

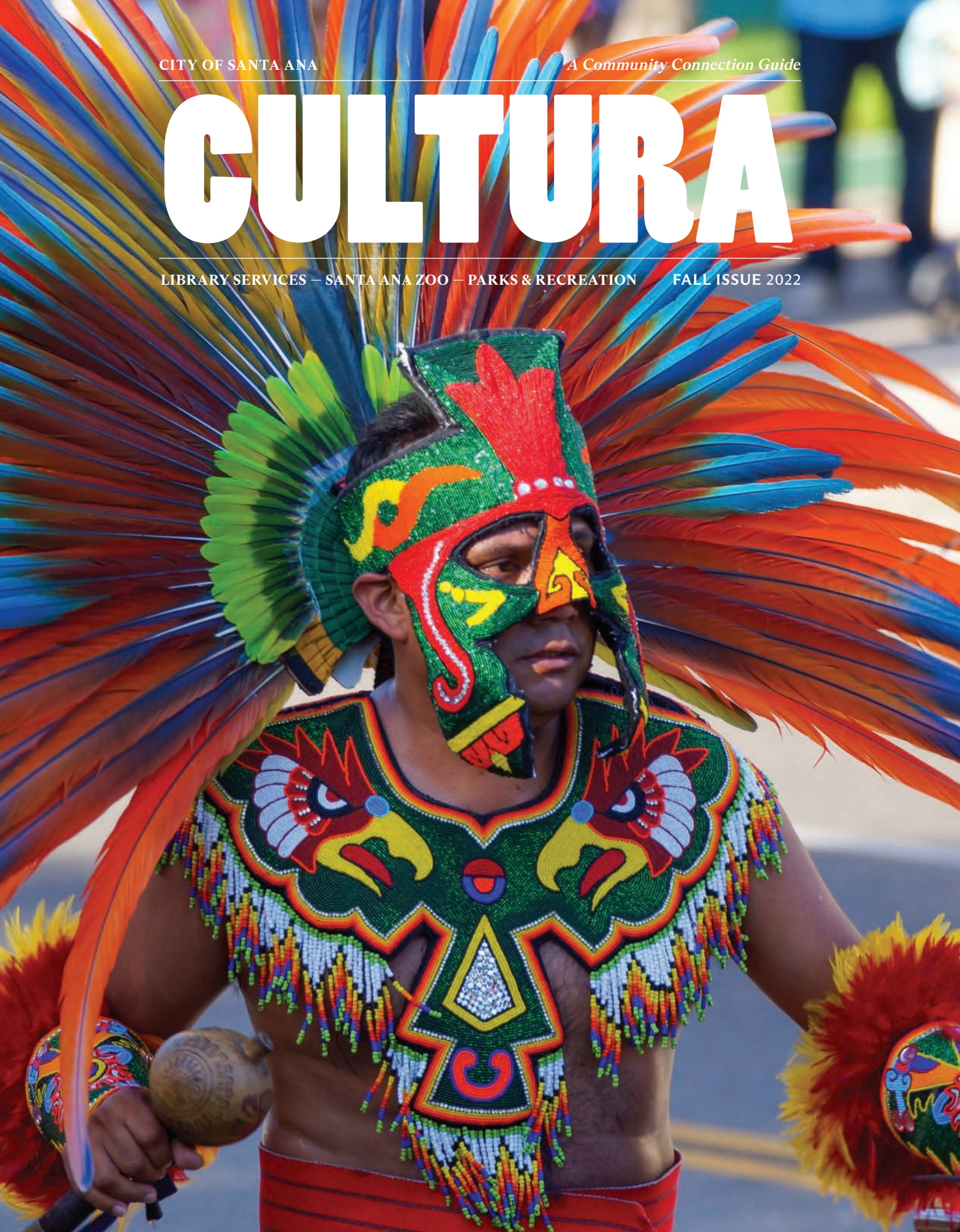
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WELCOME ¡BIENVENIDOS!



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Welcome to the Santa Ana Cultura Community Connection Guide! This publication will actively engage and keep residents informed of what the Parks, Recreation & Community Services Agency (PRCSA), the Santa Ana Zoo and Library Services is preparing for the Santa Ana Community through various programs, activities and services quarterly. The Cultura will highlight all the ways Santa Ana demonstrates the community's connectivity through diverse opportunities that makes Santa Ana an incredible place to be!

The City of Santa Ana is excited to introduce Parks and Recreation Director, Hawk Scott and Library Services Director, Brian Sternberg. Both have extensive experience in their related fields and are in part responsible for the innovative change within their respective Departments. Both are dedicated to ensuring their teams are continuously striving to make a positive impact that the Santa Ana community deserves.

Be sure to say hello and introduce yourself to Hawk & Brian when you see them at our events, in the libraries or visiting the many parks and community centers.

¡Bienvenidos a Cultura—la guía de conexión comunitaria de Santa Ana! Esta publicación involucrará activamente a los residentes y los mantendrá informados sobre lo que la Agencia de Parques, Recreación, y Servicios Comunitarios (PRCSA), el Zoológico, y la Biblioteca están preparando para la comunidad de Santa Ana a través de varios programas, actividades, y servicios. ¡Cultura presentará todas las formas en que Santa Ana demuestra cómo se conecta con la comunidad a través de diversas oportunidades que hacen de Santa Ana un lugar increíble para estar!

La Ciudad de Santa Ana se complace en presentar al Director de Parques y Recreación, Hawk Scott, y al Director de la Biblioteca, Brian Sternberg. Ambos tienen una amplia experiencia y son responsables del cambio innovador en sus respectivos departamentos. Ambos están dedicados a garantizar que sus equipos se esfuercen continuamente para lograr el impacto positivo que merece la comunidad de Santa Ana.

Asegúrese de saludar a Hawk y a Brian cuando los vea en nuestros eventos, en las bibliotecas o mientras visita los numerosos parques y centros comunitarios.



Mid Autumn Festival
Photo by Jeanette Duran Pacheco

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FEATURE STORY:

Reimagining the Main Library

PAST

When the doors to the Santa Ana Public Library (SAPL) opened on May 1, 1960, the 40,557 square foot structure rightfully took its place as the community hub. For 62 years, the Main Library on Civic Center Drive (formerly 8th Street) has stood as a pillar of support for residents, acting as the pivotal connection point between people, information, services, and opportunity.

PRESENT

Although the internal layout of the library has changed over time, with several reconfigurations and one major renovation, its core purpose to inspire, inform, educate and nurture has remained unwavering. Today, SAPL continues to bring important information, innovative technologies and services to people of all ages through programs featuring tutoring, coding, making, socializing, and much more.

FUTURE

As SAPL looks to the future, intent on evolving to continue to serve the needs of the local residents, it has become clear that the renovation and modernization of the historic structure are essential. Over the next few years, the Main Library will undergo a transformation to ensure its ability to support the community for generations to come. While there will be a period of closure, there will be no lapse in the provision of services. The Library will continue to service residents in other locations and the Knowledge Mobile will continue to make stops throughout the City.

Past, present and future, the Santa Ana Public Library exists to serve the community. For that reason, input from residents is critical to re-imagine the resources, services, and spaces offered within the marble walls. A brief survey is available online in English, Spanish and Vietnamese.

[HTTPS://SURVEYHERO.COM/C/SANTAANACOMMUNITY](https://surveyhero.com/c/santaanacommunity)



The Knowledge Mobile Rolls Out to the Community

The Knowledge Mobile (Know-Mo) has officially hit the streets of Santa Ana and will be visiting schools, parks, and community centers, bringing needed services and programs to residents! The Know-Mo is a combination of a traditional bookmobile and techmobile, featuring free public Wi-Fi, computers, gaming, STEAM technologies and much more. The Knowledge Mobile will allow community members, especially youth and young adults, to connect, create and learn with the latest technology, computers, arts, crafts, music, games, audiovisual materials, electronic resources and books in print and digital format. Featured programs will also be designed for neurodiverse youth and include low sensory play and specialized robots that provide assistive learning and behavioral support.

Please visit our website for more information about The Knowledge Mobile and scheduled stops.

[HTTPS://WWW.SANTA-ANA.ORG/THE-KNOWLEDGE-MOBILE/](https://www.santa-ana.org/the-knowledge-mobile/)





FEATURE STORY:

Connecting the Community

SAPL has Chromebooks available for checkout at both Main and Newhope Libraries! Checkout a kit with a Chromebook, charger, carrying case, hotspot, mouse, and headphones. Or checkout a Chromebook with built in wireless internet. Have a computer but don't have internet? SAPL has you covered with wireless hotspots that can be checked out for use at home or on the go. With more than 500 devices available to borrow, SAPL is working hard to keep the community connected.

Learn more about SAPL technology services here: [HTTPS://WWW.SANTA-ANA.ORG/LIBRARY-SERVICES/](https://www.santa-ana.org/library-services/) or scan QR Code at the bottom of the page.



500+
LAPTOPS

300+
HOTSPOTS

2000+
CHECK-OUTS

FEATURE STORY:

Career Online High School

At the Santa Ana Public Library, providing access to education outside the traditional school system is essential, and opportunities for lifelong learning are integrated into all aspects of the institution. Whether it be tutoring and homework help for youth, test preparation books for checkout, or eResources for personal and professional growth, individuals of all ages have access to continuing their educational journey at the Santa Ana Public Library.

One program SAPL is proud to present for adult residents is Career Online High School, a flexible, online program designed to prepare individuals to enter the workforce while earning a high school diploma. Participants are supported through the self-paced program, which must be completed in 18 months, but can be done in as few as five.

Education is a journey, and individual experiences are extremely personal. A

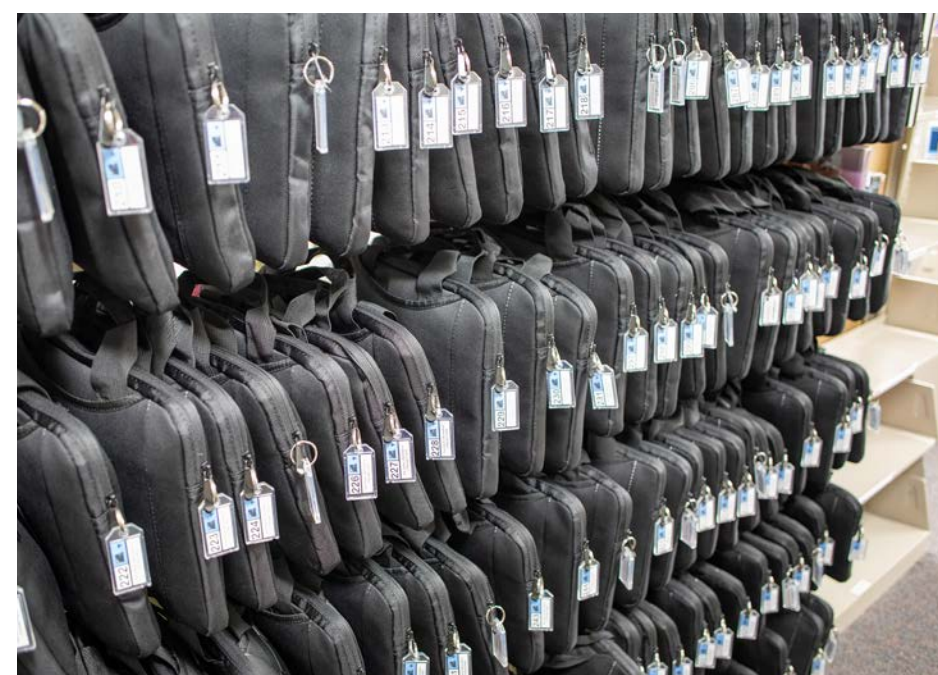
direct path from kindergarten through high school and onto college is not always as simple as a straight, paved road. For many, the educational journey features roadblocks, detours, and even alternative routes. The first SAPL Career Online High School graduating class featured individuals from many walks of life, each with a unique journey that led to the library.

Alejandro experienced housing insecurity beginning at a young age. The library became his safe place, and he relied on many programs and services to help him survive. While his need to work impacted his ability to finish school, he never lost sight of his goal to earn his high school diploma. During his graduation speech, Alejandro explained what the library means to him.

“One of the most amazing things I’ve found about the Santa Ana Public Library is their constant ability to inspire and

nurture entire generations...I can’t think how my life would have turned out had I not had the support and the environment and the help and resources that the Santa Ana Public Library has provided for me.”

The decisions made to continue their education and the determination of the graduates to obtain their diplomas is inspiring and a true testament to the importance of lifelong learning opportunities at the library. If you or someone you know would like to learn more about the Career Online High School program at SAPL, please visit our website: [HTTPS://WWW.SANTA-ANA.ORG/CAREER-ONLINE-HIGH-SCHOOL/](https://www.santa-ana.org/career-online-high-school/) or scan below.



Scan the QR Code to learn more about SAPL Technology Services.

Children's Programs Highlights



Cover To Cover Fall Reading Program

Youth up to 8th grade are invited to participate in the SAPL Cover to Cover Fall Reading Program! Participants earn a food certificate for a free hamburger from IN-N-Out or a book for every 5 books read, or read to them (maximum of three prizes).

Beginning October 1, 2022, sign up on Beanstack or visit Main Library, Newhope Library, or the Knowledge Mobile to register in person. The last day to register and claim prizes is November 19, 2022. [HTTPS://SANTAANA.BEANSTACK.COM/READER365](https://santaana.beanstack.com/reader365)

X-Stream Lab

Children ages 5+ and their families are invited to explore Science, Technology, Reading, Engineering, Art and Math during this hands-on program. Learn, experiment, create and get messy with us! Register: [HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/X-STREAMLAB](https://tinyurl.com/x-streamlab)

DAY	TIME	LOCATION
11/7	3:30 - 4:30 PM	Newhope Library
10/14, 10/28 & 11/14	3:30 - 4:30 PM	Main Library

Storytime

SAPL storytime programs help children develop early learning skills and a love for reading through interactive stories, songs, finger plays, and craft projects.

DAY	TIME	LOCATION
Preschool - Tuesdays	10:30 AM	Main Library
Babies and Toddlers - Thursdays	10:30 AM	Newhope Library
Children and Families - Saturdays	10:30 AM	Main Library

Online Tutoring

Free tutoring is available Monday - Thursday for students in grades K-12. Participants receive one-on-one assistance from a qualified tutor online. Registration is required:

[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/SAPLONLINE TUTORING](https://tinyurl.com/saplonline tutoring)

DAY	TIME
Monday	2:30 - 6:30 PM
Tuesday	2:30 - 5:30 PM
Wednesday	2:00 - 6:30 PM
Thursday	2:30 - 5:30 PM

Tween Takeover

Students in 4th-8th grade are invited to participate in hands-on activities, including playing board games, creating DIY projects, exploring STEAM concepts, competing in video game tournaments, and much more! Most importantly, participants will have a direct impact on what activities are presented.

DAY	TIME	LOCATION
Wednesdays	4:00 - 5:00 PM	Main Library



E-Library Digital Resources

You're never too old or too young to learn something new. The Santa Ana Public Library is excited to be a part of your lifelong learning journey by providing an amazing selection of more than 50 FREE E-Resources! Your library card is your all-access pass to continue building knowledge, skills and confidence. Visit the ELibrary page on our website to learn more.

[HTTPS://WWW.SANTA-ANA.ORG/ELIBRARY/](https://www.santa-ana.org/elibrary/)

Teen Program Highlights

Teentober 2022

SAPL is celebrating all things Teen during TeenTober! Teens are invited to the TeenSpace at the library to connect, create and chill for spooky/creepy themed programs during Maker Mondays, Teen Library Club, True Colors Book Club, Robo Fun Time, League of Gamers, Teen Jams, Teen Thursdays at Newhope Library and Teen Media Maker programs. Come share your passions with other teens in innovative and creative ways.

Silent Disco Halloween Dance

Dress up and dance! Teens, join us for an outdoor costume ball featuring a silent disco. Use your SAPL library card to borrow a headset, then choose from one of three stations to dance to. Space is limited. Reserve your tickets online:

[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/SAPLTEENTOBERDANCE](https://tinyurl.com/saplteentoberdance)

DAY	TIME	LOCATION
Wednesday, 10/26/22	4:00-7:00pm	Main Library

Teen Makers

The "Custom Creations" series will introduce young adults to creative technologies (cutting machines, heat presses, sublimation printing/infusible ink, etc.) through hands-on activities. Participants will create a unique project to take home every session.

DAY	TIME	LOCATION
Mondays	4:00 - 5:30 PM	Main Library

Teen Jam Sessions

Discover and enhance your musical talents through free play! Ukuleles, bongos, guitars and other instruments are available. No previous experience required.

DAY	TIME	LOCATION
Wednesdays	4:00 - 5:00 PM	Main Library

Teen Library Club

Teen Library Club offers opportunities to learn and develop leadership skills while advising and organizing library programs for teens in our community.

DAY	TIME	LOCATION
Thursdays	3:30 - 5:00 PM	Main Library

True Colors Book Club

Teens who are interested in books celebrating queer, #ownvoices, and diverse perspectives are welcome to participate in our True Colors Book Club. Read a book of your choosing and share your thoughts with the group!

DAY	TIME	LOCATION
10/13, 10/27, 11/20, 11/24, 12/8 & 12/22	5:00 - 6:00 PM	Main Library

Teen Media Makers

Are you a teen who enjoys content creation? Participate to learn innovative techniques for creating and marketing short videos.

DAY	TIME	LOCATION
Fridays	3:30 - 5:00 PM	Main Library



Robotics Programs

Teens interested in robotics will enjoy one of our many programs featuring cutting-edge robot technologies. Learn to code while interacting with robots during the beginner and advanced Robo Fun Time Programs. ASTounD and Robo-Digi Buddy provide youth the opportunity to discover and interact with socialization robots programmed to practice reading and teach social and life skills. ASTounD is highly recommended for Neurodivergent youth.

DAY	TIME	LOCATION
Robo Fun Time (ages 10+)		
Tuesdays	4:00 - 5:30 PM	Main Library
ASTounD & Robo Digi Buddy (Pre-K - 12th grade)		
Saturdays	12:00 - 1:00 PM	Main Library

League Of Gamers

Teens who enjoy games will find like-minded individuals during League of Gamers. Each week features a new gaming experience, from board games to video games. Throughout October, a special Dungeons and Dragons campaign will be featured. Visit the library at any time to play with our arcade cabinets as you train for seasonal arcade tournaments that feature an assortment of vintage video games.

DAY	TIME	LOCATION
Wednesdays	5:30 - 8:00 PM	Main Library

Teen Thursdays

Each week participants will enjoy a sampling of one of the many teen programs and activities, including crafting, gaming, robotics, media making, and more.

DAY	TIME	LOCATION
Thursdays	3:30-5:30 PM	Newhope Library

Adult Program Highlights



Author Hour Featuring Janice Munemitsu
 Listen as Janice Munemitsu shares a multicultural story of community collaboration and acts of kindness in the face of racism and discrimination. Her book, *The Kindness of Color*, documents how two families' stories met and intertwined. As her family faced the forced internment of Japanese-Americans during World War II, the leasing of her family's farm to the Mendez family led to the Mendez, et. al. v. Westminster (1947) case, a case that contributed to the end of segregation in public schools in the United States. Don't miss what will be a fascinating discussion.

DAY	TIME	LOCATION
Saturday, 11/12/22	1:00 – 2:30 PM	Main Library

Fundamentos De Computación (En Español) - Conoce La Computadora
Acompáñanos a nuestra serie de clases de computación en la cual te ayudaran a desarrollar tus habilidades informáticas y sentirte más cómodo en el mundo digital. Aprenderás conceptos básicos desde como prender una computadora hasta como utilizar el teclado.

DAY	TIME	LOCATION
10/15, 10/22, 11/5, 11/12, 11/19, 12/3, 12/10, 12/17	12:00 – 1:00 PM	Main Library

Money Matters – Financial Literacy Series (Bilingual)
 A CA Department of Financial Protection and Innovation (DFPI) representative will provide information on various financial matters. Participate to develop skills to keep yourself and your money safe. Topics include holiday shopping, using the bank, and paying off debt.

Un representante del Departamento de Innovación y Protección Financiera de California (DFPI) brindará información sobre diversos asuntos financieros. Participa para desarrollar habilidades para mantenerte a ti y a tu dinero a salvo. Los temas incluyen las compras navideñas, el uso del banco y el pago de deudas.

DAY	TIME	LOCATION
11/2, 12/14	6:00 - 7:00PM	Newhope Library
11/9, 12/7	6:00 – 7:00 PM	Main Library

The Appy Hour
 Join us to learn about tech, tech trends, and cool library resources!
 Tuesdays & Thursdays 5:00 – 6:00 PM Main Library

Impromptu: English Conversation Café
 We welcome all to our Impromptu Café, a fun and relaxed environment to practice your conversational English skills. Bring in your energy and we will supply topics for discussion.

DAY	TIME	LOCATION
10/26, 11/9, 12/7 & 12/21	6:30 – 7:30 PM	Newhope Library



Tech Program Highlights



Podcast Pro
 Are you interested in making your own podcast but don't know where to start? Join us for this two-part series and learn how to record, edit and publish podcasts online with Garageband. Technology and software will be provided. No previous experience required.

DAY	TIME	LOCATION
11/14 and 11/21	4:00 – 6:00 PM	Newhope Library

Sound Bites
 Pocket Operators are small, portable synthesizers that let you create music on the go. This program will teach you how to create your own unique sounds!

DAY	TIME	LOCATION
11/19	2:00 – 5:00 PM	Newhope Library

Google Photos Workshop
 Are you interested in learning how to share your memories with your friends and family? Come join us and learn how to upload, save, and share your photos with Google Photos!

DAY	TIME	LOCATION
11/7	6:00 – 8:00 PM	Main Library

Photo Editing Magic
 Learn everything you need to know to manipulate and edit photos using different photo editing software such as Paint, GIMP, and Adobe Photoshop. Technology and software will be provided. No previous experience required.

DAY	TIME	LOCATION
Tuesdays	2:00 – 6:00 PM	Newhope Library

Beat-Making Basics
 Learn to create digital/electronic music at the Newhope Media Lab. Equipment such as MIDI keyboards, headphones, and audio interfaces will be provided. No previous experience required.

DAY	TIME	LOCATION
Saturdays	2:00 – 5:00 PM	Newhope Library

Library Of Things Show And Tell
 Have a hobby, but need tools? Stop by and take a look at what we have to offer in our Library of Things (LOT) collection. From games to kitchen appliances, the Santa Ana Public Library has many items available to check out for free!

DAY	TIME	LOCATION
Saturdays	10:00 – 1:00 PM	Main Library

Tech Desk
 Visit the Tech Desk to receive one-on-one help with computers, ebooks, mobile devices, and more!

DAY	TIME	LOCATION
Monday – Thursday	12:00 – 6:00 PM	Main Library
Friday & Saturday	1:00 – 5:00 PM	Main Library



BUTTERFLIES TAKE FLIGHT

LIVE BUTTERFLY EXPERIENCE
AT THE SANTA ANA ZOO



WHAT DO YOU CALL A GROUP OF BUTTERFLIES?

Groups of animals go by different names like a colony of ants or crash of rhinoceroses; butterflies are known as a kaleidoscope. A kaleidoscope certainly represents the incredible colors of the butterflies the zoo hosted over the summer. July through September, hundreds of beautiful butterflies from Costa Rica filled the “Flight” aviary with their fluttery brilliance.

Butterflies go through a complex life cycle starting from an egg, hatching into a hungry, hungry caterpillar, spinning a chrysalis, and eventually emerging as an adult butterfly. Our butterflies started out on sustainable family farms in Central America and were shipped to Santa Ana each week. Animal care staff carefully unpacked, prepared, and displayed chrysalis so visitors could watch the emergence process. Adult butterflies were then released into the Flight aviary where visitors could experience them up close. The aviary is full of nectar-rich flowers to provide lots of food for the active butterflies. What isn't in the aviary are host plants, the plants butterflies lay their eggs on and caterpillars eat. Because the butterflies at the zoo are not native to California, zoo staff take careful steps to prevent accidental release or reproduction.

Many pollinator attracting plants are planted throughout the zoo including native milkweed in the farm area, the host plant for endangered monarch butterflies. Interpretive signage around the zoo teaches about the life cycle of monarch butterflies and provides tips on how you can encourage pollinators at home. Important pollinators, like butterflies, bats, bees, and hummingbirds are critical for sustaining our ecosystems and pollinating our fruit and vegetable crops so they continue producing food. While the butterfly experience is now closed for the winter, look for it to return in Spring 2023. This park project was made possible with City of Santa Ana youth benefit improvement funds.

There is more excitement to come with many new projects in the works including the Amazon's Edge: Giant River Otter Habitat and Primate Trails. This new area creates a home for otters and monkeys and many animal encounter zones. In the farm the Goat Trails project will create a fun, new space for the community to closely interact with zoo's goat herd. Along First Street, the zoo is receiving an upgrade with enhanced signage, lighting, and landscape improvements.

Animal Addition



MEET THE NEWEST ADDITION TO OUR PRIMATE FAMILY, MERCY!

Mercy is a female black howler monkey (*Alouatta caraya*) native to South and Central America. Confused by the name of her species due to her coat color? Your eyes aren't deceiving you. Black howler monkeys are one of the few primate species in which the coat color is different among the sexes. Black howler monkeys are blond at birth, but males turn black as they mature, while females stay blonde their entire lives.

Duly named for their distinct sound that can reach up to 128 decibels, howlers are considered the loudest land mammal in the world. Under the right conditions, some have even been heard up to 3 miles away! These loud guttural sounds are thanks to an enlarged hyoid bone in their throat that acts as a resonating chamber to amplify their sounds.

Mercy may be a little shy as she settles in with her new friends, but you can catch her climbing high in the trees munching on leaves.

BOO AT THE SANTA ANA ZOO

October 22, 23, 29, 30
5:30pm - 7:30pm

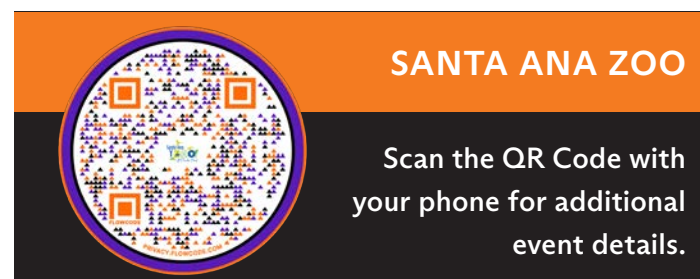
Santa Ana Residents:
October 21 5:30 - 7:30pm

Celebrate Halloween with all of your favorite animal friends! Explore the zoo after-hours and see what the animals are up to as the sun goes down. Each night features nocturnal animal presentations, train, carousel and Ferris wheel rides (ride tickets required), live music and story-telling, themed activities and treat stations.

Santa Ana Residents can register for FREE admission on Santa Ana Resident night. Event tickets for other nights can be purchased through <https://www.santaanazoo.org/boo.htm>.

Will you discover a new nocturnal animal, take a picture with the perfect decorations or gather a new favorite treat?

Boo at the Zoo is a family-friendly event. Costumes should be child-friendly and may not contain balloons, be obtrusive, offensive or violent. Thank you to all of our community sponsors and volunteers for their contributions.



BOO EN EL ZOOLOGICO DE SANTA ANA

22, 23, 29, 30 de Octubre 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Día de los Residentes de Santa Ana:
21 de Octubre 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

¡Celebra Halloween con todos tus amigos animales favoritos! Explore el zoológico fuera del horario de atención y vea qué hacen los animales mientras baja el sol. Cada noche cuenta con presentaciones nocturnas de animales, paseos en tren, carrusel y rueda de la fortuna (se requieren boletos para el viaje), música en vivo y narración de cuentos, actividades temáticas y estaciones de golosinas.

Los residentes de Santa Ana pueden registrarse para obtener una entrada GRATIS en la noche para residentes de Santa Ana. Las entradas para el evento para otras noches se pueden comprar a través de <https://www.santaanazoo.org/boo.htm>.

¿Descubrirás un nuevo animal nocturno, te tomarás una foto con los adornos perfectos o reunirás un nuevo regalo favorito?

Boo en el Zoológico es un evento familiar. Los disfraces deben ser aptos para niños y no pueden contener globos, ser molestos, ofensivos o violentos. Gracias a todos los patrocinadores y voluntarios de nuestra comunidad por sus contribuciones.





COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS: THE ZOO & YOU

ZOO E.C.O. Parks Pop-Up: Meet the Zoo at a Park near you! Get outside with a new theme, activities and animal friend each week. Wednesday and Friday afternoons. See full schedule for times and locations. FREE

Wild Wednesday Story Time: Explore a new story and animal friend every Wednesday at 11:30am on the Family Farm Stage. Included with zoo admission.

Super Sunday Story Time: Santa Ana Resident Day is extra special with family story time in the Amphitheater! New story and animal friend every month. Third Sunday of every month at 10:30am. Included with zoo admission.

Conservation Education Theater Weekend Animal Presentations: Saturdays and Sundays at 12:00pm and 2:30pm. Discover a variety of animals up close!



Santa Ana Residents can visit the Zoo for FREE on the 3rd Sunday of every month!

PROGRAMS FOR SCHOOL GROUPS: OCTOBER - JUNE

Zoo Explorer Program: Students in Kindergarten through 2nd Grade become Explorers as they observe animals, identify adaptations and discover different habitats. The adventure begins with a special presentation before students venture into the zoo to find interactive stations. Thursdays starting at 9:30am, 10:00am or 10:30am.

Self-Guided Visit: Students of all ages can discover something amazing at the zoo. Group reservations are required for discounted admission. Educators can build on their curriculum with activities from the Zoo web-site. Reservations available Wednesdays and Fridays October 01 – June 01.

Attention SAUSD teachers and teachers serving Santa Ana Youth! Special program rates and resources are available for Santa Ana students. Connect your students with the natural environment with hands-on activities for a full day at the zoo or book a Zoo Explorer Program. Contact us for available dates.

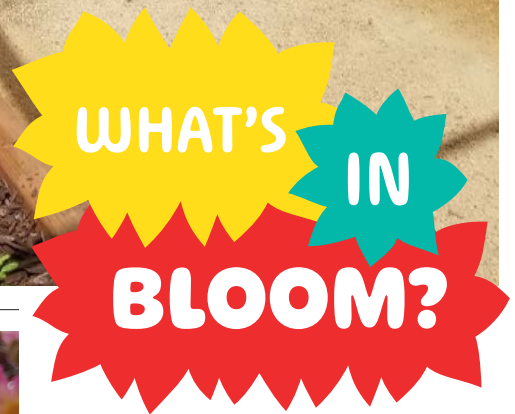
Reservations REQUIRED for Discounted Admission and Education Programs: ZOORESERVATIONS@SANTA-ANA.ORG



SANTA ANA YOUTH ARE WORKING AT THE ZOO!

What happens when local youth have the opportunity to learn job skills at their local zoo? A whole lot of good for the youth, the community and the zoo! The Santa Ana Youth Employment Program ("SAY" for short) is administered by the Santa Ana WORK Center and provides paid work experience to youth ages 16 – 21 who live in Santa Ana.

SAY at the Zoo work in areas throughout the zoo including the goat yard, butterfly habitat, outreach events, special events, and even education programs. Youth learn basic job skills including completing a time sheet, keeping a set schedule, working with coworkers, upholding safety practices, being dependable and reliable and taking initiative. At the zoo, youth become part of the Zoo family by completing training in interacting with guests, helping guests find their way around the zoo, and keeping both animals and people safe in spaces where they can interact, such as the goat yard. Youth learn all about the animals at the zoo, how they are cared for and how they represent animals in the wild. Since joining the program in July 2021, 18 youth have completed their SAY experience at the zoo and 2 have been hired as Zoo Staff! See if SAY is right for you at WWW.SANTA-ANA.ORG/YOUTH-EMPLOYMENT-PROGRAM.



Floss Silk Tree – Palo Borracho
In fall the large and prickly South American floss silk trees (*Ceiba speciosa*) lining the zoo entry walkway transition from an active period of growth towards winter dormancy. During this time, they take center stage with massive umbrellas of pink flowers, one of the most dramatic floral displays at the zoo. After flowering the trees develop fruit pods resembling large green sausages. As the fruit matures it eventually splits open releasing fluffy white fiber, an adaptation to distribute its seeds in the wind. Floss silk trees are a water-wise tree requiring limited irrigation once established but aren't well suited for small spaces because they may grow up to 60 feet tall. Check out the floss silk tree and over 100 other species of interesting and unique trees on your next visit.

The Southern Mountain Yellow-Legged Frog

Rana muscosa

Amber Suto (AS), Zoo Program Coordinator, is a key member of a recovery program dedicated to the survival of the Southern Mountain Yellow-Legged Frog (MYLF).

AS: “People overlook frogs. But they’re here, they’re important, and if we don’t help them, they’ll disappear. For anyone who thinks amphibians are gross or creepy: the more you learn, the more interesting and beautiful they are. Unlike butterflies, every step of their metamorphosis - from a completely aquatic existence to living on land - is visible. It’s mind-boggling. I can’t imagine what it would be like to undergo such a transformation.”

What are the big factors that contribute to the drastic decline in this frog population? How serious are the threats?

AS: “Fewer than 200 adult frogs are estimated to live in the wild. Drought conditions in MYLF habitats started the recovery program’s first rescue operation. The San Gabriel, San Bernardino, and San Jacinto mountains might seem far from Santa Ana, but we share the Santa Ana River Watershed. Partners traveled to find frogs and tadpoles before their water sources disappeared. Where there is water, invasive species have changed MYLF habitats. Fish-stocking lakes and rivers has created more predators. Trout are voracious: they eat tadpoles and outcompete adult frogs for food. African clawed frogs and American bullfrogs can carry deadly chytrid fungus.”

What can people do to help?

AS: “Responsible pet practices go a long way toward keeping invasive species out of wild habitats. You can help by never releasing pets into the wild. And anything you can do to reduce global warming helps keep water and temperatures where they need to be for healthy frog habitats. Because MYLF live in cold temperatures at mountain elevations, they develop very slowly. In an especially cold year, they might spend up to nine months living under ice underwater. They’re one of the longest-living frog species. A tadpole can take up to four years to become an adult, and they need water that entire time to survive.”

What is the Santa Ana Zoo doing?

AS: “Rescued MYLF homed at Los Angeles Zoo have become a breeding population; the Santa Ana Zoo headstarts (raises) tadpoles from that population, and hopes to release juvenile frogs back into the wild by next year. With our recovery program partners, we are deeply invested in the goal to reach twenty wild stable populations with at least fifty frogs apiece. That doesn’t solve everything, but it will help ensure species survival for at least 100 years.”

Can zoo visitors see the frogs?

AS: “CA Dept. of Fish & Wildlife does not allow display of *Rana muscosa*, but visitors can see into the windows of the Frog Pod (the lab in which we rear the frogs). They might see zoo staff monitoring water temperatures, testing water quality, feeding, cleaning, and doing health checks. During the winter, they may notice it is dark inside and tanks are blacked out to replicate hibernation conditions.”

What do you love about working with MYLF?

AS: “This is legitimately my dream job. I always wanted to work in conservation, and this has a direct and meaningful impact. Plus, it is so fun watching them grow up. This little one right here is just getting back legs. I’m so proud of them!”

Did you know?

YOU CAN DROP OFF OLD/BROKEN CELLPHONES AT THE ZOO TICKET BOOTH TO BE RECYCLED AND FUND CONSERVATION?

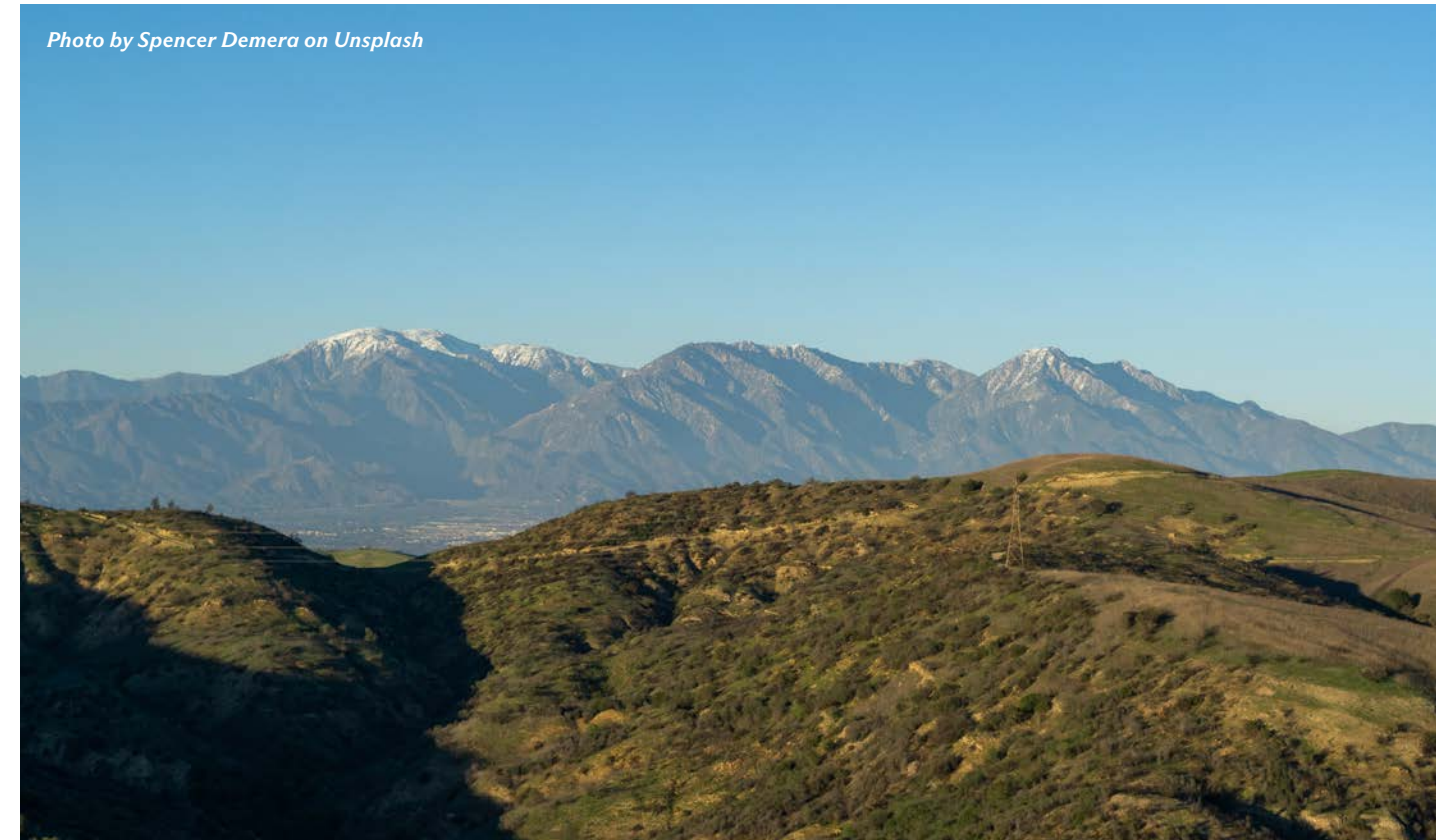


Green Practices Highlight

The Santa Ana Zoo will be hosting a Clean Air Day event in early October to initiate direct citizen action to improve air quality. The zoo also uses concentrated, green cleaning solutions via a dilution station to decrease our chemical and carbon footprints and preserve healthy groundwater.



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HEALTH & WELLNESS

WILDERNESS CLUB AGES 10 AND UP

The community will partake in hiking field trips to city, regional and state nature parks to get outside, observe and learn about Orange County's flora and fauna. Being in nature has proven to increase emotional and physical well-being and environmental education connects us to the world around us!

INSTRUCTOR: City Parks and Recreation Staff

LOCATION: Various nature parks in Orange County. Meet at Roosevelt Walker Center for transportation to destinations. 816 E. Chestnut Ave., Santa Ana. (714) 647-5220

DAY	TIME	MONTH COST
Sat (1 per month)	8AM – 2PM (may vary)	Sept – Dec FREE

HEALTHY PIES CLUB AGES 7 – 18

The Healthy PIES club is designed to offer after school activities that foster education, awareness, and engagement in health and environmental themes. The club focuses on the Physical, Intellectual, Environmental and Social dimensions of wellness. Every other week the program will target a different dimension of wellness and provide youth with different activities related to environmental, physical, intellectual, and social health and awareness.

INSTRUCTOR: City Parks and Recreation Staff

LOCATION: Roosevelt Walker Center. 816 E. Chestnut Ave., Santa Ana. (714) 647-5220

DAY	TIME	MONTH COST
1st and 3rd Thurs.	4PM – 6PM	Sept – Dec FREE

SANTA-ANA.ORG Community Classes

UKULELE LESSONS

Little instrument, Big fun! Learn to play the Uke, All ages and levels welcome. Participants will learn easy songs, basic chords and how to strum their Ukulele! Everyone is welcome... Play your Uke... Have Fun... Make friends!

INSTRUCTOR: Lucas Carneiro

LOCATION: Roosevelt-Walker Community Center

DAY	TIME	MONTH COST
Thursday	5:30 PM – 6:30 PM	FREE

ART WORKSHOP

Want to express yourself in a creative way? Come draw and paint with us! Learn basic drawing and painting skills and explore various art techniques.

INSTRUCTOR: OCCTAC

LOCATION: Roosevelt-Walker Community Center

DAY	TIME	MONTH COST
Monday	6:00 PM – 7:15 PM	FREE

DROP IN PROGRAM

Come join us at our centers and receive homework assistance, fitness activities and art enrichment. Children are encouraged to stay at the location but are free to come and go at any time.

INSTRUCTOR: City Staff

LOCATION: Logan and Memorial Centers

DAY	TIME	MONTH COST
Monday–Friday	2:30 pm to 6:00 pm	FREE

SANTA ANA SENIOR CENTER

FULL STRENGTH

Have your fitness attire and water bottle ready! This is a full body workout, using resistance and body weight to help shape and strengthen your muscles, burn fat, and improve your cardiovascular endurance.

INSTRUCTOR: Santa Ana Senior Center staff

LOCATION: Santa Ana Senior Center

DAY	TIME	MONTH COST
Monday	10:00am	FREE

LOTERIA

From Europe to Mexico by way of Spain, test your coordination and your luck with Loteria. Similar to Bingo the reader will call an illustration and with luck the image will be on your tabla. ¡Buena Suerte!

INSTRUCTOR: Santa Ana Senior Center Staff

LOCATION: Santa Ana Senior Center

DAY	TIME	MONTH COST
Monday & Wednesday	12:00pm – 2:00pm	FREE

ENGLISH CLASS FOR SPANISH SPEAKERS

Learn the basics to speaking English! We will also cover self-introductions, conversation starters, identifying objects, and more!

INSTRUCTOR: Santa Ana Senior Center Staff

LOCATION: Santa Ana Senior Center

DAY	TIME	MONTH COST
Monday	12:00pm – 1:00pm	FREE
Friday	10:00am – 11:00am	FREE



ACTIVITY BOOKLET WORKSHOP

Need help or have a question about this month's senior activity booklet? Learn how to solve Sudoku and the other puzzles featured in the monthly senior activity booklet.

INSTRUCTOR: Santa Ana Senior Center Staff

LOCATION: Santa Ana Senior Center

DAY	TIME	MONTH COST
Monday	11:00 – 12:00pm	FREE

THE EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (TEFAP)

The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) is a federal program that helps supplement the diets of low-income Americans by providing them with emergency food assistance. Non-perishable items, contact center directly for further details.

INSTRUCTOR: Santa Ana Senior Center Staff

LOCATION: Santa Ana Senior Center

DAY	TIME	MONTH COST
2nd & 3rd Thursday of the Month	8:30am – 11:00am	FREE

COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND RESOURCES

ONLINE DRIVER'S EDUCATION COURSE

\$39/Session

AGES: 15 yrs & Up

The DMV allow teens to receive their Learner's Permit at age 15½m, and a license at the age 16. This class is the FIRST, required step that must be completed. This is an online course with videos, animated driving scenarios, and sample test questions. Learn the rules of the road, major causes of traffic collisions, DMV procedures and much more. A license instructor is available to answer any questions, Receive DMV-approved Certificate of Completion. Sign up any time. Once students are registered, they will be contacted by the instructor.

INSTRUCTOR: Bay Area Driving School

LOCATION: At home, on your computer

SESSIONS: Available daily, 24/7

KIDS NIGHT OUT

AGES: 6-12 yrs

Let us entertain your children in a safe and fun environment. Sign-up for Kids' Night Out and treat yourself while the kids have some fun at the Community Center. Your child will play festive games, create works of art, and make new friends at this One-day three-hour program.

INSTRUCTOR: Staff

LOCATION: El Salvador Center, 1825 W Civic Center Dr., Santa Ana, (714) 647-6558

DAY	TIME	MONTH COST
10/21/22	5:00pm – 8:00pm	Monster Mash \$20
11/18/22	5:00pm – 8:00pm	Turkey Fun \$20
12/16/22	5:00pm – 8:00pm	Candy Cane Lane \$20

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INSTRUCTOR: Santa Ana Senior Center Staff

LOCATION: Southwest Senior Center

DAY	TIME	MONTH COST
2nd & 3rd Thursday of the Month	9:30am – 11:00am	FREE

TECHNOLOGY CLASS

In this classes you will learn how to use the internet, Facebook, send emails electronically, send text, get in touch easier with your friends and loved ones and much more.

INSTRUCTOR: Center Staff

LOCATION: Southwest Senior Center

DAY	TIME	MONTHLY COST
Mondays	9:00am – 10:30am	FREE
Wednesday & Friday	10:00am – 11:00am	FREE

TEENS & OLDER YOUTH

AEROBICS

AGE: 18+

Aerobics dance classes are designed for all people with beginner and intermediate fitness skills. The instructor demonstrates techniques and methods of getting body muscles, flexibility and improving your cardiovascular system. Aerobics dance is an excellent way to reduce cholesterol and improve circulation.

LOCATION: Salgado Center, 706 N. Newhope St., Santa Ana, (714) 571-4267

DAY	TIME	MONTHLY COST
Monday & Wednesday	6:00pm – 7:00pm	\$25
Tuesday & Thursday	6:00pm – 7:00pm	\$25
Tuesday & Thursday	7:00pm – 8:00pm	\$25

LATIN ZUMBA

AGE: 18+

The easiest way to lose weight, burn fat and learn to dance. Zumba fitness is the dance class that needs no dance experience, come dance to the music and rhythms of the world, with easy steps to follow, join us for this fantastic fitness party!

LOCATION: Salgado Center, 706 N. Newhope St., Santa Ana, (714) 571-4267

DAY	TIME	MONTHLY COST
Monday & Wednesday	7:00pm – 8:00pm	\$25



SOUTHWEST SENIOR CENTER

STRETCH CLASS

Join our stretch class; this 30-minute class will strengthen your muscles and joints to keep your body strong and flexible.

INSTRUCTOR: Center staff

LOCATION: Southwest Senior Center

DAY	TIME	MONTHLY COST
Wednesday & Friday	8:30am – 9am	FREE

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INSTRUCTOR: Center staff

LOCATION: Southwest Senior Center

DAY	TIME	MONTHLY COST
Mondays & Fridays	11:30am – 12:30pm	FREE
Wednesday	10:30am – 12:00pm	FREE

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INSTRUCTOR: Center staff

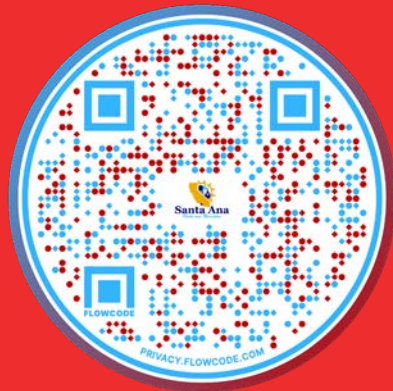
LOCATION: Southwest Senior Center

DAY	TIME	MONTHLY COST
Monday	11:00 – 12:00pm	FREE

CLASS REGISTRATION

Scan the QR Code with your phone for easy access to class registration.





OPENING NIGHT:
Tree-lighting ceremony
Saturday, December 10
5:00 - 9:00 pm

Scan the QR code for rink hours of operation.

Santa Ana Winter Village

Kick off the holiday season in Santa Ana as the outdoor ice-skating rink returns to the OC Civic Center!

Back by popular demand, families will once again be able to enjoy outdoor ice skating for over a month long starting on December 8! Along with ice-skating, families can enjoy the trackless train rides, visits with Santa Claus, story time with Mrs. Claus, food trucks, vendors and more. A special grand opening and tree-lighting ceremony will officially introduce the ice skating event on Saturday, December 10 from 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm.

SKATING SCHEDULE: December 8th 2022 to January 8th 2023; see website or scan the QR code for rink hours of operation.

COST/LOCATION: Admission may vary from \$6.25 to \$13.25/Standard parking rates apply/Parking is located at 601 N Flower Street and in Downtown parking structures by Fourth Street.

ATHLETICS

KARATE DO KIAI

This Japanese style martial arts class will help improve one's self-discipline, physical and mental attributes. Participants will learn the basic self-defense technique in the Japanese style. This class will teach students responsibility, encourage productivity and respect for others.

LOCATION: Jerome Center

DAY	TIME	MONTHLY COST
Monday & Wednesday	5:30pm – 6:30pm	\$50.00 per month
Monday & Wednesday	6:30pm – 7:30pm	\$50.00 per month

TKO BOXING

Kid's ages 8 years – 18 years learn the basic skills of boxing & self-defense

LOCATION: Jerome Center

DAY	TIME	MONTHLY COST
Monday – Friday	4:30pm – 6:30pm	\$45.00 per year

OCCTAC/ART ENRICHMENT

The curriculum includes developing proficient drawing and painting techniques, artistic perception, storing-telling and literacy.

LOCATION: Jerome Center

DAY	TIME	MONTHLY COST
Monday & Wednesday	3:30pm – 4:45pm	FREE

OCCTAC/UKULELE CLASS

The Ukulele class is introduced as an instrument, but also basic musical concepts are being presented: such as rhythm, melody, harmony, focus as well as sonic and spatial awareness.

LOCATION: Jerome Center

DAY	TIME	MONTHLY COST
Monday	3:30pm – 4:45pm	FREE

OCCTAC/DRAWING & PAINTING

Students will learn to draw and paint still life, portraits, and landscapes. Creators will explore the elements and principals of art using different techniques and materials.

LOCATION: Jerome Center

DAY	TIME	MONTHLY COST
Tuesday & Thursday	3:30pm – 4:45pm	FREE

OCCTAC/DANCE & MOVEMENT

The curriculum allows for self-expression through movement using different genres of music.

LOCATION: Jerome Center

DAY	TIME	MONTHLY COST
Tuesday & Thursday	3:30pm – 4:45pm	FREE



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CULTURA

A Community Connection Guide

We hope you have enjoyed our first run of Cultura: Santa Ana's Community Connection Guide. If you would like to receive future editions delivered to your home, please scan the QR code below and enter your name and address. We would love to send you the upcoming printed guides.

If you would like to contribute to future Cultura Guides and have ideas for stories or pictures to submit, please send them to Cultura@santa-ana.org. We will be sure to give credit to anyone who submits ideas or photos that are used. We appreciate any and all feedback.

Please remember, this Guide has been created for you, our Residents, our Community, our reason for being here. You are the true heart and culture of Santa Ana and we are happy to serve you all the best way we can.

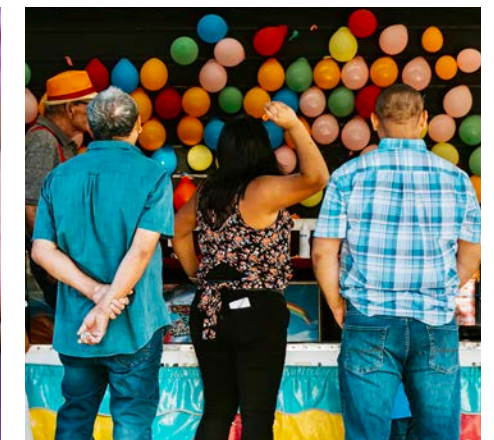
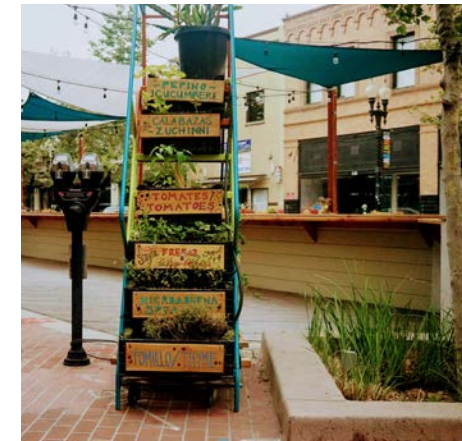
Fiestas Patrias

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Recuerde, esta guía ha sido creada para usted—nuestros residentes, nuestra comunidad, nuestra razón de estar aquí. Ustedes son el verdadero corazón y la cultura de Santa Ana y nos complace servirles de la mejor manera posible.





Fiestas Patrias
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RESOURCES

GENERAL CITY INFORMATION

City of Santa Ana – General Info
(714) 647-5400
 Employment with the City of Santa Ana
(714) 647-6500
 Orange County Fire Authority
(714) 573-6000
 Water Bill – Finance
(714) 647-3320

LIBRARY INFORMATION

Main Library
(714)647-5250
 Newhope Library
(714) 647-6992

RECREATION INFORMATION

Parks & Recreation – General Info
(714) 571-4200
 Garfield Center
(714) 571-4288
 El Salvador Center
(714) 647-6558
 Jerome Center
(714) 647-6559
 Memorial Center
(714) 571-4242
 Mudline
 (Updated following inclement weather)
(714) 571-4201
 Public Swimming Pools – Blueray
(949) 887-5985
 Reservations Office at Centennial
(714) 571-4225
 Salgado Center
(714) 571-4267
 Santa Ana Senior Center
(714) 647-6540
 Southwest Senior Center
(714) 647-5306

ZOO INFORMATION

Zoo – Recorded Info
(714) 836-4000
 Ticket Booth
(714) 647-6575
 Friends of the Zoo (FOSAZ)
(714) 953-8555

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Mid Autumn Festival
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