

Dear Placentia Library District Patrons,

In the wake of the devastating Eaton, Palisades, and Hurst fires, words cannot fully capture the depth of our sorrow for the loss and disruption so many in our Los Angeles communities are experiencing. To those who have lost their homes, including our cherished library staff members, our hearts are with them during this unimaginable time.

The destruction of the Palisades Branch Library is a profound loss for the Los Angeles community and all who recognize libraries as more than buildings. They are sanctuaries of knowledge, connection, and hope – a reflection of the resilience and spirit of the community they serve. Since 1922, the Palisades Branch Library has stood as a beacon of learning, a gathering place for neighbors, and a haven for inspiration for its visitors. The library may be gone, but its spirit endures in every story it housed, every child who learned to read within its walls, and every connection it fostered.

To our library colleagues and neighbors facing loss, please know you are not alone. In times of hardships, the library community extends beyond city lines, united by a shared mission to uplift and empower. When the community rebuilds its library and begins a new chapter, we will stand by our library family for a stronger future. We are here for you, whether through practical assistance, emotional support or the simple reminder that you are valued and cherished. Let us face this challenge together, with the same strength and resilience that libraries inspire every day.

To our Placentia and Orange County communities, we encourage you to share the following resources and services available to those affected by these fires. The information is provided by the County and City of Los Angeles.

### **Animal Shelters**

#### **Small Animals:**

Agoura Animal Care Center 29525 Agoura Rd, Agoura Hills, CA 91301  
Baldwin Park Animal Care Center 4275 Elton St, Baldwin Park, CA 91706  
Carson Animal Care Center 216 W Victoria St, Gardena, CA 90248  
Downey Animal Care Center 11258 Garfield Ave, Downey, CA 90242  
Lancaster Animal Care Center 5210 W Ave I, Lancaster, CA 93536  
Palmdale Animal Care Center 38550 Sierra Hwy, Palmdale, CA 93550

#### **Large Animals:**

Pomona Fairplex 1101 W McKinley Ave. Pomona  
Industry Hills Expo 16200 Temple Ave, City of Industry, CA 91744  
Antelope Valley Fair 2551 W Avenue H, Lancaster, CA 93536

### **Assistance for Individuals and Families**

Individual assistance available through [FEMA](#). Three ways to register for FEMA Assistance and [video tutorial](#):

Online at [DisasterAssistance.gov](https://DisasterAssistance.gov). Applying online is the easiest, fastest, and most convenient way to apply.

On the [FEMA App](#) for mobile devices

Call the FEMA helpline at 1-800-621-3362: 4 a.m. to 10 p.m. (PST). Help is available in most languages.

If you lost your job due to the fires, [apply for benefits](#) through the State of California.

For information on reconnecting with loved ones, call (800) 675-5799 or visit:

[Finding Friends & Family](#)

[Access shelter and housing services](#)

[Take care of your health, safety, and emotional well-being](#)

[Avoid After-Disaster Scams](#)

[School Closure updates from LAUSD](#)

### **Shelter and Housing Services**

Calvary Community Church, 5495 Via Rocas, Westlake Village, CA 91362

Ritchie Valens Recreation Center – 10736 Laurel Canyon Blvd., Pacoima, CA 91331

Westwood Recreation Center – 1350 Sepulveda Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90025

Pasadena Civic Auditorium – 300 East Green Street, Pasadena, CA 91101

Pomona Fairplex (Gate 3) – 1101 W McKinley Ave, Pomona, CA 91768

Stoner Recreation Center – 1835 Stoner Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90025

Lanark Recreation Center – 21816 Lanark Street, Canoga Park, CA 91304

Van Nuys-Sherman Oaks Rec Center – 14201 Houston St, Sherman Oaks, CA 91423

The Altadena Senior Center, the Charles White Park in Altadena, and the Palisades Branch Library are public facilities that have been burnt as a result of the fires. Please note that due to the ongoing Red Flag warnings and advisories, all Los Angeles park trails, natural areas and nature centers are closed until further notice. The use of barbecue pits and outdoor cooking are not permitted until further notice.

Here's how you can help the families and communities impacted by the fires:

### **Financial Support**

- California Community Foundation Wildfire Recovery Fund at [www.calfund.org/funds/wildfire-recovery-fund](http://www.calfund.org/funds/wildfire-recovery-fund)
- Los Angeles Fire Department Foundation at [www.supportafd.org](http://www.supportafd.org)
- Support a GoFundMe at [www.gofundme.com/f/wildfire-relief-fund-2025](http://www.gofundme.com/f/wildfire-relief-fund-2025). Over \$3M has been raised, and we still have 40% to reach the \$5M goal.

### **Donation Drop-Off Locations**

- Council President Marqueece Harris-Dawson – It's Bigger Than Us  
Monday-Sunday: 10am-5pm  
4308 Crenshaw Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90008  
Items Requested: Men, Women and Children's Clothing, Air Mattresses, Bedding, Toiletries, Non-perishable foods
- Councilmember Traci Park District Office – Westchester Municipal Building  
Monday-Friday: 9am-5pm  
Saturday-Sunday: 12pm-4pm  
7166 West Manchester Ave, Westchester, CA 90045

Items Requested: Individually wrapped items, diapers, personal hygiene products, non-perishable foods, baby food, dog food, water and Gatorade

- Councilwoman Monica Rodriguez -- North Valley Caring Services Food Pantry  
Monday-Thursday: 8:30am-4pm  
Friday: 12pm-2pm  
15453 Rayen Street, North Hills, CA 91343  
Items Requested: Nonperishable foods, blankets, bottled water, diapers and wipes, microwaves, fresh produce (please only drop off produce on Thursdays)

### **Volunteer**

MLK Jr. Day of Service – Volunteer Festival

LA Works has adjusted MLK Day of Service activities to support communities affected by wildfires. If you'd like to volunteer, please join others on Monday, January 20, 2025, at the L.A. Memorial Coliseum. Please visit [www.laworks.com/mlk2025](http://www.laworks.com/mlk2025) to register.

Let us face this challenge together with the same strength and resilience that libraries inspire every day. Thank you to all those who have supported and continue to support our friends, neighbors, firefighters, public servants, and countless volunteers from across our county who have been impacted by these fires.

With love and solidarity for our Los Angeles neighbors,

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