



LA COUNTY LIBRARY FOUNDATION

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Dear Library Champion,

May is a marvelous month at your Library.

You've got all kinds of celebrations to choose from: Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, Foster Care Awareness Month, Jewish American Heritage Month, and Older Americans Month.

Your Library has lots to offer for each of these unique "months" - all year long.

In this enews, we zoom in on [Asian Pacific American Heritage Month](#), and take you on a *Virtual Field Trip* to the Library's Asian Pacific Resource Center.

[Jewish American Heritage Month](#) offers a glimpse into resources your Library offers for and about the Jewish American experience: curated book and film content, tasty recipes like Lenora's Potato Latke, the [Judaica Collection](#) and Hebrew and Yiddish language books at Culver City Julian Dixon Library, and at Agoura Hills Library, a Holocaust Collection, and Hebrew books for children and adults.

I hadn't realized older adults also had a special month. But I did know your Library has loads to offer on that front! Check out ways to connect, virtually and in-person, and take a look at [Silver STEAMers](#), a program that mixes fun and learning through science, technology, engineering, arts, and math events.

And don't forget to check out [Ripe Reads](#), a marvelous blog about books - by, for, and about older adults - from Library Champion Gaili S.

This month's *My Library Story*, by Tammy K, is all about youth and connection - delight in the ways her young nephew and her community use the Lomita Library.

We saw that delight in full force earlier this month at the opening of the refurbished [Florence Library](#). Read on about what's special about this location.

Take a look at the Library's resources for [Foster Care Awareness Month](#). You'll learn, and feel, as you explore one or more of the curated titles about the journeys of foster youth and parents. There's also a Q&A about becoming a foster parent.

You're invited to a conversation next month with author, former foster youth, and child welfare advocate David Ambroz and Library Director Skye Patrick. Please **save the date - Thursday, June 15**. Read on to learn more.

I hope to see you there - it will be in-person and also live streamed! Details and an RSVP coming soon to your in-box.

With gratitude for you, and wishing you lots of celebration,

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My Library Story: Aunt Tammy K. on "our happy place, for books and more"



Images: Tammy K.

"Watching my nephew discover new stories at our local library makes my heart happy. Going to the library has been part of our routine since he was very little, and now at three and half years old, he asks to visit any time we have an afternoon together.

Our library - Lomita Library - is less than a mile from our home and now has become a space where we not only go to find our favorite characters, but the local Muslim community gathers weekly in the community room for the traditional Friday afternoon prayer. Having a Friday group prayer is a long-standing tradition for Muslim communities. For my nephew, visiting the library after is a lovely bonus!

Making sure my nephew builds healthy and positive habits at a young age is something we value as a family. As he grows older, we love that the memory and habit of attending the weekly Friday prayer will also include a family trip to our Lomita library."

What's your Library Story?

[We want to know.](#)

[Read more Library stories here.](#)

Virtual Field Trip: Asian Pacific Resource Center



Image: LA County Library/Digital Collections

May is Asian Pacific American Heritage Month!

Want to dive in and learn more about the rich and diverse cultures that comprise the Asian American Pacific Islander community? Have fun as you explore?

Your Library has you covered, including a remarkable community gem - the [Asian Pacific Resource Center](#) at Rosemead Library (temporarily closed).

[Take a tour online](#) with Librarian Katrina.

The Library established the Asian Pacific Resource Center (APRC) in 1979.

The goal? To provide vital information and resources for the county's Asian Pacific Islander community - and to share information about the history and culture of this group with others, to develop an understanding, acceptance, and appreciation that strengthens all communities.

The past few years have highlighted the importance of the APRC - a haven for scholars and community members, and an invaluable resource for the entire LA County Library system.

The APRC emphasizes the Asian American/Pacific Islander experience. Its collection focuses on the history, art, and culture of China, Japan, Korea, the Philippines, Vietnam, Hawaii, and American Samoa.

You can check out films, music, novels, magazines, and newspapers. You don't have to travel in person to take advantage of some of these great resources.

APRC Librarian Katrina has curated a marvelous collection of reads, listens, and ebooks you can check out online or place a hold and have delivered to your library or choice. Click here for titles for [adults](#), [teens](#), or [kids](#).

Oh, did I mention [events](#)? Libraries across the county are hosting them in-person, from cooking demos to Quartz Hill Library's *Hooked on Books Club* discussing *Reading Lolita in Tehran* by Azar Nafisi, to opportunities for tweens and teens to create Polka Dot Art inspired by Japanese artist Yayoi Kusama.

Online, you can join a [virtual conversation](#) with Eric Nakamura, co-founder and editor of Giant Robot Magazine. That was an LA-based magazine, influenced by punk and DIY culture, that defied stereotypes of Asians and

All ages can tap into their creativity with do-at-home activities - ranging from potato stamps, to fashion design with Anna Sui, to making music with Yo-Yo Ma, or designing tropical flower leis. [Check out your Activity Ideas guides here.](#)

You can also keep on top of fun tidbits - like the occasional WhatsCookingAPRC, highlighting AAPI cookbooks from the collection, or movie recommendations or historical tidbits - when you [follow the APRC on Facebook](#).

However you choose to explore during Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, enjoy, and relish the richness these cultures and history bring to you and your LA County community.

Where do you want to go next?

[Let us know!](#)



Image: LA County Library/M. Almeida

Florence Library debuted its new refurbished location at the Florence-Firestone Community Service Center on May 3, 2023. Located on the light-filled second floor, the Library shares the building with some cool neighbors downstairs - the LA County Registrar-Recorder (need a birth certificate or ready to tie the knot, anyone?) and the County Department on Aging (grab a book and then grab some resources, including about the Elderly Nutrition program).

That's your LA County Library, a community cornerstone: meeting a range of needs, serving up trusted information, providing connection.

Where do you want to go next?

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Save the Date...you're invited to a Heart & Hand conversation

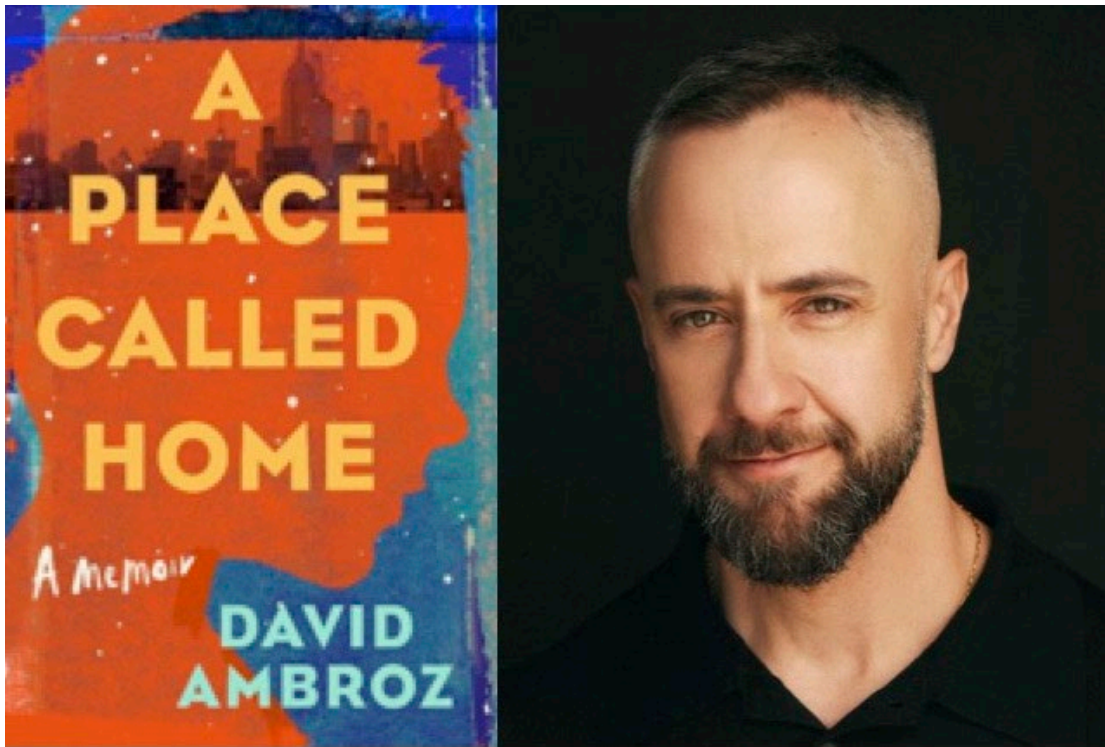


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The Library Foundation and Library are excited to present a Heart & Hand conversation with Library Director Skye Patrick and author David Ambroz, a national poverty and child welfare expert and advocate.

In *A Place Called Home*, Ambroz writes about growing up as a child in poverty, homeless and then in foster care. He calls on readers to turn their empathy to action, to combat a system that fuels poverty and plunges children and families into a cycle of deprivation and despair.

You're invited to join us: Thursday, June 15, at 6 pm.

The talk will be in person and also live streamed.

Following the conversation at the library, David will sign books. You'll also get to meet and mingle - with Library, Foundation and other Library Champions like you!

We'd love you to join us!

Keep an eye out for details and an RSVP...coming soon.

Thank you, Library Champion!

You make a difference.

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