Celebrating Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

Pasadena Public Library is proud to celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage throughout the month of May.

USC PAM @ the Library: Listen, Learn, Create!
Mondays, April 29 & May 20 • 3:30 p.m.
Central Library/Studio on 4th
Explore Asian cultures, arts and practices through storytelling and hands-on art-making. Enjoy stories of Chinese folklore with The Shady Tree by Demi (April) and Japanese culture with Suki’s Kimono by Chieri Uegaki and illustrated by Stéphane Jorisch (May). Then create a work of art. Presented by educators from Pacific Asia Museum. To sign up, call (626) 744-4066, option 4.

The Asian Roots of Pasadena’s Arts & Crafts Architecture
Thursday, May 9 • 7:30 p.m.
Central Library/Donald Wright Auditorium
Pasadena has perhaps the best examples of Arts and Crafts architecture in the Western United States. One distinguishing factor is the influence of Asian architecture by Greene and Greene and other architects as well as Mid-Century Modern Asian-influenced masterpieces by architects Buff and Hensman.

Join us for a lecture highlighting the connections between ancient Chinese and Japanese wooden architecture and these twentieth century Pasadena building styles. Presented by Dave Nufer, program developer and docent with Pasadena Heritage and the L.A. Conservancy, and the son of a Mid-Century Modern homebuilder who built homes influenced by Asian architecture.

Asian Pacific Islander Day
Saturday, May 11 • 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
Central Library/Great Hall & Donald Wright Auditorium

11 a.m. • Moving Histories: Japanese Americans After the Wartime Incarceration
Join us for a conversation with two women writers who grew up in the Pasadena area and whose writings have focused on the World War II mass detention of Japanese Americans.
- Naomi Hirahara will read excerpts from her historic novel in progress, Clark & Division, and share photos of Japanese Americans temporarily settling in Chicago immediately after being released from World War II incarceration camps.
- Sharon Yamato will show her most recent documentary, Moving Walls, that tells the little-known story of what happened to the thousands of poorly constructed barracks that served as ramshackle homes for Japanese Americans during the war.

This program was made possible in part by the Pasadena Arts & Culture Commission and the City of Pasadena Cultural Affairs Division.

1:30 p.m. • Hawaiian Dancers
Experience traditional halau as Halau Hula Moani’a’ala Anuhea showcases Hawaiian culture through dance, language and music.

3 p.m. • Alan Brennert discusses his new novel, Daughter of Moloka’i, the highly anticipated sequel to his national bestseller Moloka’i. It is a richly emotional tale of two women, mother and daughter—different in some ways, similar in others—who never expected to meet, much less come to love, one another. Told in Brennert’s vivid, evocative prose, it conjures up the beauty and history of both Hawaiian and Japanese cultures. Books will be available for sale and signing.

All Pasadena Public Libraries will be CLOSED in observance of:
Easter – Sunday, April 21
Memorial Day – Sunday & Monday, May 26 & 27
THE IMPORTANCE OF MENTAL HEALTH

More than a Hotline
Did you know that there is a hotline for teens in crisis? If not, stop by to learn about Teen Line’s program and volunteer opportunities. Discover the most common types of calls the hotline receives, the warning signs and symptoms of mental illness, common teen-related issues, as well as coping skills and the importance of reaching out for help. For teens and adults.

Saturday, April 6 • 11 a.m. • Linda Vista Branch

Can you exercise your way to mental health?
Join author Nita Sweeney as she discusses her book, Depression Hates a Moving Target: How Running with My Dog Brought Me Back from the Brink. At 49, a chronically depressed and grief-stricken Nita Sweeney saw a social media post from a high school friend about running. Intrigued, Sweeney leashed up her yellow Labrador retriever, laced up her running shoes, picked up a digital kitchen timer, and set out to run for sixty-second intervals. Depression Hates a Moving Target chronicles Sweeney’s couch to marathon story and her experience using exercise to manage anxiety, depression, and mania. Join her for a reading and question and answer session about writing, running, and mental health. Books will be available for sale and signing.
Tuesday, April 16 • 7 p.m. • Hastings Branch

Youth Mental Health First Aid Training for Adults
Do you work with youth ages 12-18 and want to learn how to assist a teen in crisis? Discover common mental health challenges for youth, typical adolescent development and a 5-step action plan for how to help young people in both crisis and non-crisis situations. Topics include: anxiety and depression, substance use, disorders in which psychosis may occur, disruptive behavior disorders (including AD/HD), and eating disorders. Sponsored by the California State Library and the Southern California Library Cooperative. Register for one day session only. To sign up, email Jane Gov at jgov@cityofpasadena.net

Youth Mental Health First Aid Workshop for Teens
How do you tell if a friend is experiencing a mental health crisis? Learn the risk factors and warning signs of a range of mental health challenges, effective listening and engagement skills, mental health assessment basics and strategies for linking those in need to professional mental health support. To sign up, email Jane Gov at jgov@cityofpasadena.net or Deborah Niblick at dniblick@cityofpasadena.net.
Monday, April 29 • 6-7:30 p.m. • Central Library/Studio on 4th

Overcoming Shame and Guilt
The most powerful feelings, shame and guilt can keep us prisoners for life if we do not release them. Presented by Maggie Thomas.
Thursday, May 16 • 7-8 p.m. • Central Library/Donald Wright Auditorium

HOME: A State of Mind
Helpful Opportunities for Mental Health Education
Saturday, May 18 • 10 a.m.-2 p.m. • Central Library
Join us as we celebrate Pasadena Mental Health Day 2019 and focus on increasing our awareness of mental illness and challenges, the significance and benefits of mental and emotional health, and practical resources and tools to empower you to cope with and overcome challenges. The event features keynote speakers Tony and Ann Lancaster from Hopè Café; a resource fair with helpful information and opportunities for empowerment, services and support; and panel discussions and distinct workshops for youth and adults, including parents, new adults and seniors.

Gain knowledge of the current mental health issues and challenges faced today, including among people experiencing homelessness. Discover the benefits of healthy living, community engagement and compassionate services on mental health and homelessness. Pasadena Mental Health Day is presented by the Pasadena Mental Health Advisory Committee, Pasadena Public Library, Pasadena Public Health Department and Day One. This year’s annual event is funded by the California State Library and the Southern California Library Cooperative. For adults and teens. To sign up, email Deborah Niblick at dniblick@cityofpasadena.net.

Youth Empowerment Corner
Listen to the stories of previously homeless youth and enjoy the benefits of yoga and art therapy. For teens ages 12-19. Limited space. To register, email Deborah Niblick at dniblick@cityofpasadena.net.

FINANCIAL LITERACY

April is National Financial Literacy Month and a good time to focus on financial education and the importance of establishing and maintaining healthy financial habits. In addition to the programs below the library offers information on personal finance at cityofpasadena.libguides.com/Finance.

Financial Empowerment for Seniors
Seniors lose $37 billion a year to fraud. Discover how you can prevent that happening to you. Empower yourself by learning online safety tips and other valuable advice to keep you from becoming a victim.
Thursday, April 4 • 7-8 p.m. • Central Library/Donald Wright Auditorium

Money Smart Basics – What You Need to Know
In a nutshell, being smart about money – called Financial Literacy by some – can best be summed up as having knowledge about budgeting, banking, debt and credit, risk management and investing. Join us to learn more about these important financial basics.
Saturday, April 6 • 3:30-5 p.m. • La Pintoresca Branch

Outsmarting Investment Fraud Program
Discover the knowledge and tools you need to recognize and prevent investment fraud.
Saturday, April 27 • 3:30-5 p.m. • La Pintoresca Branch

NEED ACCESS? NO PROBLEM?
The Pasadena Public Library website is available “on tap” anytime on any device!

Add PPL to your home screen with your favorites! Our website is fully responsive for any size screen, and easy to use. You can manage your account, search for books, place holds, do research, and see our latest events at all 10 locations as easy as 1-2-3!

For Android Os:
• Use your device browser to visit our website (pasadenapubliclibrary.net) then tap the “more” icon on the top right of your screen.
• Tap “Add to Home Screen.”
• Change the name displayed if you like (it will default as “City of Pasadena” so “PPL” may be more descriptive); tap “Add” and you’re done!

For Apple iOS:
• Use your device browser to visit our website (pasadenapubliclibrary.net) then tap the “share” icon at the bottom of your screen.
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This new feature will replace the current Library App, “PPL2GO.” “PPL2GO” will no longer be active as of April 1.

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EVENTS

FREE COMIC BOOK DAY
Celebrate comics! Join us for the annual FREE Comic Book Day, 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 4. Comics suitable for all age groups (children, teens and adults) will be available at each site.

On the Move: Intersection of Neighborhoods
Local residents and writers Naomi Hirahara and Lynell George discuss changing neighborhoods and how they play prominently in their novels, books, essays and research.

FAMILY PROGRAMS

Eat Smart and Be Active
Join us for an engaging afternoon learning about healthy eating and fitness. Take home tips on meal budgeting, planning and preparation, as well as exercise suggestions.
Mondays, April 1-29 (except April 8) • 10-11 a.m. • La Pintoresca Branch

Poetry Party
Celebrate National Poetry Month by creating your own poetry at Hastings Poetry Creation Station. Write your own poetry, make a black-out or collage poem and hang your poem on the Poet-Tree.
Thursday, April 11 • 4 p.m. • Hastings Branch

Easter Egg Painting/Decorating
Join us for Easter egg painting with artist Janell Mithani. All materials provided. To sign up, call (626) 744-6510.
Wednesday, April 17 • 4 p.m. • Villa Parke Branch

Wood Sculptures
Use wood pieces and your imagination to create an animal, a sculpture or an abstract object of your choice! All materials provided.
Thursday, April 18 • 3:30 p.m. • Hill Avenue Branch

Egg Hunt
Join in the egg-stravaganza and participate in the egg hunt!
Thursday, April 18 • 4 p.m. • Hastings Branch

Sandii Castleberry in Concert
Enjoy the music of Sandii Castleberry, a talented musical entertainer who really is a human jukebox! She can play and sing blues to bluegrass, jazz standards to rockabilly, traditional folk to country, and children’s music to holiday tunes. Sponsored by the Topanga Banjo Fiddle Contest.
Saturday, April 20 • 11 a.m. • Central Library/Donald Wright Auditorium

Earth Day Celebration
Celebrate Earth Day by creating an upcycled bird feeder. All materials provided.
Tuesday, April 23 • 4 p.m. • Hastings Branch

Father/Daughter Jewelry Making
Have fun making jewelry together. Presented by artist Janell Mithani. To sign up, call (626) 744-6501.
Wednesday, May 8 • 4 p.m. • Villa Parke Branch

Mother’s Day Crafts
Celebrate Mom by making a craft for Mother’s Day.
Thursday, May 9 • 4 p.m. • Hastings Branch

Fun with Flip Books
Create your own Flip Book. Draw the parts of a Funny Faces Flip Book then assemble it to make an ever-changing book of funny faces. All materials provided.
Thursday, May 16 • 3:30 p.m. • Hill Avenue Branch

Dance Around the World
Explore the possibilities of dance with instructor Teresa Smith, who takes you on a cultural journey through the world’s most popular dance genres, from Bollywood to Hip Hop, and Salsa to African. Smith teaches how to take a thought and turn it into an expression of movement and an entertaining piece of dance design.
Wednesday, May 22 • 3:30 p.m. • Santa Catalina Branch

Family Fun Day
Join us for the 25th annual Family Fun Day at La Pintoresca Park. There will be free arts and crafts, food, entertainment and fun-filled family activities. Sponsored by the La Pintoresca Teen Education Center.
Saturday, May 25 • noon-3 p.m.

Improv at the Library
Come over and join the fun of improv games for the entire family. Clown around and play games that help with focus and listening skills. Open to all ages!
Thursday, May 30 • 3:30 p.m. • Hill Avenue Branch

Ben Hale, Native American Dancer
A member of the Navajo tribe from Arizona, Ben Hale will demonstrate North American tribal dances with cultural context, music and brilliant regalia.
Wednesday, April 24 • 3:30 p.m. • Santa Catalina Branch

Geof Stone, Author of "No Crystal Stair: African Americans in the City of Angels, and won a Grammy for her liner notes for “Otis Redding Live at the Whisky A Go-Go.”
Saturday, May 4 • 4-5:30 p.m. • La Pintoresca Branch
**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

**Arts & Crafts - Decoupage**
Decoupage an egg, the universal symbol of spring. All materials provided.

*To sign up, call (626) 744-7278.*

*Saturdays, April 13* • 11 a.m. • Linda Vista Branch

**Painting at the Library**
Let’s get together and paint something beautiful for spring! All materials provided.

*To sign up, call (626) 744-7264.*

*Saturdays, April 27* • 10:30 a.m. • Hill Avenue Branch

**Arts & Crafts – Creative Freedom**
Choose from an array of supplies to create whatever you wish. All materials provided.

*Saturdays, May 11* • 11 a.m. • Linda Vista 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-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, April 6 & May 4* • 10:30 a.m. • Hill Avenue Branch

**Container Gardening with Yvonne Savio**
Join Master Gardener Yvonne Savio as she discusses choosing pots and plants, basic gardening considerations, successful gardening techniques and some fun containers. Sponsored by the San Rafael Library Associates.

*Saturdays, April 27* • 2 p.m. • San Rafael 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 May 27)* • 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 cityofpasadena.net/reserve or stop by any Pasadena community center.

*Mondays, March 4-April 22 & May 6-June 24* • 12:30-2 p.m. Villa-Parke Community Center • 363 E. Villa St.

*Thursdays, March 7-April 25 & May 9-June 30* • 9:30-11 a.m. Villa-Parke Community Center • 363 E. Villa St.

*Fridays, March 8-April 26 & May 10-June 28* • 12:30-2 p.m. Jackie Robinson Community Center • 1020 N. Fair Oaks Ave.

**Computer Skills and Job Readiness**
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 cityofpasadena.net/reserve or stop by any Pasadena community center.

*Thursdays, March 7-April 25 & May 9-June 27* • 12:30-2 p.m. Jackie Robinson Community Center • 1020 N. Fair Oaks Ave.

**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 cityofpasadena.net/reserve or stop by any Pasadena community center.

*Saturdays, March 9-April 27 & May 11-June 29* • 10-11:30 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 6 & 20, May 4 & 18* • 10-11:30 a.m. • La Pintoresca Branch

**HEALTH & FITNESS**

**Lip Reading and Memory Enhancement**
*Wednesdays (except April 17)* • 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. A two-hour (minimum) fasting time period is required before blood sugar testing.

*Wednesdays, April 3 & May 1* • 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 are welcome.

*Saturdays, April 6 & 20 & May 4 & 18* • 11 a.m. • Lamanda Park Branch

**HISTORY**

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

*Saturdays, April 6 & May 4* • 2:30-5:30 p.m. • Lamanda Park Branch

**LANGUAGE**

**Beginning & Intermediate English Classes**
*Mondays (except May 27)* • 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, April 18* • 1-1:45 p.m. • Central Library/Law Room

**QuickLook: Evictions**
Presented by the LA Law Library.

*Thursday, May 16* • 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 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 May 27)** • 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, April 2 & May 7** • 2–4 p.m. • Hastings Branch

**ALLendale Book Discussion Group**
The group will discuss *Boys in the Boat* by Daniel Brown in April, *A Gentleman from Moscow* by Amor Towles in May, and the 2019 Summer One City, One Story selection *The Ballad of Huck and Miguel* by Tim DeRocher in June.

- **Saturdays, April 6, May 4 & June 1** • 10:30 a.m. • Allendale Branch

**Hill Avenue Book Discussion Group**
Saturday, April 20 & May 18 • 10:30 a.m. • Hill Avenue Branch

**West Pasadena Book Discussion Group**
Saturday, April 20 • 11 a.m. • Linda Vista Branch

**Rave Reviews**
Monday, April 22 • 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, April 22** • 2–4:30 p.m. • Central Library/Studio on 4th

**NEW ADULT BOOK CLUB**
Join us for a discussion of *There There* by Tommy Orange, 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, May 1** • 7 p.m. • Central Library/4th Floor Conference Room

**PASS PROGRAM - THE HUNTINGTON LIBRARY, ART COLLECTIONS, AND BOTANICAL GARDENS**

March-August 2019
Available for checkout at Pasadena Central Library & La Pintoresca Branch

The Huntington Pass program with Pasadena Public Library allows a family of four (two adults and two children) free admission to The Huntington from March through August 2019. The pass is available for checkout for one week and allows one visit per family during that week. Two passes are available for checkout at Pasadena Central Library and one is available at the La Pintoresca Branch.

Passes are available on a first-come, first-served basis each Friday. They cannot be reserved. Each pass is good for one week, Friday–Thursday. Once the passes are checked out, they will not be available for checkout until the following Friday.

The pass must be checked out up by an adult family member with a valid Pasadena Public Library Card and may be checked out once during the six-month period. Passes do not need to be returned to the library site.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY**
Find out how to make a difference in the life of an abused child by becoming a Los Angeles Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA).

- **Tuesday, April 9** • 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m. • Hastings Branch
TEEN SCENE

BOOKS & MORE

YA Book Club
Join us for a discussion of The Cruel Prince by Holly Black (April) and Dear Evan Hansen by Val Emmich (May). For ages 14+. To sign up for a reminder, email jgov@cityofpasadena.net.
Mondays, April 1 & May 6 • 6-7 p.m. • Central Library/4th Floor Conference Room

LV Teen Book Club
Spend the afternoon with us as we discuss The Land of Permanent Goodbyes by Atia Abawi. For ages 13+. To learn more, email Deborah Niblick at dniblick@cityofpasadena.net.
Saturday, April 20 • 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 a reminder, email jgov@cityofpasadena.net.
Thursdays, April 25 & May 30 • 6-7 p.m. • Central Library/4th Floor Conference Room

Meet Jennifer Brody
Meet local YA author Jennifer Brody as we discuss, The Continuum Trilogy. To learn more, email Deborah Niblick at dniblick@cityofpasadena.net.
Saturday, April 27 • 3-4:30 p.m. • Linda Vista Branch

CREATIVE ARTS

Discovery Day
Build something, make something and learn something! A fun adventure awaits – don’t miss it! For teens only.
Thursdays, April 18 & May 16 • 3 p.m. • Allendale Branch

GAMES & MORE

Video Game Club
The Ultimate Smash experience is here! With multiple setups of Smash Ultimate, light snacks, and plenty of people to interact with, you’re sure to find the perfect balance of fun and competition! Take on new rivals here weekly and learn advanced tricks from all of our veteran members! Drop by and be part of the experience! For ages 14+.
Mondays (except May 27) • 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, April 2 & May 7 • 4 p.m. • Santa Catalina Branch

Theater Games & Improv for Teens
Would you like to be an actor? Gain skills that will prepare you for film, TV and stage while having fun! It’s a great way to connect with friends. For teens only.
Wednesday, April 10 • 3 p.m. • Allendale 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.
Fridays, April 19 & May 17 • 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, April 3 & May 1 • 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. Great for resumes and college applications. For more information and to download an application visit cityofpasadena.net/library/teens/teen-volunteers/.
TWEENS

BOOKS & MORE

Tween Book Club
Join us and discuss Inside Out and Back Again by Thanhha Lai (April) and Three Times Lucky by Sheila Turnage (May). For ages 9-13. To sign up, call (626) 744-7262.
Tuesdays, April 30 & May 28 • 4:30 p.m. • Hastings Branch

ENGINEERING

Girl Scouts & FIRST Robotics Expo
Join the Girl Scouts Javabots Team for demos, information, and activities about robotics. For more information and to sign up, email jgov@cityofpasadena.net.
Grades K-3 • 10 a.m.-noon
Grades 4-12 • 1-4 p.m.
Saturday, April 6 • Central Library/Studio on 4th & Teen Central

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.
Saturday, April 20 • 3-5 p.m. • Hastings Branch

Rokenbok Bots
Love to build robots and other cool machines? We’re kicking it up a notch this time and adding remote controlled cars! For ages 9+. Tuesdays, April 30 & May 28 • 4 p.m. • Santa Catalina Branch

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, April 10 & May 8 • 4 p.m. • Hastings Branch

Create Your Own Video Game
Learn about coding and video game design then create your own game in Scratch by the end of this four-week workshop. Laptops will be provided, or you can bring your own. Must be able to attend all four sessions. For ages 9-12. To sign up, call (626) 744-4066, option 4.
Thursdays, April 18 & 25, May 2 & 9 • 4 p.m.
Central Library/Studio on 4th
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, April 1 & May 6 • 1 p.m. • San Rafael Branch
Mondays, April 15 & May 20 • 3 p.m. • La Pintoresca Branch
Tuesdays, April 9 & May 14 • 3:30 p.m. • Hastings Branch
Wednesdays, April 10 & May 8 • 4 p.m. • Villa Parke Branch
Thursdays, April 11 & May 9 • 4 p.m. • Central Library/Children’s Story Room

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Thursdays, April 11 & May 9 • 4 p.m. • Central Library/Children’s Story Room

Lucha Libros
Lucha Libros – 3rd Grade Battle #3
Join us for the third and final battle as 3rd graders answer questions about two books: *Darth Paper Strikes Back* by Tom Angleberger, and *Ramona Quimby, Age 8*, by Beverly Cleary. 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, April 3 • 6:15-7:30 p.m. • Central Library/Donald Wright Auditorium

Lucha Libros Award Ceremony
All Lucha Libros participants, from both 2nd and 3rd grades, are invited to come to our award ceremony, where we will honor five students from each grade with a ribbon and an extra set of prize tickets, and announce our 2nd grade and 3rd grade Lucha Libros Champions, who will receive the Lucha Libros Belt! Afterward we will host an auction for special prizes, so bring any tickets you have saved up!

Wednesday, May 1 • 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, April 4 & 18, May 2 & 16 • 3:30-5 p.m. • La Pintoresca Branch

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

Thursdays, May 30, June 6, 13, 20 & 27 • 3:30-5 p.m. • La Pintoresca Branch

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, April 9 & 23, May 14 & 28 • 3-4:30 p.m. • Lamanda Park Branch

GAMES & MORE

Library at the Park
Students from Polytechnic High School will lead children in active play.

Wednesday, April 17 • 3:15-4 p.m. • La Pintoresca Branch

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

Fridays, April 26 & May 31 • 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 May 27) • 3:30–5:30 p.m. • Hastings Branch

*For students in grades K-10*

Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays (except April 24 & May 27) • 3–5:30 p.m. • La Pintoresca Branch

*For students in grades K-8*

Tuesdays & Thursdays (through May 9) • 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, April 8 & May 13 • 10 a.m.
Central Library/Studio on 4th
Thursdays, April 18 & May 16 • 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Lamanda Park Branch

EARLY LITERACY

CENTRAL LIBRARY
Infant & Toddler Storytime
SUMMER REGISTRATION: Tuesday, June 11 (Session runs Tuesdays, June 18-Aug. 6)

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 2-May 21

TUESDAYS
9:20 a.m. • Central Library/Children’s Story Room (Infants up to 17 months)
Pre-registration required.
10 & 11 a.m. • Central Library/Children’s Story Room (Toddlers 18-36 months)
Pre-registration required.

WEEKLY STORYTIMES

MONDAYS
Marvelous Mondays
For Families
7 p.m. • Hastings Branch (except May 27)

TUESDAYS
For Preschoolers
10:30 a.m. • Hill Avenue Branch
10:30 a.m. • Lamanda Park Branch (except April 16, 23 & 30)
10:30 a.m. • Villa Parke Branch

WEDNESDAYS
For Preschoolers
10:30 a.m. • Alhambra Branch
10:30 a.m. • Santa Catalina Branch (except April 3)
10:45 a.m. • Hastings Branch
11 a.m. • San Rafael Branch

Léeme un Cuento
Spanish Storytime/Hora de cuentos en español
4 p.m. • La Pintoresca Branch (except April 24)

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 (except April 18, 25 & May 2)

For Preschoolers
10:30 a.m. • Linda Vista Branch

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, April 6 & May 4 • 3 p.m.
Linda Vista Branch

Signs N’ Storytime
Learn a few basic signs, hear stories and sing songs.
Thursdays, April 11 & May 9 • 3:30 p.m.
Lamanda Park Branch

Mandarin Storytime
Join us for stories and songs in Mandarin Chinese. Create a fun craft to take home.
Wednesdays, April 17 & May 15 • 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, read by Dr. Ayesha Randall. Have fun, make new friends and enjoy crafts. For ages 3+.
Fridays, April 26 & May 31 • 4 p.m.
La Pintoresca Branch

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
Mondays, April 22 & May 27 • 10:30 a.m.
Central Library/Studio on 4th

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, May 11 & 25 • 10-11 a.m. • Lamanda Park Branch
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.

Open Hours: Mondays & Saturdays (except May 27) • 1-5 p.m., Tuesdays & Thursdays • 4-8 p.m.

Orientations: Mondays (except May 27) • 5 p.m. & Saturdays • noon

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, April 8 & May 13 • 6-8 p.m. • Central Library/4th Floor Creativity Room (For ages 13+)

Sew It Begins – Intro to Sewing
Join us for this sewing class for beginners and gain confidence using your sewing machine. Learn all the basics including how to thread a machine, wind the bobbin, choose stitches, adjust tension, and start sewing! Bring your own sewing machine if you have one or use one of the library’s machines. Pre-registration required. For ages 13+. To sign up, call (626) 744-7262.
Saturday, April 27 • 2-5 p.m. • Hastings Branch

Neighborhood Science

STEAM Team Club: Taking Earth’s Temperature
Why do two building materials experiencing the same weather have vastly different temperatures? How does the use of some building materials lead to urban heat-islands? Join us to learn about surface temperature and investigate surfaces with infrared thermometers. For ages 9-12.
Wednesday, April 10 • 4-5 p.m. • Hastings Branch

Linda Vista GLOBE Club
Join the Linda Vista GLOBE Club as we investigate the world around us using state of the art technology to gather data to track hummingbird migration and soil fertility, among other fascinating scientific research. For teens and adults.
Saturdays, April 13 & May 11 • 3-5 p.m. • Linda Vista Branch

Neighborhood Scientists
Become a scientific pioneer! Discover the world around us by exploring our atmosphere right in your own neighborhood using scientific tools, techniques and GLOBE protocols to gather and share data with other scientists around the world. Join us as we investigate features in our local environment at La Pintoresca Park. For ages 9+.
Thursdays, April 25 & May 23 • 3:30-5 p.m. • La Pintoresca Branch

Make Your Own Wax Seal or Rubber Stamp
Learn the basics of designing a graphic for a stamp, then make a wax seal stamp for rubber stamps for yourself or as a gift. All materials provided. For ages 13+ who have successfully completed the Innovation Lab orientation. To sign up, visit pasadenapubliclibrary.net/steam.
Wednesday, April 17 • 5-6 p.m.
Central Library/Innovation Lab

Create a Wooden Bookmark
Discover how to make a wooden bookmark using the laser cutter 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, May 20 • 6-7 p.m.
Central Library/Innovation Lab

Sew It Begins – Roll-up Organizer Bag
Make and take home your own roll-up organizer bag for storing make-up brushes, sewing tools or art supplies. Bring your own sewing machine if you have one or use one of the library’s machines. Pre-registration and basic sewing machine knowledge is required. For ages 13+. To sign up, call (626) 744-7262.
Saturday, May 11 • 2-5 p.m. • Hastings Branch

Astronomy for Kids
Join Planetary Society Chief Scientist Bruce Betts and Planetary Radio host Mat Kaplan for a fun and fascinating exploration of the SoCal night sky, based on Dr. Betts’ new book that makes the wonders of astronomy available to everyone. There will be telescopes for viewing and a space trivia contest. Books will be available for sale and signing. For families.
Saturday, April 27 • 2:30-4 p.m.
Central Library/Donald Wright Auditorium & West Lawn

STEAM Team Club: Butterfly Garden
Join us as we explore our biosphere and learn about the species of plants and animals found in Hastings Butterfly Garden. Discover resources and technology to identify the various species in our local environment. For ages 9-12.
Wednesday, May 8 • 4-5 p.m. • Hastings Branch
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.

SOTTOTITOLI 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. Club members select the next films to be shown. Call (626) 744-7076 for movie title. Facilitated by Connie Milner. For ages 18+. Mondays, April 8 & 22, May 13 • 1-4 p.m. Central Library/Studio on 4th

FAMILY SCIENCE FICTION CLASSICS
Saturdays • 2 p.m.

May 4 • Early Days of Television SciFi
Enjoy films from television’s early days, including Project Moonbase, a pilot written by Robert Heinlein. Central Library/Studio on 4th

May 25 • Two films featuring the Russian Space Movies in Honor of Yuri Gagarin’s Flight into Space
• Road to the Stars (1957) NR
See one of the most amazing special effects accomplishments in film history. Pavel Klushantsev created a film that was visually ahead of almost anything done before, depicting the life and scientific contributions of Konstantin Tsiolkovsky, Max Valier and Robert Goddard along with the basic principles of rocket propulsion, ballistics, space flight, a space station, the first man on the moon and lunar colonization.

• The Sky Calls (1959) G
View this Russian science fiction film detailing an actual space race to the planet Mars. Central Library/Donald Wright Auditorium

ANIME
SC Teen Anime Club
Stop by to watch the latest anime! Tuesdays, April 9 & May 14 • 4 p.m. • Santa Catalina Branch
EXHIBITS

APRIL

CENTRAL LIBRARY
Pasadena Sister Cities - 70 Years of International Friendship
North Entry

A Good Message through Abstraction
Justin Mattock Abstract Art Foundation
Reading Wing

Art and Writings by K-12 Students
Presented by the San Gabriel Valley Women’s Club
Centennial Room & Humanities Wing

HASTINGS BRANCH LIBRARY
Photography Exhibit
Deb Halberstadt, Photographer/Videographer

Pets and Pours
Acrylic poured paintings and pet portraits.
The Crafty Lady - Penny Lee StewArt, Artist

MAY

CENTRAL LIBRARY
Saving the California Condor
Pasadena Audubon Society
North Entry

The History of Pasadena and the architecture that creates it.
Pasadena Heritage
Centennial Room

HASTINGS BRANCH LIBRARY
Abstract Art
Clarissa Castillo, Painter

Sculptor Exhibit
Dale La Castelle, Sculptor

Filed Your Taxes?
Haven’t done them yet? Stop by Pasadena Central Library to pick up your federal and state tax forms. Additional tax forms and information are available from the IRS website, www.irs.gov, and from the Franchise Tax Board website, www.ftb.ca.gov.

A list of online tax resources can also be found on the library’s website, cityofpasadena.libguides.com/Taxes.

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.

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–Thurs & Sat • 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Fri • 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Sat • 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

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Reporting Fraud, Waste Or Abuse
For reporting suspected cases of fraud. Call the HOTLINE at (626) 744-7448 or visit https://egov1.cityofpasadena.net/apps/reportAbuse/ to complete and submit an online complaint form.

The Friends of the Pasadena Public Library

BOOKSTORE
Monday–Friday
(except May 27)
11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Sat • 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

BOOK SALE
No Book Sale in April.
Saturday, May 11
9 a.m. to noon
Central Library/West Patio

Hastings Branch Associates Fundraiser
The Associates are holding a Mother’s Day book opportunity drawing of book bundles by subject (cookbooks, children’s series, mysteries and more!) on Thursday, May 9 at 6 p.m. Proceeds will support the library’s children’s programming.

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