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Los Angeles Public Library Celebrates Nowruz, Persian New Year, at Central Library

Los Angeles (March 13, 2025)—Los Angeles Public Library will celebrate the Persian New Year, Nowruz, and the cultural heritage of L.A.'s Persian community on Sunday, March 16 from 1:15 to 4:15 p.m. at Central Library, 630 W. Fifth St., Los Angeles.

New Year's Day, called Nowruz, always falls on the March equinox in the Iranian solar calendar.

"We are delighted to celebrate the Persian New Year at Central Library's 2025 Nowruz Festival," said City Librarian John F. Szabo. "With author programs for the whole family, pottery workshops, musical demonstrations, and a book fair, there is something for everyone as the Library highlights the rich cultural heritage of our city's Persian community. All Angelenos are welcome."

The centerpiece of this year's festival will be the Dance to Liberty Show, featuring performances by community members as well as a folk dance ensemble, all accompanied by a storyteller. Other activities will include author panels, workshops on pottery and mosaic tiles, children's crafts, cultural games, a reptile show, and more. This event is free and open to all.

"Los Angeles Public Library is committed to showcasing the diversity of our vibrant city," said Valerie Lynne Shaw, President of the Board of Library Commissioners. "Join us for an afternoon of dancing and traditional crafts at Nowruz!"

For more information, please contact 310-390-3454 or persian@lapl.org.

A recipient of the nation's highest honor for library service—the National Medal from the Institute of Museum and Library Services—the Los Angeles Public Library serves the largest and most diverse urban population of any library in the nation. 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 lifelong learning.