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South Pasadena Public Library

Educator News



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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.southpasadena.ca.us to share any upcoming assignments.



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" or "For Teens" sections, students will be connected to a tutor who personally helps them with their homework questions using online chat. Tutor.com downloadable apps are available for the iPod and iTouch.

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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.

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.

Look for the Tumblebooks icon to access e-books for children.

TUMBLEBOOKS

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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

- *An accidental adventure: we are not eaten by yaks* by C. Alexander London—Although the lazy, couch-potato twins Oliver and Celia Navel would rather watch all their favorite television shows, they end up climbing the Himalayas, delving into ancient gorges, and discovering hidden temples as they search for their missing mother.
- *First Girl Scout: the Life of Juliette Gordon Low* by Ginger Wadsworth is just in time to celebrate the Girls Scouts' centennial year.
- Prius owners might want to check out *How Hybrid Cars Work* by Jennifer Swanson.
- For those who wonder what inspired the creative process that spurred

Norton Juster and Jules Feiffer to invent Milo's imaginary world, *The Annotated Phantom Tollbooth*, with Marcus Leonard's copious scholarly notes, is the answer.

- Not new, but always relevant, Gloria Frender's *Learning to Learn: Strengthening Study Skills and Brain Power* breaks down the process to straightforward concepts and includes simple tools.

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(626) 403-7358—Children's Services

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

Maida Wong, Spenser Coates, and Marisa Reyes
Children's Librarians



Other Resources

CELEBRATE NATIONAL POETRY MONTH IN APRIL!



A Compendium of Poetry
<http://www.cs.berkeley.edu/~richie/poetry/html/>

Fizzy, Funny, Fuzzy
<http://www.fizzyfunnyfuzzy.com/>

Kenn Nesbitt's Poetry for Kids
<http://www.poetry4kids.com/>

Poets.org
www.poets.org

Teen Ink Poetry
<http://teenink.com/Poetry/>

Teen Poetry
<http://teenpoetry.student.com/>

The South Pasadena Public Library catalog is online!

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



Every-
thing
You've
Always
Wanted

to Know About How To
Do Research But Were
Afraid to
Ask

A workshop
for parents



April 11th at 7:15 p.m.
April 14th at 10:30 a.m.

Frustrated with slogging
through thousands of Google
hits?
Filter your search with online
databases!

Workshops to be held in the
Children's Room.

To register, e-mail
mwong@ci.south-pasadena.ca.us or call Children's Services at (626) 403-7358.

Dream Big—Read!
Summer Reading Program
June 11, 2012—Aug. 4, 2012

Programs

- **FAMILY STORYTIMES** Tuesdays at 7:15 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
All ages
Children's Room
April 10, 2012 - June 1, 2012
- **BARKS AND BOOKS** April 9, May 14, June 11, 2012
Ages 5 to 10 years old
Children's Room
3:00 p.m. - 4:00 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.
- **GRANDPARENTS AND BOOKS** Mondays & Thursdays at 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
All ages
Children's Room
April 9, 2012—May 31, 2012
Volunteer Grandmas Carole and Ann shares their enthusiasm for books by reading aloud to children of all ages in one-on-one or small group settings.
- **THROUGH THE BOOKING GLASS: TWEEN BOOK DISCUSSION SERIES**
Ages 10 - 15 years
Library Community Room
3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Fridays, April 13, 20, 27, 2012
Sign-ups required.
Ever wonder how an author grabs your interest in a book? Mentors will meet in groups with students to discuss how to become a better reader. During the session, students will read a pre-selected portion of a book or story. They will then discuss techniques 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. Call (626) 403-7358 or e-mail mwong@ci.south-pasadena.ca.us to register.
- **TURN OFF THE TV WEEK** April 30, 2012—May 6, 2012
Children and teens may visit the Children's Room from April 23rd through April 29th to pick up their Turn Off the TV Week chart. At the end of the week, students from Arroyo Vista or Monterey Hills schools who successfully turn off their tvs and other devices with screens for a whole week may turn in their forms to their school librarians. Other children who have met the challenge may pick up their special treat from the South Pasadena Public Library.