

Library Board, Santa Monica Public Library
Secretary's Report
February 2023

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)