



**SOUTH PASADENA PUBLIC LIBRARY
CHILDREN'S SERVICES
SPRING 2012**



STORYTIMES

Children's Room

Family Storytimes (all ages)

Preschool Storytimes (ages 3 – 5 years)

Toddler Storytimes (ages 1 – 2 years)

Toddler Storytimes (ages 2 – 3 years)

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

January 10 – March 16, 2012

April 10 – June 1, 2012

Tuesdays, 7:15 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.

Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Fridays, 10:30 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.

Fridays, 11:00 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.

GRANDPARENTS AND BOOKS

Children's Room

All ages

Volunteer Grandma Carole shares her enthusiasm for books by reading aloud to children of all ages in one-on-one or small group settings.

January 9 – March 15, 2012

April 9 – May 31, 2012

Mondays and Thursdays, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

BARKS AND BOOKS

Children's Room

Ages 5 – 10 years

Children are invited to visit the library to read animal-related short stories of their choice to dogs 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. Sign-ups are required. Call (626) 403-7358 to register.

March 12, April 9, May 14, June 11

2nd Mondays, 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

BE KIND TO ANIMALS WEEK ART CONTEST **March 23 – April 14, 2012**

To promote the theme of kindness to animals, the South Pasadena Public Library and the South Pasadena Animal Commission invite children up to 14 years-old to participate in the "Be Kind To Animals Week" art contest. Full contest rules are available from the Library's Children's Services. Art contest awards will be distributed on May 7th in the Amedee O. "Dick" Richards, Jr. Council Chambers.

EVERYTHING YOU'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT HOW TO DO RESEARCH BUT WERE AFRAID TO ASK

April 11 and April 14, 2012

Children's Room

For Parents and students, 4th grade and up

In celebration of National Library Week, April 8 – 14, 2012, the Library is offering free workshops for parents and students on how to research. Researchers who have been frustrated with culling through thousands of Google hits and dealing with the uncertainties of the accuracy of Wikipedia articles will discover the basics on structuring their research strategies and using the Library's online resources.

TURN OFF THE TV WEEK

April 30 – May 6, 2012

Did you know that the average American child spends more time each year watching television (1,023 hours) than being in school (900 hours)? The South Pasadena Unified School District elementary schools and the South Pasadena Public Library challenge children to turn off the TV for one week and discover many other activities to share with their families. Children who do not attend the SPUSD elementary schools can pick up their "Turn Off the TV Chart" from Children's Services in mid-April.



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TWEEN PROGRAM – THROUGH THE BOOKING GLASS April 13, April 20, April 27, 2012

Library Community Room

3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Ages 10 - 15 years

Ever wonder how an author grabs your interest in a book? The Children's Services Division of the South Pasadena Public Library is offering a series of three, hour-long reading roundtables, on April 13, 20 and 27.

Teachers and educators will meet in groups with students, ages 10-15, to discuss how to become a better reader. Students will read during the session a pre-selected portion of a book or story. They will then discuss ways the writer used and what students like or don't like about the selection. Mentors will focus on both being a more critical reader and also how to be a better writer, both for fun and for school. Interested students should contact Children's Librarian Maida Wong at 626-403-7358 or e-mail her at mwong@ci.south-pasadena.ca.us to register.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

June 11 – August 4, 2012

Sign-ups for this popular program will begin June 11th. Special weekly programs will be on Wednesdays, beginning June 20th at 2:00 p.m. with the Puppets and Players Little Theatre's presentation of *Thumbelina* on the Fairview Street side of the Library Park. The Friends of the South Pasadena Public Library, Inc. and other community-spirited businesses and individuals sponsor the Summer Reading Program.

For more information about Library activities, please call (626) 403-7358 or visit the Library to pick up a calendar of events. The Library is located at 1100 Oxley Street and on the web at www.cityofsouthpasadena.us/library. Hours are: Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays 11:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.; Thursdays and Fridays 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.; Saturdays 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Sundays 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.