



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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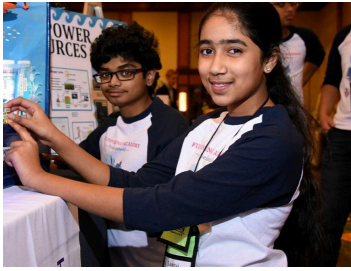
Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Monday, January 19, 2026

Martin Luther King Jr. Day reminds us why visionary leadership and solid planning are vital. Dr. King showed us that clear goals and teamwork can turn dreams into reality. Reflect on his leadership and think about how we, as project leaders, can learn from his success.



Events This Week





[Future City Southern California \(In-person\)](#)

Saturday, January 24th, 2026

8:00 am to 3:00 pm PT

USC Viterbi School of Engineering, Michelson Hall - 1002 Childs Way, Los Angeles, CA, 90089

Future City is a hands-on, cross-curricular educational program that brings STEM to life for students in grades 6 through 12. We're seeking individuals to support in various areas, including event logistics, registration, student team assistance, photography, social media coverage, camera operation, and general event coordination. We welcome professionals from all backgrounds who want to contribute their skills to the Future City mission. [Learn more](#)

Meeting attendance is FREE.



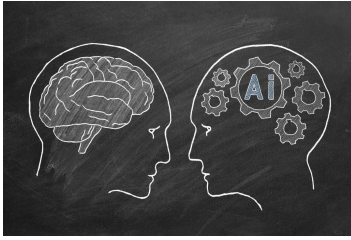
[PMI-LA Chapter 2026 Annual Membership Meeting \(Online\)](#)

Thursday, January 29th, 2026

7:00 pm to 9:00 pm PT

This meeting serves as our official annual business session, as mandated by Article IX of the PMI-LA Bylaws. Beyond the formal proceedings, this is a unique opportunity to gain transparency into Chapter operations, celebrate our collective achievements in health equity and social impact initiatives, and hear the strategic vision for the remainder of the year. [Learn more](#)

Meeting attendance is free for PMI-LA Chapter members.



From Chaos to Clarity: Communication Skills
Every Project Manager Needs to Succeed in the
AI Era (Online)

Thursday, February 12th, 2026

5:30 pm to 7:30 pm PT

Speaker: Judy Hersch - Founder and CEO of
Beyond Limits Center LLC

Join us with Judy Hersch on learning how to master the Interactive Communication Model, Emotional Intelligence, and the OSCAR Coaching Model. Learn to navigate conflict using the Thomas-Kilmann framework, build trust, and develop high-performing teams. This event offers strategies for fostering collaboration, motivation, and peak performance in diverse and psychologically safe environments. [Learn more](#)



[MULTI-CHAPTER MEETING | Project Management in History: The Original Jeeps](#) [\(Online\)](#)

Thursday, February 12th, 2026

6:00 pm to 7:00 pm PT

1.0 PDU Ways of Working (Technical)

Buckle up for a high-octane journey into the origins of the original Jeep, where high-stakes innovation meets the ultimate masterclass in agile execution. Join us for an electrifying multi-chapter virtual event as author Paul Bruno reveals how a desperate race against time birthed an icon through collaboration and problem-solving. This isn't just a history lesson—it's a deep dive into the gritty, real-world project management tactics that conquered impossible deadlines and shifted the gears of an entire industry.

[Learn more](#)



[PMI-LA 2026 Volunteer Recruiting Event \(In Person\)](#)

Saturday, February 21st, 2026

10:45 am to 1:30 pm PT

Location: Manhattan Beach Library - [1320](#)

[Highland Avenue](#), Manhattan Beach, CA, 90266

PMI-LA is an avenue to forming meaningful connections and expanding your professional network. Embrace this mutually beneficial process of supporting our activities and get a glimpse into our exciting volunteer opportunities! Log on to the PMI-LA website as a member, navigate to [Members Only/Volunteer Positions Available](#), and let your journey of discovery begin! [Learn more](#)



[BOOK CLUB | "Atomic Habits" by James Clear](#)
[\(Online\)](#)

Saturday, February 28th, 2026

11:00 am - 1:00 pm PT

3 PDUs Ways of Working (Technical)

This month, the PMI-LA Book Club will discuss "Atomic Habits" by James Clear. Earn PDUs by sharing your thoughts on this popular book with fellow and future project managers.

Additionally, there will be a presentation on a project management topic. [Learn more](#)

Early Bird deadline is 21 February 2026 at 12:00 AM.



[In Uncertain Times, Curiosity Is Your Superpower](#)
[| AITP \(In-person\)](#)

Wednesday, January 28, 2026

6:00 pm – 9:00 pm PT

Location: 4117 Overland Ave, Culver City, CA 90230

AITP-LA invites IT and project professionals to an in-person evening of networking and leadership insights featuring Sheila Miller-Nelson, Executive Coach and Founder of **Midian**. In a fast-moving tech environment, leaders face increasing pressure to make decisions quickly and manage change. This session explores how curiosity, backed by neuroscience, can expand your thinking, improve communication, and help you lead with clarity, even in uncertain times. [Learn more](#)

This is a professional community event not organized by the PMI-LA Chapter.



Exploring AI Integration in Project Management | Call for Research Volunteers

In a one-time, 45-60 minute interview, participants will be asked to discuss their experiences using AI within project management contexts.

This qualitative research study examines how project management professionals are integrating artificial intelligence (AI) into project monitoring and control workflows. As AI-driven tools, as predictive analytics, automated dashboards, and risk forecasting, become increasingly prevalent in project environments, the study seeks to understand how these technologies are applied in practice, the challenges professionals encounter during implementation, and the strategies that support effective adoption.

[Learn more](#)

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Innovative Leadership | Leadership Development Program (Online)

Self-Paced

60 PDUs

Join the Innovative Leadership Institute in a transformative leadership journey.

Why This Class?

Depth: We go beyond the ‘what’ of leadership, exploring the ‘how’ and facilitating an introspective look at your leadership behaviors. You move beyond talking about leadership to becoming a highly effective leader. [Learn More](#)

\$50 off with a discount code for PMI-LA Chapter members.

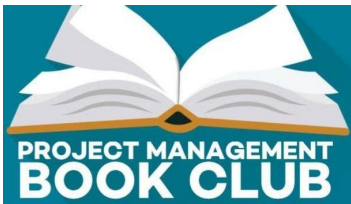
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Additional Resources



VOLUNTEER: No matter where you are on your PM or BA career journey, we've got opportunities to match your interests. Make a difference and earn PDUs volunteering with PMI-LA!

Applications to volunteer with the chapter will open in January 2026 — stay tuned!



BOOK CLUB: Improve your project management skills, gain PDUs, and interact with fellow members by joining the [Project Management Book Club](#). You don't have to be PMP-certified, nor a member of PMI to join.



PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY EVENTS: Every now and again, your hardworking board negotiates a special event for our members and their families.

[Check Out The Upcoming Events!](#)



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