

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

VIRTUAL PROGRAMS / MAY 2021

KIDS & TEENS

Coming Soon: Summer Reading 2021

Registration begins June 21

Get ready to read! Join the Library's summer reading program to help us reach the community reading goal of 500,000 minutes. For all ages.

Take & Make Kit: Self Love, Self Portrait

Available beginning Monday, May 10

See Curbside Pickup hours and locations

This month's Cayton Creativity Kit explores the self-portrait. Through examples of classic works of art, kids learn how to observe and identify the components of their wonderful faces. Available at Curbside Pickup while supplies last.



Chinese Paper Cutting with Emmy Lam Tuesday, May 11 / 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Access via the link below

Celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month by learning Chinese paper cutting. Kits with materials needed are available at Curbside Pickup, while supplies last, starting Monday, May 3. For ages 7-11. Access the event: <http://bit.ly/papercutsmpl>

Take & Make Kit: Discovery Time!

Available beginning Monday, May 24

See Curbside Pickup hours and locations

This engaging STEM kit encourages kids to think about science and engineering, learn problem solving, and develop critical thinking skills. Available at Curbside Pickup, while supplies last.

Dial-A-Story

Access 24/7 via telephone at (424) 610-8600

New stories are recorded each week in English, Spanish and Mandarin, and can be listened to by phone at any time of day.

Llama y escucha un cuento

¡Puedes acceder a este divertido servicio 24/7!

Acceso vía teléfono (424) 610-8600

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. Now available for check out, 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. Search 'Reading-2-Go' in the library catalog, smpl.bibliocommons.org.

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 & Pico Branch Library

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays & Saturday, May 1
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Wednesdays

1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Montana Avenue Branch

Mondays & Friday, June 4
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Wednesdays

1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

The Library is closed on Monday, May 31. Curbside Pickup service, telephone and email reference will be unavailable.

Building Blocks for Kindergarten with SMPL

Access via YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/user/SantaMonicaPL/playlists>

These short bilingual English/Spanish video segments 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. Register at smpl.beanstack.org.

Construyendo los cimientos para el kinder con SMPL

Acceda por YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/user/SantaMonicaPL/playlists>

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, vaya a smpl.beanstack.org.

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Ocean Park Branch Book Group Discussion *Future Home of the Living God* by Louise Erdrich Saturday, May 1 / 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Register using the email address below

In a devolving world ruled by a growing police state, a young woman awaits the birth of a child who may emerge as a member of a primitive human species. To register, email karen.reitz@smgov.net.



Beginner's Chinese Calligraphy Workshop Thursday, May 13 / 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Register using the link below

JoJo Liu teaches traditional Chinese calligraphy basics including how to hold a brush, write basic strokes, and write while standing. The first 20 registrants will receive a free starter kit including a brush, ink, and paper. Register here: <https://bit.ly/3ujy1y2>

Notable Fiction Book Group Discussion *Nothing to See Here* by Kevin Wilson Saturday, May 15 / 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Register using the email address below

Wilson's new novel centers on a young woman taking care of two kids with a disturbing ability: when upset, they burst into flames. But in Wilson's hands, what could be scary is funny, even beautiful. To register, email karen.reitz@smgov.net.

Main Library Book Group Discussion *Beowulf: A New Translation* by Maria Dahvana Headley Monday, May 17 / 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Register using the email address below

In her audacious new verse translation of the epic poem, Maria Dahvana Headley breathes new life and injects a feminist energy into the Old English tale of men and monsters. To register, email jeff.schwartz@smgov.net.

Just for Seniors: Virtual 'Appy Hour' Device Workshop (Android) Tuesday, May 18 / 3:00 to 4:30 p.m.

Register using the link below or call (310) 458-8600

This session focuses on using Android smartphones and tablets. Learn about Library apps and get virtual help learning to use your device. Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/appyhour518>

Mystery Book Group Discussion *Beware Beware: A Juniper Song Mystery* by Steph Cha Tuesday, May 18 / 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Register using the email address below

In the sequel to Follow Her Home, apprentice investigator Juniper Song is embroiled in a Hollywood scandal involving a dead movie star and a freelance screenwriter. To register, email karen.reitz@smgov.net.

Montana Avenue Branch Book Group Discussion *Courting Mr. Lincoln* by Louis Bayard Wednesday, May 19 / 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Register using the email address below

This historical novel reimagines the early adulthood of the future 16th President from the alternating views of the spirited debutante Mary Todd and Lincoln's intimate confidante, Joshua Speed. To register, email stephanie.archer@smgov.net.

Just for Seniors: Virtual 'Appy Hour' Device Workshop (Apple iOS) Tuesday, May 25 / 3:00 to 4:30 p.m.

Register using the link below or call (310) 458-8600

This session focuses on using your Apple iPhone or iPad devices. Learn about Library apps and get virtual help learning to use your device. Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/appyhour525>



Community Social Justice Book Discussion *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness* by Michelle Alexander Thursday, May 27 / 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.

Register at the link below

Alexander's groundbreaking book challenges us to place mass incarceration at the forefront of racial justice in America. Part of a series of Social Justice Book Discussions, this program is presented in partnership with the City Manager's Office. Register here: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcpdeqqrzMjGNG_BGy6XDSUU-HEbcF-Jy_U

ONGOING CLASSES

ESL and Citizenship classes are taught by SMMUSD Adult Education Center instructors. Students must be 18 years or older to attend. Community parents and SMMUSD parents have priority enrollment. Enrollment is through the 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.

