**Story Times**

**MAIN LIBRARY & BRANCHES**

**Baby Time** Story series for babies ages 0 to 17 months accompanied by an adult. (20 min.)
- Main
  - Tuesdays at 10:15 and 11:15 am
  - March 17 – April 14
- Montana
  - Wednesdays at 10:15 and 11:15 am
  - March 4 – April 1
- Fairview
  - Mondays at 12:30 pm
  - March 2 – April 6
- Ocean Park
  - Thursdays at 10:00 and 10:45 am
  - February 27 – April 2

**Toddler Time** Story series for toddlers ages 18 to 35 months accompanied by an adult. (20 min.)
- Pico
  - Mondays at 11:00 am
  - March 2 – April 6
- Ocean Park
  - Tuesdays at 10:00 am
  - February 25 – March 31

**Main**

- Thursdays at 10:15 and 11:15 am
  - March 19 – April 16
- Montana
  - Thursdays at 10:15 and 11:15 am
  - March 5 – April 2

**Spanish Story Time**

**Par para pequeños**

**Mercedez para niños de 2-5 años de edad.** (30 min.)
- en Fairview
  - Miércoles a las 10:00 am
  - 4 de marzo al 8 de abril
- en Pico
  - Martes a las 10:00 am
  - 3 de marzo al 7 de abril

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**WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH**

**MAIN LIBRARY & BRANCHES**

**Montana**

- Celebrating Women on Broadway
  - TUE, MAR 10
  - 6:30 pm [60 min]
  - FAMILIES

**Main**

- Wonder Women: Science Edition
  - THU, MAR 12
  - 3:45 to 4:30 pm
  - AGES 6-11

**Ocean Park**

- Pajama Story Time: Bold Women
  - WED, MAR 18
  - 6:30 p.m. [30 min]
  - FAMILIES

**Fairview**

- Pajama Story Time: Celebrate Female Scientists with the Bay Foundation
  - MON, MAR 23
  - 6:30 p.m. [45 min]
  - FAMILIES

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**Cuentos para Pequeños**

**Spanish Story Time**

**Para niños de 2-5 años de edad.** (30 min.)
- en Fairview
  - Miércoles a las 10:00 am
  - 4 de marzo al 8 de abril
- en Pico
  - Martes a las 10:00 am
  - 3 de marzo al 7 de abril

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**SANTA MONICA PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**MAIN LIBRARY**

**Building a Love of Books**

**Sat, Mar 7 [10:00 am to 12:00 pm / Families]**

**Storpyalooza! A Read Across America Celebration**

**Sat, Mar 7 / 10:00 am to 12:00 pm / Families**

**Sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Santa Monica**

**Main**

**Teens**

- All Pride, No Prejudice: An LGBTQ+ Young Adult Author Panel
  - Sat, Mar 7 / 3:00 pm [90 min] / MLK Jr Auditorium

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**smpl.org**
**Main Library**

601 Santa Monica Blvd - 310-458-8621

All programs are held in the Activity Room unless otherwise noted.

**L.E.A.R.N.:**
Learn, Excel, Achieve & Read Now
MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS / MAR 2-30
3:30 to 6:00pm / GRADES 1-8
One-on-one access to volunteers for homework assignment help and reading comprehension.

**Community Kids: Vote!**
THU, MAR 5 / 5:00 to 6:00pm
AGES 6-12
Learn why voting is so important, discover new changes in the voting system, and explore careers in government.

**Storypalooza!**

A READ ACROSS AMERICA CELEBRATION
SAT, MAR 7 / 10am to 12pm / FAMILIES
Celebrate some of your favorite book characters with the whole family! Sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Santa Monica.

- **CRAMPS & LEARNING ACTIVITIES**
  10:00am to 12:00pm YOUTH ACTIVITY RM
- **ZANY ZOO’S MAGICAL DISCOVERIES**
  10:15am & 11:15am (45 min)
  MLK JR AUDITORIUM
  Tickets available starting at 10 am the day of the show.

**Women’s History Month**

Wonder Women: Science Edition
THU, MAR 12 / 3:45 to 4:30pm / AGES 6-11
Hands-on science inspired by great women scientists.

**Building a Love of Books**

SATURDAYS, MAR 14 - APR 4 / 3:00pm
PARENTS, CAREGIVERS & THEIR CHILDREN
A 4-week family literacy workshop series to help parents and children connect and spend time together. Workshop topics build on each other; attendance at all workshops is recommended. Space is limited, registration required. Register in person at the Main Library, call 310-458-8621, or email ys.user@smgov.net.

**Kids’ Writers Group: What a Character!**

TUE, MAR 17 / 3:45pm (60 min) / AGES 8-12
Join this group for kids who love to write. This month we explore great characters from books and then create our own.

**Read & Play**

WEDNESDAYS, MAR 18 & 25 / 11:15am to 12:00pm / AGES 0-5
Help your child cultivate key developmental skills through books and play activities.

**CoderDojo Workshop**

SAT, MAR 28 / 3:00pm (2 hrs) / AGES 8-17 / MULTIPURPOSE RM
Practice computer science and coding skills with volunteer mentors. Use our laptops or bring your own. Registration starts 3/18.

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**Fairview Branch**

2101 Ocean Park Blvd - 310-458-8681

**Read & Play**

THU, MAR 5 & SAT, MAR 21
3:30 to 5:00pm / AGES 0-5
Help your child cultivate key developmental skills through books and play activities.

**Music & Movement at the Library**

FRI, MAR 13 & 27
3:30pm [20 min]
AGES 18-35 MOS
A musical story time that will have little ones singing and dancing along as they learn important early literacy concepts.

**Preschool Explorers: Rocks and Gems**

THU, MAR 19
3:30pm [30 min] YOUTH ACTIVITY RM
AGES 0-3 YEARS
Learn about rocks and gems in this special presentation by the Natural History Museum of LA County that includes hands-on activities.

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**Montana Ave Branch**

1704 Montana Ave - 310-458-8682

**Women’s History Month**

Celebrating Women on Broadway
TUE, MAR 10 / 6:30pm (60 min) / FAMILIES
Learn about the iconic women of Broadway with a reading from A is for Audra: Broadway’s Leading Ladies from A to Z, explore the artwork with the book’s illustrator, Peter Emmerich, and make a Broadway-inspired paper doll craft.

**Artful Toddler: Rainbows**

MON, MAR 16
11:15am (30 min) / AGES 18 MONTHS to 5 YEARS
Discover how rainbows form with a reading from What Is a Rainbow? by Harriet Blackford and then create a rainbow-themed work of art! Limited space; tickets available 15 minutes before the program.

**Ni Hao Story Time**

TUE, MAR 17 / 11:15am (30 min) / AGES 0-5
A family story time presented in Mandarin. Presented by Ni Hao Chinese.
Ocean Park BRANCH
2601 Main Street • 310-458-8683

Storypalooza presents

Elephant and Piggie Like Reading!
MON, MAR 2
3:30 pm [60 min]
AGES 4-9

Celebrate the love of reading with Elephant and Piggie Like Reading! Books. Storytime followed by book-themed activities. Sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Santa Monica. Limited space. Free tickets available at noon the day of the program.

Preschool Explorers: Construction
MON, MAR 16
3:30 pm [60 min]
AGES 3-6

Learn about the science of construction through story time and hands-on activities.

WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH

Pajama Story Time: Bold Women
WED, MAR 18 / 6:30 pm [30 min] / FAMILIES

Wear PJs and bring your favorite stuffed animal to hear stories about women and girls making things happen!

Mini Makers: Crumpled Paper Art
TUE, MAR 31
3:30 to 4:30 pm
AGES 5-11

Inspired by the book Ish by Peter H. Reynolds, create your own works of art-ish by painting crumpled paper with watercolors.

Pico BRANCH
2201 Pico Blvd • 310-458-8684

L.E.A.R.N.: Learn, Excel, Achieve and Read Now
TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS
MAR 3-31
3:30 to 6:00 pm
GRADES 1-8

One-on-one access to volunteers available to help students with homework assignments and reading comprehension. Bilingual volunteers available.

Spanish Program:
Hora de Cuentos y Arte
SABADO, 21 de MARCE / 10:30am [90 min]
PARA EDADAS 6-10 / THE ANNEX

Leeremos Carlota y Monna Lisa por James Meyhew y embarcaremos en una aventura con Carlota, quien conoce a Monna Lisa y viaja por el museo para aprender más sobre otros artistas famosos y sus pinturas. ¡Pinta tu propia obra maestra! Espacio limitado; el registro comienza el 4 de marzo.

Library Hours

MAIN LIBRARY MON-THUR: 10:00 am - 9:00 pm
FRI-SAT: 10:00 am - 5:30 pm / SUN: 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

BRANCHES MON-THUR: NOON-9:00 pm
FRI: NOON - 5:30 pm / SAT: 10:00 am - 5:30 pm
SUN: All Branches CLOSED

RIDE YOUR BIKE

Bicycle parking racks are available at the Main Library and all Branch Libraries.

Library Administration at 310-458-8606 at least one week prior to event.

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Santa Monica Public Library Youth Cards Are Now Fine Free!
DOES NOT INCLUDE DAMAGED OR LOST ITEMS
ONLINE TUTORING
Connect to a free tutor online and get help with your homework immediately. Visit smpl.org for details or ask a Youth Services Librarian for help.

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All Pride, No Prejudice:
An LGBTQ+ Young Adult Author Panel
SAT, MAR 7 / 3:00 pm (90 min)
TEENS & ADULTS / MILK JR. AUDITORIUM
Explore the fabulous world of LGBTQ+ literature for teens with a panel discussion featuring the following authors. A book sale and signing follows the discussion.

Audrey Coulthurst
Of Ice & Shadows

Greg Cope White
The Pink Marine

Britta Lundin
Ship It

Amy Spalding
We Used to be Friends

Smart College Planning:
Finding the Best Fit at the Best Price
MON, MAR 16
7:00pm (90 min)
HIGH-SCHOOLERS & PARENTS / MULTIPURPOSE RM
With student debt skyrocketing and college costs increasing, families are struggling to find the right college fit for their child- and for their pocketbook. Certified Educational Planner Evelyn Jerome-Alexander will walk you through the process of finding the right college experience for your child at the right price.

Meatless in March
THU, MAR 19 / 6:30pm (60 min)
TEENS & ADULTS / MULTIPURPOSE RM
Explore healthy eating and vegan cooking with a presentation by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA). Feel empowered to make a difference for yourself and the environment.

Pico BRANCH
2201 PICO BLVD * 310-458-8636

LEARN:
Learn, Excel, Achieve and Read Now
TUE & THU / MAR 3-31 / 4:00pm (90 min) / GRADES 1-8
THE ANNEX
One-on-one access to volunteers available to help students with homework assignments and reading comprehension. Bilingual volunteers available.

Scholarship Workshop Series
WED / MAR 4, 11, 18, 25 & APR 1
4:30pm (90 min) / HIGH-SCHOOLERS & PARENTS
THE ANNEX
This guided workshop outlines all of the important information you need to know about scholarships. Registration required. Presented in collaboration with Virginia Avenue Park.

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