

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2023

KIDS, TEENS & FAMILIES

Take & Make Kit: Hispanic Heritage Month Available beginning Tuesday, September 5

This kit includes supplies to create a quetzal—a bird that lives in the tropical forests of Central America that was sacred to the ancient Maya and Aztec peoples—as well as a learning sheet to guide further discovery. Pick up at the Main Library Youth Services desk and at all branch locations, while supplies last. For ages 4 & up.



Stories from Latin America with Olga Loya

Friday, September 29

10:30 to 11:15 a.m.

Pico Branch, Amphitheater

Celebrate the magic of los cuentos (stories) with folk tales about self-image, and discover how myths from long ago help us understand the present. Learn about Latino culture as you learn about yourself. For families.



Tuesday Tales: A Traveling Storytime

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

This engaging & fun weekly series of stories, songs and rhymes travels to different library locations every week. Limited space; free tickets available at 10:15 a.m. For ages 2-5.

September 5: Main Library, Youth Activity Room

September 12: Fairview Branch
(Open+ access not required)



September 19: PJ Pirates Storytime Montana Avenue Branch

Kids are invited to wear their pajamas to this special storytime celebrating *Talk Like a Pirate Day*.

September 26: Pico Branch, The Annex

Baby Time ^{New!}

Mondays / 10:30 to 10:50 a.m.

September 11, 18 & 25

Main Library, Youth Activity Room

Introduce your child to storytime with interactive books, bounces, and more! Free tickets are available at 10:15 a.m. For ages 0-17 months.

Cuentos para pequeños

Jueves, 21 de septiembre / De 10:30 a 11:00 a.m.

Pico Branch Library, The Annex

Disfrute de cuentos, rimas y canciones en español. Para niños de 2-5 años de edad.

Countdown to Kinder Club: Emotions

Saturday, September 9 / 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Pico Branch, The Annex

Luce Puppets presents "Aesop's Fables," stories to explore and identify emotions with your child. For ages 2-5. Limited space; registration required. To register, email: library@santamonica.gov.

LIBRARY HOURS

Library hours and services are subject to change. Follow us on [@SantaMonicaLibr](https://www.instagram.com/SantaMonicaLibr) or check smpl.org for updates.

Main Library / 601 Santa Monica Blvd.

Monday through Thursday

10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Saturday ^{New!}

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

Pico Branch / 2201 Pico Blvd.

Tuesday through Thursday

12:00 p.m. to 8:00 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 8:00 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 8:00 p.m.

Friday

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

Fairview Branch Self-Service / 2101 Ocean Park Blvd.

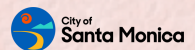
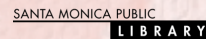
Tuesday

12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Friday

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

The Library is closed on Monday, September 4.



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

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



ADULTS

Soundwaves Concert: Patrick Shiroishi Sax Quartet
Saturday, September 2 / 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Main Library, MLK Jr. Auditorium

Rising star Shiroishi presents original compositions for four saxophonists, including himself, incorporating improvisation and a wide range of influences and techniques.

Tech & Tasks

Thursdays, September 7, 14, 21 & 28 / 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.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Wednesday, September 13 / 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Main Library, Multipurpose Room

There is an immediate need! To make an appointment, visit: redcrossblood.org/make-donation and enter sponsor code SantaMonicaLibrary.

Computer Classes

Wednesdays, September 13 & 20

10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Main Library, Computer Classroom

September 13: Introduction to Chromebooks (for beginners)
 September 20: How to Use Zoom (all levels)

Fraud and Identity Theft Awareness

Thursday, September 14 / 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Main Library, Multipurpose Room

Antonia Villasenor, from the California Dept. of Financial Protection & Innovation, discusses how to protect yourself and your loved ones from financial fraud, and steps to take if your identity is stolen.

Memory & Aging: What You Need to Know
Tuesday, September 19 / 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Main Library, Multipurpose Room

Monica Moore, from the Mary S. Easton Center for Alzheimer's Disease Research of UCLA, discusses how the brain changes with age, the latest research on brain health, and practical tips to stay focused and mentally sharp.

Hispanic Heritage Month Movie Screening:
Half Brothers (2020)

Tuesday, September 26 / 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Pico Branch, The Annex

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with a screening of this uplifting comedy about an uptight Mexican businessman forced to take a cross-country road trip with his goofy American half-sibling. Followed by a Q&A with the film's writer Eduardo Cisneros. Runtime: 96 min..

Disaster Preparedness for Seniors

Wednesday, September 27 / 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Main Library, Multipurpose Room

Alison Berglas of the American Red Cross leads a lively and interactive discussion about disaster preparedness for seniors and people with access and functional needs. Informational handouts will be provided.

LA Law Library Office Hours

Thursday, September 28 / 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Main Library, Lobby

An LA Law Library legal research specialist helps patrons find answers to legal questions, learn about the law, or prepare to go to court. *Legal research specialists are not attorneys and cannot provide legal advice, help fill out forms, or interpret the law.*

BOOK GROUPS

Contact library@santamonica.gov for Zoom links

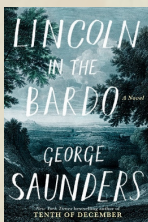


Notable Fiction Book Group
Trust by Hernan Diaz

Saturday, September 16
 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. / Zoom

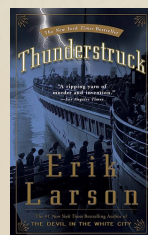
Main Library Book Group
Lincoln in the Bardo
by George Saunders

Monday, September 18
 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. / Zoom



Mystery Book Group
Velvet Was the Night
by Silvia Moreno-Garcia

Tuesday, September 19
 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. / Zoom



Montana Ave. Branch Book Group

Thunderstruck by Erik Larson
 Thursday, September 21 / 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.
 Montana Ave. Branch

Ongoing Classes

Classes are taught by Adult Education Center instructors. Students must be 18 years or older to attend. Community and SMMUSD parents have priority enrollment. Enrollment is through the SMMUSD Adult Education Center, located at 2510 Lincoln Blvd., Room 203, Santa Monica, 90405. Contact Olga Saucedo at (310) 664-6222, ext. 76203 or osaucedo@smmusd.org to enroll.

Citizenship Class

Mondays / 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 pm / Pico Branch Library, The Annex

ESL (English as a Second Language)

ESL Multi-level LOW

Wednesdays / 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. / Pico Branch Library, The Annex

ESL Multi-level HIGH + Digital Literacy

Tuesdays & Thursdays / 3:45 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Main Library, Computer Classroom

Digital Literacy

Wednesdays / 12:45 p.m. to 3:00 pm

Main Library, Computer Classroom