



City of Santa Ana
20 Civic Center Plaza, Santa Ana, CA 92701
Staff Report
April 21, 2025

TOPIC: Santa Ana Public Library Staff Report

AGENDA TITLE:

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DISCUSSION

LIBRARY SERVICES UPDATES:

1. NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT: WONDERS OF WILDLIFE

In honor of celebrating National Library Week, join us for a captivating live animal show at the Newhope Library on Friday, April 11th from 4:00 pm – 4:45 pm! The community is invited to experience the wonders of nature as expert handlers introduce a variety of fascinating creatures, igniting curiosity and a love for reading in all ages.

The event is free for everyone to attend. For more information on additional spring festivities visit:

<https://www.santa-ana.org/departments/library>

2. DÍA DE LOS NIÑOS, DÍA DE LOS LIBROS (CHILDREN'S DAY, BOOK DAY)
2025

Santa Ana Public Library will hold its 17th annual Día de los Niños, Día de los Libros (Children's Day, Book Day) celebration on Saturday, April 26, 2025, from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Plaza of the Sun, 20 Civic Center Plaza, Santa Ana, the area located between the Main Library and City Hall.

Celebrate the importance of children, literacy, and families with an appearance featuring award-winning author Naibe Reynoso and author and songwriter Heidi Rojas, presenting their books *How to Stuff a Piñata* and *I Am Enough*.

The free event will feature a variety of fun-filled activities, including a book giveaway for children, trackless train rides, an inflatable Fun Derby, 8-track slot car racing, face painting, balloon twisting, and a special meet-and-greet with *Biscuit*, our favorite book character from the popular *Biscuit* book series. Attendees will enjoy a free hot dog, free nachos, and Italian ice while supplies last.

Special performances include:

Lac Hong Performing Arts Group
10:30 a.m.

Kiddle Karoo presents Storybook Adventure
10:55 a.m.

Authors: Naibe Reynoso and Heidi Rojas
11:55 a.m.

Reverb Tap Company
12:35 p.m.

Juggler Extraordinaire Michael Rayner
1:15 p.m.

Parking:

Parking for the event will be located at P6 Parking Structure, 601 W. Santa Ana Blvd., and at P1 Stadium Parking Structure, 1020 W. Civic Center Drive. Hourly rates apply.

For more information, visit_ <https://www.santa-ana.org/dia-2025/> .

3. LIBRARY SERVICES AGENCY BUDGET

Library Services Director, Brian Sternberg will provide an update and overview of the Library Services Agency's annual budget, goals and priorities as an informational item.

LIBRARY PROGRAMS:

1. APRIL 2025 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT SUMMARY

Youth Services Featured Programs

- **Reading Rockets** (Join online, Monday – Thursday, April 7 – 10, 2:30 pm – 6:30 pm)
 - Blast off to academic success this spring with the library’s Reading Rockets program! Students can join our Online Tutoring program and receive one-on-one reading assistance with a library tutor.
Register here: tinyurl.com/SAPL/OnlineTutoring

- **Spring Scavenger Hunt** (Monday – Saturday, April 21 – 26 @ Newhope Library)
 - Celebrate spring by visiting the library and participating in our Spring Scavenger Hunt! Test your skills and see if you can find all the images of spring items hiding in our children’s area.

- **Ongoing Programs @ Newhope Library**
 - Online Tutoring (Monday – Thursday via Zoom)
 - Preschool Storytime (Tuesdays)
 - Tiny Tots (Thursdays)
 - Vietnamese Storytime - Giờ Kể Chuyện Tiếng Việt (1st Saturdays)
 - Take & Make (See website for details)
 - X-STREAM Lab @ Home (See website for details)
 - Read to a Dog (See website for details)

Young Adult Featured Programs

- **Teen Volunteer Orientation** (Monday, April 14, 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm @ Newhope Library)
 - Tour the library and receive assistance in navigating the volunteer process. <https://www.santa-ana.org/volunteer-program/>

- **Teen Leadership Committee** (Thursdays in April, 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM @ TeenTime - Garfield Community Center)
 - Teens are invited to participate in our weekly Teen Leadership Committee meeting! Help shape the programs and activities we offer, get to know other teens, build leadership skills, and earn volunteer hours. This month, we will cover topics on personal finance (budgeting, credit FAFSA & Credit Loans). Also, help us plan a STEM Celebration for Thursday, April 24, 2025.

- **Steam Teens** (Thursdays in April, 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM @ TeenTime - El Salvador Community Center)
 - Explore activities in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math that will teach you skills through hands-on activities. Learn robotics, practice photography, and create arts and crafts projects!
- **Ongoing Programs @ Newhope Library**
 - Teen Makers (Mondays)
 - Robo-Fun Time (Tuesdays)
 - League of Adventurers: Dungeons & Dragons (Tuesdays)

Outreach, Adult and Tech Services Featured Programs

- **ESOL English Class: Supermarket** (Saturday, April 5, 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm @ Newhope Library)
 - This series is for adult beginners of English speakers of other languages. We will cover the basics of English, including day-to-day transaction and other topical themes, grammar, and vocabularies. Join us for a fun day of learning and making new friends. We will incorporate Mango language app with the class.
Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/SAPL-ESOL>
- **Appy Hour Extreme** (Thursdays in April, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm @ Santa Ana Senior Center and Fridays in April, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm @ Southwest Senior Center)
 - The first hour is drop-in tech help. Seniors can bring their devices and receive one-on-one assistance. The second hour is a fun and engaging session dedicated to instructions on specific technology topics that will rotate weekly on the following themes: Gaming Play, Creative Technology, Memory Lab and Arts and Culture Explorers.
- **Spring Into Fun** (Saturdays in April, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm @ Parking Lot across Main Library with the Knowledge Mobile)
 - Celebrate Earth Day, poetry, and Easter with a mix of engaging crafts, hands-on experiments, interactive storytelling, and family activities.
- **Ongoing Programs @ Newhope Library**
 - Tiempo de C.R.E.A.R (ir a nuestra página para las fechas)
 - Conquer the Canvas (Saturdays- see website for details)
 - Digital Pathway Series: Computer Classes (See website for details)

- Movie Night (All Ages – See website for details)
- Career Online High School (COHS) (See website for additional information)

Visit the Library's website at <https://www.santa-ana.org/library> for more information on these and the many other programs and services offered by the Library Services Agency.

FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact

EXHIBIT(S)

N/A

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