



**SOUTH PASADENA PUBLIC LIBRARY
CHILDREN'S SERVICES
SPRING 2010**



STORYTIMES

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 12 – March 19, 2010

April 6, 2010 – May 28, 2010

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.

BARKS AND BOOKS

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 22, April 26, 2010

4th Mondays 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

UCLA READ TO SUCCEED

UCLA Athletics encourages good reading habits among children in Southern California. Children and teens who visit the South Pasadena Public Library Children's Room can pick up a flyer and have a children's librarian validate the form, which is valid for four free general admissions to UCLA Athletic events, including track and field, tennis, gymnastics, baseball, women's basketball, and men's volleyball.

February 14, 2010 – April 10, 2010

CALIFORNIA YOUNG READER MEDAL (CYRM)

The California Young Reader Medal (CYRM) program encourages recreational reading of popular literature among the young people of our state. Since its inception in 1974, millions of California children and teens have helped to nominate, read, and vote for the California Young Reader Medal winning books. The CYRM program is sponsored by four statewide organizations: California Association of Teachers of English (CATE), California Library Association (CLA), California Reading Association (CRA), and California School Library Association (CSLA). For the past four years, the South Pasadena Public Library and South Pasadena Unified School District elementary school libraries have provided the venues for children and teens to cast their votes.

CYRM VOTING

The Library will have a voting booth set up for children and teens to cast their ballots to select the CYRM Award winners. Read the nominees and then visit the Children's Room in the first week of March to vote. Check out the CYRM website at <http://californiayoungreadermedal.org/nominees> to see the nominees.

March 1, 2010 – March 6, 2010

ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

All ages

Farley the Fiddler (a.k.a. Gary Francisco) chronicles the life of *Johnny Appleseed*, a folk hero who planted apple orchards along the frontier, in a humorous musical performance featuring 11 different folk instruments used during the pioneer times. Funded by South Pasadena Beautiful.

March 9, 2010

7:15 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.



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BE KIND TO ANIMALS WEEK ART CONTEST March 22, 2010 – April 9, 2010

To promote the theme of kindness to animals, the South Pasadena Public Library and the South Pasadena Animal Commission invite children through 12 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. The art contest award distribution will be held on May 3, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in the Amedee O "Dick" Richards, Jr. Council Chambers.

ALL THE WORLD'S A STAGE

Ages 8 – 15

Registration required.

April 9, 16, 23, 30, 2010

3:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Library Conference Room

Learning and doing are the stage directions for a four-week drama program, "All The World's A Stage," at the South Pasadena Public Library on Fridays, from April 9th through April 30th.

Students will be guided and entertained by professionals in the theater and in the world of music. Dr. Adam Gilbert, Director of Early Music at the Thornton School of Music at USC, and Dr. Rotem Gilbert, who also teaches at the Thornton School, will play and talk about how music complements and enhances the spoken words in plays. Corina Bowler, who has performed with many theater groups including Shakespeare By The Sea, will help students perform scenes from a play by Shakespeare.

Students will also act in a more modern play and discuss how drama differs from novels and various aspects of the theater, both in the world of Shakespeare and today.

Interested students should contact Childrens Librarian Maida Wong, at 626-403-7358 or by e-mail at mwong@ci.south-pasadena.ca.us.

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

KIDS BOOK SWAP

Children may bring a paperback book to the Children's Room to trade with other kids. Look for the special "Kids' Book Swap" book cart for trading options.

April 12, 2010 – April 17, 2010

Children's Room

TURN OFF THE TV WEEK

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. The South Pasadena Public Library will offer free, fun alternatives to television watching, including Barks and Books, storytimes, and a children's concert.

April 26, 2010 – April 30, 2010

South Pasadena Strings Concert

All ages

April 29, 2010

5:00 p.m.

Local South Pasadena Strings children's orchestra will perform in front of the Library Community Room on El Centro Street. This award-winning orchestra has been featured in ABC7's television show Eye in L.A., has the distinction of being the youngest orchestra to perform at Carnegie Hall in New York, and has routinely won top honors at regional and national music festivals.



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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.