

MARCH 2012 **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

10 YEARS  
SANTA MONICA  
**READS**  
CITY WIDE

FEB 22 - MAR 31



**RAYMOND  
CHANDLER**



*The Lady in  
the Lake*



"RAYMOND CHANDLER IS A MASTER." —THE NEW YORK TIMES



IN CONVERSATION

**C.J. BOX**  
AND  
**T. JEFFERSON  
PARKER**

TUESDAY  
MARCH 27  
7:00 PM



AUTHOR  
**BARBARA  
FOSTER**

WEDNESDAY  
MARCH 14  
7:00 PM



SCREENING  
**LOUISA  
MAY  
ALCOTT**  
**THE WOMAN  
BEHIND LITTLE  
WOMEN**

SATURDAY  
MARCH 17  
2:00 PM



**Coming Soon to a Branch Library Near You!  
Expanded Branch Hours.**

There's nothing unlucky about Friday, April 13. Beginning that day, the Fairview, Montana, and Ocean Park Branch Libraries will be open on FRIDAYS from 12 noon to 5:30 pm.

**MARCH AT SMPL**

THE AMERICAN DREAM | TRAVELOGUE: TURKEY |  
ELDER CARE | TAX ASSISTANCE

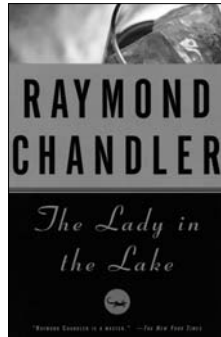
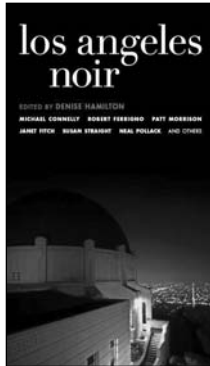
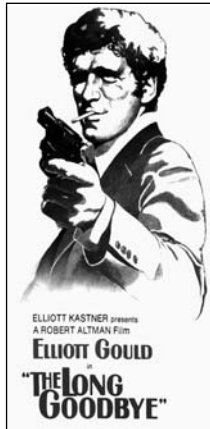
# 10 YEARS SANTA MONICA READS CITYWIDE

## MAIN LIBRARY

601 SANTA MONICA BLVD • 310-458-8600

Santa Monica Citywide Reads marks its tenth year in 2012. The featured novel is Raymond Chandler's *The Lady in the Lake*. Join us in March for one or more of the FREE events or discussions listed below. All seating is first come, first served.

# The Lady in the Lake February 22 – March 31



## Special Events

### THE MASTERS OF NOIR

**Tue, Mar 20, 7:00 pm / MLK Jr. Auditorium**  
Author Denise Hamilton discusses noir pioneers Raymond Chandler, Dashiell Hammett and Ross Macdonald with their biographers Judith Freeman, Julie Rivett and Tom Nolan.

### STAGED READING OF "THE PENCIL"

**Sat, Mar 24, 3:00 pm / MLK Jr. Auditorium**  
Join us for a staged reading of Raymond Chandler's last Philip Marlowe short story, "The Pencil," adapted by Ed Horowitz and produced by the Ruskin Group Theatre.

### RAYMOND CHANDLER MOVIE SCREENINGS

- ***The Big Sleep***  
Sat, Mar 3, 2:00pm – Ocean Park Branch Library
- ***Strangers on a Train***  
Tue, Mar 13, 7:00pm – Fairview Branch Library
- ***Murder My Sweet***  
Mon, Mar 19, 2:00pm – Montana Branch Library
- ***Lady in the Lake***  
Thu, Mar 22, 6:30pm – Main Library
- ***The Long Goodbye***  
Sun, Mar 25, 2:00pm – Main Library  
Q&A following with actor Elliott Gould (schedule permitting)



### LOS ANGELES NOIR NOW

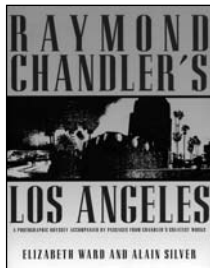
**Tue, Mar 6, 7:00 pm / MLK Jr. Auditorium**  
Author Denise Hamilton leads a discussion on the noir genre of today with authors Christopher Rice, Jim Pascoe, Gary Phillips and Naomi Hirahara.

### BAY CITY AND BEYOND

**Sat, Mar 10, 2:00 pm / MLK Jr. Auditorium**  
A look back at the history of Santa Monica and Los Angeles in the noir period with authors Ernest Marquez, David Kipen and Alain Silver, and SMPL Librarian Cynni Murphy.

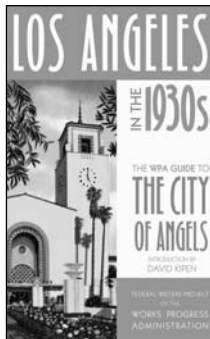
### THE LADY IN THE LAKE LIVE: AUTHORS READING RAYMOND CHANDLER

**Fri, Mar 16, 7:00 pm / Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club, 1210 4th Street**  
Judith Freeman, Janet Fitch and Denise Hamilton lead a star-studded list of authors in a staged, costumed reading of *The Lady in the Lake*. Audience costumes encouraged.



## Book Discussions

Trained volunteer facilitators lead these free public book discussions. No registration required.



- **Thursday, March 1 at 7:00 pm**  
Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main Street\*
- **Wednesday, March 7 at 7:00 pm**  
Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd\*
- **Monday, March 12 at 1:30 pm**  
Ken Edwards Center, 1527 Fourth Street\*
- **Thursday, March 15 at 7:00 pm**  
Barnes & Noble, 1201 Third Street Promenade
- **Friday, March 16 at 4:00 pm**  
Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Boulevard\*
- **Saturday, March 17 at 11:00 am**  
Café Bolivar, 1741 Ocean Park Boulevard (no permit required for Saturday parking)
- **Wednesday, March 21 at 7:00 pm**  
Montana Branch Library, 1704 Montana Avenue\*
- **Saturday, March 31 at 11:00 am**  
Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Boulevard\*

\* City of Santa Monica facilities are wheelchair accessible. To request a disability-related accommodation, call Library Administration 310-458-8606 (TDD 395-8499) at least one week prior to the event.

**MAIN LIBRARY**

CONTINUED

**LIBRARY BOARD MEETING**

THUR, MAR 1, 7:00 pm / MONTANA BRANCH LIBRARY  
Meets the first Thursday of each month.

**FRIENDS BOARD MEETING**

MON, MAR 12, 7:00 pm / ADMIN CONFERENCE RM  
Meets the second Monday of each month.

**GREEN LIVING WORKSHOP**

WEDS, MAR 7-APR 11, 7:00 pm / MULTIPURPOSE RM  
Be part of the solution - educate and empower yourself with simple steps that save our environment and you money. This six-week workshop covers: Water, Energy, Waste, Chemicals, Transportation & Travel, and Shopping & Food. Register at [sustainableworks.event.brite.com](http://sustainableworks.event.brite.com).  
*Presented by Sustainable Works.*

**QUALITY OF LIFE FORUM with THE SURFRIDER FOUNDATION'S JIM MORIARTY**



THUR, MAR 8, 7:00 pm  
MLK JR. AUDITORIUM  
Moderator Kit Cooper welcomes Surfrider Foundation executive director Jim Moriarty, who through his leadership of Surfrider has effectively combined his professional life with his passion for nature and the ocean. Jim will share how he has learned to inspire others to pursue the things they love.

**theGreenGardenacademy COMPOST WORKSHOP**

SAT, MAR 17, 10:30 am / MULTIPURPOSE ROOM  
Green Garden Academy is the City of Santa Monica's sustainable landscape-design program. The three-hour class covers the ins and outs of compost, and teaches you easy soil-building techniques. Meets monthly; topics change each month. For information: call 310-458-8972 or visit [sustainablem.org/landscape](http://sustainablem.org/landscape).

**IN CONVERSATION:**

**C.J. BOX and T. JEFFERSON PARKER**  
TUE, MAR 27, 7:00 pm / MLK JR. AUDITORIUM  
Edgar Award-winning mystery authors C.J. Box and T. Jefferson Parker discuss the latest in their book series, *Force of Nature* starring Wyoming game warden Joe Pickett and *The Jaguar* starring Los Angeles lawman Charlie Hood. A book sale and signing will follow.

**FAIRVIEW BRANCH**

2101 OCEAN PARK BLVD • 310-458-8681

◆ **FILM SCREENING & DISCUSSION: THE AMERICAN DREAM**

WEDNESDAYS, MAR 7, 21 & 28, 1:00-3:30 pm



The theme of this six-week series is how films both create and critique the 'American Dream.' Anna Stramese, who has a Masters in Critical Studies, will lead the discussions.

**MAR 7: DEATH OF A SALESMAN** (1985)

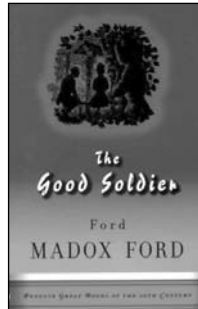
**MAR 21: AMERICAN BEAUTY** (1999)

**MAR 28: STEEL MAGNOLIAS** (1989)

**LITERATURE BOOK GROUP**

2nd SATURDAY, EVERY MONTH AT 11:00 am

**MAR 10: The Good Soldier**



by Ford Madox Ford. *The Good Soldier* relates the complex social and sexual relationships between two couples – one English, one American – and explores the intrigues and passions behind their orderly Edwardian facade.

**MINDFUL MEDITATION**

MON, MAR 12, 7:00 pm

Enjoy a pause in the day to refresh yourself by simply sitting and paying attention to your senses, feelings, and thoughts. You are welcome to stay for 5 minutes or for the entire 45 minute session.

◆ **MOVIE: COWBOYS AND ALIENS** (2011)



TUE, MAR 20, 7:00 pm  
1873; A spaceship arrives in Arizona to take over the Earth, starting with the Wild West. An unusual blend of the science fiction and Western movie genres with a little comedy thrown in. Starring Daniel Craig and Harrison Ford.

**TRAVELOGUE: TURKEY**

TUE, MAR 27, 7:00 pm

Learn about Turkey, a country of exceptional beauty and history. For intrepid and armchair travelers alike.

**BRIDGE / MONDAYS, 1:00 pm**

Have fun, meet new people, and challenge your mind. Advanced beginners welcome.

**WRITE-AWAY / TUESDAYS, 12:00 pm**

Inspiration, guidance and support for writers.

**WHAT'S NEW THIS WEEK**

THURSDAYS, 1:00 pm

A free-wheeling review and discussion of the week's key news stories at home and abroad. Moderated by Jack Nordhaus.

**FAIRVIEW KNITTERS**

SATURDAYS, MAR 10 & 24, 3:30 pm

Join us for knitting, conversation and tea at the library. Everyone welcome.

**RÉSUMÉ ASSISTANCE**

One-on-one help creating a résumé or cover letter or completing an online job application. Call 310-458-8681 for an appointment.



**WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH**

**BARBARA FOSTER ON A DANGEROUS WOMAN**

WED, MAR 14, 7:00 pm / MLK JR. AUDITORIUM

Author Barbara Foster discusses her book *A Dangerous Woman: The Life, Loves, and Scandals of Adah Isaacs Menken*. The program is a visual feast highlighting the period, as well as Menken – an actress, poet, and America's original tragic superstar. In a century remembered for Victorian restraint, Menken's modern flair for action, scandal, and unpopular causes revolutionized show business.

**FILM SCREENING: LOUISA MAY ALCOTT, THE WOMAN BEHIND LITTLE WOMEN** (2010)

SAT, MAR 17, 2:00 pm / MLK JR. AUDITORIUM

This biographical film, starring Elizabeth Marvel as Alcott, portrays an independent woman who supported her impoverished family by writing romantic fiction, children's literature, and pulp novels. Gabrielle Donnelly, author of the novel *The Little Women Letters*, will introduce the film.

**MONTANA BRANCH**

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◆ **"IN CASE YOU MISSED IT" FILM SERIES:**

**LARRY CROWNE** (2011)

THUR, MAR 8, 2:00 pm

Tom Hanks and Julia Roberts star in this romantic comedy about how it's never too late to reinvent yourself.

**ELDER CARE**

SAT, MAR 10, 2:00 pm

How can we get the best care for our aging loved ones? Learn about in-home care, assisted living facilities, nursing homes, and hospice. Care costs, insurance, and local resources will also be discussed.

◆ **MYSTERY BOOK GROUP**

2nd WEDNESDAY EVERY MONTH AT 7:00 pm

MAR 14: **The Long Goodbye**

by Raymond Chandler

and **The Underground Man**

by Ross Macdonald.

This month, we will be comparing and contrasting two novels that use the mystery genre as a vehicle for social commentary.

**RÉSUMÉS & INTERVIEWING**

THUR, MAR 22, 7:00 pm

Businessman/headhunter Harvey Silver will help you to develop your resume and hone your interviewing skills.

◆ **OPEN HOUSE**

SATURDAY, MARCH 31

11:00am-3:00pm



JOIN US FOR

FOOD, FUN AND ENTERTAINMENT TO CELEBRATE THE NEW LOOK AND FEEL OF THE MONTANA BRANCH!

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**OCEAN PARK BRANCH**

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**OCEAN PARK BOOK GROUP**



1st SATURDAY EVERY MONTH AT 11:00 am

MAR 3: **War Trash**

by Ha Jin.

An elderly Chinese man recalls his years as a prisoner of war during the Korean War.

**VITA TAX ASSISTANCE**

SAT, MAR 10, 12:00-4:00 pm

UCLA Business School students assist seniors and those in need with their tax returns. Free. No registration required.

**OCEAN PARK PULITZER PRIZE**



**BOOK GROUP**

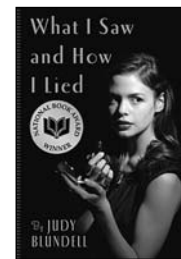
3rd SATURDAY EVERY MONTH AT 11:00 am

MAR 17: **The Good Earth**

by Pearl S. Buck.

A Chinese peasant rises from poverty to become a rich landowner in the 1920s.

**OCEAN PARK YOUNG ADULT & YOUNG AT HEART BOOK GROUP**



4th THURSDAY EVERY MONTH AT 7:00 pm / MAR 22:

**What I Saw and How I Lied** by Judy Blundell.

With her stepfather back from WWII and life returning to normal, teenager Evi finds herself caught in a web of lies

and her life changed forever.



**RIDE YOUR BIKE**

Bicycle parking racks available at Main and Branch Libraries.



**MAIN LIBRARY** – Lines 1, 2, 3, 7\*, 8, 9, 10\* (\*closest stop)

**FAIRVIEW BRANCH LIBRARY** – Lines 6, 8, Sunset Ride and Crosstown Ride

**MONTANA AVENUE BRANCH LIBRARY** – Line 3 and Crosstown Ride

**OCEAN PARK BRANCH LIBRARY** – Lines 1 and 8



**MAIN LIBRARY DOCENT TOURS**

THE THIRD FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH / 12:30 pm

On Friday, March 16, docents will lead tours of the Main Library.

Learn about the library collections, history, sustainability, art, and architecture!

**MAIN LIBRARY:** MON-THUR 10 AM-9 PM / FRI-SAT 10 AM-5:30 PM / SUN 1 PM-5 PM

**BRANCHES:** MON-THUR 12 NOON-9 PM / SAT 10 AM-5:30 PM / CLOSED FRI & SUN

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