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Pluck A Turkey

Reading Challenge

November 12th-26th

All ages can participate in the November reading challenge, 'Pluck a Turkey'. Patrons can read five books or for three hours to have a chance to pluck a feather off of the turkey. Each feather will have a surprise prize on it. The prizes range from toys and candy to lap blankets.

Books can be borrowed from our library, another library, or ones you own. The library only encourages reading. Reading logs are available at the Chapman Public Library.



Newsletter

November 2025

Celebrating the Holidays with Tradition and Sweet Treats

As the holiday season arrives, delightful aromas fill the home while a feast is being prepared. Family recipes evoke a sense of nostalgia for everyone gathered around the table. While many families prepare a three or four-course meal, the dessert served at the end adds a sweet finish to the savory feast. What dessert is served at your gathering? Does your family enjoy pie for Thanksgiving?

Pumpkin, pecan, and apple pies, with or without ice cream, are sure to please those with full bellies. However, pies also have a rich history.

According to author Max Miller, who penned the cookbook **Tasting History**, the first pecan orchard was planted in 1772 on Long Island, New York. Early orchards faced challenges with inconsistent flavors; one tree would produce sweet nuts while its neighbor yielded bitter ones. The solution, grafting, proved difficult and often unsuccessful. Eventually, in 1846, an enslaved gardener named Antoine in Louisiana successfully grafted around 116 trees. By 1876, the nuts from these trees won the Best Pecan award at the Philadelphia Centennial Exposition. Today, these nuts are known as the Centennial Pecan and are the most widely produced nuts.

Cookbooks became filled with pecan recipes, including the beloved pecan pie. Before the introduction of Karo syrup, the original pecan pie featured a more custard-like base. By the 1930s, this dessert had secured its place on Thanksgiving tables and has remained a cherished staple ever since.

Are you curious about trying the 1914 custard-based pecan pie recipe? Visit the Chapman Library to explore the book **Tasting History**.

Tomatoes on Trial

Did you know about the case of Nix v. Hedden? Both sides argued their position if a tomato was a fruit or a vegetable. Cast your vote today at the librarian's desk if you think a tomato should be a fruit or a vegetable.

Curious to know more about the trial? Check out the Non-Fiction picture book, 'Tomatoes on Trial'.



Movie @ the Library

With the Chapman Police Department

Tuesday, November 25th

5:00 PM



Snoopy, Charlie Brown, popcorn, and jelly beans, what do they have in common?

A heartfelt Thanksgiving Movie!

The library and Chapman Police Department invite you to join us for the holiday movie and enjoy a Charlie Brown Thanksgiving feast! The library will provide refreshments of popcorn and jelly beans.

Silent Book Club

An Adult Book Club

A new twist on book clubs! Participants bring their own book, socialize for a few minutes, and read for one hour. No set reading list, no questions over the material, only read and enjoy.

The library is seeking a volunteer to host this adult book club. The two requirements are host meeting once a month for three months and set a timer for one hour.

The library will provide the space, advertisement, and books as needed. Coffee and water will be provided for attendees. Interested in leading this fun book club? Speak with the librarian!



The Chapman Public Library will be closed the following dates:

November 11th Veteran's Day

November 27th-29th for Thanksgiving Holiday

Santa on a Firetruck

Friday, November 28th

Sheeran Park, 5 PM-7 PM

Through a grant, the library has received funding to purchase the chapter book, "Pax" to distribute at the holiday lighting ceremony. We will hand out 45 copies of the book, one book per family while supplies last.

Families can begin this holiday season reading this heartfelt chapter book together.

