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# South Pasadena Public Library

## Educator News



### September—October 2015

#### 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.

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

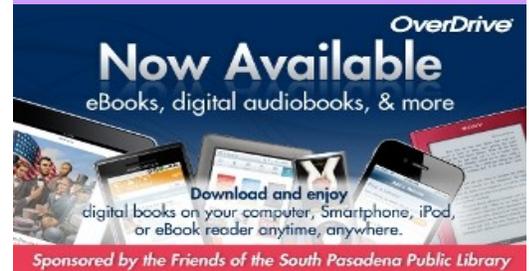
Includes articles on science and technology for middle and high school students. It also includes authoritative web links.

#### 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

- Whether you call them kicks or sneakers, runners or gutties, you probably have a pair of athletic shoes in your closet. **Sneaker Century: A History of Athletic Shoes**, Juv 746 Keyser, covers the history of the sneaker, follows sneaker fashions and the larger-than-life personalities behind the famous athletic shoe brands in history, and explores the sneaker frontier of the future.
- College students crammed into phone booths. Couples dancing until they drop. Streakers dashing naked down the street. **Fad Mania! A History Of American Crazes**, Juv 973.9 Bix, explores a century of American crazes, offering an entertaining and informative look at the historical events of each Twentieth Century decade and the fads that defined them.
- Warm, furry, fuzzy, polka-dot, striped! Everyone loves earmuffs. But who invented earmuffs? Was it Chester Greenwood? And if not, why is he always given credit for inventing them? Read Meghan McCarthy's **Earmuffs for Everyone!** Juv 687.4 McCarthy
- Ever wonder what life was like 1,900 years ago? **Explore 360° Pompeii** offers an in-depth view of the city before, during, and after the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius with spectacular fold-outs and 3-D features.

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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 and Spenser Coates  
Children's Librarians



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

## Other Resources *What to read next?*

### Fantastic Fiction

[www.fantasticfiction.com](http://www.fantasticfiction.com)

### Mid-Continent Public Library Juvenile Series and Sequels

<http://www.mymcpl.org/books-movies-music/juvenile-series>

### NoveList Plus

Access via the Library's website—Online Resources  
[www.southpasadenaca.gov/library](http://www.southpasadenaca.gov/library)

### South Pasadena Public Library Teens Read

[Www.spplteensread.blogspot.com](http://www.spplteensread.blogspot.com)

### Whichbook

[www.whichbook.net](http://www.whichbook.net)

## Preparing for Private High School



For students 6th grade and up

**3:30 p.m.—5:00 p.m.**  
**Library Community Room**  
1115 El Centro Street  
South Pasadena, CA

**Nov. 6, 2015**

### Preparing for the ISEE Exam

Students will receive a detailed overview of the ISEE exam: format, types of questions, and ways to prepare as well as admissions requirements. Students will gain an understanding about how schools weigh the ISEE as part of admissions.

**Nov. 13, 2015**

### Preparing for the Interview

Students will receive sample questions to consider and interview prep tips. They will also experience a mini mock interview: practicing effective introductions, expressing school fit, and voicing their interests in the school of their choice.

Presented by Dan Bodwell,  
Associate Director of Admissions,  
Maranatha High School

## Programs

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

### FAMILY STORYTIMES

All ages  
Children's Room

#### No sign-ups required.

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.

**Sept. 15—Nov. 10, 2015**

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

### BARKS AND BOOKS

Ages 5 to 10 years  
Children's Room

#### Sign-ups required.

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.

**Sept. 14, Nov. 9, Dec. 14, 2015**

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

### COLLEGE ADMISSIONS WORKSHOP

Ages 14 to 18 years  
Library Community Room

Applying to college is stressful, and the deadline for most university entrance applications is fast approaching. What will admissions officers look at in the application? What role does the SAT score play? How does one write a successful admission essay? The answers to these and many other questions regarding the college admissions process will be revealed at a workshop to be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 29, 2015 in the Library Community Room.

**Sept. 29, 2015**

7:00 p.m.

Presented by local specialists from C2 Education, a nationwide test prep and tutoring company, the College Admissions Workshop will cover tips and topics that will assist high school students in preparing winning applications and essays, and increase their chances of getting into the college of their dreams. Free to the public, this event will be presented in the spacious Library Community Room at 1115 El Centro Street, so no registration is required. Refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the South Pasadena Public Library.

## *Programs continued*

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### **IN-N-OUT BURGER COVER TO COVER READING PROGRAM**

**Oct. 3 – Nov. 14, 2015**

Children 4 – 12 years old are eligible to participate in the IN-N-OUT Burger Cover to Cover Reading Program. Participants read 5 books or have 5 books read to them, then visit Children's Services at the South Pasadena Public Library for their achievement award certificate, good for one hamburger or cheeseburger at IN-N-OUT.

### **WRITING SERIES FOR TWEENS**

**Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23, 2015**

Ages 10 – 15 years

3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Library Community Room

#### **Sign-ups required.**

Sponsored by the Friends of the South Pasadena Public Library, this four-week writing camp series will feature four published authors as mentors for the tweens. Poet and novelist Ron Koertge and playwright Kitty Felde join authors Sherri L. Smith and Cecil Castellucci as moderators for the fall Creative Writing Program at the South Pasadena Public Library. This year's Creative Writing Program will help students learn how to turn their ideas into poems, dramatic scenes and short stories. The emphasis is on students practicing what each moderator, each a published author, talks about during the hour-long sessions. To register, go to <http://southpasadena.evanced.info/signup/entcalendar.aspx>.

### **LIVING HISTORY NIGHT WITH BRUCE BUONAURO**

**October 15, 2015**

All ages

7:00 p.m.

Library Community Room

Living History Night with Bruce Buonauro portraying Father Junipero Serra, Founder of the California Missions.

Father Serra was a Spanish Franciscan friar who, starting in 1769, founded the first nine Spanish missions in California, stretching from San Diego to San Francisco. Co-sponsored by the Living History Centre Fund.

### **SCREENING OF RAY BRADBURY'S "HALLOWEEN TREE"**

**October 29, 2015**

All ages

7:00 p.m.

Library Community Room

Halloween Film Night with Screening of Ray Bradbury's "Halloween Tree," an animated feature by Hanna Barbera Productions that won a Daytime Emmy Award in 1993. The film features Bradbury as the narrator and Leonard Nimoy as the children's guide. Bradbury also wrote the screenplay. The program will also feature a presentation by Ted Grau, a local writer who has a new book, "The Nameless Dark."

## *Educators' Online Resources Access Code*

The South Pasadena Public Library is launching an **Online Resources Access Code**, which enables teachers and their students to use most of the South Pasadena Public Library's online resources in their classrooms and homes. To access the South Pasadena Public Library electronic resources, go to [www.southpasadenaca.gov/library](http://www.southpasadenaca.gov/library) and click on **Online Resources**.

The **Online Resources Access Code** is 91030004037358. If a PIN is required for this card, users should enter 91030.

Although the Online Resources Access Code enables teachers and their students to use most of the online resources, a personal Library card is needed to download e-books and audiobooks from Overdrive. Additionally, the Ancestry Library Edition is only accessible from the Library computers.