

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL 2023

KIDS, TEENS & FAMILIES

Take & Make Kit: "Poet-Tree" for National Poetry Month Available beginning Monday, April 3

Use the letters in your name to create a "Poet-Tree" acrostic poem art piece, then try out other poetic forms and be a poet this Poetry Month! Pick up at the Main Library Youth Services desk and at all branch locations, while supplies last. For ages 4 & up.

Tuesday Tales: A Traveling Storytime

Tuesdays / 10:30 to 11:00 a.m.

April 4: Main Library

April 11: Pico Branch, The Annex

April 18: Montana Ave. Branch

April 25: 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.

Cuentos para pequeños

Jueves, 13 de abril / De 10:30 to 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.

Earth Day: Butterfly Celebration

Saturday, April 22 / 10:30 am to 12:00 p.m.

Montana Ave. Branch

Kick off Earth Day with a butterfly storytime on the patio, followed by activity and information stations with butterfly crafts, pollinator gardening, and more! Free milkweed seed packets available while supplies last. For families.

Fierce Friday & YALLWEST

Friday, April 28 / 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. / Pico Branch

Saturday, April 29 / 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. / Santa

Monica High School, 4th Street entrance

YALLWEST returns to Santa Monica and SMPL for its ninth annual young adult and middle grade book festival. Join us Friday afternoon at the Pico Branch for a preview event, featuring book signings with a dozen major authors. Then on Saturday, join us at Santa Monica High School for the ninth annual young adult book festival, featuring author panels and book signings, games, food trucks and lots more. Be sure to visit the library booth for a book signing with author and librarian Monica Zepeda (*Boys of the Beast*), play games and win prizes, and find out more about the library. Visit yallwest.com for free ticket info and author line-ups.



Arts & Literacy Festival

Saturday, April 29 / 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Virginia Avenue Park, 2201 Pico Blvd.

Ready, set, build! A construction-themed day of live performances, a literacy zone, and family-friendly activities presented by community organizations. For families.



LIBRARY 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 [@SantaMonicaLib](https://twitter.com/SantaMonicaLib) 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.

ADULTS



Soundwaves Concert: Scott Worthington Saturday, April 1 / 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Pico Branch, The Annex

Redlands Symphony Principal Bassist Scott Worthington performs modern and contemporary solo compositions by Katarzyna Brochocka, Tyson Davis, Alexandra Gardner, and Mieczyslaw Weinberg.

Managing Your Money Workshop Series Wednesdays, April 19 & 26 / 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Pico Branch, The Annex (English)

Virginia Ave. Park Teen Center (Spanish)

Financial experts from Haven Neighborhood Services team up with industry professionals to discuss key financial topics from the FDIC's Money Smart program. In English and Spanish.

April 19 topic: Credit Reports and Scores

April 26 topic: Building Your Financial Future

Tech & Tasks

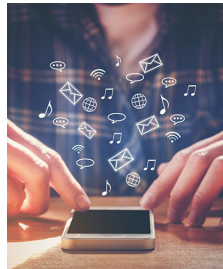
(New name and time!)

Thursdays, April 6*, 13, 20 & 27

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. *April 6 will have reps from the Santa Monica Active Aging Program.



Locals' Night: Poetry on the Pier

Thursday, April 20

4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Santa Monica Pier

Celebrate National Poetry Month with a custom poem typewritten for you or a loved one on the topic of your choice by RENT Poet Brian Sonia-Wallace, the current West Hollywood Poet Laureate. All ages. Visit santamonicipier.org/localsnight.

Job Hunting with Chrysalis

Thursday, April 6 / 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. / Main Library Lobby

Thursday, April 20 / 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.

VITA: Volunteer Income Tax Assistance

April 8 / 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. / By appointment only

Pico Branch, The Annex

In partnership with Virginia Avenue Park, volunteers from Haven Neighborhood Services provide free tax preparation assistance. Contact VAP staff at (310) 458-8688 or vap@santamonica.gov for appointment availability and list of required documents.

NEW BOOKSTORE HOURS

Effective immediately, the Friends of the Santa Monica Public Library Bookstore is open on Mondays, as well as Thursdays.

Mondays, 12:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Thursdays, 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.



BOOK GROUPS

Contact library@santamonica.gov for Zoom links



Notable Fiction Book Group

Half a Yellow Sun by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

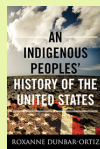
Saturday, April 15 / 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Zoom

Main Library Book Group

An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States
by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz

Monday, April 17 / 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. / Zoom



Mystery Book Group

The Woman in the Library Sulari Gentili

Tuesday, April 18 / 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. / Zoom



Montana Ave. Branch Book Group

The Bad-Ass Librarians of Timbuktu by Joshua Hammer

Thursday, April 20 / 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Montana Ave. Branch

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 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

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

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