

# Celebrating National Hispanic Heritage Month

September 15 –  
October 15, 2021

Pasadena Public Library is celebrating National Hispanic Heritage Month by honoring the cultures and contributions of Hispanic and Latin Americans with a wide variety of free programs and activities for all ages sponsored by The Friends of the Pasadena Public Library. To learn more, visit [www.pasadenapubliclibrary.net](http://www.pasadenapubliclibrary.net).

## For Families

### Fiesta La Pintoresca

La Pintoresca invites you to celebrate Hispanic Heritage month with cultural stories, music and crafts.  
**Wednesday, Sept. 29** • 4 p.m. • La Pintoresca Branch Library

### ArtNight

#### Viva La Fiesta with the Pasadena Public Library

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with a special Fiesta storytime and crafts with Tiff and Tosh. Pick up a "Take & Make" art kit and continue the Fiesta fun at home! For more information visit [www.pasadenapubliclibrary.net](http://www.pasadenapubliclibrary.net).  
**Friday, Oct. 8** • 6-10 p.m. • Virtual

### All About Art: José Posada and his Calaveras

Learn all about famed Mexican illustrator José Guadalupe Posada and his iconic calaveras (skulls) then make your own calaveras book plates! *For all ages.*  
**Saturday, Oct. 23** • 3-5 p.m. • Allendale Branch Library



## Crafts

### Take & Make: Loteria Bingo Game

In honor of Hispanic Heritage Month enjoy *Loteria*, a bingo game that's over one hundred years old! Call San Rafael Branch Library at (626) 744-7270 beginning Sept. 15 to reserve your game board while supplies last. Game boards can be picked up at any branch library.

**Wednesday, Sept. 15** • While supplies last



### Take & Make: Calaveras Scratch Art

Celebrate Día de los Muertos by creating your very own Calaveras scratch art pieces. Pick up your kit at Allendale Branch Library beginning Oct. 1 while supplies last. No sign-up needed.

**Friday, Oct. 1** • While supplies last

### Take & Make: Alpaca Activity

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with a weaving activity inspired by the alpacas indigenous to the Peruvian Andes. Sign-up for your kit at <https://cityofpasadena.libwizard.com/f/AlpacaActivity> while supplies last. Sign-ups begin on Sept. 15. Kits can be picked up from the Santa Catalina Branch Library.

**Wednesday, Sept. 15** • While supplies last



### Take & Make: Loom Weaving Craft

Learn to make your own Guatemalan-inspired woven wall-hanging on a DIY loom for Hispanic Heritage Month. Sign-up for your kit at <https://cityofpasadena.libwizard.com/f/loom> while supplies last. Sign-ups begin on Sept. 20. *For ages 6+*. Kits can be picked up at Hastings Branch Library.

**Monday, Sept. 20** • While supplies last

### Crafting with Tiff & Tosh

Learn a new craft to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month. Join us on Instagram Live at [@pasadenalibrary](https://www.instagram.com/pasadenalibrary).

**Monday, Oct. 11** • 3 p.m. • Instagram Live

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. Registration may be required. Check program and event listings for details.

## For Children

### Ages 3-5

#### Léeme Un Cuento

Spanish Storytime/Hora de Cuentos en Español Join us for a Spanish language storytime.

**Wednesdays (Except Sept. 29, Oct. 20 & 27)** • 4 p.m.  
La Pintoresca Branch Library

#### Hispanic Heritage Tales and Craft

Come, join us for a special storytime and craft for Hispanic Heritage month.

**Wed. Sept. 15** • 3-4 p.m. • Villa Parke Branch Library

#### Baila Baila Bilingual Music Concert

Celebrate Spanish English bilingualism as you and your little one sing along, shimmy and maybe learn new words with Baila Baila Music! For ages 3-5 and their caregivers. Sign up at <https://pasadena.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?eventid=4681> or call Lamanda Park Branch Library at (626) 744-7266.

**Saturday, Oct. 2** • 10:30 a.m. • Lamanda Park Branch Library

#### Preschool Storytime

Join us for cultural stories, music, and a craft in honor of Cuba.

**Wednesday, Oct. 13** • 10:30 a.m. Linda Vista Branch Library

### Ages 5-12

#### DIY Mini Piñata

Learn about the rich history of piñatas as we celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month then make a mini one of your own. Sign up at <https://cityofpasadena.libwizard.com/f/pinata>.

**Saturday, Oct. 9** • 11 a.m.-noon  
Santa Catalina Branch Library



### Grade 2

#### Lucha Libros Mask and Information Night

Second graders, get ready to do battle in a reading competition like no other! In this year long program, you will read four chapter books and answer comprehension questions about what you read. You'll earn a participation prize at each meeting plus competition points.

All of the books are available in Spanish and English. Read them in whichever language is easiest for you. Questions will be asked in both languages, so everyone can participate and enjoy. Sign up at <https://pasadena.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=4638&backTo=Calendar&startDate=2021/09/01>.

**Thursday, Sept. 16** • 4:30 p.m. • Zoom

#### Lucha Libros Battle #1

Second grade luchadores meet to answer questions about the book *Saraí and the Meaning of Awesome* by Saraí González and Monica Brown. Sign up at <https://pasadena.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=4644>.

**Thursday, Oct. 21** • 4:30 p.m.  
Lamanda Park Branch Library

### Grades 3-5

#### Read Around the World Book Club Visits Colombia

Join us as we discuss author Anika Fajardo's book, *What if a Fish* in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month. Learn about Colombia and make Colombian chivas (buses) out of paper.

**Wednesday, Sept. 22** • 4-5 p.m.  
Lamanda Park Branch Library



## For Teens

### Out of the Pantry

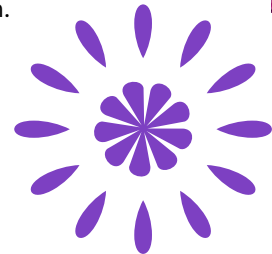
Cook up a tasty dish with ingredients from the pantry. To celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month we'll be making pumpkin empanadas. Cooking supplies are available for pickup from Hastings or La Pintoresca branch libraries. To attend Out of the Pantry sign up at <https://pasadena.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=4630>.

**Wednesday, Oct. 6** • 4 p.m. • Zoom

### Paint with Us

Join us for a virtual art tutorial inspired by Hispanic Heritage Month. Supplies available if needed. View the live stream at <https://youtube.com/user/pasadenalibrary>. For ages 12-18. To attend Paint with Us and register for supplies, sign up at <https://pasadena.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=4632>.

**Friday, Oct. 8** • 4 p.m. • YouTube



## Spanish Conversation Group

Want to practice and improve your spoken Spanish? Join our conversational Spanish group now on Zoom! Volunteers and attendees help you to make personal progress and provide lots of practice speaking in Spanish. For all adults of any Spanish speaking level.

Sign up at <https://pasadena.evanced.info/signup>.

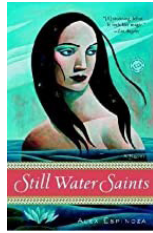
**Thursdays** • 2:30-4 p.m. • Zoom

## For Adults

### Authors & their Journeys Series

#### Alex Espinoza: *Still Water Saints*

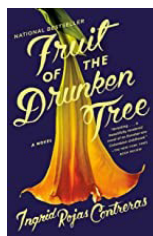
*Still Water Saints* chronicles a momentous year in the life of Agua Mansa, home to the Botánica Oshún, where people come seeking charms, herbs, and candles. Above all, they seek the guidance of Perla Portillo, the shop's owner, who has served the community for years, arming her clients with the tools to overcome all manner of crises. Alex Espinoza is the Tomás Rivera Endowed Chair of Creative Writing at the University of California Riverside. To attend sign up at <https://pasadena.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=4746>.



**Wednesday, Sept. 15** • 5 p.m. • Zoom

#### Ingrid Rojas Contreras: *Fruit of the Drunken Tree*

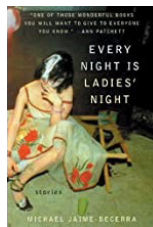
Inspired by the author's own life, *Fruit of the Drunken Tree* is a powerful testament to the impossible choices women are often forced to make in the face of violence and the unexpected connections that can blossom out of desperation. Silver medal winner in First Fiction from the California Book Awards, and a *New York Times* editor's choice. Ingrid Rojas Contreras is a Visiting Writer at Saint Mary's College. To attend sign up at <https://pasadena.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=4748>.



**Thursday, Sept. 16** • 5 p.m. • Zoom

#### Michael Jaime-Becerra: *Every Night Is Ladies Night*

With a cast of characters so vivid they seem to leap from the page, this collection of linked short stories offers a portrait of individuals aching to find their place in an indifferent world. Michael Jaime-Becerra is a professor at the University of California, Riverside. To attend sign up at <https://pasadena.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=4752>.



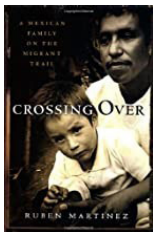
**Wednesday, Sept. 22** • 5 p.m. • Zoom

#### Latinos in Pasadena

Many written histories of Pasadena are rich in details about well-known citizens, time-honored traditions, and storied communities like Millionaires Row. A fuller story of Pasadena highlights the diversity of experiences that are part of the history of Latinos in Pasadena. Culled from oral histories, newspaper clippings, family photos, and archival images they give us a peek into the history of Latinas and Latinos who were vital to the development of Pasadena. To attend at <https://pasadena.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=4920>. **Thursday, Sept. 29** • 5 p.m. • Zoom

#### Rubén Martínez: *Crossing Over: A Mexican Family On The Migrant Trail*

The U.S.-Mexican border is one of the most permeable boundaries in the world, breached daily by Mexicans in search of work. Yet the migrant gambit is perilous. Thousands die crossing the line and those who reach "the other side" are branded illegals, undocumented and unprotected. In *Crossing Over*, Rubén Martínez puts a human face on the phenomenon. Now a professor and the Fletcher Jones Endowed Chair, Loyola Marymount University at Loyola Marymount University, Martínez is the author of multiple award-winning books. To attend at <https://pasadena.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=4894>.



**Thursday, Oct. 7** • 5-6 p.m. • Zoom

#### How Hispanic Architecture has helped Shape Pasadena's Cityscape

Spanish influenced architecture is one of the great Latino contributions to American culture, with millions of examples from California to Florida, built by tens of millions of people, over the last four hundred years.

Learn how the Spanish/Hispanic/Latino architectural design vocabulary evolved over a thousand years spanning four continents, and how it has been employed here in Pasadena. Presented by Dave Nufer, program developer and docent with Pasadena Heritage and the Los Angeles Conservancy. To attend sign up at <https://pasadena.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=4911>. **Wednesday, Oct. 13** • 4-5 p.m. • Zoom

#### Susana Porras: *To Compostela and Beyond! A Poet's Chronicle of the Camino De Santiago*

Author and poet Susana Porras discusses the myriad of culinary experiences she and her father encountered on their pilgrimage to the Camino de Santiago, as well as her experiences walking the Camino. She will also share the poetry she wrote while on her journey and the inspiration behind it.

**Wednesday, Oct. 20** • 5:30-6:30 p.m. • Hastings Branch Library



## Beyond the Book – PPL's Book Groups

Our book groups are now being offered in-person and virtually, two different formats that allow you to keep in contact with your fellow book lovers as you discuss new books together.

#### Just Reads

Join us as we discuss *Inventing Latinos: A New Story of American Racism* by Laura Gómez. Sign up at <https://pasadena.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=4749>.

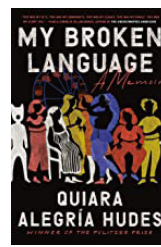
**Saturday, Sept. 18**  
10:30 a.m. • Zoom



#### Hill Avenue Book Club

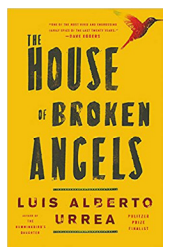
Join us online as we celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month and discuss *My Broken Language: A Memoir* by Quiara Alegría Hudes. Sign up at <https://pasadena.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=4754>.

**Saturday, Sept. 25**  
10:30 a.m. • Zoom



#### Allendale Book Discussion

We will discuss *The House of Broken Angels* by Luis Alberto Urrea. **Saturday, Oct. 2** • 10:30 a.m. • Allendale Branch Library



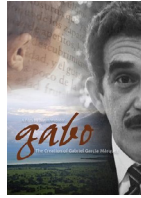


## Film Series

The September and October film selections celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month. Movies are available on Pasadena Public Library hoopla anytime you wish to view them. Log in to hoopla using your email and password and then select "Pasadena Public Library" and enter your 14-digit library card number.

### **Gabo: The Creation of Gabriel Marquez (2015)** Documentary

The story of how a boy from a tiny town on the Caribbean coast became a writer who won the hearts of millions. Known as "Gabo" to all of Latin America, Gabriel Garcia Marquez's sensual, "magical" sensibility leads him to the forefront of the political struggles of the 1970s and 1980s and into the hearts of readers across the world.



### **Connected by Coffee (2014)** Documentary

Discover the lives and history of the people who grow the coffee we drink. The film follows two North American coffee roasters on a 1,000-mile journey across Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador and Nicaragua to listen to the stories of the people who grow their coffee.



## Pasadena Public Library Locations & Hours

### **Allendale Branch Library**

1130 S. Marengo Ave.  
Pasadena, CA 91106  
(626) 744-7260  
Monday-Saturday • 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

### **Hastings Branch Library**

3325 E. Orange Grove Blvd.  
Pasadena, CA 91107  
(626) 744-7262  
Monday-Thursday • 10 a.m.-7 p.m.  
Friday & Saturday • 10 a.m.-6 p.m.  
Sundays • 1-5 p.m.

### **Hill Avenue Branch Library**

55 S. Hill Ave.  
Pasadena, CA 91106  
(626) 744-7264  
Monday-Saturday • 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

### **La Pintesca Branch Library**

1355 N. Raymond Ave.  
Pasadena, CA 91103  
(626) 744-7268  
Monday-Thursday • 10 a.m.-7 p.m.  
Friday & Saturday • 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

### **Lamanda Park Branch Library**

140 S. Altadena Dr.  
Pasadena, CA 91107  
(626) 744-7266  
Monday-Thursday • 10 a.m.-7 p.m.  
Friday & Saturday • 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

### **Linda Vista Branch Library**

1281 Bryant St.  
Pasadena, CA 91103  
(626) 744-7278  
Monday-Thursday • 10 a.m.-7 p.m.  
Friday & Saturday • 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

### **San Rafael Branch Library**

1240 Nithsdale Rd.  
Pasadena, CA 91105  
(626) 744-7270  
Monday-Thursday • 10 a.m.-7 p.m.  
Friday & Saturday • 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

### **Santa Catalina Branch Library**

999 E. Washington Blvd.  
Pasadena, CA 91104  
(626) 744-7272  
Monday-Thursday • 10 a.m.-7 p.m.  
Friday & Saturday • 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

### **Villa Parke Branch Library**

363 E. Villa St.  
Pasadena, CA 91101  
(626) 744-6510  
Monday-Friday • 10 a.m.-6 p.m.  
Saturday • 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

The Pasadena Public Library is an information center for the Pasadena community in order to preserve and encourage the free expression of ideas essential to an informed citizenry.

A variety of highly vetted programs are presented for children and adults and they represent the research and opinions of the presenter and do not reflect an endorsement by the City of Pasadena nor the Pasadena Public Library.

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