer/Technology Classes
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 Nov. 7-12, 24 & 25) • 9 a.m.-2 p.m. • La Pintoresca
Tech M@de Easy
You’ve got tech questions, we’ve got tech answers! Whether it’s your computer, laptop, Microsoft Office, eBooks, smartphone or tablet, we can help you.
Central Library/Studio on 4th
Drop in at one of the following times or to schedule an appointment, call (626) 744-4224.
Tuesday, Nov. 8 • 10 -11:30 a.m.
Linda Vista
Saturday, Nov. 26 • 3 p.m.
Computer Pals
Learn how to use Word and the Internet for homework projects.
Saturday, Nov. 19 • 10-11:30 a.m. • La Pintoresca

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

LANGUAGE
Spanish Conversation Group
Thursdays (except Nov. 24)
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 (except Nov. 24) • 1-5 p.m. Central Library/Law Room
QuickLook: Introduction to Lexis Advance
Presented by the LA Law Library.
Thursday, Nov. 17 • 1–2 p.m. Central Library/Law Room

FACED 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 or Van Nuys courthouses. For more information, call (213) 385-2977 x 402.
Thursday, Nov. 17 • 3–7 p.m. Central Library/4th Floor Conference Room
BOOKS & MORE

Kids’ Book Club
Love to read and talk about books? Join us as we have fun discussing *The Chameleon Wore Chartreuse* by Bruce Hale. *For grades 3-5.* To sign up, call (626) 744-4066 option 4, or sign up at the Central Library Children’s Desk.

Wednesday, Nov. 9 • 4:30–5:30 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 10+, their mothers or an adult guest of their choice.* This month’s selection is *Tall Story* by Candy Gourlay. To sign up, call (626) 744-4066, option 4.

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

TEEN SCENE

YA Book Club
Join us for a discussion of *We All Looked Up* by Tommy Wallach. *For ages 14+.* To sign up, call (626) 744-4246.

Monday, Nov. 7 • 6 p.m. • Central Library/Teen Central

Teen Spectrum Book Club
High functioning teens with Autism and Asperger’s are invited to learn about the Teen Spectrum Book Club, where we will read and discuss books in a relaxed social setting. *For ages 12+.*

Saturday, Nov. 12 • 11 a.m. • Linda Vista

GAMES & MORE

Smash Bros. Club
Settle it at the Library! Super Smash Bros. 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

Super Smash Bros. Tournament
Stop by for an afternoon of epic battles and a whole lot of fun with the Super Smash Bros. for WiiU. The winner will earn an awesome prize! *For ages 12+.*

Tuesday, Nov. 1 • 3:30 p.m. • Santa Catalina

Discovery Day
Will you build something? Will there be a game-a-thon? Will it be an exciting, fabulous, creative experience that you have never had before? A fun adventure awaits – don’t miss it! *For teens only.*

Thursday, Nov. 17 • 3 p.m. • Allendale

TWEENS

-books & More

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Technology & More

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 9-12.* To sign up, call (626) 744-7262.

Wednesday, Nov. 9 • 4 p.m. • Hastings

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 Conference 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, Nov. 3 & 17 • noon–2 p.m. • La Pintoresca

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

The Friends of the Pasadena Public Library Book Sale
Second Saturday of each month • 9 a.m.–noon • Central Library/East Patio
BOOKS & MORE

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. Special guest, Ashlyn Anstee, author of *Are We There, Yeti?* and *No, No Gnome!*
*For ages 5–8. To sign up, call (626) 744-4066, option 4.*
**Tuesday, Nov. 8 • 4:30 p.m.** Central Library/Children’s Story Room

Barks & Books
Children read a book to a gentle, well-trained dog. Presented by Pasadena Humane Society volunteers.
**Saturday, Nov. 5 • 11 a.m. • Linda Vista**
**Monday, Nov. 7 • 1:30 p.m. • San Rafael**
**Mondays, Nov. 14 & 28 • 3 p.m. • La Pintoresca**
**Wednesday, Nov. 9 • 4 p.m. • Villa Parke**
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**Thursday, Nov. 17 • 3:30 p.m. • Lamanda Park**
**Tuesday, Nov. 22 • 3:30 p.m. • Hill Avenue**

CREATIVE ARTS

All Day Coloring for Veteran’s Day
Let your creativity shine through. Join us for an all-day coloring event then check out books with veterans’ stories. All materials provided.
**Wednesday, Nov. 9 • 10 a.m.–6 p.m. • Villa Parke**

Fall Crafts
There’s a chill in the air. Come inside and use your imagination to create a fun-filled fall craft.
**Tuesday, Nov. 15 • 4 p.m. • Hastings**

Thanksgiving Crafts
Show your thanks by creating special Thanksgiving crafts to give to someone special, then check out books about Thanksgiving.
**Wednesday, Nov. 16 • 10 a.m.–6 p.m.** Villa Parke

GAMES

Board Game Day
Have fun playing board games with friends and family. Enjoy snacks along with friendly competition.
**Friday, Nov. 18 • 3-5 p.m. • Villa Parke**

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 in grades K-8**
  **Tuesdays & Thursdays (except Nov. 24) • 4–6 p.m.**
  (September – December 8)
  Central Library

- **For students in grades K-5**
  **Mondays & Wednesdays (except Nov. 21 & 23) • 3:30–5:30 p.m. • Hastings**

- **For students in grades K-5**
  **Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays (except Nov. 7-12, 23 & 24) • 3:30–5:30 p.m. • La Pintoresca**

SPECIAL EVENTS

Flights of Fantasy
Get ready for Thanksgiving with a special storytelling event.
**Thursday, Nov. 17 • 3 p.m. • Santa Catalina**

Reuse and Recycle
Celebrate recycling month by creating something truly unique from the recycled materials provided. You are welcome to bring small found objects or items that you would normally discard (greeting cards, used wrapping paper, bottle caps, etc.) and use them to personalize your project and make something totally amazing!
**Thursday, Nov. 17 • 3:30 p.m. • Hill Avenue**

TECHNOLOGY & MORE

Lego® Club
Join us for our Lego® Club! Make stuff! Fun stuff! Science stuff! Create awesome projects based on our themes. Lego® parts provided.
*For ages 6–12. To sign up, call (626) 744-7268.*
**Mondays • Nov. 21 & 28 • 4 p.m. • La Pintoresca**
HEALTH & FITNESS

Hatha Yoga for Children & their Caregivers
Learn techniques to help children relax and focus through stretching and movement, presented by yoga instructor Merry Everest. For Preschoolers.
Thursday, Nov. 3 • 4 p.m. • Hastings
Monday, Nov. 14 • 10 a.m. • Santa Catalina

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. For ages up to 24 months.
Monday, Nov. 7 • 10 a.m. • Central Library/Studio on 4th

STORYTIMES

CENTRAL LIBRARY • INFANT & TODDLER STORYTIME
FALL SESSION • OCT. 11 – DEC. 13

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.

WEEKLY STORYTIMES

For Infants/Toddlers
THURSDAYS (except Nov. 24)
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 (except Nov. 9)
10:45 a.m. • Hastings
11 a.m. • San Rafael

THURSDAYS
10:30 a.m. • La Pintoresca (except Nov. 10 & 24)
10:30 a.m. • Linda Vista (except Nov. 24)

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

For Families
Mondays
Marvelous Mondays
7 p.m. • Hastings

WEDNESDAYS (except Nov. 9 & 23)
Léeme un cuento
Spanish Storytime/Hora de cuentos en español
4 p.m. • La Pintoresca

THURSDAYS (except Nov. 17 & 24)
Family Storytime
3:30 p.m. • Lamanda Park

MONTHLY/SPECIAL STORYTIMES

Mandarin Storytime
Sunday, Nov. 6 • 3 p.m. • Hastings (bilingual Mandarin & English)
Wednesday, Nov. 16 • 3:30 p.m. • Hastings (Mandarin only)

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

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, Nov. 18 • 4 p.m. • La Pintoresca

Armenian Storytime
Saturday, Nov. 19 • 11 a.m. • Santa Catalina

Baby Storytime
Introduce your baby to the joy of language and reading at this early literacy-based storytime.
Saturday, Nov. 19 • 3 p.m. Linda Vista

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 or Marie Plug at (626) 744-4027.
Saturdays, Nov. 5 & 12 • 11 a.m. • Lamanda Park
Locations & Hours

Central Library - 285 E. Walnut Street, 91101
(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., 91106
(626) 744-7280
Mon–Thurs & Sat • 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Fri • 2 – 6 p.m.

Hastings Branch - 3325 E. Orange Grove Blvd., 91107
(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, 91106
(626) 744-7264
Mon–Thurs & Sat • 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Fri • 2 – 6 p.m.

Lamanda Park Branch - 140 S. Altadena Drive, 91107
(626) 744-7266
Mon–Thurs & Sat • 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Fri • 2 – 6 p.m.

La Pintoresca Branch - 1355 N. Raymond Avenue, 91103
(626) 744-7268
Mon–Sat • 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Linda Vista Branch - 1281 Bryant Street, 91103
(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, 91105
(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., 91104
(626) 744-7272
Mon–Thurs & Sat • 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Fri • 2 – 6 p.m.

Villa Parke Branch - 363 East Villa Street, 91101
(626) 744-6510
Mon–Fri • 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.  Sat • 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

MOBILE CHARGING KITS AVAILABLE FOR LOAN

Central Library is debuting a new service. Mobile charging kits for most Android and iPhone cell phones are now available for use with your Pasadena/Glendale Library card for up to one hour while you are visiting the library. Check them out at the Central Service Desk.

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CHAPCARE AND THE PASADENA PUBLIC LIBRARY PARTNERSHIP

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