Santa Monica Public Library Operations:

Programming

For the month of February, SMPL compiled many reading lists in celebration of Black History Month, Lunar New Year and National Library Lovers Month.

Black History Month – List honors the history and contributions of Black Americans:

- Books for Adults
- Books for Teens
- Books for Children in Middle Grade
- Picture Books for Children

Join one of the many programs and events this month: 2023 Black History Month Events

February is National Library Lovers Month: Books for Library Lovers

The Human Library returns to SMPL! Join us on February 18 at Pico Branch Library. Conversations will be on a one-on-one basis for 30 minutes. The Human Library creates a space to have a dialogue while challenging stereotypes and prejudices. To learn more, click here.

To view all the programming taking place this month, see February Calendar of Events.

On February 2nd, Adult and Youth Services jointly hosted Roosevelt Elementary School students to learn about Santa Monica’s history. Students enjoyed the fun fact of the Pier’s Merry-Go-Round’s 2nd floor being haunted. Both staff, students and teachers had a great time. Student had the opportunity to choose a bookmark to take home.

Safety and Security

January 2023 - Data below only reflects incidents and not day-to-day rule violation interactions

20 monthly incidents (18 major/ 2 minor)
20 Incidents involving people who appear to be unhoused
15 incidents at Main / 6 Branches
6 calls in to police
7 active bans
30 People who appear unhoused prior to opening (encampments found)