

SANTA MONICA PUBLIC LIBRARY

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY 2023

ADULTS

Adult Summer Reading 2023

Join us for any of the exciting programs below. Pick up a reading log at the Main Library, Pico Branch or Montana Branch and track your hours to win prizes. Visit smpl.org/srp for more info.

Notable Fiction Book Group Discussion

Lady Tan's Circle of Women by Lisa See
Saturday, July 15 / 11:00 a.m. to Noon / Zoom

Join our book discussion of Lisa See's latest work of historical fiction, a novel inspired by the true story of a woman physician in 15th century China. Email library@santamonica.gov for Zoom info.

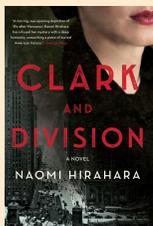


An Evening with Lisa See

Tuesday, July 18 / 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Main Library, MLK Jr. Auditorium

Lisa See joins us to share information on her writing process and the research that went into the writing of *Lady Tan's Circle of Women*. A book sale and signing follows her talk.



Montana Ave. Branch Book Group

Clark and Division by Naomi Hirahara
Thursday, July 20 / 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Montana Ave. Branch

A discussion of Naomi Hirahara's post-WWII novel about a young Japanese American woman seeking the truth about her older sister's death, while also coming to grips with her family's recent release from internment at Manzanar.

Soundwaves Concert: Conduction Workshop

Saturday, July 1 / 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Pico Branch, The Annex

Musicians of all instruments, levels and styles are invited to participate in a conducted improvisation workshop led by Sean Sonderegger and Miller Wrenn, utilizing techniques used by musicians such as Sun Ra, Lawrence "Butch" Morris, Frank Zappa and others. Attendees should be ready to start at 3:30 p.m. Listeners and observers are also welcome.

Tech & Tasks

Thursdays, July 6, 13, 20 & 27 / 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Main Library, Tutoring Center

Volunteer tutors provide help with reading documents or written tasks, using mobile devices, navigating government websites, filling out forms, using email, writing resumes, and more. The July 13 program includes transportation reps from the Santa Monica Active Aging Program.

Computer Basics

Wednesdays, July 12 & 19 / 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.

Main Library, Computer Training Room

July 12: Intro to Online Shopping

July 19: Open Lab

Learn how to find deals and safely shop online, then come to Open Lab for more tips and answers to your questions.

Have questions or need help? Library staff are available. Contact us at (310) 458-8600 or library@santamonica.gov.

Human Library: Check Out a Human Book

Saturday, July 15 / 9:00 a.m. to Noon

Pico Branch Amphitheater

Check out a human book for a one-on-one, 30-minute conversation that challenges stereotypes and prejudices. Follow us on Twitter @SantaMonicaLibr for updates.

Main Library Book Group Discussion

Monday, July 17 / 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. / Zoom

Taras Bulba by Nikolai Gogol

Email library@santamonica.gov for Zoom info.

Mystery Book Group Discussion

Tuesday, July 25 / 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. / Zoom

The Maid by Nita Prose

Email library@santamonica.gov for Zoom info.

Author Talk: Charles Fleming

Thursday, July 27 / 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Main Library, Multipurpose Room

Veteran journalist Charles Fleming tells stories from his books *Secret Stairs* and *Secret Walks*, walking guides to the historic staircases and hidden trails of Los Angeles, and helps the Library launch its new "Walking in L.A." RED (Read Engage Discover) Kit. A book sale and signing follows the program.



LIBRARY HOURS

Library hours and services are subject to change. Follow us on Twitter and Instagram @SantaMonicaLibr or check smpl.org for updates.

Main Library / 601 Santa Monica Blvd.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Pico Branch / 2201 Pico Blvd.

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Friday & Saturday

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

Montana Avenue Branch / 1704 Montana Ave.

Tuesday & Thursday

12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Saturday

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

OPEN+ HOURS

Pre-authorization required for the following locations.

Sign up at smpl.org/SelfServiceHours

Ocean Park Branch Self-Service / 2601 Main St.

Wednesday

12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Friday

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

Fairview Branch Self-Service / 2101 Ocean Park Blvd.

Tuesday

12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Friday

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

The Library is closed on Tuesday, July 4.

KIDS, TEENS & FAMILIES



Youth Summer Reading 2023 June 10 through August 12

Prevent "summer slide" by using your reading and learning skills over the summer break. Sign up at the Main Library, Pico Branch or Montana Ave. Branch to get a reading log. Track

your hours and collect prizes after completing your 10, 20 or 30 hour challenge. To register online, visit smpl.org/srp

Andrew & Polly Concert for Kids

Saturday, July 8 / 10:30 a.m.

Pico Branch, Amphitheater

Andrew & Polly, and their band The Gabes, share some seriously catchy earworms and re-imaginings of classic favorites. For families.



Love Bug & Me Music

Monday, July 10

Montana Ave. Branch

Monday, July 24

Pico Branch, The Annex

10:30 to 11:15 a.m.

You have two chances to enjoy this musical storytime for little ones this month. We'll sing songs, dance and play along with LoveBug & Me Music. Limited space; free tickets available at 10:15 a.m. For ages 0-2.

Tuesday Tales: A Traveling Storytime

Tuesdays / 10:30 to 11:00 a.m.

July 11: Main Library

July 18: Fairview Branch (Open+ access not required)

July 25: Montana Ave. Branch

An engaging & fun weekly series with stories, songs and rhymes, which travels to different library locations every week. Free tickets available at 10:15 a.m. For ages 2-5.

Library programs are generously supported by Friends of the Santa Monica Public Library. All programs are subject to change.

Tween Writing Workshop Series

Wednesdays, July 12, 19 & 26 / 2:30 to 4:00 p.m.

Main Library, Children's Activity Room

Join Writopia Lab for a series of writing workshops for tweens led by produced playwrights and published authors. Attendees participate in exercises designed to develop creative writing skills and receive feedback on their work from their peers and instructors. For ages 10-15. July 12: Fiction; July 19: Poetry; July 26: Memoir.

Kiddle Karoo's "Barnyard Bash" Musical Puppet Show

Thursday, July 13 / 2:30 p.m.

Montana Avenue Branch

It's a rootin' tootin' good time when the barnyard's prize pig enlists the kids for the ultimate hoe-down. Limited space; free tickets available at 2:00 p.m. For families.

Bilingual Musical Storytime with Baila Baila

Friday, July 14 / 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.

Pico Branch, The Annex

Enjoy fun, interactive stories and songs with guitar, in English and Spanish (programa bilingüe en español/inglés). Limited space; free tickets available at 10:15 a.m. For age 2-5.

Yoga Storytime with Tiffany

Friday, July 28 / 2:30 p.m.

Fairview Branch

Kids become the storytellers as they use their bodies to share themes from fun children's books. Limited space; free tickets available at 2:00 p.m. For families.

Positive Parenting:

Understanding Behavioral Struggles in Children

Saturday, July 1 / 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Pico Branch, The Annex

United Mental Health Promoters presents this free, confidential and educational conversation for parents, grandparents and caregivers. UMHP aims to reduce the stigma associated with mental illness by increasing awareness, removing barriers, engaging families with children and improving timely access to culturally- and linguistically- appropriate resources. A light breakfast is served and childcare provided. To register, email library@santamonica.gov or call (310) 458-8600.

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SMPL at the Beach

Friday, July 21

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Annenberg Beach House

415 Pacific Coast Hwy.

The Library returns to the beach! Grab your towel and sunscreen and meet us on the sand for a fun-filled day of family-friendly activities like Seaside Storytime and nautical crafts.

Sign out books from our collection of beach reads, play games, or just kick back, relax and read in our Surfside Lounge. For all ages.