

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

VIRTUAL PROGRAMMING / OCTOBER 2020

KIDS & TEENS

Building Blocks for Kindergarten with SMPL

Mondays, October 5, 12, 19 & 26 / 1:00pm

[Access via Facebook](#)

Join us for short bilingual English/Spanish video segments that focus on kindergarten-readiness skills through reading and activities.

Fire Prevention Week with the Santa Monica Fire Department

Wednesday, October 7 / 3:00pm

Kids and their families are invited to take a virtual tour of the Santa Monica Fire Department's newest fire station, meet Sparky the Fire Dog, and learn some helpful fire safety tips. Want to learn more? Read all about fire prevention and fire fighters with our recommended book list:

<http://bit.ly/firesafetykids>.

Access the video tour on the Library's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/smpublib>.

Construyendo los Cimientos para el Kinder con SMPL

Lunes, 5, 12, 19 & 26 de octubre A la 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.



Book Discussion:

Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption by Bryan Stevenson

Wednesday, October 28 / 7:00 to 8:00pm

[Register via Zoom](#)

In this true story about the redeeming potential of mercy, lawyer Bryan Stevenson establishes the Equal Justice Initiative, a nonprofit law office in Montgomery, Alabama, dedicated to defending the poor, the incarcerated, and the wrongly condemned. For teens and adults.



Curbside Pickup

No appointments are necessary for curbside pickup. Just place a hold to pick up items at your preferred location: the 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 physical distancing

Pickup locations and hours:

Main Library

Monday - Friday, 10:00am - 4:00pm & Saturday, October 3, 10:00am - 4:00pm

Pico Branch

Monday - Friday, 10:00am - 4:00pm & Saturday, October 3, 10:00am - 4:00pm

Montana Avenue Branch

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

ADULTS

21-Day Racial Equity Challenge

Thursday, October 1 through

Wednesday, October 21

Expand your understanding of power, privilege, supremacy, oppression, and equity with the 21-Day Racial Equity Challenge. Follow SMPL on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram to learn about the daily suggested activity. Activities include readings, podcasts, videos, observations and other ways to form and deepen community connections.

Learn more at eddiemoorejr.com/21daychallenge.

Fiction Winners Book Group Discussion:

The Great Believers by Rebecca Makkai

Saturday, October 17 / 11:00am to 12:00pm

Set in 1980s Chicago and contemporary Paris, *The Great Believers* follows the director of an art gallery and a woman looking for her estranged daughter. Both struggle to come to terms with the ways AIDS has affected their lives. **To register for this discussion, email karen.reitz@smgov.net.**

Mystery Book Group Discussion:

Camino Island by John Grisham

Tuesday, October 20 / 7:00 to 8:00pm

After being laid off from her teaching position, Mercer Mann is approached by a mysterious woman with a generous offer to go undercover and infiltrate bookstore owner Bruce Cable's life to learn his secrets. **To register for this discussion, email karen.reitz@smgov.net.**



Montana Avenue Branch Book Group Discussion: Rules of Civility by Amor Towles

Wednesday, October 21 / 7:00 to 8:30pm

A chance encounter with a handsome banker in a jazz bar on New Year's Eve 1938 catapults Wall Street secretary Katey Kontent into the upper echelons of New York society, where she befriends a shy multi-millionaire, an Upper East Side ne'er-do-well, and a single-minded widow. **To register for this discussion, email stephanie.archer@smgov.net.**



Ocean Park Branch Book Group

Discussion: The Parisian by Isabella Hamman

Thursday, October 1 / 4:00 to 5:00pm

While studying medicine in 1914 France, the son of a wealthy Palestinian textile merchant finds his loyalties tested by conflicts between the British government and the independence-minded nationalists of his community.

To register for this discussion, email karen.reitz@smgov.net

Main Library Book Group Discussion:

The Future of Capitalism by Paul Collier

Monday, October 19 / 7:00 to 8:00pm

Deep rifts are tearing apart the fabric of the United States and other Western societies. As these divides deepen, we have lost the sense of ethical obligation to others that was crucial to the rise of post-war social democracy. World-renowned economist Paul Collier provides a candid diagnosis of the failures of capitalism and a pragmatic and realistic vision for how we can repair it.

To register for this discussion, email jeff.schwartz@smgov.net.

Roads to Respect™: Keeping Kids Safe

Wednesday, October 21 / 6:00 to 7:30pm

Parents and caregivers play a unique role in child abuse prevention. Learn how to help protect the children in your life. Presented by Marissa Faynsod, LCSW, and Dominique Gillis, LMFT, Director of Prevention and Education at the Rape Treatment Center at UCLA Medical Center. For parents and caregivers.

Register at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/smOct21>.



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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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