All of us at the Pasadena Public Library join in saying “thank you” for supporting your library this past year. We wish you much happiness this holiday season and throughout the coming year.

Michelle Perera
Director of Libraries and Information Services


Rise of the Rocket Girls is the riveting true story of the women who launched America into space. In the 1940s and 50s, when the newly minted Jet Propulsion Laboratory needed quick-thinking mathematicians to calculate velocities and plot trajectories, they didn’t turn to male graduates. Rather, they recruited an elite group of young women who, with only pencil, paper and mathematical prowess, transformed rocket design, helped bring about the first American satellites, and made the exploration of the solar system possible.

For the first time, Rise of the Rocket Girls tells the stories of these women — known as “human computers” — who broke the boundaries of both gender and science. Based on extensive research and interviews with all the living members of the team, Rise of the Rocket Girls offers a unique perspective on the role of women in science, both where we’ve been, and the far reaches of space to which we’re heading.

Nathalia Holt, Ph.D. is a science writer and author of Cured: The People who Defeated HIV (Penguin Random House 2014), also a New York Times bestseller. Her work has appeared in numerous publications, including The New York Times, The Los Angeles Times, The Atlantic, Slate, Popular Science and Time. She has trained at the Ragon Institute of MGH, MIT and Harvard University, the University of Southern California, and Tulane University. She lives with her husband and their two daughters in Boston, Mass.

STEAM 2018 Kicks Off!
Calling all tinkerers, creators, makers and inventors, Pasadena Public Library, in partnership with many other city institutions, is launching the 2018 citywide STEAM initiative where individuals will be encouraged to delve into Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics workshops, seminars, classes and a host of related curriculum.

You’ll be challenged with opportunities to use materials and skills that encourage you to explore, create, play, problem-solve and experiment. Through these engaging and multifaceted activities, we hope to bring STEAM to life in tangible ways, while fostering a love of learning and expanding our customers’ abilities to think critically and creatively.

The library is seeking to harmonize the community of youths, adults, hackers, makers, dabblers, professionals, scientists, engineers and artists to enrich, enlighten and bring the joy of discovery to life. We encourage participants to use their imaginations to dream and realize their full potential, becoming rounded in science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics.

Not just for children, STEAM is for people of all ages and stages. Tapping into the playfulness and curiosity that may have become dormant, teens and adults may realize that, yes, they too can find a fun creative outlet in a community that encourages the sharing of ideas, concepts and designs. You may even find a desire to lead a class or workshop, or even mentor others in the STEAM movement.

You may be a maker, creator or a natural at STEAM activities, but have yet to realize it. What are you waiting for? Come join us at any of the 10 Pasadena libraries to explore exciting creative classes, workshops and seminars such as coding, robotics, engineering, art, music, video game design, astronomy, 3D printing, cooking and more.

All Libraries will OPEN at noon on Thursday, Dec. 7
All Pasadena Public Libraries will be CLOSED in observance of:
CHRISTMAS -- Sunday & Monday, Dec. 24 & 25, 2017
NEW YEAR’S HOLIDAYS -- Sunday & Monday, Dec. 31, 2017 & Jan. 1, 2018
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY - Sunday & Monday, Jan. 14 & 15
Central Library will CLOSE on:
Sunday, Dec. 17 at 4 p.m. for a Special Community Event.
CHRISTMAS

TREE DECORATING

LAMANDA PARK BRANCH – Annual Tree Decorating Party
Join us and celebrate the holidays. Decorate an ornament and then find a special spot on our tree to hang it.
Thursday, Dec. 7 • 3:30 p.m.

HANUKKAH

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

Celebrate Hanukkah!
Join us to hear stories about the Festival of Lights. There will also be a special craft activity.
Saturday, Dec. 16 • 3 p.m. • Linda Vista Branch

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Gift Tag Making Workshop
Create beautiful gift tags to decorate your gifts this holiday. Limited space.
To sign up, call (626) 744-6510.
Monday, Dec. 4 • 4-5 p.m. • Villa Parke Branch

DIY – Decorative Votive Candles for the Holidays
Bring your imagination and create a beautiful holiday candle with LED votive lights.
All materials provided.
Thursday, Dec. 14 • 3:30 p.m. • Hill Avenue Branch

LV Crafting Club: Jewel Encrusted Ornaments
Design your own unique jeweled ornament to give away or keep for your own tree. Limited space. To sign up, call (626) 744-7278.
Saturday, Dec. 16 • 3 p.m. • Linda Vista Branch

Pinecone Christmas Ornaments
Are you on the hunt for some dazzling ornaments to make? Have fun decorating pinecones with pom poms, glitter and more to hang on your tree.
Thursday, Dec. 21 • 3 p.m. • San Rafael Branch

KWANZAA

29th 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.
Wednesday, Dec. 27 • 11 a.m.-1 p.m. • La Pintoresca Branch
FAMILY EVENTS

LV Crafting Club: Bedazzled Beanies
Bedazzle a beguiling beanie while wishing for cool winter months. To sign up, call (626) 744-7278.
Saturday, Jan. 6 • 3 p.m. • Linda Vista Branch

DIY – Vegetable Prints
The Chinese invented block printing. You can invent and paint your own abstract art by creating designs using vegetables.
Thursday, Jan. 11 • 3:30 p.m. • Hill Avenue Branch

Royal Tea Party
Future kings, queens, princes and princesses, come dressed in your finery for a very special visit from the 2018 Tournament of Roses Rose Queen and Royal Court. The court will share their favorite princess stories and recent New Year’s experiences. Bring a camera and a smile to pose with royalty.
Saturday, Jan. 13 • 2-3:30 p.m. • Hastings Branch

The Amazing Incredible Shrinking Ukulele
Join us for a special afternoon storytime with children’s author, Thornton Cline as he reads his musical masterpiece, The Amazing Incredible Shrinking Ukulele. Hear an incredible story, view amazing instruments and learn some catchy tunes.
Wednesday, Jan. 24 • 10:30 a.m. • Villa Parke Branch
Thursday, Jan. 25 • 4 p.m. • Hastings Branch

UPCOMING EVENTS

Educator Night
Pasadena Public Library invites ETK-12th grade educators who teach or live in Pasadena to Educator Night. This is an opportunity for us to say “thank you” for all you do to inspire, challenge and engage students to learn, discover and grow.

Please join us for dinner. You will also receive an overview of our free educator resources for teachers, librarians and students, chat with our librarians and take home a tote bag and book to share with your class. In addition, there will be a special opportunity to win a STEAM class visit hosted by our Youth Services Librarians.

This is an invitation for Pasadena ETK-12th grade educators only. Librarians and school administrators are also welcome.
Thursday, Feb. 1 • 5-7:30 p.m. • Central Library/Studio on 4th
RSVP: http://tinyurl.com/pjpleud18

NEA BIG READ: When the Emperor Was Divine
Pasadena Public Library presents the National Endowment for the Arts, NEA Big Read which broadens our understanding of our world, our communities, and ourselves through the joy of sharing a good book. In February the library will feature programming designed around the book, When the Emperor Was Divine by author Julie Otsuka. Programs will be held on Saturdays throughout the month beginning Feb. 3. A special event featuring Jean Wakatsuki Houston, author of Farewell to Manzanar will be held on Saturday, Feb. 17.
Saturdays • February • Central Library

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.

DECEMBER • Celebrating the Holidays

DEC. 6
The Christmas Tree
(1996) NR

DEC. 13
The Gathering
(1977) NR

DEC. 20
The Homecoming
(1971) PG

DEC. 27
Reap the Wild Wind
(1942) NR

JANUARY • It’s COLD outside!

JAN. 3
Rise – Documentary: 1961 U.S. Figure Skating Team
(2011) NR

JAN. 10
Downhill Racer
(1969) PG

JAN. 17
Cool Runnings
(1993) PG

JAN. 24
Eddie the Eagle
(2016) PG-13

JAN. 31
Ice Castles
(1978) PG
ADULTS

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

GAMES

American Mah Jongg Club
Join this fun group for an afternoon of this wildly popular game, Mah Jongg.

Thursdays • 1-3 p.m. • Central Library/Studio on 4th

Chinese Game Club
Love to play games? Then join the Chinese Club and learn how to play Chinese Board Games, Mah Jongg, Chinese Chess, and the always-popular Go.

Friday, Jan. 5 • 3:30-5:30 p.m. • Central Library/Studio on 4th

GARDENING

Natural Wreaths to Bring the Year Full Circle
Celebrate the year-end with your fellow gardeners. Create beautiful wreaths from natural materials with local artist Janell Mithani. Propose ideas for future programing. Bring seeds or seedlings to share, swap tools, stories and gardening tips. Light refreshments will be served.

To sign up, call (626) 744-7284.

Saturday, Dec. 2 • 10:30 a.m.-noon • Hill Avenue Branch

Tour of the California Cactus Center
Enjoy a special tour by the owners of Pasadena’s landmark Cactus Center. View rare and exotic cacti, succulents and gorgeous pots. Family-owned for 42 years! To sign up, call (626) 744-7284 by Thursday, Jan. 4 to reserve your spot.

California Cactus Center is located at 216 S. Rosemead Blvd. Parking is limited. Park your car on Blanche Street (1/2 block to the north, off of Rosemead Blvd.) adjacent to the center.

Saturday, Jan. 6 • 9:15 a.m. SHARP

Rain Forest Garden
Create a beautiful rain forest garden uniquely your own. Supplies provided. To sign up, call (626) 744-6510.

Wednesday, Jan. 17 • 4-5 p.m. • Villa Parke Branch

Turf Removal Program
The Residential Turf Removal Program is a free do-it-yourself class sponsored by the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and administered by Green Media Creations (GMC). This class teaches residents how to replace existing grass with a drought-tolerant or climate-appropriate landscape that can potentially use 80% less water. Class topics include: a) identifying grass, b) calculating materials needed, c) garden maintenance and, d) inspiring sustainable garden designs. The most difficult part in transforming a landscape is successfully removing the grass without it growing back. GMC’s skilled instructors will cover the basics of organically removing existing grass without the use of herbicides through a select few techniques. GMC will also cover the dos and don'ts of the turf removal process and the pitfalls of rushing the very important steps to transforming a landscape. Whether you’re considering doing the work yourself or planning to hire a contractor, this presentation explains what it takes to create a low-water-using landscape that can be enjoyed for years to come.

Thursday, Jan. 18 • 5-8:30 p.m. • Central Library/Donald Wright Auditorium

HEALTH & FITNESS

Lip Reading and Memory Enhancement

Wednesdays • 1-3 p.m. • Lamanda Park 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, Dec. 2 & 16, Jan. 7 & 21 • 11 a.m. • Lamanda Park Branch

Free Health Screening
Registered nurses from Huntington Hospital provide free blood pressure and blood sugar screenings, referrals and health education.

Wednesdays, Dec. 6 & Jan. 10 • 10 a.m.–noon • 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+.

Saturdays, Dec. 9 & Jan. 13 • 11 a.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.

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. 21, Jan. 4 & 18 • noon–2 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).

HISTORY

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

Saturdays, Dec. 2 & Jan. 6 • 2-5 p.m. • Lamanda Park Branch

LANGUAGE

Spanish Conversation Group

Thursdays • 2-3 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 Thomson Reuters Westlaw
Presented by the LA Law Library

Thursdays, Dec. 21 & Jan. 18
1-1:45 p.m. • Central Library/Law Room

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Great Literature and Discussion Group
Call (626) 744-7266 for the upcoming reading schedule.
Mondays (except Dec. 25 & Jan. 1 & 15) • 11 a.m. • Lamanda Park Branch

Allendale Book Discussion Group
Discuss Delicious by Ruth Reichl in December. In January, we’ll discuss So Happiness to Meet You by Karin Esterhammer. Author Esterhammer will be present.
Saturdays, Dec. 2 & Jan. 27 • 10:30 a.m. • Allendale Branch

Book Chit Chat
Tuesdays, Dec. 5 & Jan. 9 • 6:30 p.m. • Hastings Branch

Hill Avenue Book Discussion Group
Saturdays, Dec. 16 & Jan. 13 • 10:30 a.m. • Hill Avenue Branch

West Pasadena Book Discussion Group
Saturday, Dec. 16 • 11 a.m. • Linda Vista Branch
Saturday, Jan. 27 • 11 a.m. • San Rafael Branch

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

Passadena Readers Book Club
Dr. Merry Pawlowski, emeritus professor of English, California State University, Bakersfield, will lead a discussion of Justine by Lawrence Durrell (December) and Dr. Zhivago by Boris Pasternak (January). To sign up, email creeder@cityofpasadena.net.
Mondays, Dec. 18 & Jan. 22 • 3-4:30 p.m.
Central Library/Sunroom (southwest side of Great Hall)

Rave Reviews
Monday, Jan. 22 • 2 p.m. • Lamanda Park Branch

New Adult Book Club
“New Adult” fiction is a cross between Young Adult and Adult genres, primarily aimed at readers in their 20s and 30s. Check out a copy of the book at the front desk. We’ll discuss Beautiful Disaster by Jamie McGuire. To sign up, email jgov@cityofpasadena.net.
Wednesday, Jan. 17 • 7 p.m. • Central Library/4th Floor Conference Room

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 Dec. 7, 25 & 27, Jan. 1 & 15)
9 a.m.-2 p.m. • La Pintoresca Branch

Computer Keyboarding – Bilingual in Spanish
This class for bilingual students presents a general overview of keyboarding techniques using the touch method, with an emphasis on keyboard mastery and preparation of basic documents. Total of 10 hours lecture and 26 hours laboratory. For ages 18+. For information, call (626) 744-6530. To sign up go to www.cityofpasadena.net/reserve or visit any Pasadena community center.
Mondays & Wednesdays • Oct. 23-Dec. 17 • 6-8 p.m. (except Dec. 25 & Jan. 1 & 15) • Villa Parke Community Center • 363 E. Villa St.

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. Students will also learn to digitally share their photos on iPhone using the latest iMac software. Participants will learn to identify the best images for a final exhibition. For ages 11-18. For information, call (626) 345-0798. To sign up go to www.cityofpasadena.net/reserve or visit any Pasadena community center.
Thursdays, Nov. 9-Dec. 14 • 5-6 p.m.
La Pintoresca Teen Ed Center • 1415 N. Raymond Ave

Computer Pals
Learn how to use Word and the Internet for homework projects.
Saturdays, Dec. 2, 16 & 31 & Jan. 13 & 27 • 10-11:30 a.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+.
For information, call (626) 744-7300. To sign up go to www.cityofpasadena.net/reserve or visit any Pasadena community center.
Mondays, Jan. 8-Feb. 26 • 9:30-11 a.m. (except Dec. 25 & Jan. 1 & 15) • Jackie Robinson Community Center • 1020 N. Fair Oaks Ave.

Computer Classes – Bilingual in Spanish
Bilingual class! This is designed as an introduction to computers for senior citizens. You do not need to own a computer to attend. This hands-on class focuses on building your comfort and skill with computers. From hardware to software, the Internet and email to word processing, this class will help make your computer experience more enjoyable and productive. For ages 50+.
For information, call (626) 744-6530. To sign up go to www.cityofpasadena.net/reserve or visit any Pasadena community center.
Mondays, Jan. 8-Feb. 26 • 12:30-2 p.m. (except Jan. 15) • Villa Parke Community Center • 363 E. Villa St.
TEEN SCENE

BOOKS & MORE

YA Book Club
Join us for a discussion of *Strange the Dreamer* by Laini Taylor (December) and *Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe* by Benjamin Alire Saenz (January). For ages 14+. To sign up, call (626) 744-4246 or email Jane Gov at jgov@cityofpasadena.net.

Monday, Dec. 4 & Wednesday, Jan. 3 • 6 p.m. • Central Library/Teen Central

LV Teen Book Club
Spend the afternoon with us as we discuss *Swear in America: a Novel* by Katie Kennedy. For ages 13+. To learn more, email Deborah Takahashi at dtakahashi@cityofpasadena.net.

Saturday, Jan. 27 • 3 p.m. • Linda Vista Branch

Book into Film Movie Night
Join us for a screening and discussion of *Everything, Everything* based on the book by Nicola Yoon. Popcorn and pizza provided. For ages 14+.

Wednesday, Dec. 20 • 5-7:30 p.m. • Central Library/Teen Central

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.

Thursdays, Dec. 28 & Jan. 25 • 6-7:30 p.m. • Central Library/Teen Central

CREATIVE ARTS

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.

Thursdays, Dec. 14 & Jan. 18 • 3 p.m. • Allendale Branch

DIY Fleece Gifts
Make a fleece scarf and/or hat for yourself or as a gift! No sewing needed. Supplies provided. For ages 12-19 only.

Monday, Dec. 18 • 4:30 p.m. • Central Library/Studio on 4th

Ugly Sweater Challenge
Ugly sweaters aren’t only available in stores. You can create your own! Have fun working in groups to design the ugliest sweater. Supplies provided. For ages 12-19 only.

Wednesday, Dec. 27 • 4:30 p.m. • Central Library/Studio on 4th

GAMES & MORE

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 (except Dec. 25, Jan. 1 & 15) • 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 gaming fun with the Nintendo WiiU. For ages 12+.

Saturdays, Dec. 2 & Jan. 6 • 1 p.m. • Santa Catalina Branch

ISSUES TODAY

Youth Network
What’s happening in our community? Join other teens to discuss youth issues in Pasadena. Have a good time while making a difference. For ages 12-18. To sign up, email Jane Gov at jgov@cityofpasadena.net.

Wednesdays, Dec. 6 & Jan. 3 • 4-6 p.m. • Central Library/Studio on 4th

VOLUNTEERS

Teen 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.

COLLEGE BOUND

Helping First-Generation Families Navigate the College Admission Process
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. Translation will be provided in Spanish and Chinese.

No sign-up necessary. To receive a reminder, email jgov@cityofpasadena.net.

Tuesdays, Dec. 5, 12, 19 & Jan. 9, 16, 30 • 6:30 p.m. • Central Library/Children’s Story Room
LIBRARY KIDS

BOOKS & MORE

Barks & Books
Children read a book to a gentle, well-trained dog.
Presented by Pasadena Humane Society volunteers.

- Mondays, Dec. 4 & Jan. 8 • 1 p.m. • San Rafael Branch
- Saturdays, Dec. 9 & Jan. 13 • 1 p.m. • Santa Catalina Branch
- Tuesdays, Dec. 12 & Jan. 9 • 3:30 p.m. • Hastings Branch
- Wednesdays, Dec. 13 & Jan. 10 • 4 p.m. • Villa Parke Branch
- Thursdays, Dec. 14 & Jan. 11 • 4 p.m. • Central Library/Children’s Story Room
- Thursdays, Dec. 28 & Jan. 25 • 3:30 p.m. • Lamanda Park Branch

Writing Parties for Primary Grade Kids
We’ll read *The Jar of Happiness* by Alisa Burrows and then fill jars with the things that inspire us to be creative. For ages 5-8. To sign up, call (626) 744-4066, option 4.

- Tuesday, Dec. 12 • 4:30-5:30 p.m. • Central Library/Children’s Story Room

Lucha Libros
Get ready to do battle in a reading competition like no other! Team up with your parents to read one assigned book each month and study the book together. Then come to the library prepared to answer questions about the book you read. Every correct answer earns you tickets for fun prizes—all free! The books are available in Spanish and English. Read them in whichever language is easiest for you. (Studies have shown that reading in any language makes children better readers!) During the competition, questions will be asked in both languages, so everyone can participate and enjoy. To register, call (626) 744-4066 option 4.

- For Second Graders/Por Niños del segundo grado
  - Junie B. Jones and Her Big Fat Mouth by Barbara Park.
  - Wednesday, Jan. 3 • 6:30 p.m. • Central Library/Donald Wright Auditorium

- For Third Graders/ Niños del tercer grado
  - *Fortunately, the Milk* by Neil Gaiman.
  - Wednesday, Jan. 17 • 6:30 p.m. • Central Library/Donald Wright Auditorium

Kids’ Writing Workshop
If you are a writer between the ages of 9 and 12, this group is for you! We meet monthly to read passages from great books, talk about what makes them work, and put those insights to use with writing exercises. This month we will be creating stop-motion movies with iPads and the LEGO Movie Maker app! For ages 9-12. To sign up, call (626) 744-4066, option 4.

- Friday, Jan. 12 • 4:30-5:30 p.m. • Central Library/Children’s Story Room

CREATIVE ARTS

Paper Crafts
Join us as we design and create works of art using paper. Have fun showing your creative side!
- Tuesdays • 3-4 p.m. • San Rafael Branch

Kids’ Art Salon – Learn & Create with the Masters
Join us for a World Art history lesson, followed by an opportunity to create a work of art inspired by another culture. Learn the history of Panama, then create your own artwork reflective of that country. To sign up, call Marie Plug (626) 744-4027.

- Wednesday, Dec. 13 • 4-5:30 p.m. • Central Library/Studio on 4th

Holiday Crafts
Create your own holiday crafts and picture frames. Supplies provided, while materials last. For ages 4+. To sign up, call (626) 744-6510.

- Friday, Dec. 15 • 2-5 p.m. • Villa Parke Branch

Winter Crafts
Make a winter craft. Supplies provided, while materials last. For ages 4+. To sign up, call (626) 744-6510.

- Thursday, Jan. 4 • 2-5 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, Dec. 22 & Jan. 26 • 2-5 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 (except Dec. 26 & 28) • 4–6 p.m. • Central Library/Children’s Room

- For students in grades K-5
  - Mondays & Wednesdays (except Dec. 25 & 27, Jan. 1 & 15) • 3:30–5:30 p.m. • Hastings Branch

- For students in grades K-5
  - Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays (except Dec. 25 to Jan. 8 & Jan. 15) • 3:30–5:30 p.m. • La Pintoresca Branch
EARLY LEARNERS

CREATIVE ARTS
Infant & Toddler Music Fun with Nathalia
Join us for bilingual music and fun with Nathalia!
Tuesday, Dec. 5 • 10 a.m.
Central Library/Donald Wright Auditorium

HEALTH & FITNESS
Baby Playtime
Bring your infants and toddlers to enjoy playing with toys, listening to music, interacting with other children and coloring. For ages up to 36 months.
Fridays • 10:30 a.m.-noon • Villa Parke Branch

CENTRAL LIBRARY
Infant & Toddler Storytime
WINTER REGISTRATION
(Session runs Jan. 16-March 6):
Tuesday, Jan. 9
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
WINTER SESSION • JAN. 16-MARCH 6
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 (January 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 (January only)
10:30 a.m. • Villa Parke Branch
(except Dec. 19, 26 & Jan. 2)
WEDNESDAYS
10:30 a.m. • Allendale Branch (except Dec. 27 & Jan. 3)
10:30 a.m. • Santa Catalina Branch
(except Dec. 20, 27 & Jan. 3 & 31)
10:45 a.m. • Hastings Branch
11 a.m. • San Rafael Branch

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, Dec. 4 & Jan. 8 • 10 a.m. • Central Library/Studio on 4th
Thursdays, Dec. 21 & Jan. 18 • 3:30-4:30 p.m. • Lamanda Park Branch

Playful Yoga for Brain Development
Experience Hatha Yoga with instructor Merry Birchfield. 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, Dec. 11 & Jan. 8 • 10 a.m. • Santa Catalina Branch

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).

THURSDAYS
10:30 a.m. • La Pintoresca Branch
(except Dec. 7)
10:30 a.m. • Linda Vista Branch
(except Dec. 7)
SATURDAYS
10 a.m. • Central Library/Children’s Story Room
FOR FAMILIES
MONDAYS
(except Dec. 25 & Jan. 1 & 15)
Marvelous Mondays
7 p.m. • Hastings Branch
WEDNESDAYS (except Dec. 20 & 27)
Léeme un cuento
Spanish Storytime/Hora de cuentos en español
4 p.m. • La Pintoresca Branch
MONTHLY/SPECIAL STORYTIME
Baby Storytime
Introduce your baby to the joy of language at this early literacy-based storytime.
Saturdays, Dec. 2 & Jan. 13 • 3 p.m.
Linda Vista Branch

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, Dec. 14 & Jan. 11 • 3:30 p.m.
Lamanda Park Branch

Armenian Storytime
Saturdays, Dec. 16 & Jan. 27 • 11 a.m.
Santa Catalina Branch
Mandarin Storytime
Wednesdays, Dec. 20 & Jan. 17 • 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, Dec. 29 & Jan. 26 • 4 p.m.
La Pintoresca Branch

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 Marie Plug at (626) 744-4207 or Cherie Johnston at (626) 744-7266.
Saturdays, January 6 & 20
10-11 a.m. • Lamanda Park Branch
TEENS

LV Teen Brunch Club
Light up the New Year by constructing a lamp out of clothespins and LED lights!
Saturday, Jan. 13 • 11 a.m. • Linda Vista Branch

TWEENS

Hour of Code™ with the Kids Coding Club
Did you know Dec. 4-10 is Computer Science Education Week? If you’re interested in computer coding, but don’t know where to start, join us for an Hour of Code™ where we explore introductory coding concepts with fun activities.
For ages 8-12. To sign up, call (626) 744-4225.
Tuesday, Dec. 5 • 4 p.m. • Central Library/Innovation Lab

STEAM Team Club
Explore the STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics) concepts through creative, innovative projects based on fun STEAM-related challenges.
For ages 9-12.
To sign up, call (626) 744-7262.
Wednesdays, Dec. 13 & Jan. 10 • 4 p.m. • Hastings Branch

Forensic Science
Use your observational skills and deductive reasoning to solve a realistic crime scenario just like the real Crime Scene Investigators.
For ages 9-12.
Tuesday, Jan. 16 • 4 p.m. • Hastings Branch

Kids Coding Club
Dive into computer coding with the Kids Coding Club! Each session we will explore a different way to use computer coding with games, art, robotics and more. This month we will explore coding with Scratch led by Korbin Deary, founder of the non-profit organization Korbins Kode.
For ages 8-12. To sign up, call (626) 744-4225.
Thursday, Jan. 18 • 4 p.m. • Central Library/Innovation Lab

LIBRARY KIDS

Let’s Go LEGO®
A “free-play” program where children are provided with an open-ended prompt to encourage imaginative building and playing with LEGO®s and Duplos.
For ages 2-10.
Accompanying parents and caregivers are encouraged to participate, too! Coloring pages and books are available for those less architecturally inclined.
Tuesdays, Dec. 12, 26 & Jan. 9 & 23 • 3-4:30 p.m. • Lamanda Park Branch

EARLY LEARNERS

Preschool STEAM
Join us as we have fun exploring and discovering with Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Mathematics! Wear clothes you don’t mind getting messy in.
For ages 2-6.
Monday, Jan. 22 • 10:30 a.m. • Central Library/Studio on 4th
Replaced all public computers at each of the 10 library sites with new PCs, enhancing the customer experience.

Launched a library app that provides 24/7/365 access to the Library on any and every mobile device. The app is available in multiple languages: English, Chinese and Spanish.

Introduced wireless printing at all library sites allowing customers to print directly from their own laptops to the Library’s public printers using the Library’s wireless network.

Partnered for the second year with Pasadena Unified School District to encourage outgoing second-grade students to read and enjoy books over the summer. 136 (10.7%) registered for library cards.

Continued Lucha Libros, a year-long reading comprehension program for second- and third-graders. Participants are assigned books to read in English, Spanish or both languages on a monthly basis. They are quizzed before and after their reading in a fun, relaxed, game show-type setting, and gains are measured. Parents and teachers have reported dramatic results in students’ reading comprehension, memory and motivation.

Offered College Bound, a series of workshops covering practice ACT® and SAT® tests and tips, navigating the financial aid process, how to craft your college essay, study abroad opportunities, and more to assist high school students in preparing for college.

Completed the 15th annual One City, One Story community reading program, focused on The Sympathizer by author Viet Thanh Nguyen, with events held at each library site.

Partnersed with the Pasadena Literary Alliance to host author Amor Towles, who discussed his New York Times bestselling novel, A Gentleman in Moscow, before 404 Pasadenans in Central Library’s Great Hall.

Recruited 4,050 children, teens and adults to participate in the 2017 Summer Reading Program and read throughout the summer. The Summer Reading Program kept participating students from suffering the “summer slide,” in which their skills drop and have to be re-gained when they return to school in the fall.

Participated in both the spring and fall annual citywide ArtNights this year -- in March, with the theme “Music Speaks to Your Soul” and in October, with the 5th Annual Author Fair featuring Pasadena/San Gabriel Valley authors.

Launched Pasadena as an Early Learning City at a September celebration at Brookside Park. More than 3,500 attendees, mostly families with young children, enjoyed a wide range of fun activities while learning about myriad community resources that foster children’s development and learning from birth to age 5. The launch officially kicked off the design, planning and implementation of a 5-year comprehensive roadmap, assessing early childhood needs.

Partnered with the Pasadena Public Health Department to address the needs of library patrons impacted by homelessness or behavioral health issues. A Library Care Navigator with a social work background was hired to serve both departments and is based four days a week at various library sites. Though still in its early stages, several success stories have arisen as a result of these efforts, with three clients finding permanent housing in the first three months. These efforts speak volumes as we build trust and engagement with our homeless population. The current caseload is about 10 active cases, all receiving intense case management.

First 5 LA – Funding for the launch of Pasadena as an Early Learning City 2025. ($12,000 grant from First 5 LA)

NEA Big Read – Program funding for a community read program of The Emperor is Divine by Julie Otsuka. ($14,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Arts, Art Works and Arts Midwest)

Mental Health Initiative – Funding for four months of the Library Care Navigator’s salary in conjunction with the Public Health Department. (Grant from California State Library’s Mental Health Initiative)

Virtual Reality Grant – Funding for virtual reality equipment and tools to provide programs for children and families on virtual reality. (Grant from the California State Library)

STEAM 18 Grant – Funding to offer STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) programs for the community. ($100,000 grant from the California State Library)

Maximize Learning Space/“MacGyver Your Library” Grant – Funding for design experts to help staff at Hastings Branch Library evaluate their current library layout and provide suggestions for moveable furniture that will create a more flexible space for programs and events. (Grant from the California State Library)
Each new year dawns full of hope and endless possibilities for the future. But before we head into 2018, let’s take a quick moment to reflect. The year 2017 was rich with accomplishments, challenges, successes, change, farewells and new beginnings at the library.

**BRARY 2017**

**BY THE NUMBERS**

- **1.3 million** people visited Pasadena’s libraries in person, on the web or via social media.
- **1.1 million** of the library’s books, DVDs, databases and other resources were checked out and tapped into.
- **250** Pasadena community groups held 808 meetings in a library facility.
- **1.3 million** people visited Pasadena’s libraries in person, on the web or via social media.
- **11,790** people registered for a new Pasadena Public Library card.
- **641,498** The library’s collection topped 641,498 items. This is 4.5 items for every man, woman and child in Pasadena.
- **72,934** people attended 3,100 library programs and events at 10 locations.
- **126,711** library customers utilized these free Internet sessions.
- **243** community organizations and nine City departments to provide many of the programs and events held this year.
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**ENHANCED SPACES**

**The Linda Vista Library Associates and the Arroyo Seco Foundation** transformed the front garden at the Linda Vista Branch Library into a showcase for beautiful California native plants, with the assistance of Hahamonga Nursery and their Linda Vista neighbors. 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 minimum watering.

**The restoration of Central Library’s Walnut Street façade** was completed thanks to the generous support of the Pasadena Library Foundation and The Friends of the Pasadena Public Library. The multi-year restoration protects and preserves the building’s façade, with its iconic columns and arched windows.

**THIS IS QUITE A BIT FOR ONE YEAR!**

We thank you for being a community that values reading and lifelong learning and for the support that you continue to show your Pasadena Public Libraries. We look forward to another exciting and event-filled year ahead.
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