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LA County Library Hosts Virtual Art Programs in Partnership with LACMA

Bi-Weekly Creative Storytelling Workshops Starts January 22, and Creative Careers Series starts January 25



LOS ANGELES COUNTY (January 22, 2020) – LA County Library has developed a collaboration with the Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA) to host a series of free virtual workshops and programs, as a part of the Library’s virtual programming offerings.

Running every other week on Fridays from January through June, *Creative Storytelling Workshops* will feature a live story reading by an LA County Library librarian. The story will then be brought to life through a variety of expressive art activities led by a LACMA Teaching Artist.

Geared towards kids, each workshop will center around a different theme, such as civic engagement, cultural identity, female artists, materials and recycling, patterns in nature, and technology. The Library will also include a booklist that corresponds to each of the themes so participants can explore further.

“The Los Angeles County Museum of Art is delighted to collaborate with LA County Library,” said Maria Ramos, LACMA’s Manager of School and Education Community Programs. “Participant imaginations will soar as they are enchanted by creative stories that will serve as inspiration for a unique and personal work of art!”

Additionally, LACMA will be presenting three virtual workforce development programs, in a series called *Creative Careers: Museums and the Arts*, featuring LACMA museum professionals informing youth about the range of art-related careers that exist in creative places like museums. These presentations are intended to open viewers’ minds to the many possibilities in the creative economy and for their future.

“I’m excited that we have been able to take our growing partnership with LACMA into the virtual space, collaborating to ensure that all of LA County’s communities have access to arts programs and pathways to careers in the creative economy,” said Library Director, Skye Patrick. “By tying in literacy, we’re able to give customers the opportunity to explore a diversity of artists and mediums, a means for self-expression, and learn all the ways the visual arts interact with the world around them.”

All LA County Library virtual programs are presented on Webex, and it is recommended to register in advance for each event on LACountyLibrary.org/LACMAprograms.

Creative Storytelling Workshops will start at 4 pm on each of the following dates:

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| Friday, January 22 | Friday, March 19 | Friday, May 21 |
| Friday, February 5 | Friday, April 2 | Friday, June 4 |
| Friday, February 19 | Friday, April 16 | Friday, June 18 |
| Friday, March 5 | Friday, May 7 | |

Creative Careers: Museums and the Arts are scheduled with the following dates and presenters:

Monday, January 25: Katherine Unger, LACMA Teaching Artist
Thursday, February 25: Dr. Omar A. Alcover-Firpi, Content Specialist for Mobile Programs
Thursday, March 25: Yosi Pozeilov, Senior Imaging Specialist and Photographer

For more information on these and other virtual programs programs, please visit LACountyLibrary.org/virtual-programming.

About LA County Library

Founded in 1912, LA County Library is one of the largest and most innovative library systems in the US. It offers free public resources including books, music, multimedia materials, computer

and internet access, and educational and recreational services to 3.4 million residents across 3,000 square miles through its 86 libraries and mobile fleet of 18 vehicles, including 3 Bookmobiles, 6 MākMōs (maker mobiles), 1 Reading Machine, and 8 outreach vehicles. LA County Library is dedicated to reducing barriers and increasing access to and equity of public services for all. To learn more, visit [LACountyLibrary.org](https://www.lacountylibrary.org) and follow @LACountyLibrary on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

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