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LIBRARY HOURS
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd.
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Saturday, January 8
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Thursday
2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Pico Branch Curbside Pickup
2201 Pico Blvd.
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday, January 8
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Thursday
2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Montana Avenue Branch Curbside Pickup
1704 Montana Ave.
Tuesday
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Thursday
2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Ocean Park Branch Self-Service
2601 Main St.
Pre-authorization required. Sign up at smpl.org/SelfServiceHours
Wednesday & Friday
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
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The Library is closed on Saturday, January 1 & Monday, January 17
ADULTS

Ocean Park Branch Book Group Discussion
The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek by Kim Michele Richardson
Saturday, January 8 / 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Register using the email address below
The remarkable true stories of a family of blue-skinned people and of a Federal corps of librarians who delivered books on horseback merge in this novel of 1930s Kentucky. To register, email jeff.schwartz@santamonica.gov

Notable Fiction Book Group Discussion
Interior Chinatown by Charles Yu
Saturday, January 15 / 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Register using the email address below
Using the form of a screenplay, this National Book Award winner dissects Asian-American stereotypes and our relationship to media and entertainment. To register, email jeff.schwartz@santamonica.gov

Main Library Book Group Discussion
The Human Stain by Philip Roth
Monday, January 17 / 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
Register using the email address below
Roth explores themes of political correctness, infidelity, and racial passing in what GQ Magazine called “one of the 20th Century’s essential novels.” To register, email jeff.schwartz@santamonica.gov

Mystery Book Group Discussion
Chaos: A Scarpetta Novel by Patricia Cornwell
Tuesday, January 18 / 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Register using the email address below
Suspicious of a bizarre death by lightning strike, forensics examiner Kay Scarpetta identifies links between the case and a series of emails from an anonymous cyberstalker. To register, email karen.reitz@santamonica.gov

Montana Avenue Branch Book Group Discussion
Becoming Trader Joe: How I Did Business My Way & Still Beat the Big Guys by Joe Coulombe
Wednesday, January 19 / 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
Register using the email address below
Coulombe founded what would become Trader Joe’s in the late 1960s and helped shape it into the quirky food chain it is today. He shares the lessons he learned by challenging the status quo and rethinking the way a business operates. To register, email stephanie.archer@santamonica.gov

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ONGOING CLASSES

These 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) 664-6223, ext. 76203 or osaucedo@smmusd.org to enroll.

Citizenship Classes
Mondays / 12:00 to 2:30 p.m.

English as a Second Language (ESL) Classes
ESL, Multi Level LOW: Fridays / 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
ESL, Multi Level LOW: Saturdays / 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
ESL, Multi Level HIGH: Mondays / 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

At 4:31 a.m. on January 17, 1994, the 6.7 magnitude Northridge earthquake struck Southern California. The above shows the aftermath in the Main Library (Image Archives M127). The heavily damaged Main Library and Fairview Branch Library closed for weeks for repairs.

Make earthquake preparedness a New Year’s resolution! Learn how to be prepared with LA County’s resource guide: https://lacounty.gov/emergency/earthquake-preparedness/

HAVE QUESTIONS OR NEED HELP?
Library staff are available during open hours. Contact us at (310) 458-8600 or library@santamonica.gov