



FRIENDS of the Sierra Madre Library

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February 2023

President's Message

Dear Friends and Partners,

Happy New Year!! Time really, really does fly by when you are having fun! I am so excited for what the New Year has in store for us.

Our Holiday Snowflake Community Event held at the Hart Park House was a great success! A very special "thank you" to Susan Gallagher, Leslie Ziff, Vicky Ryan and Jeanne Martin for organizing this very special, first time ever evening event. It was so wonderful to see the young members of the community doing arts and crafts and enjoying the Winter festivities.

Our next **Best Used Book Sale** will be **February 3rd and 4th**. There will be limited editions published by Carl F. Braun, The Olympiad Poster Collection 1986-1996, Tortilla Flat by John Steinbeck (Viking 1947) just to name a few. Come by and show the wonderful volunteers your support and pick up a few books.

Sharon Murphy and Darlene Traxler are already very busy at work organizing and preparing for our very popular **Sierra Madre Art Fair**. The Art Fair will be held at Memorial Park on **May 6th and 7th**. What a way to start off your Spring with walking through the park viewing beautiful art from very talented artists and enjoying music and food from a variety of Food Trucks!!

It gives me so much joy to be a part of this very awesome group! If you or someone you know would like to volunteer for Friends or any of our events, please reach out to me at 626-202-8502.

Julie Bencosme

ONE BOOK ONE CITY PROGRAMS FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

This year's One Book One City selection is *Flying Free: My Victory over Fear to Become the First Latina Pilot on the US Aerobatic Team* by Cecilia Aragon. This memoir shares Aragon's journey of breaking past her own fears to become a champion aerobatic pilot. She was a timid child, painfully shy and afraid of everything from heights to people. How did she become a death-defying daredevil and aerobatic pilot? In her book, she bares her life, even though writing it "scared me more than pointing my single-seat experimental plane at the ground and opening the throttle until I was roaring earthward at 250 mph."

Read, discover, and connect throughout the month of February featuring these engaging themed programs that are free and fun for the whole family:

COMMUNITY PUZZLE: PLANES

You can "fly" or you can "glide," either way, be sure to land at the Library to work together on our community puzzle. Help piece together this beautiful One Book One City themed puzzle during your Library visits from **February 1-28**.

AUTHOR TALK: FLYING FREE BY CECILIA ARAGON

On **Saturday, February 11** at 6:00 p.m. at the Sierra Madre City Hall (232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.), come listen to Cecilia Aragon as she inspires you to face your own fears and whatever holds you back, challenging you to achieve your goals. Aragon internalized others expectations and began to believe she wasn't smart enough. She was afraid of failure and dropped out of school. Although terrified of public speaking, she tells her story of courage and perseverance. Registration requested but not required. Call the Library at 626-355-7186 to register or register online through Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/one-book-one-city-author-talk-flying-free-by-cecilia-aragon-tickets-523812375917>

KIDS PAPER AIRPLANE COMPETITION

Fly into the Library **Monday, February 13** at 3:30 p.m. to flex your paper building skills in this friendly paper airplane building competition. See how far your airplane can fly, how accurate it can fly and more for a chance at winning a prize or two!

STEAM DREAM WORKSHOP

Saturday, February 18 at 11:00 a.m., local teacher Dany Richey is going to show kids and families how to fly in this engineering workshop at the Library. Dream and build your most creative forms of flying. Registration required. Call the Library at 626-355-7186 to register or register online through Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/one-book-one-city-steam-dream-workshop-tickets-523956115847>

WHAT IS AEROBATIC FLYING?

Pilot Susan Bell is coming in for a landing at the Library **Saturday, February 18** at 5:00 p.m. She'll be teaching us all about aerobatic flying and women in aviation. Bell flies competition aerobatics and was the 2018 U.S. Sportsman Aerobatic Champion currently working for NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

MOVIE NIGHT: FLY LIKE A GIRL

Fly Like a Girl is more than just a film. It's a movement of young girls and women pursuing their passion for aviation. Hear firsthand stories from girls and women who dared to aim higher, **Thursday, February 23** at 6:30 p.m. Snack on popcorn and enjoy this award-winning documentary.

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY AIRPORT TOUR

Explore our local airport, **Saturday, February 25** at 10:30 a.m., with a tour and take a ride in a simulator to see what it is like to be at the controls of an airplane. Optional lunch at Annia's Kitchen, which is located in the airport, to follow. Registration required. Call the Library at 626-355-7186 to register or register online through Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/one-book-one-city-san-gabriel-valley-airport-tour-tickets-523981090547>

PANCHO BARNES: THE HAPPY BOTTOM RIDING CLUB

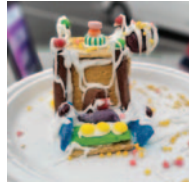
One Book One City committee members will present a history of iconic women in flight focusing on local female pilot, Florence Lowe "Pancho" Barnes. Take an evening flight to the Library **Monday, February 27** at 7:00 p.m. to catch this presentation.

SPECIAL THANKS to the Friends of the Sierra Madre Public Library and to the One Book One City Committee Members: Catherine Addé, Rich Procter, Jane Zamanzadeh, Julie Imahara, Marta Capoccia, Leslie & Barry Ziff and Leila Regan.

SPECIAL EVENTS

THE 2022 GINGERBREAD JAMBOREE

The Gingerbread Jamboree returned to in-person this year to much excitement and activity! On Thursday, December 22, 2022 kids and their families built over 120 confectionary dream homes in the front Library Courtyard during this 2-hour event.



Special thanks to Poppy Cake Baking Company for donating the large amount of royal icing needed to hold these sweet creations together and to the many teen volunteers who worked hard sorting candy to use for decorating.



WALK THIS WAY STORY ADVENTURE

Stretch your legs at Memorial Park while engaging in some early literacy, with a new picture book *the entire month of February*. Beginning on **Monday, January 30** you can read *Flying Free: How Bessie Coleman's Dreams Took Flight* by Karyn Parsons as a companion to our One Book One City selection. This title is sponsored by The Friends of the Sierra Madre Public Library.

PERFECTLY PUZZLED: COMMUNITY PUZZLE

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CRAFT IT!: STAINED GLASS AIRPLANE

On **Saturday, February 4** at 11:00 a.m. create a colorful Stained Glass Airplane with tissue paper, contact paper and a stencil. All material provided, while supplies last.

DIGITAL SERVICES MEET AND GREET

On **Saturday, February 4** from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. learn all about our free digital services available with your library card. Not only do we have Libby for eBooks and audiobooks, and Kanopy for streaming movies, TV Shows, and documentaries, but also you can take online courses, help build your resume, and engage in LinkedIn career training all free with your library card. Drop in and learn how to navigate these services and more!

MUSIC CENTER PRESENTS: DIANE FERLATTE - HAVE I GOT A STORY TO TELL

On **Monday, February 6** at 10:00 a.m. Diane Ferlatte brings folktales, myths, legends, fables, personal and historical stories to life as she sculpts a special performance for her audience. Perfect for audiences of all ages. No registration required.

CRICUT WORKSHOP

Learn to use the Cricut with a Library staff member on **Wednesday, February 11** at 11:00 a.m. No registration required.

SEWING MACHINE BASICS

On **Thursday, February 16** at 3:00 p.m. OR Saturday, February 18 at 11:00 a.m. learn sewing basics with the Library's sewing machine. In-person, at the Library. Limited spaces available. Call 626-355-7186 to register.

3D PRINTING BASICS

Learn how we do our in-Library 3D prints in this beginner workshop on **Saturday, February 18** at 2:00 p.m. In-person, at the Library. No registration required.

MUSIC AND MINDFULNESS: GUITARIST ALMER IMAMOVIC

Take a relaxing break and stop in for some calming music to soothe the soul with guitarist Almer Imamovic on **Saturday, February 25** from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. No registration required.

PIXELATED ART

On **Monday, February 27** at 3:30 p.m. school-age kids can get creative with perler/fuse beads and create their own pixelated art. No registration required.

1-2-3D PRINTING WORKSHOP

On **Tuesday, February 28** at 3:00 p.m. learn the skills needed to *independently* use the Library's 3D printer. Limited spaces available. Call 626-355-7186 to register.

WEEKLY PROGRAMS

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME AT MEMORIAL PARK

Preschool Storytime is at Memorial Park on *Mondays in February* at 10:00 a.m. (No Preschool Storytime on **February 20**). Kids, Ages 3-5, can engage with stories, songs, and more – all outdoors. Call the Library at 626-355-7186 to register and for more information. **Monday, February 6** at 10:00 a.m. Preschool Storytime will be at the Library and will feature The Music Center presents Diane Ferlatte – Have I Got A Story To Share.

BABY RHYME TIME AT MEMORIAL PARK

Join us at Memorial Park on *Thursdays in February* at 9:00 a.m. Baby Rhyme Time is for families with little ones from Birth to Age 2. Children will engage with songs, stories, and more – all outdoors. Call the Library at 626-355-7186 to register and for more information.

MONTHLY PROGRAMS

BOARD LIBRARY TEENS

Calling all teens! Help the Library plan appropriate teen events while serving your community. Join the Board Library Teens and volunteer for service hours on **Wednesday, February 1** at 4:00 p.m. and the *first Wednesday of every month* during the school year.

TEEN SNACKCHAT

Are you a teen who loves to chat about books and eat snacks? Then come to the Library for Snackchat on **Wednesday, February 8** at 4:00 p.m. In February, we'll be discussing *Path to the Stars* by Sylvia Acevedo and handing out copies of our next book.

TAILS AND TALES

On **Thursday, February 9** from 3:30–4:30 p.m. school age children will get the chance to improve their reading skills by reading a book to a therapy dog in the Library. Special thanks to Love on a Leash and Pet Partners for sharing their animals with us.

ANIME AFTERNOON

Teens and tweens, watch an anime series together on **Wednesday, February 15** at 4:00 p.m. You'll even get a free first volume of the manga and of course there will be snacks. For ages 12 years old and up. No registration required.

PAJAMA STORYTIME

Tune in on Zoom for a live Bedtime Storytime on **Wednesday, February 15** at 7:00 p.m. We'll have a scavenger hunt, show and tell, sing songs, and of course listen to some stories. Call the Library at 626-355-7186 to register.

ZOOM THIRD THURSDAY BOOK CLUB

On **Thursday, February 16** at 11:00 a.m. we're discussing our One Book One City Selection on Zoom, *Flying Free: My Victory over Fear to Become the First Latina Pilot on the US Aerobatic Team* by Cecilia Aragon. Call the Library at 626-355-7186 to register.

BEST USED BOOK SALE

The Friends Best Used Book Sale will be behind the Library on **Friday, February 3** from 3:00-7:00 p.m. and **Saturday, February 4** from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Featured this time in the basement will be all of our **VINTAGE** collection. Look for a 2-volume set of *Don Quixote* (1868), illustrated beautifully by Gustave Dore. *The Works of Joseph Addison* (3 of the 4 volumes published) are the oldest we've ever had (1721). We also have Limited Editions from C.F. Braun of Alhambra, an engineer who commissioned these charming stories from the 19th century to be reprinted in the 1950s. Some have the original illustrations rendered in bright and lovely colors. Also available will be an Elbert Hubbard collection; the designer, writer and artist in the early 1900s began the Roycrofters Arts and Crafts movement before losing his life on the Lusitania. And be sure to check out *The Olympiad Poster Collection* (1896-1996) from Dreamworks.

The parking lot will have our popular \$1.00 Bargain Books with many vintage books as well as newer fiction and non-fiction. Children's and Teen books are 50 cents-\$1.00, DVDs and CDs \$1.00 each and Audio Books \$2.00. Be sure and come on **SATURDAY** for our **\$5.00 BAG SALE** on the parking lot. All you can stuff in a large grocery bag (we furnish the bags) for only \$5.00!

The sale will take place behind the Sierra Madre Public Library, rain or shine. We look forward to seeing you there!

PARTNERS PROGRAM

Happy Valentines Month! The month of February is usually full of all things red, pink and heart shaped, Hallmark movies and sweet treats. It's a time to give little tokens of love, it's a time to celebrate love. Thank you all so much for showing your love of our Library, not just in February, but all year long. It's that expression of love that keeps our Library strong and capable of providing all the wonderful services it does. We love and appreciate our Partners for their commitment to continue their support year after year. We love and welcome our new Partners as they join in to bring quality programs to our community through our Library.

Thank you to Nina & Clem Bartolai, Paul Dodwell and Sharon & Dennis Murphy for your recent renewal and Welcome to new Partner Deborah Rohm Young. Please know that your little tokens of love - your continued support and new membership - are received with as much love as with the love they are given. It's been said so many times before, but it merits repeating - we simply could not do it without you. So, thank you again for loving our Library as much as you do!!!

MARY TUMILTY FUND

The Mary Tumilty Fund continues to grow! Special thanks to Toni & Bob Buckner for your donation to Mary's Fund! Established by long-time Librarian Mary Tumilty, the fund helps support special projects for the Library. Thank you to all who have chosen to remember Mary through your donations!

GENERAL FUND DONATIONS

The Friends would like to thank those who have made end-of-the-year contributions to the Friends General Fund: Adrienne & Fernando Alegre, Ward Calaway, Bruce & Joy Jones, Jerry & Peggy Matchin, and Mark Ryne. One of the donations was made in honor of the marriage of two friends. What a wonderful way to honor a special event in someone's life! It's something to think about when you're trying to think of a gift for someone "who has everything."

Monies in the General Fund are used to purchase and replenish books, software, and other resource items and to fund the Library's many outreach programs. If you would like to make a tax-exempt donation to this fund, make out a check to the Friends of the Sierra Madre Library, write "General Fund" in the memo line, and mail your check to the Friends of the Sierra Madre Library, PO Box 334, Sierra Madre, CA 91025. We are grateful for your support.

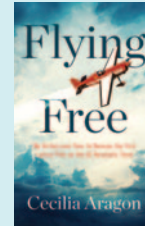
LIBRARY DISPLAY CASE

The Library's display case for February will feature the One Book One City selection: *Flying Free: My Victory over Fear to Become the First Latina Pilot on the US Aerobatic Team* by Cecilia Aragon.

LIBRARY CLOSED ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20

The Library will be closed on **Monday, February 20** for the Presidents Day Holiday.

READER'S REVIEW



This month's review is by **Catherine Addé**

Flying Free: My Victory over Fear to Become the First Latina Pilot on the US Aerobatic Team

By Cecilia Aragon

February is my favourite month of the year. It's my beloved grandmother's birthday (on Valentine's Day) and my own birthday too. Who doesn't like to eat chocolate while they read, after all?

More importantly, February is the Sierra Madre Public Library's One Book One City month! As a committee member I get giddy thinking about what book we get to read together and have loved volunteering for these events in the past. There will be so many FUN programs to participate in this year. Our One Book One City committee members are: City Librarian Leila Regan and Library Technician Julie Imahara, along with Marta Capoccia, Rich Procter, Jane Zamanzadeh, and Barry & Leslie Ziff. We happily present to you, Dr. Cecilia Aragon, author, pilot, speaker, who will discuss her memoir with us on **Saturday, February 11** at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall. Please call the Library to sign up for this talk, space is limited!

It's hard to think of a better review to write for you than this author's message on her publication date, in her own words. So please, gentle readers, allow me to introduce to you Cecilia Aragon:

Dear Readers,

My debut memoir, *Flying Free: My Victory over Fear to Become the First Latina Pilot on the US Aerobatic Team*, has been twenty years in the making, and today, it will finally be in your hands.

It was in 1999 that I first realized I wanted to tell the story of how a shy, timid daughter of immigrants grew up to become a champion pilot. How I went from bullied child with a fear of heights to flying for the United States Unlimited Aerobatic Team and winning a medal for the US at the World Aerobatic Championships.

But writing a memoir is challenging, and in some ways even more scary than learning to fly loops and spins. In this book, I talk about events I've never told anyone, experiences that were too terrifying to share out loud before.

This book also relates an adventure story: how I ran into obstacle after obstacle, and how I first despaired, then surmounted them, one at a time. And how in the process, I learned to face all my fears — not just flying — and to grow my own wings and dance for joy.

I wrote FLYING FREE for everyone who's ever dreamed of breaking free from their own limits. If you're looking for excitement, inspiration, and courage in these dark times, I hope you'll find it here.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



FEBRUARY CALENDAR

EVERY MONDAY	10:00 A.M.	IN-PERSON STORYTIME MEMORIAL PARK	FEBRUARY 13	3:30 P.M.	KIDS PAPER AIRPLANE COMPETITION
EVERY THURSDAY	9:00 A.M.	IN-PERSON BABY RHYME TIME MEMORIAL PARK	FEBRUARY 15	4:00 P.M.	ANIME AFTERNOON
JANUARY 30 TO FEBRUARY 28		WALK THIS WAY STORY ADVENTURE	FEBRUARY 15	7:00 P.M.	PAJAMA STORYTIME
FEBRUARY 1-28		PERFECTLY PUZZLED: COMMUNITY PUZZLE	FEBRUARY 15	7:00 P.M.	FRIENDS BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 1	4:00 P.M.	BOARD LIBRARY TEENS	FEBRUARY 16	11:00 A.M.	ZOOM 3 RD THURSDAY BOOK CLUB
FEBRUARY 3	3:00-7:00 P.M.	BEST USED BOOK SALE	FEBRUARY 16	3:00 P.M.	SEWING MACHINE BASICS
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FEBRUARY 6	10:00 A.M.	DIANE FERLATTE — HAVE I GOT A STORY TO SHARE	FEBRUARY 18	2:00 P.M.	WHAT IS AEROBATIC FLYING?
FEBRUARY 8	4:00 P.M.	TEEN SNACKCHAT	FEBRUARY 18	5:00 P.M.	LIBRARY CLOSED PRESIDENTS DAY
FEBRUARY 9	3:30 P.M.	TAILS & TALES	FEBRUARY 20	LIBRARY CLOSED PRESIDENTS DAY	MOVIE NIGHT: FLY LIKE A GIRL
FEBRUARY 11	11:00 A.M.	CRICUT WORKSHOP	FEBRUARY 23	6:30 P.M.	SAN GABRIEL VALLEY AIRPORT TOUR
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			FEBRUARY 25	1:00-3:00 P.M.	PIXELATED ART
			FEBRUARY 27	3:30 P.M.	LIBRARY TRUSTEES MEETING
			FEBRUARY 27	5:00 P.M.	PANCHO BARNES: THE HAPPY BOTTOM RIDING CLUB
			FEBRUARY 27	7:00 P.M.	1-2-3D PRINTING WORKSHOP
			FEBRUARY 28	3:00 P.M.	

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LIBRARY HOURS

Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays 11:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
Thursdays 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Saturdays 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Closed Fridays, Sundays and Holidays

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