Celebrating Asian Pacific Islander Month

In 1978, a joint congressional resolution established Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week. The first 10 days of May were chosen to coincide with two important milestones in Asian/Pacific American history; the arrival in the United States of the first Japanese immigrants (May 7, 1843) and contributions of Chinese workers in the building of the transcontinental railroad, completed May 10, 1869.

Congress in 1992 expanded the observance to a month-long celebration in May, now known as Asian-American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. It celebrates the culture, traditions and history of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the United States. Pasadena Public Library is proud to present a series of special programs highlighting the Asian/Pacific Islander culture throughout the month of May.

A Journey through Tibetan Art
Discover how Buddhism and meditation have influenced classical Tibetan art and culture.
May 1-31 • La Pintoresca Branch

American Mah Jongg Club
Join this fun group for an afternoon of the 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.
Saturdays, April 28 & May 26 • 3-5 p.m.
Hill Avenue Branch

Hiroshima Boy
Author Naomi Hirahara discusses the final Mas Arai mystery, Hiroshima Boy, in which a now elderly Mas returns to Hiroshima, where he survived the bomb as a teenager.
Thursday, May 3 • 7 p.m.
Central Library/Donald Wright Auditorium

Hawaiian Dancers
Experience traditional hula as Halau Hula Moani’a’ala Anuhea showcases the Hawaiian culture through dance, language and music.
Saturday, May 12 • 2 p.m.
Central Library/Donald Wright Auditorium

Mandarin Storytime
Enjoy this special Chinese storytime for children in Mandarin.
Wednesday, May 16 • 3:30 p.m.
Hastings Branch

Asian Pacific Storytime
Join us as we celebrate Asian cultures.
Thursday, May 24 • 10:30 a.m.
La Pintoresca Branch

Asian Architecture Craft
Create a 3-D building using recycled wood, paper and/or fabric. All materials provided. For all ages.
Thursday, May 24 • 3 p.m.
Hill Avenue Branch

Pu-erh Tea Lecture & Traditional Chinese Tea Ceremony
Author Lisa See’s book, The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane, drew attention to the ancient tea of Pu-erh. Discover the history of Pu-erh, its many holistic life benefits and how the tea leaves from the ancient mountains of Yunnan make it the best in the world. Then enjoy a special tea tasting presented by Denong Premium Pu-erh Teas.
Saturday, May 26 • 2-4 p.m.
Central Library/Studio on 4th

Pasadena Mental Health Day 2018
“Roads to Empowerment”
Saturday, May 19 • 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Central Library
BY THE BOOK
For book selections, contact the branch libraries listed below.

Great Literature and Discussion Group
Call (626) 744-7266 for the upcoming reading schedule.
Mondays (except May 28) • 11 a.m. • Lamanda Park Branch

Book Chit Chat
Tuesdays, April 3 & May 1 • 6:30 p.m. • Hastings Branch

Pasadena Readers Book Club
Dr. Merry Pawlowski, emeritus professor of English, California State University, Bakersfield, will lead a discussion of The Poisonwood Bible by Barbara Kingsolver (April) and Main Street by Sinclair Lewis (May). To sign up, email creeder@cityofpasadena.net.
Mondays, April 16 & May 21 • 3-4:30 p.m. • Central Library/Sunroom (southwest side of Great Hall)

Allendale Book Discussion Group
Discuss Hillbilly Elegy by J.D. Vance (April) and Behind Enemy Lines by Marthe Cohn (May).
Saturdays, April 21 & May 19 • 10:30 a.m. • Allendale Branch

Hill Avenue Book Discussion Group
Saturdays, April 21 & May 19 • 10:30 a.m. • Hill Avenue Branch

West Pasadena Book Discussion Group
Join us as we discuss all kinds of books!
Saturday, April 21 • 11 a.m. • Linda Vista Branch
Saturday, May 19 • 11 a.m. • San Rafael Branch

Rave Reviews
Monday, April 23 • 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 The Butterfly Garden by Dot Hutchison. To sign up, email jgov@cityofpasadena.net.
Wednesday, May 16 • 7 p.m. • Central Library/4th Floor Conference Room

AUTHOR TALKS
Say YES to Healthy Eating
Ruth Freechman will discuss eating healthy and losing weight. Author of The Food is My Friend Diet, she is also a health and wellness expert, nutrition media spokesperson, blogger and current president of the California Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. Books will be available for sale and signing.
Thursday, April 19 • 7 p.m.
Central Library/Donald Wright Auditorium

After/Image: Los Angeles Outside the Frame
Author, recent Grammy winner and Pasadena resident Lynell George will discuss her collection of essays, evocative photographs, profiles and reportage focused on Los Angeles beneath-the-surface – both the past and the here-and-now. With After/Image: Los Angeles Outside the Frame, George proves every mantra can be re-examined. Books will be available for sale and signing.
Thursday, May 17 • 7 p.m.
Central Library/Donald Wright Auditorium

• 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.
In observance of Mental Health Awareness Month, this event is dedicated to raising awareness about mental illness, decreasing the stigma and increasing knowledge and access to quality mental health services and resources in the community. The event will focus on the significance and benefits of mental and emotional health and practical resources and tools available to empower individuals in coping with and overcoming challenges.

Through keynote speakers, presentations and workshops for youth and adults, attendees will gain knowledge on the current mental health issues and challenges faced today. Find empowerment in awareness, learn the importance of addressing mental illness and healthy living and discover different paths of healing or coping, and the benefit it has on young children and families.

Resource tables will also be available for attendees to learn more about local mental health services and resources. Separate tracks for youth and adults will be offered. Refreshments will also be provided.

Presented by Pasadena Public Library, Pasadena Public Health Department, Pasadena Mental Health Advisory Committee and through grants from the California State Library Mental Health Initiative and Dare to Dream. For more information, email jgov@cityofpasadena.net.

CELEBRATING 60 YEARS!

National Library Week (April 8-14), is a time to celebrate the contributions of our nation’s libraries and library workers and to promote library use and support. From free access to books and online resources for families to library business centers that help support entrepreneurship and retraining, libraries offer opportunity to all. The theme for 2018 National Library Week is “Libraries Lead.”

This year marks the 60th anniversary of the first event, sponsored in 1958. This national celebration is sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and observed in libraries across the country each April. All types of libraries - school, public, academic and special - participate every year in National Library Week.

FILMS

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

APRIL

Celebrating actresses and actors whose excellent performances were nominated for Oscars but didn’t receive one.

APRIL 4
Rebecca - Judith Anderson, Nominated for Best Actress (1940) NR

APRIL 11
Sitting Pretty - Clifton Webb, Nominated for Best Actor (1948) NR

APRIL 18
The Sundowners - Deborah Kerr and Glynis Johns, Nominated for Best Actress (1960) NR

APRIL 25

MAY

MAY 2
Our Town - Play awarded the Pulitzer Prize on May 2, 1938, (1977) TV Movie

MAY 9
Stella Dallas – Celebrating Mother’s Day (1937) NR

MAY 16
The Joy Luck Club – Celebrating Asian Pacific Islander Month (1993) R

MAY 23
The Mark of Zorro – Celebrating Douglas Fairbanks, Sr.’s Birthday (May 23) (1920) NR

MAY 30
To Hell and Back – Celebrating Memorial Day (1955) NR

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

FOR TEENS
Book into Film Movie Night
Join us for a screening and discussion of Miss Peregrine’s Home for Peculiar Children based on the book by Ransom Riggs. Pizza and popcorn will be served. For ages 13+.

To sign up, email Jane Gov at jgov@cityofpasadena.net.

Wednesday, April 18 • 5-7:30 p.m.
Central Library/Teen Central

Teen Anime Afternoons
Enjoy this month’s special edition of the Anime Club, featuring classic anime, Japanese snacks and the newest manga in the library’s collection.

Saturdays, April 21 & May 19 • 2-4 p.m.
Central Library/Children’s Story Room
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

Paint with Janell
Learn to paint with acrylics, mix paint colors and paint trees and foliage. All materials provided. To sign up, call (626) 744-7264.

Wednesday, April 25 • 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. • Hill Avenue Branch

LV Crafting Club: Felt Flower Pin
Create a beautiful flower pin to brighten up an outfit or special someone’s day. To sign up, call (626) 744-7278.

Saturday, May 12 • 3 p.m. • Linda Vista Branch

GARDENING

Pasadena Grows: Tour of Rancho Santa Ana Botanical Gardens
Join us for a docent-led tour of Rancho Santa Ana Botanical Gardens’ wildflowers and spring highlights. The garden is located in Claremont near the 210 Freeway. Meet the group at the entrance promptly at 10 a.m. Entrance fee not included.

Saturday, April 7 • 10 a.m. • Rancho Santa Ana Botanical Gardens • 1500 N College Ave., Claremont

Pasadena Grows: Tour of the Los Angeles County Arboretum
An expert docent will lead us on a tour of the trees in the arboretum. Learn about the stressful effect the drought is having on our local trees. To sign up, call (626) 744-7264 before May 2. Meet the group at the arboretum entrance. Entrance fee not included.

Saturday, May 5 • 10:15 a.m.-noon • Los Angeles County Arboretum • 301 N Baldwin Ave, Arcadia

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.

Wednesdays, April 4 & May 2 • 10 a.m.-noon • Central Library/Great Hall

Forgiving Mindfully and Heartfully
Mindful and heartfelt forgiveness have been proven to increase mental and physical well-being among all ages. The power of forgiveness will set you free from your attachment to yester-years of pain and sorrow. It will offer you the joy of living mindfully and heartfully. When you choose forgiveness, you experience more creativity and vitality. Presented by Maggie Thomas, Clinical Social Work/Therapist, LCSW, MEd.

Thursday, April 12 • 7 p.m. • Central Library/Donald Wright Auditorium

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, April 14 & 28, May 5 & 12 • 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, April 21 & May 12 • 11 a.m. • San Rafael Branch

HISTORY

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

Saturdays, April 7 & May 5 • 2-5 p.m. • Lamanda Park Branch

LANGUAGE

Spanish Conversation Group
Thursdays • 12:45-3 p.m. • San Rafael Branch

LA Law Librarian in Law Room
This free weekly service with legal research specialists (not attorneys) will help you answer legal questions. Provided by LA Law Library.

Thursdays • 1-5 p.m. • Central Library/Law Room

QuickLook: Self Help and Litigation Resources on the California Courts Website
Presented by the LA Law Library.

Thursday, April 19 • 1-1:45 p.m. • Central Library/Law Room

QuickLook: Lawsuits in Superior Court
Presented by the LA Law Library.

Thursday, May 17 • 1-1:45 p.m. • Central Library/Law Room
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).

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, April 5 & 19, May 3 & 17 • noon–2 p.m.
La Pintoresca Branch

DIGITAL LITERACY
Pasadena Public Library and the 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 May 18 & 28) • 9 a.m.–2 p.m. • La Pintoresca Branch

Computer Classes - Bilingual in Spanish
Bilingual class! This class is designed as an introduction to computers. 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, visit www.cityofpasadena.net/reserve or stop by any Pasadena community center.
Mondays, March 5–April 23 • 9:30-11 a.m. • Jackie Robinson Community Center
1020 N. Fair Oaks Ave.
Mondays, March 5–April 23 • 12:30-2 p.m. • Villa-Parke Community Center
363 E. Villa St.

LEGO Robotics
Program inventions that come to life! Take one of America’s favorite toys to the next level with LEGO robotics. In this class, boys and girls will design and configure a variety of creations using LEGO® blocks, batteries, and motors. The possibilities for imagination and fun are endless! For ages 7-12. For information, call (626) 744-6530. To sign up, visit www.cityofpasadena.net/reserve or stop by any Pasadena community center.
Saturdays, March 10–April 28 • 10–11 a.m.
Villa-Parke Community Center • 363 E. Villa St.

Computer Pals
Learn basic computer skills, how to create an email account, and how to use software for personal projects or homework assignments. Open for all ages.
Saturdays, April 7 & 21, May 5 & 19
10–11:30 a.m. • La Pintoresca Branch
**BOOKS & MORE**

**YA Book Club**
Join us for a book discussion of *Miss Peregrine’s Home for Peculiar Children* by Ransom Riggs (April) and *Little & Lion* by Brandy Colbert (May). For ages 14+. To sign up, call (626) 744-4246 or email Jane Gov at jgov@cityofpasadena.net.

Mondays, April 2 & May 7 • 6 p.m. • Central Library/Teen Central

**LV Teen Book Club**
Spend the afternoon with us as we discuss *Max* by Sarah Cohen-Scali (April) and *The Symptoms of Being Human* by Jeff Garvin (May). For ages 13+. To learn more, email Deborah Takahashi at dtakahashi@cityofpasadena.net.

Saturdays, April 21 & May 19 • 3 p.m. • Linda Vista Branch

**Teen Writers Meetup**
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.

Thursdays, April 26 & May 31 • 6-7:30 p.m. • Central Library/Teen Central

**GAMES & MORE**

**Video Game 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! Drop by every Monday and try out all the new games as they release! For ages 14+.

Mondays (except April 23 & 30, May 28) • 3:30–5:30 p.m. • Hastings Branch

**Teen Game Days**
Join us for board games and video games on the Nintendo Switch and/or Xbox. Must play well with others. For ages 12-19. To sign up, call (626) 744-4246.

Fridays • 4-5:45 p.m. • Central Library/Teen Central

**Super Smash Bros. Throw Down**
Stop by for an afternoon of epic battles and a whole lot of fun! For ages 12+.

Saturdays, April 7 & May 5 • 1 p.m. • Santa Catalina Branch

**Board Game Days**
Challenge your friends and family to board games after school. Stop by and have fun! Fridays, April 27 & May 25 • 2-5 p.m. • Villa Parke Branch

**TEEN SCENE**

**COLLEGE BOUND**

Free Summer School for High School Students: Info Session
Learn about this opportunity to retake a class for a better grade, get caught up on credits, or take a fun elective. OFL’s guided independent study model allows you to work at a pace that best matches your preferred learning style—spend more one-on-one time with your teacher on difficult concepts, and move quickly through subjects in which you excel. Signing up for OFL is easy and returning to your home school in the fall is totally seamless. For high school students and parents. To sign up, email jgov@cityofpasadena.net.

Tuesday, April 3 • 6:30 p.m. • Central Library/Children’s Story Room

How to Write Great College Essays (and Why It’s Good to Start Early)
Many great students write average (even bad) college essays—epistles about “life lessons learned from football” or “how my trip to Europe broadened my cultural horizons.” Better tales are there for the writing! This workshop will offer suggestions for finding and sharing your best stories and yes, we’ll tell you the three over-used topics. Sponsored by Collegewise. For high school students and parents. To sign up, email jgov@cityofpasadena.net.

Tuesday, April 17 • 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. Have a good time while making a difference. Perfect for those interested in civic engagement. For ages 12-18. To sign up, email Jane Gov at jgov@cityofpasadena.net.

Wednesdays, April 4 & May 2 • 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.

**TEENS**

**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.

Fridays, April 27 & May 25 • 4-5 p.m. • Central Library/Children’s Story Room

**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. April’s focus is Poetry Creation Stations. In May, the topic is “Rewriting Fairytales.” To sign up, call (626) 744-4066, option 4.

Fridays, April 27 & May 25 • 4-5 p.m. • Central Library/Children’s Story Room
FESTIVAL DEL DÍA DEL NIÑO/DAY OF THE CHILD
Join us in celebrating the 5th annual Día del Niño with music, books, crafts, games and fun for the whole family.
Wednesday, April 25 • 3:30 p.m. • La Pintoresca Branch

EARTH DAY
Greening the Earth
Join us for stories, songs and poems about the place we call home. Learn how to protect the earth. Make a pot from recycled materials. Plant some seeds, learn how to care for them, and watch them grow at home!
Thursday, April 19 • 3 p.m. • Hill Avenue Branch

Earth Day Craft
Have fun decorating a ceramic boot planter, selecting a seed of your choice then planting it in the boot for Earth Day. All materials provided.
Monday, April 23 • 2-5 p.m. • Villa Parke Branch

MOTHER'S DAY
Mother's Day Craft
Surprise your Mom by making her something special in our fun-filled crafting workshop! All materials provided.
Tuesday, May 8 • 4-5 p.m. • Hastings Branch

Léeme un Cuento Celebrates Mother’s Day
Looking for something to do to celebrate Mom’s special day? Léeme un Cuento invites you to join us as we honor moms with stories, tea time and a special craft. All materials provided.
Wednesday, May 9 • 4 p.m. • La Pintoresca Branch

Mother/Daughter Art & Tea Time
Enjoy special time with your mother. Enjoy tea while making a craft together. Limited space. For teens and their mothers. To sign up, call (626) 744-6510.
Friday, May 11 • 4-5:30 p.m. • Villa Parke Branch

Free Comic Book Day
Celebrating Comics!
Join us for FREE Comic Book Day, an annual event held the first Saturday in May throughout the United States. Pick up a free comic book (one per person while supplies last), by stopping in any Pasadena Public Library on Saturday, May 5. Comics suitable for all age groups (children, teens and adults) will be available at each site.
LIBRARY KIDS

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

- Mondays, April 2 & May 7 • 1 p.m. • San Rafael Branch
- Mondays, April 9 & 23, May 7 & 21 • 3 p.m. • La Pintoresca Branch
- Tuesdays, April 10 & May 8 • 3:30 p.m. • Hastings Branch
- Wednesdays, April 11 & May 9 • 4 p.m. • Villa Parke Branch
- Thursdays, April 12 & May 10 • 4 p.m. • Central Library/Children’s Story Room

- Saturdays, April 14 & May 12 • 1 p.m. • Santa Catalina Branch
- Tuesdays, April 24 & May 22 • 3:30 p.m. • Hill Avenue Branch
- Saturdays, April 28 & May 26 • 11 a.m. • Linda Vista Branch

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
Watch Your Whiskers Stilton! by Geronimo Stilton (April) and Big Nate, In a Class by Himself by Lincoln Peirce (May).

- Wednesday, April 4 • 6:30 p.m. • Central Library/Donald Wright Auditorium
- Wednesday, May 2 • 6 p.m. • Central Library/Donald Wright Auditorium

For Third Graders/ Niños del tercer grado
Ramona the Pest by Beverly Cleary (April) and Diary of a Whimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney (May).

- Wednesday, April 18 • 6:30 p.m. • Central Library/Donald Wright Auditorium
- Wednesday, May 16 • 6 p.m. • Central Library/Donald Wright Auditorium

Elephant and Piggie Book Party
Join us as we celebrate everyone’s favorite elephant and pig duo, Elephant and Piggie! Read some Elephant and Piggie favorites, create a craft and enjoy snacks.

- Monday, May 21 • 3 p.m. • Hill Avenue 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-5
  Mondays & Wednesdays (except May 28)
  3:30-5:30 p.m. • Hastings Branch

- For students in grades K-10
  Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays (except April 25, May 10 & 28)
  3:30-5:30 p.m. • La Pintoresca Branch

- For students in grades K-8
  Tuesdays & Thursdays (except May 10)
  4–6 p.m. • Central Library/Children’s Room
CREATIVE ARTS
The Ben Band
Join us and enjoy a special musical performance just for infants, toddlers and their caregivers.
Tuesday, May 29 • 10 a.m.
Central Library/Donald Wright Auditorium

HEALTH & FITNESS
Baby Playtime
Bring your toddlers to play with toys, listen to music, interact with other children and color. For ages 1-4.
Fridays • 10:30 a.m.-noon • Villa Parke 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, April 9 & May 7 • 10 a.m. • Central Library/Studio on 4th
Thursdays, April 19 & May 17 • 3:30-4:30 p.m. • Lamanda Park Branch

CENTRAL LIBRARY
Infant & Toddler Storytime
SUMMER REGISTRATION:
Tuesday, June 12
(Session runs June 19-Aug. 7)
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 follow the directional signs to the ramp on the west side of the building and wait there.

STORYTIMES
CENTRAL LIBRARY
Infant & Toddler Storytime
Spring Session • April 3-May 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 (except April 4)
10:45 a.m. • San Rafael Branch

THURSDAYS
10:30 a.m. • La Pintoresca Branch

FRIDAYS
3:30 p.m. • Hastings Branch

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

For Families
MONDAYS (except May 28)
Marvelous Mondays
7 p.m. • Hastings Branch

WEDNESDAYS (except April 25 & May 9)
Léeme un Cuento
Spanish Storytime/Hora de cuentos en español
4 p.m. • La Pintoresca 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.
Monday, April 9 • 10:15 a.m.
Santa Catalina Branch

BABY STORYTIME
Introduce your baby to the joy of language at this early literacy-based storytime.
Saturdays, April 7 & May 5 • 3 p.m.
Linda Vista Branch

MANDARIN STORYTIME
Wednesdays, April 18 & May 16
3:30 p.m.
Hastings Branch

ARMENIAN STORYTIME
Saturdays, April 21 & May 19
11 a.m. • Santa Catalina 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, April 27 & May 25
4 p.m. • La Pintoresca Branch
TEENS

LV Teen Brunch Club: Mixed Media Art
Create mixed media art and enjoy great company. Teens of all abilities are welcome. To sign up, call (626) 744-7278.

Saturday, May 5 • 11 a.m. • Linda Vista Branch

LV Teen Brunch Club: Deconstruction Café
Have fun hanging out and messing around taking apart various contraptions! Teens of all abilities are welcome. To sign up, call (626) 744-7278.

Saturday, April 7 • 11 a.m. • Linda Vista Branch

GameMaker
Learn to create and design simple computer and videogame programs using GameMaker Studio. For ages 10-18. To sign up, email jgov@cityofpasadena.net.

Wednesday, April 11 • 5-7 p.m. • Central Library/Studio on 4th Floor

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, April 12 & May 17 • 3 p.m. • Allendale Branch

SC Anime & Mecha Robots
Teens, go crazy over the latest anime while tinkering with Rokenbok Robot kits.

Saturdays, April 14 & May 12 • 1 p.m. • Santa Catalina Branch

Teen STEAM: DIY Catapult
Make a catapult using a little science and Rokenbok blocks. For ages 12+.

To sign up, call (626) 744-7272.

Tuesday, April 24 • 4 p.m. • Santa Catalina Branch

TWEENS

STEM Robotics
The future is here and robotics are what’s happening. Explore the world of robotics, beginning with the very simplest of circuits, from robot arms to using sensors to programming your robots to behave independently. Presented by LA Makerspace. For ages 7+.

Mondays, April 9 & 16 • 3:30-5:30 p.m. • La Pintoresca Branch

STEAM Team Club
Explore the STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, 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, April 11 & May 9 • 4 p.m. • Hastings Branch

Kids Coding Club: Digital Art
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. In April we’ll look at how to use computer coding to create a cool digital art project. For ages 8-12.

To sign up, call (626) 744-7282.

Wednesdays, April 11 & May 9 • 4 p.m. • Hastings Branch

Minecraft Coding
Minecraft, the wildly popular video game, can also be used to learn coding! You’ll learn the use of “redstone,” Minecraft’s version of electrical wiring; how to program robot turtles to perform tasks; and, how to work as a team in the digital world, an increasingly important skill for the modern workplace. Presented by LA Makerspace. For ages 9-12.

Monday & Wednesday, April 23 & 25, April 30 & May 2 • 4-6 p.m. • Hastings Branch

LECTURES

What is Gravity?
Join Dr. Michele Vallisneri, doctor of Theoretical Astrophysics, as he discusses the principals of gravity. All ages welcome.

Saturday, April 20 • 3 p.m. • Linda Vista Branch

Why Stars Shine
Learn why stars shine from a distinguished speaker from Caltech. All ages welcome.

Saturday, May 19 • 11 a.m. • Linda Vista Branch

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Balloon Helicopters
Join us as we harness the power of kinetic energy to make propeller-powered balloon helicopters, and see how long we can keep our balloons flying.

For ages 8-12. To sign up, call (626) 744-4066, option 4.
Wednesday, April 25 • 4:30-5:30 p.m. • Central Library/Studio on 4th

Kids Coding Club: Ozobots
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. In May, we’ll explore coding with Ozobots, small robots that you can program to move, light up and make sounds. For ages 8-12. To sign up, call (626) 744-4225.
Thursday, May 17 • 4 p.m.
Central Library/Studio on 4th

Art Bots
Design a robot that makes art when it moves. For ages 8-12. To sign up, email Jane Gov at jgov@cityofpasadena.net.
Wednesday, May 23 • 5-7 p.m. • Central Library/Studio on 4th

Opera for KIDS Workshop: Donizetti’s The Elixir of Love
Join us for an unforgettable introduction to the world of opera! Hear an abridged opera sung by professional singers in English, with imaginative scenery, beautiful costumes and rich, visual humor. Then enjoy some hands-on STEAM activities that demonstrate the importance of math to both music and theater. No sign-up required, however, if you are bringing a large group, please contact AnnMarie Hurtado at (626) 744-4725 to ensure that we can accommodate you. Sponsored by the Pasadena Opera Guild. For ages 7-12.
Saturday, May 26 • 3 p.m. • Central Library/Donald Wright Auditorium

Shy Bots
Use breadboarding, transistors and sensors to create a robot that runs away from the light. For ages 8-12. To sign up, email jgov@cityofpasadena.net.
Wednesday, May 30 • 5-7 p.m. • Central Library/Studio on 4th

Fun with Auntie Kayte
Enjoy creative songs and stories in the manner of Mary Poppins as Auntie Kayte pulls props and costumes from her magic treasure chest.
Thursday, April 19 • 3:30 p.m. • Santa Catalina Branch

Circuit Clay
Explore electricity and its many uses safely by using Circuit Clay. Learn how to build electrical circuits then come up with your own projects! For ages 5-8.
To sign up, call (626) 744-7262.
Thursday, April 19 • 4-5 p.m. • Hastings Branch

Coloring for Memorial Day
Let your creativity shine through. Join us for an afternoon coloring event then check out books with stories commemorating those who died serving in our country’s armed forces. All materials provided.
Thursday, May 24 • 2-5 p.m. • Villa Parke Branch

Native American Folklore and Dance
Premier American Indian dancer Ben Hale brings to life dances, songs and stories from across North America. With brilliant traditional regalia, he presents dances from the 1400s to modern day Pow Wows.
Thursday, May 24 • 3:30 p.m. • Santa Catalina Branch

EARLY LEARNERS

STEAM Storytime for Babies to Preschoolers
Learn about and explore the world through stories, songs, fingerplays, dancing and crafts.
Thursdays (except May 10) • 10:30 a.m.
La Pintoresca Branch

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, April 23 • 10:30 a.m. • Central Library/Studio on 4th

Librarians' Choice Book Sections
1000 Books Before Kindergarten
Read 1000 books to your children before they start school. For ages 0-5.
Wednesday, April 25 • 10:30 a.m. • Central Library/Studio on 4th

Library Storytime for Babies
Join us to make music and movements together. For ages 0-3.
Wednesday, April 25 • 10:30 a.m. • Central Library/Studio on 4th

Music with Tim Griffin
Learn all about the science behind music with Tim Griffin! For elementary school children.
Thursday, April 5 • 4-5 p.m. • Hastings Branch

Let’s Go LEGO®
This is a fun “free-play” program where children are provided with an open-ended prompt to encourage imaginative building and playing with LEGO® 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, April 10 & 24, May 8 & 22 • 3-4:30 p.m.
Lamanda Park Branch

Constellations: A Poetry Workshop
11-year old writer Cassidy Kao, will demonstrate how poetry can be fun, easy and kid-friendly as she explores the relationships between mythology and constellations! Kao is the author of Roller Coaster: Kid’s Guide on How to Write Poetry, Constellation Exploration: Greek Mythical Stories Retold with Simple Facts and Fun and many other books. For ages 7-8.
Tuesday, April 17 • 4:30-5:30 p.m. • Hastings Branch
EXHIBITS

APRIL

CENTRAL LIBRARY
Sisters in Sigma
Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.
North Entry

Students K-12 Art & Photography
San Gabriel Valley Women’s Association
Centennial Room and Humanities Wing

HASTINGS BRANCH LIBRARY
Fine art photography
Bernard Kane, art photographer

MAY

CENTRAL LIBRARY
Ali Reza Ghaffari Art
Ali Ghaffari
North Entry

China City Photos
Sino-American Friendship Association
Centennial Room and Reading Wing

HASTINGS BRANCH LIBRARY
Mixed media, oil, and pencil art
Gabriele Frigini, artist

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LOCATIONS & HOURS

Central Library - 285 E. Walnut Street
(626) 744-4066
Mon–Thurs • 9 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Fri & Sat • 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Sun • 1 – 5 p.m.

Allendale Branch - 1130 S. Marengo Ave.
(626) 744-7260
Mon–Thurs & Sat • 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Fri • 2 – 6 p.m.

Hastings Branch - 3325 E. Orange Grove Blvd.
(626) 744-7262
Mon–Thurs • 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Fri & Sat • 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Sun • 1 – 5 p.m.

Hill Avenue Branch - 55 S. Hill Avenue
(626) 744-7264
Mon–Thurs & Sat • 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Fri • 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

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

La Pintoresca Branch - 1355 N. Raymond Avenue
(626) 744-7278
Mon–Sat • 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Linda Vista Branch - 1281 Bryant Street
(626) 744-7278
Mon–Thurs & Sat • 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Fri • 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

San Rafael Branch - 1240 Nithsdale Road
(626) 744-7270
Mon–Thurs & Sat • 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Fri • 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Santa Catalina Branch - 999 E. Washington Blvd.
(626) 744-7272
Mon–Thurs & Sat • 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Fri • 2 – 6 p.m.

Villa Parke Branch - 363 East Villa Street
(626) 744-6510
Mon–Fri • 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. (Closed from 12:45–2 p.m.)
Sat • 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

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