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Los Angeles Public Library Celebrates 150 Years Serving Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES (December 7, 2022)— Los Angeles Public Library (LAPL) celebrates 150 years serving Los Angeles with 150 days of special activities and programs. Beginning December 7, 2022 through May 6, 2023, Angelenos are invited to learn about the library's history and impact on the city, share their memories, and connect with the historic and landmark Central Library and 72 branch libraries in neighborhoods across the city of Los Angeles.

"In an ever-changing world, I am so proud that the Library embraces that constant evolution of public needs, exponentially increasing our relevance and impact in serving the education, information and recreational interests of residents in the city," said City Librarian John F. Szabo. "Our history is wonderfully rich as is the public's unwavering support of the library since its founding 150 years ago. It is my greatest honor to lead this public institution of learning as we continue to break new ground as a dynamic leader in equity, access, opportunity and empowerment."

The Los Angeles Public Library's [150th Anniversary Celebration](#) launches the festivities at Central Library today with activities generously funded by the [Library Foundation of Los Angeles](#), including:

Kickoff Program at Taper Auditorium - 1:30 p.m.

Trace through the library's history and learn about special 150th celebration activities scheduled citywide for the next 150 days. Streaming live on the library's [YouTube channel](#).

Courtyard Reception - 2:30 p.m.

Festivities continue with music and refreshments to thank library patrons for their continued support.

Snapchat AR Experience at the Knowledge Pool - 3 p.m.

Join Snapchat representatives to explore "The Knowledge Pool," an augmented reality experience about Central Library.



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Octavia Lab Open House - 3 to 5 p.m.

Take a tour of the digital media makerspace, enjoy DIY demonstrations and hands-on activities and take a commemorative photo using the green screen.

150th Anniversary activities and programs available during the 150 days of celebration include:

[150th Anniversary Challenge](#)

Register to join this fun activity-based challenge to earn badges and be entered into a drawing to win exciting prizes, including a gift card from The Library Store.

[Special Programs](#)

Find programs and events for all ages to celebrate and connect with the community.

[Timeline with Fun Facts and Blog Posts](#)

Explore the path from the Library's humble beginnings in 1872 to present day Central Library and 72 neighborhood libraries.

[Their.Story](#)

Share library memories using this web-based storytelling platform to help collect and preserve the stories that connect us.

[Virtual Escape Room](#)

Adventure through library history to solve a series of virtual puzzles and return to the present-day.

150th Anniversary Exhibit

Opening March 2023 at Central Library.

Additional events, open houses and more are being planned at all LAPL locations through May 6, 2023. Information about these upcoming events and more is available at lapl.org/150.



About Los Angeles Public Library

Celebrating 150 years of service, the Los Angeles Public Library serves the largest and most diverse urban population of any library in the nation. A recipient of the nation's highest honor for library service—the National Medal from the Institute of Museum and Library Services—its Central Library, 72 branch libraries, collection of more than eight million books, state-of-the art technology accessible at lapl.org and thousands of public programs provide everyone with free and easy access to information and the opportunity for life-long learning.

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