



Los Angeles Library Patch Program

The Los Angeles Public Library (LAPL) provides free and easy access to information, ideas, books and technology that enrich, educate and empower every individual in our city's diverse communities. This patch will educate Scouts about the variety of in-person and online resources LAPL provides, and help them understand the vital roles libraries play in building strong communities.

The Los Angeles Public Library is one of the largest public library systems in the United States. We serve the 3 million people that live in the City of Los Angeles with our 72 Library Branches, Central Library, and 24/7 access through our website.

For: Daisy, Brownie, Junior, Cadette, Senior and Ambassador Girl Scouts

Purpose: To introduce and familiarize Girl Scouts to the Los Angeles Public Library and its mission through an exploration of these three learning objectives:

- How does LAPL serve as a research portal, both online and in person?
- How does LAPL serve as a cultural hub?
- How does LAPL serve as a community center?

Before You Begin: There will be a mix of both online and in person requirements in order to complete this patch. The culminating experience is a tour of the Central Library in Downtown Los Angeles. It is highly recommended to set up appointments 6 weeks in advance for some of the wonderful experiences that can be had at the Central Library in Downtown Los Angeles.

Upon Completion: Have your Troop Leader verify that all requirements have been fulfilled. Patches will be available for purchase at the Library Store inside Central Library.

All Age Levels Must Complete Activities 1-3

1. Take a tour of the Central Library 630 West 5th Street, Los Angeles, California 90071.
 - a) Daily walk-in tours of the Central Library last approximately one hour and are recommended for Cadettes and above. No reservations are necessary for groups of six or less. The tours leave from the front of the Library Store in the main lobby.

Art & Architecture Tours
Monday through Friday · 12:30 p.m.
Saturday · 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.
Sunday · 2:00 p.m.
 - b) For larger Troop visits and kid/teen friendly tours, please schedule an arranged tour at your convenience, during library hours, by calling 213-228-7168.
2. Attend one of LAPL's library programs, either at Central Library or one of the branches (a searchable online calendar is available on www.lapl.org).
3. Show proof to troop leader of a library card from LAPL. Library cards are available for free to all residents of California. Information at <http://www.lapl.org/about-lapl/borrower-services>. (Photos get included here.)

Additional Activities Required; Amount Based on Girl Scout Level

Daisy Scouts:	No further work required
Brownie Scouts:	Select 1 from any category
Junior Girl Scouts:	Select 2 activities; each from a different category
Cadette Girl Scouts:	Select 3 activities; each from a different category
Senior Girl Scouts:	Select 4 activities, at least one from each category
Ambassador Girl Scouts:	Select 5 activities, at least one from each category

Category 1: How does the Los Angeles Public Library serve as a research portal?

1. Scavenger Hunt -- Learn how the library is organized with a game. Use the Girl Scouts/Library Scavenger Hunt (attached at the end of this document) and complete at Central Library or your local LAPL branch library. Find out the hours of your local library on the LAPL website.
2. LAPL.ORG -- Explore one of the Library's many databases under the Research & Homework link. What did you discover that you didn't know existed?

Suggested databases for Girl Scouts to explore, as broken down by age group:

- i. Brownie Scouts (ABCMouse.com, Biography in Context)
- ii. Junior Girl Scouts (CultureGrams, Novelist K-8)
- iii. Cadette Girl Scouts (History in Context, Daily Life in History)
- iv. Senior Girl Scouts (Opposing Viewpoints, Proquest Research Library)
- v. Ambassador Girl Scouts (Los Angeles Times Historic, Sanborn Maps)

3. Compare Awards given by the American Library Association (ALA) -- What is the Newbery Award? Caldecott? Coretta Scott King Award? Pure Belpre Award? What other awards does ALA give out? List two winning books from at least 4 Award groups.
4. Interview a librarian. Ask a librarian how they became a librarian. Ask what they love best about their job and what they think is important about libraries. Find out where they went to school. (Please contact a branch manager and make an appointment for this activity).
5. Take a behind the scenes tour of the Central Library's historic Photo Collection of more than 3 million images. (Contact Christina Rice with advanced notice to schedule this. Individual or group tours ok - (213) 228-7403, crice@lapl.org)
6. Go to the History & Genealogy Department at Central Library and ask to see the earliest issue of *American Girl* published by the Girl Scouts from 1917-1979 and available on microfilm.
7. Borrower Services - Borrow a book from the library. Place a hold on a book and have it sent to your nearest LAPL branch.

Category 2: How does the Los Angeles Public Library serve as a cultural hub?

1. History -- How did the Los Angeles Public Library start? Tell us about where the first library branches were built and who the first City Librarian was. How many library branches are there for the Los Angeles Public Library?
2. Visit your local LAPL branch library and learn about the history of the building. Make artwork inspired by the art and the architecture of the branch library you visited.
3. View one of the exhibits on display at Central Library. What was the exhibit about? What does the exhibit say about your community? What is your favorite object from the exhibit, and why?

Category 3: How does the Los Angeles Public Library serve as a community center?

1. Compare Rules of Conduct and the Girl Scout Law -- Study the Library's Rules of Conduct and the Girl Scout Law. How are they the same? How are they different? What do these rules encourage us to do and to behave in public? How do represent ourselves?
2. Host a Book Discussion -- Chose a Newberry or 2 Caldecott winning book(s). Read them on your own time and discuss them at your next Girl Scout meeting. You can all read the same book or chose different ones.
3. Volunteering at the Library: Find out what volunteer opportunities are available at your local branch? What are the qualifications needed to be a volunteer? What are some projects assigned to volunteers? Is volunteering at a library something you might be able to do? Would you be interested in being a volunteer now or in the future?
4. Create a poster, skit, video, or other piece of art to help encourage library visits in your community.

Girl Scouts/Library Scavenger Hunt

Grades K-5

Instructions: To complete this scavenger hunt, please visit a Los Angeles Public Library location. A list of locations and hours can be found at <https://www.lapl.org/branches>. Scouts may work together and with their families to complete this challenge. If you need additional help, please ask a librarian.

Can you find these 10 items?

1. Biography of a famous woman

Title: _____

Call number: _____

Author: _____

2. Book about your favorite animal

Title: _____

Call number: _____

Author: _____

3. A book in a language other than English

Title: _____

Language: _____

4. Book you could listen to in the car

Title: _____

Author: _____

5. Non-fiction kids' movie

Title: _____

6. Comic Book or Graphic Novel

Title: _____

Author: _____

7. Fictional Book

Title: _____

Author: _____

8. Book on the Titanic

Title: _____

Call number: _____

Author: _____

9. Book with a call number that begins "x796"

Title: _____

Author: _____

10. Book of Poetry

Title: _____

Call number: _____

Author: _____

Online resources. Visit www.lapl.org. Use the "Kids & Parents" link to access the Library's online resources and answer the following:

1. A picture or article from an online encyclopedia or magazine

Title or description: _____

Where did you find it?: _____

2. A kids' e-book or e-audiobook that you might want to read or listen to

Title: _____

Author: _____

Where did you find it?: _____

3. A book that you've never read before

Title: _____

Author: _____

Where did you find it?: _____

What's your favorite thing about the library? _____

Girl Scouts/Library Scavenger Hunt

Grades 6-12

Instructions: To complete this scavenger hunt, please visit a Los Angeles Public Library location. A list of locations and hours can be found at <https://www.lapl.org/branches>. Scouts may work together and with their families to complete this challenge. If you need additional help, please ask a librarian.

Can you find these 10 items?

1. Biography of a famous or notable woman

Title: _____

Call number: _____

Author: _____

2. A book that interests you in the 600 call number range

Title: _____

Call number: _____

Author: _____

3. An item in a language other than English

Title: _____

Language: _____

4. Comic book or graphic novel

Title: _____

Call number: _____

Author: _____

5. Book of poetry

Title: _____

Call number: _____

Author: _____

6. A play by Shakespeare

Title: _____

Call number: _____

7. An audiobook

Title: _____

Author: _____

8. An SAT prep book

Title: _____
Call number: _____
Author: _____

9. A travel book

Title: _____
Author: _____

10. A book on how to start your own business

Title: _____
Call number: _____
Author: _____

Online resources. Visit www.lapl.org. Use the links for “Research and Homework” or “Teens” to access the Library’s online resources and answer the following:

1. Select two databases you would use if you were doing a project on the pros and cons concerning the topic of Fake News on Social Media.

Resource Name 1: _____

Why?: _____

Resource Name 2: _____

Why?: _____

2. Go to the Los Angeles Times. What is the front page headline on the date you were born?

Headline: _____

3. Select two online resources you would use to research health topics?

Resource Name 1: _____

Why?: _____

Resource Name 2: _____

Why?: _____

4. Find a Library resource that provides free online tutoring.

Resource Name: _____

What’s your favorite thing about the library? _____
