

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

VIRTUAL PROGRAMMING / NOVEMBER 2020

KIDS & TEENS

Building Blocks for Kindergarten with SMPL

Mondays, November 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 / 1:00pm

[Access via Facebook](#)

Join us for 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.

Construyendo los Cimientos para el Kinder con SMPL

Lunes, 2, 9, 16, 23 y 30 de noviembre / 1:00pm

[Acceda por Facebook](#)

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.

Online Homework Help for Students:

Brainfuse HelpNow

Daily / 1:00pm to 10:00pm

[Access via Brainfuse](#)

Build skills by connecting with a live tutor, completing practice tests, and even playing study games with Flashbulb. For grades 3 through College. Access with your SMPL library card.

ADULTS



Ocean Park Book Group
Discussion: [Olive, Again](#)
by Elizabeth Strout

Thursday, November 5 / 4:00 to 5:00pm

With [Olive, Again](#), *New York Times* bestselling author and Pulitzer Prize winner Elizabeth Strout continues the story of the beloved Olive Kitteridge. Similar to the first novel, [Olive, Again](#) takes the form of 13 short stories that are interrelated but discontinuous in terms of narrative. Register to attend this program by emailing karen.reitz@smgov.net.

Mystery Book Group Discussion:

[Twisted Prey](#) by John Sandford

Tuesday, November 17 / 7:00 to 8:00 pm

Federal marshal Lucas Davenport confronts an old nemesis, Senator Taryn Grant, a rich psychopath who Davenport has resolved to bring to justice for her role in three murders. The situation is further complicated by Grant's position on the Senate Intelligence Committee. Register to attend this program by emailing karen.reitz@smgov.net.

Have questions or need help?

Library staff are available Monday through Friday, 10:00am to 4:00pm. Contact us at 310-458-8600 or reference@smgov.net.

Native American Heritage Month

Story Time Special: [Bowwow Powwow](#) by Brenda J. Child

Wednesday, November 4 / 3:00pm

[Access via Facebook](#)

Benay Child, daughter of author Brenda J. Child, reads her mother's book [Bowwow Powwow](#). In the story, Windy Girl imagines a powwow where all the dancers are dogs. Explore more of the Library's collection featuring Native American Heritage and authors here: [Native American Heritage Month for Kids](#).

How to Talk to Kids About Race

Wednesday, November 18 / 6:00 to 6:30pm

[Register in advance via Zoom](#)

Join Jennifer Scheller, M.Ed. and Krystal Akbar, M.A. of Providence St. John's Child & Family Development Center for a discussion to support caregivers and parents with initiating and engaging discussions about race with young children. Learn fun and interactive ways to have these important conversations. For parents of children ages 0-5.

Native American Heritage Month: Tongva Exhibit at the Santa Monica History Museum
Tuesday, November 24 / 3:00pm

[Access via Facebook](#)

See how the History Museum tells the story of the Tongva people, who were the first inhabitants of Santa Monica and who continue to live on this land. For families. Explore the Library's collection featuring Native American Heritage and authors here: [Native American Heritage Month for Kids](#).

Montana Avenue Branch Book Group

Discussion: [The Sisters](#) by Mary S. Lovel

Wednesday, November 18 / 7:00 to 8:30pm

This is the story of a close, loving family splintered by the violent ideologies of Europe between the world wars. Jessica was a Communist, Debo became the Duchess of Devonshire, Nancy was one of the best-selling novelists of her day, Diana became the most hated woman in Europe, and Unity was obsessed with Hitler. Register to attend this program by emailing stephanie.archer@smgov.net.

Fiction Winner Book Group Discussion:

[Normal People](#) by Sally Rooney

Saturday, November 21 / 11:00am to 12:30pm

The unconventional secret childhood bond between a popular boy and a lonely, intensely private girl is tested by character reversals in their first year at a Dublin college. When Marianne admits her feelings for Connell, they begin a secret relationship. Register to attend this program by emailing karen.reitz@smgov.net



Author Talk: Dr. Norma Mendoza-Denton on [Language in the Trump Era: Scandals and Emergencies](#)

Saturday, November 21 / 2:00 to 3:00pm

[Register via Zoom](#)

Using detailed examples, Dr. Mendoza-Denton's fascinating and highly topical book reveals how President Trump's rallying cries, boasts, accusations, and mockery enlist many of his supporters into his reality. Join us for a virtual presentation and discussion about the mechanisms by which language in the Trump era has widened social divisions.



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 your 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
- Practice social distancing

Pickup locations and hours:

Main Library

Monday - Friday, 10:00am - 4:00pm &

Saturday, November 7, 10:00am - 4:00pm

Pico Branch

Monday - Friday, 10:00am - 4:00pm &

Saturday, November 7, 10:00am - 4:00pm

Montana Avenue Branch

Monday & Wednesday, 10:00am - 4:00pm

ONGOING CLASSES

Citizenship Classes

Mondays / 12:00 to 2:30pm

This series of classes is taught by 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 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.

ESL Classes

ESL, Multi Level LOW

Fridays / 10:00am to 12:30pm

ESL, Multi Level LOW

Saturdays / 11:00am to 3:00pm

ESL, Multi Level HIGH

Mondays / 10:00am to 12:30pm

This series of English as a Second Language (ESL) classes is taught by 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 Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Adult Education Center, located at 2510 Lincoln Blvd., Room 203, Santa Monica, 90405.

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2020 Election

Election Day is Tuesday, November 3. Learn everything you need to know about voting in Los Angeles County – including how to vote and a complete list of where to vote – at lavote.net.

Vote-By-Mail Boxes in Santa Monica:

- Downtown Santa Monica Expo Station - 402 Colorado Ave.
- Main Library - 601 Santa Monica Blvd. (corner of 7th St. & Santa Monica Blvd.)
- Marine Park - 1406 Marine St.
- Montana Avenue Branch Library - 1704 Montana Ave.
- Virginia Avenue Park - 2200 Virginia Ave. (in the north parking lot)



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