

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

VIRTUAL PROGRAMS / AUGUST 2021



KIDS & TEENS

Free Comic Book Week

Comic Book Giveaways

Monday, August 9 – Friday, August 13
During Library Open Hours

Stop by the Main Library, Montana Avenue Branch Curbside or Pico Branch Curbside for a free comic book. One comic book per person. Comic books are available while supplies last. For all ages.

Photo Fun

Tuesday, August 10, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. and
Thursday, August 12, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

In the Main Library Lobby

Celebrate Free Comic Book week with a superhero selfie. We'll have a costumed superhero on hand for selfies in our photo booth.



Summer Reading Finale Show: Virtual Insect Discovery Lab
Friday, August 13 / 2:30 to 3:15 p.m.

Register using the link below

Explore the fantastic lives of beetles, millipedes, tarantulas, walking sticks, whip scorpions, and more with the staff of SaveNature.org. For ages 5 and up. Register here: bit.ly/DiscoveryLabSMPL

Reading-2-Go Kits

Take books wherever you go. Now available for check out, Reading-2-Go kits are themed backpacks that contain a set of five early literacy books and a CD, DVD, or toy. Kits include suggested activities to extend learning. Available in English, Spanish, and Amharic. Search 'Reading-2-Go' in the library catalog.

Library Hours

Main Library

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
& the first Saturday of each month
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Thursday

2:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Pico Branch Curbside Pickup

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday
& the first Saturday of each month
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Thursday

2:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Montana Ave. Branch Curbside Pickup

Tuesday

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Thursday

2:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Ocean Park Branch Self-Service

Pre-authorization required. Sign up
at smpl.org/SelfServiceHours.

Wednesday & Friday

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

All Library locations will be closed

Monday, August 30 through

Wednesday, September 1.

For Curbside Pickup, place a hold to pick up items at your preferred location. Wait to receive notification that your hold items are ready, then drop in to pick up your items at your selected location. Upon arrival, follow the directions on the posted signs. When picking up items, please bring your Library card or photo ID, wear a mask, and practice social distancing.

ADULTS

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Ocean Park Branch Book Group Discussion
***Clementine: The Life of Mrs. Winston Churchill* by Sonia Purnell**
Saturday, August 7 / 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Register using the email address below
This fascinating portrait of Clementine Churchill reveals her lesser-known role in World War II, how she safeguarded Churchill's health, and the controversy around her family priorities. To register, email karen.reitz@santamonica.gov.

Main Library Book Group Discussion
***Calypto* by David Sedaris**
Monday, August 16 / 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
Register using the email address below
Join a community-led discussion of the beloved humorist's 2018 collection of witty and personal essays, hailed as his darkest and warmest book yet. To register, email jeff.schwartz@santamonica.gov.

Mystery Book Group Discussion
***The Thursday Murder Club* by Richard Osman**
Tuesday, August 17 / 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Register using the email address below
Meeting weekly in their retirement village to exchange theories about unsolved crimes, four savvy septuagenarians propose a plan to help a rookie cop solve her first big murder case. To register, email karen.reitz@santamonica.gov.

Sarah Schulman on *Let the Record Show: A Political History of ACT UP New York, 1987-1993*
Wednesday, August 18 / 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Register at the link below
Schulman discusses her acclaimed new book on AIDS activism with USC professor Chris Freeman. Based on over 200 interviews and currently being adapted for television, *Let the Record Show* is essential reading on LGBTQ history, public health, and social change. Register here: bit.ly/3halpnL

Montana Avenue Branch Book Group Discussion
***Americanah* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie**
Wednesday, August 18 / 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
Register using the email address below
Read and discuss the National Book Critics Circle Award-winning novel in which a young woman from Nigeria leaves behind her home and her first love to start a new life in America, only to find her dreams are not all she expected. To register, email stephanie.archer@santamonica.gov.

Notable Fiction Book Group Discussion
***My Sister, The Serial Killer* by Oyinkan Braithwaite**
Saturday, August 21 / 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Register using the email address below
A Nigerian woman works to direct suspicion away from her family after her beautiful younger sister murders yet another boyfriend. Sharp as nails and full of deadpan wit, this deliciously deadly debut is as fun as it is frightening. To register, email karen.reitz@santamonica.gov.

Introduction to Mindful Meditation
Monday, August 23 / 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Register using the email address below
Instructor Heather White-Laird discusses mindfulness, a secular form of meditation, benefiting health and well-being. In this final session of a three-month series, simple tools will be provided to allow you to continue practicing at home. To register, email karen.reitz@santamonica.gov.



santa monica reads

featuring
The Pull of the Stars
by Emma Donoghue
Monday, June 28
through
Sunday, August 22

Join us for the Library's annual reading program, where community members read and discuss the same book. Set in Dublin during the 1918 flu pandemic, *The Pull of the Stars* focuses on three women – a nurse midwife, a doctor, and a volunteer helper – and their experiences in a small maternity quarantine ward over the course of three days. For more information, visit smpl.org/smr.

Santa Monica Reads Special Event
Author Talk: Emma Donoghue on *The Pull of the Stars*
Saturday, August 21 / 2:00 p.m. / Live via BlueJeans
Award-winning writer Emma Donoghue's timely story about the Great Flu of 1918 takes place in a maternity ward when Ireland is doubly ravaged by war and disease. Over three brutal days, three women come together to support patients and one another in unexpected ways. Join us for this conversation and discussion about living through unprecedented times with the author of *The Pull of the Stars*. Access the event: bit.ly/32FOHuz

Santa Monica Reads Book Discussions
Book discussions are hosted by trained discussion facilitators. Participants can share their thoughts about *The Pull of the Stars* and its themes, or are welcome to simply listen and learn more about the book.

- **Thursday, August 5 at 11:00 a.m.**
Live via Zoom. Register here: bit.ly/3nj6HxA
- **Tuesday, August 10 at 7:00 p.m.**
Live via Zoom. Register here: bit.ly/3euYKRA

ONGOING CLASSES

ESL and Citizenship classes are taught by SMMUSD Adult Education Center instructors. Students must be 18 years or older to attend. Community parents and SMMUSD parents have priority enrollment. Enrollment is through the Adult Education Center, located at 2510 Lincoln Blvd., Room 203, Santa Monica, 90405. Visit smmusc.asapconnected.com or contact Olga Saucedo at (310) 664-6222, ext. 76203 or osaucedo@smmusc.org to enroll. Classes begin the week of August 23.

Citizenship Classes
Mondays / 12:00 to 2:30 p.m.

English as a Second Language (ESL) Classes
ESL Conversation, High / Mondays / 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
ESL Conversation, Low / Fridays / 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
ESL Conversation, High / Saturdays / 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

HAVE QUESTIONS OR NEED HELP?
Library staff are available 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday and 2:00 - 8:00 p.m. on Thursday. Contact us at (310) 458-8600 or reference@santamonica.gov.

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