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# South Pasadena Public Library

## Educator News



### Assignment Alert

We would appreciate knowing of any upcoming assignments in order to find materials for students visiting our Library. Please e-mail us at [mwong@southpasadenaca.gov](mailto:mwong@southpasadenaca.gov) to share any upcoming assignments.

### MARCH-APRIL 2015

The South Pasadena Public Library catalog is online. Search for Library materials, place holds, and check your Library account at [www.southpasadenaca.gov/library](http://www.southpasadenaca.gov/library)

### Online Resources

These databases are available through the Library's website at:

[www.southpasadenaca.gov/library](http://www.southpasadenaca.gov/library)  
**SIRS RESEARCHER**

Provides information on current issues, including pros, cons, overviews, relevant articles and images.

#### SCHOLASTIC'S AMAZING ANIMALS OF THE WORLD

Geared to elementary students and higher, this resource includes basic information about hundreds of animals' sizes, diets, reproduction, habitats, and scientific classifications. It also provides authoritative web links and lesson plans.

#### SCHOLASTIC'S NEW BOOK OF POPULAR SCIENCE

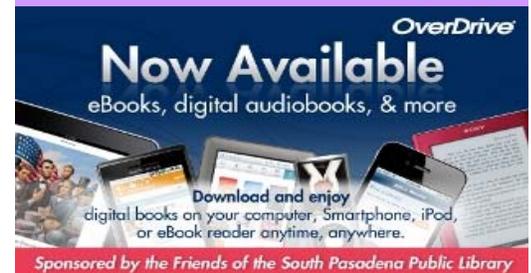
Includes articles on science and technology for middle and high school students. It also includes authoritative web links.

#### TOUCAN VALLEY SOCIAL STUDIES FACT CARDS

Offers facts about California Native Americans, explorers, missions, ranchos, governors, counties, and history.

#### WORLD BOOK ONLINE

Features the same reliable, accessible information as the print version of the encyclopedia. It includes images and primary sources along with a dictionary and an atlas. *World Book Kids* includes activities tied to national curriculum standards.



For students who need a little help with their homework, the Library offers free online tutoring through **Tutor.com**. Between 3:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m., students in K – 12<sup>th</sup> grades can connect through the Library's website. By clicking on "**Live Homework Help**" from the **Library Resources—Online Resources page**, students will be connected to a tutor who will personally help them with their homework questions using online chat. Tutor.com downloadable apps are available for iOS and Android devices.

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### Noteworthy New Books

- Can you taste music? Can you see more colors than your friends? What if you could remember everything you ever read? **Tastes Like Music: 17 Quirks of the Brain and Body** by Maria Birmingham looks at exceptional traits of the human body and how they change the way that some people live in, and experience the world.
- Jamie Wyeth once said "Everybody in my family

paints, excluding possibly the dogs." It was an accurate summation. It's rare to become a world famous artist whose paintings are found in some of the most renowned museums in the world. And it is even more rare for three painters in the same family to achieve that feat. But that is exactly the case with N.C., Andrew, and Jamie Wyeth. Read **The Lives and Art of the Wyeth Family: Everybody Paints!** by Susan

#### Goldman Rubin

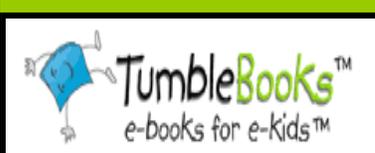
- After the 1986 Chernobyl Nuclear Explosion in Ukraine, scientists believed radiation had created a vast and barren wasteland in which life could never resurface. But the "Dead Zone" doesn't look dead at all. Learn more about the fascinating ongoing research, and the debates that surround the findings, of one of the most dangerous places on Earth in **Chernobyl's Wild Kingdom: Life in the Dead Zone** by Rebecca Johnson.

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Check the Library's website at  
[www.southpasadenaca.gov/library](http://www.southpasadenaca.gov/library)  
for ongoing updates regarding public library resources and events!

Maida Wong, Spenser Coates, and Sherry Sue  
Children's Librarians



Look for "Tumblebooks" on the Library's web page—Library Resources—Online Resources to access e-books for children.

## Other Resources

### April is National Poetry Month!

#### Fizzy, Funny, Fuzzy

<http://www.fizzyfunnyfuzzy.com/>

#### Kenn Nesbitt's Poetry for Kids

<http://www.poetry4kids.com/>

#### Kristine O'Connell George

<http://www.kristinegeorge.com/index.html>

#### Poets.org

[www.poets.org](http://www.poets.org)

#### Teen Ink Poetry

<http://teenink.com/Poetry/>

#### Teen Poetry

<http://teenpoetry.student.com/>

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Reading Festival



April 13-18, 2015

Children's Room

4pm-5pm

In celebration of National Library Week, children are encouraged to sign up to read aloud with a volunteer student reader.



To read with a reading buddy, students should go to the Library website and click on the "Sign Up for Youth Programs" box.



To volunteer as a reader, students must contact Maida Lin Wong at [mwong@southpasadenaca.gov](mailto:mwong@southpasadenaca.gov)

To register for Children's programs, go to the Library website and click on the Youth Programs Sign-up button.

## Programs

### FAMILY STORYTIMES

Children's Room  
**No sign-ups required.**

**April 7— May 29, 2015**

Tuesdays 7:15 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

Children's librarians read age-appropriate stories and share fingerplays, songs, flannel-board stories, music, book-related videos and crafts with children in a group setting.

### BARKS AND BOOKS

Ages 5 to 10 years  
Children's Room  
**Sign-ups required.**

**April 13, May 11, June 8, 2015**

2nd Mondays 3:00pm-4:00pm

Children read animal-related short stories of their choice to a special dog from the Pasadena Humane Society Companion Animal Program. Not only does this make reading more fun, it also builds a child's confidence in reading aloud. Also, the available books will help children realize that animals experience a range of emotions similar to their own and that they have basic needs too. This will, in turn, encourage them to appreciate the importance of treating all animals with respect and kindness.

### BE KIND TO ANIMALS WEEK ART CONTEST March 23 – April 10, 2015

The South Pasadena Public Library, the South Pasadena Animal Commission, and the Natural Resources and Environmental Commission invite children up to 14 years-old to participate in the "Be Kind To Animals Week" art contest to promote the theme of kindness to animals and their habitats. Full contest rules are available from the Library's Children's Services. Art contest awards will be distributed on May 4<sup>th</sup> in the Amedee O. "Dick" Richards, Jr. Council Chambers.