The Los Angeles Times Festival of Books, the nation’s largest, returns to the University of Southern California’s University Park Campus on April 21-22, and JASNA Southwest will be on hand to share the love of Jane Austen with attendees.

Our booth, located between Doheny Library and Tommy Trojan in the center of campus, will once again offer a wide range of Austen novels and related merchandise. Authors of Austen-related books will sign their works and greet visitors to the booth.

We always need a team of volunteers to help staff the booth, and assist with setup and breakdown of the tent. Emily Bergman is once again serving as coordinator of the effort. If you’d like to help, please email Emily and sign up as a volunteer. Please indicate times you are available: Saturday morning, Saturday afternoon, Sunday morning or Sunday afternoon.

The Expo line provides easy rail access to the festival. We hope to see you there!
If you haven't yet taken our very brief survey on JASNA Southwest events, it's not too late! Share your feedback today and help us ensure our regional meetings are the best they can be. For those who have already participated, thank you so much for sharing your thoughts!

Take me to the Survey!

New Austen Gaming Groups Forming

In our January survey, numerous members expressed interest in attending informal Jane Austen-related game nights. Two members have already stepped up to offer to host such events.

Teresa Chien hosted an event in January and is planning the next gathering for Sunday, February 11, beginning at 2:30 p.m., near Brentwood. She will provide light refreshments and tea. The games she uses spur discussion on Austen-related trivia. Email Teresa for more details if you are interested in attending. She aims to host these events twice a month—once on a weekday and once on a weeknight.

Another member, David Poepoe, offers to hosts up to 14 people for a game night in El Segundo. In addition to playing modern Janeite-related games, like Marrying Mr. Darcy, he is interested in learning Whist and Speculation—games Austen herself would have played and games she mentioned in her novels. If you're interested in joining this group, email David.

If you are interested in learning more about Regency-era games and will be attending the 2018 Annual General Meeting in Kansas City, coaches will be on hand to teach Whist.

Jane Austen Tea

The Victorian Tea Society is holding a Jane Austen Tea at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 14, at the Heritage Museum of Orange County, 3101 W. Harvard St., Santa Ana CA 92704. Proceeds benefit children's educational programs at the museum.

Tickets go on sale Feb. 12 and may be purchased online from the Heritage Museum.

Listen to music from the Regency era and partake of traditional Afternoon Tea, including scones with jam and Devonshire cream, an assortment of savories and sweets, and a selection of fine teas—all served by members of the Victorian Tea Society donning Regency and Victorian gowns. Regency attire is encouraged.

Discounted Daniel Deronda tickets

Los Angeles Theatre Works (LATW) is offering JASNA-Southwest members half-price tickets to Daniel Deronda.
for the upcoming production of *Daniel Deronda* for the following performances:

Thursday, March 15, 8 p.m.
Friday, March 16, 8 p.m.
Saturday, March 17 matinee, 3 p.m.
Saturday, March 17, 8 p.m.

**PURCHASE ONLINE**
Go to the [LATW website](http://www.latw.org).

Choose your date and select your seats. On the seat selection screen, click on the bubble that says "Have a Promotion Code?" and enter JASNA to receive the discount.

Be sure to enter the code and have it confirmed before finalizing your purchase! And remember it's for the Thursday, Friday or either Saturday performances. The only unavailable performance for the discount is the Sunday matinee.

**PURCHASE BY PHONE**
Call Fritz Meier, marketing director, at 310.827.0889 and give him your performance selection and the JASNA code over the phone.

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**Reading Groups**

Sunday, February 11, 1:30-4:30 p.m.
**West Los Angeles Reading Group**
*Northanger Abbey* by Jane Austen
This group is at capacity and cannot accept new members. Current members may contact Clara Browda, 310-278-8759.

Saturday, February 17, 11:30 a.m.
**Ventura County Reading Group**
*The Making of Jane Austen* by Devoney Looser
Location: E.P. Foster Library, Ventura
For more information, contact Priscilla Diamond, 805-798-5622.

Sunday, February 25, 1 p.m.
**Riverside Reading Group**
*The Widow's Fire* by Paul Butler
Location: home of Vicki Broach
For more information, contact Vicki Broach, 951-907-3948.

Sunday, February 25, 5 p.m.
**Santa Monica Reading Group**
*Persuasion* by Jane Austen
Location: home of Kathi Stafford
For more information, contact Kathi Stafford.

Saturday, March 3
**Long Beach Reading Group**
*Evelina* by Fanny Burney
For more information, contact Sherwood Smith, 714-330-7856.

Saturday, March 3, 1 p.m.
**Westside/405 Reading Group**
*Defiance* by Stephen Taylor
For more information, contact Karen Berk, 310-477-6753.

Saturday, March 10, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
**San Gabriel Valley Reading Group**
*Jane Eyre* (first half) by Charlotte Bronte
Location: home of Jody Gunn, Sierra Madre
Potluck
For more information, contact Kelly Dur, 909-967-6630.

Sunday, March 11, 2-4 p.m.
South Bay Reading Group
Persuasion by Jane Austen
For more information, contact Jeanine Holguin, 805-444-8999.

Sunday, March 25
Pasadena Area Reading Group
The Vicar of Wakefield by Oliver Goldsmith
This group is at capacity and cannot accept new members. Current members may contact Susan Ridgeway, 626-357-1397.

Sunday, March 25, 5 p.m.
Santa Monica Reading Group
Effie in Venice: Mrs. John Ruskin's Letters Home
Location: home of Kathi Stafford
For more information, contact Kathi Stafford.

San Diego Region
Although San Diego is a separate JASNA region, many JASNA Southwest members are interested in San Diego JASNA events and vice versa.

For information on, or to RSVP for, upcoming San Diego JASNA meetings, visit www.jasnasd.org.