California Native Garden Delights
Linda Vista Branch Visitors

The aroma of verbena now greets visitors to Linda Vista Branch Library. Thanks to the efforts of the Linda Vista Library Associates and the Arroyo Seco Foundation, the library’s garden has been transformed into a showcase for beautiful California native plants. The newly established garden contains grasses for wildlife to forage, flowers to attract insects important to our ecosystem, and bushes to beautify the library, all of which require minimal watering.

This garden enhancement was created through the tireless efforts of the Linda Vista Library Associates. The group researched and interviewed potential architects and landscaping professionals, ultimately deciding upon the Arroyo Seco Foundation. After a year of planning and working closely together, the Pasadena Library, Pasadena Public Works Department, Linda Vista Library Associates and the Arroyo Seco Foundation drafted a plan that included a new sprinkler system and the installation of over 150 California native plants. Every plant was carefully planted by volunteers from the Linda Vista Library Associates, Arroyo Seco Foundation, Hahamonga Nursery and Linda Vista neighbors.

With the winter rain storms, the garden has multiplied and blossomed into an oasis that happily greets library patrons as they walk into the newly renovated branch. Do stop by and check it out!

Central Library Facade Restoration
A public-private partnership

The restoration of Central Library’s Walnut Street facade is underway, thanks to generous support from the Pasadena Public Library Foundation and The Friends of the Pasadena Public Library.

The Pasadena Public Library Foundation, a fund of the Pasadena Community Foundation, embarked on an effort to restore one of Pasadena’s most magnificent buildings, designed by Myron Hunt and constructed in 1927 as the premiere branch of Pasadena Public Library. In collaboration with the Friends, in September 2014 the Library Foundation hosted a fundraising event in the building’s Great Hall that raised $90,000 for this vital project. Since then the team has raised an additional $25,000. These funds supplement proceeds from the $1.2 million Pasadena Public Library Foundation endowment, which is earmarked to maintain this architectural treasure.

The ultimate goal of the multi-year restoration is to protect and preserve the building's facade, with its iconic columns and arched windows. The current “courtyard phase” should be completed soon, at a cost of about $270,000. The Library Foundation will provide half the funding, and the City of Pasadena will contribute the balance. The work includes cleaning and waterproofing the exterior cast-stone elements, painting the grand windows, and repairing the existing roof system at the patio and main entry. Future phases will restore the walls beyond the courtyard, which extend to the east and west wings.

The Foundation is committed to working with the City to ensure the splendor of this building for many years to come. All of the money in the endowment, as well as additional project funds, have been donated by generous people who love the library, value its service to the community and appreciate the enduring beauty and history of this special building. Our sincere gratitude goes to all of you.

All Pasadena Public Libraries will be CLOSED
Labor Day • Sunday & Monday, Sept. 3 & 4
I am pleased to announce that the Pasadena Library staff have been busy writing grant proposals over the last few months and have recently received word on the fruits of our labor. We are pleased to announce that we have won five grants:

- **First 5 LA** – First 5 LA has awarded the Library, and in particular The Office of the Young Child, a $12,000 grant to fund the launch of Pasadena as an Early Learning City 2025. The kick-off event will be held on Saturday, Sept. 23 at Brookside Park. More information on it is included in this issue of Off the Shelf. We hope that you will be able to attend!

- **Big Read** – a $14,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Arts will provide program funding to do a community read of The Emperor is Divine by Julie Otsuka. This historical novel is about a Japanese American family that was sent to an internment camp in Utah during World War II. Look for programs relating to this book in 2018.

- **Mental Health Initiative** – the Library has recently partnered with the Department of Public Health to have a case worker stationed at the library several days a week. We received a grant covering four months of the salary for this position.

- **Virtual Reality** – the Library has received an equipment grant from the California State Library for a virtual reality experience. This grant provides the equipment and tools to provide programs for children and families on virtual reality.

- **STEAM 18** – last, but not least, the library received a $100,000 grant from the California State Library to offer STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) programs for the community. These programs are expected to be piloted in late fall of this year and introduced in 2018. This grant, which will bring programs like robotics, circuits, vacuform, 3D printing, and more, will be a great addition to our programming lineup.

Stay tuned for details on all the great events and programs that are generated from these grants!
EVENTS

Exploring Asia
Join educators from the USC Pacific Asia Museum and explore Asian cultures, arts and practices through storytelling and hands-on art making! Discover stories told through the eyes of children, then create a work of art inspired by one of the many cultures of Asia and the Pacific Islands.
Thursdays, Aug. 10 & 24 • 6:30-8:30 p.m. • Central Library/Donald Wright Auditorium

U.S. Solar Eclipse
On Monday, Aug. 21, people across the United States will see the sun disappear behind the moon, turning daylight into twilight, causing the temperature to drop rapidly and revealing massive streamers of light streaking through the sky around the silhouette of the moon. On that day, America will fall under the path of a total solar eclipse.
The eclipse will not be visible from Pasadena but viewing glasses were distributed to libraries in the U.S. free by the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation to augment this special event. Pasadena Public Libraries will be distributing eclipse glasses from Saturday, Aug. 19 to Monday, Aug. 21 at each site, while supplies last. Glasses will be available on-site only and may not be reserved beforehand or mailed to the public.
For more information on the eclipse visit http://www.starnetlibraries.org/2017eclipse/eclipse-resource-center.
Aug. 19-21 • All library sites during their regular business hours while supplies last

Celebrating Constitution Day
Join the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) - Martin Severance Chapter as they celebrate Constitution Day with the ringing of bells at 1 p.m. marking “Bells Across America,” a national commemoration started in 1987 by the late Chief Justice Warren E. Burger. DAR members will also distribute free pocket copies of the American Constitution.
Sunday, Sept. 17 • 1–5 p.m. • Central Library/Great Hall

Rabindranath Tagore: A Celebration of His Music, Art and Poetry
The first Asian man to win the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1913 in Kolkata, India, Rabindranath Tagore’s contributions to the world went far beyond literature. Gifted in painting, philosophy, science, music and social activism, he fought for better economic and educational opportunities for the people of Bengal. Join us and learn more about this colossal figure in Indian history as we celebrate Tagore’s life with a special musical presentation.
Performances provided by Dayita Datta, Shruti Music Academy, Lawrence Kolakowski, Sara Acharyya Dudukgian and AnnMarie Hurtado.
Saturday, Sept. 23 • 2-3 p.m. • Central Library/Donald Wright Auditorium

SmartBooks for SmarterBabies
Learn how authors are rebooting children’s literature and accelerating core brain development by talking UP to children. Presented by A.Z. Riel, writer and illustrator of children’s literature with advanced literary and life concepts.
Thursday, Sept. 28 • 7 p.m. • Central Library/Donald Wright Auditorium

UPCOMING EVENTS

National Coming Out Day
Join us as we commemorate the city’s efforts to celebrate and foster an inclusive community and mark the 29th anniversary of National Coming Out Day.
Wednesday, Oct. 11 • 6-8 p.m. • Central Library

ArtNight • Spooky Good Time
5th Annual Author and Book Fair. Enjoy spooky Theatre Americana show, family fun activities, art lecture, and music presented by community organizations.
Friday, Oct. 13 • 6-10 p.m.
Central Library/Donald Wright Auditorium

Author Talk – Amor Towles
Tuesday, Nov. 7 • 7 p.m.
Central Library/Donald Wright Auditorium
ADULTS

BY THE BOOK
For book selections, contact the branch libraries listed below.

Great Literature and Discussion Group (except Sept. 4)
Call (626) 744-7266 for the upcoming reading schedule.
Mondays • 11 a.m. • Lamanda Park Branch

Book Chit Chat
Tuesdays, Aug. 1 & Sept. 5 • 6:30 p.m. • Hastings Branch

Allendale Book Discussion Group
Discuss A Man Called Ove by Fredrik Backman (August) and Sense of an Ending by Julian Barnes (September).
Saturdays, Aug. 12 & Sept. 9 • 10:30 a.m. • Allendale Branch

Pasadena Readers Book Club
Dr. Merry Pawlowski, emeritus professor of English, California State University, Bakersfield, will lead a discussion of Look Homeward Angel by Thomas Wolfe (August) and The Sound and the Fury by William Faulkner (September). To sign up, email creeder@cityofpasadena.net.
Mondays, Aug. 21 & Sept. 18 • 3-4:30 p.m. • Central Library/Studio on 4th Hill Avenue

Hill Avenue Book Discussion Group
Saturdays, Aug. 26 & Sept. 23 • 10:30 a.m. • Hill Avenue Branch

West Pasadena Book Discussion Group
Saturday, Aug. 26 • 11 a.m. • Linda Vista Branch
Saturday, Sept. 23 • 11 a.m. • San Rafael Branch

AUTHOR TALKS

A Visit from Dr. Kwei Quartey, Author of the Darko Dawson Mystery Series
Experience a lively discussion with Kwei Quartey, a Pasadena writer and physician born in Ghana, West Africa. A 2011 nominee for Pasadena Public Library’s One City, One Story program, Dr. Quartey will talk about his mystery series, read from his latest novel Death by His Grace, share information about Ghana and answer questions from the audience. Books will be available for sale and signing.
Saturday, Sept. 23 • 2 p.m. • Allendale Branch

FILMS

WEDNESDAYS • 1 p.m.
CENTRAL LIBRARY/DONALD WRIGHT AUDITORIUM

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.

AUGUST

Aug. 2 The Great Elephant Escape (1995) NR
Aug. 9 Ready to Run (2000) G
Aug. 16 Where the Red Fern Grows (2003) G
Aug. 23 Harvey (1950) NR

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 6 The Lady Eve (1941) NR
Sept. 13 Seven Brides for Seven Brothers (1954) G
Sept. 20 The More the Merrier (1943) NR
Sept. 27 Anchors Aweigh (1945) NR

TEENS

A Monster Calls (2014) PG-13
Join us for a screening and discussion of A Monster Calls, based on the book by Patrick Ness. Popcorn and pizza will be served. For ages 14+.
Wednesday, Sept. 20 • 5-8 p.m. Central Library/Donald Wright Auditorium

SC Anime Club
Teens, go crazy over the latest anime! Join us for a special screening. For ages 12+.
Saturdays, Aug. 12 & Sept. 9
1 p.m. • Santa Catalina Branch

Teen Anime Evenings
Enjoy this month’s special edition of the Anime Club, with Japanese snacks and the newest manga in the library's collection.
Mondays, Aug. 14 & Sept. 11
5-7 p.m. • Central Library/Studio on 4th

THURSDAYS

VILLA PARKE BRANCH
Family Fun Films
Join us for a movie the whole family can enjoy – complete with popcorn! For movie title, call (626) 744-6510.
3:30 p.m.

CENTRAL LIBRARY
Spend a warm August evening indoors enjoying an academy award film.
Aug. 31 Lion (2016) PG-13
6:30-8:30 p.m.
DISCOVERY CLASSES

CREATIVE ARTS
Art a la Carte
Artist Lorrie Shriner teaches drawing, watercolor and collage techniques. Beginners welcome. Please bring your own watercolor and art supplies.

Wednesdays • 2 p.m.
San Rafael 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.

Saturdays, Aug. 5 & 19, Sept. 2 & 16
11 a.m. • Lamanda Park Branch

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

Saturdays, Aug. 12 & Sept. 9 • 11 a.m.
San Rafael Branch

Lip Reading and Memory Enhancement

Wednesdays, Sept. 13, 20 & 27 • 1-3 p.m.
Lamanda Park Branch

HISTORY

Pasadena African-American Genealogy Group
Search out your heritage and recover the past with this dynamic genealogy group.

Saturdays, Aug. 5 & Sept. 2 • 2-5 p.m.
Lamanda Park Branch

LANGUAGE

Spanish Conversation Group
Thursdays • 12:45-2 p.m. • San Rafael Branch

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. Appointments are a must; to sign up, call (626) 744-7351.

Tuesday • 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.”

Thursdays, Aug. 3 & 17, Sept. 7 & 21
noon-2 p.m. • La Pintoresca Branch

DIGITAL LITERACY

Pasadena Public Library and Pasadena Human Services and Recreation Department have joined together to provide a broad range of computer and technology offerings for our community. Classes are listed below. Registration may apply. All classes are free unless noted.

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 Sept. 4) • 9 a.m.-2 p.m. • La Pintoresca Branch

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+

Mondays, Sept. 11-Nov. 6 • 9:30-11 a.m.
Jackie Robinson Community Center • 1020 N. Fair Oaks Ave.

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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 or visit any Pasadena community center.

Mondays, Sept. 11-Oct. 30 • 4-5:30 p.m. • La Pintoresca Teen Ed Center • 1415 N. Raymond Ave.

Nonprofit Resource Directory Online
Search Workshop for Grantseekers
Learn how to generate a targeted list of funding prospects from the Nonprofit Directory online databases, conducted by La Pintoresca staff.

To sign up, call (626) 744-7268.

Saturday, Aug. 12 • 10-11:30 a.m.
La Pintoresca Branch

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To sign up, call (626) 744-7268.

Friday, Aug. 18 • 4-5:30 p.m. • La Pintoresca Branch

Book Us!
For Help with all of your Special Research Questions
Specialists are available to meet with you one-on-one for uninterrupted assistance with your research questions in a variety of subjects. Make a BOOK US! appointment at http://ww5.cityofpasadena.net/library/questions-help.

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 (except for Pasadena history-related requests).
TEENS

TEEN SCENE

BOOKS & MORE

YA Book Club
Join us for a discussion of The Thousandth Floor, by Katherine McGee (August) and The Hundred Lies of Lizzie Lovett, by Chelsea Sedoti (September). For ages 14+. To sign up, call (626) 744-4246 or email Jane Gov at jgov@cityofpasadena.net.
Saturday, Aug. 26 • 7 p.m. • Central Library/Children’s Story Room

LV Teen Book Club
Spend the afternoon with us as we discuss Scythe by Neal Schusterman (August) and All the Bright Places by Jennifer Niven (September). For ages 13+. To learn more, email Deborah Takahashi at dtakahashi@cityofpasadena.net.
Saturday, Aug. 26 & Sept. 30 • 3 p.m. • Linda Vista Branch

Teen Writers
Are you a novelist or poet, or do you just simply love writing? Want to meet or write with others who share this same passion? Join us for an informal session where you can meet other teens, do a few writing exercises, talk about writing, bounce ideas around and share your work. Stories and poems produced during these sessions will also be considered for our Teen Zine.
Thursday, Aug. 31 & Sept. 28 • 6-7:30 p.m. • Central Library/Teen Central

CREATIVE ARTS

Teen Film Scoring Workshop
Do you have a favorite movie soundtrack? Film scores have brought out emotions, enhanced dramatic scenes, and created lasting melodies. In this film scoring workshop, we’ll talk about the role of a composer and the film scoring process, watch some of the most noteworthy film scoring moments, and create a short score of your own! Bring a flash drive to preserve your workshop files. To sign up, call (626) 744-7282.
Thursday, Aug. 3 • 4 p.m. • Hastings Branch

DIY Clothespin Lamp
Have fun creating your very own unique clothespin lamp. All materials provided. To sign up, call (626) 744-7278.
Saturday, Aug. 12 • 11 a.m. • Linda Vista Branch

DISCOVERY DAY
Discover what the staff at Allendale has in store for you! Build something, make something and learn something! A fun adventure awaits – don’t miss it! For teens only.
Thursday, Sept. 21 • 3 p.m. • Allendale Branch

GAMES & MORE

Super Smash Bros. Club
Intense competition and new rivals take center stage in this exclusive teen club! Join the 8-player madness on the big screen or ask for a 1v1 with the best players in Pasadena! Looking for something a bit friendlier? We have an additional GameCube and Wii setup with a huge selection of the best games! But that’s not all! The SWITCH is here! So drop by every Monday and try out all the new games as they release! For ages 14+.
Mondays • 3:30-5:30 p.m. • Hastings Branch

LevelUp Youth Conference
Learn • Grow • Lead
Take part in two days of workshops on leadership development, school/college readiness, job skills and volunteer opportunities. Learn essential skills that will inform and prepare you for school and your career ahead. Lunch and snacks provided. Participants must be able to attend both days. For ages 12-15 only. To sign up, register online from July 10-Aug. 7 at https://2017levelup.eventbrite.com.
Thursday & Friday, Aug. 10 & 11 • 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. • Central Library/Studio on 4th

COLLEGE BOUND

Helping First-Generation Parents Navigate College Admissions
Learning to navigate the road to college admissions with your high school student can be difficult, but even more so when English is not your first language. Many first-generation families feel lost and do not understand where to go to access free resources because most instructions are in English only. Find the tools you need in the language you speak to better support and assist your child during the college admissions process. Translations will be provided in Spanish and Chinese. Presented by FLEX.
To sign up, call (626) 744-4246.
Tuesday, Aug. 29 • 6:30 p.m. • Central Library/Children’s Story Room

College Essay Support Workshop
Writing a successful essay is key to getting into college. Join us and pick up tips on how to craft your college application essay. Presented by professional writer and editor, Alison Bell. For high school seniors only. To sign up, call (626) 744-7268.
Saturday, Sept. 16 • 1-3 p.m. • La Pintoresca Branch

College Essays: Stand Out and Get In!
A great college essay communicates all the necessary information about you as a person. Learn what college admissions committees look for in a candidate. Get help writing an essay that best showcases your strengths. Presented by Revolution Prep. To sign up, email Jane Gov at jgov@cityofpasadena.net or call (626) 744-4246.
Tuesday, Sept. 26 • 6:30 p.m. • Central Library/Children’s Story Room

ISSUES TODAY

Youth Network
What’s happening in our community? Join other teens to discuss youth issues in Pasadena. To sign up, email Jane Gov at jgov@cityofpasadena.net.
Wednesday, Sept. 6 • 4-6 p.m. • Central Library/Studio on 4th

LEADERSHIP

Volunteer Opportunity
Help out at the library. Earn community service hours. Gain leadership skills and work experience. Teen volunteers ages 13-17 are needed as book reviewers, to help with events, and as homework helpers, members of the Teen Zine Team and Teen Advisory Board. Great for resumes and college applications. For more information and to download an application visit http://www5.cityofpasadena.net/library/teens-services/#menu4.
**BOOKS & MORE**

**Tween Book Club**
Read great books and make new friends in this special book club just for tweens. For ages 9–12.
To sign up, call (626) 744-7262.
Tuesdays, Aug. 22 & Sept. 26 • 4:30 p.m. • Hastings Branch

**KIDS’ WRITING WORKSHOPS**

**With Author Kristen Kittscher**
Join us for a writing workshop with Kristen Kittscher, author of the middle grade mysteries *The Wig in the Window* and *The Tiara on the Terrace*. Ask her your questions about writing, learn about her writing process, and do some fun writing exercises! For ages 9-12. To sign up, call (626) 744-4066, option 4.
Friday, Aug. 25 • 4:30-5:30 p.m. • Central Library/Children’s Story Room

**With Author Elana K. Arnold**
“Write what you know,” teachers say. “But nothing ever happens to me,” students protest. Using examples from her own novels, Elana K. Arnold, author of *The Question of Miracles*, *Far From Fair*, and *A Boy Called Bat*, shares stories from her life and how they have informed her fiction. Her gentle, personable approach will encourage students to see material in their own lives. For ages 9-12. To sign up, call (626) 744-4066, option 4.
Friday, Sept. 22 • 4:30-5:30 p.m. • Central Library/Children’s Story Room

**SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY**

**Make a Penny Battery**
Do you love science, engineering and figuring out how the world works? Bring your curiosity and we’ll provide an intro science lesson about electricity and conductivity, with all the materials you need to create a working battery out of pennies. For ages 8-12. To sign up, call (626) 744-4066, option 4.
Tuesday, Aug. 8 • 4:30-5:30 p.m.
Central Library/Children’s Story Room

**STEAM Team Club**
Explore the STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) concepts through creative, innovative projects based on fun STEAM-related challenges. For ages 9-12. To sign up, call (626) 744-744-7262.
Wednesday, Sept. 13 • 4 p.m. • Hastings Branch
LIBRARY KIDS

BOOKS & MORE

Barks & Books
Children read a book to a gentle, well-trained dog. Presented by Pasadena Humane Society volunteers.
Saturday, Sept. 2 • 11 a.m. • Linda Vista Branch
Saturday, Sept. 9 • 1 p.m. • Santa Catalina Branch
Monday, Sept. 11 • 1:30 p.m. • San Rafael Branch
Mondays, Sept. 11 & 25 • 3 p.m. • La Pintoresca Branch
Tuesday, Sept. 12 • 3:30 p.m. • Hastings Branch
Wednesday, Sept. 13 • 4 p.m. • Villa Parke Branch

Thursday, Sept. 14 • 4 p.m. • Central Library/Children’s Story Room
Tuesday, Sept. 26 • 3:30 p.m. • Hill Avenue Branch

Writing Parties for Primary Grade Kids
Listen to a great book and then write a story of your own. Just bring your imagination! Hear Du Iz Tak? by Carson Ellis (August) and Diary of a Wombat by Jackie French and Bruce Whatley (September). For ages 5-8. To sign up, call (626) 744-4066, option 4.
Tuesdays, Aug. 15 & Sept. 12 • 4:30-5:30 p.m.
Central Library/Children’s Story Room

Lucha Libros Information Night
Second and third graders, get ready to do battle in a reading competition like no other! Can you be a reading warrior, a Lucha Libros Luchador? Join us to make your own luchador mask and take photos. You’ll get all the info about this year-long reading program and receive a copy of our first book. Then return in October to answer questions about the book and win prizes! Spots will fill quickly so sign up by calling (626) 744-4066 option 4.

Niños de segundo y tercero grado, ¡prepara-se para entrar en una competencia de lectura como ninguna otra! ¿Puedes ser un guerrero de lectura, un luchador de Lucha Libros? Haz tu propia mascara de luchador y disfruta de fotos de la lucha libre. Obtendrás toda la información sobre este club del libro, y una copia de nuestro primer libro. ¡Vuelve en octubre para responder a preguntas sobre el libro y ganar premios! Si tienes interés en participar, por favor llama a AnnMarie Hurtado al (626) 744-4725 para inscribirse en español. ¡Date prisa, porque los espacios se llenarán rápidamente!
Wednesday, Sept. 6 • 6:30 p.m. • Central Library/Donald Wright Auditorium

CREATIVE ARTS

Mother Nature’s Fireworks
Our favorite art instructor, Martina Moreno, is back with an exciting art workshop for young artists and their families.
Monday, Aug. 7 • 2-4 p.m. • La Pintoresca Branch

Sensory Art
Join us for a fun hour of sensory art and craft making! Enjoy paint exploration, sensory bins and more, all in a safe, welcoming environment. Although children of all abilities are welcome, the projects are designed with the special-needs child in mind. For children ages 3-7.
Saturday, Aug. 19 • 11 a.m.-noon
Lamanda Park Branch

National Dog Day
Celebrate National Dog Day by coloring in your favorite dog’s, then check out books on dogs to learn more about your favorite breed. For ages 5+. All materials provided.
Friday, Aug. 26 • 10 a.m.-6 p.m. • Villa Parke Branch

Coloring for Labor Day
Let your creativity shine through. Join us for a day long coloring event then check out books with stories about Labor Day. For ages 5+. All materials provided.
Tuesday, Sept. 5 • 10 a.m.-6 p.m. • Villa Parke Branch

Come and enjoy an afternoon of coloring and checking out books on our Patriots. For ages 5+. All materials provided.
Monday, Sept. 11 • 2-5:30 p.m. • Villa Parke Branch

GAMES

Board Game Day
Have fun playing board games with friends and family. Enjoy snacks along with friendly competition.
Fridays, Aug. 25 & Sept. 29 • 2-5 p.m. • Villa Parke Branch

FORENSIC SPECIALISTS: FIGHTING CRIME WITH SCIENCE

Have you ever dreamed of being a crime fighter? Did you know math and chemistry could come in handy? Forensic specialists use a wide range of science, math and technology skills to solve cases. Learn all about it from Noel Herrera and other forensic specialists from the Pasadena Police Department, who will demonstrate analyzing fingerprints, detecting bodily fluids, and the many other ways that they fight crime with science.
Wednesday, Aug. 2 • 2-3 p.m. • Central Library/Children’s Story Room

Let’s Go LEGO®
A “free-play” program for children encouraging imaginative building and playing with LEGO®s and Duplos. Parents are encouraged to participate, too! Coloring pages and books provided for the less building-inclined. For ages 2-10. All materials provided.
Tuesdays, Aug. 8 & 22 • 3:30-4:30 p.m. • Lamanda Park Branch
EARLY LEARNERS

CREATIVE ARTS

**Baby Playtime**
Bring your infants and toddlers to enjoy playtime where they will have fun playing with toys, listening to music, interacting with other children and coloring.
**Thursdays • 10:30-11:30 a.m. • Villa Parke Branch**

**Art & Play**
Join us to create a masterpiece! This program focuses on the fun part of the creative process. All materials provided. Make sure you wear clothes you don’t mind getting messy!
**For ages 2-6.**
**Mondays, Aug. 28 & Sept. 25 • 10:30-11:15 a.m. • Central Library/Studio on 4th**

**Music with Ranger Jack**
Join us for music and puppet fun featuring Ranger Jack. For infants & toddlers.
**Tuesday, Aug. 29 • 10 a.m. • Central Library/Studio on 4th**

**Preschool Fun**
Have fun learning through songs, American Sign (ASL) and great folktales with Ken Frawley.
**Thursday, Sept. 14 • 10:30 a.m. • Linda Vista Branch**

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.**
**Mondays, Aug. 7 & Sept. 11 • 10 a.m. • Central Library/Studio on 4th**

**Playful Yoga for Brain Development**
Experience Hatha Yoga with instructor Merry Everest. Together, children and their caregivers will learn techniques designed to help children relax, find focus and increase attention span through stretching and movement. **For preschoolers.**
**Mondays, Aug. 14 & Sept. 11 • 10 a.m. • Santa Catalina Branch**

CENTRAL LIBRARY

**Infant & Toddler Storytime**

**FALL REGISTRATION**
(Session runs Oct. 10-Nov. 28):
**Tuesday, Oct. 3**
Each Central Library storytime is limited to 25 children and 25 adults. Children can be registered for one program time only. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. No proxy registrations are allowed.

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

**11 a.m. OPEN REGISTRATION** in person.
**noon OPEN REGISTRATION** by telephone at (626) 744-4066, option 4.
If you arrive at the library prior to 9 a.m. on registration day, please wait by the North Entry door (located in the rear parking lot).

**STORYTIMES**

**CENTRAL LIBRARY**

**Infant & Toddler Storytime**
**SUMMER SESSION • June 27-Aug. 22**

**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.

**WEDNESDAYS**
10:30 a.m. • Allendale Branch
10:30 a.m. • Santa Catalina Branch
10:45 a.m. • Hastings Branch
11 a.m. • San Rafael Branch

**THURSDAYS**
10:30 a.m. • La Pintoresca Branch
10:30 a.m. • Linda Vista Branch
(except Sept. 14)

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

FOR FAMILIES

**MONDAYS (except Sept. 4)**
Marvelous Mondays
7 p.m. • Hastings Branch

**WEDNESDAYS**

**Leeme un cuento**
Spanish Storytime/Hora de cuentos en español
4 p.m. • La Pintoresca Branch

**MONTHLY/SPECIAL STORYTIMES**

**Signs N Storytime**
Learn basic sign language, listen to stories, then sing songs and make a craft. No knowledge of sign language is necessary.
**Thursdays, Aug. 10 & Sept. 14 • 3:30 p.m. • Lamanda Park Branch**

**Baby Storytime**
Introduce your baby to the joy of language at this early literacy-based storytime.
**Saturdays, Aug. 12 & Sept. 23 • 3 p.m. • Linda Vista Branch**

**Mandarin Storytime**
Wednesday, Sept. 12
3:30 p.m. • Hastings 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. Ayesha Randall. **For ages 3+.**
**Fridays, Aug. 25 & Sept. 29 • 4 p.m. • La Pintoresca Branch**

**Armenian Storytime**
**Saturdays, Aug. 26 & Sept. 23**
11 a.m. • Santa Catalina Branch
FAMILY EVENTS

Stories & Art from Asia
Join educators from the USC Pacific Asia Museum exploring Asian cultures, arts and practices through storytelling and hands-on art making inspired by one of the many cultures of Asia and the Pacific Islands.
Wednesday, Aug. 2 • 1 p.m. • La Pintoresca Branch
Tuesday, Aug. 8 • 3:30 p.m. • Villa Parke Branch

Craig Newton’s Really Big Summer Show
Enjoy a musical extravaganza of bass, woodwind, string and percussion instruments! Sponsored by The Friends of the Pasadena Public Library.
Wednesday, Aug. 2 • 3 p.m. • Linda Vista Branch

Design River Rock Stepping Stones
Use different colors and sizes of river rock to design beautiful stepping stones for your garden. All materials provided.
Thursday, Aug. 17 • 3:30 p.m. • Hill Avenue Branch

Stories Celebrating Mexican Independence Day
Join us for a Dream Shapers storytelling event celebrating Mexican Independence Day and featuring storyteller Georgette Baker.
Monday, Sept. 11 • 10 a.m. • Villa Parke Branch

Key Chain Charms
Join us and create a key chain charm using beads, yarn and your imagination to customize your very own charm to hang on your backpack or key ring.
Tuesday, Sept. 12 • 2:30-4 p.m. • San Rafael Branch

Cowboy Ken
Learn about the cowboys of the American West who rode onto the pages of American history. Find out what it was like to live on the Western frontier. Experience the great cattle drives first hand. Sing cowboy songs and laugh at Old West stories and tall tales.
Thursday, Sept. 14 • 3:30 p.m. • Santa Catalina Branch

Make a Nature Inspired Sock Puppet
Look around for a bug or animal that inspires you, then use fuzzy socks or other materials to recreate your real or imaginary creature. All materials provided.
Thursday, Sept. 21 • 3:30 p.m. • Hill Avenue Branch
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Reading Wing

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Pasadena Heritage
Centennial Room

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Suki Moon-Pie, Mixed Media Artist

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North Entry

Constitution Week – Celebrate the U.S. Constitution
The U.S. Constitution with posters, pictures and descriptions.
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