**KIDS & TEENS**

**Storypalooza for Read Across America**  
Saturday, March 6 / 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Celebrate Dr. Seuss’s birthday with Read Across America, an initiative that focuses on creating a nation of diverse readers and motivating children to read. Join us for these special family programs. **Sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Santa Monica.**

**The Buster Balloon Show**  
11:00 to 11:35 a.m.  
Register via [Zoom](#)  
Join Buster Balloon for comedy, magic, balloons, and fun as he shares some of his favorite children’s books. Space is limited.

**Take & Make Dr. Seuss Surprise Craft**  
12:00 p.m. / Access via [YouTube](#)  
Pick up a surprise craft kit at any Curbside Pickup location, beginning Monday, March 1, then watch this how-to video to make your craft. For ages 3-10 and available while supplies last.

**Take Home a Book to Keep**  
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. / At Curbside Pickup  
Pick up an easy-to-read book to add to your home library. One book per child; available while supplies last. Available at Curbside Pickup on Saturday, March 6.

**Art & Science: Cayton Children’s Museum Project Kit**  
Monday, March 15 / At Curbside Pickup  
Through play with watercolors and natural elements, such as salt, kids learn the basics of color theory and the mixing of colors, while reflecting on the diversity of their communities. All materials are provided in the kit and are available while supplies last.

**Dial-A-Story**  
Access 24/7 via telephone at (424) 610-8600  
Are you looking for a fun way for your children to hear exciting stories? Check out Dial-a-Story. New stories are recorded by librarians each week, in English, Spanish, and Mandarin, and can be listened to by phone at any time of day.

**Llama y escucha un cuento**  
Disponible las 24 horas del día, 7 días de la semana por teléfono marcando al (424) 610-8600  
¿Está buscando una forma nueva y divertida para que sus hijos escuchen historias emocionantes? Use nuestro nuevo servicio Llama y escucha un cuento. Los bibliotecarios graban cuentos nuevos cada semana en inglés, español, y mandarín, y se pueden escuchar por teléfono en cualquier momento del día.

**Reading-2-Go Kits**  
Take books wherever you go. Available for check out in March, Reading-2-Go kits are themed backpacks that contain a set of five early literacy books and a CD, DVD, or toy. Kits include suggested activities to extend learning. Available in English, Spanish, and Amharic. For more information, call (310) 458-8600, Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Building Blocks for Kindergarten with SMPL**  
**Access via [YouTube](#)**  
Watch 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](http://smpl.beanstack.org).

**Construyendo los Cimientos para el Kinder con SMPL**  
**Acceda por [YouTube](#)**  
Únase a nosotros para ver breves segmentos de videos bilingües en inglés/español que se enfocarán en habilidades específicas de preparación 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 sorteo de premios para paquetes de libros. Para registrarse en este programa gratuito, vaya a [smpl.beanstack.org](http://smpl.beanstack.org).
Mindful Meditation
Thursday, March 18 / 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 longtime meditation teacher Henry Schipper. Beginners and experienced meditators are welcome. 30 minute meditation plus Q&A. Register to attend this program by emailing karen.reitz@smgov.net.

Montana Avenue Branch Book Group Discussion
Counter Culture: The American Coffee Shop Waitress by Candacy Taylor
Wednesday, March 17 / 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
Counter Culture celebrates the best diners and coffee shops, as well as the career waitresses who work there, as neighborhood institutions bringing communities together. Register to attend this program by emailing jeff.schwartz@smgov.net.

Main Library Book Group Discussion
Commonwealth by Ann Patchett
Monday, March 15 / 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Old wounds are reopened when a secret affair that breaks up two families in the 1960s is shared decades later with an author who uses the story as the basis for a new novel. Register to attend this community-led discussion by emailing jeff.schwartz@smgov.net.

Mystery Book Group Discussion
Trace Elements by Donna Leon
Tuesday, March 16 / 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.
A woman’s cryptic dying words in a Venetian hospice lead Guido Brunetti to uncover a threat to the entire region in this twenty-ninth novel in the series. Register to attend this program by emailing karen.reitz@smgov.net.

Ocean Park Branch Book Group Discussion
Saturday, March 6 / 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
A fascinating look at the adventures and legacy of nineteenth-century botanist and food explorer David Fairchild. Register to attend this program by emailing karen.reitz@smgov.net.

Notable Fiction Book Group Discussion
Disappearing Earth by Julia Phillips
Saturday, March 20 / 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
One August afternoon, on a Russian shoreline, two sisters are abducted. When the police investigation turns up nothing, echoes of the disappearance reverberate across the tightly woven community. Register to attend this program by emailing karen.reitz@smgov.net.

Curbside Pickup
Place a hold – at smpl.org or by calling (310) 458-8600 – to pick up items at your preferred location: Main Library, Pico Branch, or Montana Avenue Branch. Wait to receive the email, text, or phone notification that your hold items are ready, then drop in to pick up your items at your selected location. When picking up items, please bring your library card or photo ID, wear a mask, and practice social distancing. Upon arrival, follow the directions on the posted signs.

Pickup locations and hours
By popular request! New curbside service hours on Wednesdays, starting March 17.

Main Library & Pico Branch Library
Monday - Friday & Saturday, March 6
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday (March 17, 24 & 31)
1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Montana Avenue Branch
Monday & Wednesday
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday (March 17, 24 & 31)
1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

ONGOING CLASSES
These series of classes are taught by Adult Education Center instructors. Students must be 18 years or older to attend. 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 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 / 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
ESL, Multi Level HIGH / Mondays / 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Have questions or need help?
Library staff are available Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Contact us at (310) 458-8600 or reference@smgov.net.