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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 to share any upcoming assignments.

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The South Pasadena Public Library catalog is online.

Search for Library materials, place holds, and check your Library account at www.southpasadenaca.gov/library

Online Resources

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

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

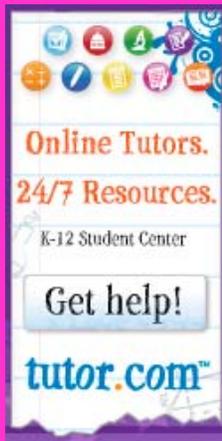
Includes articles on science and technology for middle and high school students. It also includes authoritative web links.

TOUCAN VALLEY SOCIAL STUDIES FACT CARDS

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

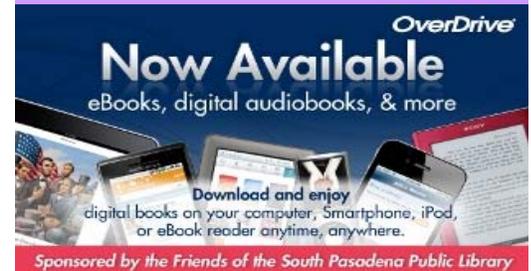
WORLD BOOK ONLINE

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 – 12th 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

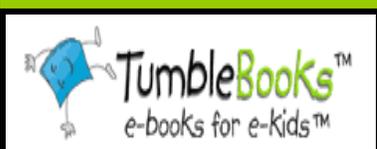
- When Jack meets his new foster brother, Joseph, he already knows three things about him: he almost killed a teacher; he was incarcerated at a place called Stone Mountain; he has a daughter and he's never seen her. Who is this boy who could have been any other eighth-grade kid at Eastham Middle School? Read *Orbiting Jupiter* by Gary D. Schmidt, master storyteller. (Juv Fiction Schmidt)
- 15-year old Caden Bosch notes, "There are two things you know. One: You were there. Two: You couldn't have been there." As he skirts two worlds, one on a fantastical pirate ship headed for the Marianas Trench, the deepest point on Earth, and his day-to-day life as a high school student whose behavior becomes increasingly odd, Caden descends into the darkest parts of his mind. Follow his journey in *Challenger Deep* by Neal Shusterman, 2015 National Book Award winner for Young People's Literature. (Teen Fiction Shusterman)
- Antonio recollects an extraordinary event in 1914 when Cowganda, Lake in Ontario was engulfed in a conflagration. Read about this unexpected event in *Out of the Woods: A True Story of an Unforgettable Event* by Rebecca Bond. (Juv Picture Book Bond)

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Check the Library's website at
www.southpasadenaca.gov/library
for ongoing updates regarding public library resources and events!

Maida Wong and Cindy Finder
Children's Librarians



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

Online Resources Access

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 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.

CALIFORNIA YOUNG READER MEDAL PARTY

March 1, 2016

7:15 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

Library Community Room

1115 El Centro Street
South Pasadena

Free fun for the whole family!

Primary Nominees:

Count the Monkeys by Mac Barnett. Illustrated by Kevin Cornell.

Disney-Hyperion, 2013.

Creepy Carrots by Aaron Reynolds. Illustrated by Peter Brown. Simon & Schuster BFYR, 2012.

The Day the Crayons Quit by Drew Daywalt. Illustrated by Oliver Jeffers. Philomel, 2013.

Dragons Love Tacos by Adam Rubin. Illustrated by Daniel Salmieri. Dial Books for Young Readers, 2012.

Paul Meets Bernadette by Rosy Lamb. Candlewick Press, 2013.

California Young Reader Medal
Voting

Youth votes count!

The South Pasadena Public
Library will have voting booths set up
from March 7th—March 12th, 2016.

Children and teens may visit the Children's Room and cast their ballots to

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

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.

January 12, 2016—March 8, 2016

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

No sign-ups required.

BARKS AND BOOKS

Ages 5 to 10 years
Children's Room

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.

January 11, February 8, March 14, 2016

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

Sign-ups required.

LIVING HISTORY PERFORMANCE BY DUFFY HUDSON AS ICONIC MAGICIAN HARRY HOUDINI

Ages 5 years and older
Library Community Room

A Living History event with the dynamic Duffy Hudson appearing as iconic magician Harry Houdini will serve as the centerpiece of the Annual Meeting of the Friends of the South Pasadena Public Library. After only a few minutes of Friends business, during which they will approve their 2016 Officers and Budget, the focus will shift to show biz legend Harry Houdini (1874-1926), the most famous escape artist who ever lived. Duffy Hudson, recently named by the *Los Angeles Daily News* as "LA's Best One Man Show," will return to the South Pasadena Public Library with his latest compelling character portrayal.

January 21, 2016

7:00 p.m.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

TWEEN SCIENCE SERIES

Ages 9 to 14 years
Library Community Room

Students have an opportunity to investigate different aspects of science through hands-on activities. Leading off the series, Margaret Vinci from CalTech's Seismological Laboratory leads off the science series with an introduction to earthquakes and earthquake preparedness on March 4th. Next, Geovanni Somoza from The Planetary Society takes students on a journey of a comet through the solar system on March 11th. And in the final session, South Pasadena High School's Coding Club members introduce a few secrets of coding.

March 4, 11, 18, 2016

Sign-ups required.