LA OPERA TALK
ROBERTO DEVEREUX
SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 22
2:00PM
MAIN LIBRARY

DISCUSSION OF LEGENDARY CENTRAL AVENUE JAZZ
THURSDAY
FEBRUARY 6
7:00PM
MAIN LIBRARY

FLASH positively
THE NEW BAND SENSATION OF 1945

FROM AVA D’VERNAY
DIRECTOR OF SELMA

FROM SLAVE TO CRIMINAL WITH ONE AMENDMENT

13TH

SCREENING & DISCUSSION: 13TH
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 3:00PM
FAIRVIEW BRANCH

ALISON ROSE JEFFERSON
LIVING THE CALIFORNIA DREAM: AFRICAN AMERICAN LEISURE SITES DURING THE JIM CROW ERA
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26
6:30PM
MONTANA BRANCH

FEBRUARY AT SMPL
VOTER REGISTRATION & ELECTION INFORMATION • SOUNDWAVES: THOMAS KOTCHEFF • VITA TAX ASSISTANCE • GREENS FESTIVAL

THE MAIN AND BRANCH LIBRARIES WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17.

smpl.org
LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
THU, FEB 6 / 7:00 pm / ADMIN CONFERENCE RM
Meets the first Thursday of each month.

FRIENDS BOARD MEETING
MON, FEB 10 / 7:00 pm / ADMIN CONFERENCE RM
Meets the second Monday of each month.

MAIN LIBRARY DOCENT TOUR
THIRD FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH / 12:30 pm / LOBBY
FRI, FEB 21: Docents lead tours of the Main Library. Learn about the Library collections, sustainability, history, art, and architecture.

QUICKLOOK: SMALL CLAIMS
FRI, FEB 14 / 1:30 to 2:15 pm / MULTIPURPOSE RM
An LA Law Library legal research specialist provides basic information about going to small claims court, including writing the claim, serving papers, and resources for further help. After the class, the specialist is available in Study Room 7 from 2:30 to 5:00 pm to assist in finding information and resources on any legal topic.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FEBRUARY 2020

MAIN LIBRARY 601 SANTA MONICA BLVD • 310-458-8600

ESL CLASSES AT THE LIBRARY

This ongoing series of English as a Second Language (ESL) classes is for students 18 years and older. Enrollment is through the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Adult Education Center. Contact Olga Saucedo at 310-664-6222, ext. 76203 to enroll.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL), MULTI LEVEL LOW
TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS / 11:45 am to 2:45 pm / MAIN LIBRARY / COMMUNITY RM

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL), MULTI LEVEL HIGH
MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS / 11:00 am to 2:00 pm / NO CLASS ON FEB 17
MAIN LIBRARY / COMMUNITY RM

WALK-IN TUTORING: BASIC READING, WRITING, AND ONLINE SKILLS
TUESDAYS, FEB 4, 11, 18 & 25
1:00 to 3:30 pm and 5:00 to 7:00 pm / LITERACY CTR
Tutors provide help with basic reading and writing skills, using the Internet, filling out online forms, using email, resume writing, and job searches.

UKULELE SATURDAY!
SAT, FEB 1 / 12:15 to 1:30 pm / MLK JR. AUDITORIUM
Heidi Swedberg teaches a mini lesson followed by a strum-along to your favorite songs. Bring your own ukulele or use one of ours. Space and instruments are limited and on a first-arrival basis. For adults & teens.

UKULELE SATURDAY!
SAT, FEB 1 / 12:15 to 1:30 pm / MLK JR. AUDITORIUM

MAIN LIBRARY BOOK GROUP
MON, FEB 10 / 7:00 pm / COMMUNITY RM
The Sixth Extinction: An Unnatural History by Elizabeth Kolbert.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS’ OF SANTA MONICA
VOTER REGISTRATION and ELECTION INFORMATION
SAT, FEB 15 / NOON to 3:00 pm / MAIN LOBBY
The League of Women Voters of Santa Monica provides on-site voter registration and answers questions about LA County’s new voting procedures for the 2020 elections.

SOUNDWAVES: THOMAS KOTCHEFF
PIANOSPHERES PREVIEW
THU, FEB 27
7:30 pm
MLK JR. AUDITORIUM
Virtuoso pianist Thomas Kotcheff gives a preview of excerpts from his upcoming show on the Pianospheres series at Zipper Hall. The performance features “Songs of Insurrection,” a solo piece by Frederic Rzewski, based on protest songs collected from many countries and periods.

SOUNDWAVES: YVES CHARUEST, LISLE ELLIS and PETER VALSAMIS
WED, FEB 26
7:30 pm
MLK JR. AUDITORIUM
Enjoy a set of free jazz with this Canadian sax/bass/drums trio, whose credits include work with Steve Lacy, Cecil Taylor, and members of the Sun Ra Arkestra.

CENTRAL AVENUE JAZZ
THU, FEB 6 / 7:00 pm
MLK JR. AUDITORIUM
Ethnomusicologist Steven Loza and historian Steven Isoardi discuss Los Angeles’ legendary Central Avenue jazz scene and the career of arranger Gerald Wilson, which stretched from Duke Ellington to Kamasi Washington.

ADULT LITERACY TUTORING SUCCESS STORY

Stella Moline I am lucky to be part of the adult literacy tutoring program. I found a wonderful group of people who push me to reach my goals, which increases my self-esteem and confidence. The literacy program opens the possibilities of a different world, a world that is fascinating to know. The literacy program is the key to communicating with others and being able to express your ideas and feel happy every day as a result. This program has techniques that can help you achieve your goals in life. Take action! If you need help, the Adult Literacy Program is where you will find people ready to help you and be happy for you when you reach your goals.

Learn more at smpl.org/literacy or call 310-458-8603.
FAIRVIEW BRANCH
2101 OCEAN PARK BLVD • 310-458-8681

BLACK HISTORY MONTH
SCREENING & DISCUSSION: 13TH (2016)
SAT, FEB 1 / 3:00pm
Filmmaker Ava DuVernay traces the explosive growth of mass incarceration and the prison industrial complex back to the passage of the 13th Amendment, which outlawed slavery in the United States for all except prisoners. A discussion of the film follows the screening. (Film runtime: 100 min.)

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CURRENT EVENTS
THURSDAYS, FEB 6 & 13 / 1:00 to 2:30pm
A lively discussion of the latest news.

CONCERT: MUSIC OF THE WEST
AFRICAN KORA
THU, FEB 6 / 7:00pm
Sean Gaskell performs traditional songs on the 21-stringed West African kora, an instrument native to the Mandé people of Gambia, Senegal, Mali, and Guinea. Seating is limited; free tickets released 30 minutes prior to the performance.

WED, FEB 1 / 7:00pm
Just Mercy traces the struggle for leisure and public space for all within the long freedom rights struggle, with emphasis on the Santa Monica area.

MONTANA AVE BRANCH
1704 MONTANA AVE • 310-458-8682

BACKYARD BIRDS OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
WED, FEB 5 / 6:30pm
Julie Hanson of Wild Birds Unlimited discusses ways to identify common local birds.

MONTANA MYSTERY BOOK GROUP
WED, FEB 12 / 7:00pm
The Paragon Hotel by Lindsay Faye.

VITA TAX ASSISTANCE
SAT, FEB 15
11:00am to 3:00pm
VITA provides free federal and state income tax preparation assistance for low-to-moderate income individuals, seniors, and the disabled. Schedule an appointment at vitacla.org. VITA also assists walk-ins when space is available.

MONTANA BRANCH BOOK GROUP
WED, FEB 19 / 7:00pm
Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption by Bryan Stevenson.

PRIMAY ELECTION 101
THU, FEB 20 / 6:00pm
The League of Women Voters of Santa Monica explains how the presidential primary election and top-two election system works and discusses non-partisan offices. They will also answer questions about Los Angeles County’s new voting procedures for the 2020 elections.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH
LIVING THE CALIFORNIA DREAM: AFRICAN AMERICAN LEISURE SITES DURING THE JIM CROW ERA
WED, FEB 26 / 6:30pm
Historian and heritage conservation consultant Alison Rose Jefferson, M.H.C., Ph.D., discusses her new book. It focuses on the struggle for leisure and public space for all within the long freedom rights struggle, with emphasis on the Santa Monica area. Co-sponsored by the Santa Monica Conservancy.
CALENDAR OF EVENTS  FEBRUARY 2020

OCEAN PARK BRANCH  2601 MAIN STREET • 310-458-8683

WESTSIDE WRITERS MINGLE
WED, FEB 5 / 7:00 pm
This monthly meeting of the Society of Children’s Book Writers and Illustrators is open to all.
Discussion topic: Literary world-building.

VITA TAX ASSISTANCE
SAT, FEB 8 / 11:00am to 3:00pm
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MINDFUL MEDITATION
WED, FEB 12 / 7:00pm
Henry Schipper, graduate of UCLA’s Mindful Awareness program, teaches the concepts of mindful meditation.

BOOK TALK:
BORN CRIMINAL: MATILDA JOSLYN GAGE, RADICAL SUFFRAGIST
THU, FEB 13 / 7:00pm
Author Angelica Shirley Carpenter discusses her book with Santa Monica City Council member Greg Morena, a direct descendant of Gage, a key player in the early years of the women’s rights movement. A book sale and signing follows the program. Co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters Santa Monica.

OCEAN PARK FICTION WINNERS BOOK GROUP
SAT, FEB 15 / 11:00am
The Testament of Mary by Colm Tóibín.

PICO BRANCH  2201 PICO BLVD • 310-458-8684

CITIZENSHIP CLASSES
MONDAYS, FEB 3, 10 & 24 / NOON to 2:30pm / THE ANNEX
An ongoing series of classes taught by Adult Education Center instructors who help students complete and submit their applications and prepare them to pass the Naturalization Test. Enrollment is through the SMMUSD Adult Center 310-664-6222, ext. 76203.

PREVENTING CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE:
AN EMPOWERING WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS
THU, FEB 6 / 6:30pm
VIRGINIA AVENUE PARK, THELMA TERRY RM
Parents and caregivers play a unique role in child abuse prevention. Learn how to help protect the children in your life. Call 310-458-8684 to register.

SCREENING & DISCUSSION:
ALWAYS IN SEASON (2019)
WED, FEB 19 / 6:30pm / THE ANNEX
In this moving documentary, descendants of the victims and perpetrators of lynching work together to heal a violent history. Blending observational footage with first-person testimonies and expert input, Always in Season examines the lingering impact of lynching and the link between this historic form of racial terrorism and the racial violence that exists today. A discussion of the film follows the screening. (Film runtime: 89 min.)

GREENS FESTIVAL
SAT, FEB 29 / 10:00am to 2:00pm / VIRGINIA AVE PARK
Join Virginia Avenue Park, the Parent Connection Group, and the Library in a celebration of Black History Month with the annual Greens Festival. This year’s festival theme is Dynasties of the Diaspora: Fathers and Mothers of Civilization and features chef cooking demos, a community Greens cooking contest, a Black History exhibit, arts and crafts, a scavenger hunt, musical performances, book readings and more!

PROGRAM IN SPANISH

LEAMOS
- TODOS LOS MARTES Y MIÉRCOLES / 1:00 a 3:00pm / STUDY RM
¿Conoces a alguien que habla español y quisiera aprender a leer y escribir? LEAMOS es un curso de alfabetización que enseña a los adultos a leer y escribir en español. Se requiere registración. Para recibir más información llame al 310-458-8684.

LEAMOS
- TUESDAYS and WEDNESDAYS / 1:00 to 3:00pm / STUDY RM
Do you know someone who speaks Spanish and would like to learn to read and write in their own language? LEAMOS is a literacy course that teaches adults to read and write in Spanish. Registration is required. For more information call 310-458-8684.

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