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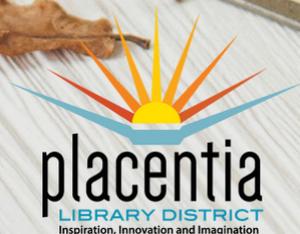
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A COZY SEASON OF BOOKS, EVENTS, AND COMMUNITY





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WELCOME TO THE Placentia Library

Renewals*

Renewals available 24/7/365 at www.placentialibrary.org
Or call: (714) 528-1906 during business hours.
Patrons may renew twice unless item is requested by another patron.

*Automatic renewals require an email address to be on the borrower's account. Items will not be automatically renewed if they have already been renewed twice, are on hold for another borrower, or are part of the LOTs collection.

Item Loan Limits & Policy

- 5 items out at a time (for the first 30 days)
- 25 items out at a time (after the first month)
- 3 week loan period for books, audiobooks, vinyls and Parks Passes
- 2 week loan period for Library of Things (LOTs) collection
- 1 week loan period for video games, movies and lucky passes
- 5 new video games and new movies out at a time

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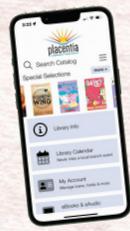
The Placentia Library virtual library card is an electronic library card number that provides you access to the Placentia Library's online resources, eBooks, digital audiobooks and more. The card number is not valid for checking out print books or other physical library materials.



Library Hours

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Friday - Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Catalog, renewals and library info available 24/7 on our website, catalog or app! Access your account with your library card number and PIN, which is usually the last 4 digits of your phone number.



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WALK-INS ONLY
Monday - Thursday: 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Friday: CLOSED
Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.



**Capacity will vary each day. Passport agents reserve the right to close the passport office without notice.

www.placentialibrary.org/passports

Library Director Article

Dear Readers,

Like many of you, Fall is my favorite season – it’s about family. As the leaves begin to turn and the air grows crisp, fall invites us to pause and reflect, not only on the beauty around us, but on the values that hold our Placentia community together: faith, family, hard work, and service to others.

At your library, autumn has always felt like a season of renewal. It’s a time for families to cozy up with Giggles & Wiggles or Dia De Los Muertos Family stories that inspire, explore our local history and preserve your history with our Memory Lab, release your inner-child with our pumpkin book character program, and renew your support for the library by joining our Placentia Library Friends Foundation.

Fall is also a time when we look ahead—taking stock of where we are and where we’re going. This year, like many others across the country, our library is feeling the weight of growing challenges. National funding that supports libraries through the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) has been reduced or delayed. These federal dollars—small in scale, but significant in impact—support technology access, early learning, rural outreach, and workforce development. In many ways, they help libraries do the quiet, essential work that strengthens our communities from the ground up.

Some may see these cuts as necessary belt-tightening which we have committed to doing so for over 100 years. And while we understand the importance of fiscal discipline, it’s important to recognize what’s at stake. Libraries aren’t just about books—they’re about opportunity. They’re about giving a student a place to study when schools are closed, a parent the tools and resources to homeschool, an adult to learn how to read and write for a more fulfilled life with their loved ones, and a neighbor the space to think freely and learn quietly.

This season, as you sip something warm, take your kids to the pumpkin patch, pick apples at an orchard, or prepare for holiday gatherings, we invite you to stop by the library. Participate in our fall programs, prepare to become a U.S. Citizen through our Citizenship program, say hi to wonderful staff who quietly serve each and every one of you every day, and snuggle up with your favorite book in our outdoor library space. You may be surprised how much your local library continues to do—with limited resources and unwavering purpose. Your support invigorates us!

If you have an easy apple pie recipe, I’d love for you to share it with me! Send your recipes to administration@placentialibrary.org. Wishing you a cozy and blessed fall season!

Respectfully,

Jeanette Contreras
Library Director



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Library Director

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Library Closure/ Holiday Dates

Labor Day
Monday, September 1, 2025

Veteran's Day
Tuesday, November 11, 2025

Thanksgiving Day
Thursday, November 27, 2025

Community Events

All events are no cost to all participants

Outdoor Garden Painting

Saturday, September 13

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Outdoor Learning Experience Space

Join artist Flór Campos for an afternoon of nature painting in the library's new outdoor butterfly garden space. This acrylic painting tutorial will demonstrate how to paint butterflies and flowers. Supplies will be provided, and participants can take home their canvas at the end of the afternoon.

Entry tickets will be issued starting at 12:30 p.m. for Placentia Library Friends Foundation (PLFF) members, and 12:45 p.m. for library patrons. No registration needed, space is limited. First come, first served. Check website for updates. Ages 14+.

Family Loteria Night

Thursday, September 25

6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Community Meeting Room

Come celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with us! To celebrate, we will be playing the card game Loteria, similar to Bingo, complete with prizes!

Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. for Placentia Library Friends Foundation (PLFF) members, and 5:45 p.m. for library patrons. No registration needed, space is limited. First come, first served.



Garden Game Night

Thursday, October 16

6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Outdoor Learning Experience Space

Celebrate nature and sustainability in the library's new outdoor space with a selection of themed board and video games for adults. Become a bird-watching naturalist with the strategy board game Wingspan, experience a breath-taking (but dying) world with the Nintendo Switch game Neva, or learn about conservation of resources with the classic game Catan, and more. Ages 18+, no registration needed.

Pumpkin Book Character Decorating Contest

Get ready for Halloween by showing off your favorite book character, in pumpkin form! This fun-filled contest is open to all ages! Decorate a pumpkin with non-perishable items to resemble your favorite book character for a chance to win exciting prizes!

Entries must not be carved in any way to prevent rotting while on display. Visit our website for entry rules and details.

October 18-21: Pumpkin Drop-Off*

October 23-26: Online Voting

October 29-November 1: Pumpkin Pick-Up

*All entries must be submitted by 5 p.m. on October 21.

Dia De Los Muertos Community Altar

October 21 – November 2

Placentia Library Lobby

Dia de los Muertos, also known as The Day of the Dead, is a traditional holiday observed in November. This Celebration honors the life and pays tribute to our beloved ones who have passed away. The Placentia community is invited to engage with our community altar. You are welcome to leave a photo (limited to a 4x6 or smaller image) or decorate your own paper butterfly to share a memory in honor of your loved ones. Photos are required to be picked up by Sunday, November 9, 2025.



All events are no cost to all participants

Community Events

Halloween Storytime and Craft

Friday, October 31

10:00 a.m.

Virginia and Norman Haussman Storytime Alcove

Get ready for chills, thrills, and lots of fun at our Halloween Storytime & Craft event! We'll share spooky (but not too scary!) stories, create a frightfully fun Halloween take-home craft, and celebrate the season with ghoulish giggles. Come dressed in your spookiest, silliest, or most creative costume! Perfect for little monsters of all ages. Don't miss out on this fang-tastic event!



Dia De Los Muertos Family Storytime

Saturday, November 1

10:00 a.m.

Virginia and Norman Haussman Storytime Alcove

Join us for a special Dia de los Muertos Storytime and Craft as we observe the tradition of honoring and celebrating the memory of our loved ones. Enjoy beautifully told stories and explore the meaning and joy of this holiday. You'll also get to take home and create a special craft for remembering loved ones. Perfect for children and families, this event is a joyful way to learn about and take part in a rich cultural tradition. All are welcome—come celebrate life, memory, and community with us!

Nature, Science and Sustainability Book Club

Saturday, November 1,

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Outdoor Learning Experience Space

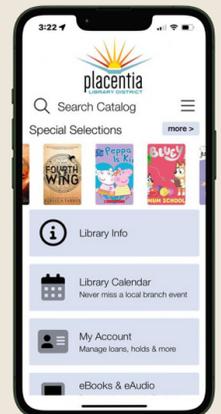
Join us for a quarterly book club in the library's new outdoor garden space to reflect on nature, science, sustainability and the environment. These nonfiction selections will explore a range of perspectives to consider topics ranging from the benefits of being in nature, to California ecology and fire weather. Find copies in the library's Book Club section or on the library's digital platforms; Libby, Hoopla or Palace apps. Ages 18+, no registration needed.

Schedule: www.placentialibrary.org/book-club

Fall 2025 Selection: "The Serviceberry: Abundance and Reciprocity in the Natural World" by Robin Wall Kimmerer

Download the Placentia Library App Today!

Access Placentia Library District from your phone, iPad or other mobile device. Manage your account, search the catalog, renew and reserve books, and more. Download on the App Store or Google Play.



Hangar Hours:

Mondays: 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Wednesdays: 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

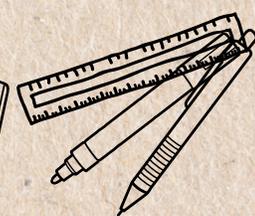
Saturdays: 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

placentia.library.org/makerspace

The Hangar

Where imagination and inspiration take flight!

Makerspace



Take chances, make mistakes, and get messy in our Hangar Makerspace. Enjoy a variety of themed holiday crafts, open-ended/general crafting time, sensory play, and more! Each week features something new for all ages. Materials will be provided for themed crafts, and general crafting times will have a select number of materials available for patrons to use.

Get Hooked! Crochet and Knitting Circle

Ages
18+

Last Sunday of Every Month
2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Community Meeting Room

Do you love fiber arts? Do you have a tough pattern you can't crack? Or do you just want to spend time with people who love what you love? Bring your current projects and relax at the library's crochet and knitting circle.

Supplies, projects, and formal instruction are not provided by the library, so please bring your own crochet hooks, knitting needles, and yarn.

Sewing 101

Ages
14+

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
September 27, November 15
Community Meeting Room

Get started with this hands-on overview of the sewing machine, including winding a bobbin, sewing a straight line, and other stitches. Materials will be provided for a starter project. Space is limited. Entry tickets will be issued starting at 12:30 p.m. the day of the program. Open to teens and adults.

Wire and Wonders: Jewelry Creations

Ages
14+

1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
October 11
Community Meeting Room

Join us for a fun and creative jewelry-making program! From earrings to bracelets and more, each month features a new and exciting project for you to work on. Materials will be provided. Space is limited. Entry tickets will be issued starting at 12:30 p.m. the day of the program. Open to teens and adults.

Adult Craft Nights

Ages
18+

Last Tuesday of Every Month
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Community Meeting Room

Join us for our monthly Adult Craft Night, held in the library Meeting Room. Come relax and try a new craft each month at this drop-in craft program! Materials provided.

Creating with Cricut

Ages
14+

Third Sunday of Every Month
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Community Meeting Room

Unlock your creative potential with our Creating with Cricut program! Perfect for beginners who want to learn how to use a Cricut machine and Design Space, but don't know where to start. Each class will feature a new project as we work with different materials to get you started on your Cricut journey. All materials will be provided. Space is limited. Entry tickets will be issued starting at 1:30 p.m. the day of the program. Open to Teens and Adults.

Tech Help

Ages
18+

Appointments available on select
Fridays and Saturdays
The Hangar Makerspace

Book a 30-minute session with our staff to get assistance for technology, computer and library reference questions. Learn how to format a resume, get started on the computer, create an email account, use Chat GPT and other AI services, and more. Visit www.placentia.library.org/tech-help to book an appointment. Ages 18+, bring your own device recommended.

All events are no cost to all participants

Children's Services

Baby Giggles and Wiggles Storytime

Fridays, 10:00 a.m.

Virginia and Norman Haussman Storytime Alcove

September 12, 19, 26

October 3, 10, 24

November 7, 14



Join us for a storytime filled with delightful stories, playful bounces, and engaging songs. Perfect for little ones and their caregivers, this is a wonderful opportunity to bond, explore, and set the stage for building early literacy skills! Open to children 0-3 years with a caregiver

Family Storytime

Saturdays, 10:00 a.m.

Virginia and Norman Haussman Storytime Alcove

September 13, 20, 27

October 4, 11, 25

November 1, 8, 15



Get ready to kick off the weekend with Family Storytime! All families are invited to join us on Saturday mornings. We'll read aloud fun stories, sing and dance to favorite tunes, learn new rhymes and fingerplays, and make silly crafts. All ages are welcome!

Read to the Dogs

First Monday of the Month, 6:00 p.m.

Virginia and Norman Haussman Storytime Alcove

September 8**Second Monday,

October 6

November 3

Open to children of all ages! Read to a trained, furry friend from The Bright & Beautiful Therapy Dogs, Inc. – because even dogs like to hear a good tail-chasing tale now and then!

Morning Meet Ups

Fridays, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Crossroads Corner

*No Meet Up on September 5, October 17, October 31, November 21 and November 28

September 12, 19, 26

October 3, 10, 24

November 7, 14

Explore the Crossroads Corner area for play time and a chance to meet other families at the library! We will have toys, books, and learning materials available for your children. Encouraged for children 0-4 accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

STEAM Labs!

Special programs featuring STEMup4Youth
Second Thursday of the Month, 4:15 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Community Meeting Room

September 11

October 9

November 13

Join us for a series of STEAM programs presented by STEMup4Youth. Enjoy fun, hands on activities each month as we explore the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math. Each month features a new project! Space is limited and seats are available on a first-come first-serve basis. Open to children ages 7 – 12.

1,000 Books

Before Kindergarten!

Placentialibrary.org/beanstack or the Beanstack App

Read a book (any book) to your newborn, infant, and/or toddler and log it in Beanstack. The goal is to have read 1,000 books before your kiddo starts kindergarten! Don't worry, repeated books still count towards your total. Once you've logged your 1,000 books, you'll receive a special certificate and a prize!

Teen Services

Placentia Teen Action Crew (PTAC)

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First and Third Thursday of Each Month
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Community Meeting Room

September 4, 18
October 2, 16
November 6, 20



The Placentia Teen Action Crew is open to all high school students interested in gaining community service experience, volunteer hours, and leadership skills through planning and supporting library events.

For more information, contact
volunteers@placentialibrary.org or (714) 528-1906.



Teen ReView crew



Placentia Teen Review Crew

www.placentialibrary.org/teen-review-crew

Are you a teen between the ages of 14-18 who likes to read? Are you looking for community service hours? Then the Teen Review Crew is for you! Read books and write reviews for your fellow teens and receive volunteer hours for doing so.

Approved reviews will be posted on the library's website. For more information, visit www.placentialibrary.org/teen-review-crew or contact volunteers@placentialibrary.org or (714) 528-1906.

Volunteer at the Placentia Library! Now Accepting New Volunteers

www.placentialibrary.org/volunteering

Placentia Library volunteers make meaningful contributions to the library and our community while learning new skills and having fun. An active library card, volunteer application, and online volunteer orientation are required. Current volunteer opportunities include Placentia Teen Action Crew, Teen Review Crew, Craft Prep, Hangar Makerspace Open Hours support, and Sorting and Shelving. Please see our website for more information or contact 714-528-1906 or volunteers@placentialibrary.org.

Get Started!



Adult Services

Memory Lab

Have a bunch of old photos in boxes? VHS tapes collecting dust? The Placentia Library Memory Lab provides the equipment you need to convert your memories into digital formats. It's a do-it-yourself (DIY) model, meaning we provide step-by-step instructions, but you control the process from start to finish. Our mission is to provide our community with the ability to preserve their documents, photos, and audiovisuals through digitization.

Formats:

- VHS & VHS-C
- Audio Cassette (1/8 inch)
- 3.5" Floppy Disk
- DVCam & MiniDV
- Digital 8, Hi8, & Video8
- Documents & Photographs (Up to 8.5" x 11.7")
- Film Negatives
- Slides
- 8 mm Film and Super 8 mm Film (Video only, no audio)

The Placentia Library Memory Lab is located in the Local History Room. Appointments are for three hours. To make an appointment call 714-528-1906 ext. 224 or email historyroom@placentialibrary.org

To get started on your Do-It-Yourself appointment, visit www.placentialibrary.org/memory-lab

For more information on how to access the Memory Lab, visit <https://www.placentialibrary.org/memory-lab>

Local History

Curious about Placentia history? Feeling nostalgic about your own history here in Placentia? Come visit us at the Placentia Library History Room!

We are open during regular library hours and our collection features books, over 5,000 photographs, videos, oral histories, and past PYLUSD high school yearbooks!

Do you have anything you would like to add to our History Room collection? Send any donation inquiries to historyroom@placentialibrary.org.

Adult Book Club

Second Tuesday of Each Month

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Community Meeting Room

You're invited to our monthly book club! Our group is always open to new members, so stop by to share or listen! Selections include a robust mix of fiction and nonfiction genres, and selected titles are available for checkout at the library. Ages 18+.

September 9: My Name Is Emilia Del Valley by Isabelle Allende

October 14: Broken Country by Claire Leslie Hall

November 4: A Thousand Times Before by Asha Thanki



Sci-Fi, Fantasy & Graphic Novel Book Club

Second Thursday of Each Month

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Community Meeting Room

Discover a classic graphic novel or a trending fantasy, dystopian or science fiction epic with our evening book club. Explore intricate sub-genres, like cozy fantasy or magical realism, which invite readers to bundle up with a cup of tea, or hard sci-fi, featuring trips to faraway planets suitable for a summer blockbuster. Find copies in the library's Book Club section or on our digital platforms on the Libby, Hoopla or Palace apps. Ages 18+.

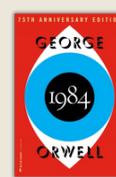
Schedule: www.placentialibrary.org/book-club

Fall 2025:

September 11: March: Book One by John Lewis, Andrew Aydin and Nate Powell

October 9: 1984 by George Orwell

November 13: The House in the Cerulean Sea by T.J. Klune



Adult Literacy

Literacy programs

Unlock your potential with our diverse literacy programs, designed to inspire learning and fuel personal growth. Our Literacy and ESL programs are graciously made possible through the California Library Literacy Services Grant and generously supported by the Placentia Library Friends Foundation.

Literacy Reads Book Clubs

Join us for Literacy Reads, book clubs for beginner to intermediate readers and English language learners! Practice your reading, discuss interesting books, learn new words, and meet others in these fun and informal book clubs. Reading selections will be chosen for beginning to intermediate reading levels.

Beginner Readers

Every Wednesday

Contact Adult Literacy for Details

Intermediate Readers

Every Tuesday

Contact Adult Literacy for Details



Read, Write, Speak Club

Every Friday

9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Placentia Library Community Meeting Room
Drop-in Class (no registration required)

No class: November 28

The Read, Write, Speak Club provides an opportunity to chat with other English language learners in a relaxed and comfortable environment. Learn new vocabulary, improve reading and writing, and sharpen your pronunciation skills.

LEAMOS

New this year, our LEAMOS program helps native Spanish speakers learn to read and write in Spanish as a foundation for learning English. If you know of someone who would benefit from this program and can dedicate 2 or more hours a week to learning Spanish, we can help them achieve their goals.

Citizenship

We offer a weekly Citizenship class that will help you prepare for the Citizenship test and interview. You'll learn about American history and government, focusing on the interview questions to help you succeed. Contact Literacy staff for more information.

GED/HiSET

It's never too late to complete your high school diploma. We can help! Our GED/HiSET program offers personalized support, matching you with a tutor who will guide you through every section of the GED or HiSET test. We provide all the materials and tutoring is free. Contact us today to get started on the road to new opportunities in your life.

Tutor-Learner Highlight

Allen and Mehrdad collaborated on his book called, *Painting a Simple Landscape*, part of the Adult New Reader Series, in which Mehrdad shares his artistic process!



Adult Literacy

Beginner English Conversation Group

Gain confidence and practical experience with speaking skills, for example: eating out at a restaurant, visiting the doctor, going to the bank, parent-teacher conferences, or other types of casual conversations. For more information, contact Adult Literacy staff.

Grupo de Conversación en Inglés

Gane confianza y practique habilidades de habla diaria como: Comer en un restaurante, visitas al médico, ir al banco, conferencias de padres y educadores, y otras conversaciones casuales. Para más información, contacte a nuestro personal.

Digital Literacy

For those who qualify for our Literacy Program, we can also help you with digital literacy. Whether you're looking to understand how to use your smartphone better or create a word document, we can match you with a tutor who will help you become more proficient with digital tools.

Free Tutoring for Adults

We offer one-to-one and small group tutoring for adults ages 18 or older. We work with adult learners to accomplish personal goals. All study materials are provided for free. Meet with a volunteer tutor 1-2 times per week for 1-2 hours. Flexible scheduling available. Take the first step toward reaching your goals—contact us today to get started!

Some learner goals include:

- Communicate with family, doctors, and the community
- Read a book or newspaper
- Read with your children
- Apply for a job or get a better job
- Pass the citizenship test or the GED/HiSET test

Tutoring services provided:

- Literacy - Basic reading and writing instruction
- Beginner ESL - Speaking and listening instruction
- High School Equivalency (HSE) - GED/HiSET preparation
- Citizenship

Volunteer with our Literacy Program!

Volunteer with the Adult Literacy Program and make a life-changing impact on someone's life! Tutoring offers a deeply rewarding opportunity to assist individuals in achieving their goals. No prior teaching experience is necessary; a genuine passion for helping others is what truly matters. Join us today and make a positive impact in your community.

- Training and materials are provided
- Flexible schedule based on your availability

Scan the QR code or email literacy@placentialibrary.org for more information.

I want to be a learner

I want to be a tutor



Placentia Library Friends Foundation



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Upcoming Events

PLFF Fiesta - Members Only
October 2025

Champions of Community Literacy

As we turn the page on another vibrant season at the Placentia Library, the Placentia Library Friends Foundation (PLFF) is delighted to share highlights, progress, and gratitude with our wonderful community. Our volunteers, donors, and members have made the past months a time of tremendous success, and we are excited about the opportunities that lie ahead.

Celebrating Stories, Supporting Literacy

This spring, the Friends Foundation hosted its 31st Annual Authors Luncheon held at Alta Vista Country Club, a hallmark event that brings writers, book lovers, and supporters together. This year's luncheon featured Naomi Hirahara, a talented local author who incorporated her Japanese American background into a series of mystery books. The event not only fostered a love of literature but also raised critical funds for the library's programs and services. We are thrilled to report that the 2025 Authors Luncheon netted a record profit of \$26,009! These proceeds will be directed to vital library initiatives that enable the Friends to assist in our mission to support the Placentia Library's programming. The Friends Foundation extends our heartfelt thanks to our sponsors, donors, volunteers, and everyone who attended and made the day a resounding success.

Bookstore Sales Earnings: A Year of Growth and Impact

The PLFF Bookstore, located in the library's main lobby and operates during library hours, continues to be a bustling hub of activity and an essential source of funding for library projects. Thanks to the tireless work of our volunteers and the unwavering support of patrons like you, bookstore sales for the fiscal year ending June 2025 reached more than \$25,000! This figure underscores the community's generosity and dedication to supporting library programs and classes. We are deeply grateful to everyone who donates books, shops our shelves, or spreads the word about our ongoing quarterly sales.

Introducing Abigail Ro: A Dynamic Young Leader



PLFF is proud to announce the appointment of Abigail Ro inaugural Teen Representative! The decision to add a Teen Representative to the Board reflects a growing awareness of the importance of intergenerational dialogue and cooperation. As the Teen Representative Abigail will serve as the vital link between the Foundation and the youth of our community, ensuring that teen voices are heard and valued. Her insights will be particularly valuable as the Foundation explores new ways to engage the next generation of library patrons.



PLFF's 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Commitment

Looking ahead, the Friends Foundation reaffirms its unwavering commitment to the Placentia Library by proudly pledging \$47,119 in direct support for the 2025-2026 fiscal year! This commitment is made possible by the collective efforts of our volunteers, the generosity of our donors, and the ongoing success of our fundraising activities.

\$35,440	\$6,379	\$1,800	\$3,500
Children's & Family Programming	Adult Programming	Teen Programming	Staff Development & Recognition

In addition to this financial support, PLFF will continue to work with library leadership to ensure the library remains a vibrant, forward-thinking resource for Placentia and beyond.

Membership: Join, Renew, and Belong

The heart of the Friends Foundation is our membership, who are united by a passion for books, learning, and community engagement. Membership is open to everyone, and joining is easy as forms are available at the bookstore or on the library's website.

Whether you are renewing your support or signing up for the first time, your membership dues help fund our annual commitments and special projects.

As a member, you will receive exclusive invitations to Friends events, early notice of special sales, and the satisfaction of knowing that you are making a lasting difference in the lives of library patrons. We look forward to growing our community of Friends in the year ahead.

Thank You for Your Support

None of our successes would be possible without the ongoing support of our remarkable community. With your partnership, we look forward to another year of service, stewardship, and shared discovery.

With deepest gratitude,

Gaeten Wood

President, The Placentia Library Friends Foundation

Support the Library



Volunteer, Donate, Give

Scan the QR code or visit placentialibraryfriends.com to see how you can get involved or support the library today!

Scan Here to Join!



PLFF Fiesta

Hey PLFF members! Keep an eye on your inbox for all the details about our exclusive PLFF Fiesta. Not a member yet? Join today so you don't miss out on the PLFF Fiesta fun!

Special thank you to our Sponsors and Donors to this year's Authors Luncheon.

LEGENDS LEVEL:

US Builders
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BEST SELLERS LEVEL:

Placentia Round Table Women's Club
Jeanette Contreras & Yesenia Baltierra
Gayle Carline, Placentia Library District Board President
Scott Nelson, Placentia Library District Board Secretary

LUMINARIES LEVEL:

Joanna Keating-Velasco, Author
Pho Noodle House, Placentia
Ward Smith, City of Placentia Councilmember
Dr. Marian Kalman, PLFF Board Vice President
Eagle Media Productions
City of Placentia
Joe & Voiza Arnold

DONORS:

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Save the Date

2026 Authors Luncheon
Saturday, March 7, 2026

Coming Soon!

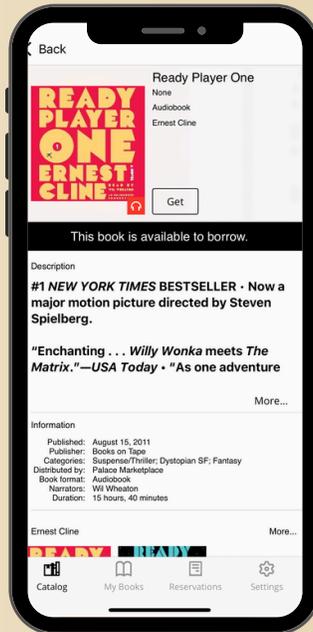
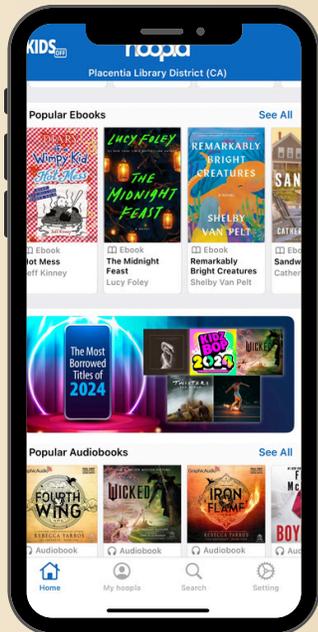
Outdoor Learning Experience Space

Visit placentalibrary.org for details.

Digital Resources

Check out eBooks, audiobooks, digital graphic novels and more on the Libby, Hoopla or Palace apps!

Scan the QR code or visit ebooks.placentalibrary.org to get started with these & more, free with your library card!

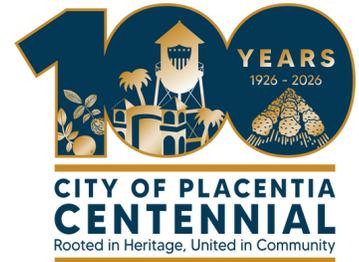


The City of Placentia is Turning 100 in 2026!

The City of Placentia is turning 100 in 2026! The City will officially reach this exciting milestone on December 2, 2026, and we're planning a full year of centennial-themed festivities to mark the occasion, starting in January 2026. From commemorative merchandise and updated branding to community engagement and a special birthday celebration in December, 2026 will be a year to remember! In addition to centennial booths and activities at all regularly scheduled City events throughout the year, Placentia will host several major centennial events, including:

- **Mayor's Centennial Gala** – Saturday, January 24, 2026
- **Centennial 5K Run** – Saturday, May 2, 2026
- **Centennial Birthday Celebration and Tree Lighting** – Saturday, December 5, 2026

To ensure this milestone is inclusive and reflective of our community spirit, the City formed a Centennial Steering Committee comprised of local organizations, nonprofits, and community leaders. The Committee is working diligently to develop unique programming and memorable events for all ages. As we prepare for this once-in-a-lifetime celebration, the City is offering a variety of ways for residents, businesses, and community partners to get involved.



Become a Centennial Sponsor!

Sponsorship opportunities are available at various levels to fit your goals and budget. Whether you're supporting the formal Gala, 5K, community festivals, or family-friendly events, all sponsorship packages include promotional benefits such as billboard ads, event signage, social media recognition, website promotion, and more. The City appreciates the support of all of our residents and community partners. To explore sponsorship options, email ndrulias@placentia.org, call (714) 993-8107, or visit www.placentia.org/2026.

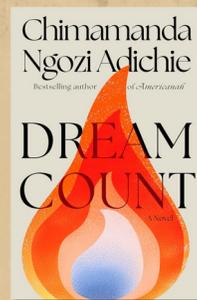
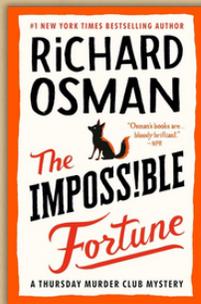
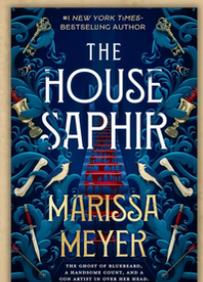
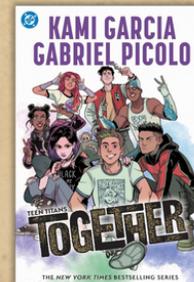
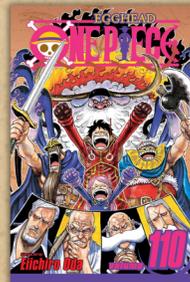
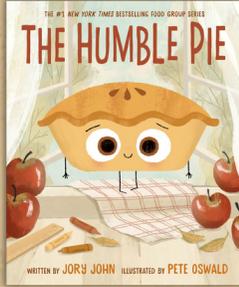
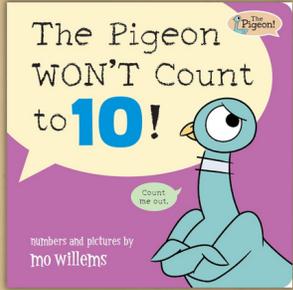
Donate to the Silent Auction!

As part of the Mayor's Centennial Gala in January, the City will host a Silent Auction to help fund the year of events. We are currently seeking donations of unique and exciting items that can be auctioned off. Businesses and individuals are encouraged to contribute. Donations can be dropped off at Placentia City Hall (401 E. Chapman Ave.) Monday through Thursday, from 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. To learn more or coordinate a donation, please contact the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232 or communityservices@placentia.org. Your support, through sponsorships, donations, or participation, will help ensure Placentia's Centennial Celebration is a meaningful and memorable experience for the entire community.



Stay tuned for updates and more ways to get involved on the City's website at www.placentia.org/2026 and by following the City on social media. Let's celebrate 100 years of history, community, and progress, together!

Upcoming Releases at Your Library!



Browse our catalog for new books, digital audiobooks, Blu-rays & more! Scan the QR code or visit: catalog.placentialibrary.org



September is...

Library Card Sign-Up Month



Check out books, work on a crafting project in our makerspace, find an audiobook to listen to on your drive, and more!

Get started today with your Placentia Library card!

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Sign up for a library card September 1-30, 2025 and be entered to win an Amazon gift card!



Applying For A Placentia Library Card

Apply for a library card in-person at the library!

Placentia Library District will issue a library card to California residents with a valid driver's license, or U.S. government issued photo identification and an accompanying proof of a current California address issued to the applicant within the last six (6) months.

- Consular ID's, Out of State ID, or U.S. Passports may be used for identification along with current proof of address such as utility bills.
- Patrons under the age of 18 must be accompanied by one parent. The accompanying parent must present ID and current proof of address.

***Must apply in person to enter raffle**