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Hi Library Champion,

Libraries are cool!

Yep, you and I know that, and earlier this month, *LA Times* reporter Deborah Netburn [weighed in](#) with "10 inspiring L.A. libraries for when you want free AC and a quiet place to work."

Our own West Hollywood Library and Manhattan Beach Library got rave reviews. And in this month's *Virtual Field Trip*, I'm delighted to spotlight 9 more LA County Library gems.

Better yet, each library (plus West Hollywood Library) will be the site of a free [Library Fest](#) event on a Saturday afternoon in September or October. Read on to find out more about these fun happenings -- for all ages -- at 10 cool libraries across the county!

In a time of increasing challenges to ideas and bans on books, your Library is a place that welcomes all and provides a spectrum of ideas, information, and other resources to build and strengthen our community.

In *My Library Story*, author Jeff Lantos applauds the Library's civic role and asks, what's not to like?

Library Champion Gail K. said she wasn't a football fan, but after reading about his gift to fund a Peer Advocate for his childhood library, she wrote, "I am now a huge fan of linebacker Uchenna Nwosu, and I will follow his career.

His story landed in my email, and I was so proud of the Carson Library and of Uchenna for paying it forward and helping others."

Gail went on to point out something important: "However, as much as I love the Library, you have so many programs I don't even know about. I don't think I knew about My Brother's Keeper Peer Advocate. So thank you for your description of MBK."

What great feedback, just what we want to know - how can we better serve you?

We want you to know all about your Library, and about the impact you help power with your commitment and support.

So, starting with this newsletter, each month we'll feature a Library program or initiative you're helping power with the Foundation, or one that can use your support. Read on to learn about Careers In STEAM.

As always, thank you! You're a vital part of LA County Library -- helping build a strong and vibrant community.

Stay cool!

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P.S. [You make an impact with your gift.](#) **Thank you!**

To my friend.

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In a fun coincidence, a librarian suggested I might enjoy a story about Paul Revere's ride, made famous in a poem by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. I delighted in the read, Why Longfellow Lied, a book by author and retired elementary school history teacher Jeff Lantos.

Imagine my surprise when, completely unrelated, the Foundation got a nice note from Library Champion Jeff L. (one and the same) and he agreed to share a My Library Story. Read it here, and check out his "expose" about that famous revolutionary ride -- available as an ebook at your Library.

Do you have a Library story to share? Send it our way. I love to hear from you, published author or not!

My Library Story: Jeff L. on the treasures of the library...bring your bag.

"Enlightenment, intellectual insights, spiritual uplift, exercise, ocean breezes. No parking fees, no carbon footprint.

How? Where? In my case, by being lucky enough to walk to my local branch of the LA County Library.

What a vital resource our libraries are. How many millions have they nourished? It's hard to see how a democratic republic can function without them.

I make it a point to pop in at least once a week. There's always something intriguing in the new arrivals section, and who knows what gems you'll come across while wandering in the stacks. I rarely leave empty handed.

Hint: take a bag so you can tote home your literary loot."

What's your Library Story?

[We want to know.](#)

[Read more Library stories here.](#)

Virtual Field Trip: *Library Fest*



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Get ready for [Library Fest!](#)

On five Saturday afternoons in September and October, 10 of your libraries will host free, fun activities -- for all ages. Thanks to you, the Foundation is thrilled to provide support.

Library Fest is a great way to bring Library friends and neighbors -- YOU -- into libraries to enjoy programs and services.

While virtual connection is vital, it's great to welcome people back into LA County Library's remarkable spaces to connect in person and with information, entertainment, and other wonderful resources.

You'll have lots to do at Library Fest:

- Design your own tote bag
- Create a video in a 360 Photo Booth
- Participate in interactive programs
- Enjoy face painting and magic performances
- Learn from STEAM Activities with the Library's MākMō maker mobile
- Check out a cool library...what a great way to explore a new place

And much, much more.

So, read on for a peek at the 10 libraries that will host a *Library Fest* event. Hope you'll attend one...or more!



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Saturday September 9, from 1 - 4 pm

[Rowland Heights Library](#) (L) and [West Hollywood Library](#) (R)



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Saturday September 23, from 1 - 4 pm

[San Gabriel Library](#) (L) and [Acton Agua Dulce Library](#) (R)



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Saturday September 30, from 1 - 4 pm

[Lennox Library](#) (L) and [La Verne Library](#) (R)



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Saturday October 14, from 1 - 4 pm

[A C Bilbrew Library](#) (L) and [Sorenson Library](#) (R)



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Saturday October 21, from 1 - 4 pm

[Leland R Weaver Library](#) (L) and [Agoura Hills Library](#) (R)

Where do you want to go next?

[Let us know!](#)

Program Spotlight: Careers in STEAM



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Curious about life in the ocean? Wondering about marine biology, conservation, and oceanography...and what kind of jobs are in those fields?

Edison International and the Library Foundation are partnering with your Library to explore those questions with a program for Teens and Tweens - Oceans & Marine Life: Careers in STEAM.

Over the past few months, young people have enjoyed in-person and virtual learning adventures. Students at 10 libraries participated in Ocean Adventure, diving into the worlds of marine ecosystems, water safety, and conservation, and learning about marine-related educational and career opportunities.

The fun continues, online and in-person. Don't miss Blue Submarine's [*Lifestyles of the Slimy and Squishy*](#). Through September, they'll be bringing live tide pool animals (sea stars, sea urchins, sea slugs, hermit crabs, and more) to libraries for a hands-on experience.

Next week, the Aquarium of the Pacific will take you on a [virtual expedition of coral reefs](#). Learn about the incredible array of fish, sharks, and invertebrates that live in the reefs, and find out about the world-wide conservation efforts being made to protect these diverse underwater cities.

Big thanks to Edison International and you, Library Champion, for bringing the fascinating marine world to young people -- with your Library!

Thank you, Library Champion!
You make a difference.

Give Today



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