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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 ChildrenLibrarian@ci.south-pasadena.ca.us to share any upcoming assignments.



Funded by grants from the Friends of the South Pasadena Public Library and the Library Services and Technology Act.

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" in either the "For Kids" and "For Teens" sections, they will be connected to a tutor who helps them with their homework questions through

South Pasadena Public Library

Educator News



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www.cityofsouthpasadena.us/library

Online Resources

These databases are available through the Library's website at: www.cityofsouthpasadena.us/library/online.html

PROQUEST SIRSI RESEARCHER

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



LEARNING

EXPRESS LIBRARY

is an online collection of practice tests and study aids on a variety of topics such as elementary, middle and high school skills improvement, including math, reading and writing. Students can prepare for standardized testing or hone their SAT essay writing skills as well as prep for other parts of the SAT with this free service.

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.

The *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.

Noteworthy New Books

- *Big Nate In A Class By Himself* by Lincoln Peirce and *The Popularity Papers: Research for the Social Improvement and General Betterment of Lydia Goldblatt & Julie Graham-Chang* by Amy Ignatow are two new titles in the combination cartoon-text format that appeals to the *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* fans.
- *Hip Hop Dog* by Chris Raschka is a picture book featuring a sad, bad unwanted mutt who discovers music and learns to "bark it like Brunhilda." Raschka's edgy hip hop text and illustrator Vladimir Radunsky's energetic page design are perfectly paired in this doggy allegory.
- *All In the Family: a Look-It-Up Guide to the In-laws, Outlaws, and Offspring of Mythology* by Steven Otfinoski—one of the Mythlopedia series, this book introduces Greek gods and goddesses in an attractive, collage-style format that invites students to "get your myth on."

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Check the Library's website for ongoing updates regarding public library resources and events!

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Children's Librarians

Other Resources

50 States: States and Capitals

<http://www.50states.com>

A+ Research and Writing for High School and College Students

<http://www.ipl.org/div/aplus/>

Algebra.help

<http://www.freemathhelp.com/algebra-help.html>

Ask for Kids

<http://www.askkids.com>

Author School Visits by State

<http://authorbystate.blogspot.com/>

Ben's Guide to U.S. Government for Kids

<http://bensguide.gpo.gov/>

Discovery Education School Resources

<http://school.discoveryeducation.com/>

Kidipede: History for Kids

<http://www.historyforkids.org/>

Learn to Read at Starfall

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

Mr. Young's Bouncy "A"

<http://www.covenantworks.com/Bouncy-A/index.htm>



The South Pasadena Public Library catalog is online!
Search for Library materials, place holds, and check your Library account at
www.cityofsouthpasadena.us/library



The Summer Reading Program is designed to encourage reading and/or listening to reading throughout the summer. Children (infants through fifth grade) can participate in the many different parts of the program, from reading, recording minutes read and returning to the Library to pick out incentives, to creating crafts and attending storytimes. They can also attend the weekly Wonderful Wednesday series, read with the Library dog, and march in the Festival of Balloons Fourth of July parade.



The Teen Reading Program is for 6th through 12th graders. Teens can earn paperback books or raffle tickets for chances to win prizes by registering for the program, reading, and attending special programs in July. SPMS students can earn expansion credit for their English classes by reading and completing Teen Rave Reviews. See what the students think about the books they read at www.splpteensread.blogspot.com

Programs

- **FAMILY STORYTIMES**
All ages
Children's Room
Tuesdays at 7:15 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.
April 6, 2010—May 28, 2010
June 22, 2010—August 6, 2010
- **BARKS AND BOOKS**
Ages 5 to 10 years old
Children's Room
June 28, 2010 and July 26, 2010
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Sign-ups required.
Children read animal-related short stories of their choice to a special dog from the Pasadena Humane Society Companion Animal Program. Call (626) 403-7358 or e-mail mwong@ci.south-pasadena.ca.us to register.
- **SUMMER WRITING CAMP**
Ages 9—15 years old
Library Community Room
July 9, 16, 23, 30, and August 6, 2010
3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Sign-ups required.
Sponsored by the Friends of the South Pasadena Public Library and the South Pasadena Chinese-American Club, this series offers a unique opportunity to learn, write, and be mentored by nationally-acclaimed writers. Authors will share technique and writing tips and then students will write their own short stories. Call (626) 403-7358 or e-mail mwong@ci.south-pasadena.ca.us to register.
- **CRAFT DAYS**
Children's Room
Tuesdays, June 22, 2010—August 3, 2010
Children are encouraged to explore their creativity, making fish hats, fish-shaped library card holders, toy sailboats, fish bowls, jellyfish, and much more from the "flotsam and jetsam" available in the Children's Room on craft days.
- **WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS ***
Wednesdays, June 23, 2010—August 4, 2010
Sponsored by the Friends of the South Pasadena Public Library, the Wonderful Wednesday specials are offered free to the public.
 - June 23 *The Found Object Juggling Show* presented by Michael Rayner
 - June 30 Artist Patty Sue Jones presents *Koinobori*, art of the Japanese carp-shaped wind socks
 - July 7 Traveling Lantern Theatre performs *Pinocchio*
 - July 14 *Mermaids, Pirates, and Castles Beneath the Sea*, storytelling by Rebecca Martin
 - July 21 *Bubbles Galore* by Bubble Mania and Company
 - July 28 The Blue Submarine presents *Lifestyles of the Slimy & Squishy*
 - August 4 *Splish Splash Into Music* with Craig Newton

* Please note that all Wonderful Wednesday programs are open to individual families only. Due to limited resources and space, the Library is unable to accommodate daycare, school, and other special groups at these performances.