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Plant a Seed, Read

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YOUR LIBRARY CARD GIVES YOU:

- Books
- Digital Content
- Literacy Services
- Study Rooms
- Video Games

WELCOME TO THE Placentia Library

Renewals*

Renewals available 24/7/365 at www.placentialibrarydistrict.ca.gov
 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.

Study Rooms and Privacy Pods

The Placentia Library District is committed to providing an environment that promotes study and group collaboration. The library provides access to two reservable study spaces:

- **Group Study Rooms:** Two study rooms for individual or group use, with a capacity of 6 people per room at one time
- **Quiet Nook Privacy Pods:** Two privacy pods for individual use

The Group Study Rooms and Privacy Pod rooms may each be reserved for up to 2 hours a day. Rooms are available on a first come, first served basis. Reservations can only be made for the same day, in person, at the Information Desk. Additionally, patrons reserving a room must be at least 13 years of age and have a current valid Placentia Library card.

Please see the Information Desk or visit our website for info: www.placentialibrarydistrict.ca.gov/study-rooms

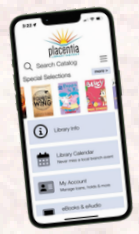
Item Loan Limits & Policy

- 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, vinyl records 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

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.



Passport Hours**

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.placentialibrarydistrict.ca.gov/passports

Library Director Article

As Library Director, one of the greatest joys for me is seeing our community continue to grow as a place where people connect not only with books and information, but also with one another. This year's Summer Reading Program theme, "Plant a Seed, Read," beautifully reflects what libraries do every day: we plant seeds of curiosity, creativity, literacy, wellness, and community that continue to grow long after a program ends.

That spirit of growth can be found throughout our summer programs, which offer something for everyone. Our garden-inspired activities continue to blossom through events like Garden Game Night and Garden Paint Night, where participants can relax, laugh, and create together in a welcoming environment. The Plant Swap Program has also become a meaningful way for us to share not only plants and gardening tips, but also conversations, friendships, and a sense of connection. For those who enjoy hands-on creativity, our Cross Stitch Creations program provides an opportunity to slow down, learn a timeless craft, and experience the simple satisfaction of making something by hand.

Summer also brings one of our most cherished traditions: Lunch at the Library during our Fun Friday performances. For many families, these afternoons become treasured summer memories filled with laughter, learning, and community connection. Please see Page 7 for additional information

In addition to family programming, adults can look forward to events designed specifically for them, including Adult Trivia Night (any trivia champions out there?) and a special presentation, "A Century of Notable Placentia Women," just to name a few. These programs provide opportunities not only to learn something new, but also to engage with others who share similar interests and curiosity.

Our LEAMOS program is dedicated to helping native Spanish speakers strengthen their reading and writing skills in Spanish. Literacy is empowering at every age, and LEAMOS reflects the library's ongoing commitment to providing educational opportunities that honor and celebrate the diverse backgrounds, languages, and experiences within our beautiful community.

Beyond learning and enrichment, libraries also serve as places where communities come together to care for one another. In that spirit, I invite you to participate in the American Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, June 29th. A single donation can help save multiple lives, and this effort reflects the compassion and generosity that continue to define our community. Often, the smallest acts of kindness can have the greatest impact. Remember, you must be 17 years or older, weigh at least 100lbs, and be in good health (free of major symptoms like cold or flu). Recent travel to certain countries may require a waiting period.

Whether you join us for a craft class, a trivia night, a literacy program, a live performance, or a community service event, I hope you leave feeling inspired, connected, and encouraged.

This summer, I invite you to plant a seed, read a book, learn a new skill, meet someone new, share kindness, or simply try something different. You never know what might grow from it.

Respectfully,

Jeanette Contreras
Library Director



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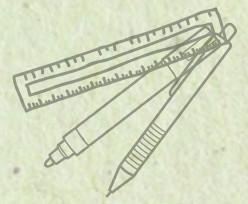
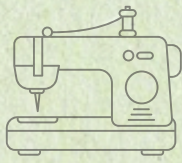
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Library Closure/ Holiday Dates

Independence Day
July 4

Staff Development Day
August 28



Event	Day	Time	Location
<p>Get Hooked! Crochet and Knitting Circle <i>Ages 18+</i></p> <p>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. Adults only for this program. Supplies, projects, and formal instruction are not provided by the library, so please bring your own crochet hooks, knitting needles, and yarn.</p>	<p>June 20, July 18, August 29</p>	<p>2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Community Meeting Room</p>
<p>Adult Craft Night: Book Bedazzling <i>Ages 18+</i></p> <p>Join us at Adult Craft Night for book bedazzling! Bring your own book or choose one provided by the library and add a little sparkle to your literary life. Supplies will be limited.</p>	<p>Tuesday, August 25</p>	<p>5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Community Meeting Room</p>
<p>Creating with Cricut <i>Ages 14+</i></p> <p>Learn how to use a Cricut and Design Space at our Creating with Cricut program! Materials will be provided for a starter project. Space is limited. Entry tickets will be issued starting at 1:30 p.m. the day of the program. Open to teens and adults.</p>	<p>June 21, July 19, August 23</p>	<p>2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Community Meeting Room</p>
<p>Sewing 101 <i>Ages 14+</i></p> <p>Get started with this hands-on overview of the sewing machine, including winding a bobbin, sewing a straight line, and more! 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.</p>	<p>Saturday, June 6</p>	<p>1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Community Meeting Room</p>
<p>Wire and Wonders: Jewelry Creations <i>Ages 14+</i></p> <p>Join us for a fun and creative jewelry-making program! From earrings to bracelets and more, each month features a new and exciting project. Materials will be provided. Space is limited. Entry tickets will be issued starting at 10:30 a.m. the day of the program. Open to teens and adults.</p>	<p>Saturday, July 18</p>	<p>11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Community Meeting Room</p>
<p>Cross Stitch Creating <i>Ages 14+</i></p> <p>Learn basic cross-stitching techniques and let your creativity flow! Join us as we complete a beginning project, supplies will be provided. Open to teens and adults.</p>	<p>Saturday, August 29</p>	<p>1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Community Meeting Room</p>

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.

Questions? Contact us!

Website: placentiaibrarydistrict.ca.gov/the-hangar-makerspace
Email: hangar@placentiaibrarydistrict.ca.gov
Phone: (714) 528-1906

Outdoor Learning Experience (OLE)

Event	Day	Time	Location
<p>Garden Game Night Ages 18+</p> <p>Gather in the library's outdoor garden space to learn a new game or play a classic, from the board game Catan to the PS5 video game Astrobot, and more. Program will be held in the Community Meeting Room in the case of weather, check website for updates. Ages 18+, no registration needed.</p>	Tuesday, June 23	6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	OLE
<p>Nature, Science and Sustainability Book Club Ages 18+</p> <p>Join us for a quarterly book club in the library's new outdoor garden space to reflect on nature, science, sustainability and the environment, featuring topics such as California ecology and fire weather. Ages 18+, no registration needed.</p> <p>Summer - Saturday, July 25, 2026: Pick a book about gardening, nature, or space, consider these titles: <i>Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind</i> by Yuval Noah Harari or <i>Walden</i> by Henry David Thoreau</p> <p>Fall - Saturday, October 17, 2026: <i>Firestorm: The Great Los Angeles Fires</i> and <i>America's New Age of Disaster</i> by Jacob Soboroff</p>	Saturday, July 25	1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	OLE
<p>Garden Paint Night Ages 14+</p> <p>Join artist Flór Campos for an evening of nature painting in the library's new outdoor butterfly garden space. Supplies will be provided, and participants can take home their canvas at the end of the evening.</p> <p>Free entry tickets will be issued starting 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. Program will be held in the Community Meeting Room in the case of weather, see website for updates. Ages 14+.</p>	Thursday, June 18	6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	OLE
<p>Plant Swap Ages 14+</p> <p>As part of our Plant a Seed, Read summer reading program, we're hosting a special Plant Swap! Teens and adults are invited to bring healthy houseplants, garden plants, herbs, cuttings, or seeds to share with others. Whether you're a seasoned gardener or just getting started, this is a relaxed, hands-on way to discover new varieties, share tips, and learn from fellow plant enthusiasts.</p>	Tuesday, July 28	6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	OLE
<p>Flutterby: Immersive Butterfly Experience All Ages</p> <p>Bring the whole family for a hands-on look at butterflies and their life cycle! Kids and adults will learn how butterflies grow and find out why they're important to our environment. You'll also discover how to help native butterflies thrive in your own neighborhood. Families can explore inside the butterfly tent together. To keep things safe and comfortable, up to 10 people may enter at a time, with short timed sessions. All ages welcome. First come, first served while supplies last.</p>	Saturday, August 1	10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	OLE
<p>Gardening Workshop Series with UC Master Gardeners</p> <p>Learn about sustainable gardening practices, attracting pollinators, composting and more at our quarterly gardening workshop series, presented by UC Master Gardeners of Orange County. No registration needed, will be held in the Community Meeting Room in case of weather.</p> <p>Summer – Saturday, August 22: "Composting 101"</p> <p>Fall – Saturday, September 19: "A Year of Good Food—a month-by-month guide for growing fruits and vegetables"</p>	Saturday, August 22	11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	OLE

Plant a Seed, Read Summer Reading Program

Monday, June 15 - Sunday, August 9

This summer, “Plant a Seed, Read” and grow with our Summer Reading Program! From books and video games to storytimes and sewing workshops, there is something for everyone at your library. Log your reading and activities to enter to win prizes for all ages, like a greenhouse kit for children or a Nintendo Switch 2 for adults!

Register at placentia.library.beanstack.org or on the Beanstack App and keep track of your reading online. Children can also pick up a reading log at the Information Desk!

Scan to Register!



Reading Program Details

- **Ages 0-13:** For every 60 minutes you read (or are read to), you earn a chance to win one of the Children’s Grand Prizes. Read 300 minutes to earn a Midway Prize and 600 minutes for a Completion Prize and stop by the Information Desk to redeem, while supplies last. Plus, complete activities like attending a program or downloading the Library App to earn extra prize drawing tickets.
- **Ages 14+:** For each book you read, you earn a chance to win one of our Teen and Adult Grand Prizes. Read 3 books and stop by the Information Desk to pick up a Tote Bag Completion Prize, while supplies last. Plus, complete activities like attending a program or downloading the Library App to earn extra prize drawing tickets.

Seed Library Sprouting Monday, June 15, 2026

While you “Plant a Seed, Read” with our Summer Reading Program, stop by our new Seed Library to pick up a seed packet and start your own garden! These heirloom seeds are open-pollinated and non-genetically modified (non-GMO), and are a great start to plant vegetables, herbs and flowers.

Limit of 3 seed packets to be checked out per month, per household. Seeds and packets do not need to be returned, but please share back your seed stories with us via our website: www.placentia.library.district.ca.gov/seed-library



Lunch at the Library



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— at the —
LIBRARY



Fun Friday 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 24: No performer, lunch and craft only

June 26: Megan the Bubbleologist – Bubble Show

July 3: Wild Wonders – Desert Animals

July 10: David Cousin – Juggling Show

July 17: Christopher T. Magician – Magic Show

July 24: Nathalia Palis – Bilingual Concert

July 31: Puppet Art Theater – Puppet Show

August 7: Billy Bonkers – Magic Show

Performers are subject to change. Please check website for current details.



Join us for a variety of family-friendly shows 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 while 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 join us 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 ofrece igualdad de oportunidades. El Programa de Servicio de Alimentos de 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.

Summer Reading Program Children's Prizes



Scan to Register!



Enter to win these children's prizes and more!

Children's Services

Event	Day	Time	Location
<p>Celebrate Juneteenth with Ina the Sunshine Storyteller <i>All Ages</i> Celebrate Juneteenth with joy and storytelling! Join us for a special visit from Ina Buckner, the Sunshine Storyteller, as she shares engaging tales that honor freedom, community, and African American heritage. Families and children of all ages are welcome to enjoy stories, songs, and interactive fun.</p>	Friday, June 19	11:00 a.m.	Virginia and Norman Haussman Storytime Alcove
<p>Read to the Dogs <i>All Ages</i> Calling all young readers! Get ready for a paws-itively delightful storytime! Join our lovable, four-legged friends from The Bright & Beautiful Therapy Dogs, Inc. for a fun reading adventure. Whether you're a confident reader or just starting out, these furry buddies are all ears (and wagging tails) for every tale you tell. Please note: If we have too many readers and not enough dogs, tickets will be issued to ensure everyone gets a turn.</p>	First Monday of the Month: June 1, July 6, August 3	6:00 p.m.	Virginia and Norman Haussman Storytime Alcove
<p>To Backpacks and Beyond: Launching Students Toward Success <i>Ages 4-18</i> Blast off into the new school year at our fun-filled Build Your Own Backpack event, held in partnership with Karina's Backpack Project! Children and teens ages 4–18 can fill their own backpacks with school supplies to help them start the school year feeling confident, prepared, and ready to succeed. The fun doesn't stop there! Enjoy music, food, face painting, wellness classes, STEAM activities and crafts for all ages. This exciting community celebration is designed to inspire learning, movement, creativity, and connection before the school year begins. Come celebrate the new school year with us and launch into success together! <i>Children must be present to receive backpacks. Supplies are limited and will be distributed while supplies last. Limit one backpack per child.</i></p>	Saturday, July 11	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Placentia Civic Center Plaza

Storytime, STEAM and Morning Meetups are on a summer break. Please join us for all of our fun-filled summer reading activities!



1,000 Books Before Kindergarten! *Ages 0-4*

Read a book (any book) to your newborn, infant, and/or toddler and log it in Beanstack (app or placentialibrary.beanstack.org). 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!

Bookmobile Services

About the Bookmobile

The Placentia Library Bookmobile is bringing library services directly into our community, making it easier than ever for residents to stay connected, informed, and engaged. Traveling throughout communities across the city, the Bookmobile expands access to library programs and services while creating welcoming opportunities for learning, discovery, and community connection. Whether serving families, students, seniors, or busy residents closer to home, the Bookmobile reflects the library's mission and commitment to serving the community through accessibility, outreach, and lifelong learning for all. Keep an eye out for the Bookmobile at a community stop near you and experience the library beyond our walls.

Circulation Info

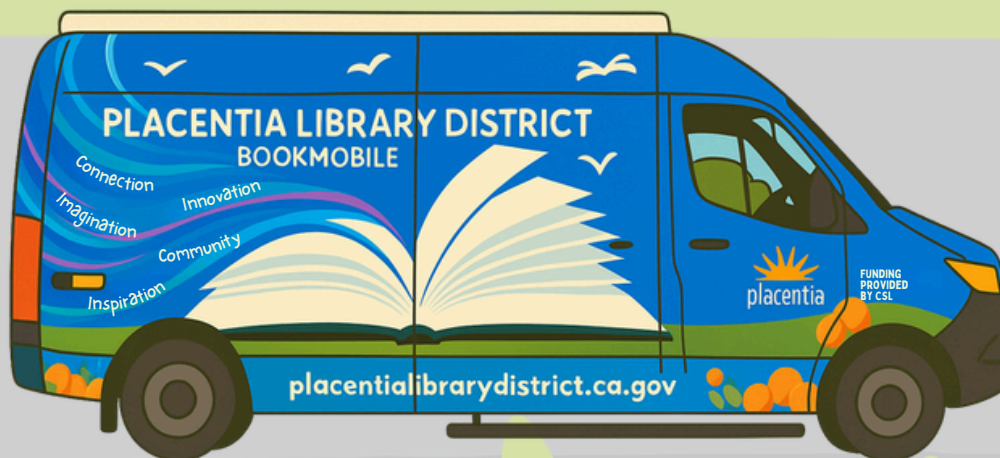
- Bookmobile and Placentia Library materials may be requested for pickup at any designated Bookmobile stop or at the Placentia Library.
- Bookmobile LOTs items can only be checked out at a designated Bookmobile stop.
- Library cards are issued at any designated Bookmobile stop.
- Item loan limits may vary depending on location stop frequency.



Scan the QR code or visit placentialibrarydistrict.ca.gov/bookmobile for the most up-to-date information!

Bookmobile Stops*

Location	Date	Time
LOT 318 Gomez Gomez Community Center, 1701 Atwood Ave., Placentia, CA 92870	Tuesday, June 30 Tuesday, July 7 Tuesday July 14 Tuesday, July 21	1:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.
Placentia 1st Annual 5k Run Tri City Park, 2301 N Kraemer Blvd., Placentia, CA 92870	Saturday, June 27	7:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.



Funding Provided by California State Library

*All Dates Subject to Change

Teen Services

Event	Day	Time	Location
<p>Placentia Teen Action Crew (PTAC) Ages 14-18</p> <p>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 (714) 528-1906 or volunteers@placentialibrarydistrict.ca.gov.</p>	First and Third Thursday of the Month	5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Community Meeting Room
<p>To Backpacks and Beyond: Launching Students Toward Success Ages 4-18</p> <p>Blast off into the new school year at our fun-filled Build Your Own Backpack event, held in partnership with Karina's Backpack Project! Children and teens ages 4–18 can fill their own backpacks with school supplies to help them start the school year feeling confident, prepared, and ready to succeed. The fun doesn't stop there! Enjoy music, food, face painting, wellness classes, STEAM activities and crafts for all ages. This exciting community celebration is designed to inspire learning, movement, creativity, and connection before the school year begins. Come celebrate the new school year with us and launch into success together!</p> <p><i>Children must be present to receive backpacks. Supplies are limited and will be distributed while supplies last. Limit one backpack per child.</i></p>	Saturday, July 11	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Placentia Civic Center Plaza

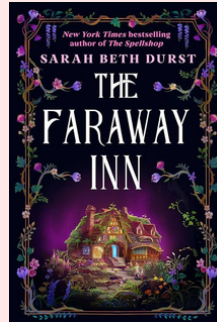
Teen Review Crew Ages 14-18

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 placentialibrarydistrict.ca.gov/volunteer for more information or contact 714-528-1906 or volunteers@placentialibrarydistrict.ca.gov

Volunteer at the Placentia Library

Are you a high school 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 placentialibrarydistrict.ca.gov/teen-review-crew or contact volunteers@placentialibrarydistrict.ca.gov or (714) 528-1906.

Hot Teen Reads for Summer!



Adult Services

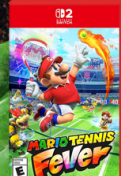
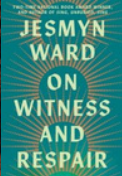
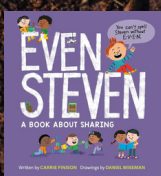
Event	Day	Time	Location
<p>Adult Book Club Ages 18+ You're invited to our monthly book club! Our group is always open to new members, so stop by to share or listen! Selections include a robust mix of fiction and nonfiction genres, and selected titles are available for checkout at the library. Ages 18+.</p> <p>June 9: <i>The Girl on Greenwich Street</i> by Lauren Willig July 14: <i>The Vanishing Half</i> by Brit Bennett August 11: <i>The Three Lives of Cate Kay</i> by Kate Fagan</p>	Second Tuesday of the Month	1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Community Meeting Room
<p>Sci-Fi, Fantasy & Graphic Novel Book Club Ages 18+ Discover a heartwarming cozy fantasy, classic graphic novel, romantasy or science fiction epic with our evening book club. Our group is always open to new members, so stop by to share or listen. Find copies at the library or on our digital platforms.</p> <p>June 11: <i>Supergirl: Woman of Tomorrow</i> by Tom King, et. al. (DC Comics) July 9: <i>The Knight and the Moth</i> by Rachel Gillig August 13: <i>Death of the Author</i> by Nnedi Okorafor</p>	Second Thursday of the Month	6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Community Meeting Room
<p>Adult Trivia Night Ages 18+ Summer 2026 – Movies & TV Show off your knowledge for fandoms, books, movies and more at our quarterly Adult Trivia Night. Rotating through different topics, we encourage you to brush up on your Tolkien, Batman and KPop Demon Hunters lore, as we also uncover history, TV shows and more. The trivia winner will get a prize, and light refreshments will be available.</p> <p>Upcoming Trivia Night: Fall 2026 – Tuesday, November 3: The Hunger Games Series</p>	Tuesday, July 7	6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Community Meeting Room
<p>A Century of Notable Placentia Women Ages 18+ Join us in continuing our Centennial Celebration with the Placentia Historical Committee's presentation and lecture, <i>A Century of Notable Placentia Women</i>, celebrating the women who helped build Placentia.</p>	Tuesday, July 21	6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	Community Meeting Room
<p>American Red Cross Blood Drive Ages 17+ Donate blood at the library! Ages 17+, appointments available at redcrossblood.org or placentialibrarydistrict.ca.gov/blood-drive and walk-ins welcome. Visit redcrossblood.org or stop by the Community Meeting Room during the blood drive to review blood donation eligibility requirements. Presented by the American Red Cross of Orange County and held in partnership with the Placentia Library District and the City of Placentia.</p>	Monday, June 29	9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Community Meeting Room



Register for an appointment:



Upcoming Releases at Your Library!



Scan the QR code or visit: placentialibrarydistrict.ca.gov/catalog

Adult Literacy

Literacy program

Plant the seed of Literacy! Learn and grow with the Placentia Library's Adult Literacy program! Build new skills, cultivate your confidence, and enjoy reading and writing. Our program is here to help you reach your goals, one word at a time. These programs are made possible by the California Library Literacy Service Grant and the generous support of the Placentia Library Friends Foundation.

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
- High School Equivalency (HSE) - GED/HiSET preparation
- Citizenship preparation
- Elementary Spanish for native Spanish speakers



I want to be a learner

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



Small Group Literacy Instruction

We are excited to offer new small group literacy classes for adults. Improve your reading and writing skills while learning together in a supportive community. The class provides a welcoming space to build vocabulary, strengthen grammar, and practice writing. Learners will gain confidence through fun, practical activities. Join our instructors in a friendly environment where everyone feels respected and encouraged to grow. Take the next step toward your goals. For more information, contact Adult Literacy staff.

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.

LEAMOS

New this year – Curso de alfabetización en español para hispanohablantes -- our LEAMOS program to help 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.

Read, Write, Speak Club

Every Friday

9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Community Meeting Room

Drop-in Class (no registration required)

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.



Tutor/Learner Pair Highlight

Chris and Yongseon have been tutoring together for about 1 year. Chris says, “Upon my retirement, I wanted to volunteer with a Literacy program. I looked at programs closer to my home, but the Placentia Library was a great fit for me with its support, training, administration and hours. I wanted to give-back in learning because I was fortunate for my education, and I taught at the college level part-time for eight years.”

Yongseon joined the program to improve his English speaking, writing and vocabulary. Yongseon says, “At first, I couldn’t understand Chris very well. However, thanks to his kind and fun teaching, I can now understand him better and English classes have become more familiar and enjoyable to me. Thank you so much for always making the classes kind and enjoyable and for supporting me. I look forward to continuing these enjoyable lessons together.”



Contact Us:

For more information about Adult Literacy programs, please contact Adult Literacy staff at literacy@placentialibrarydistrict.ca.gov 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@placentialibrarydistrict.ca.gov o (714) 528-1906 ext. 214.

Volunteer with our Literacy Department!

Help plant the seeds of change in your community through the power of literacy. The Placentia Library’s Adult Literacy Program invites you to become a volunteer tutor and support adult learners as they strive to reach their goals. As a tutor, you will help adult learners build confidence as they progress towards their personal, educational, and professional goals. No prior teaching experience is necessary, just a passion for helping others succeed. By volunteering, you play an important role in cultivating opportunity and strengthening our community. Join us this summer and help plant the seeds for lifelong learning—one reader at a time.

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

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Celebrating Summer!

The carefree joys of summer have arrived, bringing with them countless opportunities to make lasting memories with family and friends. Whether you are sharing laughter at backyard barbecues or savoring long evenings at the park, these cherished moments truly embody the spirit of the season.

As we welcome the warmth and excitement that summer brings, I encourage you to take part in the PLFF sponsored programming at the Placentia Library. By joining us for our engaging activities, you can make the library an essential part of your summer traditions and celebrate everything that makes this time of year so special. Your membership as a 'Friend' helps unite our community, allowing more of us to come together and enjoy all the moments—both big and small—that make summer unforgettable.

Cheers!

Gaeten Wood, President
Placentia Library Friends Foundation



2027 PLFF Authors Luncheon:
Saturday, May 6, 2027
Featured Author: Paddy Hirsch

Authors Luncheon

This year's Authors Luncheon was a resounding success with a presentation by Dr. Jeffrey Barnes aka Dr. Disneyland held at Alta Vista Country Club on March 7th! I extend my gratitude to everyone who attended as your participation helped to net \$23,500 for enhanced programming at the Placentia Library District!

We are especially grateful to the Sponsors and Donors, whose support was for the event and whose trust in PLFF's mission is testament to their commitment to the broader community served by the Placentia Library District.

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Thank you to our Authors Luncheon sponsors, donors and attendees!



PLFF’s 2026-2027 Fiscal Year Commitment

The Placentia Library Friends Foundation reaffirms its unwavering commitment to the Placentia Library District, proudly pledging \$67,969 in direct support for the 2026-2027 fiscal year! This commitment is made possible through the collective efforts of our members, volunteers, the generosity of our donors, and the ongoing success of our fundraising activities.

Funding & Percentage of Budget:

\$33,340	\$10,529	\$2,000	\$18,600	\$3,500
49%	15.5%	2%	27.4%	5.6%
Children & Family Programs	Adult Programs	Teen Programs	Bookmobile Materials & Service	Staff Appreciation and Recognition

In addition to this financial support, PLFF collaborates with library leadership to ensure the library remains a vibrant, forward-thinking resource for Placentia.

Become a Friend: Join, Renew, Belong!

The heart of the Friends Foundation is our membership, united by a passion for books, learning, and community engagement. Membership is open to everyone with annual dues that accommodate all budgets, and joining is simple.

Discover ways to support the library by scanning the QR code or visiting placentialibraryfriends.com to learn how you can get involved.

Scan Here to Join!

As a member, you will receive an invitation to our Annual General Meeting in May and early notice of special events. Members at higher levels will also receive an invitation to a Donor Reception in the fall. The reward of knowing you are making a lasting difference in the lives of library patrons is truly satisfying.



Our Mission: *The purpose of the PLFF is to assist the Placentia Library District by raising funds to support and enhance its programs, activities, and capital projects, promote volunteer involvement, and provide educational and cultural opportunities for the community of Placentia.*

Bookstore

Thanks to the dedication of our volunteers and the ongoing support from patrons, our bookstore is on target to raise in excess of \$22,500 by the end of our fiscal year in June!! It remains a vibrant hub for the community, and we are sincerely grateful to all who donate books, shop our shelves, or share news of our ongoing sales.



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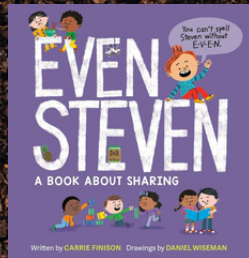
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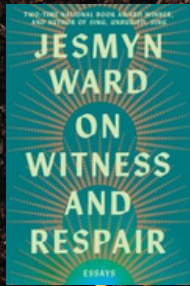
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Children's Services

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<p>Build Your Own Backpack Event <i>Ages 4-18</i></p> <p>Prepare for the new school year with a Build Your Own Backpack Event, held in partnership with Karina's Backpack Project. We will be handing out 800 backpacks to children and families in the community to fill with school supplies to promote a healthy body and mind. Children ages 4-18 must be present to receive a free backpack and supplies, while supplies last. One backpack per child.</p>	Saturday, July 11	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Placentia Civic Center Plaza
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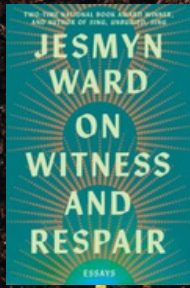
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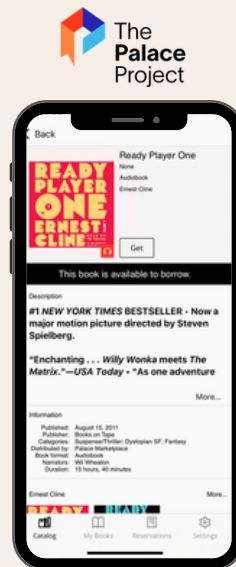
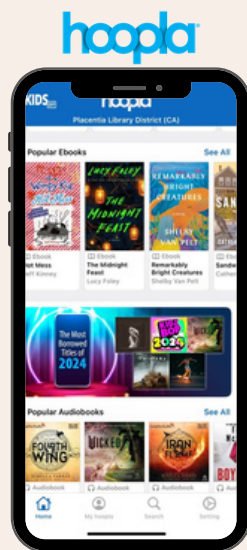
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