Historic Book Display at the San Bernardino Public Library

A book display featuring the diversity of groups who settled this valley is featured in the Arda Haenszel California Room of the San Bernardino Public Library’s Norman F. Feldheym Central Library, 555 W. Sixth Street.

The Arda Haenszel California Room features books and other unique resources that are treasures of the city’s past. Because they are unique and used for research purposes - they are for in-library usage only. “We are pleased to have this display of local history resources to demonstrate the wider heritage of communities that make up this valley,” said Ed Erjavek, the library director of the San Bernardino Public Library. “The Friends of the San Bernardino Public Library recently received $40,000 from the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians for library books for the benefit of the patrons served by our library system. We’re pleased to collaborate with the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians to emphasize our library as an important source for accessing local heritage.”

This display is a collaboration between the San Bernardino Historical and Pioneer Society and the library.

The following is a partial list of the books and publications featured in the display or available in the Arda Haenszel California Room highlighting the diversity of our community’s founders:

- The People of San Manuel by Clifford Trafzer.
- Saga of the San Bernardinos by Pauliena B. LaFuze.
- Mexican Americans in Redlands by Antonio Gonzales Vasquez and Genevieve Carpio.
- The Jewish Community of San Bernardino, California and its William Russler Memorial Archive by Kelly Damon Barton.
- Mormons in San Bernardino by Arda Haenzel, a quarterly publication of the San Bernardino County Museum Association.
- Beyond All This by Dorothy Inghram.
- Pioneers of San Bernardino: 1851 to 1857 by Nick Cataldo and Arda Haenszel.
- Mother Massetti and early Italian community in San Bernardino.
- Black origins of the Inland Empire by Byron Skinner.
- History of San Bernardino’s Chinatown by Richard Thompson.


The California Room is staffed by docents, who volunteer because of their interest in and love of local history.

**Arda Haenszel California Room Hours**

Because it is staffed by docents - to be certain the Arda Haenszel California Room is open, please call 909-
381-8208 (Arda Haenszel California Room) or 909-381-8221 press #3 (for the Reference Department) before you come in.

Monday – Closed
Tuesday – 12-4 p.m.
Wednesday - 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Thursday – 12-4 p.m.
Friday - Closed
Saturday – 1-4 p.m.

For more information about our library including locations, hours, a wide range of electronic library services available to our library cardholders, and free programs for all ages, visit our website http://www.sbpl.org, at 909-381-8201 or follow us on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/sbcitylib.

About the San Bernardino Historical and Pioneer Society

For nearly 40 years, this wonderful organization has focused on saving our past for the future. Its purpose is to stimulate public interest in the rich history of the city of San Bernardino for people of all ages and to preserve and protect the archives and historic sites of the city.

The San Bernardino Historical and Pioneer Society is open to the public on the first Thursday of each month (excluding July and August) at 7 p.m. for lectures. Every Saturday there is an Open House at the Historical Society from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Also, the San Bernardino History and Railroad Museum, which is located inside the Santa Fe Depot, is open every Saturday from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.