Building Blocks for Kindergarten with SMPL
Mondays, December 7, 14, 21 & 28 / 1:00 p.m.
Access via Facebook
Join us for short bilingual English/Spanish video segments that 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. To register, go to: smpl.beanstack.org.

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Ocean Park Book Group Discussion: How Much of These Hills Is Gold by C. Pam Zhang
Thursday, December 3 / 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.
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Mystery Book Group Discussion: The Department of Sensitive Crimes by Alexander McCall Smith
Tuesday, December 15 / 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Tasked with their Swedish Police Department's most unusual cases, lead detective Ulf Varg and his sidekick Thursday, December 25 / 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
This stirring narrative of a real-life adventure chronicles the 1914 expedition of Theodore Roosevelt into the unexplored heart of the Amazon basin. The book details the hardships and dangerous conditions Roosevelt and his team faced in exploring and mapping the little-known region surrounding a tributary called the River of Doubt. Register to attend this program by emailing stephanie.archer@smgov.net.

Meditation by Barbara Kingsolver
Saturday, December 19 / 11:00 a.m. to noon
When the magazine where she worked and the college where her husband taught are both shuttered, Willa Knox starts researching their tumbledown house’s history, hoping to interest the local preservation society in some much-needed repairs. Her research leads to the discovery that a previous owner’s battles parallel her own. Register to attend this program by emailing karen.reitz@smgov.net.

Construyendo los Cimientos para el Kinder con SMPL
Lunes, 7, 14, 21 y 28 de diciembre / A la 1:00 p.m.
Acceda por Facebook
Unase a nosotros para ver breves segmentos de videos videos en ingles/spanol que se enfocaran en habilidades especificas de preparacion para el kinder a través de actividades interactivas y de lectura. Rastree las actividades de Building Blocks que su hijo complete, a través de una plataforma virtual llamada Beanstack, y gane puntos para un sorito de premios para paquetes de libros. Para registrarse en este programa gratuito, vaya a: smpl.beanstack.org.

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Montana Avenue Branch Book Group Discussion: River of Doubt by Candice Millard
Wednesday, December 16 / 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
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Notable Fiction Book Group Discussion: Unsheltered by Barbara Kingsolver
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Curbside Pickup
No appointments are necessary for curbside pickup. Just place a hold to pick up items at your preferred location: Main Library, Pico Branch, or Montana Avenue Branch. Wait to receive an email, text, or phone 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.

Pickup locations and hours:
Main Library
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday - Friday
Montana Avenue Branch
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Mindful Meditation
Thursday, December 17 / 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Curious about mindfulness meditation and how it might help in stressful times? Experience the pause that refreshes, with Henry Schipper, a graduate of UCLA’s Mindful Awareness Resource Center and a longtime meditation teacher. Beginners welcome, as well as experienced meditators looking to support their practice. Half hour meditation plus Q&A. Register to attend this program by emailing karen.reitz@smgov.net.