

# City Administrator's Weekly Briefing

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March 30, 2023



“Rich Heritage, Bright Future”

## ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

### Upcoming CERT Training Course

The City of Placentia will host a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training course from May 4th through June 8th. The training will be hosted at the Backs Building, 201 N. Bradford Avenue, on Thursday nights from 5:30 pm—8:30 pm for five weeks. Each night of training will feature a different topic, such as Introduction to Disaster Preparedness, Fire Safety and Utility Controls, Disaster Psychology, and Disaster Medical Operations.

The Placentia Emergency and Health Services Office provides this FEMA-sponsored CERT training to ensure our residents are ready for a large-scale emergency. In addition, CERT training helps develop a city-wide group of citizen volunteers trained and willing to respond to large-scale emergencies in their neighborhoods and throughout the City. Trained members of CERT often assist their neighbors and neighborhoods in many ways, and each person provides invaluable support during large events and emergencies.

To sustain and increase our level of preparedness, free CERT courses are offered to the public several times a year and provide up to 20 hours of training. Upon completion of the CERT training, each participant will be given the option and resources to further their individual training.

[Click here](#) for more information on the CERT Program. If you are interested in taking the next CERT course, please contact (714) 993-8214 or email [ppowers@placentia.org](mailto:ppowers@placentia.org). Let’s all do our part to be #ReadyPlacentia!

### 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).

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### Upcoming Meetings and Events

- 3/30/23 Public Workshop on Chapman Corridor
- 4/1/23 Easter Eggcitement Event
- 4/1/23 OC Waste & Recycling Free Compost Giveaway
- 4/3/23 Public Workshop on Residential Development
- 4/4/23 City Council Meeting

For additional

information or

questions about this

Weekly Briefing, please email:

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



## ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

### Public Safety Communications Center Participates in Career Day Event

The Public Safety Communications Center staff attended their first college career day event at Rio Hondo College on March 22nd. Dispatch personnel interacted with over 60 attendees interested in public safety dispatching careers. Various items were distributed to visitors at our booth, ranging from pens, lighted keychain whistles, and job information pamphlets. In addition, Communications Training Officer Contreras and Communications Training Officer Rodriguez handed out business cards to each booth visitor in hopes of recruiting interested candidates. Our next college career day is scheduled for May at Santa Ana College. We are currently hiring for Public Safety Dispatchers and a Public Safety Communications Supervisor. For more information on these positions and to apply, please [click here](#).



## COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

### 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.



### Summer Volunteen Program

Join the Community Services team this summer! The Community Services Department is pleased to announce the Summer Volunteen 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! Volunteens 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](#)



## DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

### Public Workshops—Residential Development and the Chapman Corridor Revitalization Plan

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). If you're unable to attend the meeting and would like to provide feedback, please [click here](#) to take a survey, or visit [www.placentia.org/chapmancorridor](http://www.placentia.org/chapmancorridor) for more information.
- 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, contact the Development Services Department at (714) 993-8124.

### Santa Angelina Senior Housing Development

On December 1, 2020, the City Council voted to approve a General Plan Amendment and Zone Change, including associated development permits, that approved the construction of two 2-story affordable senior housing (62 years of age or older). The buildings will measure approximately 24,631 square feet and approximately 30,316 square feet respectively. 64 units will be restricted to households earning less than 60% of the area median income for Orange County based upon the latest State income limits established by the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development.



This property will be owned and operated by the Church of the Blessed Sacrament, located at 1314 N. Angelina Avenue. In partnership with the church, National Community Renaissance of California (National CORE) will develop and operate the senior housing development.

The proposed buildings will employ the traditional architectural style of “Craftsman” architecture which is both compatible with the surrounding style of homes in the neighborhood and emblematic of Placentia’s historical architectural home styles. Additionally, this style will be compatible with the existing architecture of the church which features a gable style roof design, stone veneer, masonry columns, and earth tone hues.



Additional onsite improvements include the demolition of the existing church’s Parish Hall with a new Parish Hall measuring approximately 3,974 square feet, a 544-square-foot covered porch, a new children’s picnic/lunch area, a courtyard gathering space west of the Parish Hall, a gathering lawn with benches

fronting North Angelina Drive, an outdoor terrace fronting North Angelina Drive, and a memorial garden with accent trees between the existing Church building and the proposed new Parish Hall. New seating is proposed north of the Church, adjacent to the proposed memorial garden. A new courtyard area is proposed west of the existing Church.

All existing church and childcare operations remain unaffected by the construction/operation of the housing development and associated improvements.

National CORE is currently working on the framing of the homes and are expected to finish construction by winter of 2023. To receive updates on the project's status, contact the Development Services Department at (714) 993-8124.



## FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY DEPARTMENT

### Fire Station Tours

Recently, the Placentia Fire & Life Safety Department had the pleasure of hosting local scout troops at our stations. We love having the opportunity to discuss fire safety, display our equipment, and show off our stations. Placentia Fire also enjoys visiting local community groups at their sites and providing fire safety demonstrations. Tours and site visits are limited each month, but for more information, please email [fire@placentia.org](mailto:fire@placentia.org).



## POLICE DEPARTMENT

### Distracted Driver Awareness Month

The month of April is National Distracted Driver Awareness month. Placentia Police Officers will be actively looking for and enforcing distracted driving laws throughout the city. Here are some statistics regarding distracted driving:

- 21% of teen drivers involved in a traffic collision were distracted by cell phones.
- Texting, or reading a text, takes the driver's eyes off of the road for at least 5 seconds.
- Once a driver has been distracted, it takes only 5 seconds for a traffic collision to occur.
- In the United States, over 1,000 people are injured every day in traffic collisions caused by distracted driving.
- In the United States, about 9 people are killed every day due to traffic collisions involving distracted drivers.



Remember, it can wait! One text or call can wreck it all!

## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

### Notice to Residents Regarding Street Closures

Please be advised that under a permit from the City of Placentia, Kana Pipeline will commence construction for the TOD Crowther Sewer Pipeline Project on Placentia Avenue between Kimberly and Crowther on April 3, 2023. The construction in this area is scheduled to be completed within 3 weeks. The work will involve periodic traffic lane closures as the new pipeline is installed. Motorists are encouraged to seek alternate routes throughout the duration of this work.

The City apologizes for any inconvenience that this construction may cause and asks for your understanding and cooperation. A City inspector or representative will be at the job site during construction daily to monitor the construction for public safety and traffic management.

If you have any questions and/or concerns during this period, please contact the City's Public Works Inspector, Kevin Koura at (714) 920-7604.

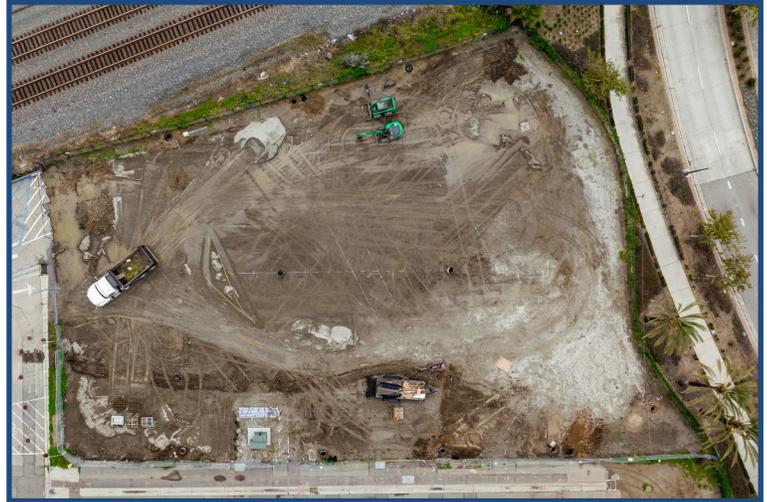




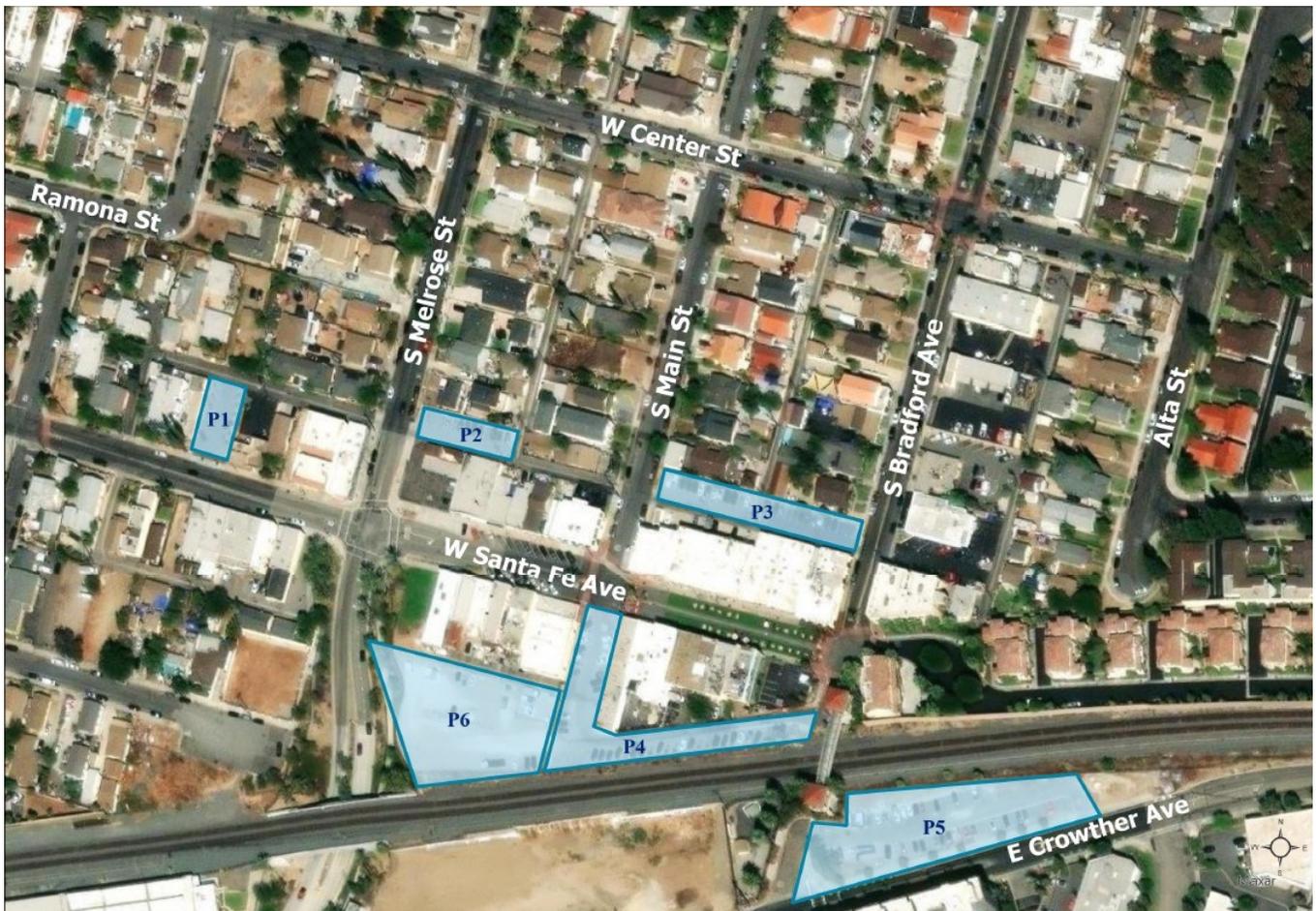
## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

### 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—Happening Saturday!

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 pre-filled 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.



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### 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 on 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).

## EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

Placentia Library District Weekly Summary

# Placentia Library District

Weekly Summary – March 31-April 6, 2023

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

## Children's Programs

### READ TO THE DOGS

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

This Week: 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, April 3

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.

### STORYTIMES

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

#### Family Storytime

Saturday, April 1 @ 10:00 a.m.

#### Luna, Luna! Bilingual Pajama Storytime

Wednesday, April 5 @ 6:30 p.m.

Miércoles, 5 de Abril @ 6:30 p.m.

#### Baby Giggles and Wiggles Storytime

Thursday, April 6 @ 10:00 a.m.

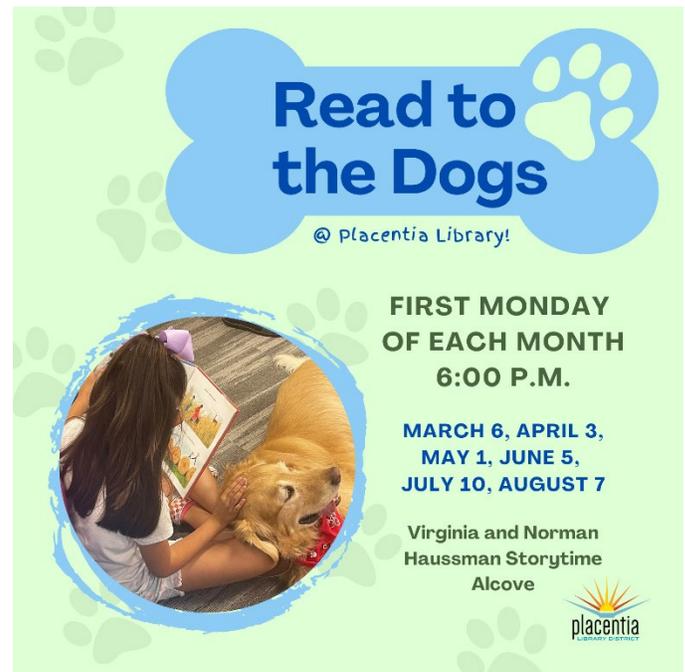
## eBooks and Online Learning

Did you know your Placentia library card provides you FREE access to some of the best digital resources, apps and websites available today? Check out our resources page to find your digital library card perks. Connecting is as easy as a few clicks of your mouse.

### BRAINFUSE HELPNOW

Statewide pilot led by State Library provides live, 24/7 online tutoring and homework help in every K-12 subject.

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!)



**Read to the Dogs**  
@ Placentia Library!

**FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH  
6:00 P.M.**

**MARCH 6, APRIL 3,  
MAY 1, JUNE 5,  
JULY 10, AUGUST 7**

Virginia and Norman Haussman Storytime Alcove



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## 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: BOTANICAL TEA TOWELS**

*Pickup begins April 1, while supplies last*

Bring some whimsy to your kitchen with this Botanical Tea Towel. Learn about the technique of flower pounding to create beautiful prints.



### **ADULT & TEEN TAKE AND MAKE PREORDER: BEADED DAISY CHAINS**

*Preorder April 1-7 to pick up in May*

Bring back the '90s with these beaded daisy chains. Give as a gift, or keep for yourself!

**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!

[placentialibrary.org/hangar-diy-lab](http://placentialibrary.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.*

**This Week: April 6**

*Placentia Library Community Meeting Room*

**Yoga at the Library**  
with Good Moodra Yoga  
SATURDAYS AT 10:30 A.M.  
PLACENTIA LIBRARY LAWN

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

### **YOGA AT THE LIBRARY**

**Saturday, April 1**

*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.placentialibrary.org/literacy](http://www.placentialibrary.org/literacy).

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

**Friday, March 31**

*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.

