



**LA COUNTY
LIBRARY FOUNDATION**

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Hi Library Champion,

Hope you're doing well in the heat of this summer!

I thought I'd throw in a reference to these "dog days of summer."

But I just found out they're gone...they run from July 3 through August 11 - supposedly the hottest days of summer, and originally associated with Sirius (the dog star).

Looking for a fabulous fact, or help with homework or research? Check out [Instant Librarian](#) (you can chat, text, call, or email).

In any case, during these final days of summer, I'm looking back - and also ahead.

Your stories about how your Library shaped your life, and how it continues to bolster you today, inspire me.

So it seems fitting, as I recently learned, that August is national *Make Your Will* month.

It's an annual moment to think about what you love, and make a plan for your legacy - whether you have a lot or a little - to support the people, places, and causes that are close to your heart.

A will can also be a way for you to ensure that your love for your Library continues for future generations.

You can include a legacy gift to LA County Library Foundation.

And if you're already planning a legacy gift to LA County Library Foundation, [please let me know](#) (562.940.4189). I'd love to thank you!

Speaking of looking ahead and shaping the future, in September, your Library will host a series of virtual Community Feedback sessions.

The Library (and Foundation) want to hear from you - about Library services and programs. You'll help shape the Library's strategic plan. [Click here for details, and to RSVP.](#)

This month's virtual field trips, narrated by librarians, take you to Manhattan Beach Library and Lloyd Taber-Marina del Rey Library.

Both libraries have elements that reflect individual legacies - the *Bruce's Beach Commemorative Collection* at Manhattan Beach Library and the Lloyd Taber-Marina del Rey Library's nautical wing, funded in part by the library's namesake.

Read on for a quick tour, and consider making a physical field trip...hard to get much better than a good read at a library by the beach.

Wishing you a marvelous close to your summer!

As always, thank you for your love and support for your Library,

Andrea

Andrea Carroll
Executive Director

P.S. [Your gift today will strengthen your Library.](#) **Thank you!**

Your Legacy: your Library



Image: LA County Library/Monica Almeida

You love your Library. And you can help ensure that generations to come will also get to enjoy it.

Your gift to LA County Library Foundation in your will, or naming the Foundation as a beneficiary of your life insurance or retirement asset, is a way to do that.

One sentence in your will can make a lifetime of difference.

To leave a gift in your will, simply share this sentence with your attorney or financial planner: "I hereby bequeath to LA County Library Foundation in Downey, CA, the sum of (\$ _____) or (_____ %) of my estate."

Find out more [on our website](#) or [email](#) or call Andrea Carroll, Executive Director at 562.940.4189.

If you've already included LA County Library Foundation in your estate plans, [please let Andrea know](#) (562.940.4189) so we can thank you.

You're making a difference now, and your legacy gift will celebrate and share your love for the Library with future generations.

Thank you, Library Champion! - you're creating a better today, and tomorrow!

Virtual Field Trip: more beach libraries!

Manhattan Beach Library

by Josh Murray, Community Library Manager, Manhattan Beach Library

Manhattan Beach Library is located in a hidden gem of a small town seaside paradise with a laid back vibe and perfect sunsets. The gorgeous beach, featuring a historic pier leading to an immersive aquarium, is a short stroll from the architecturally stunning library with mesmerizing Pacific Ocean views.

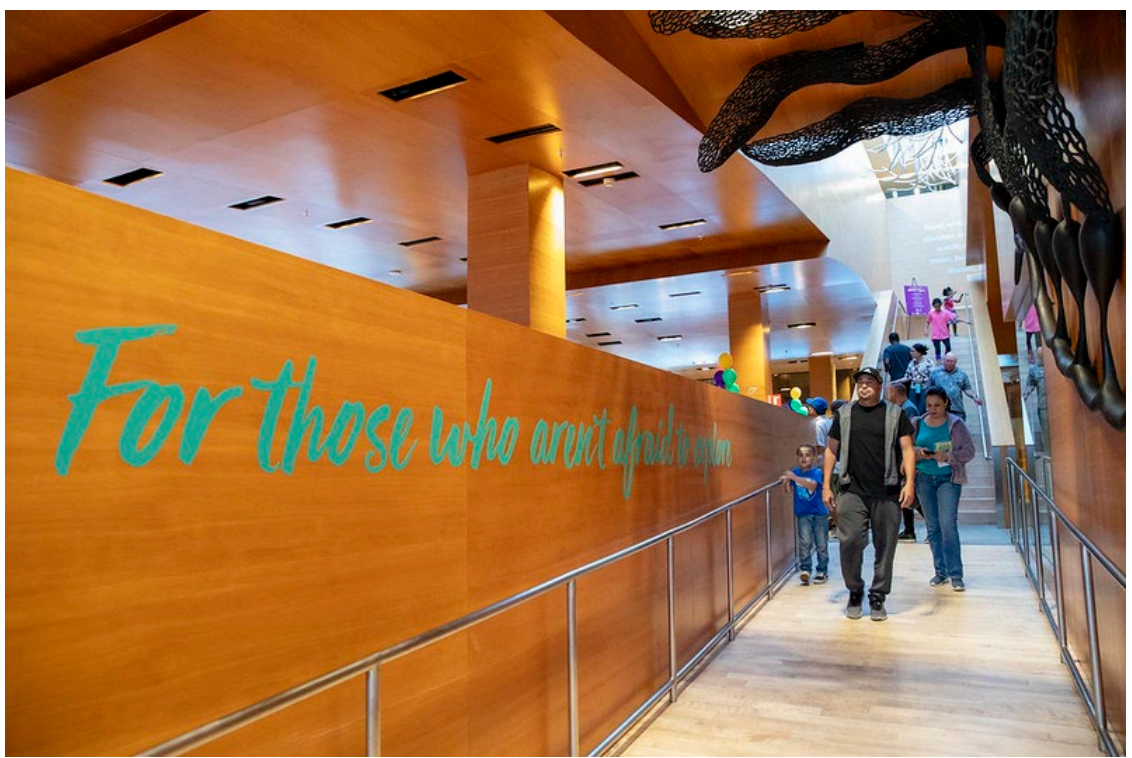


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Our library is home to the *Bruce's Beach Commemorative Collection*. This collection, donated by retired professor of African and African American history Dr. Anthony Lee, opened just in time for Juneteenth (June 19) of this year.

If you are in town for just one day, our staff recommendations include grabbing a New Zealand style coffee at Two Guns Espresso, playing tennis at Sand Dune Park, and enjoying the iconic California coastal view while dining and indulging in cocktails with family and friends at the Strand House.



Image: LA County Library/Monica Almeida, Bruce's Beach Commemorative Collection

Last spring, retired professor Dr. Anthony Lee donated his research texts to the Library to commemorate LA County's return of Bruce's Beach to the Bruce family descendants. Housed at Manhattan Beach Library, the Bruce's Beach Commemorative Collection offers books and other resources for students, researchers, and the public to further their knowledge and understanding of the history and experiences of the African and African American communities.

Lloyd Taber-Marina del Rey Library

*by Winona Phillabaum,
Community Library Manager, Lloyd Taber-Marina del Rey Library*

Lloyd Taber – Marina del Rey Library was recently remodeled and boasts a laptop kiosk for public use. The library also has a Nautical Collection - with thousands of titles - to serve the interests of small craft boaters.

Lloyd Taber - Marina del Rey Library customers enjoy a beautiful water front view of the harbor and sailing boats.



Image: LA County Library/Monica Almeida

You might want to supplement your library trip with some of the city's other great attractions. One fun activity to do in Marina del Rey is to take the WaterBus! It's a scenic way to get around the Marina and only costs \$1 per person. The area has lots of good places to eat and a big park near the library.

Where do you want to go next?

[Let us know!](#)

Thank you, Library Champion!
Your support makes an impact.

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