



**Jane Austen @ 250: San Diego Public Library celebrates legendary author Jane Austen's 250th birthday with film, literature, music, and making!**

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It is a truth universally acknowledged that 250 years after her birth, the British author **Jane Austen** remains one of the best known writers of all time. To celebrate the occasion, institutions around the world are putting on public programs honoring the famed novelist and original influencer, while millions have been donning bonnets and top hats and their best Regency attire all year long for all manners of Jane Austen festivities.

So come celebrate with us! Read Austen! Watch a movie based on her work. Listen to music she listened to. And make cool Austen and Regency themed stuff in our [IDEA Lab](#).

All the programs below are free and open to the public. *Period attire is strongly encouraged!*

- [Jane Austen @250: Austenmania Rules](#)

*Tuesday, November 4 | 6:30pm–8:00pm | Central Library*

**Linda Miller** of the Jane Austen Society of North America-San Diego Chapter presents a stimulating talk on why Jane Austen is as relevant as ever and is everywhere as a cultural giant and original influencer 250 years after her birth.

- [Jane Austen's 250th Birthday: A Celebration with Film, Literature, and Music](#)

*Saturday, November 15 | 11:00am–4:00pm*

Join San Diego Public Library and the Jane Austen Society of North America-San Diego Chapter to celebrate the legendary author Jane Austen's 250th birthday! Attendees are encouraged to don their Regency apparel and step back in time with us! This day of film, literature, and music will feature:

**11:00am-1:00pm:** A screening of the film **Clueless** (1995) based on Jane Austen's Emma  
| Neil Morgan Auditorium

**2:00-2:30pm:** Readings from Jane Austen's works by **Write Out Loud** | Garden Courtyard

**2:30-3:30pm:** "In the Music Room," A Duet Performance of Regency Era Music, featuring **Ann Erwin**, flute and **Cho-Hyun Park**, piano | Neil Morgan Auditorium

**3:30-4:00pm:** Tea and biscuits for attendees after the concert | Garden Courtyard

- [Picture This: Sense and Sensibility](#)

*Tuesday, November 25 | 6:00 pm | Central Library*

Based on Jane Austen's first novel, this film follows the story of the three Dashwood sisters who find themselves suddenly destitute after the death of their wealthy father. The sisters move with their mother to a modest cottage where they vie for the attention of various suitors in search of true love.



- [Jane Austen's 250th Birthday Celebration: A Regency-Inspired Afternoon](#)  
*Saturday, December 6 | 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm | North Clairemont Branch Library*  
Celebrate **Jane Austen's 250th birthday** with us on Saturday, December 6 at 2:00 PM! Enjoy a cozy afternoon featuring a screening of *Emma* (2020), Regency-themed crafts, and cream tea. Adults only, please—and dressing up is encouraged!
- [Jane Austen's 250th Birthday Tea Party!](#)  
*Tuesday, December 9 | 4:00pm–5:00pm | Tierrasanta Branch Library*  
Join us as we celebrate beloved author Jane Austen's 250th birthday with a regency-themed tea party! Costumes not required but encouraged.
- [Picture This: Bride and Prejudice](#)  
*Tuesday, December 9 | 6:00 pm | Central Library*  
Bollywood adaptation of Jane Austen's classic novel features the lives of four unmarried daughters in an Indian family. Vibrant dancing and musical set pieces are guaranteed to make you shake what your mama gave you. Live **Bollywood** dance performance before the film by **Arudra Dance School** and **35-Bhangra Club** Indian dance groups.
- [Jane Austen's 250th Birthday: An Evening of Merriment and Making](#)  
*Tuesday, December 16 | 3:30 – 6:30 pm | Central Library*  
Calling Janeites of all ages to celebrate Jane Austen's 250th at the Central Library's **IDEA Lab** and make cool Jane Austen and Regency-themed stuff.
- [Jane Austen 250th Birthday Flashmob and Regency Dance & Music](#)  
*Tuesday, December 16 | 5:30 – 6:30 pm | Central Library*  
Wear your Regency attire or other period costumes and join San Diego English Country Dancers for an introduction into the world of English Country Dance. You'll watch demonstrations of the dances mentioned in the works of Jane Austen and then, following a lesson geared towards beginners, try some of the dances for yourself.
- [Jane Austen from the Margins](#)  
*Tuesday, December 16 | 6:30 – 8:00 pm | Central Library*  
Jane Austen scholar and UCSD professor of literature Lillian Lu discusses the historical context of Austen's time and the literary, cultural, and political worlds of her six novels. She also takes a deep dive into Austen's famous style, free indirect discourse, and connects it to contemporary Asian diasporic adaptations of Austen's work.
- [100 Jane Austen themed books to celebrate Jane Austen's 250th birthday](#)  
Explore this list of modern retellings, continuations, and non-fiction revolving around Jane Austen and her timeless work!

