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 DUVERNAY
DIRECTOR OF SELMA

FROM SLAVE TO CRIMINAL WITH ONE AMENDMENT

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

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

GERALD WILSON

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

FEBRUARY 2020 CALENDAR

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

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.

WALK-IN TUTORING: BASIC READING, WRITING, AND ONLINE SKILLS
TUESDAYS, FEB 4, 11, 18 & 25
1:00 to 3:00 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.

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.

NEW BAND SENSATION 1945
THU, FEB 6 / 7:00 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.

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.

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 LOW
SATURDAYS / 11:00 am to 2:00 pm / PICO BRANCH LIBRARY / THE ANNEX

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

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.

ROBERTO DEVEREUX:
A MULTIMEDIA LA OPERA TALK
SAT, FEB 22 / 2:00 pm / MLK JR. AUDITORIUM
LA Opera Community Educator Len Lipman gives background/highlights of Donizetti’s tragic opera, Roberto Devereux features Queen Elizabeth I of Tudor England as the diva extraordinaire. Learn about the opera before seeing the performance.

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.

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.

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.

: FRIENDS OF THE SANTA MONICA PUBLIC LIBRARY SUPPORTED PROGRAM.
COMING IN MARCH

BUILDING A LOVE OF BOOKS
FAMILY LITERACY WORKSHOP SERIES
SATURDAYS, MAR 14 - APR 4
3:00 to 4:30 pm / MULTIPURPOSE RM
This workshop series helps parents or caregivers and children find fun ways to connect and spend time together. For ages 3-8. To register, call 310-458-8620 or email ys.user@smgov.net.

CURRENT EVENTS
THURSDAYS, FEB 6 & 13 / 1:00 to 2:30 pm
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 Mande peoples of Gambia, Senegal, Mali, and Guinea. Seating is limited; free tickets released 30 minutes prior to the performance.

CLASSICS BOOK GROUP
SAT, FEB 8 / 11:00am
Jenny by Sigrid Undset.

WRITE AWAY
TUESDAYS, FEB 11, 18 & 25 / NOON to 3:30 pm
Support and encouragement for writers.

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.)

FAIRVIEW 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 Lyndsay 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 Vita UCLA.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.

PRIMAR 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.

SMPL MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
Our monthly email newsletter features info on SMPL programs, services and events. Don’t miss out! Subscribe at smpl.org/newsletter.
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.

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

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PREVENTING CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE: AN EMPOWERING WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS
THU, FEB 6 / 6:30pm
CHILDREN IN YOUR LIFE. CALL 310-458-8684 TO REGISTER.