

SANTA MONICA PUBLIC LIBRARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY 2023

KIDS, TEENS & FAMILIES

Tuesday Tales: A Traveling Storytime
Tuesdays / 10:30 to 11:00 a.m.

May 2: Main Library

May 9: Pico Branch, The Annex

May 16: Montana Ave. Branch

May 23: Fairview Branch (Open+ access not required)

An engaging & fun weekly series with stories, songs and rhymes, which travels to different library locations every week. For ages 2-5.



DeadEndia Book Launch with Hamish Steele
Tuesday, May 2 / 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Main Library, MLK Jr. Auditorium

Eisner Award-winning author Hamish Steele and special guests Zach Barack and Kody Kavitha visit SMPL for the release day, book launch event for the deluxe editions of his beloved *DeadEndia* graphic novels, which were the source material for the cult fan favorite, Netflix animated series *Dead End: Paranormal Park*. A book sale and signing follows.

Positive Parenting:

Understanding Learning Disabilities, Autism and ADHD
Saturday, May 6 / 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Montana Ave. Branch

United Mental Health Promoters (LA County Dept. of Mental Health) presents a free, confidential, educational and engaging conversation around Positive Parenting in our community. UMHP aims to reduce stigma associated with mental illness by increasing awareness, removing barriers, engaging families with children, and improving timely access to culturally and linguistically-appropriate resources. For parents, grandparents and caregivers. A light breakfast will be served and childcare provided. To register, email library@santamonica.gov or call (310) 458-8600.

Cuentos para pequeños

Jueves, 11 de mayo / De 10:30 a 11:00 a.m.

Pico Library, The Annex

Una hora de cuentos llena de libros, canciones y rimas. Para niños de 2-5 años de edad.

Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month Event

Melissa de la Cruz in conversation with Stephan Lee

Saturday, May 20 / 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Montana Ave. Branch

Best-selling author Melissa de la Cruz discusses her crossover-audience, "new adult" novel, *Going Dark*—a ripped-from-the-headlines thriller about a social media influencer who goes missing—with *K-Pop Confidential* author Stephan Lee.

A book sale and signing follows.



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May 1 through June 2

Join Santa Monica Public Library for the 2023 Santa Monica Reads program, where we invite the community to read and discuss a selected title. This year we explore Heather McGhee's 2021 book, *The Sum of Us*, which illustrates how racism is harmful to everyone and makes the argument that we all have an interest in fighting it. When people unite across racial and ethnic lines, McGhee argues, there's a solidarity dividend that helps everyone.

Free copies of *The Sum of Us*, both the adult and young readers editions, will be available for those planning to participate in Santa Monica Reads, while supplies last, beginning May 1.

Print copies of the title are also available to borrow or place on hold, as well as eBook or e-audiobook formats via Libby.

Look for more Santa Monica Reads information — on book group discussions, special programs, a keynote speaker event with author Heather McGhee and more — on the other side of this calendar and in our comprehensive Santa Monica Reads Resource Guide.

LIBRARY HOURS

Library hours and services subject to change. Follow us on Twitter @[SantaMonicaLibr](https://twitter.com/SantaMonicaLibr) or check smpl.org for updates.

Main Library / 601 Santa Monica Blvd.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Pico Branch / 2201 Pico Blvd.

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Friday & Saturday

10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Montana Avenue Branch / 1704 Montana Ave.

Tuesday & Thursday

12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Saturday

10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

OPEN+ HOURS

Pre-authorization required for the following locations. Sign up at smpl.org/SelfServiceHours

Ocean Park Branch Self-Service / 2601 Main St.

Wednesday

12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Friday

10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Fairview Branch Self-Service / 2101 Ocean Park Blvd.

Tuesday

12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Friday

10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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Have questions or need help? Library staff are available during open hours. Contact us at (310) 458-8600 or library@santamonica.gov.

ADULTS

Tech & Tasks

Thursdays, May 4*, 11, 18 & 25 / 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Main Library, Tutoring Center

Volunteer tutors provide help with reading documents or written tasks, using mobile devices, navigating government websites, filling out forms, using email, writing resumes, and more. * May 4 has representatives from the Santa Monica Active Aging Program.

Job Hunting Help with Chrysalis

Thursday, May 4 / 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. / Main Library Lobby

Thursday, May 18 / 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. / Pico Branch

Representatives from local nonprofit Chrysalis provide drop-in resume assistance and on-the-spot orientations for their employment programs.

Check Out a Human Book

Saturday, May 6 / 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Pico Branch Amphitheater

Check out a human book for a one-on-one, 30-minute conversation that challenges stereotypes and prejudices. The human books available for check out will be announced soon. Follow us on Twitter @SantaMonicaLibr for updates.

Soundwaves Concert: Dwight Tribble & Cosmic Vibrations

Saturday, May 6 / 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Pico Branch Annex

Vocalist Dwight Tribble, known for his work with Horace Tapscott, Pharaoh Sanders, and Kamasi Washington, leads an improvised set of spiritual jazz.

Let's Talk About Mental Health

Monday, May 1 / 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. / Main Library, Youth Services

Wednesdays, May 3, 17 & 31 / 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. / Main Library Lobby

Saturday, May 6 / 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. / Montana Ave. Branch

Saturday, May 20 / 10:00 a.m. to Noon / Pico Branch, The Annex

Stop by the United Mental Health Promoters' resource table for mental health information for all ages and find out how to get help.

Learn to Play the Ukulele — For Adults!

Saturday, May 13 / 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. / Montana Ave. Branch

Learn a few chords and basic strums from instructor Cali Rose (founder of the CC Strummers) and start playing the ukulele today. Bring your own uke or borrow one of ours.

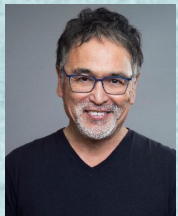
Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month Event

Mystery Book Group Discussion:

A Conversation with Joe Ide

Tuesday, May 16 / 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. / Zoom

Author Joe Ide discusses his writing and books, including *The Goodbye Coast: A Philip Marlow Novel* and his I.Q. series, with the newest title *FixIt* (releasing this month). Email library@santamonica.gov for Zoom link.



Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month Event

Library of Congress Veterans History Project

Friday, May 19 & Saturday, May 20 / 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Main Library

The LOC celebrates AAPI Heritage Month by collecting stories of AAPI veterans. Give your oral history, which will become part of the permanent collections of the Library of Congress. The event is open to all US vets, regardless of race or ethnicity. Volunteers are also needed to conduct oral history interviews, operate cameras, and assist veterans. No experience necessary; training provided. Email ahub@loc.gov or call (202) 707-1819 to reserve your interview time or volunteer.



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May 1 through June 2

Author Keynote with Heather McGhee

Thursday, May 18 / 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

John Adams Middle School Auditorium / 1630 Pearl St

Heather McGhee visits Santa Monica to discuss *The Sum of Us* in this free author event. Reserve your spot here: <https://tinyurl.com/HeatherMcGheeKeynote>

Teen Book Discussion of *The Sum of Us*

Thursday, May 25 / 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. / Pico Branch Annex

Teens are invited to join this discussion of *The Sum of Us* with their fellow students.

Virtual Book Discussion of *The Sum of Us*

Tuesday, May 30 / 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. / Zoom

Join this community discussion of *The Sum of Us*. Register for the discussion here: <https://tinyurl.com/SumOfUsDiscussion>

BOOK GROUPS

Contact library@santamonica.gov for Zoom links

Main Library Book Group

When Nietzsche Wept by Irvin D. Yalom

Monday, May 15 / 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. / Zoom

Montana Ave. Branch Book Group

The Warmth of Other Suns by Isabel Wilkerson

Thursday, May 18 / 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. / Montana Ave. Branch

Notable Fiction Book Group

A Woman's Story and *Getting Lost* by Annie Ernaux

Saturday, May 20 / 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. / Zoom

Ongoing Classes

These classes are taught by the SMMUSD Adult Education Center, located at 2510 Lincoln Blvd., Room 203, Santa Monica, 90405. For more information contact Olga Saucedo: (310) 664-6222, ext. 76203 or osaucedo@smmUSD.org

Citizenship Class

Mondays / 12:45 p.m. to 3:15 pm
Pico Branch Library, The Annex

English as a Second Language (ESL) Conversation Classes

ESL Conversation, Multi-level HIGH

Mondays / 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. / Pico Branch Library, The Annex

ESL Conversation, Multi-level LOW

Fridays / 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. / Pico Branch Library, The Annex

ESL Conversation, Multi-level HIGH

Saturdays / 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. / Virtual



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