

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUGUST 2022

## KIDS



### Celebrate 25 Years of Harry Potter

August / Main Library, Youth Services Area

Wizards, muggles, and all fantastic beings are invited to participate in Harry Potter-themed activities at the library all month long. For families.



### Heal the Bay Aquarium: Protect What You Love

Tuesday, August 2 / 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.  
Main Library, Central Courtyard

Learn about the importance of the ocean ecosystem and food web, and how pollution reaches our coast with a reading of *All the Way to the Ocean*. Discover which marine animals are found in the Santa Monica Bay through Marine Animal Exploration, featuring gray whale bones, shark jaws, and seashells. For families. Register here:

[bit.ly/YouthProgramSignUps](https://bit.ly/YouthProgramSignUps).



### Countdown to Kindergarten

Main Library, Youth Activity Room

- Monday, August 8 / 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
- Tuesday, August 9 / 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, August 10 / 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.
- Thursday, August 11 / 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Get ready for school with stories, play, and learning activities to support your child's building blocks for kindergarten! For kids entering TK/K fall 2022. Register for one or all workshops here:

[bit.ly/YouthProgramSignUps](https://bit.ly/YouthProgramSignUps).

### Seaside Storytime

Friday, August 12 / 10:00 to 10:30 a.m.

Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 Pacific Coast Highway

Join us on the sand at the Annenberg Community Beach House for ocean-themed stories, songs and action rhymes. For ages 2 and up.

### Stuart House Presents: Simple Strategies to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse

Thursday, August 25 / 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. / Zoom

Family conversations around body safety can be done without fear or discomfort. This workshop for parents and caregivers of elementary school children focuses on child safety and preventing child sexual abuse. Presented by Kimberly R. White, from the UCLA - Santa Monica Rape Treatment Center. Register here: [bit.ly/3AOxTwM](https://bit.ly/3AOxTwM).

### Dial-A-Story / Llama y escucha un cuento

Access 24/7 via telephone / Acceso vía teléfono (424) 610-8600

New stories are recorded each week in English, Spanish and Mandarin; and can be listened to by phone at any time. Los bibliotecarios graban cuentos nuevos cada semana en inglés y español, y se pueden escuchar por teléfono en cualquier momento del día.



### Building Blocks for Kindergarten with SMPL

Register using link below. Access via YouTube:

[youtube.com/user/SantaMonicaPL/playlists](https://youtube.com/user/SantaMonicaPL/playlists)

These short bilingual English/Spanish video segments focus on kindergarten-readiness skills through reading and activities. Track Building Blocks activities your child completes through the virtual platform Beanstack and earn points towards a prize drawing for book packs. Register here: [smpl.beanstack.org](https://smpl.beanstack.org).

## TEENS

### Freedom to Groove!

Thursday, August 4 / 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Pico Branch, Annex

Dance instructor Joe Schenck teaches you how to groove like a pro with a 60-second, choreographed dance routine. All skill levels welcome. For ages 11+. Register here:

[bit.ly/YouthProgramSignUps](https://bit.ly/YouthProgramSignUps).

## ADULTS

### Ocean Park Book Group Discussion

*Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood*  
by Trevor Noah

Saturday, August 6 / 11:00 a.m. to 12 p.m. / Zoom

The Daily Show host Trevor Noah gives a humorous and moving account of growing up under apartheid, where his existence as the child of a white father and Black mother was literally illegal. To register, email [library@santamonica.gov](mailto:library@santamonica.gov).

### Santa Monica Reads Special Event: *Slouching Towards Los Angeles*

Saturday, August 6 / 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. / Main Library, Central Courtyard

Editor Steffie Nelson and contributors Michelle Chihara, Jori Finkel and Stacie Stukin discuss their collection of essays, *Slouching Towards Los Angeles: Living and Writing by Joan Didion's Light*. A book sale and signing follows.

### Soundwaves Concert: The Lauren Baba Quintet

Saturday, August 6 / 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Pico Branch Library, The Annex

Violinist Lauren Baba, a celebrated composer and improviser and a member of the Vitamin String Quartet, performs with her jazz combo.

### Mystery Book Group Discussion

*The Sentence is Death* by Anthony Horowitz

Tuesday, August 16 / 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. / Zoom

A celebrity divorce lawyer is found bludgeoned to death in his bachelor pad next to a bottle of wine worth thousands of dollars, but he doesn't drink. To register, email [library@santamonica.gov](mailto:library@santamonica.gov).

### Main Library Book Group Discussion

*Mama's Last Hug: Animal Emotions and What They Tell Us about Ourselves* by Frans de Waal

Monday, August 15 / 7:00 to 8:30p.m. / Zoom

This fascinating read examines how studies of apes can lead to a better understanding of human psychology, emotions, expression, and society. To register, email [library@santamonica.gov](mailto:library@santamonica.gov).



### Montana Avenue Branch Book Group Discussion

*Agent Sonya: Moscow's Most Daring Wartime Spy* by Ben Macintyre

Wednesday, August 17 / 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. / Zoom

This true story reveals how a female spy, hidden in plain sight, set the stage for the Cold War. To register, email [library@santamonica.gov](mailto:library@santamonica.gov).

### Notable Fiction Book Group Discussion

*Our Country Friends* by Gary Shteyngart

Saturday, August 20 / 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. / Zoom

A Russian-American couple gather a complicated group of friends and relatives to wait out the COVID pandemic in upstate New York. To register, email [library@santamonica.gov](mailto:library@santamonica.gov).

## LIBRARY HOURS

### Main Library / 601 Santa Monica Blvd.

Monday, Tuesday & Saturday, August 6

10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday & Thursday

12:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

### Pico Branch / 2201 Pico Blvd.

Tuesday, Friday & Saturday, August 6

10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday & Thursday

12:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

### Montana Avenue Branch / 1704 Montana Ave.

Tuesday

10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Thursday

12:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

### Ocean Park Branch Self-Service / 2601 Main St.

Pre-authorization required.

Sign up at [smpl.org/SelfServiceHours](http://smpl.org/SelfServiceHours).

Wednesday

12:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Friday

10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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### Literacy at the Library

The Library's Adult Literacy Tutoring program provides one-on-one tutoring for adult learners in a library setting. Volunteer literacy tutors meet with learners once or twice per week to work on learning goals. For more information, call (310) 458-8603 or email [literacy.program@santamonica.gov](mailto:literacy.program@santamonica.gov).

### HAVE QUESTIONS OR NEED HELP?

Library staff are available during open hours, Monday - Friday and the first Saturday of the month. Contact us at (310) 458-8600 or [library@santamonica.gov](mailto:library@santamonica.gov).

