

City of Pasadena Celebrates AAPI Heritage Month

The City of Pasadena is proud to celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month in May. This is a time to honor and recognize the contributions of the AAPI community that shapes the rich cultural tapestry of our city and nation. Pasadena Public Library, Pasadena Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department, and The Friends of the Pasadena Public Library are offering a month-long series of in-person and virtual activities and events to celebrate AAPI heritage, history, and achievements. All programs and events are free.

These events will include cultural and educational activities, workshops, and take-home craft projects that showcase the diverse traditions and contributions of the AAPI community. These events aim to promote understanding, appreciation, and respect for the AAPI community and their contributions to the City of Pasadena.

Art and Speaker Presentation at Jackie Robinson Community Center

Create a fresh flower craft project in celebration of Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage month from 4 to 6 p.m. Then from 6 to 6:30 p.m., learn about the Chinese American experience from a historic perspective with a dynamic speaker and Pasadena native Kaz Doi. *For all ages.* Registration is required and opens on Monday, May 1. Sign up at

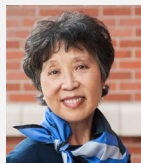
CityOfPasadena.net/Reserve.

Thursday, May 4 • 4 - 6:30 p.m.

Jackie Robinson Community Center, 1020 N. Fair Oaks Ave.

Heritage of Pasadena's Japanese American Community

Presented by Susan H. Kamei, Van Hunnicks History Department, University of Southern California



Following the issuance of Executive Order 9066 on Feb. 19, 1942, Japanese Americans in Pasadena, along with more than 125,000 other persons of Japanese ancestry, were forcibly removed from the west coast by the U.S. military to desolate remote locations, where the U.S. government imprisoned them for the duration of the war. As they were released from the detention camps at the war's end, they faced such intense opposition to returning to their homes that many Japanese neighborhoods which were vibrant before the war remained erased. Professor Kamei, author of *When Can We Go Back to America? Voices of Japanese American Incarceration During World War II*, will pay tribute to the civic leaders in Pasadena who pushed back against the intense prejudice that the Japanese Americans faced, and will discuss how their support paved the way for the Japanese Americans to return to their homes and reconstitute their community here in Pasadena and in other parts of Southern California. *For ages 18+.*

Saturday, May 6 • 3 p.m.

Lamanda Park Branch Library, 140 S. Altadena Dr.

Story and Teatime at Villa Parke Community Center

Enjoy an AAPI story, discussion, and teatime snacks hosted by the Villa Parke Branch Library with arts and crafts from Pasadena City College. *For all ages.*

Tuesday, May 9 • 10 - 11:30 a.m.

Villa Parke Community Center, 363 E. Villa St.

Kwentuhaung Pambata: A Bilingual Storytime

Join us for Kwentuhaung Pambata, bilingual storytime. We'll share Tagalog children's songs, fingerplays and bilingual/Tagalog books. *For ages 3-5 and their caregivers.*

Thursday, May 18 • 10:30 a.m.

Lamanda Park Branch Library, 140 S. Altadena Dr.

Chai & Conversation

Tea lovers wanted! Join us for a chat about Indian tea culture then learn how to make traditional Chai. To attend, sign up at <https://pasadena.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=8072>. Program registration includes a kit you can pick up beforehand that will let you taste a shortcut version and tea accompaniment. *For ages 9+.*

Thursday, May 18 • 7 p.m. • Zoom

Asian American and Pacific Islander Storytime

Join us for a special storytime featuring Asian American and Pacific Islander stories and authors. Stay to make a beautiful cherry blossom windsock. *For ages 3-5 and their caregivers.*

Wednesday, May 24 • 10:30 a.m.

Santa Catalina Branch Library, 999 E. Washington Blvd.

Sew It Begins – Furoshiki Tote

Learn how to sew a small tote inspired by Furoshiki, the Japanese craft of fabric wrapping. The bag features tied handles and is the perfect size to carry a bento box or serve as a small project bag. In this Zoom class you'll follow along at home with your sewing machine and learn all the steps required to complete this project. To attend this class, sign up at <https://pasadena.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=8119>. *For ages 13+.*

Thursday, May 25 • 3 - 6 p.m. • Zoom

Create Your Own Miniature Zen Garden

Using recycled materials, create your own miniature Zen Garden. All materials provided. To attend, call La Pintoresca Branch Library (626) 744-7268. *For all ages.*

Thursday, May 25 • 4 p.m.

La Pintoresca Branch Library, 1355 N. Raymond Ave.

Just Yesterday – Stories from the Past

Join us and discover the past through the personal memories and stories of Pasadena's Nisei generation.

Saturday, May 27 • 10 a.m.

Hastings Branch Library, 3325 E. Orange Grove Blvd.

Ikebana, the Art of Japanese Flower Arrangement

Join us for an afternoon of Ikebana, led by instructor Jessica Tang, who will introduce you to this classical Japanese floral art then demonstrate freestyle Ikebana. Create your own flower arrangement to take home. All materials provided. To attend, sign up at <https://pasadena.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?Eventid=7789> or call (626) 744-7266.

For ages 18+.

Saturday, May 27 • 3 p.m.

Lamanda Park Branch Library, 140 S. Altadena Dr.



TAIKO Project

Hear the powerful drums and electrifying rhythms that have played an important role in Japan's festivals since ancient times. TAIKOPROJECT! is presented by The Music Center. *For all ages.*

Tuesday, May 30 • 4 p.m.

La Pintoresca Branch Library, 1355 N. Raymond Ave.

Tapa Cloth

Make your own "tapa cloth" out of construction paper. Tapa cloth or tapa is a barkcloth made in the islands of the Pacific Ocean, primarily Tonga, Samoa and Fiji. All materials provided. *For ages 5-12.*

Wednesday, May 31 • 4 p.m.

Villa Parke Branch Library, 363 E. Villa St., 2nd Floor

TAKE & MAKE CRAFTS

Enjoy fun, free take-and-make crafts celebrating Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month that are simple and easy to make! Follow the instructions below to reserve your craft kit. **Sign-ups begin at the start of the day - you do not need to wait for the library to open to sign up.** Kits are limited to one per participant and may be picked up at your favorite library branch. You will be notified by email where and when your kit is available for pickup. Kits contain the necessary craft materials and instructions to help guide you in creating the craft. Additional household items such as scissors, a stapler, glue or tape may be needed. The kits are extremely popular and available while supplies last. Kits not picked up by a certain date will be released to those on the waiting list. *For all ages unless specified.*

Take & Make: Cherry Blossom Windsock

Enjoy a blossoming windsock. Sign up for your kit at <https://cityofpasadena.libwizard.com/f/cherryblossomwindsock>. Sign-ups begin on Monday, May 1. Kits can be picked up at Jefferson Branch Library, 1500 E. Villa St.

Monday, May 1 • While supplies last

Take & Make: Hawaiian Puppets

Create your own Hawaiian puppet. Pick up your kit beginning Monday, May 1. Available while supplies last.

Monday, May 1 • 10 a.m. • San Rafael Branch Library, 1240 Nithsdale Rd.

Take & Make: Korean Norigae

Norigae are good luck charms worn with the traditional hanbok. Learn more about these good luck charms then make your very own. Sign up for your kit at <https://cityofpasadena.libwizard.com/f/Norigae>. Sign-ups begin on Monday May 8. Kits can be picked up at Santa Catalina Branch Library, 999 E. Washington Blvd. *For ages 9+.*

Monday, May 8 • While supplies last

Take & Make: Dragon Puppet

Create a paper dragon craft! Materials will be provided. Sign up for your kit by calling (626) 744-7268. Sign-ups begin Monday, May 15. Available while supplies last.

Monday, May 15 • 10 a.m. • La Pintoresca Branch Library, 1355 N. Raymond Ave.

Take & Make: Woodblock Printing

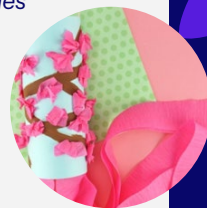
Woodblock printing or block printing is a technique for printing text, images or patterns used widely throughout East Asia and originating in China as a method of printing on textiles and later paper. Create your own woodblock-style print with a foam plate and paint. Use one of our nature-themed templates or create your own work of art. Sign up for your kit at https://cityofpasadena.libwizard.com/f/Woodblock_Printmaking. Sign-ups begin on Monday, May 16. Kits can be picked up at Hastings Branch Library, 3325 E. Orange Grove Blvd.

Monday, May 16 • While supplies last

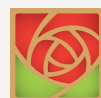
Take & Make: Paper Lanterns

Come by and pick up your kit to make this beautiful lantern. Pick up your kit beginning Saturday, May 20. Available while supplies last. *For ages 5-12.*

Saturday, May 20 • 10 a.m. • Linda Vista Branch Library, 1281 Bryant St.



For accessibility information and requests, contact the library site or community center hosting the program. To request materials in alternative formats or other accommodations, contact (626) 744-7311 or Pasadena311@CityOfPasadena.net. Providing at least 72 hours advance notice will help ensure availability.



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