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

NEIGHBORHOOD SCIENCE

Last year was witness to the Pasadena Public Library’s amazingly robust offerings of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math). There were workshops for coding, robotics, circuitry and art, plus a series of lectures featuring speakers from NASA, Carnegie Observatories, JPL, Caltech and the Planetary Society. Other highlights included the opening of the Innovation Lab maker space, regularly scheduled Virtual Reality programming and opportunities for families to borrow STEAM kits.

2019 will be electrifying, as the library delves deeper into the “S” in STEAM to offer opportunities to engage in scientific research projects in collaboration with scientists and researchers.

Pasadena Library wants you and those you know to be scientific investigators. Join us and become a part of the library’s science clubs, where you will be working with community and NASA scientists. Inspired by the GLOBE Program, you’ll explore and learn about the atmosphere, biosphere, pedosphere and hydrosphere as you participate in real, hands-on science using state-of-the-art tools. You will share your data results and analysis with others from around the world. The measurements you take and information you gather and decipher will ultimately lead to a better understanding of the earth. By observing your everyday environment, thinking empirically, asking the right questions, and piecing clues and data together you have the opportunity to have a global impact upon your local surroundings. Establish that scientific pioneer spirit within and sign up today:

La Pintoresca Science Club – (626) 744-7268
Linda Vista Science Club – (626) 744-7278
Hastings Science Club – (626) 744-7262

For more information about the GLOBE Program, visit https://www.globe.gov/

LINDA VISTA SCIENCE CLUB

Join us as we investigate the world around us using state-of-the-art technology to gather data to track features such as precipitation, cloud formations, and migration patterns of hummingbirds. For teens and adults ages 12+.

Saturday, Jan. 5 • 3-5 p.m. • Linda Vista Branch

STEAM TEAM CLUB: SOIL INVESTIGATIONS

Join us to investigate the pedosphere (soil)! We’ll be using a variety of scientific techniques and tools to learn about the soil in our local environment. For ages 9-12. To sign up, call (626) 744-7262.

Wed, Jan. 9 • 4 p.m. • Hastings Branch

NEIGHBORHOOD SCIENTIST: CLIMATE CHANGE IN THE LIBRARY

Misinformation on climate change is everywhere. How can you learn what’s right and what’s not? Fortunately, basic climate physics is simple – it was figured out in the 1800s! With the right tools, you can figure out how climate change works just as early scientists did. Join Professor Austin Minnich as he shows you the processes at work on our planet right in front of you with live experiments. If you have questions about climate change, join us to understand for yourself what is happening and what to do about it. For adults ages 50+.

Saturday, Jan. 12 • 11 a.m. • Linda Vista Branch

NEIGHBORHOOD SCIENTIST

Become a scientific pioneer! Discover the world around us by exploring the atmosphere, biosphere, pedosphere, and hydrosphere in your hometown using scientific tools and techniques. Join us as we investigate our local environment. For more details, call (626) 744-7268.

Thursday, Jan. 24 • 3:30 – 5 pm • La Pintoresca Branch

Central Library will close on Sunday, Dec. 2 at 4 p.m. for a special community event.

All Libraries will OPEN at noon on Thursday, Dec. 6

IN OBSERVANCE OF:

Christmas Eve – Monday, Dec. 24
• All Pasadena Branch Libraries will close at 1 p.m.
• Central Library will close at 5 p.m.

Christmas – Tuesday, Dec. 25
• All Pasadena Public Libraries will be CLOSED.

New Year’s Eve – Monday, Dec. 31
• All Pasadena Branch Libraries will close at 1 p.m.
• Central Library will close at 5 p.m.

New Year’s Day – Tuesday, Jan. 1
• All Pasadena Public Libraries will be CLOSED.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – Sunday & Monday, Jan. 20 & 21
• All Pasadena Public Libraries will be CLOSED.
Holiday Celebrations & Events

HANUKKAH

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

HOLIDAY CRAFTS

Create your own Holiday Cards
Join us for a morning of holiday card-making, merriment and mirth. For adults. To sign up, call (626) 744-7278.
Saturday, Dec. 1 • 11 a.m. • Linda Vista Branch

Make a Holiday Wreath
Bring your little ones and celebrate the holiday season by making a special wreath. For families.
Saturday, Dec. 1 • 11 a.m. • Santa Catalina Branch

Snowman Workshop
It may be warm outside, but you can still celebrate the winter season by creating your own snowman. Presented by the Chinatown Service Center. For ages 5-12. Materials provided. To sign up, call (626) 744-6510.
Saturday, Dec. 1 • 11 a.m. • Villa Parke Branch

HASTINGS BRANCH

6th Annual Holiday Celebration & Tree Lighting
It’s the most wonderful time of the year! Get into the holiday spirit and join in the fun as we light the Hastings Branch Christmas tree. Enjoy musical performances and other festive activities. Presented in partnership with the Hastings Branch Associates and Pasadena Public Works Department.
Thursday, Dec. 6 • 3–6 p.m.

KWANZAA

30th 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.
Thursday, Dec. 27 • 11 a.m.–1 p.m.
La Pintoresca Branch

Holiday Card Pastel Workshop
Make your own holiday cards using pastels. Instructions, supplies and samples provided. Ed Faubert, instructor. For adults.
Tuesday-Thursday, Dec. 4-6 • 2–4 p.m.
Central Library/Sunroom

Candle Decorating
Plan for the holidays by decorating plain candles with modeling wax. For all ages.
Thursday, Dec. 6 • 3:30 p.m. • Hill Avenue Branch

Holiday Jewelry Making
Join us and create a jewelry piece for yourself or as a gift. Janell Mithani, instructor. For ages 7+. Materials provided. To sign up, call (626) 744-6510.
Wednesday, Dec. 19 • 4–5 p.m. • Villa Parke Branch

Holiday Craft
Show your creative side. Join us as we design and craft works of art using paper, glue and crayon.
Thursday, Dec. 20 • 3 p.m. • San Rafael Branch

• All Pasadena Public Library programs and events listed in this newsletter are free and open to the public.
• Our programs and events are extremely popular. Space is limited and registration may be required. Check program and event listings for details.
UPCOMING EVENTS

Educator Night
Pasadena Public Library invites Preschool-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 a special invitation for Pasadena Preschool-12th grade educators only. Librarians and school administrators are also welcome. In order for us to welcome the most educators possible, we are not able to accommodate any guests.

Thursday, Feb. 7 • 5-7:30 p.m. Central Library/Studio on 4th
RSVP: http://ppledu19.eventbrite.com/

2019 One City, One Story
Pasadena Public Library Director Michelle Perera welcomes Hernán Díaz, author of the 2019 One City, One Story selection to discuss his book In the Distance. A question and answer session with the audience will follow. Díaz’s books will be available for sale and signing following the program. Sponsored by The Friends of the Pasadena Public Library and the Pasadena Literary Alliance.

Thursday, March 7 • 7 p.m. All Saints Church, Sanctuary 132 N. Euclid Ave.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Minds in Motion
Join us for the 7th annual Professional Child Development Associates’ Teen Buddies/Teen Club Young Creatives art show. Enjoy original handmade sensory art forms, photography, personal stories and a short live performance.
Saturday, Dec. 1 • 10 a.m.-noon • Central Library/Donald Wright Auditorium

Music With Angie Donkin
Join us for a fun and rhythmic morning, with music, dance and stories with Angie Donkin.
Tuesday, Dec. 4 • 10 a.m. • Central Library/Donald Wright Auditorium
Wednesday, Jan. 30 • 10:30 a.m. • Santa Catalina Branch
Thursday, Jan. 31 • 10:30 a.m. • Linda Vista Branch

Nightmare Before Christmas
Celebrate the 25th Anniversary of The Nightmare Before Christmas with Jack and Sally and the rest of the characters of Halloween Town! There will be photo ops with a life-size Jack, Sally and Zero, opportunity drawing, snacks and a free screening of this holiday classic.
Thursday, Dec. 13 • 6 p.m. • Central Library/Donald Wright Auditorium

Family Concert
Stomp your feet and clap your hands to the lively music of the Hollow Trees Band. Sponsored by the Topanga Banjo Fiddle Contest.
Saturday, Dec. 15 • 11 a.m. • Central Library/Donald Wright Auditorium

Winter Wonderland
Join us for a fun night of holiday-themed movies, crafts and games. Enjoy Polar Express and the Rise of the Guardians while making snow globes, wreaths, ugly sweaters and a gingerbread city! If crafts aren’t your thing, we’ll also have board and book to share with your class. In addition, there will be a special invitation for Pasadena Preschool-12th grade educators only. Librarians and school administrators are also welcome. In order for us to welcome the most educators possible, we are not able to accommodate any guests.
Thursday, Dec. 13 • 6 p.m. • Central Library/Donald Wright Auditorium

Afternoon Tea with the Royal Court
Join the 2019 Royal Court for a delightful afternoon tea, question and answer session and photo opportunities!
Wednesday, Jan. 9 • 10 a.m. • Central Library/Studio on 4th
Thursday, Jan. 10 • 10 a.m. • Central Library/Donald Wright Auditorium
Tuesday, Jan. 29 • 10 a.m. • Allendale Branch
Thursday, Feb. 7 • 10 a.m. • Central Library/Donald Wright Auditorium

Royal Tea Party
Future kings, queens, princes and princesses, come dressed in your finery for a very special visit from the 2019 Tournament of Roses 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. 12 • 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. • Hastings Branch

Family Craft: Grass-heads
Start the New Year with a new friend – Grass-head. Make a head using potting soil and grass seed. Decorate and water it, then watch it grow “hair” at home.
Thursday, Jan. 24 • 3:30 p.m. • Hill Avenue Branch

Senior Cohousing: A Progressive and Creative Model of Housing for Ages 50+
As you get older, do you want to live more simply, be more connected to others, and experience a community of peers that is geared towards vitality? Discover a unique housing model that brings adults ages 50+ together to imagine and design their own small communities.
Alexandria Levitt, Senior Housing Specialist and Gerontologist, USC MS 2011, will speak about Senior Cohousing – a model that began in Denmark and is growing in the U.S. Learn about what’s involved, successful communities already created and how to make it happen here.
Thursday, Jan. 24 • 7 p.m. • Central Library/Donald Wright Auditorium

Library in the Park
Join us as we take La Pintoresca Branch into the park once a month for some family fun, with stories and activities for all ages.
Tuesday, Jan. 29 • 3:30 p.m. • La Pintoresca Park

Spelunkalicious! Concert for Kids
The Brian Waite Band is on tour, performing “Spelunkalicious!” their new show and CD. Enjoy music, dances, activities and colorfully funky costumes!
Thursday, Jan. 31 • 10 a.m. • Central Library/Donald Wright Auditorium

Review of the Assassination of President John F. Kennedy
Researcher Glenn Bybee presents his extensive research on President Kennedy’s assassination including his annual anniversary visit to the Dallas Texas Book Depository and attendance at the 6th annual JFK Assassination Conference.
The 35th President of the United States, Kennedy was assassinated on Nov. 22, 1963. He was riding in a presidential motorcade with his wife Jacqueline, Texas Governor John Connally, and his wife Nellie when he was fatally shot by former U.S. Marine Lee Harvey Oswald.
Thursday, Jan. 17 • 7 p.m. • Central Library/Donald Wright Auditorium

Emancipation Proclamation – Perceptions & the Passage of Time
American historian Gary Gallaher will discuss the aftermath of the Battle of Antietam, the battle that President Lincoln used to issue the Emancipation Proclamation. Learn what people really thought at the time. Did they see the battle as a turning point in the war? Or was their perception very different? Presented by the Pasadena Civil War Roundtable.
Tuesday, Jan. 22 • 7:30 p.m. • Central Library/Donald Wright Auditorium

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**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**

_**One-of-a-kind Magnets**_
Capture your favorite dictionary words under a magnifying glass dome to create one-of-a-kind magnets. To sign up, call (626) 744-7278.

**Saturday, Jan. 19 • 11 a.m. • Linda Vista Branch**

_**Craft Meetup**_
Are you a crafter? Bring your current project and work on it while making friends with like-minded people. Knitting, crochet, embroidery, needlepoint, paper crafts or whatever project you have going on. If you don’t have a project, a simple project will be available. A “swap table” will be provided for you to bring supplies you no longer need and pick up something interesting. Learn from one another! No special equipment allowed.

**Saturday, Jan. 26 • 10:30 a.m. • Allendale Branch**

**GAMES**

_**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**

_**Chess Club**_
Interested in chess? Join us for an open-play session or come and learn how to play chess. All materials provided. _For ages 9-adult._

**Fridays • 3:30-5:30 p.m. • La Pintoresca Branch**

**GARDENING**

_**Pasadena Grows: Learning & Sharing**_
Come to the Hill Avenue Garden Group! Learn about gardening from a professional and share your concerns and solutions with other group members.

**Saturday, Jan. 12 • 10:30 a.m. • Hill Avenue Branch**

_**Rain Forest Garden**_
Create a beautiful Rain Forest Garden. To sign up, call (626) 744-6510.

**Thursday, Jan. 17 • 4 p.m. • Villa Parke Branch**

**HEALTH & FITNESS**

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

_**Free Health Screening**_
Registered nurses from Huntington Hospital provide free blood pressure and blood sugar screenings, referrals and health education. A two-hour (minimum) fasting time period is required before blood sugar testing. No health screening in January.

**Wednesday, Dec. 5 • 10 a.m.–noon • Central Library/Great Hall**

_**Zumba Class**_
Zumba is a great way to lose weight, tone up, increase cardio strength, improve coordination, gain self-esteem and feel happy! Beginners welcome.

**Saturdays, Dec. 1 & 15, Jan. 5 & 19 • 11 a.m. • Lamanda Park Branch**

**LANGUAGE**

_**Beginning & Intermediate English Classes**_
**Mondays (except Dec. 24 & 31, Jan. 21) • 3-4:30 p.m. • La Pintoresca Branch**

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

**LAW**

_**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: Introduction to Thomson Reuters Westlaw**_
Presented by the LA Law Library.

**Thursday, Dec. 20 • 1–1:45 p.m. • Central Library/Law Room**

**HISTORY**

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

**Saturdays, Dec. 1 & Jan. 5 • 2:30-5:30 p.m. • Lamanda Park 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 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. 6, 24, 25, 27 & 31, Jan. 1 & 21) • 9 a.m.–2 p.m. • La Pintoresca Branch**

**Senior 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](http://www.cityofpasadena.net/reserve) or stop by any Pasadena community center.

**Mondays, Nov. 5-Dec. 10 • 12:30-2 p.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, Dec. 1 & 15, Jan. 12 & 25 • 10-11:30 a.m. • La Pintoresca Branch**

**Computer Skills and Job Readiness**
The goal of this course is to help participants develop a solid foundation in computer, e-mail, word processing and web skills that will assist them in their current and future jobs. Participants will learn how to create a resume and cover letter and how to explore the internet and apply for jobs online. Participants will leave class with a set of skills that are a workplace requirement in today’s fast-paced ever-changing environment!

Sponsored by FVO Solutions, Inc.
_For ages 18+_. For information, call (626) 744-7300. To sign up, visit [www.cityofpasadena.net/ reserve](http://www.cityofpasadena.net/reserve) or stop by any Pasadena community center.

**Wednesdays, Nov. 7-Dec. 12 • 1-2:30 p.m. • Jackie Robinson Community Center • 1020 N. Fair Oaks Ave.**
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://ww6.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).

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 Dec. 24 & 31, Jan. 21) • 11 a.m. • Lamanda Park Branch

iBook Club of Pasadena
“New Adult” readers in their 20s and 30s, including participants using speech-generating devices, are welcome. To sign up, call (626) 351-7571.
Tuesdays, Dec. 4 & Jan. 8 • 2-4 p.m. • Hastings Branch

Book Chit Chat
Tuesdays, Dec. 4 & Jan. 8 • 6:30 p.m. • Hastings Branch

West Pasadena Book Discussion Group
In December join the discussion as we select our titles for 2019. Call San Rafael Branch (626) 744-7270 for the January title.
Saturday, Dec. 15 • 11 a.m. • Linda Vista Branch
Saturday, Jan. 26 • 11 a.m. • San Rafael Branch

Hill Avenue Book Discussion Group
Saturdays, Dec. 29 & Jan. 26 • 10:30 a.m. • Hill Avenue Branch

Hastings Branch Associates Fundraiser
The Hastings Branch Associates are holding an opportunity drawing for tickets to the Rose Parade, Kindle Fire HD 8 Tablet, book bundles by subject (cookbooks, children’s series, mysteries and more!), Nov. 21-Dec. 18. Proceeds will support the library’s children’s programming.

The Hastings Associates are a unit of The Friends of the Pasadena Public Library, the non-profit organization that finances much of the children’s programming at Hastings and all other branches of the Pasadena Public Library.

BOOK TALKS

Nova Jacobs
The Last Equation of Isaac Severy: A Novel in Clues
Author Nova Jacobs joins Anne Louise Bannon, president of Mystery Writers of America, Southern California. In conversation as they discuss her book, The Last Equation of Isaac Severy: A Novel in Clues.
Jacobs’ debut novel is at once a dazzling and imaginative literary mystery and an immensely satisfying family drama. A legendary mathematician leaves his final equation to his adopted granddaughter in a series of confounding clues concealed inside her favorite novel. The problem is, she can’t decipher where the equation is hidden—or why she has been entrusted with such a weighty secret.

In the vein of Mr. Penumbra’s 24-Hour Bookstore and with cinematic writing that calls to mind the dysfunctional family in The Royal Tenenbaums, this genre-crossing novel is an entertaining ride and an unforgettable read. Books will be available for sale and signing.
Thursday, Dec. 6 • 7 p.m. • Central Library Donald Wright Auditorium

Balancing Three: The Joys & Trials of Balancing Life, Marriage & Motherhood
Life is never dull when you’re a parent of triplets. Join us to hear the tale of this mom who juggles parenthood, marriage, business ownership, the mundane tasks of running her household, and just plain staying sane. Put your own family load in perspective as you hear about how Carol manages three infants, then toddlers, then young children at once while still navigating the other responsibilities of life.

Books will be available for sale and signing.
Thursday, Jan. 31 • 7 p.m.
Central Library/Donald Wright Auditorium

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 (except Dec. 25 & Jan. 1)
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 at www.meetup.com/Pasadena-Small-Biz-Network.
Thursdays, Dec. 20, Jan. 3 & 17 • noon-2 p.m. • La Pintoresca Branch

Allendale Book Discussion Group
Will discuss The Underground Railroad by Colson Whitehead.
Saturday, Jan. 12 • 10:30 a.m. • Allendale Branch

Rave Reviews
Monday, Jan. 28 • 2 p.m. • Lamanda Park Branch

Pasadena Readers Book Club
Dr. Merry Pawlowski, emeritus professor of English, California State University, Bakersfield, will lead a book discussion. To sign up, email creeder@cityofpasadena.net then pick up a copy of the book at the front desk’s Will Call Shelf.
Monday, Jan. 28 • 3-4:30 p.m. • Central Library/Studio on 4th

New Adult Book Club
Join us for a discussion of Spinning Silver by Naomi Novik, for readers in their 20s and 30s. Check out a copy of the book at the front desk.
To receive an email reminder, contact jgov@cityofpasadena.net.
Wednesday, Jan. 9 • 7 p.m. • Central Library/4th Floor Conference Room

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Books will be available for sale and signing.
Thursday, Jan. 31 • 7 p.m.
Y A Book Club
Join us for a discussion of Dread Nation by Justina Ireland (December) and Thunderhead by Neal Shusterman (January). For ages 14+. To sign up for reminder, email jgov@cityofpasadena.net. Mondays, Dec. 3 & Jan. 7 • 6-7 p.m. Central Library/4th Floor Conference Room

LV Teen Book Club
Spend the afternoon with us as we discuss Alone by Scott Sigler (December) and The Monster on the Road is Me by J.P. Romney (January). For ages 13+. To learn more, email Deborah Niblick at dniblick@cityofpasadena.net. Saturdays, Dec. 15 & Jan. 26 • 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. To sign up for reminder, email jgov@cityofpasadena.net. Thursday, Jan. 31 • 6-7 p.m. • Central Library/4th Floor Conference Room

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. Thursday, Jan. 24 • 3 p.m. • Allendale Branch

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 Dec. 24 & 31, Jan. 21) • 3:30–5:30 p.m. • Hastings Branch

Switch Hour at Santa Catalina
Stop by for an afternoon of gaming with the Nintendo Switch. For ages 12+. Tuesdays, Dec. 4 & Jan. 8 • 4 p.m. • Santa Catalina 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, Dec. 21 & Jan. 4 • 4-5:30 p.m. Central Library/4th Floor Conference Room

ISSUES TODAY

Youth Network
Teens: we need your opinions. Show up and discuss topics of interest to youth in the community and/or participate in the training. Great for those who are interested in civic engagement and want to gain leadership skills and public speaking experience. For ages 12-18. To sign up, email Jane Gov at jgov@cityofpasadena.net. Wednesday, Dec. 5 • 4-5:30 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, in the Innovation Lab, as homework helpers, and as 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.
TWEENS

BOOKS & MORE

Tween Book Club
Join us and discuss *The Great Treehouse War* by Lisa Graff (December) and *The Wild Robot* by Peter Brown (January). *For ages 9–13.* To sign up, call (626) 744-7262.

*Tuesdays, Dec. 18 & Jan. 29 • 4:30 p.m. • Hastings Branch*

Hour of Code™
Dec. 3-9 is Computer Science Education Week. Join us as we delve into computer coding for an Hour of Code™ where we explore introductory coding concepts. *For ages 8-12.* To sign up, call (626) 744-4066, option 4.

*Thursday, Dec. 6 • 4-5 p.m. • Central Library/Studio on 4th Floor*

STEAM Team Club
Explore the STEAM concepts through creative, innovative projects based on fun STEAM-related challenges. *For ages 9-12.* To sign up, call (626) 744-7262.

*Wednesdays, Dec. 12 & Jan. 9 • 4 p.m. • Hastings Branch*

MATHmania Sphero Robotics
Math is fun, especially when robots are involved! Program a Sphero robot to compete in different challenges. *For ages 9-12.* To sign up, call (626) 744-4066, option 4.

*Monday, Jan. 14 • 3-5 p.m. • Central Library/Children’s Story Room*

Rokenbok Battle Bots
Love to build robots and watch them battle it out? Stop by and build awesome Rokenbok bots and see whose design will prevail in the battle of the Bots. *For ages 9-12.* To sign up, call (626) 744-7272.

*Tuesday, Jan. 29 • 4-5 p.m. • Santa Catalina Branch*
LIBRARY KIDS

BOOKS & MORE

Barks & Books
Children spend time reading to a gentle, well-trained dog who loves hearing stories. Presented by Pasadena Humane Society volunteers.

Mondays, Dec. 3 & 17, Jan. 7 • 3 p.m.
La Pintoresca Branch

Saturdays, Dec. 8 & Jan. 12 • 1 p.m.
Santa Catalina Branch

Tuesdays, Dec. 11 & Jan. 15 • 3:30 p.m.
Hastings Branch

Wednesdays, Dec. 12 & Jan. 9 • 4 p.m. • Villa Parke Branch
Thursdays, Dec. 13 & Jan. 10 • 4 p.m. • Central Library/Children’s Story Room

Saturdays, Dec. 22 & Jan. 26 • 11 a.m. • Linda Vista Branch

Tuesdays, Dec. 27 & Jan. 24 • 3:30 p.m. • Lamanda Park Branch

Thursdays, Jan. 22 • 3:30 p.m. • Hill Avenue Branch

BOOK TALKS

How the Candy Cane Got Its Stripes
Meet local author Scott Casperson as he reads from his book, How the Candy Cane Got Its Stripes, then create your own special holiday ornament.

Saturday, Dec. 22 • 3-5 p.m. • Linda Vista Branch

Fancy Nancy Soiree
Ooh-la-la, darlings! Let’s celebrate a new year with a Book Soiree! Sparkly make-up and feathery hats, boas and tutus, now fancy that! A magical par-tea it’s sure to be, at the Hastings Chateau. Please come and celebrate with us! Don’t forget to wear your fanciest ensemble! Highly recommended. To sign up, call (626) 744-7262.

Thursday, Jan. 10 • 4 p.m. • Hastings Branch

LUCHA LIBROS

2nd Grade Battle #2
Second graders will answer questions about two books: Dragonbreath by Ursula Vernon, and Ivy and Bean by Mary Annie Barrows. Correct answers earn children tickets to exchange for fun prizes! Children must be registered to get credit and prizes. To sign up, call (626) 744-4066, option 4.

Wednesday, Jan. 16 • 6:15-7:30 p.m.
Central Library/Donald Wright Auditorium

CREATIVE ARTS

Paper Crafts
Join us as we design and create works of art using paper. Have fun showing your creative side! All materials provided.

Thursdays • 3-4 p.m. • San Rafael Branch

Pressing Art: Printing & Carving Workshops
Learn how to sketch, transfer images, carve and sketch using printmaking techniques. For ages 5+. Presented by artist Brenda Cruz. Funded through the City of Pasadena Arts Education Partnership Grant.

Thursdays, Dec. 6 & 20, Jan. 17 & 31 • 3:30-5 p.m. • La Pintoresca Branch

Kids’ Art Salon
Learn to thing like an architect as you study classical architecture and design your own version of an ancient temple. To sign up, call (626) 744-4066, option 4.

Wednesday, Dec. 12 • 4-6 p.m. • Central Library/Studio on 4th

SideStreet Woodworking Bus
Learn how to safely use woodworking tools, design and build a project in this five-week workshop. Must be able to attend all sessions. For ages 6+. To sign up, call (626) 744-7268.

Thursdays, Jan. 8, 15, 22 & 29, Feb. 5 • 3:30-5:30 p.m. • La Pintoresca Branch

USC PAM @ the Library: LISTEN, LEARN, CREATE!
Explore Asian cultures, arts and practices through storytelling and hands-on art-making. Discover stories told through the eyes of children and engage in creating a work of art inspired by one of the many cultures of Asia and the Pacific Islands. Presented by educators from Pacific Asia Museum. To sign up, call (626) 744-4066, option 4.

Monday, Jan. 28 • 3:30 p.m. • Central Library/Studio on 4th

GAMES & MORE

Afternoon Board Games
Enjoy board games with friends and family at the library.

Fridays, Dec. 28 & Jan. 25 • 2-5 p.m.
Villa Parke Branch

STEAM

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®s and Duplos. For ages 2-10.

Tuesdays, Dec. 11, Jan. 8 & 22 • 3-4:30 p.m. • Lamanda Park 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 Dec. 17-Jan. 2 & Jan. 21)
3:30–5:30 p.m. • Hastings Branch

• For students in grades K-10
Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays (except Dec. 17-Jan. 7 & Jan. 21) • 3–5:30 p.m. • La Pintoresca Branch

• For students in grades K-8
Tuesdays & Thursdays (except Dec. 18-Jan. 3) • 4–6 p.m.
Central Library/Children’s Room
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, Dec. 10 & Jan. 14 • 10 a.m. • Central Library/Studio on 4th Floor
Thursdays, Dec. 20 & Jan. 17 • 3:30-4:30 p.m. • Lamanda Park Branch

CENTRAL LIBRARY INFANT & TODDLER STORYTIME
FALL REGISTRATION: Tuesday, Jan. 8 (Session runs Jan. 15-March 5)

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.

WEEKLY STORYTIMES

MONDAYS
Marvelous Mondays
For Families
7 p.m. • Hastings Branch
(except Dec. 24 & 31 & Jan. 21)

TUESDAYS
For Preschoolers
10:30 a.m. • Hill Avenue Branch
(except Dec. 25 & Jan. 1)
10:30 a.m. • Lamanda Park Branch
(Dec. 4 only, resumes Jan. 8)
10:30 a.m. • Villa Parke Branch
(except Dec. 25 & Jan. 1)

WEDNESDAYS
For Preschoolers
10:30 a.m. • Allendale Branch
(beginning Jan. 8)
10:30 a.m. • Santa Catalina Branch
(except Dec. 19 & 26)
10:45 a.m. • Hastings Branch
11 a.m. • San Rafael Branch

For Infants/Toddlers
10:30 a.m. • Lamanda Park Branch
(no storytime in December, storytime resumes Jan. 10)

STEAM
Preschool STEAM
Join us as we have fun exploring and discovering with science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics (STEAM)!
Wear clothes you don’t mind getting messy in. For ages 2-6.
Monday, Jan. 28 • 10:30 a.m. • Central Library/Studio on 4th Floor

STORYTIMES

CENTRAL LIBRARY INFANT & TODDLER STORYTIME
WINTER SESSION • Jan. 15-March 5

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.

THURSDAYS
STEAM Storytime
For Babies to Preschoolers
Learn about and explore the world through stories, songs, fingerplays, dancing and crafts.
Thursdays (except Dec. 6 & 27) • 10:30 a.m.
La Pintoresca Branch

LAEME UN CUENTO
Spanish Storytime/Hora de cuentos en español
4 p.m. • La Pintoresca Branch
(except Dec. 26 & Jan. 2)

For Infants/Toddlers
10:30 a.m. • Lamanda Park Branch
(no storytime in December, storytime resumes Jan. 10)

For Preschoolers
10:30 a.m. • Linda Vista Branch (except Dec. 6)

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

MONTHLY/SPECIAL STORYTIMES

Baby Storytime
Introduce your baby to the joy of language at this early literacy-based storytime.
Saturdays, Dec. 1 & Jan. 12 • 3 p.m. • Linda Vista Branch

Signs N’ Storytime
Learn a few basic signs, hear stories and sing songs. Enjoy a good tale and learn a few signs, too!
Thursdays, Dec. 13 & Jan. 10 • 3:30 p.m.
Lamanda Park Branch

Mandarin Storytime
Wednesdays, Dec. 19 & Jan. 16 • 3:30 p.m.
Hastings Branch

Chocolate Storytime: Tales & 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 tasty treat!
Led by Dr. Ayesha Randall. For ages 3-6.
Fridays, Dec. 28 & Jan. 25 • 4 p.m. • La Pintoresca Branch

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) 744-4027 or Cherie Johnston at (626) 744-7266.
Saturdays, Jan. 5 & 19 • 10-11 a.m. • Lamanda Park Branch
FOR TEENS & ADULTS

@ Central Library

Innovation Lab
Our new Innovation Lab is open! Explore and create using the lab’s 3D printers, computers with software for 3D printing design, sewing machine, embroidery machine, laser cutter and Carvey. Users must have a valid Pasadena Public Library card in good standing to use the lab during open hours. Users must also complete and sign the Innovation Lab User Agreement and attend an orientation before using the lab. For more information about equipment and upcoming orientations and workshops, visit pasadenapubliclibrary.net/steam.

Orientations: Mondays (except Dec. 24 & 31, Jan 21) • 5 p.m. & Saturdays • noon
Open Hours: Mondays & Saturdays (except Jan. 21) • 1-5 p.m., Tuesdays & Thursdays (except Dec. 25 & Jan. 1) • 4-8 p.m.

Get Real! Virtual Reality @ PPL
Come on in and give Virtual Reality a try! We have Oculus Rift Touch—a Virtual Reality visor and handsets for the full VR experience. Walk on Mars, visit the International Space Station, do some guided meditation, or try any of our many other available VR experiences. We’ve got something for everyone! (Each session will be at least 15 minutes in length, depending on attendance).
A signed waiver is required to use the equipment.

Thursdays (except Dec. 6 & 27) • 2-4 p.m. • Central Library/4th Floor Creativity Room (For ages 18+)
Mondays, Dec. 10 & Jan. 14 • 6-8 p.m. • Central Library/4th Floor Creativity Room (For ages 13+)

Make Your Own Wax Seal
Make a wax seal stamp for yourself or as a gift. The workshop covers the basics of designing a graphic for a seal and supplies for you to make a couple of stamps. For ages 13+ who have successfully completed the Innovation Lab orientation. To sign up, visit pasadenapubliclibrary.net/steam.

Wednesdays, Dec. 12 & Jan. 16 • 5-6 p.m. • Central Library/Innovation Lab

Make a Holiday Ornament
Learn how to create a fun ornament using the machines in the Innovation Lab. All materials provided. For ages 13+ who have successfully completed the Innovation Lab orientation. To sign up, visit pasadenapubliclibrary.net/steam.

Monday, Dec. 17 • 6-7 p.m. • Central Library/Innovation Lab

Make a Puzzle
Make a personalized puzzle using the machines in the Innovation Lab. All materials provided. For ages 13+ who have successfully completed the Innovation Lab orientation. To sign up, visit pasadenapubliclibrary.net/steam.

Monday, Jan. 28 • 6-7 p.m. • Central Library/Innovation Lab

@ Hastings

Sew It Begins
Join us for this sewing class for beginners and gain confidence with your sewing machine. Make and take home your own zipper pouch. Bring your own sewing machine if you have one. For ages 13+. To sign up, call (626) 744-7262.

Saturday, Jan. 26 • 2-5 p.m. • Hastings 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.

DECEMBER • Holiday Films

DEC. 5 Bush Christmas (1947) Passed & a Tom & Jerry cartoon
DEC. 12 The Gift of Love (1983) TV - NR
DEC. 19 Remember the Night (1940) Passed
DEC. 26 Christmas Princess (2017) TV - NR

JANUARY • Films in Memorium

JAN. 2 Hawking (2014) PBS Documentary - G
JAN. 9 Written on the Wind (1956) NR
JAN. 16 The Goodbye Girl (1977) PG
JAN. 23 Superman (1978) PG
JAN. 30 The Longest Yard (1974) R

THURSDAYS
VILLA PARKE BRANCH

FAMILY FUN FILMS
Join us for a movie the whole family can enjoy, along with popcorn! For movie title, call (626) 744-6510. 3:30 p.m.

SOTTOTITOTOLO FOREIGN FILM DISCUSSION CLUB
Enjoy a foreign film and discussion of the movie, the characters involved, the cinematography, the script, the ending, possibility of a sequel and more. Dec. 10 featured film is Mephisto (Hungary 1981), Jan. 14 film is Rabbit-Proof Fence (Australia 2002) and Jan. 28 film is Moonlighting (Poland 1982). Facilitated by Connie Milner. For ages 18+

Mondays, Dec. 10, Jan. 14 & 28
1-4 p.m. • Central Library/Studio on 4th

FAMILY SCIENCE FICTION CLASSICS

WOMAN IN THE MOON (1929) NR
A tenacious scientist blasts off for the moon in hopes of riches that may be found there. Fritz Lang’s ambitious spectacle dramatizes the first lunar expedition.
Saturday, Dec. 15 • 2 p.m.
Central Library/Donald Wright Auditorium

DOUBLE-FEATURE

Doctor Cyclops (1940) G
A mad scientist working in the South American jungle miniaturizes his colleagues when he feels his megalomania is threatened.
AND
Fantastic Journey (1966) PG
A scientist is nearly assassinated. In order to save him, a submarine with a small crew is shrunk to microscopic size and injected into his blood stream. Problems arise almost as soon as they enter the bloodstream.
Saturday, Jan. 26 • 2 p.m.
Central Library/Donald Wright Auditorium

FOR TEENS
SC TEEN ANIME CLUB
In December, stop by to watch all the classic Pokemon anime while making a special Pokemon ornament to kick off the holiday season! Then in January stop by and watch the latest Anime.

Tuesdays, Dec. 11 & Jan. 15
4 p.m.
Santa Catalina Branch

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, Dec. 29 & Jan. 12
2-4 p.m.
Central Library/Children’s Story Room
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LOCATIONS & HOURS

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(626) 744-4066
Mon–Thurs • 9 a.m.–9 p.m.
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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.

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.

The Friends of the Pasadena Public Library

BOOKSTORE
Monday–Friday (except Dec. 24, 25 & 31, Jan. 1 & 21)
11 a.m.–4 p.m.

Saturday • noon-4 p.m.

BOOK SALE
No Book Sale in December.
Saturday, Jan. 12 • 9 a.m. to noon
Central Library/West Patio

EXHIBITS

DECEMBER

CENTRAL LIBRARY
Reading is Fundamental
North Entry

In Her Shoes
Cherished High Desert:
Human Trafficking Exhibit
Reading & Humanities Wings

Carrier Shell Curriculum
Centennial Room

HASTINGS BRANCH LIBRARY
Art Exhibit
Shaney Watters, Artist

Fused Glass
Jackie Steimke, Artist

JANUARY

CENTRAL LIBRARY
Carrier Shell Curriculum
North Entry & Centennial Room

Blood on the Canvas
A Biography of Pasadena Boxing
Icon Canto TNT Robledo
Reading Wing

HASTINGS BRANCH LIBRARY
Metamorphosis Art Exhibit
A six-woman exhibition that
encompasses the concept of
metamorphosis/transformation
from different perspectives, and
in various media. Featuring artists:
Chantal Giddens, Leah Knecht,
Renee Rusak Strouse, Blandine
Saint-Oyant, Shaney Watters
and Patricia Woodlin.

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