



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



VIRTUAL PROGRAMMING / FEBRUARY 2021

KIDS & TEENS

Dial-A-Story

Access 24/7 via telephone at (424) 610-8600

Are you looking for a fun way for your children to hear exciting stories? Check out Dial-a-Story. New stories are recorded by librarians each week, in English and Spanish, and can be listened to by phone at any time of day.

Llama y escucha un cuento

Disponibles las 24 horas del día, 7 días de la semana por teléfono marcando al (424) 610-8600

¿Está usted buscando una manera divertida para que sus hijos escuchen cuentos emocionantes? Visita nuestro nuevo servicio Dial-A-Story (Llama y escucha un cuento). Los bibliotecarios graban nuevos cuentos cada semana, en inglés y español, y se pueden escuchar por teléfono a cualquier hora del día.

Take & Make Craft Kits: Valentine's Day and Chinese New Year

Available at Curbside Pickup. Hours and locations are listed on the right.

Pick up a monthly Take & Make Activity Kit for fun activities to do safely at home. We provide all the supplies for fun educational crafts, early literacy, and STEAM learning. For kids ages 3-10 and their families, while supplies last.

Building Blocks for Kindergarten with SMPL
Mondays, February 1, 8, 15 & 22 / 1:00 to 1:15 p.m.

[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, 1, 8, 15 y 22 de febrero / De la 1:00 a 1:15 p.m.

[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.



Family Black History Month Program:

Talking Drums

Saturday, February 6 / 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

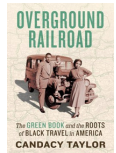
[Live via Facebook](#) and [Bluejeans](#)

Celebrate Black History Month with Ina the Sunshine Storyteller. Ina presents African and African American folktales, poetry, and songs. For Kids ages 3-10 and their families.

Shane Phillips on *The Affordable City*
Wednesday, February 17 / 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

[Access via Bluejeans](#)

Housing and development are among the hottest issues for Santa Monica and the Westside. Join Shane Phillips for a presentation and discussion of his book, *The Affordable City*, which posits 54 policies to address the housing crisis through supply, stability, and subsidy.



Montana Avenue Branch Book Group Discussion: *The Overground Railroad: The Green Book and the Roots of Black Travel in America* by Candacy Taylor

Wednesday, February 17 / 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Cultural documentarian Candacy Taylor examines the important historical role of the *The Green Book*, a "Black travel guide to America" published from 1936 to 1966. Register to attend this program by emailing stephanie.archer@smgov.net.

Community Social Justice Book Discussion: *White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism* by Robin DiAngelo
Thursday, February 18 / 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.

[Register via Zoom](#)

Part of a series of Social Justice Book Discussions, this program is presented by the Library in partnership with the City Manager's Office. Robin DiAngelo's groundbreaking book explores the counterproductive reactions white people have, when discussing racism, that serve to protect their positions and maintain racial inequality. Read the book and join the conversation.

Notable Fiction Book Group Discussion: *Girl, Woman, Other* by Bernardine Evaristo
Saturday, February 20 / 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

From one of Britain's most celebrated writers of color, this novel is a magnificent portrayal of the intersections of identity among an interconnected group of Black British women. Register to attend this program by emailing karen.reitz@smgov.net.



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

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Monday – Friday

Saturday, February 6

Pico Branch

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Monday – Friday

Saturday, February 6

Montana Avenue Branch

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Monday & Wednesday

There will be no Curbside Pickup and Library Service on Monday, February 15

ADULTS



Ocean Park Branch Book Group Discussion: *The Food Explorer: The True Adventures of the Globe-Trotting Botanist Who Transformed What America Eats* by Daniel Stone

Thursday, February 4 / 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

A fascinating look at the adventures and legacy of nineteenth-century botanist and food explorer David Fairchild. Register to attend this program by emailing karen.reitz@smgov.net.

Author Reading and Community Conversation with Catherine Adel West

Thursday, February 11 / 12:00 to 1:30 p.m.

[Register via Eventbrite](#)

Catherine Adel West's debut novel, *Saving Ruby King*, takes readers on a journey exploring trauma, friendships, and secrets that intertwine two Southside Chicago families for three generations. This free event is part of the City's Black History Month programming.

Main Library Book Group Discussion: *The Guarded Gate: Bigotry, Eugenics, and the Law that Kept Two Generations of Jews, Italians, and Other European Immigrants Out of America* by Daniel Okrent

Monday, February 15 / 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Published in 2019, this acclaimed work explores the history of the racial pseudoscience that shaped United States immigration policy for most of the 20th century. Register to attend this program by emailing jeff.schwartz@smgov.net.

Mystery Book Group Discussion: *Black Water Rising* by Attica Locke

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

When black lawyer Jay Porter saves a drowning white woman, he becomes embroiled in a murder investigation that puts his practice and his life in danger. Register to attend this program by emailing karen.reitz@smgov.net.

ONGOING CLASSES

Citizenship Classes

Mondays / 12:00 to 2:30 p.m.

This series of classes is taught by Adult Education Center instructors. Students must be 18 years or older to attend. 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 / 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

ESL, Multi Level LOW

Saturdays / 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

ESL, Multi Level HIGH

Mondays / 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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. 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.

Have questions or need help? Library staff are available Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Contact us at 310-458-8600 or reference@smgov.net.