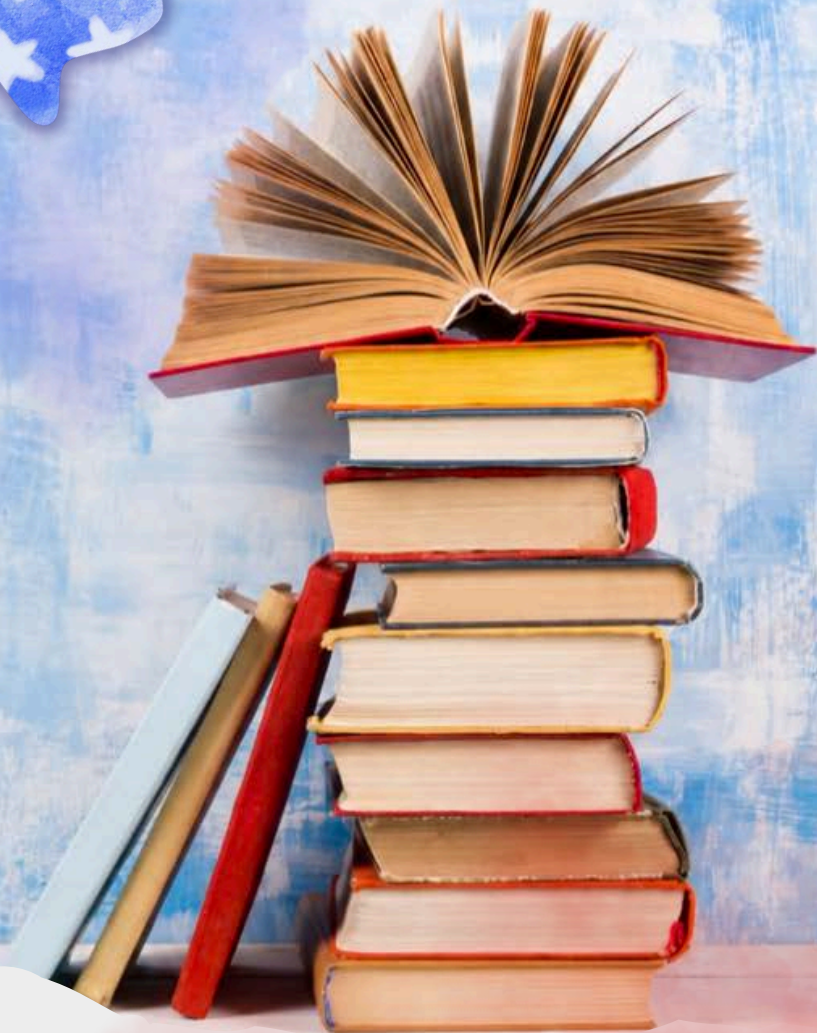




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WELCOME TO THE Placentia Library

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**

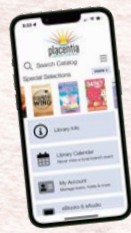
Item Loan Limits & Policy

- 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

Celebrating 250 Years of America: Libraries, Books, and the Story of Us

As we celebrate America's 250th anniversary, this milestone is especially meaningful to me on a personal level. As an immigrant to this country, I know firsthand what it means to arrive with hope, dreams, gratitude, and the belief that a better future is possible.

I feel incredibly blessed to call America home and to have had the opportunity to build a life, serve my community, and lead an institution as meaningful as the Placentia Library District.

Libraries have always represented to me what is so extraordinary about America: opportunity, access, inclusion, education, and the freedom to learn and dream. A library welcomes everyone. It opens doors without asking where you came from and provides resources to help you discover where you want to go.

A Library Built by a Community

The history of Placentia Library District began in 1919, when community leaders established the Library District. In January 1920, the Library opened as a reading room with just a few hundred books, newspapers, and periodicals.

Much has changed since then, from automobiles and radio to computers, the internet, digital technology, and artificial intelligence. Yet the Library's mission remains the same: connecting people with knowledge, opportunity, imagination, inspiration, innovation, and one another.

Today, Placentia Library District provides books and eBooks, audiobooks, digital resources, technology, educational opportunities, programs, creative experiences, passport services, study spaces, and services for all ages.

Our Bookmobile extends the library beyond our walls, bringing books, resources, and connections directly into the community. When you visit us, enjoy our beautiful outdoor reading space, a welcoming place for families to relax, read, learn, and spend time together.

Preserving Our Stories

Libraries help us prepare for the future while preserving the past. Our Placentia History Room safeguards photographs, maps, books, oral histories, videos, historical documents, orange crate labels, and other materials that tell our community's story. These are more than artifacts, they are connections to the people, places, and experiences that shaped Placentia.

For more than 100 years, Placentia Library has preserved history, encouraged literacy, supported education, embraced technology, created opportunities, and brought people together. The library is where a child discovers a new world in a book, an adult learns something new, a family creates memories, and a community discovers its own history.

Celebrate America's 250th With Us!

We invite you, your family, friends, and neighbors to join us as we commemorate America's 250th anniversary with a multitude of exciting activities, programs, exhibits, and opportunities to learn, celebrate, and connect!

There truly is something for everyone! Visit the Museum on Wheels, sew your own Civil War quilt, and get ready to celebrate new beginnings with our Citizenship class beginning in September. Through our 250th programs, your Placentia Library District is bringing history, learning, and community to life!

Bring your family. Bring your curiosity and creativity. Let's celebrate 250 years of America together!

As we celebrate this extraordinary milestone, let us remember: Everyone deserves the opportunity to learn. Everyone deserves access to knowledge. Everyone has a story worth preserving. And everyone has the potential to write the next chapter.

Happy 250th, America! Here's to the next chapter of libraries, learning, and community! Thank you for entrusting this immigrant to be your Library Director. I am deeply grateful.

Respectfully,

Jeanette Contreras
Library Director



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Library Director

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Library Closure/ Holiday Dates

Labor Day
September 7

Veteran's Day
November 11

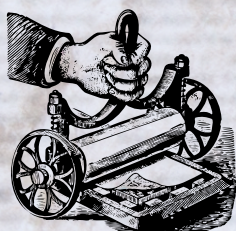
Thanksgiving Day
November 26



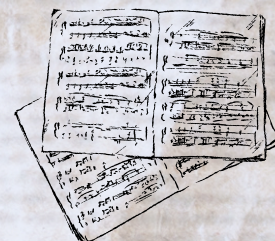
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International Printing Museum: Museum on Wheels <i>Ages 7-17</i> Discover the art and craft of printing with this hands-on program from the International Printing Museum. Participants can try their hand at bookbinding small pamphlets and operating small desktop letterpress machines to print their own bookmarks, learning firsthand how type, ink, and pressure come together to create a beautiful impression. For children and teens ages 7 and up.	Saturday, September 12	11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Community Meeting Room
Documentary Film Screening: <i>The Librarians</i> <i>All Ages</i> Join us for a documentary screening of the film <i>The Librarians</i> , which follows librarians in Texas, Florida and other U.S. states united to combat book banning and censorship. The documentary also sheds light on how librarians and community members can protect democracy, the "Freedom to Read," and First Amendment rights. All ages, no registration needed.	Thursday, September 24	6:00 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.	Community Meeting Room
Placentia's American Table <i>All Ages</i> Contribute to our unique "American Table"! Submit physical or digital recipe cards to the library via the recipe card station in the library lobby or email (historyroom@placentialibrarydistrict.ca.gov). These will be compiled into a recipe collection that is representative of the community of Placentia.	October 1 - 31	Library Hours	Lobby + Digital Access
Sewing 101: Civil War Quilts <i>Ages 14+</i> Join us for a special Sewing 101 program and get started on your very own Civil War themed quilt. Participants will learn how to sew a quilt using special themed fabrics and patterns in the style of the Civil War. Materials and instruction will be provided. Open to teens and adults.	Saturday, October 10	Session A: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Session B: 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Community Meeting Room
American History Teen Trivia Night <i>Ages 14+</i> Celebrate America's rich cultural history at our Teen Trivia night! From movies and television to music, sports, and famous American landmarks, test your knowledge of all things American history. Trivia winners will receive a gift card prize, and light snacks and refreshments will be provided.	Thursday, October 15	5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Community Meeting Room

International Printing Museum:

MUSEUM ON WHEELS



Saturday, September 12
 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
 Community Meeting Room



Explore the history of printing with hands-on activities!

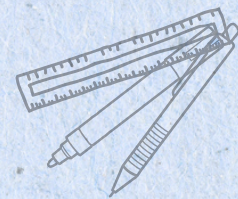
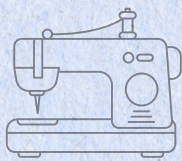
Community Events

Event	Day	Time	Location
Blood Drive Ages 17+ Donate blood at the library! Appointments available 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.	Monday, September 14	9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Community Meeting Room
Family Lotería Night All Ages Come celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with us! To celebrate, we will be playing the card game Lotería, 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.	Wednesday, September 23	6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	Community Meeting Room
Día De Los Muertos Community Altar All Ages Día de los Muertos, or Day of the Dead, is an annual traditional holiday celebrated in November that celebrates life and the loved ones who have departed. 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 8, 2026.	October 11 - November 1	Library Hours	Lobby
Halloween Storytime and Craft All Ages 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 with ghoulish giggles! Come dressed in your spookiest, silliest, or most creative costume for a mini parade at the end. Perfect for little monsters of all ages. Don't miss out on this fang-tastic event!	Saturday, October 31	10:00 a.m.	Virginia and Norman Haussman Storytime Alcove

2026 Reading Program: Your Next Chapter | January 1 – December 31, 2026 placentialibrary.beanstack.org or the Beanstack App

This year, go on an adventure with the Placentia Library District's 2026 all-ages reading program! Explore faraway places, try a new hobby or cooking recipe, and explore diverse stories and characters featured in the library's monthly selections, or find your own from the library's books, audiobooks, graphic novels and digital materials. Children, teens and adults can earn a completion prize for reading and completing activities! Pick up at the Information Desk, while supplies last.





Event	Day	Time	Location
Get Hooked! Crochet and Knitting Circle <i>Ages 18+</i> 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.	Saturdays, September 12 & 26, October 10 & 24, November 7 & 21	2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Community Meeting Room
Sewing 101: Civil War Quilts <i>Ages 14+</i> Join us for a special Sewing 101 program and get started on your very own Civil War themed quilt. Participants will learn how to sew a quilt using special themed fabrics and patterns in the style of the Civil War. Materials and instruction will be provided. Open to teens and adults.	Saturday, October 10	Session A: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Session B: 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Community Meeting Room
Creating with Cricut <i>Ages 14+</i> 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.	Sundays, October 18, November 15	2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Community Meeting Room
Cross Stitch Creating <i>Ages 14+</i> 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.	Saturday, November 7	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Community Meeting Room
Wire and Wonders: Jewelry Creations <i>Ages 14+</i> 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.	Saturday, November 14	11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Community Meeting Room
Adult Craft Night: Garden Lantern Making <i>Ages 18+</i> Join us at Adult Craft Night for a garden lantern craft! Supplies and instruction provided. This program is first-come, first serve as space is limited. Supplies will be limited.	Tuesday, November 24	5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Community Meeting Room

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

LET'S EXPLORE STEAM WORKSHOP

GRADES K - 2ND

Learn the basics of STEAM through hands-on projects and fun challenges!



Placentia Library District
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- **Dates:**
 - October 8th
 - November 12th
 - December 10th
- **Time:** 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM
- Workshop is **FREE** for all families!
- All supplies will be provided + students take all materials home!
- **NEW** activities each workshop!



TELL US WHAT TO BUY!

[placentialibrarydistrict.ca.gov/
tell-us-what-to-buy](http://placentialibrarydistrict.ca.gov/tell-us-what-to-buy)

Get books mailed directly to you! It's free and books ship to your home from Amazon!

How-to:

- Check the Placentia Library catalog to make sure we don't already own the item.
- If the item meets the requirements on our website, fill out the request form.
- If we order the item, it will ship directly to your home. The book will be checked out to your library account for six weeks from the day the order is placed with Amazon.
- Enjoy the book and return to a staff member at the Information Desk and let them know it is a Tell Us What to Buy book. You will receive a receipt.



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.



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

Circulation Info

- You can pick up Bookmobile items at any Bookmobile stop. However, Bookmobile Library of Things (LOT) items are only available for pickup at Bookmobile stops.
- Items from the Placentia Library can be picked up either at the library or at any Bookmobile stop. Both Bookmobile and Placentia Library materials may be requested for pickup at the location that is most convenient for you.
- Library of Things items from the Bookmobile must be checked out at a Bookmobile stop and cannot be picked up at the library.
- You can get a library card at any Bookmobile stop. Loan limits may vary depending on how often a particular stop is scheduled.

Monthly Stops*

<i>First Monday of the Month: Brookhaven Elementary School</i> 2:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.	<i>First Tuesday of the Month: Golden Elementary School</i> 2:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.	<i>First Wednesday of the Month: Melrose Elementary School</i> 1:15 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.	<i>First Thursday of the Month: Morse Elementary School</i> 2:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.	<i>First Friday of the Month: Ruby Drive Elementary</i> 2:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.
<i>Second Monday of the Month: Sierra Vista Elementary School</i> 2:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.	<i>Second Tuesday of the Month: Topaz Elementary School</i> 2:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.	<i>Second Wednesday of the Month: Tynes Elementary School</i> 1:15 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.	<i>Second Thursday of the Month: Wagner Elementary School</i> 2:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.	<i>Second Friday of the Month: Kraemer Middle School</i> 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
<i>Third Monday of the Month: No Visit</i>	<i>Third Tuesday of the Month: Tuffree Middle School</i> 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	<i>Third Wednesday of the Month: Valadez Middle School Academy</i> 2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	<i>Third Thursday of the Month: El Camino Real High School</i> 3:15 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.	<i>Third Friday of the Month: El Dorado High School</i> 3:20 p.m. - 4:50 p.m.
<i>Fourth Monday of the Month: George Key School / Venture Academy</i> 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	<i>Fourth Tuesday of the Month: Valencia High School</i> 3:20 p.m. - 4:50 p.m.	<i>Fourth Wednesday of the Month: Lot 318 - Gomez</i> 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	<i>Fourth Thursday of the Month: Lot 318 - Cypress</i> 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	<i>Fourth Friday of the Month: No Visit</i>

*All dates subject to change, please visit placentialibrarydistrict.ca.gov/bookmobile for more information.

Children's Services

Event	Day	Time	Location
Baby Giggles and Wiggles Storytime <i>Ages 0-3 with caregiver</i> 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: September 4, 11, 18, 25 October 9, 16, 23, 30 November 6, 13	10:00 a.m.	Virginia and Norman Haussman Storytime Alcove
Morning Meet Ups <i>Ages 0-4 with caregiver</i> 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: September 4, 11, 18, 25 October 9, 16, 23, 30 November 6, 13	10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Crossroads Corner
Family Storytime <i>All Ages</i> Rise and shine, and bring the whole crew, it's time to kick off the weekend with stories, songs, and wholesome family vibes! We'll explore fun stories, sing and move to favorite tunes, and get the wiggles out with playful rhymes and fingerplays. Whether you're big, little, or somewhere in between, there's something for everyone. All ages welcome!	Saturdays: September 5, 19, 26 October 10, 24, 31 November 7, 14	10:00 a.m.	Virginia and Norman Haussman Storytime Alcove
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.	Mondays: September 14, October 5, November 2	6:00 p.m.	Virginia and Norman Haussman Storytime Alcove
STEAM Labs! <i>Ages 7-12</i> Join us for a series of quarterly STEAM programs as we explore the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math. Each program features a new, hands-on project! Space is limited.	Thursday, September 10	4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Community Meeting Room
Firefighter Family Storytime <i>All Ages</i> October is Fire Prevention month. Join us for a fun and informative storytime featuring the City of Placentia's firefighters. All ages are welcome to join in!	Saturday, October 17	10:00 a.m.	Virginia and Norman Haussman Storytime Alcove

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

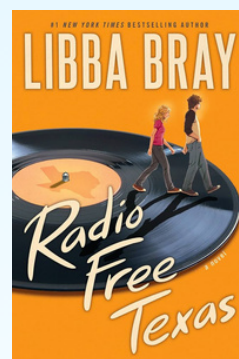
Read a book (any book) to your newborn, infant, and/or toddler and log it in Beanstack (app or placentialibrary.beanstack.org). The goal is to have read 1,000 books before your kiddo starts kindergarten! Don't worry, repeated books still count towards your total. Once you've logged your 1,000 books,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



Teen Services

Event	Day	Time	Location
Placentia Teen Action Crew (PTAC) Ages 12-17 The Placentia Teen Action Crew is open to all teens ages 12-17 interested in gaining community service experience, volunteer hours, and leadership skills through planning and supporting library events. For more information, contact volunteers@placentialibrarydistrict.ca.gov or (714) 528-1906.	First and Third Thursday of Each Month	5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Community Meeting Room
Teen Review Crew Ages 14-18 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.			
Volunteer at the Placentia Library! 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			

Upcoming Teen Releases!



Homework
CA



Free online
tutoring! Scan
to get started!



placentialibrarydistrict.ca.gov/ebooks-and-online-learning

Adult Services

Event	Day	Time	Location
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+. September 8: <i>Yesteryear</i> by Caro Claire Burke October 13: <i>The Bewitching</i> by Silvia Moreno Garcia November 10: <i>The Secret Lives of Murderers' Wives</i> by Elizabeth Arnott	Second Tuesday of Each Month	1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Community Meeting Room
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. September 10: <i>The Many Deaths of Laila Starr</i> by Ram V and Filipe Andrade October 8: <i>Persepolis: The Story of a Childhood</i> by Marjane Satrapi November 12: <i>Ode to the Half-Broken</i> by Suzanne Palmer December 10: <i>What We Can Know</i> by Ian McEwan January 14, 2027: BYOB (Book) - Preview 2027 new releases and share about your favorite Sci-Fi, Fantasy or Graphic Novel you read in 2026 in this open book club. Looking for ideas to read this winter? Try the buzzy <i>Yesteryear</i> or the hit <i>Dungeon Crawler Carl</i> series. February 11, 2027: <i>The Last Contract of Isako</i> by Fonda Lee	Second Thursday of Each Month	6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Community Meeting Room
Gardening Workshop Series with UC Master Gardeners Ages 18+ Fall Workshop: "A Year of Good Food—a month-by-month guide for growing fruits and vegetables" 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.	Saturday, September 19	11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Community Meeting Room
Adult Trivia Night Ages 18+ Fall 2026: A Year in Sports Do you know ball? Then show off your sports knowledge at our quarterly Adult Trivia Night. Rotating through different topics, we'll cover everything from the World Cup to the World Baseball Classic, football, basketball, pro sports, and more! Relive an unforgettable year in sports! The trivia winner will get a prize, and light refreshments will be available. Ages 18+.	Tuesday, November 3	6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Community Meeting Room

Memory Lab in the Local History Room

Have a bunch of old photos in boxes? 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. To make an appointment call **714-528-1906 ext. 224** or email historyroom@placentialibrarydistrict.ca.gov



Adult Literacy

Literacy program

Every season brings opportunities to grow. The Placentia Library's Adult Literacy Program offers free, one-on-one tutoring to help adults strengthen their reading and writing skills. Cultivate confidence, reach your goals, and enjoy the rewards of learning in a welcoming and supportive environment.

These programs are made possible by the California Library Literacy Services Grant and the generous support of the Placentia Library Friends Foundation.

Free Tutoring for Adults

The Placentia Library's Adult Literacy Program offers free, personalized one-to-one and small group tutoring for adults ages 18 and older. Whether you're working toward a personal, educational, or career goal, we're here to help you succeed.

- Free learning materials provided
- Meet with a volunteer tutor one or two times each week
- Flexible scheduling to fit your busy life
- Learn at your own pace in a welcoming, supportive environment

Take the first step toward reaching your goals—contact us today to get started!

Learners come to us to:

- Communicate more confidently with family, doctors, and the community
- Read books, newspapers, and everyday materials
- Read with their children or grandchildren
- Apply for a job or prepare for a new career
- Earn a High School Equivalency (GED® or HiSET®)
- Prepare for the U.S. citizenship interview and exam

Tutoring is available in:

- Adult Literacy – Reading, writing, spelling, and comprehension
- High School Equivalency (HSE) – Preparation for the GED® or HiSET® exams
- Citizenship – Preparation for the U.S. citizenship interview and exam
- Elementary Spanish – Beginning Spanish instruction for native Spanish speakers who want to strengthen foundational literacy skills



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



Everyday English Skills Class

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.

Read, Write, Speak Club

Every Friday, No class on November 27
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.



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.

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.

Citizenship Class

Prepare for the U.S. Citizenship test and interview with our weekly Citizenship class. Learn about American history and government while practicing the questions and skills you'll need to feel confident on test and interview day. Classes begin in September. Contact Literacy staff for more information.

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.

Change a life – One word at a time!

Help Someone Turn a New Page

Make a lasting difference in your community by becoming a volunteer tutor with the Placentia Library's Adult Literacy Program. Adult learners come to us with goals like improving their reading and writing skills, preparing for citizenship, earning a high school equivalency diploma, or building confidence for work and everyday life. As a volunteer tutor, you'll provide encouragement, guidance, and personalized support as learners work toward their goals. No teaching experience is required—we provide the training, materials, and ongoing support you need to succeed. Retirees, college students, working professionals, and community members are all welcome. This fall, help someone turn a new page. Volunteer your time, share your talents, and make a meaningful impact one learner at a time.

Why Volunteer?

- **Flexible schedule based on your availability**
- **Free training and instructional materials provided**
- **Make a meaningful impact in your community**
- **Build rewarding, one-on-one connections with adult learners**

Ready to get started?

Scan the QR code or email literacy@placentialibrarydistrict.ca.gov for more information.

I want to be a tutor





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Placentia Library Friends Foundation

Season of Gratitude, Growth and Community!

Dear Friends,

As autumn arrives in Placentia, it brings with it a renewed appreciation for the places that keep our community connected, curious, and inspired. The Placentia Library is one of those special places—a welcoming home for readers, learners, families, volunteers, and neighbors of all ages.

On behalf of the Placentia Library Friends Foundation, thank you for being part of the work we do to support and strengthen our public library.

Through memberships, donations, volunteer service, community partnerships, and special events, the Foundation helps enhance library programs, raise funds for current needs and future growth, promote volunteer opportunities, and provide educational and cultural experiences for library users.

This fall, we celebrate not only the programs and resources that make our library vibrant, but also the people who make them possible. Whether you have attended an event, purchased a book, renewed your membership, made a gift, or simply shared your love of the library with someone new, your support makes a meaningful difference.

As you read our accomplishments, I hope you will find many reasons to stay involved, invite a friend to join us, and continue helping the Placentia Library thrive for generations to come.

With gratitude,
Gaeten Wood
President, Placentia Library Friends Foundation

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.



Visit our new website!
placentialibraryfriends.com

Friends Make It Possible!

At the heart of the Friends Foundation is a dedicated membership united by a shared love of books, learning, and community connection. Membership is open to everyone, with annual dues designed to fit a range of budgets beginning at \$25!

To learn more about membership, volunteer opportunities, and other ways to support the library, scan the QR code or visit placentialibraryfriends.com.

Scan Here to Join!



Member Benefits Include:

- An invitation to our Annual General Meeting in May
- Early notice of special events such as our Authors Luncheon in March
- A 10% discount at the Friends' Bookstore
- An invitation to the fall Donor Reception for higher-level members
- The satisfaction of knowing your support makes a lasting difference for library patrons

Bookstore News: Turning Pages into Community Support

Congratulations to our dedicated Bookstore Volunteers who had an outstanding year, earning an incredible \$23,519 for Fiscal Year 2025–2026!

The next time you are in the library, please take a moment to thank the volunteers staffing the bookstore. Their time, care, and commitment help support the Placentia Library District's mission and make a meaningful difference for our community.

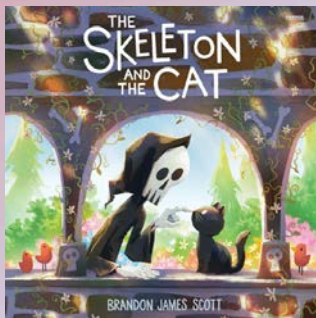
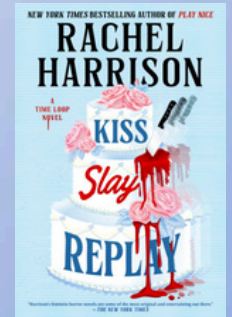
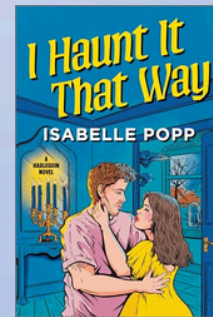
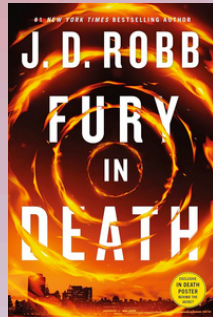
Save the Date: Authors Luncheon **Saturday, March 6, 2027 with Paddy Hirsch**

Paddy Hirsch writes thrillers and mysteries, including the Lawless New York series, set in early 1800s New York. His latest novel is PRIMED, a transatlantic revenge thriller set in Belfast and Los Angeles. When he's not writing about financially-motivated murders, Paddy works as a Murrow award-winning business journalist for Bloomberg and NPR. He's a former Royal Marines officer, who served with the USMC's 4th Marine Expeditionary Brigade in the first Gulf War. paddyhirsch.com



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