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Hi Library Champion,

It's the thick of the summer—and as hot and challenging as these days can be, I hope you're doing well, and that you're finding joy and comfort in your Library.

There's a lot on offer, including the final two weeks of the Library's annual Summer Discovery Program.

It's not too late to [join the program](#), and even win a prize or two. Summer Discovery Program is for all ages—from babies and toddlers, to children, teens, and adults. If you're already in, hooray for you! I hope you're having fun and that you'll win one of the grand prizes.

With you, your Library Foundation is supporting the Summer Discovery Program. And with that support, you're helping meet crucial needs:

- **developing literacy** that will last a lifetime and provide opportunities for academic and economic success, and better health outcomes

- **combating the summer slide** many kids face when learning plummets and leaves them unprepared for the next school year, and
- **promoting connection** when it's all too easy to feel isolated and alone, whether you're young or older.

Thank you. Your gift makes a positive difference, for individuals and our community.

Maybe, like me, you see summer as a time to relax, explore, and learn new things.

That's what I love about the Summer Discovery Program, and why I'm excited, with this month's newsletter, to share a couple adventures you might enjoy, and highlight a couple of your Library's fabulous resources.

Are you ready to hit the beach? LA County Library has four libraries located in beach cities. And with this month's virtual field trip, you're heading to two of them—Hermosa Beach Library and Malibu Library.

Plus, you're in for a special treat—you'll be guided by Travis Hernandez, Interim Community Library Manager at Hermosa Beach Library, and Melissa Stallings, Malibu Library's Community Library Manager.

So, get ready to go this weekend! Head to a beach library—check out a book or an audiobook, and enjoy the sand and surf, an eatery, and a local attraction or two.

Stay tuned...next month we're heading to Manhattan Beach Library and Lloyd Taber-Marina del Rey Library for our virtual field trip.

For now, I'll end with a couple of cool tidbits:

If you haven't already, put a hold on a [California State Parks Pass](#)...a pass for free vehicle day-use entry to over 200 participating state parks. You can check out a pass for two weeks. It's worth the wait.

And if you're eager to bump up your job skills or simply craving something new, explore some of the [professional certificate courses you can take through Coursera—for FREE—through the end of this year](#). Like Google Digital Marketing and E-commerce, Intuit Bookkeeping, or IBM Cybersecurity Analyst, to name a few.

You, Library Champion, make a difference. As a donor, advocate, Library user.

I'd love to hear from you—what you're reading, what you're loving about your Library, your Library story. [Email me](#) or give me a call—562.940.4189.

Thank you for supporting your Library and crafting a more positive future!

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Andrea Carroll
Executive Director

P.S. [Your gift today supports your Library and brightens our future](#). **Thank you!**

Virtual Field Trip: to the beach!

Hermosa Beach Library



Image: LA County Digital Library. Hermosa Beach Library (1955)

by Travis Hernandez, Interim Community Library Manager, Hermosa Beach Library

Hermosa Beach Library is a small library that serves a vibrant beach community. The community is well known for its multiple events throughout the year such as beach festivals, national surf and volleyball competitions, and other community events.

From local families to visiting tourists, the Library serves people from all walks of life. The library contains a diverse collection of materials. Both fiction and non-fiction materials are well represented for all ages.

Hermosa Beach Library is also home to a special collection of Leonard Wibberley's works, initially donated by Wibberley and his family members. Wibberley lived locally and was both an author and a journalist. He was a

prolific writer with a large range of fiction and non-fiction titles. He is well known for *The Mouse That Roared*, which has also been made into a movie.

Hermosa Beach library is only a short stroll from the beach. After picking up a book, many people head to local restaurants within walking distance, such as The Spot for vegetarian fare, Fritto Misto for Italian, Creme De La Crepe for some sweet or savory crepes, or Underground for some pub food. Hermosa Beach Library is a great start or end point for your visit to Hermosa Beach.

Malibu Library



Image: LA County Library

by Melissa Stallings, Community Library Manager, Malibu Library

Malibu Library was established in 1970 by the County of Los Angeles Public Library. A newly renovated building was completed in April 2012 and certified LEED-Gold. The building features original art with ocean themes, natural lighting, and a large outdoor patio on which to enjoy Malibu's temperate

climate. The library serves the seniors, families, and children of Malibu, as well as people visiting the area from all over the world.

Your LA County Library card provides access to books, DVDs, computers, and magazines, as well as a special Surfing, Oceans and Sustainability collection (S.O.S.) and the Arkel Erb Mountaineering Collection.

The S.O.S. collection contains more than 200 nonfiction books relating to surfing, oceans, and the environment. They speak to Malibu's unique history as a surfing destination, as well as its commitment to environmental stewardship and a healthy lifestyle.

The library also has materials on the history of Malibu, and a collection of Malibu historical photos is accessible online through the [LA County Library website](#).

Malibu Library sits in the Civic Center area of Malibu, directly across from the city's Legacy Park. Malibu's Civic Center is expanding and has recently become walkable; in 2022, a new sidewalk connected the Civic Center to Malibu Canyon Road.

You can now take a stroll from Pepperdine University or from Bluffs Park on Pacific Coast Highway to the Civic Center, where you'll find Malibu Library, Legacy Park, Whole Foods, and a variety of shops and restaurants. A Santa Monica College extension campus will open adjacent to the library in 2023.

Legacy Park is at the heart of the only location in California where four natural coastal habitats—coastal prairies, coastal bluffs, Southern California native woodlands, and riparian/wetland—are linked and accessible.

Legacy Park is an outdoor living learning center and a perfect spot for a walk after visiting the library. The circular trails feature each of the four habitats, and the variety of flowers, plants, and bird life is constantly changing. Check out a book from the library, then enjoy it in the park!

Next up in your August enews:

Manhattan Beach Library & Lloyd Taber-Marina del Rey
Library



Thank you, Library Champion!
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