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South Pasadena Public Library Announces Annual Summer Reading Program

South Pasadena (Calif.) –The South Pasadena Public Library's Summer Reading Program (SRP) - Find Your Voice - will take place Wednesday, May 31 through Saturday, July 29. Participants of all ages are invited to read and track time spent reading for opportunities to earn prizes, as well as attend a variety of in-person programming.

Programming will take place throughout the summer. Adults can participate in a discussion of Olivia Waite's romance novel *The Lady's Guide to Celestial Mechanics* and a celestial watercolor project for the Library's Book to Art: Adult Book Club program on Saturday, June 17, at 2:00 p.m. Registration is required for this event. Visit http://www.southpasadenaca.gov/register for more information.

Families will have the opportunity to march with the Library in the annual Festival of Balloons Fourth of July Parade. Participants may join the Library staff under the Moreton Bay Fig tree on the Diamond Street side of the Library Park at 10:45 a.m. on Tuesday, July 4 to participate. No registration is required for the parade. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Children and families can also celebrate SRP by attending weekly storytimes, Wonderful Wednesday performances, and a special Whole Steps Music and Dance program for 2- to 4-year olds. Starting the week of June 13, storytimes will be held on Tuesdays for 3- to 5-year olds, on Thursdays for 1- to 3-year olds, and on Saturdays for all ages. Wonderful Wednesday events, held at 6 p.m. on the Oxley Street side of Library Park from June 14 through July 26, will showcase puppets, music, storytelling and dance, juggling, magic, and science. And the Whole Steps Music and Dance presentations will be offered on June 23 and July 28 at 10:30 a.m. in the Library Community Room. Registration is required for the Whole Steps events. Visit http://www.southpasadenaca.gov/register for more information.

Pre-registration for SRP begins Monday, May 22. For complete SRP details, visit the Summer Reading Program landing page on the Library's website (http://www.southpasadenaca.gov/SRPinfo).

Summer reading is not just fun, it is important. Research has shown that students who read at least 20 minutes daily have a clear literacy advantage over children and teens that read less or don't read at all. The Summer Reading Program stops the summer learning slide and strengthens children's and teens' literacy advantage.

This program is presented by the South Pasadena Public Library with generous support from the Friends of the South Pasadena Public Library, Inc. Additional program sponsors include Golf N' Stuff, Kim's Hapkido, Mathnasium of South Pasadena, Nothing Bundt Cakes, the South Pasadena Chinese-American Club, and the South Pasadena Arts & Music Academy.

The South Pasadena Public Library is located at 1100 Oxley Street in South Pasadena. Visit the Library website at 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, 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 and email the form to Human Resources at HR@southpasadenaca.gov.

