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### Fun at the Library

I love summer for so many reasons and as it's just on the horizon, you like me, may be thinking about how to plan the best fun-filled summer days. Given that we are in SoCal, there will definitely be outdoor camps, sporting events, and trips to the beach. But what do you do when you need to beat the heat or take a break from the bright sun rays?

Why not check out the brand new Billie Jean King Main Library or your neighborhood library branch?

Libraries offer a great variety of resources and activities which are free. Yes, that's right, free activities! In addition to the endless rows of stacked books, magazines and DVDs that range from sci-fi thrillers to inspiring non-fictional biographies, our libraries offer many other opportunities to discover and create.



**City Auditor Laura Doad with her dad, Robert J. Wilson Jr. at the grand opening of the new Billie Jean King Main Library.**

With the new Billie Jean King Main Library now open downtown and 11 neighborhood library branches geographically dispersed throughout Long Beach, there are many opportunities to check out a reading program or other learning activity. For example, did you know that libraries offer science, technology, engineering, art and math (STREAM) programs such as cooking and lego clubs, virtual reality workshops and cast molding classes. The Billie Jean King Main Library is a beautiful facility with many

cool spaces for reading, exploring, or just hanging out with your family and friends. It also has a MakersSpace studio with a 3D printing lab, a music studio, a film editing station, a sewing shop, Family Learning Center, and a designated space for teens only.

All library locations offer a variety of reading programs such as family storytimes and reading incentive programs with correlating events and prizes that promote literacy for children. Not to mention, each location offers computers with internet for those who want to use it and free wifi access.

So go ahead, make those summer plans to get lost in a page-turner, check out an electronic magazine, or even create a masterpiece at either the Billie Jean King Main Library or your neighborhood branch. Check out library locations and the calendar schedule of free programs and activities for all ages - kids, teens and adults - at [LBPL.org](http://LBPL.org).