



Pasadena Area Host LEOs Club

Monthly Newsletter

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The Pasadena LEOs Club Book Drive | April 15, 2023

By Valerie Jocson

As Dr. Seuss once said, "The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." Books play a vital role in our overall creativity and critical thinking skills. Believe it or not, our favorite childhood novels and stories are at the heart of our very own creative imaginations. But accessibility to books has become an all time challenge for disadvantaged families. With the rising costs of children's novels to the budget cuts affecting our education in the U.S., illiteracy rates are gradually following this national dilemma

After the success of our annual food drives, the Pasadena LEOs are focused on tackling another problem, literacy inaccessibility.

On **Saturday, April 15**, Pasadena LEOs will be collecting book donations from the community to help provide books to low income children from elementary through middle school. LEOs will be accepting the following new and old books:

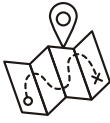
- Hard and softcover children's books
- Magazines
- Elementary - Middle School textbooks

Donations will be collected at **Daniel Webster Elementary (2101 E Washington Blvd Pasadena, CA 91104)**.

For more information about how you can donate or support our book drive, please contact Lion Diana: pasadenaleosclub@gmail.com



Service Project Opportunities



The LEO Exchange Program

By Rishabh Ranjit

The LEO Exchange Program is a brilliant opportunity to get connected with other LEOs around the world. This 3-5 week program is open to all students between the ages of 16-21. Participating LEOs will be able to travel to countries such as France, Italy, Australia and more! You will be able to select from various types of camps across the world, and learn about its respective country's culture while sharing yours as well! LEOs can choose between two two types of camps:

International Youth Exchange: Participants will be able to join a host family in another country and experience their day to day life along with them.

International Youth Camp: This can include a host family stay, but mainly it brings participants together to do interesting and fun activities such as sailing, debating, music, or it can cater to people with disabilities.

Activities may include **sightseeing, national interest, or engaging in local service projects** near that camp. The Exchange Program is reputable for being a life changing experience for all LEOs across the world, and it can be for you too!



Image by Chait Goli

Pasadena Humane Society's Wiggle Waggle Walk | April 2



By Zoe Jeronimo

After the rainy week, we could really go for a walk...or maybe even run! Welcome to the 25th annual Wiggle Waggle Walk! Participants of all ages and furry companions are invited to join this sweet fundraising event hosted by the Pasadena Humane Society. By attending the Wiggle Waggle Walk and Run, you can help support the community of our furry friends in funding foster care programs, kitten nurseries, and animal hospitals.

In addition to the Walk and Run course, there will be food trucks, games, and vendors in the area. All donations support animals currently in the Pasadena Humane Society Animal Shelter in giving them a second chance to find their forever home. You can register online on the Pasadena humane society website for just \$50, or use this QR code:



LA Times Festival of Books at USC

LA Times Festival of Books April 22-23

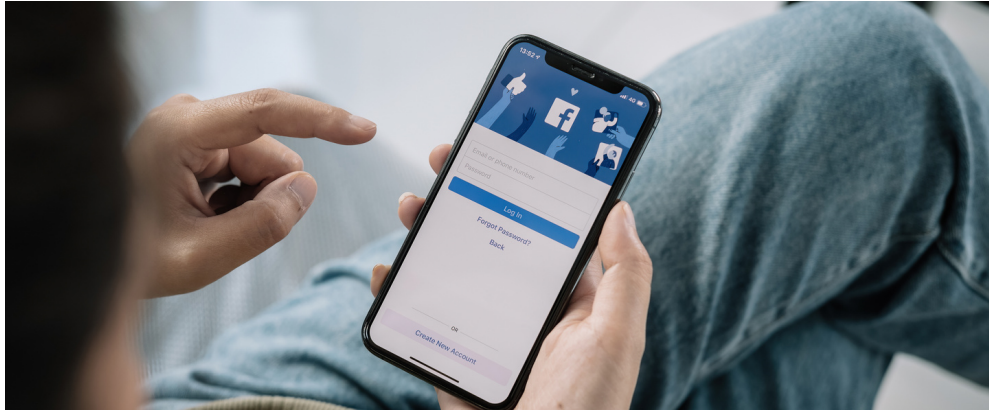
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Los Angeles Times is hosting their 27th annual LA Festival of Books at the **University of Southern California!** This is the "largest literary and cultural festival" hosted in the U.S. according to LA Times. It is a free to the public; hosting book readings by famous authors and celebrities, book signings, musical performances, and many more fun outdoor events! This is especially a great opportunity for Junior and Senior High School LEOs who are interested in applying to and visiting USC!

LA Times Festival of Books is looking for volunteers to help coordinate the outdoor events, and to help guests throughout the day. Food and parking will be covered by the event.

[Volunteer Information](#)

Information About our Club



The LEOs Club Facebook Page is now Live!

KEEP IN TOUCH WITH OUR LATEST SERVICE PROJECTS!

The Pasadena LEOs Club now has an official Facebook page! Please like and share with your friends and family to keep in touch with our service projects!

[Facebook](#)



Our Next Meetings

APRIL 10 & APRIL 24

Our next meetings will be on **April 10 and April 24**. We will be discussing upcoming service projects, new ideas, and updates from our members. Look out for the email with our Zoom link and meeting agenda.



Have a Service Project Idea?

WE WANT TO HEAR IT!

The LEOs Club are always searching for new opportunities to serve the community. We want to hear your ideas! Below is the *Google Doc* of service project ideas made by our club members. Simply add your idea and your name next to it. All new ideas will be discussed in our next meeting!

[Service Project Ideas](#)

We're Accepting New Volunteers!

Do you know anyone in high school or college interested in serving the Pasadena community?

Have them apply today! Our club is always welcoming new volunteers for our upcoming service projects.

[Application](#)

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