

# City Administrator's Weekly Briefing

From: *Damien R. Arrula*

March 23, 2023



“Rich Heritage, Bright Future”

## ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

### Mayor Smith and City Administrator Arrula Participate in Principal for a Day Program

Placentia Mayor Ward Smith and City Administrator Damien Arrula participated in Placentia Yorba Linda Unified School District (PYLUSD) “Principal for a Day” program. The program is designed to give Placentia community and business leaders a glimpse into the education world by serving alongside a local school principal for a portion of the day. Mayor Smith served at Brookhaven Elementary School and City Administrator Arrula served at Tuffree Middle School.



### 3rd Annual Wedding and Event Expo

The Chamber of Commerce is hosting their third annual Wedding and Event Expo on Sunday, March 26th from 1:00 pm—4:00 pm at the Placentia Round Table Women’s Club, 901 Bradford Avenue. They will have a large assortment of vendors to fit all occasions, not just weddings! Admission is free. For more information, a list of vendors, and to register, please [click here](#).



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#### Upcoming Meetings and Events

- 3/27/23 Placentia Community Foundation
- 3/28/23 Historical Committee
- 3/28/23 Proposed Senior Community Center Meeting
- 3/30/23 Public Workshop on Residential Development
- 4/1/23 Easter Eggcitement Event

For additional

information or

questions about this

Weekly Briefing, please email:

[CAWeekly@placentia.org](mailto:CAWeekly@placentia.org)



## ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

### Findings Regarding Emergency Program for Asian Citrus Psyllid and Huanglongbing

Between February 3, 2023 and February 23, 2023, the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) confirmed the presence of the causative bacterial agent of the citrus disease huanglongbing (HLB) in citrus tree tissue and the insect vector, Asian citrus psyllid (ACP), *Diaphorina citri* Kuwayama. Citrus tree tissues and insect vectors were collected in the cities and communities of Anaheim, Buena Park, Cypress, Fountain Valley, Fullerton, Garden Grove, Los Alamitos, Orange, Placentia, Santa Ana, Stanton, Tustin, Westminster, and Yorba Linda. HLB is a devastating disease of citrus and is spread by ACP as they feed on host plants. Unless emergency action is taken to remove sources of the HLB inoculum and disrupt the ACP life cycle, there is high potential for sudden future detections of ACP in Orange County and transmission of HLB to other areas. The work plan involving chemical control of these pests is necessary to prevent loss and damage to California's natural environment, citrus industry, native wildlife, private and public property, and food supplies. Residents of affected properties will be invited to a public meeting or contacted directly by CDFA staff. Consultation with the California Department of Pesticide Regulation, the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, and the county agricultural commissioner's office will be provided at the public meeting or upon request to address residents' questions and concerns. Residents shall be notified in writing at least 48 hours in advance of any treatment.



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### Now Hiring for Part-Time Public Safety Positions!

Looking for a career in public safety with the City of Placentia? The City is currently recruiting for a part-time Police Cadet and a part-time Reserve Firefighter. Police Cadets assist the Police Department with a wide variety of non-sworn duties and routine law enforcement support duties. It's a great position for those who want to get their start working for a Police Department. Reserve Firefighters assist in all phases of emergency operations, perform basic emergency medical care, assist with fire prevention inspections, and more.



There are also a number of other part-time and full-time positions available that the City is recruiting for. For more information on open positions and to apply, please visit [www.placentia.org/jobs](http://www.placentia.org/jobs).

## COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

### Summer Volunteer Program

Join the Community Services team this summer! The Community Services Department is pleased to announce the Summer Volunteer Program. Junior High School and High School students, aged 13-16, who need volunteer service hours for graduation are encouraged to apply to assist the Community Services staff with multiple activities throughout the City. Participants will gain valuable on-the-job training skills, while being a part of a dynamic team this summer! Volunteers assist with youth sports, P.A.R.K.'s programs, special events, senior programs, and excursions. Applicants must be 13 years of age by June 1, 2023 and reside within the City limits of Placentia or attend a Placentia Yorba Linda Unified School District school. The deadline to apply is May 1, 2023 at 5:30 pm. For more information, please [click here](#) or Community Services at (714) 993-8232.



## COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

### Proposed Senior/Community Center Project Information and Upcoming Community Meetings

The City of Placentia and the Blue Ribbon Committee have embarked on a project to design a proposed new Senior/Community Center at Tri-City Park. The City Council formed the Blue-Ribbon Committee to assist the City in identifying the need and recommend design components of a proposed Senior/Community Center facility. The proposed facility will provide seniors and residents with a much-needed space to serve the needs of our residents and rapidly growing senior population by offering robust programs and services for all ages. The current Placentia Senior Center is located in the 100-year-old Edwin T. Powell building at 143 S. Bradford Avenue. Current programs include Bingo, knitting and crocheting clubs, exercise classes, movies, and social opportunities, all of which are limited by the size of this historic 4,500-square-foot building. The newly proposed Senior/Community Center is envisioned as a true civic destination in being vibrant, active, and rich with diverse resources, services, technologies, programs, and events, thereby addressing the needs of Placentia's growing senior population. Recently, the Blue Ribbon Committee held a joint meeting with the Parks, Arts, and Recreation Commission, and the Senior Advisory Committee to review and discuss the project. The Commissioners and Committee members participated in a Needs Assessment exercise during the meeting.

The City and the Blue Ribbon Committee are now conducting the Needs Assessment Survey for the proposed Senior/Community Center. We would like your input on your priorities for community activities and spaces for the new facility, as well as on design values and key features. Please complete the brief survey by clicking the link below to share your ideas and help create the vision for this state-of-the-art facility! You may select as many options as you like for each question. Printed copies of the survey will also be available at City Hall at the Community Services Department, and at the Senior Center.

In addition to completing the Needs Assessment survey, you can also participate in one of the upcoming community outreach meetings to learn more about the project and provide your feedback.

For more information about the project, please contact the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232 or [click here](#) to view the upcoming meeting dates.

JUST IMAGINE



# CITY OF PLACENTIA

SHARE YOUR IDEAS AND HELP CREATE THE VISION!




PROPOSED SENIOR COMMUNITY CENTER

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR INPUT**

**Community Meetings at:**

1. **Aguirre Building**  
505 Jefferson St  
March 20, 6:00PM – 7:30PM
2. **Whitten Community Center**  
900 S Melrose Street  
March 28, 6:00PM – 7:30PM
3. **Easter EGG-CITEMENT**  
Kraemer Park - 201 N. Bradford Ave  
April 1, 10:00AM – 1:00PM
4. **Golden Elementary**  
740 Golden Ave  
April 18, 6:00PM – 7:30PM
5. **Backs Community Building**  
201 N. Bradford Ave  
April 24, 6:00PM – 7:30PM



FOR MORE INFORMATION  
☎ (714) 993-8232

ONLINE SURVEY:  
(February 16 – April 30)





[Click here to take the Survey](#)



## COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

### Santa Fe Park Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

The City held a ribbon cutting ceremony on Saturday, March 18th at Santa Fe Park to unveil the newly renovated playground equipment! In following, the Parks Initiative Plan, the Santa Fe Park playground highlights a railroad theme. The playground features a custom 5-12 year old train engine play structure, slides, an enclosed climbing spinner, a 2-5 year old train car play structure, four new shade sails for the park, and new rubberized surfacing with a railroad design. The City extends a sincere thank you to St. Jude Medical Center for providing \$75,000 in grant funding towards the purchase of the 2-5 year old play structure. For more information on the Placentia Parks Initiative, please contact the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232.



### Easter Eggcitement Event

The City will host the annual Easter Eggcitement event on Saturday, April 1st at Kraemer Memorial Park at 201 N. Bradford Ave. from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. The event will feature story time, crafts, games, treats, photos with the Easter Bunny, egg hunt areas for youth ages 0-10 years old and the Rotary Club of Placentia will offer a hot dog lunch from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. For more information about the event please contact the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232 or [click here](#) to view the flyer.

## FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY DEPARTMENT

### Fire Plan Submissions

The Placentia Fire and Life Safety Department Community Risk Reduction Division now oversees all development-related fire plan submissions. Fire plan submissions are accepted electronically in PDF format at [FireCRR@placentia.org](mailto:FireCRR@placentia.org).

Submission requirements, including our new Application for Plan Review, can be found on the City's website under Development Services - Building and Safety - Fire Plan Submittal until further notice. The Department has also updated our fire permit cards to a more user-friendly format and look forward to providing efficient and effective service to the community.

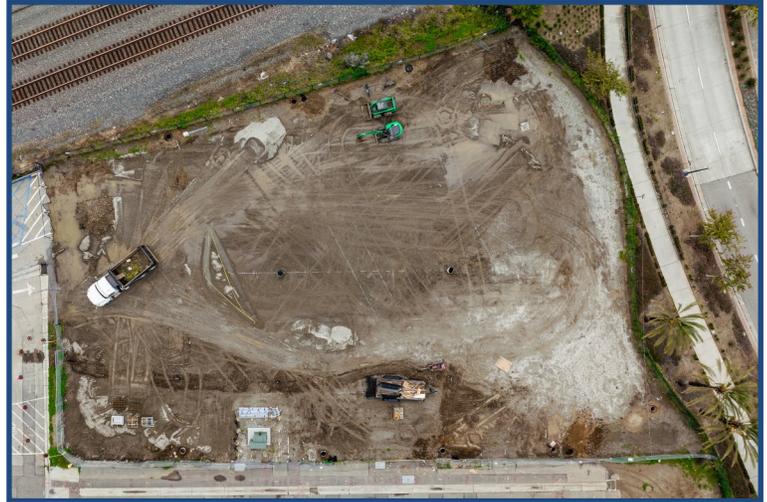




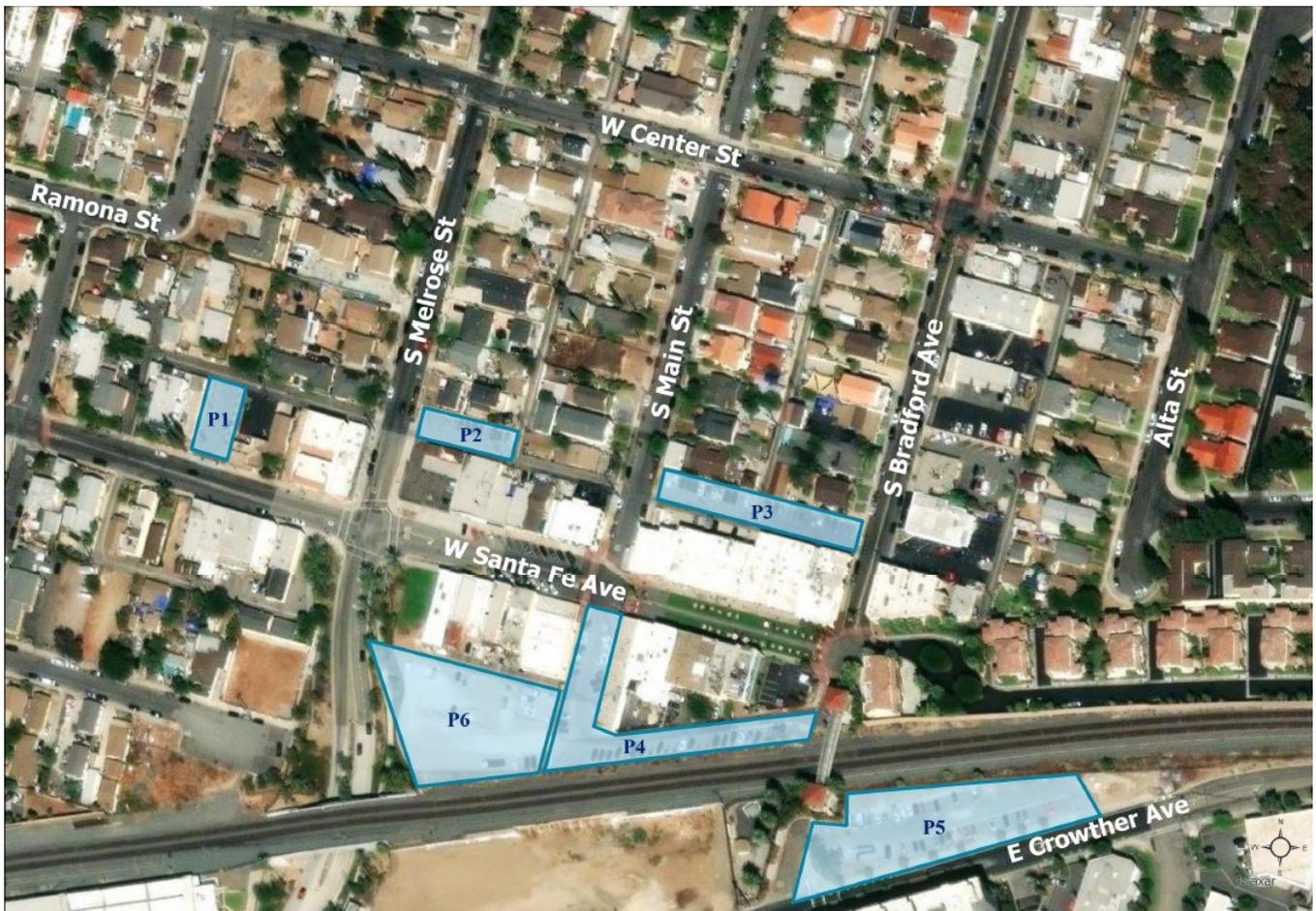
## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

### Additional Parking Coming to Old Town

The City recently broke ground on the newest public parking lot in Old Town Placentia. The Main Street Parking Lot is located at 321 S. Main Street, just south of Santa Fe Avenue. The formerly vacant lot will be completely repaved with new asphalt and permanent parking stall striping. The parking lot will provide 62 new parking spaces, LED lighting, fencing, landscaping, and signage. New ADA-compliant accessible parking spaces are also being added. The new parking lot is located in the heart of Old Town and will complement several other nearby parking lots and on-street parking. The new public lot will assist local businesses in serving their customers, and improved signage will help connect visitors to nearby parking lots. Construction on the parking lot is scheduled to be completed by the end of May, barring additional weather delays. The City encourages visitors to check out and use the new lot once it's built, but in the meantime, below is a map of where to find our other public parking lots in Old Town, which include accessible spaces as well:



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## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

### OC Waste and Recycling Compost Giveaway

JOIN OC WASTE & RECYCLING TO PICK UP **FREE COMPOST** WHILE SUPPLIES LAST!

# Compost Giveaway

**SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.**

**BEE CANYON GREENERY AT FRANK R. BOWERMAN LANDFILL**  
11002 BEE CANYON ACCESS RD., IRVINE

**VALENCIA GREENERY AT OLINDA ALPHA LANDFILL**  
1942 N. VALENCIA AVE., BREA

**CAPISTRANO GREENERY AT PRIMA DESHECHA LANDFILL**  
32250 AVENIDA LA PATA, SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO

- Proof of Orange County residency is required.
- Residents should **bring a shovel and container/bag to fill** at Irvine and San Juan locations.
- Only prefilled bags available at Brea location while supplies last.
- Quantities are limited.
- Staff will be on-site.

Event subject to weather conditions, check website for updates.



OCLandfills.com/compost-events

### Upcoming City Shredding and E-Waste Recycling Event

The City of Placentia invites Placentia residents and businesses to participate in a free community Shredding & E-Waste Recycling Event Saturday, April 15th from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm at Placentia Civic Center (401 East Chapman Avenue). Paper Depot will be present at the event to destroy confidential documents on-site. Limit four (4) banker box-size containers from each household or business located in Placentia. Residents are asked to please place items in the trunk for easy access, and if material is in a 3-ring binder, please remove before shredding. Attan Recycling will be present to collect e-waste. For more information about accepted e-waste items, please contact Cathy Nguyen, Environmental Services Coordinator, at (714) 993-8123 or [cnnguyen@placentia.org](mailto:cnnguyen@placentia.org).

### SB 1383 Mandatory Compliance is Coming to Placentia!

Beginning Summer of 2023, Placentia residents will be able to divert food scraps from the trash bin to reduce the amount of organic waste sent to local landfills. Single-family residences will commingle food scraps with yard waste in the brown bin. Multi-family residences will obtain designated receptacles for organics and recyclables. As of now, there is no change to current waste disposal for residents, with the exception of residents in the Hamer Island neighborhood, whose organics recycling program went into effect in July 2022. Hamer Island residents can already dispose of food scraps in the brown bin. Organics recycling service is currently available to businesses. To enroll, contact Republic Services at (714) 238-3300. The City will continue to provide updates on the implementation of organics recycling services citywide. To learn more about SB 1383, visit [www.placentia.org/SB1383](http://www.placentia.org/SB1383). For SB 1383 or waste-related support, please contact Environmental Services Coordinator Cathy Nguyen at (714) 993-8123 or [cnnguyen@placentia.org](mailto:cnnguyen@placentia.org).



## DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

### Public Workshops on Residential Development

The City will host two upcoming community meetings related to the Toll Brothers 100-unit residential development project located at Alta Vista and Rose and the Chapman Corridor.

- The Chapman Corridor meeting will be held on Thursday, March 30th from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm at the Powell Building (143 S. Bradford Avenue).
- The Toll Brothers Development meeting will be held on Monday, April 3rd from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm at the Aguirre Building (505 Jefferson Street).

For more information, [click here](#) or contact the Development Services Department at (714) 993-8124.

**Chapman Corridor Revitalization Plan**

YOU ARE INVITED TO HELP US PLAN THE FUTURE OF CHAPMAN AVE!

**Citywide Workshop**

Thursday March 30, 2023  
6:00 - 8:00PM

**Powell Building**  
(Bradford Ave & Center St)  
143 S Bradford Ave  
Placentia, CA 92870

The City of Placentia needs your help in developing the Chapman Corridor Revitalization Plan! Join us for a Citywide workshop at the Powell Building. Come with your ideas and take part in planning the future of Chapman Avenue. Your participation and input is essential to develop a community driven plan.

The goal of the Chapman Corridor Revitalization Plan is to create a long-term plan that strengthens a major gateway into our City and allows for a vibrant mix of uses to stimulate the economic and social environment. The workshop will consist of a series of stations focused on various components of the plan, feel free to stop by for any amount of time—between 6:00 and 8:00—to provide input and learn more.

**Study Area (Final Boundaries TBD)**

### Placentia's Voices—Sunday, March 26

On Sunday, March 26th, the Placentia Historical Committee and the Placentia Founder's Society are hosting an event from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the Bradford House, 136 E. Palm Circle. The event is free to attend and will feature stories from longtime Placentia residents Mary Tolbert Castner and Irene Shiotani Roche. Come out to hear their experiences living among orange groves and on a truck farm, facing wartime challenges, and watching changes as the City of Placentia grew.

### Red Flame Restaurant Now Open in Placentia!

The City of Placentia is happy to announce that Red Flame Restaurant is now open! The modern Asian Fusion hotspot is one of the most talked about new favorites in Placentia. Located in the newly remodeled Sierra Vista Plaza at 1804 N. Placentia Avenue, Unit A, Red Flame first started in Garden Grove in 2014 and grew to a larger Westminster location by 2018. Placentia is excited to be the home of the next addition to the Red Flame Restaurant chain. Red Flame customers rave about their delicious dishes like Hot Pots, Ramen, Lava Stone Steak, Garlic Noodles, and traditional Vietnamese dishes. Be sure to stop by the new location and welcome them to our great City!



## EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

### Placentia Library District Weekly Summary

# Placentia Library District

Weekly Summary – March 24-30, 2023

Follow us on social media!  
Instagram: @placentialib  
Facebook: Placentia Library

## Children's Programs

### STORYTIMES

Our storytimes are held in the Virginia and Norman Haussman Storytime Alcove.

#### **Family Storytime**

Saturday, March 25 @ 10:00 a.m.

#### **Luna, Luna! Bilingual Pajama Storytime**

Wednesday, March 29 @ 6:30 p.m.

Miércoles, 29 de Marzo @ 6:30 p.m.

#### **Baby Giggles and Wiggles Storytime**

Thursday, March 30 @ 10:00 a.m.

### READ TO THE DOGS

First Monday of Each Month, 6:00 p.m.

Next Month: April 3

Virginia and Norman Haussman Storytime Alcove

Open to children of all ages! Read to a trained, furry friend from The Bright and Beautiful Therapy Dogs, Inc. - because even dogs like to hear a good tail-chasing tale now and then!

### MORNING MEET UPS

#### **Monday, March 27**

Mondays, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Crossroads Corner

Join us in the Crossroads Corner area for play time and a chance to meet other families at the library! We will have toys, books, and learning materials available for your children. Encouraged for children 0-4 accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

## eBooks and Online Learning

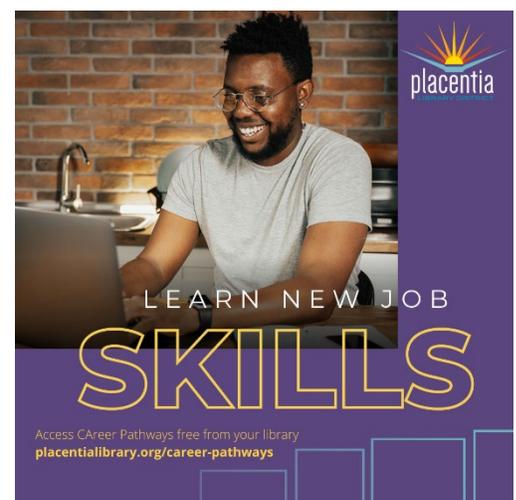
### CAREER PATHWAYS

The California State Library is providing free access to a number of digital platforms for workforce support: Coursera, GetSetUp, Job & Career Accelerator (EBSCO), LearningExpress Library Complete (EBSCO), LinkedIn Learning, Northstar, Skillshare, and VetNow.

### NOVELIST

Looking for book recommendations? From read-a-likes, book club resources, and author lists, find your next great read with Novelist!

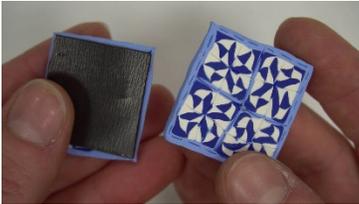
See a full listing of our online resources on our website at [www.placentialibrary.org/ebooks-and-online-learning!](http://www.placentialibrary.org/ebooks-and-online-learning!)



Looking for a book or library item? Search our online catalog at [catalog.placentialibrary.org](http://catalog.placentialibrary.org).

## The Hangar DIY Lab

Come explore The Hangar: a do-it-yourself space to design, build, and create. Whether you want to learn a new skill, use our equipment, or just gain inspiration, The Hangar is the place for you! Curious about our space? Stop by during open hours for a tour, or [visit our page on the library website.](#)



### **ADULT & TEEN TAKE AND MAKE KIT PICKUP: POLYMER CLAY QUILT SQUARES**

*Pickup began March 1, while supplies last*  
Design your own patchwork using polymer clay for this quilted magnet. All the charm of a quilt, none of the sewing!

**SUNDAY 1:00 - 4:30 P.M.**  
**TUESDAY 12:00 - 7:30 P.M.\***  
**THURSDAY 12:00 - 7:30 P.M.\***  
**SATURDAY 9:00 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.**

*\*CLOSED 4:30 - 5:30 P.M.*

Occupancy limit and hours are subject to change.  
Be sure to check for upcoming closure dates!

[placentia.library.org/hangar-diy-lab](http://placentia.library.org/hangar-diy-lab)

## Adult, Teen, and Literacy Programs

### **PLACENTIA TEEN ADVISORY COUNCIL (PTAC)**

*1st and 3rd Thursdays of Each Month,  
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.*

*Next Meeting: April 6*

*Placentia Library Community Meeting Room*

**Yoga at  
the Library**  
with Good Moodra Yoga

Students of all levels welcome,  
bring your own mat!  
Schedule: [placentia.library.org/yoga](http://placentia.library.org/yoga)

SATURDAYS AT 10:30 A.M.  
PLACENTIA LIBRARY LAWN

### **YOGA AT THE LIBRARY**

**Saturday, March 25**

*Saturdays at 10:30 a.m.*

*Placentia Library Lawn*

Discover yoga for your body and mind with Good Moodra Yoga. Relax and flow into each pose as you enjoy the sunshine from our library lawn. Students of all levels welcome. Bring your own mat. Check website for cancellation notices.

### **BOOK CLUB**

*2nd Tuesday of Each Month, 1:00 p.m.*

*Next Month: "The Enchanted April" by Elizabeth Von Arnim on April 11*

*Placentia Library Community Meeting Room*

### **LITERACY**

Teach an adult to read. Become a Volunteer Adult Literacy Tutor. Get started at [www.placentia.library.org/literacy](http://www.placentia.library.org/literacy).

### **Read, Write, Speak Club**

**Friday, March 24**

*Fridays, 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.*

*Placentia Library Community Meeting Room*

The Read, Write, Speak Club is an opportunity to chat with other English language learners in a relaxed and comfortable environment. Learn new vocabulary, improve reading and writing, and sharpen your pronunciation skills.



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