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The National Wildlife Federation's #SaveLACougars Campaign and the Los Angeles Public Library Invite Communities to Watch the P-22 Celebration of Life at Local Libraries

Public libraries throughout Los Angeles will present livestreams of the unprecedented event.

LOS ANGELES (January 26, 2023)—The National Wildlife Federation's #SaveLACougars campaign and the Los Angeles Public Library invite members of the community to join in the upcoming, "P-22 Celebration of Life" by attending special gatherings at 11 libraries throughout Los Angeles to watch the official event livestream of the Saturday, February 4 event.

Happening at the Greek Theater in Los Angeles on **Saturday, February 4 from 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.**, the celebration will feature emotional spoken, artistic, and video tributes as well as live musical performances.

What: Los Angeles Public Library "P-22 Celebration of Life" Community Livestream Gatherings

When: Saturday, February 4th – 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Where: The locations for the eleven Los Angeles Public Library watch party gatherings are here: <https://lapl.org/p-22>

"Angelenos love their libraries, and they certainly love P-22. The Los Angeles Public Library is pleased to provide gathering spaces for our communities to come together in remembrance," said City Librarian John F. Szabo. "The relationship between wildlife and humanity must be nurtured to ensure our shared future, and we are excited to welcome Angelenos to join us in paying tribute."

"We are so grateful to the Los Angeles Public Library for hosting these gatherings to watch P-22's celebration of life event. Our intent for the event is to make it as accessible as possible to people, and our libraries are wonderful community spaces," said Beth Pratt, California Regional Executive Director, National Wildlife Federation.

"In our vast city, hearing tales and stories about our neighbor P-22's bravery over the past 12 years, drew us together. Our hope is that these public celebrations help Angelenos find solace and comfort as well as inspiration to take action to advocate for wildlife protection," says Stacy Lieberman, President, and CEO of the Library Foundation of Los Angeles.

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Beyond the upcoming community gatherings, the Los Angeles Public Library and Library Foundation of Los Angeles' ALOUD series is also presenting "How P-22 United Our City: Love Letters to L.A.'s Favorite Cat," on February 22 at 7 p.m. at Los Angeles Central Library's Taper Auditorium. The program features California Regional Executive Director for the National Wildlife Federation's Beth Pratt, Senior Manager of Community Science for Natural History Museum Miguel Ordeñana, Chumash and Tataviam Elder Alan Salazar, journalist Martha Groves, and author Sherry Mangel-Ferber, sharing stories about this beloved animal followed by an open mic for those who wish to share remembrances.

It was P-22's miraculous journey across two of Los Angeles' busiest freeways and incredible story of survival against all odds that first captured the imagination of Angelenos and people from all over the world and gave life to the #SaveLACougars campaign that is now building the Wallis Annenberg Wildlife Crossing. The crossing is slated for completion in 2025.

You can learn more about the #SaveLACougars campaign, its efforts in communities all over the Los Angeles area and to follow progress on construction of the Wallis Annenberg Wildlife Crossing visit <https://savelacougars.org/> and <https://101wildlifecrossing.org/>.

Los Angeles Public Library

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Library Foundation of Los Angeles

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