Mayflower Meet & Greet

Celebrate the 400th anniversary of the voyage of the Mayflower!

Descendants of Mayflower passengers, dressed in historical costume, will share stories about what the Pilgrims wore, what they ate and how they survived the long trip across the Atlantic to America in 1620. There will be stories, crafts, refreshments, photo ops and more. Join in the celebration by donning a Mayflower-era costume.

**Thursday, Jan. 9**
4-6 p.m.
Hastings Branch

"Women Win the Vote" Celebration

Join us in kicking off the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment, giving women the right to vote in 1920. Get in the spirit and wear a costume, sash, fascinator or hat from the period as we socialize and recap the history and players in this very important moment in history. Discover the early suffrage campaign that won California women the right to vote nine years before the Federal Amendment, and learn more about the national suffrage campaign and the background behind Ellen Snortland’s wonderful display of suffragist memorabilia. Photo ops and refreshments provided. Presented in collaboration with Shakespeare Club Historian Candy Campbell and author/columnist Ellen Snortland.

**Saturday, Jan. 11**
2-5:30 p.m.
Central Library/Donald Wright Auditorium

Central Library will close on Sunday, Dec. 8 at 4 p.m. for a special community event.

All Libraries will OPEN at noon on Thursday, Dec. 5

All Pasadena Public Libraries will be CLOSED in observance of:

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

- **Christmas** – Wednesday, Dec. 25

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

- **New Year’s Day** – Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2020

- **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**
  - Sunday & Monday, Jan. 19 & 20

**Holiday Greetings**

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
Holiday Show

The Jingles Holiday Puppet Show
Jingles just bought a present for his Mom and he is so excited to give it to her. But the Grinch wants to steal the present and turn the holiday into GrinchMas! The kids in the audience have to help Jingles get it back and teach the Grinch the true meaning of giving and sharing.

Wednesday, Dec. 4 • 11 a.m. • San Rafael Branch

Holiday Celebrations & Events

Tree Lighting & Decorating

A Swinging Christmas: Allendale Holiday Celebration & Tree Lighting
ALLENDALE BRANCH LIBRARY
Get into the spirit of the season with a selection of jazz tunes and holiday favorites featuring the Larry Muradian Trio and the Blair Studio Singers. Refreshments provided. Lighting of the Allendale Park Christmas tree will be at 5:30 p.m. Presented in partnership with the Pasadena Public Works Department.

Saturday, Dec. 7 • 4-6 p.m.

7th Annual Holiday Celebration & Tree Lighting
HASTINGS BRANCH LIBRARY
Get into the holiday spirit with musical performances, crafts and other festive activities, concluding with the lighting of the Hastings Branch Christmas tree. Presented in partnership with the Hastings Branch Associates and Pasadena Public Works Department.

Thursday, Dec. 12 • 3:30–6 p.m.

19th Annual Christmas Tree Lighting
LA PINTORESCA BRANCH LIBRARY & PARK
Join in the holiday fun as the La Pintoresca community comes together to sing carols, make crafts and share in the delight of the lighting of our community Christmas tree. Presented in partnership with the Pasadena Human Services & Recreation and Public Works departments and the Armory Center for the Arts.

Friday, Dec. 13 • 5-7 p.m.

Holiday Tree Decorating
LAMANDA PARK BRANCH LIBRARY
Help us decorate our tree! Make an ornament and then find a special place on our tree to hang it!

Friday, Dec. 13-Tuesday, Dec. 24 • 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Kwanzaa

31st Annual Kwanzaa Celebration
All are welcome to celebrate the joyous and festive occasion of 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.

Friday, Dec. 27 • 11 a.m.-1 p.m. • La Pintoresca Branch

Hanukkah

Enjoy our special display celebrating the Festival of Lights, Dec. 22 to 30.

Central Library
Holiday Crafts

Get Crafty for the Holidays
Get in the holiday spirit and create a special craft to keep or give away! Materials provided.  
**Wednesday, Dec. 11** • 3:30 p.m. • Hill Avenue Branch

DIY Snow Globes
Make your own snow globe for yourself or as a gift.  
*For all ages.* Materials provided. To sign up, visit  
**Monday, Dec. 16** • 5:30 p.m.  
Central Library/Studio on 4th

Ski Coloring for the Holidays
Join us for an afternoon of fun and relaxing coloring.  
**Wednesday, Dec. 18** • 2-4 p.m.  
Villa Parke Branch

Christmas Crafts
Show your creative side and make a festive paper plate Christmas tree ornament and candy cane with “Fruit Loops” cereal. Materials provided.  
**Friday, Dec. 20** • 2-4 p.m. • Villa Parke Branch

Snowy Owl Pine Cones
Winter is here! Create your very own snowy owl out of a pine cone. Materials provided.  
**Wednesday, Jan. 15** • 3:30 p.m.  
Hill Avenue Branch

SPECIAL EVENTS

Minds in Motion • Professional Child Development Associates’ Teen Buddies/Teen Club Young Creatives 8th Annual Art Show.  
Join us as teen artists share their original handmade sensory art forms, photography, personal stories and a short live performance.  
**Saturday, Dec. 7** • 10 a.m.-noon  
Central Library/Donald Wright Auditorium

Music With Angie Donkin
Join us for a fun and rhythmic morning of music, dance, stories and imaginative play. *For children ages 0 – 6 years and their parents or caregivers.*  
**Tuesday, Dec. 10** • 10 a.m.  
Central Library/Donald Wright Auditorium  
**Wednesday, Dec. 11** • 10:30 a.m.  
Santa Catalina Branch  
**Thursday Dec. 12** • 10:30 a.m.  
Linda Vista 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.
2020 ONE CITY, ONE STORY SELECTIONS ANNOUNCED,

The Secrets They Kept and Finding Dorothy

Pasadena Public Library announced their two book selections for Pasadena’s 2020 One City, One Story community reading celebration, The Secrets They Kept by author Lara Prescott, the 2020 One City, One Story selection, and Finding Dorothy by author Elizabeth Letts, the 2020 One City, One Story Summer Edition.

Now in its 18th year, One City, One Story is designed to broaden and deepen an appreciation of reading and literature and to promote tolerance and understanding of differing points of view by recommending a compelling book that engages the community in conversation.

The Secrets They Kept is a thrilling tale of secretaries turned spies, of love, and duty, and of sacrifice. Inspired by a true story, the novel details a CIA plot to infiltrate the hearts and minds of Soviet Russia, not with propaganda, but with the greatest love story of the twentieth century: Doctor Zhivago.

At the height of the Cold War, two secretaries are pulled out of the CIA typing pool and given the assignment of a lifetime. Their mission: to smuggle Doctor Zhivago out of the USSR, where no one dare publish it, and help Pasternak's magnum opus make its way into print around the world. Glamorous and sophisticated Sally Forrester is a seasoned spy who has honed her gift for deceit all over the world—using her magnetism and charm to pry secrets out of powerful men. Irina is a complete novice, but under Sally’s tutelage quickly learns how to blend in, make drops, and invisibly ferry classified documents.

The Secrets We Kept combines a legendary literary love story—the decades-long affair between Pasternak and his mistress and muse, Olga Ivinskaya—with a narrative about two women empowered to lead lives of extraordinary intrigue and risk. From Pasternak’s country estate outside Moscow to the brutalities of the Gulag, from Washington, D.C., to Paris and Milan, The Secrets We Kept captures a watershed moment in the history of literature—told with soaring emotional intensity and captivating historical detail. At the center of this unforgettable debut is the powerful belief that a piece of art can change the world.

Author Lara Prescott’s debut novel, The Secrets We Kept has been translated into 28 languages and will be adapted for film by The Ink Factory and Marc Platt Productions. Prescott received her master of fine arts degree from the Michener Center for Writers at the University of Texas. She studied political science at American University in Washington, D.C. and international development in Namibia and South Africa. Prior to writing fiction, Prescott worked as a political campaign consultant.

Prescott’s writing has appeared in The Southern Review, The Hudson Review, Crazyhorse, and more. She lives in Austin, Texas with her husband and cats.

One City, One Story community programs will be held throughout March, beginning with a conversation with the author on Thursday evening, March 5, 2020 at Pasadena Central Library.

Finding Dorothy is a richly imagined novel that tells the story behind The Wonderful Wizard of Oz, the book that inspired the iconic film, through the eyes of author L. Frank Baum’s intrepid wife, Maud.

As soon as she learns that MGM is adapting her late husband’s masterpiece for the screen, 77-year-old Maud Gage Baum sets about trying to finagle her way onto the set. Nineteen years after Frank’s passing, Maud is the only person who can help the producers stay true to the spirit of the book—because she’s the only one left who knows its secrets.

But the moment she hears Judy Garland rehearsing the first notes of “Over the Rainbow,” Maud recognizes the yearning that defined her own life story, from her youth as a suffragette’s daughter to her coming of age as one of the first women in the Ivy League, from her blossoming romance with Frank to the hardscrabble prairie years that inspired The Wonderful Wizard of Oz. Judy reminds Maud of a young girl she cared for and tried to help in South Dakota, a dreamer who never got her happy ending. Now, with the young actress under pressure from the studio as well as her ambitious stage mother, Maud resolves to protect her— the way she tried so hard to protect the real Dorothy. The author of two New York Times bestselling nonfiction books, The Eighty-Dollar Champion and The Perfect Horse, Elizabeth Letts is a master at discovering and researching a rich historical story and transforming it into a page turner. Finding Dorothy is the result of Letts’ journey into the amazing lives of Frank and Maud Baum. Written as fiction but based closely on the truth, Letts’ book tells a story of love, loss, inspiration, and perseverance, set in America’s heartland.

She is also the author of two novels, Quality of Care and Family Planning, and an award-winning children’s book, The Butter Man. A graduate of Yale College and the Yale School of Nursing, she is a passionate equestrian, a former certified nurse-midwife, and served in the Peace Corps in Morocco. She lives in Southern California and Northern Michigan.

Finding Dorothy is a fun summer read and a perfect selection to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Women’s Suffrage Movement, with thematic programs and opportunities for community dialogue and discussion planned around the book throughout June and July. Event details will be announced in the future.
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 • 11 a.m. • Lamanda Park Branch (except Dec. 23 & Jan. 20)

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. 3 & Jan. 7 • 2-4 p.m. • Hastings Branch

Book Chit Chat
Tuesdays, Dec. 10 & Jan. 7 • 6:30 p.m. • Hastings Branch

Allendale Book Discussion Group
The group will discuss Kitchens of the Great Midwest by J. Ryan Stradal (December) and The Tattooist of Auschwitz by Heather Morris (January).

Saturdays, Dec. 14 & Jan. 11 • 10:30 a.m. • Allendale Branch

Rave Reviews
Mondays, Dec. 23 & Jan. 27 • 2 p.m. • Lamanda Park Branch

Hill Avenue Book Discussion Group
Saturdays, Dec. 28 & Jan. 25 • 10:30 a.m. • Hill Avenue Branch

Pasadena Readers Book Club
Dr. Merry Pawlowski, emeritus professor of English, California State University, Bakersfield, will lead the group book discussion. For book selection call (626) 744-7076.

Monday, Jan. 13 (No meeting in December) • 3-4:30 p.m. • Central Library/Studio on 4th

West Pasadena Book Discussion Group
Saturday, Jan. 18 • 11 a.m. • San Rafael 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 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).

Authors & their Journeys

Authors Pamela Paul & Maria Russo, Book: How to Raise a Reader
Pamela Paul and Maria Russo discuss their indispensable guide to welcoming children – from babies to teens – to a lifelong love of reading. The authors debunk common myths, assuage parental fears, and deliver invaluable lessons in a positive and easy-to-act-on way.

Divided into four sections, from baby through teen, and each illustrated by a different artist, this book offers something useful on every page, whether it’s how to develop rituals around reading or build a family library, or ways to engage a reluctant reader. A fifth section, “More Books to Love: By Theme and Reading Level,” is chockful of expert recommendations.

Pamela Paul is the editor of The New York Times Book Review and oversees books coverage at The Times. She also hosts the weekly Book Review podcast. She is the author of six books, My Life with Bob: Flawed Heroine Keeps Book of Books, Plot Ensues. By the Book, Parenting, Inc., Pornified, and The Starter Marriage and the Future of Matrimony and most recently How to Raise a Reader, co-authored with Maria Russo. Prior to joining the Times, Paul was a contributor to Time magazine and The Economist, and her work has appeared in The Atlantic, The Washington Post, and Vogue. She and her family live in New York.

Maria Russo is the children’s books editor of The New York Times Book Review. She has been a writer and editor at the Los Angeles Times, The New York Observer, and Salon, and holds a Ph.D. in English and Comparative Literature from Columbia University. She lives in Montclair, New Jersey with her husband and three children.

Monday, Jan. 27 • 7 p.m.

Authors Chip Jacobs, Book: Arroyo
Set against two distinct epochs in the history of Pasadena, Arroyo tells the parallel stories of a young inventor and his clairvoyant dog in 1913 and 1993.

In both lives, the characters are drawn to the landmark Colorado Street Bridge, or Suicide Bridge, as the locals call it, which suffered a lethal collapse during construction but still opened to fanfare in the automobile age of the early 20th Century. When the refurbished structure commemorates its 80th birthday, one of the planet’s best known small towns is virtually unrecognizable from its romanticized, and somewhat invented, past.

Thursday, Jan. 16 • 7 p.m.

Author Elias Castillo, Book: A Cross of Thorns: The Enslavement of California’s Indians by the Spanish
Elias Castillo shatters the image of California’s Missions as idyllic places where Franciscan friars and Indians lived in an environment of mutual respect, honoring the voices of indigenous and native peoples.

Castillo, a three-time nominee for the Pulitzer Prize and a former reporter for the San Jose Mercury News and the Associated Press, researched the book using primary sources, including material from little-known church and Spanish government archives. His heavily footnoted text is fascinating in its detailed accessibility, 14 pages of bibliographic sources, eight pages of color plates, a five-page index and various appendices solidify the documentation.

Thursday, Jan. 23 • 7 p.m.

Yun Wang is an award-winning poet and a leading cosmologist at California Institute of Technology. She is the author of poetry books The Book of Totality (Salmon Poetry Press, 2015) and The Book of Jade (Story Line Press, 2002), as well as a cosmology graduate textbook Dark Energy (Wiley, 2010). Alice Pero is an accomplished flutist, the founder and artistic director of the Windsong Players Chamber Ensemble, as well as a widely published poet and author of the poetry book Thawed Stars. Books will be available for sale at a special discount, and signed by the authors. This event will include an open reading (sign-up required by 6:55 p.m.).

Thursday, Jan. 30 • 7 p.m. • Central Library/Donald Wright Auditorium

Authors Yun Wang & Alice Pero, Book: Dreaming of Fallen Blossoms: Tune Poems of Su Dong-Po Ancient Chinese Poems with Music
Su Dong-Po (1036-1101 A.D.) is one of the most celebrated and beloved poets in Chinese history. Author Yun Wang will read a set of these timeless poems in the original Chinese and her English translation, with music by flutist and poet Alice Pero. Wang and Pero will also read some of their own poems.

Winter 2020

Donald Wright Auditorium

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DISCOVERY CLASSES

CREATIVE ARTS
Art a la Carte
Artist Lorrie Shriner teaches drawing, watercolor and collage techniques. Beginners welcome. Please bring your own watercolor and art supplies.
Wednesdays • 2 p.m. • San Rafael Branch

GAMES
American Mah Jongg Club
Join this intermediate group of players for an afternoon of the wildly popular game, Mah Jongg.
Thursdays • 12:30-3 p.m. • Central Library/Studio on 4th

HEALTH & FITNESS
Lip Reading and Memory Enhancement
Wednesdays (except Jan. 8, 15 & 22) • 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.
Wednesday, Dec. 4 • 10 a.m.-noon • Central Library/Great Hall

Personal Wellness: Intro to Essential Oils
Discover the benefits of using essential oils for personal wellness and how to use oils in your home. Presented by Kim Henry.
Saturday, Dec. 7 • 11 a.m.-1 p.m. • Linda Vista 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
Use our computer to research the Foundation Directory Online, create your resume, search for jobs, and research and apply for government programs. Computer time may be limited based on demand.
Monday-Friday (except Dec. 5, 25, 27 & Jan. 1, 20) • 9 a.m.-2 p.m. • La Pintoresca Branch

Computer Classes
This hands-on, bilingual class is designed as an introduction to build your comfort and skill with computers. You do not need to own a computer to attend. 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, Nov. 4-Dec. 9 & Jan. 6-Feb. 24
12:30-2 p.m. (except Jan. 20) • Villa-Parke Community Center • 363 E. Villa St.
Fridays, Nov. 8-Dec. 13 & Jan. 10-Feb. 28 • 1:15-2:45 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 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, Nov. 9-Dec. 14 & Jan. 11-Feb. 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.
Saturday, Dec. 14, Jan. 11 & 25 • 10-11:30 a.m.
La Pintoresca Branch

HISTORY
Pasadena African-American Genealogy Group
Search out your heritage and recover the past with this dynamic genealogy group.
Saturdays, Dec. 7 & Jan. 4 • 2:30-5:30 p.m. • Lamanda Park Branch

LANGUAGE
Beginning & Intermediate English Classes
Mondays (except Jan. 20) • 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. 19 • 1-1:45 p.m. • Central Library/Law Room

QuickLook: Evictions
Presented by the LA Law Library.
Thursday, Jan. 16 • 1-1:45 p.m. • Central Library/Law Room

Zumba Class
Zumba is a great way to lose weight, tone up, increase cardio strength, improve coordination, gain self-esteem and feel happy! Beginners are welcome.
Saturdays, Dec. 14 & 28, Jan. 11 & 25 • 11 a.m. • Lamanda Park Branch

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Find out how to make a difference in the life of an abused or neglected child by becoming a Los Angeles Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA).
Tuesday, Dec. 17 • 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Hastings Branch
**TEEN SCENE**

**CREATIVE ARTS**

**Pressing Arts II: Carving and Design**
Learn how to sketch, transfer images, carve and print using various printmaking techniques. Practice design on paper and textiles through printing blocks. All materials provided. 
For grades 6-12. To sign up, call (626) 744-7268. This program is funded through the City of Pasadena Arts Education Partnership Grant. Presented by artist Brenda Cruz.
Saturdays, Dec. 28 & Jan. 25 • 1:30-4 p.m. • La Pintoresca 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 our veteran members! Drop by and be part of the experience! For ages 14+.
Mondays (except Jan. 20) • 3:30-5:30 p.m. • Hastings Branch

**Switch Hour at Santa Catalina**
Super Smash Bros Ultimate is finally here! Stop by for an afternoon of gaming on the Nintendo Switch! For teens only.
Tuesdays, Dec. 3 & Jan. 7 • 4-5:30 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 teens only.
Fridays, Dec. 13 & Jan. 10 • 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 want to gain leadership skills and public speaking experience and are interested in civic engagement. 
For teens only. To sign up, email Jane Gov at jgov@cityofpasadena.net.
Wednesdays, Dec. 4 & Feb. 5 • 4-5:30 p.m. • Central Library/Studio on 4th

**CREATIVE ARTS**

**Beginner Ukulele for Tweens**
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Tuesdays & Thursdays, Dec. 3, 5, 10 & 12 • 4-5 p.m. • Hastings Branch

**Make Beaded Earrings – Jewelry Making for Kids**
Join us for a hands-on workshop working with beads to create a jewelry staple, dangle earrings. A perfect gift for the holidays. For ages 9-12.
Monday, Dec. 9 • 3:30 p.m. • Central Library/Children’s Story Room

**STEAM**

**STEAM Team Club**
Explore STEAM concepts through creative, innovative projects based on fun STEAM-related challenges. For ages 9-13. To sign up, call (626) 744-7262.
Wednesdays, Dec. 11 & Jan. 8 • 4 p.m. • Hastings Branch

**Kids Coding Club**
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Tuesday, Jan. 28 • 4:30 p.m. • Hastings Branch

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**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. 2 & Jan. 6 • 1 p.m. • San Rafael Branch
- Mondays, Dec. 9 & Jan. 13 • 4 p.m. • Villa Park Branch
- Tuesdays, Dec. 10 & Jan. 14 • 3:30 p.m. • Hastings Branch
- Saturdays, Dec. 14 & Jan. 11 • 1 p.m. • Santa Catalina Branch
- Mondays, Dec. 16 & Jan. 6 • 3 p.m. • La Pintoresca Branch
- Thursdays, Dec. 19 & Jan. 23 • 3:30 p.m. • Lamanda Park Branch
- Saturdays, Dec. 21 & Jan. 25 • 11 a.m. • Linda Vista Branch

**Lucha Libros Battle #2**
Second grade reading warriors, get ready to answer questions about the book, *Winter of the Ice Wizard* by Mary Pope Osborne. Every correct answer earns you points for prizes! If you are not yet registered for Lucha Libros, register at the Central Library Children’s Desk or by calling (626) 744-4066 option 4.
- Thursday, Dec. 5 • 6:15-7:30 p.m. • Central Library/Donald Wright Auditorium

**CREATIVE ARTS**

**Word Puzzle**
Join us for an afternoon of word puzzles on Martin Luther King, Jr. then check out books on his life and legacy from our display.
- Friday, Jan. 17 • 2-5 p.m. • Villa Park Branch

**USC PAM at the Library: LISTEN, LEARN, CREATE!**
Explore Asian cultures, arts, and practices through storytelling and hands-on art making. Presented by educators from the Pacific Asia Museum. To sign up, call (626) 744-4066, option 4.
- Monday, Jan. 27 • 3:30 p.m. • Central Library/Children’s Story Room

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**Let’s Go LEGO®**
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HEALTH & FITNESS

Baby Playtime
Bring your toddlers to interact with other children and explore and play with toys that develop motor skills.

Wednesdays • 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. • San Rafael Branch (For ages up to 3 years)
Fridays • 10:30 a.m.-noon • Villa Parke Branch (For ages 1-4)

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. 9 & Jan. 13 • 10 a.m. • Central Library/Studio on 4th
Thursday, Jan. 16 • 3:30-4:30 p.m. • Lamanda Park Branch

EARLY LEARNERS

CENTRAL LIBRARY

Infant & Toddler Storytime
WINTER REGISTRATION: Tuesday, Jan. 7
(Session runs Tuesdays, Jan. 14-March 3)

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 (except Jan. 20)
Marvelous Mondays For Families
7 p.m. • Hastings Branch

TUESDAYS

For Preschoolers
10:30 a.m. • Hill Avenue Branch
10:30 a.m. • Lamanda Park Branch (except Dec. 24 & 31, Jan. 7 & 14)
10:30 a.m. • Villa Parke Branch (except Dec. 31)

WEDNESDAYS

For Preschoolers
10:30 a.m. • Allendale Branch (except Dec. 25 & Jan. 1)
10:30 a.m. • Santa Catalina Branch (except Dec. 19 & 25, Jan. 1)
10:45 a.m. • Hastings Branch (except Dec. 25 & Jan. 1)
11 a.m. • San Rafael Branch (except Dec. 25 & Jan. 1)

Léeme un Cuento
Spanish Storytime/Hora de cuentos en español
4 p.m. • La Pintoresca Branch (except Dec. 25 & Jan. 1 & 22)

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 (except Dec. 5 & 26, Jan. 2)

For Infants/Toddlers
10:30 a.m. • Lamanda Park Branch (except Dec. 26, Jan. 2, 9 & 16)

For Preschoolers
10:30 a.m. • Linda Vista Branch (except Dec. 26)

SATURDAYS

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

MONTHLY/SPECIAL STORYTIMES

Mandarin Storytime
Join us for stories and songs in Mandarin Chinese. Create a fun craft to take home.
Wednesdays, Dec. 18 & Jan. 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+.
Friday, Jan. 31 • 4 p.m. • La Pintoresca Branch

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**Orientations:**
- Mondays (except Jan. 20) • 5 p.m.
- Saturdays • noon

**Open Hours:**
- Mondays (except Jan. 20) & Saturdays • 1-5 p.m.
- Tuesdays & Thursdays (except Dec. 24 & 31) • 4-8 p.m.

**Get Real! Virtual Reality @ PPL**
Come on in and give Virtual Reality (VR) 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, Dec. 12 & 19, Jan. 9, 16, 23 & 30** • 2-4 p.m. • 4th Floor Creativity Room (For ages 18+)

**@ Hastings**

**Sew It Begins – Infinity Scarves**
Bring a yard of fabric and learn to sew your own infinity scarf! Bring your own sewing machine if you have one, or use one of the library’s machines. Pre-registration and basic sewing machine knowledge are required. **For ages 13+.** To sign up, call (626) 744-7262.

**Saturday, Jan. 25** • 2-5 p.m.

**BUSINESS SERVICES**

**SCORE Small Business Counseling**
Free one-on-one counseling provided by business professionals to anyone operating a small business or thinking of starting one. Appointments are a must; to sign up, call (626) 744-7351.

**Tuesdays** • Central Library/4th Floor Conference Room

**Pasadena Small Business Owners Networking Group**
Increase your business knowledge, meet other local business people and practice your 30-second “elevator introduction.” Sign up @ www.meetup.com/Pasadena-Small-Biz-Network.

**Thursdays, Dec. 19, Jan. 2 & 16** • noon-2 p.m. • La Pintoresca Branch

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**CITIZENSHIP CLASSES**

Prepare for the U.S. citizenship exam by enrolling in these free classes.

**Thursdays (Jan. 23 through May 14 except April 9)** • 6-7:30 p.m.
Central Library/Studio on 4th
To sign up, call William Porras (626) 744-4225 or email wporras@cityofpasadena.net.

**Fridays (Jan. 24 through May 15 except April 10)** • 10-11:30 a.m. • La Pintoresca Branch
To sign up, call (626) 744-7268.

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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

Dec. 4
The Borrowers (2011) NR

Dec. 11
I’ll Be Seeing You (1944) Approved

Dec. 18
The House Without a Christmas Tree (1972) Unrated

JANUARY

Jan. 8
Babe: The Babe Didrikson Zaharias Story (1975) TV Movie

Jan. 15
Little Mo (1978) NR

Jan. 22
Wilma (1977) NR

Jan. 29
Heart Like a Wheel (2000) PG

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 director, the characters involved, the cinematography, the script, the ending and more. Facilitated by Connie Milner. Arrive before the 1 p.m. program begins, as entrance after that interrupts attendees watching the film. For ages 18+. Pick up parking permit at circulation desk for parking longer than three hours. Mondays, Dec. 9 & 23, Jan. 13 & 27 • 1-5 p.m. Central Library/Studio on 4th

FAMILY SCIENCE FICTION CLASSIC
Santa Claus Conquers the Martians (1964) NR
A holiday classic for the whole family. Martian ruler Kimar is upset that the children of Mars are lazy and under the influence of too much pop culture from Earth. In an attempt to get the kids peppy again, Kimar orders the kidnapping of Santa Claus, hoping that the jolly old toymaker will know how to cheer the children up again. But two Earth children are also nabbed, and this complicates things.
Saturday, Dec. 28 • 2-5 p.m. Central Library/Donald Wright Auditorium

ANOINE

SC Teen Anime Club
Stop by to watch the latest anime.
Tuesdays, Dec. 17 & Jan. 21
4 p.m. • Santa Catalina Branch

HOLIDAY BREAK

Movie & Popcorn
Kick off your winter break and enjoy the 1937 movie “Heidi” with Shirley Temple. Heidi, an orphaned young girl lives happily with her grouchy but gentle grandfather, Adolph in the Swiss Alps. When she’s stolen by her ruthless aunt, Dete, and sold as a servant to the wealthy Herr Sesemann, Adolph embarks on a journey to find his granddaughter. Meanwhile, Heidi keeps her spirits high and befriends Sesemann’s crippled daughter, Klara, but longs to return home.
Monday, Dec. 23 • 4-5:30 p.m. Villa Parke Branch

Animator Hayao Miyazaki
Come celebrate the birthday of beloved animator Hayao Miyazaki of Studio Ghibli with a night of treats, quizzes and a showing of the critically acclaimed film Spirited Away on the big screen. Enjoy photo-ops with characters from that movie and others by Studio Ghibli!
Open to all ages!
Thursday, Jan. 9 • 6:30 p.m.

ALLENDALE AT THE MOVIES
Saturday, Jan. 18 • 2 p.m. • Allendale Branch
EXHIBITS

DECEMBER

CENTRAL LIBRARY
Activist & Action Figures
Beauty Bites Beast
North Entry

Celebrating 125 Years of Service to the Pasadena Community
Friends in Deed
Centennial Room

Blood on the Canvas
Boxing Display by author Joe Robledo
Humanities & Reading Wings

JANUARY

CENTRAL LIBRARY
Activist & Action Figures
Beauty Bites Beast
North Entry

Celebrating 100 Years of Service
Pasadena Zetas
Centennial Room

Blood on the Canvas
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Humanities & Reading Wings

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BOOKSTORE
Monday-Friday
(except Dec. 25, Jan. 1 & 20)
11 a.m.-4 p.m.
Saturdays • noon-4 p.m.
Central Library

BOOK SALE
Saturday, Feb. 8
Central Library/ Patio
9 a.m.-10 a.m. • Members only
10 a.m.-1 p.m. • General public

Please note the new “patio sale” hours! The first hour is reserved for members of The Friends only. Not a member yet? Join or learn more online at www.friendsppl.org.

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LOCATIONS

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(626) 744-4066

Hastings Branch
3325 E. Orange Grove Blvd.
(626) 744-7262

La Pintoresca Branch
1335 N. Raymond Avenue
(626) 744-7268

Linda Vista Branch
1281 Bryant Street
(626) 744-7278

Lamanda Park Branch
140 S. Altadena Drive
(626) 744-7266

Santa Catalina Branch
999 E. Washington Blvd.
(626) 744-7272

San Rafael Branch
1240 Nithsdale Road
(626) 744-7270

Allendale Branch
1130 S. Marengo Ave.
(626) 744-7280

Hill Avenue Branch
55 S. Hill Avenue
(626) 744-7264

San Rafael Branch
1240 Nithsdale Road
(626) 744-7270

Villa Parke Branch
363 East Villa Street
(626) 744-6510

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