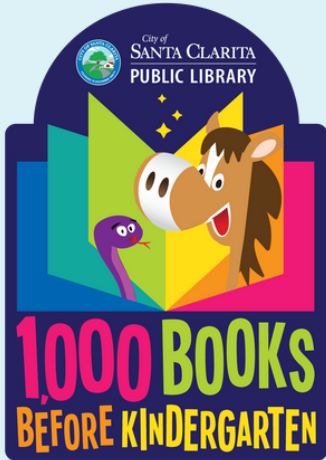




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**SANTA CLARITA**  
**PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**WINTER 2023-24**  
DECEMBER 4 - FEBRUARY 29

# PROGRAM GUIDE



## REACHING MILESTONES

Many of our littlest residents are well on their way to reaching their goal of reading 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten. For every 100 books your child reads, stop by any branch for a prize and photo opportunity. The Santa Clarita Public Library is cheering you on every step of the way! To register and learn more about this important early literacy program, visit [SantaClaritaLibrary.com/1k](http://SantaClaritaLibrary.com/1k).



## BOOK AUCTION

View a wonderful selection of rare and collectible books. Make your silent bid at the price you want to pay!

### All Branches

Monday, December 4 - Monday, December 11  
During library business hours

## WINTER BAG SALE

Fill a Friends of the Library book bag with any item in the bookstore including books, DVDs and CDs for only \$7.00. If you are reusing a bag from a previous sale, the price is \$6.00.

### All Branches

Saturday, February 3 - Sunday, February 11  
During Library business hours

To learn more or become a member, please visit [SantaClaritaFOL.com](http://SantaClaritaFOL.com)



## THE BIG REVEAL

Every year, the Santa Clarita Public Library's One Story One City program encourages discussion among residents and promotes reading by celebrating one story during the month of March. Stay tuned in February when we announce this year's book selection.

To register or see more programs, please visit [SantaClaritaLibrary.com/Events](http://SantaClaritaLibrary.com/Events)

## HOLIDAY- THEMED PROGRAMS



### COOKIE DECORATING

**Old Town Newhall Branch**

Thursday, December 7  
3:30–4:30 p.m.

**Valencia Branch**

Wednesday, December 20  
3:30–4:30 p.m.

### COOKIES AND GINGERBREAD HOUSES

**Canyon Country Jo Anne Darcy Branch**

Tuesday, December 12  
3:30–4:30 p.m.

### WINTER SCIENCE SNOWBALL PARTY

**Canyon Country Jo Anne Darcy Branch**

Tuesday, December 5  
3:30–4:30 p.m.

### DECORATE A CARD AND GIFT BAG

**Valencia Branch**

Monday, December 18  
3:30–4:30 p.m.

## SPECIAL

### HOMESCHOOL RESOURCE SUPPORT ROOM

Utilize our Community Room to meet with your homeschooling community. Librarians will be available for your reference and resource needs. Registration is required.

**Canyon Country Jo Anne Darcy Branch**

Thursdays, 12:00–1:00 p.m.  
January 11 and 25  
February 8 and 22

### DOG MAN PARTY

If you love reading Dog Man books, join us for a special party with a scavenger hunt, Epic Trivia Game, prizes and more!



**Valencia Branch**

Wednesday, January 3  
3:30–4:30 p.m.

### READ TO A DOG

(Ages 5-11)

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

**Canyon Country Jo Anne Darcy Branch**

Thursday, January 25  
Thursday, February 22  
4:00–5:00 p.m.

**Old Town Newhall Branch**

Tuesday, January 9  
Tuesday, February 13  
4:00–5:00 p.m.

**Valencia Branch**

Thursday, January 18  
Thursday, February 15  
4:00–5:00 p.m.



### ICE CREAM SOCIAL/ BEHIND THE SCENES

Enjoy an ice cream treat while having the opportunity to ask a librarian questions, go on a behind-the-scenes tour and learn how to find a book.

**Valencia Branch**

Wednesday, January 10  
3:30–4:30 p.m.



### T-REX TEA PARTY

Enjoy tea, snacks and stories with a real life (blow-up) T-Rex! This event will have two 30-minute sessions. Arrive early to secure your ticket.

**Old Town Newhall Branch**

Thursday, January 11  
3:30–4:30 p.m.



### STUFFED ANIMAL SLEEPOVER PARTY

Join us for a fun sleepover for your stuffed animal bestie! Complete with Twister, Pin the Tail on the Donkey, Popcorn and treats, a magic show and balloon twisting!

**Canyon Country Jo Anne Darcy Branch**

Tuesday, January 16  
3:30–5:30 p.m.

**STUFFED TOY SLUMBER PARTY**

*Bring your favorite stuffie to enjoy a short storytime! Make them a special collar and blanket and then come back tomorrow morning to see what they were up to in the Library without you!*

**Old Town Newhall Branch**

*Thursday, January 25  
3:30-4:30 p.m.*



**WINTER CRAFTERNOON**

*Come in and get cozy making some creative winter-themed crafts.*

**Canyon Country Jo Anne Darcy Branch**

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

**LIVE TORTOISES, SNAKES AND REPTILES, OH MY!**

*An animal trainer will teach you about tortoises, reptiles and snakes.*

**Valencia Branch**

*Wednesday, February 7  
3:30-4:30 p.m.*



**FLOOR IS LAVA!**

*Come play the classic game full of daring jumps, careful balances and traversable obstacles.*

**Old Town Newhall Branch**

*Thursday, February 8  
3:30-4:30 p.m.*

**VALENTINE CRAFTERNOON**

*Come join us for a lovely Valentine's card-making event!*

**Canyon Country Jo Anne Darcy Branch**

*Tuesday, February 13  
3:30-4:30 p.m.*



**MAGIC SHOW**

*Come enjoy a magical afternoon with us! Space limited to 130 people, first come, first seated. Stroller parking will be near the stairs.*

**Old Town Newhall Branch**

*Thursday, February 22  
3:30-4:30 p.m.*

**LEGO® BLOCK PARTY**

*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**

*Tuesday, February 27  
3:30-4:30 p.m.*



**DINOSAUR TAR PITS AND EXCAVATION**

*Search for dinosaurs at the Valencia Library excavation site and make your very own dinosaur tar pit.*

**Valencia Branch**

*Wednesday, February 22  
3:30-4:30 p.m.*

**STORYTIME**

*(Ages 0-5)*

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

**Canyon Country Jo Anne Darcy Branch**

*Thursdays, 9:30-10:30 a.m.  
December 7  
January 18  
February 1, 15 and 29*

**Old Town Newhall Branch**

*Tuesdays, 9:30-10:30 a.m.  
December 5 and 12  
January 16 and 23  
February 6, 13 and 27*

**Valencia Branch**

*Wednesdays, 9:30-10:30 a.m.  
December 6 and 13  
January 10, 17, 24 and 31  
February 7, 14, 21 and 28*



**CUENTA CUENTOS**

*(Ages 0-5)*

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

**Canyon Country Jo Anne Darcy Branch**

*Thursdays, 9:30-10:30 a.m.  
December 14  
January 11 and 25  
February 8 and 22*

**Old Town Newhall Branch**

*Tuesdays, 9:30-10:30 a.m.  
January 9 and 30  
February 20*

## ONGOING TEEN CRAFTS AND STUFF

Join us at the Library for a variety of crafting! All teen craft programs are for youth in grades seven through 12. Craft descriptions are listed below.

**Canyon Country Jo Anne Darcy Branch**  
Thursdays at 3:30 p.m.

**Old Town Newhall Branch**  
Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m.

**Valencia Branch**  
Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m.

## WINTER PAINTING

Trace and paint a poinsettia with us!

**Old Town Newhall Branch**  
Wednesday, December 6  
3:30–5:30 p.m.

## POPSICLE STICK GINGERBREAD HOUSE

Come and decorate a gingerbread house ornament made of popsicle sticks.

**Canyon Country Jo Anne Darcy Branch**  
Thursday, December 7  
3:30–4:30 p.m.

## POKÉMON ORNAMENTS

Join us to make a Pokémon ornament for yourself or as a gift for someone special.

**Valencia Branch**  
Tuesday, December 12  
3:30–4:30 p.m.



## CRICUT ORNAMENTS

Use our Cricut Design Space to personalize ornaments.

**Old Town Newhall Branch**  
Wednesday, December 13  
3:30–5:00 p.m.

## WINTER PAPER CRAFTS

Make holiday-themed paper crafts.

**Canyon Country Jo Anne Darcy Branch**  
Thursday, December 14  
3:30–4:30 p.m.

## EMBROIDERY

Choose from a variety of pre-selected patterns and practice embroidery with us!

**Old Town Newhall Branch**  
Wednesday, December 20  
3:30–5:00 p.m.

## NEW YEAR'S JOURNAL

We have all the materials you'll need to create a journal that gets you organized and ready for a great year!

**Canyon Country Jo Anne Darcy Branch**  
Thursday, January 18  
3:30–4:30 p.m.

**Old Town Newhall Branch**  
Wednesday, January 10  
3:30–5:00 p.m.



## DIAMOND PAINTING

Place sparkling stones on your canvas to create something truly unique!

**Old Town Newhall Branch**  
Wednesday, January 17  
3:30–5:00 p.m.

## DIY SOAP

Choose your own shape, scent and color!

**Valencia Branch**  
Tuesday, January 23  
3:30–4:30 p.m.

## UNFINISHED WOODEN BOXES

Paint and personalize a wooden box.

**Old Town Newhall Branch**  
Wednesday, January 24  
3:30–5:00 p.m.

## NEEDLE PUNCH PATCHES

Add flair to your backpack or jacket.

**Canyon Country Jo Anne Darcy Branch**  
Thursday, January 25  
3:30–4:30 p.m.



## PUZZLE ART

Use acrylic paint to decorate wooden puzzles.

**Old Town Newhall Branch**  
Wednesday, February 14  
3:30–5:00 p.m.

## UNFINISHED WOODEN CUTOUTS

Personalize your own unfinished wood.

**Old Town Newhall Branch**  
Wednesday, February 21  
3:30–5:00 p.m.

## CRAFT AND A MOVIE

Watch a movie while crafting!

**Canyon Country Jo Anne Darcy Branch**  
Thursday, February 22  
3:30–5:00 p.m.

## VALENTINE'S DAY CRAFTS

*Put your heart into it! Let someone special know you care with your unique gift.*



## VALENTINE'S DAY CARDS

**Canyon Country Jo Anne Darcy Branch**

*Thursday, February 8  
3:30–4:30 p.m.*

**Old Town Newhall Branch**

*Wednesday, February 7  
3:30–5:00 p.m.*

## YARN AND PAPER HEARTS

**Valencia Branch**

*Tuesday, February 13  
3:30–4:30 p.m.*

## TEEN LIBRARY EATS

*Learn basic tips and tricks about cooking then enjoy a tasty snack made by you!*

## RICE CRISPY DECORATING

**Valencia Branch**

*Wednesday, December 27  
3:30–4:30 p.m.*

## HOT COCOA AND BOARD GAMES

**Valencia Branch**

*Wednesday, January 10  
3:30–4:30 p.m.*

## NACHO PARTY

**Valencia Branch**

*Wednesday, February 21  
3:30–4:30 p.m.*

## TEEN GAME DAY

*Join us for a variety of special games for teens and tweens.*

### NAME THAT MEME

*Bring your friends and win fun stickers, fidgets and candies. Download the Kahoot app to play.*

**Valencia Branch**

*Thursday, December 7  
3:30–4:30 p.m.*



### VR GAMES

*Try new virtual reality games and enjoy prizes and snacks.*

**Valencia Branch**

*Thursday, January 18  
3:30–4:30 p.m.*

### CUPID HUNT

*Join us for a special scavenger hunt. Bring your friends and win fun prizes.*

**Valencia Branch**

*Thursday, February 8  
3:30–4:30 p.m.*



## TEEN STUDY CAFÉ

*Teens and tweens are welcome to come grab a bite to eat and something to drink while they study in the Library's Teen Area or Teen Study Rooms.*

**Old Town Newhall Branch**

*Tuesdays (excluding December 19 and 26)  
3:30–5:30 p.m.*

**Valencia Branch**

*Thursdays (excluding December 21 and 28)  
3:00–5:00 p.m.*

## TEEN ADVISORY BOARD



*Be a voice for teens and get volunteer hours by participating! Parents can help start the process by creating an account at [SantaClaritaVolunteers.com](http://SantaClaritaVolunteers.com). Speak with the Teen Services Librarian at your branch to learn more.*

**Canyon Country Jo Anne Darcy Branch**

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

**Old Town Newhall Branch**

*First Thursday of the Month  
4:30–5:30 p.m.*

**Valencia Branch**

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



## SPECIAL

### SPICE TRAVELS

Stop by anytime to pick up your spice kit and recipe. Send in photos of your culinary creations for a chance to win a prize!

#### Valencia Branch

December 1 through February 29

### HOLIDAY WREATHS

Create a beautiful wreath using pages from withdrawn library books.

#### Canyon Country Jo Anne Darcy Branch

Tuesday, December 5  
4:30–5:30 p.m.



### SEWING MAKERSPACE: FABRIC GIFT WRAP

Use our sewing makerspace to create reusable gift wrap made from fabric. Registration is required.

#### Old Town Newhall Branch

Wednesday, December 6  
3:00–5:00 p.m.

### PAINT ALONG WITH SHAWNEE BADGER

Local artist Shawnee Badger will teach you new techniques to make your masterpiece.

#### Valencia Branch

Sunday, December 10  
2:00–3:00 p.m.

### SOAP AND SUDS

Make bars of soap to moisturize and refresh your skin with colors and scents of your choice.

#### Valencia Branch

Tuesday, December 12  
4:30–5:30 p.m.

### HAPPY HEALTHY HAIR

Learn how to tame the fizz, boost growth or maintain moisture in your hair.

#### Valencia Branch

Sunday, January 7  
2:00–3:00 p.m.

### SELF-CARE VISION BOARDS

Get organized and meet your goals in 2024. We provide the materials and you are welcome to bring personal photos.

#### Valencia Branch

Saturday, January 13  
1:30–2:30 p.m.

### CRAFT REDO

Did you miss one of our past crafts? Now is your chance to make wall hangings, keychains, folded book art, salt bath soaks and more!

#### Old Town Newhall Branch

Wednesday, January 17  
3:30–5:00 p.m.

### BULLET JOURNALING 101

Bullet Journaling is a simple system for tracking of all the events, lists, projects and ideas in your life.

#### Canyon Country Jo Anne Darcy Branch

Thursday, January 18  
4:30–5:30 p.m.

### NEW YEAR HARMONY

Welcome 2024 by enjoying a classical music performance by legendary Los Angeles Philharmonic violinist, Paul Stein.

#### Valencia Branch

Sunday, January 21  
2:00–3:00 p.m.



### RESIN JEWELRY

Use pressed flowers, dye, beads and more to create beautiful resin jewelry.

#### Old Town Newhall Branch

Tuesday, January 23  
3:30–5:00 p.m.

### TECH PETTING ZOO

Get hands-on experience, make a robot move and create a circuit that plays music.

#### Canyon Country Jo Anne Darcy Branch

Wednesday, January 24  
4:30–5:30 p.m.

### LET'S PAINT WITH ACRYLIC

Acrylic paints yield vibrant results! We will paint a round donut with realistic icing!

#### Canyon Country Jo Anne Darcy Branch

Sunday, January 28  
2:00–3:00 p.m.

### GLASS ETCHED FRAMES

Personalize a frame with paint and etching.

#### Old Town Newhall Branch

Thursday, February 1  
3:00–5:00 p.m.

### DIY GREETING CARDS

Make a unique card for Valentine's Day!

#### Canyon Country Jo Anne Darcy Branch

Sunday, February 4  
2:00–3:00 p.m.

### SALSA MAKING AND TASTING

Learn how to make four types of fresh, spicy and zesty salsa! Registration is required.



#### Old Town Newhall Branch

Monday, February 12  
5:30–6:30 p.m.

### CAN DO CANDLES!

Make your own floral, woody or flowery scented candles as a romantic gift. Registration is required.

#### Valencia Branch

Tuesday, February 13  
4:30–5:30 p.m.

### SELF-CARE SPEED DATING

A new twist on speed dating! Explore self-care techniques to manage stress and increase joy.

#### Valencia Branch

Wednesday, February 14  
5:00–7:00 p.m.

## MONOPRINTING WITH WATERCOLORS

*Learn how to create unique monoprints using watercolors and a piece of glass.*

**Canyon Country Jo Anne Darcy Branch**

Thursday, February 15  
4:00–5:00 p.m.

## ARTIST SPOTLIGHT: ALMA THOMAS

*Alma W. Thomas is recognized as a major American painter of the 20th century. Learn about Alma and create your own abstract concentric circles.*

**Canyon Country Jo Anne Darcy Branch**

Wednesday, February 21  
4:30–5:30 p.m.

## COILY, CURLY, KINKY: A CULTURE

*Local hairstylist Channon Butler will speak about natural hair, the culture of hair, and the curly hair industry. She also will demonstrate simple hairstyles.*

**Valencia Branch**

Sunday, February 25  
2:00–3:00 p.m.

## EXPECTING PARENTS WELLNESS: YOGA

*Yoga instructor Crystal Cerrato will teach movement and meditation to expecting parents.*

**Valencia Branch**

Friday, December 15  
Friday, February 16  
4:30–5:30 p.m.



## EXPECTING PARENTS WELLNESS: INFO SESSION

*Crystal Cerrato will teach nutrition and stress management to expecting parents.*

**Valencia Branch**

Friday, January 19  
4:30–5:30 p.m.

## ONGOING

### ENGLISH CONVERSATION CLUB

*Practice English in a relaxed environment with other English learners.*

**Old Town Newhall Branch**

Wednesdays, 11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.  
(excluding December 27)

### SIT AND STITCH

*Bring your own supplies and enjoy your stitching project with fellow crafters!*

**Canyon Country Jo Anne Darcy Branch**

Saturdays, 10:00–12:00 p.m.  
December 9, January 13 and 27, February 10 and 24

### PENCIL ME IN

*We've got the supplies you need to creatively manage your time.*

**Old Town Newhall Branch**

Fridays, 4:30–5:30 p.m.  
December 15, January 26, February 23

### NOT-SO-BORED-GAMES

*Make some time to unplug and play games as a family.*

**Old Town Newhall Branch**

Wednesdays, 4:00–5:00 p.m.  
December 13; January 31; February 28

### WALKING CLUB

*Join us for a weekly Thursday stroll around Old Town Newhall.*

**Newhall Community Center**

Thursdays, 8:30–9:30 a.m.  
(excluding December 21 and 28, January 4)

### TECH HOUR

*Bring your device and learn tips for utilizing them and navigating your apps.*

**Canyon Country Community Center**

Tuesdays, 10:00–11:00 a.m.  
December 5, January 2, February 6

**Newhall Community Center**

Wednesdays, 12:00–1:00 p.m.  
January 24, February 28

## ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES

*Join us for a variety of crafts and fun experiences for adults with disabilities and their caregivers.*

### WINTER SENSORY ROOM

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

**Canyon Country Jo Anne Darcy Branch**

Wednesday, December 13  
10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

### I CAN CRAFT

*Join us for this interactive crafting program, a collaboration between Santa Clarita Public Libraries and Community Centers.*

**Canyon Country Community Center**

Third Tuesday of the Month  
December 19, January 16, February 20  
10:00–11:00 a.m.



### ALTOGETHER, NOW!

*We begin with gentle exercise, followed by a book reading and then a fun craft. This season our theme will be snowflakes!*

**Valencia Branch**

Monday, January 8  
10:00–11:00 a.m.

# BOOK CLUBS FOR ADULTS



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## B.A.B.E. BOOK CLUB

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

### Old Town Newhall Branch

Second Saturday of the month (excluding December)  
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

## BOOKS AND BREWS

Each meeting is located at a new venue in Santa Clarita Valley. Registration is required. This event is for adults age 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.

### Canyon Country Jo Anne Darcy Branch

First Thursday of the month  
6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

## DOZEN READ PROSES

A book club for adults who love romance novels.

### Valencia Branch

Fourth Tuesday of the Month (excluding December)  
5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

## RAINBOW READS

A book club for members and allies of the LGBTQ+ community. This book club is in collaboration with Queer SCV and meets both in person and virtually. Registration is required.

### Old Town Newhall Branch

Thursday, 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
December 7  
February 22

## WORLDS OF WHIMSY

A book club for adults who love to read fantasy and science fiction.

### Canyon Country Jo Anne Darcy Branch

Second Monday of the Month  
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

## BRANCH LOCATIONS

### Canyon Country Jo Anne Darcy Branch

18601 Soledad Canyon Rd.  
Santa Clarita, CA 91351

### Old Town Newhall Branch

24500 Main St.  
Santa Clarita, CA 91321

### Valencia Branch

23743 W. Valencia Blvd.  
Santa Clarita, CA 91355

## PHONE

(661) 799-0750

## HOURS

Monday: 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

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 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

## CLOSURES AND MODIFIED HOURS

Friday, December 22: 10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

Saturday, December 23: Closed

Sunday, December 24: Closed

Monday, December 25: Closed

Friday, December 29: 10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

Saturday, December 30: Closed

Sunday, December 31: Closed

Monday, January 1: Closed

Sunday, January 14: Closed

Monday, January 15: Closed

Sunday, February 18: Closed

Monday, February 19: Closed

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