



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 3 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. Questions can be sent to girlscouts@lapl.org

All Age Levels Must Complete Activities 1-3

1. Take a tour of the Central Library 630 West 5th Street, Los Angeles, California 90071. For hours, parking and other visitor information, visit lapl.org/central-library
 - a) Come to Central Library during operating hours and to explore the art and architecture of this historic building using this self-guided tour.
<https://www.lapl.org/branches/central-library/art-architecture>
 - b) Interested in a guided tour of Central Library? Please contact girlscouts@lapl.org at least 3 weeks in advance, with the number of visitors and preferred dates/ times.
2. Attend one library program, either at Central Library or one of LAPL's branches. You can find a searchable calendar of events at www.lapl.org/whats-on/calendar
3. Show proof to troop leader of a library card from LAPL. Library cards are available for free to all residents of California. For information on obtaining a library card, you can visit www.lapl.org/about-lapl/borrower-services

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 it at the Central Library or your local LAPL branch library. For hours, parking and other visitor information for your local library, visit www.lapl.org/branches
2. LAPL.ORG -- Explore one of the Library's many databases You can find the library's database at <https://www.lapl.org/collections-resources/research-and-homework>.
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 (BookFlix, 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 four Award groups. You can find information about these book awards here:
www.ala.org/awardsgrants/awards/browse/bpma
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 make arrangements prior to your visit by emailing girlscouts@lapl.org.
5. Take a behind the scenes tour of the Central Library's historic Photo Collection, containing 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 in the Los Angeles Public Library? You can learn more by using the resources below:
 - Visit the library's website for information about LAPL: <https://www.lapl.org/about-lapl/about-library>
 - Check out "The Light of Learning : An Illustrated History of the Los Angeles Public Library: <https://ls2pac.lapl.org/?section=resource&resourceid=25318137>
 - Check out "Feels like Home : Reflections on Central Library": <https://ls2pac.lapl.org/?section=resource&resourceid=1849373499>>
2. Every branch at the Los Angeles Public Library has unique art and architecture! Visit your local LAPL branch library and make artwork inspired by the art and the architecture of the branch library you visited. Share it with us at girlscouts@lapl.org or post to Instagram with #GirlScoutsLAPL. Don't forget to tag us at @lapubliclibrary and @childrenslitlapl!
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? Discuss with your Troop.

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

1. Compare Rules of Conduct <<https://www.lapl.org/about-lapl/rules-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 how to behave in public? Discuss with your Troop.

2. Host a Book Discussion -- Choose a Newbery or two 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 choose different ones. Here is a link to the ALA website where you can learn more about the Newbery and Caldecott winning books: www.ala.org/awardsgrants/awards/browse/bpma
3. Volunteering at the Library: Find out what volunteer opportunities are available at LAPL. 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? Contact girlscouts@lapl.org.
4. Create a poster, skit, video, or other piece of art to help encourage library visits in your community. Share it with us at girlscouts@lapl.org or post to Instagram with #GirlScoutsLAPL. Don't forget to tag us at @lapubliclibrary and @childrenslitlap!

Library Scavenger Hunt

The **Dewey Decimal System** is a way to put books in order by subject. The system was created by Melvil Dewey in 1876 and is still used today in many public libraries and schools in the United States and other countries. It places books on the shelf by subject using numbers from 000 to 999.

You can use the Dewey Decimal System to find nonfiction books. **Non-fiction** books are based on facts or real events (like history or science), whereas **fiction** books are based on imaginary events or people (like Captain Underpants). Fiction books will be shelved by the author's last name.

Additionally, you can use the Los Angeles Public Library's online catalog to help you find books. A **library catalog** is an online database that keeps a record for every item in the library's collection. The Los Angeles Public Library has over 7 million items in our online catalog! You can use it to search for books by keyword, title or author's name. You can find the Los Angeles Public Library's catalog here: <https://ls2pac.lapl.org/>

But wait, there's more! The Los Angeles Public Library offers every library card holder access to **research databases**, online books (**ebooks**), audiobooks and e-videos too!

To search the library's research databases, you can visit the "Research & Homework" webpage at <https://lapl.org/collections-resources/research-and-homework>

Databases can be browsed alphabetically or sorted by subject. To access a database, you will need your Los Angeles Public Library card and PIN, the last four digits of your telephone number by default.

To view the library's Overdrive collection of ebooks, audiobooks, e-videos and more, you can visit lapl.overdrive.com You can select "Kids" or "Teens" to see materials for your age group. A Los Angeles Public Library card is required to borrow digital material.

Library Scavenger Hunt Dewey Decimal Map

Remember, fiction books will be shelved by the author's last name.

000	General Knowledge	x 004 - Coding x 031 - World Records
100	Philosophy & Psychology	x100 - Philosophy x133 - Legendary Animals x157 - Feelings
200	Religion	x 291 - Mythology
300	Social Sciences	x 326 - African American History x 339 - Green Living x 398 - Fairy Tales & Folklore
400	Languages	x 419 - Sign Language x 423 - Dictionaries
500	Math & Science	x 510 - Math x 523 - Space x 568 - Dinosaurs x 580 - Plants & Flowers x 590 - Animals x 595 - Insects x 598 - Birds x 599.7 - Big Cats
600	Technology	x 612 - Health & Human Body x 629 - Transportation x 641 - Cookbooks x 636 - Pets x 681 - Legos
700	Art & Recreation	x 741.5 - Drawing x 746 - Arts & Crafts x 793.8 - Jokes x 794 - Gaming x 796 - Sports
800	Literature & Poetry	x 808 - Poetry x 822.33 - Shakespeare
900	History & Geography	x 910.4 - Pirates x 92 - Biographies x 973 - USA History x 979 - California History

Library Scavenger Hunt Grades K-5

Instructions: To complete this scavenger hunt, please visit a Los Angeles Public Library location, <https://www.lapl.org/branches>, and use the **Dewey Decimal Map** to locate each of the following topics. Players may work together and with their families to complete this challenge. If you need additional help, please ask a librarian.

Can you find books on these 10 topics?

1. A biography about a famous woman

Title: _____

Call number: _____

Author: _____

2. Your favorite animal

Title: _____

Call number: _____

Author: _____

3. Cookbook (a book with recipes)

Title: _____

Call number: _____

Author: _____

4. Poetry book

Title: _____

Call number: _____

Author: _____

5. A game or sport you'd play outside

Title: _____

Call number: _____

Author: _____

6. Any book with the word "magic" in the title

Title: _____

Author: _____

7. Book about Dragons

Title: _____

Author: _____

8. Any book by William Shakespeare

Title: _____

Call number: _____

Author: _____

9. Book in a language other than English

Title: _____

Language: _____

10. Graphic Novel or Comic book

Title: _____

Author: _____

The Search Continues... Online Resources!

To search the library's research databases, you can visit:

<https://lapl.org/collections-resources/research-and-homework>

To view the library's Overdrive collection of ebooks, audiobooks, e-videos and more, you can visit lapl.overdrive.com

1. A picture or article from an online encyclopedia or magazine
2. An ebook or e-audiobook that you've never read before
3. An ebook about a country you'd like to visit

What's your favorite thing about the library?

Library Scavenger Hunt Grades 6 - 12

Instructions: To complete this scavenger hunt, please visit a Los Angeles Public Library location, <https://www.lapl.org/branches>, and use the **Dewey Decimal Map** to locate each of the following topics. Players 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. Book about the human brain

Title: _____

Call number: _____

Author: _____

2. Biography about a woman in science

Title: _____

Call number: _____

Author: _____

3. Book in a language other than English

Title: _____

Language: _____

4. Comic book or graphic novel

Title: _____

Author: _____

5. Book about Greek mythology

Title: _____

Call number: _____

Author: _____

6. Any book written by William Shakespeare

Title: _____

Call number: _____

7. Any fiction book with a cat on the cover

Title: _____

Author: _____

8. Book of jokes or riddles

Title: _____

Call number: _____

Author: _____

9. Any book about a US President

Title: _____

Call number: _____

Author: _____

10. Any book with the word “mystery” or “mysterious” in the title

Title: _____

Call number: _____

Author: _____

The Search Continues... Online Resources!

To search the library’s research databases, you can visit:

<https://lapl.org/collections-resources/research-and-homework>

To view the library’s Overdrive collection of ebooks, audiobooks, e-videos and more, you can visit lapl.overdrive.com

1. Select two databases you could use to learn more about the groovy 1960’s in America.

Resource Name 1: _____

Resource Name 2: _____

2. Visit the “Los Angeles Times Historical Archives (ProQuest)” database and search for “Walk on the Moon Armstrong Beams His Words to Earth” to see the front page of the newspaper on the day of the moon landing.
3. Find the name of the database that provides “free one-on-one online homework help.” Hint! The name starts with the letter “T.”
4. Find one ebook that you’d be interested in reading

What’s your favorite thing about the library? _____