In this age of instant information, it’s easy to forget about one of our most valuable community resources: the Santa Monica Public Library!

The Library provides help with a wide array of FREE programs, classes and services, and embraces Santa Monica’s commitment to building a community of readers. Among its many quality programs are those that foster lifelong learning, including all forms of literacies. Specifically, the Library supports literacy through its Literacy Education for Adults and Families (LEAF) program, which includes free one-on-one tutoring for adult learners.

There’s so much to see, read and experience at our Library. It offers a diverse collection of materials, curated through assessment of community feedback, demographics, impact, program support, uniqueness of materials, and format types. The dedicated Library staff reviews the collections regularly, allocates funds, and improves collections systemwide. And they’re always working to find new ways to make materials available to the community. That includes you.

The Library is dedicated to the growth of our community, and these days, it means more than just printed materials. In addition to maintaining the core library services you’d expect, the Santa Monica Public Library offers the latest tools and technology to support learning for school, career and life success. To that end, and to foster collaboration across generations, the Library offers engaging technology programs that include smartphone and tablet instruction, one-on-one assistance, 3D printing, virtual reality, coding, robot playtime and more.

DISCOVER THE SANTA MONICA PUBLIC LIBRARY CONTINUED ON PAGE 2
The Library staff also promotes interest in our local community by creating interactive programs and displays centered around local history and preservation. They work with community agencies such as Santa Monica History Museum. Most recently, the Library acquired an image collection highlighting Santa Monica during the 1984 Olympics, as well as a notebook of architectural drawings for a Causeway off the coast of the Santa Monica Bay. Come and see them!

WELCOME TO THE LIBRARY!

You are officially invited to come visit the Santa Monica Public Library. As a community resource, the Library is committed to lifelong learning for all ages and walks of life. Whether you seek information to improve your skills or explore a new passion, learn more about the world, discuss current events, participate in a family literacy program, learn to read better, or attend an event, the Library can be your gateway to knowledge and discovery.

As a public place, the Library provides many opportunities to engage in any one of their five facilities. They offer hundreds of free programs every year, with some of them produced in collaboration with the support of community partners and advocates such as the Friends of the Santa Monica Public Library. Other agencies make use of their meeting rooms to create programs of interest to benefit the community at large. If you have an idea, the Library welcomes your suggestions.

The Library’s collection of materials reflects our community’s interests and intellectual curiosity, and echoes our commitment to equity, diversity and inclusion. Materials can be found in Chinese, English, Farsi, French, German, Japanese, Korean, Russian and Spanish. They can be found in print, on DVD, on CD and online. You can also access services, music, movies and more virtually – all through the magic of a Santa Monica Public Library Card.

Also, in order to provide the best service to all customers, we ask that you please help take care of your Library. We want everyone to have an enjoyable and positive learning experience during your visit and your safety is important. That means the Library will be reminding all visitors of expectations during your next visit. And if you ever see anything that is not quite right or have a suggestion, please let the Library staff know. The Library has many uniformed Library Service Officers available to assist, and of course, the dedicated Library staff stands ready to help you have a successful learning or entertainment experience.

For more information, visit www.smpl.org.

A LETTER FROM DIRECTOR OF LIBRARY SERVICES, PATTY WONG

Greetings to our library patrons and community members:

Summer is winding down for many of our families and friends who frequent the Santa Monica Public Library. As we approach a new season, I write to share that there too is a season of change at the library. And like all things we do here, we want to inform and engage you in this process.

We are a community gathering place where everyone is welcome to come and learn. We want you to have an enjoyable and successful experience when you come to the Main Library and any of our four branch facilities. To ensure everyone can comfortably enjoy the library, we are reminding all our patrons about the library Rules of Conduct, which help foster a pleasant shared experience.

Some key things to know:

- Eating or sleeping in the library is not permitted. There are places in the building, such as our central courtyard where eating is permissible.
- Large bags, blankets and weapons of any kind are not permitted.
- Be mindful of space and volume. There are hundreds of people who frequent the buildings every day. We all have a role in being respectful to our fellow learners!
- If you see something, please say something by talking to a Library Services Officer or any library staff.

Our uniformed Library Services Officers provide customer support and ensure that everyone follows the Rules of Conduct. You’ll be seeing these members of our team more and they may come say hello to you at the entrance or throughout your time at the library.

This is your library. We need you to join us in promoting safety and taking care of the books, equipment and building so everyone can enjoy our community space.

Thank you for using and supporting the Santa Monica Public Library!

To learn more about the Library’s Rules of Conduct, visit smpl.org/Policies.

In service,

Patty Wong
Director of Library Services
Santa Monica Public Library

YOUR FIRE DEPARTMENT IS NOW STATIONED AT THE BEACH

The department’s dedicated presence on the beach has also allowed on-duty crews to respond to a wide variety of circumstances. Crews have been assisting visitors, helping with reports of missing children, engaging with people experiencing homelessness, and building stronger relationships with the neighbors and business communities on the pier and along the beach.

This new pilot is all part of a citywide commitment to performance management and to using data to make the smartest investments to enhance what they do. The data shows that there’s added value in having more fire resources along the beach, especially during the busy summer season. And it’s currently being staffed with existing personnel and equipment using capital improvement funds already approved in the department’s budget.

It’s been great being down on the beach so far, and the Santa Monica Fire Department is grateful for the neighbors and business owners they’ve met, as well as the many calls they’ve responded to where they’ve been able to provide help in critical moments. If you see a member of the department on the pier or beach, say hello!

For more information on SMFD, visit www.santamonicafire.org.

50-60% decrease in response times
**LEARNIN’ TO RIDE**

During SMMUSD Spring and Summer break, hundreds of CREST after school enrichment program students took part in Bike Skills Safety Training, as well as group rides from the City’s Bike Campus to the Annenberg Community Beach House.

Students learned how to properly fit their helmets, the “ABC Quick Check”, rules of the road, and key tips for keeping themselves and others safe. Once the training at the City’s Bike Campus was complete, the children were led by Santa Monica Spoke (a local Bike Advocacy group) on a group ride down the beach bike path to the Annenberg Community Beach House. Active Transportation Program (ATP) grants funded the special training. Similar training is also conducted at SMMUSD Elementary School Fall Festivals, COAST, Health and Wellbeing Festival, and more.

**THE GOLDEN SNEAKER**

In 2016, the City’s Safe Routes to School program introduced a Golden Sneaker award and custom-made trophy to complement the biannual Bike It! Walk It! events. Since October 2018, it’s been in the hands of Grant Elementary, which has had the highest percentage of students utilizing active transportation options to get to school. Bike It! Walk It! week was celebrated in May and is coming again in October, coinciding with National Bike and Walk to School Days.

For more information, call 310.458.2201 ext. 2120, e-mail cory.keen@smgov.net or visit santamonicasafes routes.org.

**SANTA MONICA OPENS ITS FIRST WALK LOOP IN WILMONT**

Santa Monica is a place where walking is not only pleasant and desirable, it’s also a core part of the City’s identity and character. We are a city of walkers.

In partnership with Adopt-A-Walk, the City’s first walking loop was unveiled in the Wilmont neighborhood on June 29 with an opening celebration attended by approximately 50 community members. The Wilmont Walk Loop is a great place to take a deep breath, walk off some stress, and be active.

The one-mile loop begins and ends at Reed Park (7th and California), extending along the neighborhood’s tree-lined sidewalks, local shops and park amenities.

Adopt-A-Walk is a health advocacy organization committed to creating and promoting walking-friendly communities, to improve the health of the people in the community in a fun and easy way.

**TOP 5 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT COAST 2019**

**Sunday, September 15, 10am – 4pm**

COAST is Santa Monica’s Open Streets Event where attendees can experience two miles of streets and their community in a fresh, car-free way. This year, the streets will be filled with a pageant of crowdsourced creativity. Come as a participant or observer. Just come and witness the fun!

1. **CROWDSOURCED CREATIVITY**

All aboard! Join the people-powered transportation revolution. Everyone is invited to create and decorate your wheels, your shoes, yourself, or whatever your car-free way of getting around is. Come participate in this carnival of wheels, rigs, wings and feet. The event magic will be created by the community’s collaborative imagination.

2. **BE PART OF COAST**

There are endless ways to be part of COAST. Over a dozen free artist-led workshops will be offered in the weeks leading up to COAST. They’ll provide you and your friends with inspiration and materials to create and decorate a costume, walking piece or wheeled device.

You can also collaborate with friends, family and neighbors to create a communal large-scale human-powered mobile art piece that will be featured the day of the event. No need to attend a workshop to participate, you can DIY. There will also be event-day workshops where you’ll be able to do your own creating, then join in the colorful spectacle!

Bring, wear, or ride your creation to COAST. Or simply come to observe and enjoy the day.

3. **COAST CONTEST**

Enter your creation into the COAST Contest for a chance to win prizes for creativity and innovation. You can register online or sign up to enter the contest at the event. Contestants will be scored by an esteemed panel of guest judges.

4. **PERFORMANCES AND ACTIVITIES**

Musicians, performances, drop-in workshops, demos and classes will be sprinkled throughout the event route. You’ll be able to borrow skates and glide to bumping disco and funk at the Pop-Up Roller Rink, join in the open-to-all mobile dance brigade led by Christine Suarez, or witness crazy skateboard tricks at a pop-up skate activation.

Live music will include the carnival sounds of the band Sol e Mar, the solo pianist John Steven Morgan, the Dixieland blues and early swing of the California Feet Warmers, and the Latin folk group Cuñao. There will also be high-energy jump rope performances by Jump LA, communal art workshops, and a Bicycle Rodeo where all ages can practice their riding skills.

5. **FOOD AND BUSINESS SPECIALS**

Businesses and restaurants along the COAST route will be open. Many will offer event-day specials, as well as a respite and spot to fuel up and people-watch from picnic tables out front. A few food trucks will join the mix and add offerings near the Civic Auditorium.

COAST takes place along sections of Ocean Avenue, the Colorado Esplanade, and Main Street.

For more information, visit santamonica.gov/COAST.
Literacy Education for Adults & Families

The Library’s Literacy Education for Adults & Families (LEAF) program includes literacy services for all ages. For more information on any of these programs call the Main Library at 310.458.8600, stop by any Library location, or visit smpl.org/literacy.

ADULT LITERACY TUTORING
Volunteer literacy tutors work one-on-one with adult learners in a library setting. Tutors meet with learners once or twice per week to work on learning goals in one- to two-hour sessions.

CAREER ONLINE HIGH SCHOOL
The Library offers scholarships for this program, which provides adult students the opportunity to earn an accredited high school diploma and a career certificate.

COMPUTER CLASSES
The Library offers free beginner, intermediate and advanced instruction on various topics.

CONNECTED FAMILIES EVENTS
Play sessions with high-tech and low-tech activities to promote computational thinking, spark creativity and encourage family togetherness. For families with children ages 4-12.

DIGITAL LITERACY FOR YOUTH
A variety of workshops that help young people develop digital skills. Tech & U (ages 8-12) focuses on being safe and ethical online. CoderDojo (ages 8-17) teaches kids and teens computer science and coding. 3D Printing Workshops (ages 8 and up) is where kids and teens learn to create designs for 3D printing.

DIGITAL LITERACY FOR ADULTS
A variety of programs that provide adults the opportunity to develop digital skills. Programs include Appy Hour, a hands-on assistance with using a personal computing device; Computer Skills Classes, is instruction on a variety of computer topics; HTML/CSS, are workshops on how to use HTML/ CSS to create a website; Open Labs, are informal sessions for exploring virtual reality, 3D printing and other emerging technologies.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL) CLASSES
An ongoing series taught by SMMUSD Adult Education Center instructors. Students must be 18 years or older. Enrollment is through the Adult Education Center. Contact Olga Saucedo at 310.664.8222, ext. 76203 to enroll.

L.E.A.R.N. HOMEWORK HELP
Free homework help and reading comprehension skills-building for students grades 1 through 8. Volunteers work with students one-on-one for 20-minute sessions. L.E.A.R.N. is a drop-in program. No registration required.

READING-2-GO PROGRAM
For families with children ages 1-4. Participants receive a rotation of themed kits containing books, music and educational toys.

Toddler Programs

Storytime for babies and toddlers are offered throughout the week, with stories, rhymes, songs and activities designed to encourage early literacy skills and prepare children for Kindergarten. STEAM programming for Toddlers and Preschoolers presents science and art concepts in age-appropriate interactive programs. For more information, visit smpl.org/kids.

READ & PLAY
Wednesdays at the Main Library, 11:15 a.m. – 12 p.m., for ages 0-5. Helps children cultivate key developmental skills through books and play activities.

ARTFUL TODDLER
Little Hands Art Class offered at the Main Library and the Montana Branch.

PRESCHOOL EXPLORERS
Preschoolers explore a new science topic monthly at the Main Library and Ocean Park Branch.

READING-2-GO PROGRAM
(also listed under LEAF) For ages 1-4. Participants receive a rotation of themed kits containing books, music and educational toys.

WALK-IN TUTORING
Friendly volunteer tutors provide help with basic reading and writing, as well as computer skills such as using the internet, opening and using an email account and filling out online forms or applications.
Need Homework Help?

HOMEWORK HELP AT VIRGINIA AVENUE PARK
Homework Help is available for elementary school participants (grades 1-5) enrolled in Virginia Avenue Park’s Afterschool X-Press Program which provides a nurturing, safe and fun environment for participants. Homework help is offered Monday – Thursday from 3 p.m. – 7 p.m.

The Teen Center at Virginia Avenue offers enrichment classes, a music studio, homework help and tutoring, as well as college readiness classes for youth in middle school through college. Monday – Thursday from 2 p.m. – 8 p.m. For more information, visit santamonica.gov/homework.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS (PAL)
After school programming at PAL Youth Center and PAL Fitness Gym at Virginia Avenue Park includes Homework Assistance, enrichment classes geared toward Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math (STEAM), teen excursions with “Friday Night with PAL”, and health and physical fitness programming including dance, Cirque du PAL, karate, boxing, basketball and running. Teens also have a unique opportunity to give back to their community and learn leadership skills through the Youth Leadership Council, which meets twice a month. Kids ages 6-17 who are a Santa Monica resident or attending SMMUSD are invited.

Registration for all classes and activities takes place at the PAL Youth Center or Virginia Avenue Park. All programming at VAP and PAL is free! For current programming visit smpal.org.

CREST (CHILDCARE, RECREATION, ENRICHMENT, SPORTS... TOGETHER) HOMEWORK CLUB
CREST Homework Club is an after-school program that gives students academic support and a well-structured environment to work on homework for an hour per day Monday – Thursday. The program is offered to children in grades 1-5 at Edison, Grant, McKinley, Muir/SMASH, Roosevelt and Will Rogers Elementary Schools.

Additional CREST programming includes CREST Club, Enrichment, Homework Club, Sports, Playground Access and CREST Camps. Homework Club charges a one-time annual fee of $550, due at the beginning of service. There is no prorating or refunds. Payment plans are not accepted in the 2019-20 school year.

Registration is online and in-person at Reed Park Youth Office. For more information, call 310.458.8540 or visit smgovnet/crest.

HOMEWORK ASSISTANCE FROM THE POLICE ASSISTANCE LEAGUE (PAL)
The Homework Assistance program provides PAL youth with designated workspaces to complete homework assignments. Trained staff and volunteers provide assistance, supervision and supplies to ensure youth successfully complete their assignments. Monday – Thursday, 3 p.m. - 8 p.m.

For more information, visit smpal.org/Programs/Index/Educational.

Visit a Library Today
Remember to check out each branch for monthly events and learning programs. Visit smpl.org.

• Main Library
  601 Santa Monica Blvd.
  310.458.8600 / smpl.org/MainLibrary

• Fairview Branch
  2101 Ocean Park Blvd.
  310.458.8681 / smpl.org/FairviewBranch

• Montana Branch
  1704 Montana Ave.
  310.458.8682 / smpl.org/MontanaBranch

• Ocean Park Branch
  2601 Main St.
  310.458.8683 / smpl.org/OceanParkBranch

• Pico Branch
  2201 Pico Blvd.
  310.458.8684 / smpl.org/PicoBranch

September is...
Library Card Sign-Up Month!
Children who read succeed! A library card is one of your child’s best tools to stay prepared for school. The Library has a wealth of programs, resources and services to support reading throughout the year. Santa Monica Public Library has made access to Library services and materials for youth even easier. Youth library cards are now fine-free. Cardholders ages 0 to 18 won’t be charged overdue fines when they return materials late. Stop by the Library location near you to get your free library card and discover all the resources the Library has for you and your family.

smpl.org/SmartestCard
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO SUSTAINABILITY

Sustainability celebrates a quarter-century of progress with the anniversary of the Sustainable City Plan. On September 20, 1994, the City Council adopted the Sustainable City Plan, a set of groundbreaking policies, distinguished for their broad scope and measurable targets, that thrust Santa Monica into a leadership position worldwide.

For twenty-five years the policy objectives of the Sustainable City Plan have worked to enhance our resources, prevent harm to the natural environment and human health, and benefit the social, cultural and economic wellbeing of the community.

A snapshot of the last 25 years reveals its impact: a cleaner beach and Santa Monica Bay, 100% clean power for 95% of our residents and businesses, bike- and pedestrian-friendly streets with 110 publicly available EV chargers, notable advances in green building and solar projects, a push toward food sustainability and strengthening our local water infrastructure, economy and more.

As we celebrate past accomplishments, we also look forward to the strategic plans in place that will help protect the welfare of our children’s generation, and those to follow: Water Self-Sufficiency by 2023, Zero Waste by 2030 and Carbon Neutrality by 2050 or sooner. Together, these plans will lay the foundation of future successes.

The Sustainable City Plan is continually evolving and adapting to community priorities and sustainability best practices, and remains part of the enduring strategic policy initiatives for our future. Together, the residents, businesses and visitors in Santa Monica are doing their part to realize a Sustainable Santa Monica.

To learn more, visit sustainablesm.org.

THE BEST START POSSIBLE

Jennifer was a new mom when she made her way to Santa Monica and Santa Monica Bay. Jennifer has made it her mission to support parents and their kids at this critical phase of child development.

FIRST 5 LA AND CONNECTIONS FOR CHILDREN

Jennifer's child-centered mission extends far beyond her work at Connections for Children. She's a member of the Santa Monica Social Services Commission, as well as a participant in her daughter's school site council and the Santa Monica Early Childhood Task Force. This task force is a group of parents, child care providers, childhood advocates, and City and school district representatives that come together on a monthly basis to share and discuss information related to early childhood.

GETTING PLUGGED IN

Jennifer emphasizes the importance of parents getting plugged in and utilizing the resources that are available. Here are some easy ways to get involved:

• Come to the Santa Monica Early Childhood Task Force.
• Get involved in your child’s school site council or PTA.
• If you’re the parents of a young child, read Building Blocks for Kindergarten and check out First 5 LA’s parenting website, which connects families to resources and community events that help foster healthy early childhood development.
• If you’re a child care provider or parent looking for child care assistance or parenting workshops, visit Connections for Children.

To learn more, visit weare.santamonica.gov.
THREE THINGS YOU DON’T WANT TO MISS THIS FALL

all is here! There are countless events, programs and activities our beautiful beachside City has to offer. Read on for a few not-to-miss offerings from Santa Monica Community Recreation.

1. RECREATION CLASSES TO MOTIVATE TWEENS AND TEENS
Santa Monica Community Recreation provides classes for all ages. Classes in Engineering, Spanish, Dance, Gymnastics, Tennis, Sports and more will motivate and inspire tweens and teens to get active.

These activities and more can be found online at RecScape, the City of Santa Monica’s one-stop shop for accessing classes for youth and adults, camps, aquatics programs, and information about sports fields and facility rentals at Santa Monica’s beautiful parks and beaches.

3. AQUA AEROBICS
Come and splash away the pounds or come for fun and fitness with a water aerobics program. This shallow and deep-water workout includes the use of jogging belts and water barbells to increase strength and cardiovascular fitness. Each program is geared toward each participant’s fitness level, and beginners are encouraged to attend.

SHALLOW WATER
Monday: 7 – 8 p.m. Wednesday: 7 – 8 p.m. Sunday: 8:15 – 9:15 a.m.

DEEP WATER
Tuesday: 7 – 8 p.m. Thursday: 7 – 8 p.m. Sunday: 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

To learn more, visit santamonica.gov/recscape.

SEPTEMBER 2019 EVENTS

he City of Santa Monica offers more than a hundred events each month. Check out the whole list at santamonica.gov/events and subscribe to the City’s newsletter at smgov.net/newsletter.
# City Council Meetings

The Santa Monica City Council meets every month in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 1685 Main Street. Upcoming Council meetings:

- **Tuesday, September 10, 5:30 P.M.**
- **Tuesday, September 24, 4:30 P.M.**
- **Tuesday, October 15 & 22, 5:30 P.M.**

Meeting dates occasionally change. Visit smgov.net/council/agendas to confirm schedule and subscribe to the City’s newsletter at smgov.net/newsletter.

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# Public Meetings

For updates on meetings for Boards, Commissions and Task Forces, go to smgov.net/council or call 310.458.8411.

## Airport Commission
- **September 23, October 28, 7 P.M.**
- **City Council Chambers**

## Architectural Review Board
- **September 16, October 7 and 21, 7 P.M., City Council Chambers**

## Arts Commission
- **September 16, October 21, 6:30 P.M.**
  - **Ken Edwards Center**

## Commission for the Senior Community
- **September 18, October 16, 1:30 P.M.**
  - **Ken Edwards Center**

## Commission of the Status of Women
- **September 11, October 9, 7 P.M.**
  - **Ken Edwards Center**

## Disabilities Commission
- **October 7, 6:30 P.M.**
  - **Ken Edwards Center**

## Housing Commission
- **September 19, October 17, 4:30 P.M.**
  - **Ken Edwards Center**

## Landmarks Commission
- **September 9, October 14, 7 P.M.**
  - **City Council Chambers**

## Library Board
- **September 5, October 3, 7 P.M.**
  - **Main Library**

## Planning Commission
- **September 4 and 18, October 2 and 16, 7 P.M., City Council Chambers**

## Recreation and Parks Commission
- **September 19, October 17, 7:30 P.M.**
  - **City Council Chambers**

## Social Services Commission
- **September 23, October 28, 7 P.M.**
  - **Ken Edwards Center**

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# October 2019 Events

**Seascape** is a publication of the City of Santa Monica, designed to inform residents about City programs and services. Please email communications@smgov.net or mail to:

**Seascape**
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Santa Monica, CA 90407-2200

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**We Are Santa Monica Mural Unveiling**

**Saturday, September 7**  
11am - 4pm  
Reed Park  
SMChamber.com/WBLF

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**Buy Local Health + Fitness Festival**

**Saturday, September 7**  
11am - 4pm  
Reed Park  
SMChamber.com/WBLF

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**We Are Santa Monica**

**Mural Unveiling**  
Sunday, September 15  
9am - 10am  
Main St. @ Pacific St.  
RSVP: WeAre.SantaMonica.gov