



City of
SANTA CLARITA
PUBLIC LIBRARY

WINTER 2025/2026

DECEMBER 8, 2025 - FEBRUARY 27, 2026

PROGRAM GUIDE



Every year, the Santa Clarita Public Library's One Story One City Program encourages discussion amongst residents and promotes reading and learning through the celebration of one story during the month of March. Stay tuned for when we announce the 2026 book selection!



REQUEST THE LIBRARY EXPRESS!

Do you want the Library Express to come to your park, school or place of business? Visit SantaClaritaLibrary.com and request a stop!

18TH ANNUAL FAMILY LITERACY FESTIVAL

Join us for non-stop fun under the big top with crafts, Wonder Wheels and Storytimes!

Old Town Newhall Branch
Saturday, December 6
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.



PASSPORT FAIR!

Are you in need of a passport? Come by the Community Passport Fair to have your application processed. No reservations necessary!

Old Town Newhall Branch
January 9, 2026
1:00 - 5:30 p.m.

ALL SANTA CLARITA PUBLIC LIBRARY PROGRAMS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

ONGOING PROGRAMS

FAMILY LEGO® BLOCK PARTY

(Ages 5-12)

Thousands of pieces of LEGO® will be available and creations will be displayed in the children's area for one week!

Canyon Country Jo Anne Darcy Branch

January 13 and February 24

3:30-4:30 p.m.

Valencia Branch

December 17 and January 21

4:00-5:00 p.m.

CRAFTERNOON

(Ages 5-12)

Come get crafty with us doing fun, seasonal crafts that make wonderful keepsakes! We'll provide the supplies and directions, you supply your creativity.

Old Town Newhall Branch

Thursday

January 22 and February 12

3:30-4:30 p.m.

SCIENCE EXPLORERS

(Ages 5-12)

Explore science through various experiments and projects using creative materials!

Canyon Country Jo Anne Darcy Branch

Tuesday

February 10

3:30-4:30 p.m.



SPECIAL PROGRAMS

COOKIE DECORATING

(Ages 5-12)

Join us to decorate a holiday cookie with icing, sprinkles and more. While supplies last.

Canyon Country Jo Anne Darcy Branch

Tuesday, December 9

3:30-4:30 p.m.

Old Town Newhall Branch

Thursday, December 11

3:30-4:30 p.m.

Valencia Branch

Wednesday, December 10

4:00-5:00 p.m.



READ TO A DOG

(Ages 5-12)

Meet some furry friends and have a doggone good time reading to a therapy dog!

Canyon Country Jo Anne Darcy Branch

Thursdays

January 22 and February 26

4:00-5:00 p.m.

Old Town Newhall Branch

Tuesdays

December 9, January 13, February 10

4:00-5:00 p.m.

Valencia Branch

Thursdays

December 18, January 15 and February 19

4:00-5:00 p.m.



RAISING KIDS IN A DIGITAL WORLD

(Ages 3-5)

Come explore Healthy Digital Habits with Sesame Street and Google! In this workshop, kids and caregivers will discover fun ways to build healthy digital habits through storytime, creativity and movement and mind!

Old Town Newhall Branch

Thursday, December 18

10:30-11:30 a.m.



MEET AUTHOR/ANIMAL TRAINER SAM SHERDEL AND THE REAL LIVE ANIMAL STARS IN HER BOOK

(Ages 5-12)

Author and animal trainer Sam Sherdel will read from her upcoming book! Sam will bring the animals that are stars of the book and children will be able to touch them. We will also have a contest prior to the event where winners can choose from being first in line to meet the animals, win a chance to feed worms to the bearded dragon or give strawberries to the tortoise.

Valencia Branch

Thursday, January 8

4:00-5:00 p.m.

FROZEN PARTY!!!

(Ages 5-12)

Join us at the Canyon Country Jo Anne Darcy Branch for a Frozen Party with Elsa! There will be coloring pages, pictures, songs and a special storytime with a princess!

Canyon Country Jo Anne Darcy Branch

Tuesday, January 27

3:30-4:30 p.m.



UNPLUG AND PLAY

(Ages 5-12)

Unplug and enjoy engaging activities for the body and mind!

Old Town Newhall Branch

Thursday, February 5

3:30-4:30 p.m.



VALENTINE'S TREAT, CRAFT AND EXPERIMENT

(Ages 2-12)

Decorate a Rice Krispy Treat and card, along with participating in a "red" experiment.

Valencia Branch

Wednesday

February 11

4:00-5:00 p.m.



FAMILY ART ACTIVITY

(Ages 0-5)

Families will enjoy this opportunity to choose from an assortment of art projects. Some may even get selected to go on our bulletin board!

Valencia Branch

Wednesday, February 25

4:00-5:00 p.m.

STORYTIME*

(Ages 0-5)

Join us for storytime to read books, sing songs, dance and more!

*On Break from December 21 - January 9

Canyon Country Jo Anne Darcy Branch

Alternating Thursdays

December 18, January 15, January 29, February 12 and February 26

9:30-10:30 a.m.

Old Town Newhall Branch

Tuesdays

9:30-10:30 a.m.

Valencia Branch

Tuesdays and Wednesdays

9:30-10:30 a.m.



CUENTA CUENTOS*

(Ages 0-5)

Join us to read books and sing songs in Spanish and English!

*On Break from December 21 - January 9

Canyon Country Jo Anne Darcy Branch

Alternating Thursdays

December 11, January 22, February 5, February 19 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Old Town Newhall Branch

Wednesdays

9:30-10:30 a.m.

TIEMPO DE CUENTOS*

(Ages 0-5)

¡Trae a tus niños a la Biblioteca de Old Town Newhall para disfrutar una hora llena de cuentos, canciones y juegos!

Esta sesión será únicamente en español.

Biblioteca de Old Town Newhall

Jueves, 22 de enero

12:00-1:00 p.m.

ONGOING PROGRAMS

TEEN CRAFTS AND STUFF

Get creative, craft and engage in this fun program for youth ages 12-18! Check out our events calendar to see the schedule of activities.

Canyon Country Jo Anne Darcy Branch

Thursdays
January 22, February 12, February 19
4:00-5:00 p.m.

Old Town Newhall Branch

January 28 and February 25
3:30-4:30 p.m.

Valencia Branch

Thursdays
December 11, January 22, February 5,
February 19
3:30-4:30 p.m.



TEEN GAME DAY

Join us for a variety of fun games just for teens and tweens!

Old Town Newhall Branch

Wednesdays
January 21 and February 18
3:30-4:30 p.m.

Valencia Branch

Saturday
February 14
3:30-4:30 p.m.



TEEN LIBRARY EATS

Learn basic tips and tricks about cooking then enjoy a tasty snack made by you! Check our events calendar to see the "menu."

Canyon Country Jo Anne Darcy Branch

Thursdays
January 15, January 29, February 5
4:00-5:00 p.m.

Old Town Newhall Branch

Mondays
January 12, February 9
3:30-4:30 p.m.

Valencia Branch

Thursdays
December 18, January 15, January 29,
February 12, February 26
3:30-4:30 p.m.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

WINTER IN-FORMAL

Teens will be invited into the community room for dancing, games and an evening of fun!

Canyon Country Jo Anne Darcy Branch

Thursday, December 11
4:00-6:00 p.m.



TEEN STUDY CAFE

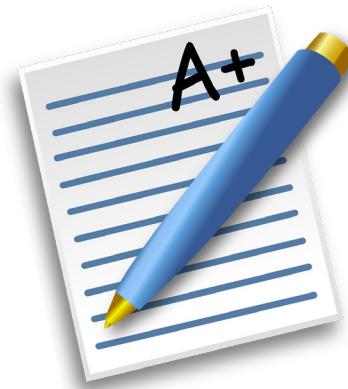
Group study time in the quiet of our teen area/ community room with easy access to our Library resources. Water and snacks are available.

Old Town Newhall Branch

December 15 through 18
3:30-5:00 p.m.

Valencia Branch

December 15 through 17
3:30-5:00 p.m.



LEARN AND LAUNCH ROBOTICS

Members of the FIRST Robotics Team (FRC), Project 691, from West Ranch High School will guide students in grades 6-8 through the basics of coding and robotics.

Old Town Newhall Branch

Monday, February 2
3:30-4:30 p.m.





TEEN SERPENT LOUNGE

Teens and tweens, are you interested in exotic reptiles? Learn fun facts and interact with a variety of reptiles in the Serpent Lounge!

Valencia Branch

Tuesday, January 20
3:30-4:30 p.m.



DIY FIDGET TOY MAKER: BEAD SNAKES

Need something to keep your hands busy while you study, relax or focus? Join us to create your very own fidget toy—bead snakes!

Old Town Newhall Branch

Monday, January 26
3:30-4:30 p.m.

VALENTINE SHRINKY DINKS

Design and color your own Valentine-themed Shrinky Dinks—think hearts, sweet sayings and fun characters—then watch the magic happen as they shrink into keychains, pins or charms you can keep or gift to someone special.

Old Town Newhall Branch

Wednesday, February 11
3:30-4:30 p.m.



TEEN ENGLISH CONVERSATION CLUB

Come practice English in a relaxed and friendly environment with other teen English Language Learners.

Old Town Newhall Branch

First and Third Wednesday of the month
4:00-5:30 p.m.

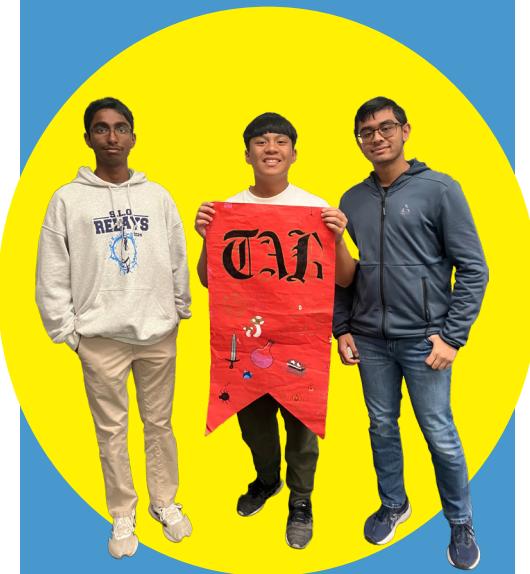
TEEN SLIME DAY!

Get ready to mix, stretch and squish! Join us for Slime Day, where you'll create your own custom slime using glitter, colors and more. Whether you like it fluffy, crunchy or gooey—we've got the ingredients to make your perfect slime. Dress for mess!

Old Town Newhall Branch

Monday, February 23
3:30-4:30 p.m.

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD



Be a voice for teens and get volunteer hours by participating!

Open to anyone ages 12-18.
First-time registration must be completed at least one week prior to the meeting. Talk with the Teen Services Librarian at your Branch to learn more!

Canyon Country Jo Anne Darcy Branch

First Wednesday of the Month
4:30-5:30 p.m.

Old Town Newhall Branch*

First Thursday of the Month
4:00-5:00 p.m.

*No meeting in January

Valencia Branch*

First Friday of the Month
4:30-5:30 p.m.

*No meeting in January

ONGOING PROGRAMS

ENGLISH CONVERSATION CLUB

Practice English in a relaxed environment with other English Language Learners.

Old Town Newhall Branch

Wednesdays*

11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

*No meeting December 17

SPANISH CONVERSATION CLUB

Practice Spanish in a relaxed environment with other Spanish Language Learners.

Old Town Newhall Branch

First and Third Wednesdays of the Month*

12:30-1:30 p.m.

*No meeting January 7



SUNDAY AFTERNOON ACOUSTIC JAM

Join a group of local Santa Clarita acoustic musicians who have been playing together since the 1970s! Bring your acoustic instrument and join the circle!

Old Town Newhall Branch

First Sunday of the month

December 7, January 4, February 1

1:00-3:00p.m.

SIT AND STITCH

Bring your own supplies and enjoy your stitching project with other crafters!

Canyon Country Jo Anne Darcy Branch

Second and Fourth Saturdays of the Month

10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

WINTER TRIVIA NIGHT

Come pit your knowledge of the winter season against your peers.

Canyon Country Jo Anne Darcy Branch

Wednesday, December 10

5:30-6:30 p.m.

BLOCK PRINT GIFT WRAP

Participants will get creative this season by carving their own stamp and designing custom gift wrap.

Valencia Branch

Wednesday, December 10

6:00-7:00 p.m.

OPEN HOUSE MAKERSPACE

Come use out Makerspace! Bring your own materials or just come use ours and create!

Old Town Newhall Branch

Friday, December 12

3:00-4:00 p.m.

FAVORITE BOOKS GARLAND

Decorate winter-themed ornament shapes with your favorite books of the year, then hang it on a garland on in the Library for our New Year's decorations.

Canyon Country Jo Anne Darcy Branch

Wednesday, December 17

5:30-6:30 p.m.

COOKIE DECORATING

While supplies last, adult patrons will be able to enjoy decorating cookies of all shapes.

Old Town Newhall Branch

Thursday, December 18

5:30-6:30 p.m.



ART SPOTLIGHT: CROSS HATCHING

Art Spotlight is a seasonal series designed to introduce participants to a variety of art forms and hands on techniques. Check out the calendar for more information!

Valencia Branch

Saturday, December 20

1:00-2:00 p.m.

PERSONALIZE YOUR OWN HAT!

Come personalize a baseball cap or bucket hat with the Cricut machine!

Old Town Newhall Branch

Saturday, January 3

2:30-4:00 p.m.



DIY READY MIX JARS

Fill a jar with a mix of spices, tea, cocoa or coffee to make a unique treat for yourself or as a gift.

Canyon Country Jo Anne Darcy Branch

Wednesday, January 7

4:30-5:30 p.m.

NEW YEAR HARMONY WITH PAUL STEIN

Ring in the New Year on a high note at Old Town Newhall Branch as we welcome back Paul Stein, esteemed retired violinist from the Los Angeles Philharmonic

Old Town Newhall Branch

Saturday, January 10

3:00-4:00 p.m.

CROSS STITCH BOOKMARKS

In this program, participants will be able to create a cross stitch design with colorful threads and a wooden bookmark base.

Valencia Branch

Tuesday, January 13

4:30-5:30 p.m.

DIY CHECKERS BOARD

Come make a custom checkers board and pieces cute enough to keep out for decoration.

Canyon Country Jo Anne Darcy Branch

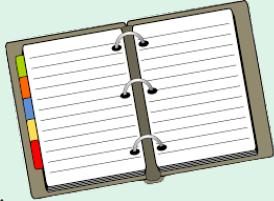
Wednesday, January 14
5:30-6:30 p.m.

BUILD HABITS, DISEÑA TU AGENDA

This fun bilingual workshop will introduce participants to time management and organization skills to kick off the new year off. They will also be able to start their own planner to take home with them.

Valencia Branch

Saturday, January 17
12:00-1:00 p.m.



LET'S EAT MINI CAKES

We'll be mixing up batches of spice cake and red velvet, also serving coffee and tea.

Valencia Branch

Tuesday, January 20
5:30-6:30 p.m.

HOME COFFEE BASICS

This exciting coffee presentation will introduce the basics of home brewing! Registration required.

Valencia Branch

Wednesday, January 21
5:30-7:00 p.m.



ARTIST SPOTLIGHT: SAMELLA LEWIS

Explore the legacy of Samella Sanders Lewis and her work as an American visual artist and art historian. After a brief learning session, patrons can try her art methods by creating foam stamps.

Old Town Newhall Branch

Friday, January 23
4:00-5:00 p.m.

FONDUE FANTASY

Dip strawberries, marshmallows, vanilla wafers and shortbread cookies into a chocolate dip and top off your confection treat with sprinkles.

Valencia Branch

Tuesday, February 10
5:30-6:30 p.m.

CLAY DECORATED MUG VASES

Come decorate a mug with polymer clay and turn it into a fun vase.

Canyon Country Jo Anne Darcy Branch

Wednesday, February 18
5:30-6:30 p.m.

SELF-CARE SUGAR SCRUBS

Come create your own customizable scrub with coconut and essential oils.

Valencia Branch

Wednesday, February 18
6:00-7:00 p.m.

ME, YOU AND TANGHULU

Come celebrate Chinese Lunar New Year and munch on traditional eastern snacks and easy to follow crafts.

Old Town Newhall Branch

Tuesday, February 17
5:00-6:00 p.m.



SUNSET SILHOUETTES

Put down a design on paper in India ink, and then water color over it to create a fun and relaxing sunset image.

Canyon Country Jo Anne Darcy Branch

Wednesday, February 25
5:30-6:30 p.m.

ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES

WINTER SENSORY ROOM

Stimulate your senses in a fun, winter-themed room.

Canyon Country Jo Anne Darcy Branch

Tuesday, December 16
11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Old Town Newhall Branch

Thursday, February 19
11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

ALL TOGETHER, NOW!

Create fun crafts, enjoy some light exercise and listen to a short story.

Old Town Newhall Branch

Wednesday, December 17
11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Valencia Branch

Thursday, February 5
12:00-1:00 p.m.

THE BREAKFAST CLUB

For our second program of this adaptive cooking series, The Breakfast Clubbers will be making a delicious parfait. Waivers will need to be signed since sharps are to be used.

Old Town Newhall Branch

Wednesday, January 7
12:30-1:30 p.m.



PAWS TO CONNECT: ANIMALS AND ADULTS

Previously known as Read to a Dog for Adults with Disabilities, this revamped program emphasizes connection, comfort and fun. Animal volunteers will interact with the pets in a calm, unhurried setting.

Canyon Country Jo Anne Darcy Branch

Friday, January 16
11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Valencia Branch

Friday
February 13
11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Old Town Newhall Branch

Friday
March 6
11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

BOOK CLUBS FOR ADULTS



City of
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B.A.B.E. BOOK CLUB

Join book club facilitator Mags Kelly and Books and Better Education (B.A.B.E.) for a lively discussion each month.

Old Town Newhall Branch

Second Saturday of the Month
10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

BOOKS AND BREWS

Each meeting takes place within the City of Santa Clarita. Registration is required. This event is for adults ages 21 and over.

Off-Site

Third Wednesday of the Month
7:00-8:00 p.m.

CLUB DE MUJERES LATINAS EN LITERATURA

Únase a nuestro club de lectura, para mujeres que aman leer literatura en español.

Biblioteca de Canyon Country Jo Anne Darcy

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6:30-7:30 p.m.

DOZEN READ PROSES

A book club for adults who love romance novels.

Old Town Newhall Branch

Fourth Thursday of the Month
6:00-7:00 p.m.

SILENT BOOK CLUB

Participants gather to share what they're reading, and settle in for an hour of silent, sustained reading. At the end of the hour, attendees can socialize—or not!

Valencia Branch

Sunday, February 15
2:30-3:30 p.m.

TALES FROM THE DARK STACKS

A paranormal-themed book club

Valencia Branch

Second Saturday of the Month
1:00-2:00 p.m.

THRILLED TO READ

A book club focused on thrillers, suspense and true crime.

Canyon Country Jo Anne Darcy Branch

First Wednesday of the Month
6:00-7:00 p.m.

BRANCH LOCATIONS

Canyon Country Jo Anne Darcy Branch

18601 Soledad Canyon Road
Santa Clarita, CA 91351

Old Town Newhall Branch

24500 Main Street
Santa Clarita, CA 91321

Valencia Branch

23743 West Valencia Boulevard
Santa Clarita, CA 91355

PHONE

(661) 259-0750

HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Friday: 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Saturday: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

CLOSURES AND MODIFIED HOURS

Christmas Eve - December 24
9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Christmas Day - December 25
New Year's Eve - December 31
9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
New Year's Day - January 1
Martin Luther King Jr. Day - January 19
Presidents' Day - February 16

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