



SANTA MONICA PUBLIC LIBRARY

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL 2022

HOURS

The Library follows all state and local COVID-19 health guidelines. Library operations and services may be adjusted as a result. Follow us on Twitter @SantaMonicaLibr or check smpl.org for updates.

Main Library

601 Santa Monica Blvd.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Saturday, April 2

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

Thursday

2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Pico Branch Library

2201 Pico Blvd.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday, April 2

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

Thursday

2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Montana Avenue Branch Library

1704 Montana Ave.

Tuesday

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

Thursday

2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Ocean Park Branch Library

2601 Main St.

Pre-authorization required. Sign up at smpl.org/SelfServiceHours

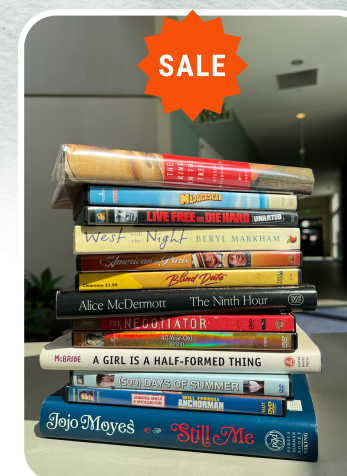
Wednesday & Friday

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

Have questions or need help?

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

Friends Book & Audiovisual Sale



The Friends of the Santa Monica Public Library hosts a book and audiovisual sale on **Saturday, April 2**, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the North Courtyard of the Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd.

Paperback, hardback, fiction, non-fiction, DVDs, CDs, and audiobooks. Only cash and checks are accepted as payment (no credit cards).

The Friends raise funds and support Library programs to enhance services throughout the community. For more information about the group, visit The Friends website (friendsofsmpl.org)



KIDS

Make & Take with Mad Science: Cotton Candy
Saturday, April 2 / 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.
Main Library, Central Courtyard

Ever wonder how that fluffy cotton candy is made? Taste the science behind the magical transformation of solid sugar crystals into spun floss. Space is limited. Ages 7-13. Register: bit.ly/YouthProgramSignUps

Snoozer's Storytime Adventures
Bi weekly on Mondays: April 4, 18 / 12:00 p.m.

Checkers Library TV presents Snoozer's Storytime Adventures, a bi weekly virtual series that brings children's books to life with an uplifting story, craft and song. Access the program: youtube.com/user/SantaMonicaPL/playlists

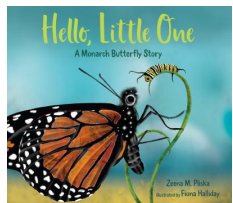
Storytime at Cayton Children's Museum
Thursday, April 14 / 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Cayton Children's Museum, Santa Monica Place

Join us for fun stories, songs and fingerplays and, after storytime, enjoy the Museum for FREE! Registration is required: bit.ly/SMPLCayton

Take & Make Kit: Poetry & Butterflies!
Available beginning Monday, April 18

This kit includes supplies and instructions to make two crafts: a butterfly suncatcher for spring, and a construction paper windsock featuring a poem for National Poetry Month. Pick up at the Main Library Youth Services desk, Pico Branch, or Montana Branch. Available while supplies last. For ages 3 & up.

Storytime: In the Garden
Tuesday, April 19 / 10:30 to 11:00 a.m.
Montana Ave Branch Library, Patio
 Listen to stories about gardening and start your own little seedling. Space is limited. For ages 2 & up. Register: bit.ly/YouthProgramSignUps



Storytime: Butterflies
Thursday, April 28
3:30 to 4:00 p.m.
Main Library, Central Courtyard

Author Zeena Pliska presents her picture book, *Hello, Little One: A Monarch Butterfly Story*. Join us as we release live butterflies! Space is limited. For Ages 2 & up. Register: bit.ly/YouthProgramSignUps

TEENS

Financial Literacy for Teens
Thursday, April 21 / 6:00 to 7:15 p.m.
Pico Branch Library, The Annex

Celebrate Financial Literacy Month with a workshop from Youthful Savings on entrepreneurship and financial responsibility for teens. Learn how financial responsibility empowers you and your community, and how becoming a knowledgeable transactor creates a more joyful life filled with freedom and possibility.

YALLWEST Book Festival
Saturday, April 30
Santa Monica High School, 601 Pico Blvd.

The Library welcomes the nation's largest young adult book festival back to Santa Monica for in-person events. Visit yallwest.com for updates on author line-up and schedule.

Building Blocks for Kindergarten with SMPL
 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: smpl.beanstack.org. Access via YouTube: youtube.com/user/SantaMonicaPL/playlists

National Poetry Month: Online Challenge
 April is National Poetry Month. Inspired by Amanda Gorman's historic inaugural performance, we're celebrating young poets everywhere. Poetry can motivate us to find beauty, hope and power, no matter what we encounter. Read, watch, and listen to poets' work through activities and log your reading to earn badges all month long. For grades K-12. Register: smpl.beanstack.org

PARENTS

Parenting While Black: Reclaiming, Centering, and Affirming Our Joy in Raising Black Children
Mondays, April 4 & 18 / 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.

This webinar series offers a safe and welcoming space to join and engage in powerful conversations for and by Black families. Moderated by Eurnestine Brown, Ph.D., Director of Relational Equity and Belonging at the Brazelton Touchpoints Center. Register: <https://bit.ly/3pO0WKI>

Supporting Reluctant Readers
Thursday, April 28 / 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Is your child struggling with reading? Learn why some students are reluctant readers and what you can do to support them. After completing this workshop, caregivers are invited to stop by the Library with their children to pick out a collection of free books to take home. This virtual workshop is for caregivers with elementary-grade students. RSVP for the Zoom link: literacy.program@santamonica.gov

Arts & Literacy Festival
Saturday, April 30 / 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Virginia Avenue Park Campus

For families! A bug-themed day of live performances, music, a literacy zone, family friendly activities hosted by community organizations, plus a chance to explore the inflatable Bug Tunnel!

ADULTS

Ocean Park Book Group Discussion
King Leopold's Ghost: A Story of Greed, Terror, and Heroism in Colonial Africa
by Adam Hochschild
Saturday, April 2 / 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

A history of the brutal exploitation of the Belgian Congo in the late 19th century. To register, email library@santamonica.gov

Notable Fiction Discussion Group
The Heart of the Matter by Graham Greene
Saturday, April 16 / 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
 A classic tragic novel of love and duty in a colonial setting. To register, email library@santamonica.gov

Main Library Book Discussion Group
A Woman of No Importance: The Untold Story of the American Spy Who Helped Win World War II by Sonia Pernel
Monday, April 18 / 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Rejected from the Foreign Service because she was a woman and because she had one leg, Virginia Hall became "the most dangerous of all Allied spies." To register, email library@santamonica.gov

Library programs are generously supported by The Friends of Santa Monica Public Library. All programs are subject to change.

Mystery Book Group Discussion
Thereby Hangs a Tail: A Chet & Bernie Mystery
by Spencer Quinn

Tuesday, April 19 / 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

In their second adventure, Bernie and Chet are called on to investigate threats made against a pampered show dog called Princess. To register, email library@santamonica.gov



Montana Ave. Branch Book Group Discussion
The Vanishing Half by Brit Bennett
Wednesday, April 20
7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Two mixed-race identical twins embrace different racial identities: one raising a black daughter in their southern hometown, the other passing as white with her husband unaware of her heritage. To register, library@santamonica.gov

Savvy Money Moves
Wednesday, April 27 / 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Author and financial literacy workshop facilitator Natalie Torres-Haddad teaches you how to be financially smart, tackle debt, and raise your credit score to reach your financial goals. Register: bit.ly/3qs44My

ONGOING CLASSES

These classes are taught by Adult Education Center instructors. Students must be 18 years or older to attend. Community 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.

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 / 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
 ESL, Multi Level HIGH: Mondays / 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.