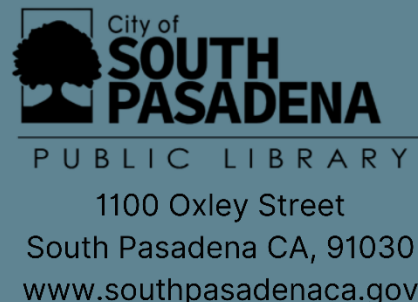




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## **South Pasadena Public Library to Celebrate Earth Month with Book to Art Program**

South Pasadena (Calif.) – In celebration of Earth Month and its indigenous roots, the South Pasadena Public Library will host a Book to Art Program featuring *Fresh Banana Leaves* by Jessica Hernandez, Ph.D.. Patrons are invited to read the book and join us for an Upcycled Herb Planter project on Saturday, April 15 at 2:00 p.m. in the Library Community Room located at 1115 El Centro Street. Attendees are encouraged, but not required to read *Fresh Banana Leaves*.

*Fresh Banana Leaves* explores how indigenous science is often ignored and “otherized” within the realm of western science and the negative impact this has on its communities and the Earth. Hernandez uses case studies, historical overviews, and stories that center the voices and lived experiences of indigenous Latin American women and land protectors to explain how systemic colonialism, racism, and capitalism intersect to keep indigenous science out of mainstream environmental policy and discourse.

The Library plans to bring these ideas to life by hosting a free Upcycled Herb Planter project. All ages are welcome to join in creating a sustainable herb garden that

they will be able to take home and watch grow. All supplies will be provided, registration is required. Register for this event at [www.southpasadenaca.gov/register](http://www.southpasadenaca.gov/register).

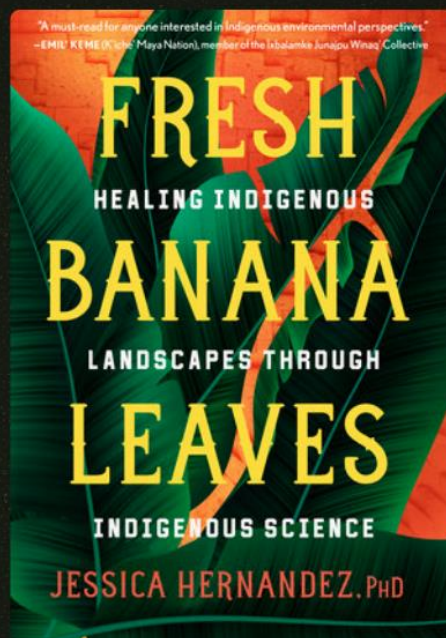
The Book to Art program is presented by the South Pasadena Public Library with generous support from the Friends of the South Pasadena Public Library and the South Pasadena Community Garden.

The South Pasadena Public Library is located at 1100 Oxley Street in South Pasadena. Visit the Library website at [www.southpasadenaca.gov/library](http://www.southpasadenaca.gov/library) for information about services and programs. The Library is open Monday, Friday, Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. and Sunday 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Upon request made no later than four (4) business days before the event, the City will provide a reasonable accommodation for a qualified person with a disability to have equal access to the event. Please call (626) 403-7312 or fill out the City's request form available at [www.southpasadenaca.gov](http://www.southpasadenaca.gov) and email the form to Human Resources at [HR@southpasadenaca.gov](mailto:HR@southpasadenaca.gov).

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# BOOK to ART



## BOOK TO ART

Read Fresh Banana Leaves by Jessica Hernandez and join us  
for an upcycled herb planter project!

**DATE:** Saturday, April 15, 2023

**TIME:** 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Library Conference Room, 1100 Oxley Street

**REGISTER:** Register at [southpasadenaca.gov/register](https://southpasadenaca.gov/register) or  
call (626) 403-7359.