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#### ART

**L.A. Zoo Lights** If you want one last taste of the holiday spirit, check out The Zoo's winter light spectacular. Brilliant displays around the zoo include LED lights, lasers, 3D projections and water and light effects synchronized to music. In addition to the lights, you can see real reindeer, take your photo with Santa Claus and enjoy a nice cup of hot cocoa. Tickets start at \$10. **L.A. Zoo**, through Sun. January 7th. 5337 Zoo Dr. Information: (323) 644-4200, lazoolights.org

**Blurry** While you typically want to take nice clear photographs, the juried photography exhibit *Blurry* instead focuses on the artistic use of soft focus, shaky and smeared images. You'll see beautifully blurred lights, surreal shadows and many other photos taken the "wrong" way." Free. **1650 Gallery**, Sun. January 7th, 7:30 p.m. 1650 Park Ave. Information: 1650gallery.com

**Condemned To Be Modern** Presented as part of *Pacific Standard Time: LA/LA*, *Condemned To Be Modern* welcomes 21 contemporary Latin American artists to Los Angeles, hence "LA/LA," to share pieces that comment on modernist design and architecture. There will be paintings, photos and video installations. Free. **Los Angeles Municipal Gallery at Barnsdall Art Park**, through Sun. January 28th. 4800 Hollywood Blvd. Information: barnsdall.org

## BOOKS

**Susanna Fogel** *New Yorker* contributor Fogel's debut novel *Nuclear Family: A Tragicomic Novel* is about a woman named Julie and her fractured New England Jewish family. However, readers never actually meet Julie, as the entire novel is written in the form of letters to her from her mother (who desperately needs technological help), her father (who writes haikus) and many more. Fogel will read and discuss the novel. Free. **Skylight Books**, Tues. January 16th, 7:30 p.m. 1818 N. Vermont Ave. Information: (323) 660-1175. skylightbooks.com

## HISTORY

**Passenger Car Tours** Join one of Travel Town's knowledgeable docents for a tour of selected historic railroad passenger cars. Free. **Travel Town**, Sat. January 13th, 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. 5202 Zoo Dr. Information: traveltown.org

## COMMUNITY

**Family Game Day** Gather round the family and play board games. You'll enjoy games make friends with your neighbors as you play games that are fun for all ages. Free. **Cahuenga Branch Library**, Sat. January 6th, 2:30 to 4:45 p.m. 4591 Santa Monica Blvd. Information: lapl.org

**Toddler Storytime** Join other neighborhood families for fun stories, songs and play designed for youngsters 2 to 4 years old. Free. **Los Feliz Branch Library**, Mon. January 8th and Mon. January 22nd, 11 a.m. 1874 Hillhurst Ave. Information: lapl.org and (323) 913-4710