Michelle Perera Appointed New Library Director

Michelle Perera has been named the new Director of the City of Pasadena's Library and Information Services Department, Pasadena City Manager Steve Mermell has announced. Library Director for the City of Rancho Cucamonga for the past two years, Perera will begin her duties in Pasadena on Dec. 19.

With 20 years of professional public library experience, Perera has served the Rancho Cucamonga Library Department since 1997 and previously worked for the San Marino and Glendora Public Libraries. She has a master’s degree in library science from California State University, San Jose and a bachelor’s degree from the University of California, Riverside. In 2001 she completed the Institute for 21st Century Librarianship training at Stanford University. In 2008, the California Library Association (CLA) gave her its public librarian “Award of Excellence” and she served on CLA’s Board from 2011 to 2014. While serving as Rancho Cucamonga’s Assistant Library Director in 2013, she was named a “Mover & Shaker” by the national Library Journal and won a National Medal for Museum and Library Service from the Institute of Museum and Library Services that was presented by First Lady Michelle Obama at the White House.

“I am honored to have been selected at a time of great opportunity and change in how library resources, programs and services are used every day, and how they meet our patrons’ demands in the digital era,” Perera said. “I look forward to serving as a member of the City’s executive team and continuing the finest traditions of outstanding community service provided by the library and its staff.”

Perera said she is particularly interested in participating in Pasadena’s 15th annual “One City, One Story” community reading program. This year’s selection is The Sympathizer by author Viet Thanh Nguyen.

City Manager Mermell said Perera “has the right combination of public library expertise, leadership and community values, making her the right fit at the right time for our valued public library.”

In her new post, Perera will oversee 108 full-time employees and an annual budget of about $14 million. The department includes Central Library and nine branch libraries, serving 1.5 million people per year in person, online or via social media. With more than 3,000 on-site programs, free WiFi services and an extensive collection of printed books, periodicals, media and cloud-based eBooks, the Pasadena Public Library serves as a life-long learning center and cultural beacon for the greater Pasadena community.

Please join us in welcoming Library Director Michelle Perera to Pasadena when you see her!
Hello once again from the interim Library Director’s office! A happy December to everyone!

I think you could see from the cover that your new Library Director, Michelle Perera, has been selected and will be coming on-board Dec. 19. A great selection by the Library and the City! (I will talk a little more about Michelle later…)

This month, one of the highlights for Pasadena Public Library happened in Sacramento: The California Library Association conference was held and two staff members, Marie Plug and Deborah Takahashi, gave an outstanding presentation about a program at the Lamanda Park Branch Library. (Cherie Johnson is the third integral member of this team but was not able to present at the conference.) “Sensory Play Day” is an inclusive program where children with special needs and neuro-typical children (ages 0-10) can come together to play and socialize. They talked about the toys they use, which are designed to stimulate sensory development and/or help children who have sensory processing issues. And they definitely achieved their goal of encouraging and inspiring other libraries to consider a similar program for their communities, offering a welcoming, safe and structured environment for social engagement and therapeutic play.

There obviously is a great deal of curiosity on the subject because the room was packed, and once the program began, no one left. (As a fairly experienced speaker and presenter, one of my favorite benchmarks for success is if there are as many people still in the room when I finish as there were when I started!) Also, there were a ton of questions and requests for further information. I must say how proud I was of Marie and Deborah for their professional manner, representing us so positively on a statewide level and for showing once again how the Pasadena Public Library is at the forefront of innovative, responsive services for the public.

And now that Michelle Perera will be coming on-board as the next Director of Library and Information Services, I must say what a privilege and an honor it was to be able to do this job, if only on an interim basis. As someone who knows Michelle, I can honestly say that Pasadena is getting a true star in the library profession.

Among her many awards and honors, besides winning the National Medal for Museum and Library Services, she was also named a Library Journal “Mover and Shaker,” one of the highest individual awards that a librarian can receive. (This is actually an international award, and only 50 are awarded each year.)

So goodbye and happy holidays to everyone! Continue to support, use and love your Pasadena Public Libraries!

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**HOLIDAY EVENTS**

**HANUKKAH**

Enjoy our special displays celebrating the Festival of Lights. Central Library and Linda Vista Branch

**TREE LIGHTINGS**

**LA PINTORESCA BRANCH & PARK**

16th Annual Christmas Tree Lighting
Join in the holiday fun as we come together to sing carols, make crafts and light our community Christmas tree. Presented in partnership with the Pasadena Human Services & Recreation and Public Works Departments and Armory Center for the Arts. Friday, Dec. 9 • 4–6 p.m.

**ALLENDALE BRANCH**

5th Annual Holiday Literary Festival & Tree Lighting
Poets, authors and performers Khadija Anderson, James Cushing, Michael C Ford, Vinita Khilnani, Teresa Mei Chuc, Luivette Resto, Mike Sonksen, A.K. Toney and Pam Ward explore the true meanings of the holidays in works ranging from the irreverent to the inspirational. Holiday music and refreshments provided. Presented in partnership with the Madison Heights Neighborhood Association and Pasadena Public Works Department. Saturday, Dec. 10 • 4–6 p.m.

**HASTINGS BRANCH**

4th Annual Holiday Celebration & Tree Lighting
It’s the most wonderful time of the year! Get into the spirit of the season as we celebrate the holidays and light the Hastings Branch Christmas tree. Presented in partnership with the Hastings Branch Associates and Pasadena Public Works Department. Friday, Dec. 16 • 3:30–5:30 p.m.

**KWANZAA**

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

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**HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES**

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

Celebrate the Holidays with Music!
Sing and dance this holiday season with performer Craig Newton.

**Wednesday, Dec. 7** • 10:30 a.m. Linda Vista Branch

Buster Balloon’s Christmas Special
Celebrate the holiday season with Buster’s Christmas Special, complete with a gigantic balloon ginger-bread house, a baby abominable snowman and the secret of Santa’s magic cookie bag!

**Thursday, Dec. 15** • 3:30 p.m. Santa Catalina Branch

Dickens’ Theatre Christmas
Unbound Productions, creators of the acclaimed immersive theatre events Wicked Lit and History Lit, bring the Christmas Spirit of Charles Dickens to the Pasadena Public Library!

Enjoy a staged reading of a new, theatrical adaptation of A Christmas Carol, adapted by Paul Millet and directed by Jeff G. Rack.

**Thursday, Dec. 15** • 7 p.m. Central Library/Donald Wright Auditorium

Explore three rarely seen holiday gems from the great author – Prince Bull, The Child’s Story and A Christmas Tree – in the bill of one-act plays titled Charles Dickens’ Christmas Tree, adapted by Jonathan Josephson.

**Thursday, Dec. 22** • 7 p.m. Central Library/Donald Wright Auditorium

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**BY THE BOOK**

**Great Literature and Discussion Group**

Call (626) 744-7266 for the upcoming reading schedule.

**Monday (except Dec. 26)** 11 a.m. • Lamanda Park Branch

**Allendale Book Discussion Group**

Discuss A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens.

**Sunday, Dec. 3** • 10:30 a.m. Allendale Branch

**Hill Avenue Book Discussion Group**

Discuss Circus Mirandus by Cassie Beasley.

**Saturday, Dec. 3** • 10:30 a.m. Hill Avenue Branch

**Book Chit Chat**

Discuss Brooklyn by Colm Tóibín.

**Tuesday, Dec. 6** • 6:30 p.m. Hastings Branch

**West Pasadena Book Discussion Group**

Stop on by for some holiday cheer and help select our book titles for 2017!

**Saturday, Dec. 10** • 11 a.m. Linda Vista Branch
HOLIDAY CRAFTS

Fun with Felted Wool
Enjoy a creative environment while making a felted wool clutch, coin purse or eyeglass case. Ideas will be tossed around and magic is sure to happen. To sign up, call (626) 744-7272.

Saturday, Dec. 3 • 11 a.m. • Santa Catalina Branch

Artistic Holiday Gift Tags
Create a beautiful holiday tag using mixed media to attach to a special gift or to use as a decoration. All materials provided. Led by artist Janell Mithani. For teens & adults. To sign up, call (626) 744-7264.

Saturday, Dec. 3 • 3-4:30 p.m. • Hill Avenue Branch

All Day Coloring for the Holidays
Let your creativity shine through. Join us for an all-day coloring event then check out books about the different holidays. All materials provided. For ages 5+.

Wednesday, Dec. 7 • 10 a.m.–6 p.m. • Villa Parke Branch

Christmas/Winter Crafts
Make Christmas crafts to give to someone special, then check out books about the different holidays. For ages 5+.

Friday, Dec. 9 • 10 a.m.–6 p.m. • Villa Parke Branch

Ornament Painting
Design and paint your own Christmas ornament to decorate your tree or give as a gift. All materials provided. Led by artist Janell Mithani. For teens and adults. To sign up, call (626) 744-6510.

Monday, Dec. 12 • 4-5:30 p.m. • Villa Parke Branch

Winter Crafts
There’s a chill in the air! Come inside, use your imagination and create a fun-filled winter craft.

Thursday, Dec. 15 • 3:30-5 p.m. • Hastings Branch

DIY Mug Gifts
Personalize a mug for yourself or to gift! We’ll provide the supplies and tools; all you need to bring is your creativity! Once you’re done, take it home and heat-set it in an oven to make the design permanent. For tweens & teens.

Tweens: Ages 8-12 • 3 p.m. Teens: Ages 13-18 • 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 17 • 3:30 p.m. • Central Library/Studio on 4th

Christmas Craft
Get in the spirit and have fun making holiday decorations to decorate your tree. All materials provided.

Tuesday, Dec. 20 • 2:30 p.m. • San Rafael Branch

SPECIAL EVENTS

Yehudi Mercado and Hero Hotel
Chet and his cat, Boomer work in a hotel for superheroes. You would think that superheroes would be all calm and relaxed on vacation. What could go wrong in a great job like that? Well, think again…Author Yehudi Mercado will discuss his inspiration for his new graphic novel. Q & A will follow. Books will be available for sale and signing. For all ages.

Saturday, Dec. 3 • 2 p.m. • Central Library/Studio on 4th

JPL 101
Do you love science? Aspiring scientists of all ages are invited to learn more about our very own Jet Propulsion Lab and its future goals with Dr. Dusan Petrac. For ages 8+.

Saturday, Dec. 3 • 3 p.m. • Linda Vista Branch

Victoria Patterson and The Little Brother
Victoria Patterson, author of The Peerless Four, This Vacant Paradise and her story collection, Drift will discuss her most recent novel, The Little Brother. Q & A will follow. Books will be available for sale and signing.

Thursday, Dec. 8 • 7 p.m. • Hastings Branch

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.

Dec. 7 • The Man Who Came to Dinner (1942) NR
Dec. 14 • The Lemon Drop Kid (1951) NR
Dec. 21 • The Story Lady (1991) G
Dec. 28 • 84 Charing Cross Road (1987) PG

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

Thursdays (except Dec. 21 & 28) • 3:30 p.m. • Villa Parke Branch

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 the final episodes of Utawarerumono, along with some special treats.

Saturday, Dec. 10 • 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, Dec. 27 • 3:30 p.m. • Santa Catalina Branch

• 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 Branch

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

Painting with Paper
Create a winter masterpiece with local artist, Lisa Agaran. All materials supplied. To sign up, call (626) 744-7278. Saturday, Dec. 10 • 3 p.m. Linda Vista Branch

Perkins Alley Poets
A poetry writing and critique workshop with facilitator Carl Stilwell. Saturdays, Dec. 10 & 17 • 3 p.m. Santa Catalina Branch

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

Yoga with Merry
Join us for an intro to yoga class. Presented by Merry Everest. To sign up, call (626) 744-7262. Thursday, Dec. 15 • 7 p.m. Hastings Branch

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, Dec. 17 • 11 a.m. Lamanda Park Branch

HEALTH & FITNESS

Lip Reading and Memory Enhancement
Wednesdays • 1-3 p.m. Lamanda Park Branch

Free Health Screening
Registered nurses from Huntington Hospital provide free blood pressure and blood sugar screenings, referrals and health education. Wednesday, Dec. 7 • 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, Dec. 10 • 11 a.m. San Rafael Branch

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HISTORY

Pasadena African-American Genealogy Group
Search out your heritage and recover the past with this dynamic genealogy group. Saturday, Dec. 3 • 2-5 p.m. Lamanda Park Branch

LANGUAGE

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

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

QuickLook: Introduction to WestlawNext
Presented by the LA Law Library. Thursday, Dec. 15 • 1–2 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 or Van Nuys court houses. For more information, call (213) 385-2977 x 402. Thursdays, Dec. 15 & 22 • 3–7 p.m. Central Library/4th Floor Conference 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 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, Dec. 1 & 15 • noon–2 p.m. • La Pintoresca Branch

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, at http://cityofpasadena.net/library/reference_research/bookus. Skip the line and meet with reference staff when it is most convenient for you. The service is available at Central Library to Pasadena Public Library card holders who live or work in Pasadena.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY
Find out how to make a difference in the life of an abused or neglected child by becoming a Los Angeles Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA). Saturday, Dec. 10 • 1-2:15 p.m. Hastings Branch
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 Dec. 8 & 26)**
9 a.m.-2 p.m. • La Pintoresca Branch

Computer Pals
Learn how to use Word and the Internet for homework projects.
**Saturdays, Dec. 3 & 17 • 10-11:30 a.m.**
La Pintoresca Branch

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. Drop in at the time listed below or schedule an appointment by calling (626) 744-4224.
**Tuesday, Dec. 13 • 10-11:30 a.m. • Central Library/Studio on 4th**

Graphic Arts
The foundation for all great media -- video games, websites, 3D animated movies and visual effects -- is creative design and breathtaking digital art. Come develop and improve your graphic design skills while mastering professional design tools like Adobe® Photoshop® and Illustrator®. Learn logo design, typography, colors and gradients, line art, vector graphics and character design. Led by instructor Joey Sanchez, Armory Center for the Arts. **For ages 11-18. For information, call (626) 345-0706. To sign up go to [www.cityofpasadena.net/reserve](http://www.cityofpasadena.net/reserve) or visit any Pasadena Community Center.**
**Tuesdays, Jan. 3-Mar. 7 • 4-5:30 p.m.**
La Pintoresca Teen Ed Center • 1355 N. Raymond Ave.

Documentary Photo
Photographers are storytellers who use their cameras to capture people, places and events. Join our digital photography class and learn to tell your story using visual aids to capture your imagination. Have fun taking pictures, gain a basic understanding of photographic techniques and begin to creatively use Photoshop to transform your images into works of art. You’ll also learn to digitally share your photos on iPhoto using the latest iMac software, and identify the best images for a final exhibition. Led by La Pintoresca Ed Center Staff. For ages 11-18. For information, call (626) 345-0706. To sign up go to [www.cityofpasadena.net/reserve](http://www.cityofpasadena.net/reserve) or visit any Pasadena Community Center.
**Tuesdays, Jan. 3-Mar. 7 • 4-5:30 p.m.**
La Pintoresca Teen Ed Center • 1415 N. Raymond Ave.

LEG® Robotics
Take one of America’s favorite toys to the next level! Design and configure a variety of creations using LEGO® blocks, batteries and motors. Using computers, you can program inventions that come to life. Led by instructor Antonio Lemus. **For ages 7-12. Fee based 10 week class sessions - $35 for Pasadena residents/$75 for non-residents. For information, call (626) 744-6530. To sign up go to [www.cityofpasadena.net/reserve](http://www.cityofpasadena.net/reserve) or visit any Pasadena Community Center.**
**Saturdays, Jan. 7-Mar. 11 • 8-10 a.m.**
Saturdays, Jan. 7-Mar. 11 • 10 a.m.–noon
Villa-Parke Community Center • 363 E. Villa St.

Computer Literacy
Learn about the applications built into the computer, and how to use the mouse and keyboard. Led by Southern California Resource Center staff. **For ages 50+. For information, call (626) 744-7300. To sign up go to [www.cityofpasadena.net/reserve](http://www.cityofpasadena.net/reserve) or visit any Pasadena Community Center.**
**Mondays, Jan. 9-Mar. 6 • 9:30-11 a.m.**
Jackie Robinson Community Center • 1020 N. Fair Oaks Ave.

Bilingual Computer Literacy
This hands-on, bilingual class is designed to build seniors’ comfort and skill with using computers. You do not need to own a computer to attend. From hardware to software, the internet and email to word processing, this class will help make your computer experience more enjoyable and productive. Led by Pamela Cantero. **For ages 50+. For information, call (626) 744-6530. To sign up go to [www.cityofpasadena.net/reserve](http://www.cityofpasadena.net/reserve) or visit any Pasadena Community Center.**
**Mondays, Jan. 9-Mar. 6 • 12:30-2 p.m.**
Villa-Parke Community Center • 363 E. Villa St.
TEEN SCENE

BOOKS & MORE

YA Book Club
Join us for a discussion of *Steelheart* by Brandon Sanderson. *For ages 14+. To sign up, call (626) 744-4246.*

**Monday, Dec. 5 • 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, Dec. 17 • 11 a.m. • Linda Vista Branch***

**CREATIVE ARTS**

Pokémon Ornament Painting
Have fun painting Pokémon ornaments because we gotta gift ‘em all! *To sign up, call (626) 744-7272. For ages 12+.*

**Tuesday, Dec. 13 • 3:30 p.m. • Santa Catalina Branch***

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, Dec. 15 • 3 p.m. • Allendale Branch***

**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 (except Dec. 26) 3:30–5:30 p.m. • Hastings Branch***

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, Dec. 6 • 3:30 p.m. • Santa Catalina Branch***

Game Night
Join us for board games, video games and pizza. Choose from Castle Panic, Pandemic, Forbidden Island, Dominion, Risk, Trivia Pursuit, Ticket to Ride, Monopoly and more. Video game selections on the Wii U include Just Dance, Mario 3D World, and Wipe Out. Must play well with others. *For ages 13+. To sign up, call (626) 744-4246.*

**Wednesday, Dec. 28 • 5-7 p.m. • Central Library/Teen Central/Studio on 4th***

**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, Dec. 14 • 4 p.m. • Hastings Branch***

**TWEENS**

BOOKS & MORE

Kids’ Writing Workshop
Are you a dreamer? Do you love to write? It’s never too early to start writing your own stories. You don’t have to be an expert – you just have to love stories and have a great imagination of your own. *For ages 8–12. To sign up, call (626) 744-4066, option 4.*

**Friday, Dec. 16 • 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 10+, their mothers or an adult guest of their choice.* This month’s selection is *Brown Girl Dreaming* by Jacqueline Woodson. *To sign up, call (626) 744-4066, option 4.*

**Wednesday, Dec. 21 • 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) 744-7262.*

**Tuesday, Dec. 27 • 4:30 p.m. • Hastings Branch***

**CREATIVE ARTS**

Make a Light-Up Journal
Take a brand-new journal and hack it with LED lights to make a truly unique receptacle for your creations! Learn circuitry while making a great gift for yourself or for someone else. All materials provided. *To sign up, call (626) 744-4066, option 4. For ages 8+. Friday, Dec. 16 • 4:30-5:30 p.m. • Central Library/Studio on 4th***

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**Wednesday, Dec. 14 • 4 p.m. • Hastings Branch***
**LIBRARY KIDS**

**BOOks & More**

**Kids’ Book Club**
Love to read and talk about books? Join us as we discuss *Regarding the Fountain* by Kate Klise. For grades 3-5. To sign up, call (626) 744-4066 option 4, or sign up at the Central Library Children’s Desk.

**Wednesday, Dec. 21 • 4:30–5:30 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, Dec. 3 • 11 a.m. • Linda Vista Branch**

**Monday, Dec. 5 • 1:30 p.m. • San Rafael Branch**

**Thursday, Dec. 8 • 4 p.m. • Central Library/Children's Story Room**

**Saturday, Dec. 10 • 1 p.m. • Santa Catalina Branch**

**Monday, Dec. 12 • 3 p.m. • La Pintoresca Branch**

**Wednesday, Dec. 14 • 4 p.m. • Villa Parke Branch**

**Tuesday, Dec. 20 • 3:30 p.m. • Hastings Branch**

**Thursday, Dec. 22 • 3:30 p.m. • Lamanda Park Branch**

**GAMES**

**Board Game Day**
Have fun playing board games with friends and family. Enjoy snacks along with friendly competition.

**Friday, Dec. 16 • 3–5 p.m. • Villa Parke Branch**

**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 (Dec. 1, 6 & 8 only) 4–6 p.m. • Central Library

- For students in grades K-5
  - Mondays & Wednesdays (except Dec. 19-28) 3:30–5:30 p.m. • Hastings Branch

- For students in grades K-5
  - Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays (except Dec. 19-29) • 3:30–5:30 p.m. • La Pintoresca Branch

**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, Dec. 5 & 19 • 4 p.m. • La Pintoresca Branch**

**LIBRARY KIDS**

**STORYTIMES**

**CENTRAL LIBRARY • INFANT & TODDLER STORYTIME**

**WINTER SESSION • JAN. 17-MAR. 21**
**REGISTER ON TUESDAY, JAN. 10**

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

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

**11 a.m. • OPEN REGISTRATION** in person.

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

**CENTRAL LIBRARY • INFANT & TODDLER STORYTIME**

**BEGINNS JAN. 17.**

**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** (Dec. 1 only)

10:30 a.m. • Lamanda Park Branch

**For Preschoolers**

**TUESDAYS**

10:30 a.m. • Hill Avenue Branch

10:30 a.m. • Lamanda Park Branch *(Dec. 6 only)*

10:30 a.m. • Villa Parke Branch *(Dec. 6 & 13 only)*

**WEDNESDAYS**

10:30 a.m. • Allendale Branch

10:30 a.m. • Santa Catalina Branch *(Dec. 7 & 14 only)*

10:45 a.m. • Hastings Branch

11 a.m. • San Rafael Branch

**MONTHLY/SPECIAL STORYTIMES**

**Mandarin Storytime**

**Sunday, Dec. 4 • 3 p.m. • Hastings Branch** *(bilingual Mandarin & English)*

**Wednesday, Dec. 21 • 3:30 p.m.**

Hastings Branch *(Mandarin only)*

**Around the World Storytime**

**Wednesday, Dec. 14 • 11 a.m.**

San Rafael Branch

**Armenian Storytime**

**Saturday, Dec. 17 • 11 a.m.**

Santa Catalina Branch

**Baby Storytime**

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

**Saturday, Dec. 17 • 3 p.m.**

Linda Vista Branch

**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. Ayeshia Randall. *For ages 3+.*

**Friday, Dec. 30 • 4 p.m. • La Pintoresca Branch**

**EARLY LEARNERS**

**HEALTH & FITNESS**

**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, Dec. 5 • 10 a.m. • Central Library/Studio on 4th**

**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.*

**Monday, Dec. 12 • 10 a.m. • Santa Catalina Branch**

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Library Commission Welcomes You

All interested residents are invited to attend the Library Commission’s monthly meetings and learn more about the library and commission activities. The commission advises the Pasadena City Council to ensure that the public library system is well managed in a manner consistent with law and policies. It also advises library administration on the development of library policies.

The commission is made up of nine members, one appointed by each council member and the mayor. The mayor also nominates one additional member from individuals recommended by the seven council members. All must be residents of Pasadena and may serve up to two three-year terms.

The commission meets the third Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. All meetings are open to the public and rotate between library sites. The next commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 21, 6 p.m. at Central Library’s Studio on 4th, 285 E. Walnut St. You are welcome to attend!

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La Pintoresca Associates Raise Funds for Nonprofit Resource Center

Congratulations to the La Pintoresca Branch Library Associates on a very successful fundraiser on Oct. 9, which not only brought in many new members, but also $1,500 to enhance the Nonprofit Resource Center. Jaylene Moseley and Lisa Wilson from the Flintridge Center were honored at the event.

The Flintridge Center founded the Nonprofit Resource Center in 1993 as a free resource library for local nonprofit organizations. In 2013 the Flintridge Center donated this special collection to the Pasadena Public Library with the intent to focus exclusively on programs for at-risk youth and critical services to reduce community violence.

Housed at the La Pintoresca Branch Library the center is one of the most significant collections for nonprofits in the Western United States, with extensive reference and circulating materials on fundraising and nonprofit management.

The Nonprofit Resource Center is equipped with a dedicated computer with access to the Foundation Directory Online database. This computer is available on a first-come, first-served basis, Monday through Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Two additional computers, located in the branch’s Technology Learning Lab, also provide access to the grants research database during the Lab’s designated hours for adults. La Pintoresca staff is available onsite to assist users with the database.

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) 744-7260
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.

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.

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.

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

DECEMBER EXHIBITS

CENTRAL LIBRARY
“Metaphores” Photomontages
North Entry, Humanities and Reading Wings and Centennial Room

EXHIBITS

FREE Weekend Parking For CENTRAL LIBRARY Patrons

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