STATE OF THE LIBRARY 2018
2018 WAS RICH WITH ACCOMPLISHMENTS, CHALLENGES, SUCCESSES, CHANGES AND NEW BEGINNINGS AT THE LIBRARY.

BY THE NUMBERS

- 3.83 MILLION PEOPLE VISITED PASADENA’S LIBRARIES: 1,023,779 IN PERSON, 2,794,615 ONLINE AND 11,216 VIA SOCIAL MEDIA.
- 1.19 MILLION LIBRARY BOOKS, DVDS, DATABASES AND OTHER RESOURCES WERE CHECKED OUT AND/OR ELECTRONICALLY ACCESSED.
- 151,376 CUSTOMERS USED A COMPUTER, 233,814 USED THE WI-FI NETWORK.
- 69,962 PEOPLE ATTENDED 2,970 LIBRARY WORKSHOPS, CLASSES, SPECIAL EVENTS AND EARLY LEARNING SESSIONS.
- 287 COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS PARTNERED WITH THE LIBRARY ON PROGRAMS AND EVENTS.
- 249 PASADENA COMMUNITY GROUPS HELD 893 MEETINGS IN A LIBRARY SITE.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Pasadena Public Library celebrated STEAM 2018 with a year-long focus on STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics)-related classes, workshops and seminars on coding, robotics, engineering, art, music, video game design, astronomy and 3-D printing for all ages. The celebration concluded with a day-long STEAM Maker Fair attended by 2,000 eager creators. At Central Library a new Innovation Lab opened featuring hands-on equipment to encourage creativity, exploration, play, problem-solving and experimentation. 3D printers, graphic design computers, a sewing machine, an embroidery machine, a laser cutter and a wood carver provide participants with the tools they need to explore and create. A nearby game room features virtual reality experiences.

The Library continued its long partnership with local schools hosting its 3rd annual Educator Night providing ETK-12th grade educators, librarians and school administrators who teach or live in Pasadena with an overview of the library’s resources for educators. 153 volunteer homework helpers tutored 2,721 students from Kindergarten to 10th grade encouraging their academic success. One 4th grader was referred by his teacher after he failed all his classes following his father’s death. With the help of the homework helper’s support his grades and attitude improved. At the end of the school year he proudly displayed his award for academic achievement to library staff.

In partnership with Pasadena Media, the Library launched Off the Shelf, a monthly magazine television show on KPAS featuring Pasadena Public Library programs and events.

The Library presented two community read programs; one in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts featuring When the Emperor Was Divine by author Julie Otsuka. The other, the 16th annual One City, One Story program, featured Rise of the Rocket Girls by author Nathalia Holt including a special visit by actual JPL Rocket Girls.

ENHANCED SPACES

The Library enhanced and redesigned the interior floorplan at Hastings Branch to create a more flexible and useable space for a variety of programs and events. Upgrades were made to several other sites as well. The north exterior walls of Central Library were painted, additional electrical outlets were installed at Hill Avenue Branch and the parking lot at Santa Catalina Branch was leveled and resurfaced.

All Pasadena Public Libraries will be CLOSED in observance of:
Lincoln’s Birthday – Tuesday, Feb. 12
Washington’s Birthday – Sunday & Monday, Feb. 17 & 18

CENTRAL LIBRARY
Central Library will close Friday, March 8 at 5 p.m. for ArtNight preparations. The Library will reopen at 6 p.m. for ArtNight.

All other Pasadena Public Libraries will remain open for their regular business hours.
Celebrate BLACK HISTORY MONTH

BLACK HISTORY FESTIVAL
Saturday, Feb. 16
Central Library/Great Hall & Donald Wright Auditorium

11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Artist Rudy Cole exhibits:
Contributions of Black Californians, Science, Art,
Inventions to the World

11:30 a.m.
Documentary Film
Bridging the Divide:
Tom Bradley & the Politics of Race
Presented by filmmakers
Lyn Goldfarb and Christopher D. West, PhD.

1 p.m.
Partners to History: Martin Luther King,
Ralph David Abernathy & the Civil Rights Movement
Presented by Donzaleigh Abernathy, daughter
of the Rev. Ralph Abernathy.

2:15 p.m.
Metropolitan’s Praise Dancers

3 p.m.
Down Home Gospel Choirs

4 p.m.
Beyond Jackie, Rosa and Martin:
Black Pioneers with Pasadena Connections
Presented by local author and historian
Roberta H. Martinez.

11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Western Dance
Join in and learn new dance steps
to Western Music.
6-7 p.m. • Great Hall/Center

Reiyukai America
Create a memory of ArtNight to take home with you.
6-9 p.m. • Great Hall/West

Graphic Novel Salon & Gallery
Focusing on women creators, writers, artists
and publishers in the comics field and learn
how they create their characters and plot.
Featuring Cecil Castellucci, Leslie Hung,
Kristen Gorfitz, Xanthe Bouma, Nilah Magruder,
Barbara Randell Kesel, Anne Toole, some
or all of the creators of Hex 11, Madeleine
Holly-Rosing and more.
Throughout the evening • Reading Wing

Western Dance
Join in and learn new dance steps
to Western Music.
6-7 p.m. • Great Hall/Center

We’re ok, if you’re ok at the OK corral
Bring your boots and cowboy hats and be
ready to stomp the night away with Theatre
Americana. Enjoy memorable and contem-
porary Country Western music, games, a
“two-step” contest and lots of other activities.
You’ll be a cowboy or cowgirl by the end of
the evening! Y’all come by now, ya hear?
6:30 & 8 p.m. • Donald Wright Auditorium

Western Beat
DJG plays special Western music and tempos
to Chill Out 2 while enjoying an artwork display. 
7-9:30 pm. • East Patio

Crown City Chamber Players
Enjoy a variety of classical music performed
by members of the Crown City Symphony.
Throughout the evening • Children’s Room

San Gabriel Valley PRIDE
San Gabriel Valley Pride’s contribution will
be a literary panel presentation saluting the
50th anniversary of the Stonewall Rebellion,
which took place in NYC in June 1969. The
Rebellion is widely considered the beginning
of the modern fight for LGBT rights in the
United States.
Throughout the evening • Teen Central

Free parking is available in the north lot.
Coffee and treats will be available for
purchase at Espress Yourself Coffee Bar.

Purchase books at The Friends of the Library
Book Sale and support the library at the
same time.

Check out Library materials and register
for library cards at the Circulation Desk.

2019 One City, One Story
In the Distance
Thursday, March 7 • 7 p.m.
All Saints Church Sanctuary • 132 N. Euclid Ave.
Pick up a 2019 One City, One Story brochure in mid-
February or visit http://cityofpasadena.libguides.com/
onecityonestory to learn about upcoming community
activities planned in celebration of this year’s book selection,
In the Distance by author Hernán Diaz. Events include
book discussions, programs, films and more. Join us as
Pasadena Public Library Director Michelle Perera welcomes
author Hernán Diaz to discuss his book In the Distance.
A question-and-answer session with the audience will
follow. Diaz’s book will be available for sale and signing
following the program. No tickets required. Event parking
is available in surrounding facilities. All parking is fee-based.

One City, One Story is sponsored by The Friends of the
Pasadena Public Library and the Pasadena Literary Alliance.

artnight
PASADENA

Yeehaw! It’s a Western Shindig, featuring music, dance, shows and art honoring
Pasadena’s 2019 One City, One Story selection, In the Distance by Hernán Diaz
**SPECIAL 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 • 7 p.m. • Central Library/Studio on 4th
RSVP: http://ppledu19.eventbrite.com/**

**On the Move Riders Program**
Learn a new way to get around. Whether shopping, running errands or seeing the sights, Metro can take you where you need to go. Meet up with the On the Move Riders program to find out more.

**Wednesday, Feb. 13 • 11 a.m.-noon • Villa Parke Branch**

**Hastings Branch Library Turns 60**
Celebrate our special day with us and enjoy stories, face painting, balloon art and a cake-cutting ceremony.

**Thursday, Feb. 14 • 2-5 p.m. • Hastings Branch**

**Celebrate Lunar New Year – The Year of the Pig**
Join us for an interactive storytime, crafts and a special surprise as we commemorate Lunar New Year.

**Wednesday, Feb. 20 • 3:30 p.m. • Hastings Branch**

**African American Poets**
The Pasadena Rose Poets honor and celebrate past and present African American poets who have impacted and continue to impact this genre in the U.S. and beyond.

**Wednesday, Feb. 20 • 3:30-7 p.m. • Central Library/Studio on 4th**

**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, Feb. 21 • 7 p.m. • Central Library/Donald Wright Auditorium**

**Save Your Memories**
Everyone has a story to tell through the photo and video memories of their life. Learn how to safeguard your history and memories by organizing, digitizing and protecting your photos, videos and important documents. Leave a priceless gift for your loved ones … your legacy!

**Presented by Photo Coach Melody Whitehead.
Thursday, Feb. 28 • 7 p.m. • Central Library/Donald Wright Auditorium**

**Mobile Graphics Cookbook**
Join in creating a Mobile Graphics cookbook featuring recipes provided by community participants. Bring a family recipe that has been enjoyed by your family for at least two generations. The recipes will be collected and turned into a cookbook. For teens and adults.

**Presented by Street Projects. To sign up, email tduenas@cityofpasadena.net.
Saturday, March 2 • 9-11 a.m. • Central Library/Studio on 4th**

**Jump into Summer!**
Looking to stay active this summer? Join us to learn about fun, free and low-cost options for children, teens and families this summer, provided by the City of Pasadena. Programs run June through August. Some programs require either resident or non-resident fees.

**Summer Fair is presented by the City of Pasadena Human Services & Recreation and Public Library departments. For more information, visit www.pasadenapubliclibrary.net or www.cityofpasadena.net/humanservices.
Saturday, March 2 • 10 a.m.-1 p.m. • Central Park • 275 S. Raymond Ave.**

**“May the Road Rise Up to Meet You”**
Flights of Fantasy Story Theatre celebrates St. Patrick’s Day with a fresh spin on folktales from the Emerald Isle. Join us for a rollicking good time, full of laughter and interactive storytelling.

**Thursday, March 14 • 3:30 p.m. • Santa Catalina Branch**

**The Women Artists of Disney – A Fusion of Fine Art & Animation**
Celebrate Women’s History Month as historian and author Mindy Johnson explores the creative and technical advances of leading women artists whose contributions expanded and defined many of Walt Disney’s classic animated films. Presented in conjunction with the landmark “Something Revealed; California Women Artists Emerge, 1860-1960” exhibition currently at the Pasadena Museum of History. The work of Mary Blair and Nelbert Chouinard, along with other brilliant California artists, is explored in this fascinating celebration featuring original clips, fine artistry and classic animation!

**Wednesday, March 20 • 6:30 p.m. • Central Library/Donald Wright Auditorium**

**FAMILIES**

**Talking Drums**
Join us for stories, folktales, poetry and songs by Ina Buckner-Barnette to celebrate Black History Month.

**Tuesday, Feb. 19 • 1 p.m. • La Pintoresca Branch**

**Have a Heart!**
Decorate a mug for your Valentine to enjoy!

**Thursday, Feb. 14 • 3-3:30 p.m. • Hill Avenue Branch**

**3-D Spring Garden**
Make 3-D paper tulips, then use them to create a beautiful garden. All materials provided.

**Thursday, March 7 • 3:30 p.m. • Hill Avenue Branch**

**Improvis Theater Games for Kids and Families**
Fun improv games for the entire family. Come over and join the fun! Clowns around and play games that help with focus and listening skills. Open to all ages!

**Thursday, March 21 • 3:30 p.m. • Hill Avenue Branch**

**Cambalache in Concert**
Enjoy the music of Veracruz, Mexico, with a bit of East L.A. and a great deal of joy. Featuring traditional and original songs as well as dancing by Xochi Flores. Children (and accompanying adults!) are encouraged to do a bit of dancing, and everybody gets to sing.

**Join in the fun! Sponsored by the Pasadena Folk Music Society.
Saturday, March 23 • 11 a.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.**
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

Craft Club: Decorate a Ceramic Vase
Wanted: crafters! Start the year off in a creative way by decorating a ceramic vase. All materials provided. To sign up, call (626) 744-7278.
Saturday, Feb. 9 • 11 a.m. • Linda Vista Branch

Craft Club: Create a Potholder
Is your potholder wearing out? It’s time to make a new one. Join us as we make a brightly colored potholder to use or give as a gift. All materials provided. To sign up, call (626) 744-7278.
Saturday, March 9 • 11 a.m. • Linda Vista Branch

GAMES

American Mah Jong 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 8-adults.
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.
Saturdays, Feb. 2 & March 2 • 10:30 a.m. • Hill Avenue Branch

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, Feb. 2 & 16, March 2 & 16 • 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. A two-hour (minimum) fasting time period is required before blood sugar testing.
Wednesdays, Feb. 6 & March 6 • 10 a.m.-noon • Central Library/Great Hall

HISTORY

Pasadena African-American Genealogy Group
Search out your heritage and recover the past with this dynamic genealogy group.
Saturdays, Feb. 2 & March 2 • 2:30-5:30 p.m. • Lamanda Park Branch

LANGUAGE

Beginning & Intermediate English Classes
Mondays (except Feb. 18) • 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: Estate Probate & Trusts
Presented by the LA Law Library.
Thursday, Feb. 21 • 1-1:45 p.m. • Central Library/Law Room

QuickLook: Lawsuits in Superior Court
Presented by the LA Law Library.
Thursday, March 21 • 1-1:45 p.m. • Central Library/Law Room

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 Feb. 12 & 18) • 9 a.m.-2 p.m. • La Pintoresca Branch

Senior Computer Classes - Bilingual in Spanish
This bilingual 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.

Wednesdays, Jan. 9-Febr. 27 • 1-2:30 p.m. • Jackie Robinson Community Center • 1020 N. Fair Oaks Ave.

Computer Skills and Job Readiness - New
Build a solid foundation in computer, e-mail, word processing and web skills to help your current and future jobs. Learn how to create a resume and cover letter and how to explore the internet and apply for jobs online. You’ll 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 or stop by any Pasadena community center.

Saturdays, Jan. 12-March 2 • 10-11 a.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, Jan. 12-March 2 • 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, Feb. 9 & 23, March 9 & 23 • 10-11:30 a.m. • La Pintoresca 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 (except Feb. 12)
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, Feb. 7 & 21, March 7 & 21 • 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 https://www.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 Feb. 18) • 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, Feb. 5 & March 5 • 2-4 p.m. • Hastings Branch

Readers, Dreamers & Rebels Book Club
La Pintoresca’s new book group! Join us as we explore a variety of authors and genres.

Tuesdays, Feb. 5 & March 5 • 4 p.m. • La Pintoresca Branch

Book Chit Chat
Tuesdays, Feb. 5 & March 5 • 6:30 p.m. • Hastings Branch

Allendale Book Discussion Group
Author Pheef Sutton will join us in February as we discuss From Away. Will discuss the One City, One Story selection In the Distance in March.

Saturdays, Feb. 9 & March 9 • 10:30 a.m. • Allendale Branch

Hill Avenue Book Discussion Group
Saturdays, Feb. 23 & March 23 • 10:30 a.m.
Hill Avenue Branch

West Pasadena Book Discussion Group
Saturday, Feb. 23 • 11 a.m. • Linda Vista Branch
Saturday, March 23 • 11 a.m. • San Rafael Branch

Rave Reviews
Mondays, Feb. 25 & March 25 • 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.

Mondays, Feb. 25 & March 18 • 3-4:30 p.m. • Central Library/Studio on 4th

BOOK TALKS

Paddy Hirsch, author of The Devil’s Half Mile
This riveting historical thriller debut set in 1799 New York City details little known facts about Free Blacks and Slave Blacks in New York City in the 1800s. Seven years after a financial crisis nearly toppled America, traders chafe at government regulations, racial tensions are rising, gangs roam the streets and corrupt financiers make back-door deals with politicians... 1799 was a hell of a year. Thanks to Alexander Hamilton, America has recovered from the panic on the Devil’s Half Mile (aka Wall Street), but the young country is still finding its way. When young lawyer Justy Flanagan returns to solve his father’s murder, he exposes a massive fraud that has already claimed lives, and one the perpetrators are determined to keep secret at any cost. The body count is rising, and the looming crisis could topple the nation. Join us for more of this fascinating tale from author Paddy Hirsch. Books will be available for sale and signing.

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

NEW ADULT BOOK CLUB
Join us for a discussion of In the Distance by Hernán Diaz, 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, March 13 • 7 p.m.
Central Library/4th Floor Conference Room
BOOKS & MORE

YA Book Club
Join us for a discussion of *Poet X* by Elizabeth Acevedo (February) and *Skyward* by Brandon Sanderson (March). *For ages 14+.* To sign up for reminder, email jgov@cityofpasadena.net.

Mondays, Feb. 4 & March 4
6-7 p.m. • Central Library/4th Floor Conference Room

LV Teen Book Club
Spend the afternoon with us as we discuss *Daughter of Smoke and Bone* by Laini Taylor (February) and *13 Continuums* by Jennifer Broday (March). *For ages 13+.* To learn more, email Deborah Niblick at dmiblick@cityofpasadena.net.

Saturdays, Feb. 23 & March 23 • 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.

Thursdays, Feb. 28 & March 28 • 6-7 p.m. • Central Library/4th Floor Conference Room

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 Feb. 18) • 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, Feb. 5 & March 5 • 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, Feb. 15 & March 15 • 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.

Wednesdays, Feb. 6 & March 6 • 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 and 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 [https://www.cityofpasadena.net/library/teens/teen-volunteers/](https://www.cityofpasadena.net/library/teens/teen-volunteers/).
TWEENS

BOOKS & MORE

Tween Book Club
Join us and discuss All’s Faire in Middle School by Victoria Jamison (February) and The Midnight War of Mateo Martinez by Robin Yardi (March). For ages 9-13. To sign up, call (626) 744-7262. Tuesdays, Feb. 26 & March 26 4:30 p.m. • Hastings Branch

CREATIVE ARTS

Project Designation: Graphic Design for Kids
Use your creativity as you explore different applications of graphic design fundamentals in the real world through computer-oriented activities and hands-on crafts. For ages 10-14. To sign up, call (626) 744-4066, option 4. Saturday, Feb. 9 • 2:30-4:30 p.m. • Central Library/Studio on 4th

Valentine Jewelry Making
Create a gift for someone special in your life. Led by artist Janell Mithani. All materials provided. For ages 9+. To sign up, call (626) 744-6510. Wednesday, Feb. 13 • 4 p.m. • Villa Parke Branch

T-shirt Painting
Celebrate Dr. Seuss’ birthday by designing and painting a T-shirt depicting your favorite Dr. Seuss character. All materials provided. For ages 8+. To sign up, call (626) 744-6510. Wednesday, March 6 • 4 p.m. • Villa Parke Branch

Fairy Door Workshop
Explore the possibilities! Make your own miniature fairy doorway scene. All materials provided. For ages 9+. Wednesday, March 27 • 3 p.m. • Allendale Branch

ENGINEERING

LEGO® Robotics
Discover the world of robotics engineering using LEGO® Mindstorms EV3 kits. Learn to build and program robots and work in groups, culminating in a robotics competition. Must be able to attend all sessions. For ages 9+. To sign up, call (626) 744-7262. Saturdays, Feb. 16, March 16 & April 20 • 3-5 p.m. • Hastings Branch

Rokenbok Battle Bots
Love to build robots and watch them battle it out? Stop in and build some awesome Rokenbok bots and see whose design will prevail. For ages 9+. Tuesdays, Feb. 26 & March 26 • 4 p.m. Santa Catalina Branch

STEAM

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, Feb. 13 & March 13 • 4 p.m. Hastings Branch

NEIGHBORHOOD SCIENCE

Biosphere Investigations: Tree Mapping
Calling all young neighborhood scientists! Join us as we use scientific tools to identify the species of trees and measure their height in our local biosphere. Wednesday, Feb. 13 • 4-5:30 p.m. • Hastings Branch

Scientific Pioneers Wanted
Discover the world around us by exploring our atmosphere right in your neighborhood using scientific tools and techniques to gather and store data with other scientists around the world. Join us as we investigate cloud formations and relative humidity in our local environment. For ages 9+. Thursday, Feb. 28 • 3:30-5 p.m. • La Pintoresca Branch

Atmosphere Investigations: Clouds
Learn about the various forms of cloud cover and the tools we use to measure clouds. We will be observing the atmosphere then submitting our data online, where it can be used later by scientists. Wednesday, March 13 • 4-5:30 p.m. • Hastings Branch

Kids’ Writing Workshop: Make-Believe Science
Do you know that salt water and salt combine to form cotton candy? Or that kittens, if fed the proper diet, can fly? Well, it’s not true but certainly imaginative! In this workshop, you’ll explore some weird and crazy science that will turn your view of the world upside-down. We’ll compile our “findings” into a Journal of Para-Scientific Inquiry. Try out your crazy ideas and see if you can get them published, too! For ages 9-12. To sign up, call (626) 744-4066, option 4. Saturday, March 30 • 2:30-4 p.m. Central Library/Children’s Story Room
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, Feb. 4 & March 4 • 1 p.m. • San Rafael Branch
- Mondays, Feb. 4, March 4 & 18 • 3 p.m. • La Pintoresca Branch
- Saturdays, Feb. 9 & March 9 • 1 p.m. • Santa Catalina Branch
- Wednesdays, Feb. 13 & March 13 • 4 p.m. • Villa Parke Branch
- Thursdays, Feb. 14 & March 14 • 4 p.m.
Central Library/Children’s Story Room
- Saturdays, Feb. 16 & March 23 • 11 a.m. • Linda Vista Branch
- Tuesdays, Feb. 19 & March 12 • 3:30 p.m. • Hastings Branch
- Tuesdays, Feb. 26 & March 26 • 3:30 p.m. • Hill Avenue Branch
- Thursdays, Feb. 28 & March 28 • 3:30 p.m. • Lamanda Park Branch

LUCHA LIBROS
Lucha Libros – 3rd Grade Battle #2
Third graders will answer questions about two books: Maximilian and The Mystery of the Guardian Angel: A Bilingual Lucha Libre Thriller, by Xavier Garza, and The Talented Clementine, by Sara Pennypacker. 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, Feb. 6 • 6:15-7:30 p.m. • Central Library/Donald Wright Auditorium

2nd Grade Battle #3
Second graders will answer questions about two books: Watch Your Whiskers, Stilton! by Geronimo Stilton, and Fantastic Mr. Fox, by Roald Dahl. 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.

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Akira’s Book Club
The Akira Series was created to provide a vehicle to work closely with children around literacy, providing books that have images of children who look like them. Topics range from helping children learn the alphabet, grammatical terms and parts of speech to the importance of eating vegetables. Join us for a reading with founder and author, Dr. Grace Carroll. Q and A and book signing will follow.

Friday, Feb. 15 • 11 a.m. • Hastings Branch

Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss!
You could not, should not, would not want to miss a birthday party quite like this: Dr. Seuss’ 115th birthday. Join us as we commemorate the day with trivia, stories, crafts, music and whimsical fun!

- Monday, March 4 • 3:30 p.m. • Hill Avenue Branch
- Thursday, March 7 • 4 p.m. • Hastings Branch

Writing Party: Make a Pigeon-Inspired Picture Book!
Listen to a Pigeon story by Mo Willems, then make a funny book of your own. Blank books, pictures and speech bubbles provided for a fun and crafty creative writing experience. For ages 5-8. To sign up, call (626) 744-4066, option 4.

Saturday, March 16 • 2:30-4 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! All materials provided.

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

Valentine Making Extravaganza
Drop by and make a valentine for someone you love. All materials provided.

- Thursday, Feb. 7 • 2-4 p.m. • Santa Catalina 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, Feb. 7 & 21, March 7 & 21 • 3:30-5 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.

- Mondays, Feb. 25 & March 25 • 3:30 p.m. • Central Library/Studio on 4th

ENGINEERING

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, Feb. 26, March 12 & 26 • 3-4:30 p.m. • Lamanda Park Branch

GAMES & MORE

Afternoon Board Games
Fun games for the entire family. Come over and join in!

- Fridays, Feb. 22 & March 29 • 2-4 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-5
  - Mondays & Wednesdays (except Feb. 18) • 3:30-5:30 p.m. • Hastings Branch

- For students in grades K-10
  - Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays (except Feb. 12 & 18, March 18-25) • 3-5:30 p.m. • La Pintoresca Branch

- For students in grades K-8
  - Tuesdays & Thursdays (except Feb. 12) • 4-6 p.m. • Central Library/Children’s Room
EARLY LEARNERS

CREATIVE ARTS

Tunes ‘n Tots
Singer songwriter Angie Donkin shares music and songs perfect for children up to 36 months.
Thursday, Feb. 14 • 10:30 a.m. • Lamanda Park Branch

Sing & Sign
Families with babies, toddlers or preschoolers are invited to join in singing and signing with Georgia Frawley. Her easy-to-learn, catchy songs will help you start using American Sign Language to communicate visually with your child.
Tuesday, March 12 • 10 a.m. Central Library/Children's Story 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

STEAM

Pre-school 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.
Mondays, Feb. 25 & March 25 • 10:30 a.m. Central Library/Studio on 4th

EARLY LITERACY

Central Library
Infant & Toddler Storytime
SPRING REGISTRATION: Tuesday, March 26 (Session runs April 2-May 21, 2019)

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.

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11 a.m. OPEN REGISTRATION in person.

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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.

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Pre-registration required.
10 & 11 a.m. • Central Library/Children’s Story Room (Toddlers 18-36 months)
Pre-registration required.

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10:30 a.m. • Lamanda Park Branch (except Feb. 12)
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THURSDAYS
STEAM Storytime
For Babies to Preschoolers
Learn about and explore the world through stories, songs, fingerplays, dancing and crafts.
Thursdays • 10:30 a.m. • La Pintoresca Branch

For Infants/Toddlers
10:30 a.m. • Lamanda Park Branch

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MONTHLY/SPECIAL STORYTIMES

BABY STORYTIMES

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, Feb. 11 & March 11 • 10 a.m. • Central Library/Studio on 4th
Thursdays, Feb. 21 & March 21 • 3:30-4:30 p.m. • Lamanda Park Branch

LINGUISTIC STORYTIMES

Baby Storytime
Introduce your baby to the joy of language at this early literacy-based storytime.
Saturdays, Feb. 9 & March 9 • 3 p.m.
Linda Vista Branch

SING & SIGN

Signs N’ Storytime
Learn a few basic signs, hear stories and sing songs.
Thursdays, Feb. 14 & March 14 • 3:30 p.m.
Lamanda Park Branch

Mandarin Storytime
Wednesdays, Feb. 20 & March 27 • 3:30 p.m.
Hastings Branch

CHOCOLATE STORYTIME: TALES & TREATS FOR CHILDREN

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, read by Dr. Ayesha Randall. Have fun, make new friends and enjoy crafts. For ages 3+.
Fridays, Feb. 22 & March 29 • 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.

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**Orientations:**
- Mondays (except Feb. 18) • 5 p.m. & Saturdays • noon

**Open Hours:**
- Mondays & Saturdays (except Feb. 18) • 1-5 p.m., Tuesdays & Thursdays (except Feb. 12) • 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** • 2-4 p.m. • Central Library/4th Floor Creativity Room (For ages 18+)
- Mondays, Feb. 11 & March 11 • 6-8 p.m. • Central Library/4th Floor Creativity Room (For ages 13+)

Beginner’s 3D Printing

New to 3D? Learn how to use Tinkercad, a free 3D design software to create your project, then print it on our 3D printers. For ages 13+ who have successfully completed the Innovation Lab orientation. To sign up, visit pasadenapubliclibrary.net/steam.

**Wednesday, Feb. 20** • 5-6 p.m. • Central Library/Innovation Lab

Personalize a Coaster Set

Learn how to use the laser cutter to create a personalized set of coasters. All materials provided. For ages 13+ who have successfully completed the Innovation Lab orientation. To sign up, visit pasadenapubliclibrary.net/steam.

**Monday, March 25** • 6-7 p.m. • Central Library/Innovation Lab

FOR TEENS & ADULTS

@ Central Library

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@ 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, March 30** • 2-4 p.m. • Hastings Branch

@ Linda Vista

**Linda Vista Globe Club**

Join us as we investigate the world around us using state-of-the-art technology to gather data to track surface temperature, biometry, hummingbird migration and soil fertility. For ages 13+.

**Saturdays, Feb. 2 & March 2** • 3-5 p.m. • Linda Vista Branch

**Where, When and Why Does It Rain?**

Explore how different climatic zones come about, how they influence each other and how they might evolve in a changing climate. Led by Dr. Simona Bordoni.

**Saturday, March 16** • 10:30 a.m. • Linda Vista Branch

**California Hummingbirds**

Join Luke Tiller, birder and Pasadena Audubon Society board member as he discusses our California native hummingbird populations.

**Saturday, March 30** • 11 a.m. • Linda Vista 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.

**FEBRUARY • Commemorating Black History Month, Valentine’s Day, President’s Day & Great American Pies Month**

- **Feb. 6**
  - Separate but Equal (1991) PG
- **Feb. 13**
  - Same Time, Next Year (2004) PG
- **Feb. 20**
  - The American President (1995) PG-13
- **Feb. 27**

**MARCH • Celebrating One City, One Story**

- **March 6**
  - Winchester ’73 (1950) NR
- **March 13**
  - The Searchers (1956) PG
- **March 20**
  - Cowboy (1958) NR
- **March 27**

**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.

**CELEBRATING 2019 ONE CITY, ONE STORY**

*In the Distance* by Hernán Diaz

**THE EMIGRANTS**

*(SWEDISH: UTVANDRarna) (1971) PG*

Tells the story of poor Swedes who emigrate from Småland, Sweden, to Minnesota in the mid-19th century. *Presented by the Sottotitoli Foreign Film Club.*

- **Monday, March 11** • 1-4 p.m.
  - Central Library/Studio on 4th

**WHAT IS A WESTERN FILM?**

Film series introduced by Carl Kozlowski, Arts Editor and Film Critic, *Pasadena Weekly* followed by Q&A.

**THURSDAYS**

Central Library/Donald Wright Auditorium

- **March 14** • 6:30 p.m.
  - Stagecoach (1939) PG
- **March 21** • 6:30 p.m.
  - High Noon (1952) PG
- **March 28** • 6 p.m.
  - Shane (1953) PG

**SATURDAY**

Central Library/Donald Wright Auditorium

- **March 30** • 2 p.m.
  - How the West Was Won (1962) PG

**FAMILY SCIENCE FICTION CLASSICS**

*Satidays • 2 p.m.*

Central Library/Donald Wright Auditorium

- **Feb. 23**
  - Time After Time (1979) PG
  - H.G. Wells pursues Jack the Ripper through 19th-century London to modern-day San Francisco when the serial murderer uses the future writer’s time machine to escape his time period.

- **March 23**
  - Two films featuring the fantastic special effects of Ray Harryhausen.
    - *Jason and the Argonauts* (1963) G
      - The legendary Greek hero leads a team of intrepid adventurers in a perilous quest for the legendary Golden Fleece.
    - *Seventh Voyage of Sinbad* (1958) G
      - When a princess is shrunken by an evil wizard, Sinbad must undertake a quest to an island of monsters to cure her and prevent a war.

**ANIME**

*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.

*Satidays, Feb. 16 & March 9 • 2-4 p.m.*

Central Library/Children’s Story Room

*SC Teen Anime Club*

Stop by and watch the latest Anime!

**Tuesday, March 12** • 4 p.m. • Santa Catalina Branch
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