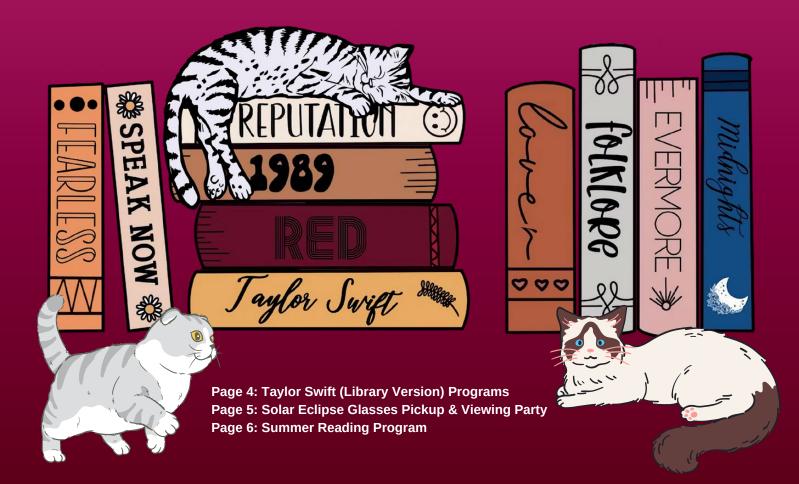




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PHONE: (714) 528-1906

#### **Extension Numbers**

Administration - 200
Friends Bookstore - 7
History Room & Memory Lab - 224
Information Desk - 8
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When calling the main phone number, extension numbers listed above may be used as soon as the greeting begins.

# Do You Have a Library Card? APPLY NOW!

You can apply for a virtual card online!

#### www.placentialibrary.org/library-card

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.

#### Renewals\*

Renewals available 24/7/365 at www.placentialibrary.org

Or call: (714) 528-1906 Patrons may renew twice unless item is requested by another patron.

\*If a borrower does not manually renew an item, and there are no requests for that item, it will be automatically renewed up to two times. Borrowers are notified by email when an item automatically renews. Auto-renewals require that the patron have an email address in their account. If the patron does not have an email address, their items will not be renewed automatically.

#### **Library News**

Sign up for our weekly email newsletter at www.placentialibrary.org

# Welcome to Placentia Library

411 E. Chapman Avenue, Placentia, CA 92870 www.placentialibrary.org

Placentia Library District inspires, opens minds, innovates, and connects our community.

#### **ITEM LOAN LIMITS & POLICY**

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

#### **eBOOKS & ONLINE LEARNING**

Did you know your Placentia Library card provides you free access to some of the best digital resources, apps, and research websites available today? Get started at ebooks.placentialibrary.org or research.placentialibrary.org.

#### 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.
\*Curbside service available until
1 hour before closing.

#### **PASSPORT HOURS**

Monday - Friday: Walk-in Service: 11:00 a.m. - until capacity is reached.

Saturday - Sunday: By APPOINTMENT ONLY

Check www.placentialibrary.org/passports to make an appointment.

#### **Third-Grade Civic Center Tours**

Beginning in March, the Placentia Library will host the Third-Grade Civic Center Tours, partnering with the city, fire and police departments. The Placentia Library District will invite all elementary schools in the city of Placentia to bring their 3rd grade class for a tour of the Civic Center. The Third-Grade Civic Center Tours bring to life what students are learning in the classroom, helping students make the connection between history and their city as it is today. The information presented at the Civic Center Tours will allow students to:

- Learn about library resources, materials, and how to participate in the Summer Reading Program.
- Explore Placentia's history and local artifacts.
- Engage with city hall, police, and fire officials to understand how their city government operates.

The Placentia Library District would like to give a special thank you to our Placentia Library Friends Foundation and the California State Library for supporting our Third Grade Civic Center Visits. Over the past six years, the Placentia Library Friends Foundation have supported our Third Grade Civic Center Visits through their contributions. This year, in addition to PLFF's support, the California State Library has awarded our library the Inspiration Grant through their Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) to also support this endeavor. These sponsorships are invaluable to helping us serve our community!

The Placentia Library District thanks our community partners!











## **Library Director Message:**

Dear Placentia Library District Patrons:

Welcome to a promising 2024! The turning of the calendar not only signifies the passage of time but also serves as a beacon of hope, opportunity, and new beginnings. To everyone who suffered losses and difficulties in 2023 – we hope 2024 will be a year of happiness, adventures, and perhaps YOLO experiences! Our team has many programs to add to your 2024 once in a life time memories.



Jeanette Contreras LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Our library has always been a haven for knowledge seekers, a sanctuary for curious minds, and a hub for fostering a love for learning. As we welcome 2024, let us reflect on the accomplishments and growth we achieved together in the past year. Our team's dedication, enthusiasm, and commitment have transformed our library into a vibrant and thriving intellectual community. And of course, YOU too are the reasons for our successes! Thank you!

We are committed to the pursuit of knowledge and the celebration of diversity in thoughts and ideas. Our library is not merely a repository of books; it is a living, breathing entity shaped by the collective passion of our community. I encourage each one of you to actively contribute to the rich tapestry of our library by sharing your insights, recommendations, and aspirations.

2024 holds the promise of exciting literary journeys, innovative programs, and collaborative endeavors as we celebrate the extraordinary impact of Taylor Swift! Our team will host a series of Taylor Swift (Library Version) programs and events, sponsored by the Placentia Library Friends Foundation (PLFF). There will be a Swiftie Crafternoon (friendship bracelets, button making, and bookmark crafts), Swiftie Scavenger Hunt, Swiftie Reading Challenge, Taylor Trivia Time, Name That Tune "Taylor Swift Edition", and an "Artistry and Entrepreneurship: Taylor's Version" seminar with UC Berkeley alum and college course founder, Crystal Haryanto. We will close out our Taylor Swift (Library Version) with a dance party – it'll be a magical night where you can forget about deadlines and be happy and free! Come dance in a storm in your best dress and feel 22 again with us! Registrations and a valid Placentia Library card are required for all Taylor Swift (Library Version) programs and events. Registration will be open to PLFF members a month before the program/event date and a week for the general public. Seating is limited.

As we embark on this new era, let us remain united in our quest for knowledge, understanding, and mutual respect. I am confident that with your support, our library will continue to be a beacon of inspiration and a source of enlightenment for all. We invite you to fill in the blank page and add your unique chapter in our collective story and memories!

Wishing you and your loved ones a year filled with personal growth, endless possibilities, and happiness.

Respectfully.

Jeanette Contreras Library Director

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#### DATES TO REMEMBER

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Summer Reading Celebration Saturday, June 15 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. See Page 6

Summer Reading Program June 15 - August 10 See Page 6

#### LIBRARY CLOSURE/ HOLIDAY DATES

Sunday, March 31, 2024 Easter

Monday, May 27, 2024 Memorial Day

Thursday, July 4, 2024 Independence Day

Monday, September 2, 2024 Labor Day

# Taylor Swift (Library Version)

Registration and a Placentia Library card are required for all Taylor Swift (Library Version) programs. Taylor Swift programs are open to all ages, and seating is limited.

Priority will be given to Placentia Library Friends Foundation members. PLFF members can register 1 month before a program or event, and general library patrons can register 1 week before a program or event.

Space is limited, registration is at placentialibrary.org/taylorswift. Check our website or social media for registration and waitlist notices.

# Taylor Swift Photo Opp

February 1-29, 2024

Taylor may be out on her next stage of the Eras Tour, but we have the next best thing: a life-sized Taylor Swift cutout! Stop by our Swing Into Reading area at the library for a photo opportunity throughout the month of February.

# Swiftie Scavenger Hunt

February 1-29, 2024

To celebrate Taylor Swift's love of hiding clues in her lyrics and music videos, we've designed our very own Swiftie Scavenger Hunt right here in the library! Grab your clue sheet from the Information Desk and find each Taylor-themed image hidden throughout the library to get a prize! Think you can find them all? Open to all ages.

# Swiftie Reading Challenge

March 1-31, 2024

Beanstack App or placentialibrary.beanstack.org

Find out what inspires Taylor with a Taylor Swiftapproved booklist, then take inspiration from some of Taylor's songs to complete the Swiftie Reading Challenge. Complete this all-ages reading program and pick up a prize at the Information Desk, while supplies last.

# Name That Tune "Taylor Swift Edition"

Thursday, March 14 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Community Meeting Room

Make the whole place shimmer by joining us for an exhilarating evening of music and fun with our special "Taylor Swift Edition" of Name That Tune, complete with prizes. Whether you're a die-hard Swiftie or just love a good music trivia, this is the perfect game night for you. \*Phone with Kahoot app needed to play.

# Swiftie Crafternoon

Saturday, March 23 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. Community Meeting Room

Crafting will never go out of style! Calling all creative Swifties to create your own buttons, bookmarks, and friendship bracelets at our Swiftie Craft Program. We're making the friendship bracelets, taking the moment, and tasting it! ("You're On Your Own, Kid" - Taylor Swift).

## Taylor Trivia Time

Saturday, April 6 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Community Meeting Room

Find out if you are a die-hard Swiftie or just a Swiftie in your wildest dreams by joining us for our Taylor Trivia Time, complete with prizes. Amaze your friends and family with all things related to Taylor Swift. \*Phone with Kahoot app needed to play.

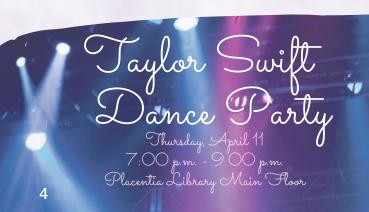
# Artistry and Entrepreneurship: Taylor's Version

Wednesday, April 10 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Community Meeting Room

This 2-hour seminar will explore how art and authenticity create enduring value and a viable enterprise. Come join us as we discuss media portrayal and perceptions of Taylor Swift and analyze her performance and interview clips. Learn more about Taylor's social, business, literature, and economic impact as she continues her global influence in today's culture. You won't fall behind any classmates if you end up here!

#### **About the Speaker:**

Crystal Haryanto is the founder of the course "Artistry & Entrepreneurship: Taylor's Version" at UC Berkeley-Haas. She graduated with High Honors from UC Berkeley in 2023 with a degree in Economics, Public Policy, and Cognitive Science. At her day job, she works as an analyst at an economic consulting firm, providing analysis on commercial litigation matters.



Get ready to shake it off at our Taylor Swift Dance Party! The winning Taylor Swift Merch Opportunity Drawing ticket will be drawn at our evening of music and dance for all ages, featuring a DJ and lights. Don't miss out on this enchanted evening.

Space is limited – register at placentialibrary.org/taylorswift.



## **Eclipse Glasses Kit Pickup**

Starting Monday, April 1, While supplies last Information Desk



The Placentia Library invites you to get ready for the Solar Eclipse! Starting April 1, free eclipse glasses will be available at the Information Desk, while supplies last. Then, find a park or lookout spot to watch the eclipse, or join us at our eclipse viewing party on Monday, April 8.

Limit of 4 glasses per family with your Placentia Library card. Don't have a library card? Stop by the library to sign up, or visit www.placentialibrary.org/ library-card to apply for a virtual card.

# **Solar Eclipse Viewing Party**

Monday, April 8, 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. Placentia Library Lawn

On April 8, 2024, a solar eclipse will cross North America, passing over Mexico, the United States, and Canada. Join us for this exciting event! The eclipse is estimated to begin around 10:05 a.m. and reach its peak around 11:12 a.m. For more details see the NASA eclipse website at <a href="https://science.nasa.gov/eclipses/">https://science.nasa.gov/eclipses/</a>.

Glasses will be available starting at 9:00 a.m., while supplies last. While you're waiting for the eclipse, join us as we learn about the solar system with crafts and activities for all ages!

# Boys & Girls Clubs Triple Play Tuesdays



Tuesdays, 5:00 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. Community Meeting Room

Join us on Tuesday afternoons as The Boys and Girls Club staff host "Triple Play," a wellness program for children focusing on social-emotional learning designed to build the skills youth need to make healthy choices. Open to children ages 9 – 12.

#### **STEAM Labs!**

Second Thursday of the Month 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Community Meeting Room

May 9 July 11 August 8

Join us for a series of programs focusing on

coding concepts presented by Code Ninjas. Learn about sequencing, loops and arrays to plan and build mazes and games. Space is limited and seats are available on a first-come first-served basis. Open to children ages 7 – 12.



# The Hangar Where imagination and inspiration take flight!

Create, tinker, and craft in the Hangar makerspace. Self-service makerspace equipment includes a Cricut, sewing machine and embroidery machine that will be available on a first-come, first-served basis during open hours. Stop by to enjoy monthly activities for all ages as well!

Stop by The Hangar or check our social media for upcoming themed crafts!



Questions? Contact us!

Web: www.placentialibrary.org/

Wednesdays: 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

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

Mondays: 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

makerspace
Email: hangar@placentialibrary.org

Phone: (714) 528-1906

**Hangar Hours:** 

Use of the makerspace equipment is open to adults and teens ages 14 + with a valid library card, ID, and signed waiver. \*No advance reservations available – use of the equipment is on a same day, first-come, first-served basis. Sign in to use the equipment at the library's Information Desk.

# **Sewing 101**

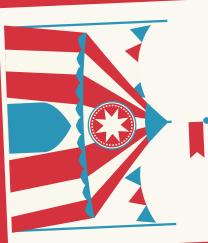


Get started with this hands-on overview of the sewing machine, including winding a bobbin, sewing a straight line, and other stitches.

Materials will be provided for a starter project.

Space is limited; first come, first served.





PLACENTIA LIBRARY IS YOUR

# TICKET TO READ

June 15 - August 10 placentialibrary.beanstack.org

# Summer Reading Celebration

Saturday, June 15 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. Civic Center Plaza

Come one, come all! Step right up for the greatest show on earth, right here in Placentia! Kick off the Summer Reading Program "Ticket to Read" with a funfilled evening featuring carnival games, face painting, and hula hoop artist Pinto Bella Hoops! Paint your summer library memories in carousel colors. We can't wait to see you there! All ages welcome!









# Volunteers Needed

Are you an adult or teen interested in volunteering at the library? We would love your help! If you are interested in assisting with our Summer Reading Celebration on Saturday, June 15, please email volunteers@placentialibrary.org for more information by June 1, 2024.



# eBooks & Online Learning

ebooks.placentialibrary.org or research.placentialibrary.org

This summer, read an eBook or listen to an audiobook on Libby or Hoopla, get your child ready for kindergarten with ABC Mouse, learn a new language with Mango Languages, and more! Placentia Library offers a variety of online resources for all ages.

# Lunch at the Library Wild Wednesday Performances

Show: 11:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

Virginia and Norman Haussman Storytime Alcove

Lunch: 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. Community Meeting Room

June 19: John Abrams - Fun & Games & Magic Show

June 26: Michael Rayner - Juggling Show

July 3: Craig Newton - Multicultural Musical Performance

July 10: Hey Hey Entertainment – Puppet Show July 17: Bubblemania and Co – Bubble Show

July 24: Doodlebugs Animal Adventures -

Wild About Animals Show

July 31: Mad Science - Fire and Ice Show

Performers are subject to change, check website for current details

Come watch a show and eat lunch at the library! Free lunches at the library for children and teens 18 years and under. You do not need to sign-up, show identification, or apply. Lunch will be served on a first come, first served basis until supplies last.

The library offers these healthy meals in partnership with the Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District, through the USDA Summer Food Service Program. We hope you will come for healthy lunches, summer reading, and free activities to help young minds and bodies grow and thrive!

This institution is an equal opportunity provider. The Summer Food Service Program is a program of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, administered in California by the California Department of Education. Lunch at the Library is a project of the California State Library, supported with funds from the State of California.

Esta institución es un proveedor que brinda igualdad de oportunidades. El Programa de Servicios de Alimentos en el Verano es un programa del Departamento de Agricultura de los Estados Unidos, administrado en California por el Departamento de Educación de California. El Almuerzo en la Biblioteca es un proyecto de la Biblioteca Estatal de California y respaldado con fondos del Estado de California.

# End of Summer Reading Program

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**ALMUERZO** 

Saturday, August 10 11:00 a.m. Virginia and Norman Haussman Storytime Alcove Comedy and Magic Show with Dave Skale!

Join us for this final Summer Reading Program performance by Dave Skale – magician extraordinaire who will entertain everyone with a super fun magic and comedy show!



## Scan to Register!



ADMIT ONE

# TICKET TO READ SUMMER READING PROGRAM

June 15 - August 10 placentialibrary.beanstack.org or the Beanstack app

Step right up to 8 weeks of our fun-filled Summer Reading Program, featuring fantastic performers and chances to win wonderful prizes just for reading! The more you read, the more chances you earn to win! Swing on by the library's lobby in June to see the prize display. Prize winners will be notified the week of August 12.

Ages 0 – 13: for every 60 minutes you read (or are read to), you'll earn a chance to win one of the Children's Grand Prizes. Register on the Beanstack App and keep track of your reading online. Paper reading logs are also available at the Information Desk.

Ages 14 +: for each book you read, you earn a chance to win one of our Teen or Adult Grand Prizes.

#### CHILDREN'S SERVICES

#### **PROGRAM AND DESCRIPTION**

#### **TIMES AND DATES**

#### **Read Across America**

Virginia and Norman Haussman Storytime Alcove

Join us for a special storytime as we read, sing, work on a craft, and have fun celebrating the joy of reading!

Saturday, March 2 10:00 a.m.

#### Read to the Dogs

Virginia and Norman Haussman Storytime Alcove

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!

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

March 11\* \*Second Monday April 1 May 6 June 3 July 1 August 5

#### Luna, Luna! Bilingual Pajama Storytime

Virginia and Norman Haussman Storytime Alcove

Put on your coziest pajamas, grab your favorite stuffed animal, and join us for our bilingual storytime on Wednesday evenings. Enjoy sweet stories and fun songs, in English and Spanish!

Ponte tus pijamas más cómodas, agarra tu peluche favorito, y únase a nosotros para nuestros cuentos bilingües los miércoles por la noche. ¡Disfruten de cuentos y canciones divertidas, en Inglés y Español!

Wednesdays 6:30 p.m.

May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 June 26 July 3, 10, 17 August 14, 21, 28

#### Baby Giggles and Wiggles Storytime - New Time!

Virginia and Norman Haussman Storytime Alcove

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.

Fridays 9:30 a.m.

March 8, 15, 22 April 5, 19 May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 June 28 July 5, 12, 19 August 16, 23, 30

## Morning Meet Ups - New Day and Time!

Crossroads Corner

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.



Fridays 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

\*No Meet Up March 29, April 26, June 14

#### Family Storytime

Virginia and Norman Haussman Storytime Alcove

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!

Saturdays 10:00 a.m.

March 9, 16, 23 April 13, 20 May 4, 11, 18, 25 June 1, 29 July 6, 13, 20 August 17, 24, 31

#### TIMES AND DATES

#### Placentia Teen Advisory Council

Community Meeting Room

The Placentia Teen Advisory Council 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.

First and Third Thursday of Each Month 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

March 7, 21 April 4, 18 May 2, 16 June 6, 20 July 18 August 1, 15

Thursday, May 16 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

#### **De-Stress Fest**

**Community Meeting Room** 

Finals have you stressed? Stop by the library to let off some steam with activities and crafts designed to help relieve your stress!

Open to teens ages 14-18.



#### Anime/Manga Night

Community Meeting Room

Lovers of anime unite! All teens ages 14-18 are invited to geek out over anime and manga by testing your knowledge with trivia and expressing yourself with themed crafts. Thursday, August 1 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.



Earn community service hours by submitting book

# NEED COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS?

Ages 14-18



VOLUNTEERS@PLACENTIALIBRARY.ORG
PLACENTIALIBRARY.ORG/TEEN-REVIEW-CREW

# Volunteer @ the Library

Teens - want to volunteer at library events or sort and shelve books?

Visit our website to fill out an application or stop by one of our Placentia Teen Advisory Council (PTAC) meetings to get started!

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## **ADULT SERVICES**

#### Yoga at the Library

Placentia Library Lawn

Discover yoga for your body and mind with Good Moodra Yoga. Relax and flow into each pose as you enjoy the sunshine from our library lawn. Ages 14+. Space is limited, first come, first served. Bring your own mat. Check website for cancellation notices.

Saturdays in April and May 10:00 - 10:30 a.m.

April 6, 13, 20, 27 May 4, 11, 18, 25 **PROGRAM AND DESCRIPTION** 

**TIMES AND DATES** 

#### **Virtual Meditation**

**Zoom Virtual Meeting** 

May is Mental Health Awareness Month! Join certified meditation instructor Amy Rutledge in a 3-week session via Zoom learning the power of mindfulness and its positive impact on all aspects of life. These science-backed tools can help release anxiety, tension, and stress; cultivate compassion, focus, and concentration; and promote connection and peace to all.

Sessions will be 30 minutes with an intro, guided practice, and Q&A. Suitable for both beginners and expert meditators, ages 14+. Registration opens Monday, April 15, at <a href="https://www.placentialibrary.org/meditation">www.placentialibrary.org/meditation</a>.

Class schedule:

Wednesday, May 1 - Basic science and mindfulness of the breath

Wednesday, May 8 - Mindful walking, eating, and other everyday activities

Wednesday, May 15 - Self care workshop

Wednesdays in May 7:00 – 7:30 p.m.

#### **Bookbinding Workshop**

**Community Meeting Room** 

Please join us for a fun evening of bookmaking with Jenn Graves. This hands-on workshop is designed to inspire self expression in the form of a book with a unique hidden page feature! All materials provided and no bookbinding experience necessary. Ages 14+.

Registration opens Thursday, June 20, at www.placentialibrary.org/bookbinding. Space is limited, check website for registration and waitlist notices.



Thursday, June 27 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

# Local History Lecture Orange County History: Prehistory to 1889

**Community Meeting Room** 

Join local historian Chris Jepsen as he explores Orange County's earliest history, from 9,000 years ago through the creation of our county in 1889. Ages 14+. No registration required.

Thursday, July 25 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

#### **Book Club**

**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 14+.

March 12: Anxious People by Fredrik Backman April 9: The Island of Sea Women by Lisa See May 14: The Holdout: A Novel by Graham Moore June 11: The Unfit Heiress: The Tragic Life and Scandalous Sterilization of Ann Cooper Hewitt by Audrey Clare Farley July 9: A Place for Us by Fatima Farheen Mirza August 13: Iona Iverson's Rules for Commuting by Clare Pooley



Second Tuesday of Each Month 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

March 12 April 9 May 14 June 11 July 9 August 13

#### MEET OUR NEW STAFF



Megan Teeling
Part-Time Library Clerk

Megan Teeling is a recent graduate of California State University, Fullerton, having earned a Bachelor of Science in Child and Adolescent Development with a focus on elementary school settings. Starting in the Fall of 2024, she will pursue further education through San Jose State University's online Master of Library and Information Science program. Outside of her academic pursuits, Megan engages in hobbies such as crocheting, reading, and exploring local museums. She is looking forward to serving the community of Placentia.



Damean Sanz Bookmobile Library Assistant

Damean Sanz is a recent graduate from California State University, Northridge, where he earned his Master's degree in English Literature. During his time in graduate school, he served as a library aide with the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD), discovering a genuine passion for library work. In addition to his academic achievements, Damean has cultivated a strong interest in playing video games and watching 1980s horror movies during his leisure time. He also cherishes moments spent with his four cats: Thorn, Rosie, Hank, and Tommy. Damean is excited about serving the community of Placentia.



#### Caitlyn Sandfer Library Assistant

Caitlyn Sandfer recently graduated from San Jose State University's iSchool program with a Master's Degree in Library and Information Sciences. She completed an internship with the Placentia Library this past spring, working in the teen services department, and is excited to return to the library as the Teen Services Library Assistant. She looks forward to learning more about this fantastic community and hopes to increase teen engagement in the library. Caitlyn currently lives in Newport Beach with her husband and their cat, and she enjoys reading, playing video games, and watching anime.



#### Joy Ellis Part-Time Bookmobile Library Clerk

Joy holds a B.A. in Psychology with a Minor in English from UCLA and an M.Ed. in Special Education from the University of Missouri, St. Louis. Growing up with a librarian mother, Joy developed a special love for libraries. She enjoys collecting books and sharing them with her students, friends, and family. Currently, she resides with her two cats, who supervise her activities such as reading, painting, or working on jigsaw puzzles. One of her great passions is traveling, and she's actively working on visiting all the National Parks and filling up her passport. Joy is thrilled to join the Placentia Library team and is grateful for the opportunity to contribute.

### **CONGRATS!**



Employee of the Year Elizabeth Tapia (Liz), Librarian

We would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations to Liz for achieving three significant milestones this year. First and foremost, we congratulate Liz on successfully completing her Master of Library and Information Science (MLIS) degree from San Jose State University (SJSU). In addition, Liz has earned a well-deserved promotion to the position of Librarian, where she will be overseeing the local history room.

Lastly, and most notably, we want to recognize Liz as the Employee of the Year. Despite her busy schedule, Liz consistently exceeds expectations across all facets of her role. She excels as a team player, radiates positivity, and ensures that every patron receives exceptional service. Beyond the impressive attendance numbers of her programs, Liz's ability to establish meaningful connections and relationships with library patrons is truly exceptional. She possesses that special spark that fosters lifelong library users.

Congratulations, Liz, on your remarkable achievements! Your dedication and outstanding contributions have not gone unnoticed. Well done!



Retirement Katie Matas, Librarian

In 1970, Katie Matas moved to Placentia. In 1976, she applied for a part-time job at the Placentia Library, initially unsuccessful but later secured the position. This marked the beginning of her 47-year career. She served as a clerk, faced challenges during budget cuts, and shifted roles over the years. In the 1990s, she became a literacy coordinator, later transitioning to a librarian role. As a librarian, she played a vital role in technical services, contributing significantly. Katie has fond memories, including bringing her daughter to Camp Library and coordinating a citizenship program. After 47 years of dedicated service, Katie is retiring. Her legacy of commitment to the library will be missed, and everyone is excited for her next chapter. Well done, Katie!

#### **Meet Our Tutors and Learners**

#### Cathy and Nhu

Cathy and Nhu have been working together since August 2023.

Cathy shared, "After raising our family in Placentia and retiring from teaching, I decided to sign up to be a literacy tutor so I could continue my passion for teaching and give back to my community. The joy that being a tutor gives me is immeasurable. Nhu is one of the most dedicated and hard-working people I have ever met. I am so proud of her progress and her willingness to push herself out of her comfort zone and shine!"

Nhu shared, "The first time we visited the library, it was such a nice, quiet building. My neighbor told me about the tutoring program at the library. After filling out the forms, I met with my tutor, Cathy. She helps me a lot to improve my English. She helps me to communicate better, work on my pronunciation, writing and speaking in front of people. I also enjoy the Read, Write, Speak Club and Clever Conversation Class. Thank you so much for everything!"



#### Rufida and Chloe

Rufida and Chloe have been working together since November 2022.

Rufida shared, "When I retired from my job as an ELD teacher, I searched for a volunteer opportunity to give back to our community. I was thrilled to find out that the Placentia Library has an Adult Literacy Program to support English Learners. I signed up right away and was introduced to Chloe. Chloe and I meet twice a week and have truly connected. Chloe is highly motivated in achieving her goals of reading novels and the newspaper. She is also learning to communicate with teachers so that she can guide her young children in their daily school tasks. I am grateful to the Adult Literacy Program; this has been such a rewarding experience and I will continue volunteering as long as I can."



Chloe shared, "This Tutoring program was like a ray of light for me, who was struggling to study English by myself (endless worries about studying English). Tutoring was very helpful in reading (correcting pronunciation), writing (correcting vocabulary and grammar), and communicating (practicing speaking) in English. As a result, I became more confident in English. I got better at helping my kids with homework, and I regularly participate in volunteer activities at their school. Studying English became more fun. Thanks to my strong support, Rufida, I am currently feeling like a miracle has happened in improving my English skills."

## **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.

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

#### **Small Group Tutoring**

Our program is growing! Thanks to our incredible volunteers, we now offer Small Group Tutoring Sessions. In these sessions, one tutor works with 2 to 3 learners who are working on similar goals, such as



communicating with family members, doctors, and the community. Learners have the opportunity to practice skills in a comfortable and supportive setting so they may begin to apply the skills in their daily lives. We would like to thank Cathy and Ruchika for their willingness to take on small group tutoring sessions in addition to their one-to-one tutoring sessions. We couldn't do this without our wonderful tutors!

## **Beginner English Conversation Group** Grupo de Conversación en Inglés

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.

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.

## Read, Write, Speak Club

**Every Friday** 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. Community Meeting Room Drop-in Class (no registration required) No class: May 24, July 5

The Read, Write, Speak Club is 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.

## **Literacy Reads Book Club**

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 selected for beginning to intermediate reading levels.

#### **Beginner Readers**

**Every Wednesday** Contact Adult Literacy for Details

#### **Intermediate Readers**

**Every Tuesday Contact Adult Literacy** for Details

#### **CONTACT US:**

For more information about Adult Literacy programs, please contact Adult Literacy staff at literacy@placentialibrary.org or (714) 528-1906 ext. 214.

#### **CONTÁCTENOS:**

Para obtener más información sobre nuestros programas para adultos, comuníquese con nuestro personal por correo electrónico o por teléfono: literacy@placentialibrary.org o (714) 528-1906 ext. 214.

## Adults: Volunteer at **Placentia Library**

Join our team of dedicated volunteers!

Would you like to:

- Support a great cause?
- Make a difference in your community?
- Help an adult to learn English?
- Make an impact in someone's life?
- Become part of the Friends of the Library?

If so, the library needs your help!

#### Volunteer with our **Adult Literacy Literacy Department!** Program CHANGING LIVES THROUGH LEARNING

Join the Literacy Department and help an adult change their life! Support an adult learner as they work to reach their goals, such as: to communicate with their family, to get a job, to pass the GED, or to become a citizen. We welcome volunteers to partner with us!

- No experience needed, training is provided
- All tutoring materials are provided
- Flexible scheduling, 2-3 hours per week



# Volunteer with the Friends of the Library! FRIENDS



Join the Friends of the Library and help in the bookstore or serve on a committee with the Friends of the Library Board. The Friends of the Library Board is responsible for:

- Raising funds to support and enhance the library's programs and activities.
- Assisting with planning the Annual Author's Luncheon.
- Planning other fundraisers throughout the year.

Serve as a Board member and make an impact in your community!



THE PLACENTIA LIBRARY FRIENDS FOUNDATION INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR THE 2024

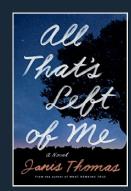
# AUTHORS LUNCHEON FEATURING

# JANIS THOMAS









# PRESENTATION | Q&A SILENT AUCTION

All proceeds benefit the Placentia Library programs and services.

# SATURDAY MARCH 2, 2024 DOORS OPEN AT 10 AM

ALTA VISTA COUNTRY CLUB
777 Alta Vista Street, Placentia

Janis Thomas is the best-selling author of domestic suspense novels WHAT REMAINS TRUE and ALL THAT'S LEFT OF ME as well as three critically acclaimed humorous women's fiction novels, SOMETHING NEW, SWEET NOTHINGS, and SAY NEVER. Her latest is the psychological suspense novel FINDING GRACE, which Publisher's Weekly calls "Engrossing" and Kirkus calls "Authentically creepy." Janis is a popular workshop leader and speaker, and a passionate writing advocate. She lives in Southern California with her terrific husband, amazing teenagers, and two crazy dogs.

# **TICKETS ARE \$70 EACH**

Purchase at the library, online at PlacentiaLibraryFriends.com, or by calling 714-996-8682.

# A Word From Our Superintendent



Dr. Alex Cherniss
PYLUSD SUPERINTENDENT



#### **PYLUSD** and Placentia Library Dedicated to Putting Kids First

The mission of the Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District (PYLUSD) is squarely focused on students. It states that we will inspire all students through rigorous and relevant educational experiences that empower them to become responsible, ethical, and contributing citizens. Similarly, the Placentia Library's mission is to inspire, open minds, innovate, and connect our community.

Our school district serves nearly 23,000 students across 34 school sites in the cities of Placentia and Yorba Linda and portions of Anaheim, Brea, and Fullerton. We recognize that the success of our students is possible thanks to the committed work of our teachers and staff as well as local community partners that are dedicated to similar mission-driven work, such as the Placentia Library.

Preparation for life beyond school is one of the hallmarks of PYLUSD through our career technical education pathways, our different diploma programs such as International Baccalaureate and Cambridge AICE, our Spanish Dual Language Academy, and our highly acclaimed arts programs, just to name a few.

Students in our school district receive high-quality instruction inside of the classroom and opportunities to participate in enrichment activities before and after school. They are actively engaged in the learning process by teachers who employ effective instructional strategies to share curriculum in innovative and exciting ways.

In addition to the educational experience we offer at all of our schools, we anticipate that our students will take advantage of the Placentia Library's state-of-the-art facilities and comprehensive collection of resources to support their learning. This includes books and eBooks, research materials, free tutoring, technology, digital magazines, and more. Storytime, craft tutorials, and STEAM programs also provide students of all ages with enjoyable extracurricular opportunities.

PYLUSD is a unique place to learn as a result of future-ready initiatives and programs, which have sprung from the district's philosophy of Putting Kids First. Nevertheless, our school district is grateful for the Placentia Library's ongoing and ever-evolving focus on inspiring and opening minds in the community through its comprehensive collection of resources and other innovative offerings.





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**OPPORTUNITY DRAWING** 

# Taylor Swift Merch

**DECEMBER 21, 2023 - APRIL 11, 20** 

(Includes:

- 1989 M/L Size Cardigan
- 1989 Vinul (Taylor's Version)
- Speak Now CD (Taylor's Version)
- Red CD (Taylor's Version)
- Lover Vinyl
- Midnights Vinyl
- Time Magazines 3 Covers
- The Eras Tour Concert Film popcorn tub & cup

TICKET: \$10

Available at the Placentia Library District, while supplies last through 12pm April 11th. Please see staff at the Information Desk. Cash & Credit Card only - \$1 processing fee applies to credit card transactions.

Winning ticket will be drawn at the Taylor Swift Dance Party on April 11, 2024





Community Survey

Your feedback is invaluable to us as we strive to enhance our services and better meet the needs of our community. Please take a few minutes to share your thoughts with us.

Scan the QR code or visit our website. The survey will be available until April 30, 2024.

placentialibrary.org/survey







