



**CITY OF GILROY
LIBRARY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
AGENDA**



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2025 | 7:00 PM

**GILROY LIBRARY MEETING ROOM
350 W. 6TH STREET
GILROY, CA 95020**

Chair: Victoria Coverson-Baxter

Vice Chair: Saeid Nooshabadi

Commissioner: Kasandra Lowry

Staff Liaison: Harjot Sangha, Finance Director and Vince Bautista, Jr., Recreation Coordinator



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“The Library Commission is comprised of 5 members and serves as an advisory and liaison body to the Gilroy City Council, the city staff and Community Librarian on matters concerning the Gilroy Library”.

The agenda for this regular meeting is as follows:

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **ROLL CALL**
3. **SECRETARY'S REPORT**
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - 4.1. Wednesday, February 12, 2025
5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
6. **LIBRARY STAFF RECOGNITION**
7. **PRESENTATION ABOUT CIVIC CENTER MASTER PLAN**
8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 - 8.1. **Library Commission Workplan**
 1. Staff Report: Vince Bautista, Jr., Recreation Coordinator
 2. Public Comment
 3. Possible Action: Receive and comment on the workplan.
9. **LIBRARY REPORTS**
 - 9.1. **County Library report for March and April 2025**
 1. Staff Report: Jennifer Weeks, Santa Clara County Librarian
 2. Public Comment
 3. Possible Action: Receive and comment on the County Library report.
 - 9.2. **Gilroy Library Report**
 1. Staff Report: Cassandra Wong, Gilroy Librarian
 2. Public Comment
 3. Possible Action: Receive and comment on the Gilroy Library report.
10. **STAFF/COMMISSION COMMENTS**
 - 10.1. District-Based Elections Outreach Announcement
11. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**
12. **ADJOURNMENT**

**City of Gilroy
Library Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 12, 2025 | 7:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 7:11 p.m. by Commissioner Coverson-Baxter.

2. INTRODUCTION

Commissioner Lowry introduced herself. She prefers to be called Kasandra, not Valerie.

3. ROLL CALL

Attendance	Attendee Name
Present	Victoria Coverson-Baxter, Commissioner Saeid Nooshabadi, Commissioner Kasandra Lowry, Commissioner
Absent	None

4. SECRETARY'S REPORT

The meeting agenda was posted on February 7, 2025.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1. Wednesday, November 13, 2024

RESULT: Pass

MOVER: Saeid Nooshabadi, Commissioner

SECONDER Kasandra Lowry, Commissioner

AYES: Commissioner Coverson-Baxter, Commissioner Nooshabadi, Commissioner Lowry

6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

RESULT: Pass

MOVER: Saeid Nooshabadi, Commissioner

SECONDER Kasandra Lowry, Commissioner

AYES: Commissioner Coverson-Baxter, Commissioner Nooshabadi, Commissioner Lowry

7. LIBRARY STAFF RECOGNITION

Community Librarian Wong introduced Passport Services Clerk Daniel Nguyen.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1. Selection of Chair and Vice-Chair of Library Commission

Commissioner Nooshabadi motioned for previous Chair Coverson-Baxter to serve another term as chair. She accepted. Commissioner Lowry seconded. Motion passed 3-0-0.

RESULT: Pass

MOVER: Saeid Nooshabadi, Commissioner

SECONDER Kasandra Lowry, Commissioner

AYES: Commissioner Coverson-Baxter, Commissioner Nooshabadi, Commissioner Lowry

Lowry motioned for previous Vice Chair Nooshabadi to serve another term as vice chair. He accepted. Coverson-Baxter seconded. Motion pass 3-0-0.

RESULT: Pass

MOVER: Kasandra Lowry, Commissioner

SECONDER Commissioner Coverson-Baxter

AYES: Commissioner Coverson-Baxter, Commissioner Nooshabadi, Commissioner Lowry

8.2. **City of Gilroy 's Fiscal Year 2026 and 2027 Budget Development**

Staff liaison Henig presented the staff report. The commissioners wanted to request funding again for training related to the library commission such as attending the annual California Library Association conference or the American Library Association conference. Since it costs approximately \$2,200 to send a commissioner to a conference (based on this past summer's participation), the commissioners recommended that that amount of funding allocated for the next two years should be increased to \$2,500 per commissioner per fiscal year and for up to three commissioners, totaling \$7,500 per fiscal year, for a total amount of \$15,000.

Other budget input ideas included an art installation and funding for promoting the library commission. Since there was no finite funding amount for either of these items, Henig recommended that it would be more appropriately discussed during the future work plan items.

RESULT: Pass

MOVER: Saeid Nooshabadi, Commissioner

SECONDER Kasandra Lowry, Commissioner

AYES: Commissioner Coverson-Baxter, Commissioner Nooshabadi, Commissioner Lowry

8.3. **Library Commission Workplan for Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027**

Henig presented the staff report. Staff recommendation was to adopt the current work plan for the next two years with an option to add one or two items that the commission would be able to complete within their allocated time. There were two additional items proposed:

- Study of a community art installation or display at the Gilroy library. Commissioners will gather information about what other city libraries have done in developing an art installation and report back. (Nooshabadi)
- Represent the Library Commission at Library functions and programs such as storytime and/or staff appreciation days. (Lowry)

The Commission also plans to rollover its current work plan with two modifications:

- Remove specific dates and location from the “Participate in the annual California Library Association or American Library Association conference.”
- For “Promote the commission’s purpose and....” add the following verbiage at the end: “and inform community of Library Commission’s presence and visibility.”

RESULT: Pass

MOVER: Kasandra Lowry, Commissioner

SECONDER Saeid Nooshabadi, Commissioner

AYES: Commissioner Coverson-Baxter, Commissioner Nooshabadi, Commissioner Lowry

9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

9.1. **List of Events organized by the Gilroy Library**

Wong reviewed upcoming events and programs at the library with the Commission.

10. **LIBRARY REPORTS**

10.1. **County Library report for December 2024, January 2025, and February 2025**

County Librarian Jennifer Weeks presented her report that was included in the commission meeting packet.

10.2. **Gilroy Library Report**

Gilroy Community Librarian Cassandra Wong presented her report that was included in the commission meeting packet.

11. **STAFF/COMMISSION COMMENTS**

None.

12. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Adam Henig, Recreation Division
Recording Secretary



City of Gilroy

Library Commission

STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item Title: Library Commission Workplan
Meeting Date: April 9, 2025
From: Vince Bautista Jr., Recreation Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION

Receive and comment on Library Commission Workplan.

BACKGROUND

The Library Commission adopted its workplan for fiscal years (FY24 and FY25) on May 24, 2023. The workplan includes the following key elements:

- Review and provide feedback on the Santa Clara County Library System regarding library services and programs offered at the Gilroy location.
- Participate in the annual California Library Association (CLA) or the American Library Association (ALA) conference, which will be held on June 27 – July 2, 2024, in San Diego.
- Promote the commission's purpose and library system to increase interest among prospective applicants to serve as commissioners.
- Provide recommendations to City Administrator and the City Council regarding potential capital improvement to the City's library facility based on the needs identified by the Santa Clara County Library staff and the Gilroy community, to be funded by the remaining library bond proceeds. There is approximately \$5 million available for facility upgrades. The Library and City are identifying a recommended list of improvements and will present it to the Commission at a future meeting.

ANALYSIS

The Library Commission continues to work diligently on the existing work plan for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. The commission will continue to address goals, objectives, and strategies that are in line with Library Commission's mission and vision. Below is the Library Commission's updated work plan for FY24-25:

1. **Feedback on programs and services offered at the Gilroy Library:** The Library Commission continues to provide feedback during each of its commission meetings to the County Library Staff regarding its programs and services at the Gilroy Library.
2. **Training/Conference:** City and Library staff suggested to the Commission to explore potential training and conference opportunities that may be available before the next meeting.

The California Library Association is hosting a conference on October 23-25, 2025, in Riverside, California. This is an opportunity for networking and professional development.

3. **Promotion of Library Commission:** The Library Commission is continuing its ongoing efforts to increase visibility and awareness of its mission in the Gilroy community. As part of this initiative, the commission will participate in community outings, leveraging opportunities to promote the Library Commission's purpose and objectives.

Staff suggested exploring the California Public Library Advocates organization, which provides its members with up-to-date library news and access to informative library education resources.

4. **Capital Improvements to the Gilroy Library:** Staff Sangha will provide an update.

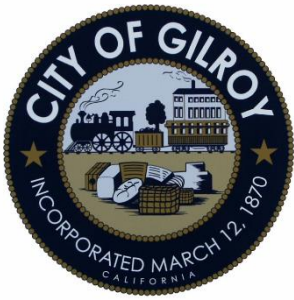
FY26 and FY27 Draft Workplan

At the February 12, 2025, meeting, the Library Commission drafted a new workplan for the two-year budget cycle covering FY26 and FY27. The drafted workplan includes carryovers from the previous workplan. The drafted workplan is currently scheduled to be submitted to the City Council for formal approval on June 2, 2025. Once the Council has formally approved the workplan, the Commission will move forward with developing a comprehensive plan at the June 11 meeting to implement the key workplan items over the next two fiscal years.

The following is the Library Commission's FY26 and FY27 proposed workplan (pending City Council approval):

- Study of community art installation or display at the Gilroy Library (New Workplan)

- Represent the Library Commission at Library functions and programs such as story time, and staff appreciation days (New Workplan)
- Provided feedback on the Santa Clara County Library System regarding library services and programs offered at the Gilroy location (Existing Workplan)
- Participate in the annual California Library Association (CLA) or the American Library Association (ALA) conference (Existing Workplan)
- Promote the commission's purpose and inform the Gilroy community of Library Commission's present and visibility (Existing Workplan)
- Provide recommendations to the City Council regarding capital improvements to the Gilroy Library to be funded by the unspent library bond proceeds (Existing Workplan)



City of Gilroy

LIBRARY COMMISSION

MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 20, 2025
TO: Jimmy Forbis, City Administrator
CC: Carina Baksa, Finance Manager
FROM: Harjot Sangha, Finance Director; Adam Henig, Recreation Manager
SUBJECT: Library Commission Workplan and Budget Input for Fiscal Year 2026 and 2027

On February 12, 2025, the Library Commission discussed and unanimously approved the following two items to be proposed for the City Council to consider for the upcoming two-year budget cycle, Fiscal Year 2025-26 (FY26) and 2026-27 (FY27):

- 1) **Budget request:** Funding for up to three commissioners to attend the annual California Library Association or the American Library Association conference(s). The funding requested is \$2,500 per commissioner for an annual total of \$7,500 for FY26 and \$7,500 for FY27. The benefits of attending include: a) educating the commissioner about the latest trends, b) networking with other library commissions/boards, and c) using as a recruiting tool to increase interest among prospective applicants.
- 2) **Library Commission Workplan:** The commission discussed and agreed on the following workplan for FY26 and FY27:
 - a. Study of a community art installation or display at the Gilroy Library (**New Workplan**)
 - b. Represent the Library Commission at Library functions and programs such as story time, and or staff appreciates days (**New Workplan**)
 - c. Review and provide feedback on the Santa Clara County library System regarding library services and programs offered at the Gilroy location (**Existing Workplan**)
 - d. Participate in the annual California Library Association or the American Library Association conference. (**Existing Workplan – Rephrased**)
 - e. Promote the commission’s purpose and inform the Gilroy community of Library Commission’s present and visibility (**Existing Workplan – Rephrased**)
 - f. Provide recommendations to the City Council regarding capital improvements to the Gilroy Library to be funded by the unspent library bond proceeds (**Existing Workplan**)

The Commission appreciates the opportunity to make these budget requests and recommendations regarding its workplan for FY26 and FY27.

Sincerely,

2025 Library Commission

Victoria Coverson-Baxter, Chair
Saied Nooshabadi, Vice Chair
Kasandra Lowry, Commissioner

March 2025 Library Report
Jennifer Weeks, County Librarian



Storybook SCCLD Reaches Key Milestones at a Trio of Libraries

March is an important month for the Storybook SCCLD project, with the Grand Opening event at the Saratoga Library around mid-month and two more beginning installation at the Morgan Hill and Gilroy Libraries.

Children and their adults will have so much fun exploring the Redwood Romp at the Saratoga Library that they will not even notice that they are practicing the essential skills they need to become good readers.

The schedules for each library's project are listed on our [Storybook SCCLD webpage](#) and are subject to change. You'll also find a brief description of the theme and unique aspects of each Storybook site. During the installation period (which is just under two months), the children's collections will be available in other parts of the libraries. Patrons are encouraged to place items on hold, or check out other [SCCLD locations](#) if they wish to browse a wider variety of titles. We promise that the brief inconvenience during construction will be well worth it once the Storybook SCCLD children's spaces open in each location.

The Library Can Help You Eat Right

March is [National Nutrition Month](#), which is put on by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics as a way to promote healthy eating practices and physical activity. This year's theme is "Food Connects Us," which speaks to the positive aspects of cooking, culture and eating together.



In addition to a large variety of cookbooks and recommended booklists from our [Food & Beverages](#) and [Health & Fitness](#) groups our librarians compile each month, we also have a number of online resources that can help you plan for your ideal meal plan. Check out the [Health & Wellness](#) section of our 24/7 Online Library, which features several fact-based databases of information compiled by scientists and public health experts. This includes [Health Library by StayWell](#), [MedlinePlus](#), Reference eBooks from EBSCO, Gale, and others, and Learning Resources like The Great Courses.

Four of our libraries are also hosting events this month around maintaining a healthy gut through a proper diet and lifestyle. The "[Food as Medicine](#)" talks are presented by an advance practice nurse. We host many other [health-related events](#), including Zumba classes, guided meditations, and group hikes.



Marking Women's History Month

This year's Women's History Month celebration of the contributions of women across our society [has the theme](#) of "Moving Forward Together! Women Educating and Inspiring Generations." There are many events taking place at [our libraries](#), online and across the County this month.

We have a great virtual author talk featuring journalist [Clara Bingham](#) on Thursday, March 20 about some of the leading figures involved in the women's liberation movement of the 1960s and 1970s. Using her investigative skills, Bingham brings to life the stories of several key figures of second-wave U.S. feminism using oral histories.

Also of note is [Women's Heritage Day](#), which is happening at History Park in San José on Saturday, March 22. The free event will feature talks by local authors and book discussions, plus much more. A history walk to learn about the pioneering women of [Rancho Santa Teresa](#) follows that same night.

Check out our Monthly Calendar of Events for other programming, including a Silicon Valley Reads virtual author talk on Wednesday, March 12 with [Amy Wu](#) on her book [From Farms to Incubators: Women Innovators Revolutionizing How Our Food is Grown](#). Author [Meridith Jaeger](#) will visit the Milpitas Library on Saturday, March 22 to talk about her latest novel [The Incorrigibles](#), which tells the story of women immigrants during the Gilded Age.

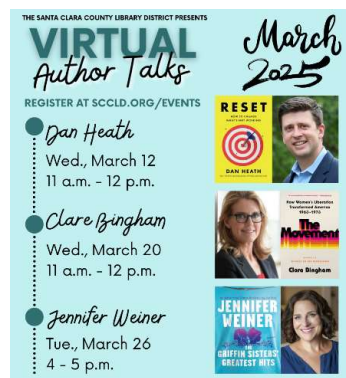
Our 24/7 Online Library offers resources to learn more about women across history include [Biography \(Gale in Context\)](#) for biographical materials, [Library Reference Center Plus](#) for author overviews of influential figures, and [U.S. History \(Gale in Context\)](#) for audio clips, news and magazine resources.

March Virtual Author Talks




We kick things off on Wednesday, March 12 with an inspirational talk by Dan Heath, author of [Reset: How to Change What's Not Working](#). In this wide-ranging discussion, he will walk attendees through a variety of examples of how leaders have been able to make major change by thinking out of the box. [Register here](#).

Tune in Thursday, March 20 for a timely discussion on the role of the women's movement in transforming America during the crucial decade between 1963 and 1973. Award-winning journalist Clara Bingham will share highlights of [her book](#), which features the oral histories of several of the key women from this era. [Please register](#).

New York Times bestselling author Jennifer Weiner closes out this month's series on Tuesday, March 26 with a talk about her novels, including her latest, [The Griffin Sisters' Greatest Hits](#). Weiner writes insightful and entertaining stories about women navigating life's challenges. [Please register](#).



THE SANTA CLARA COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT PRESENTS
VIRTUAL Author Talks *March 2025*
REGISTER AT [SCCLD.ORG/EVENTS](#)

- Dan Heath**
Wed., March 12
11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

- Clara Bingham**
Wed., March 20
11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

- Jennifer Weiner**
Tue., March 26
4 - 5 p.m.




Silicon Valley Reads March Events

Silicon Valley Reads 2025 is half finished, with [many great events](#) still to come. SCCLD alone has dozens of book discussions, author talks and presentations scheduled on numerous tech-related topics. Our Monthly Calendar, which follows, has a full list of events. Please check our [Online Calendar](#) for the latest list of events, and to register for any that request it.

AI remains a main theme, with [16 events](#) on the topic, including an [AI petting zoo](#) and [navigating college admissions](#). [SED Talks for Teens](#) are being organized by the Saratoga Youth Commission and the Saratoga Library's Teen Advisory Board on Saturday, March 22. Three top AI industry leaders will take part in the annual speakers series, which is focused on exploring the implications and social benefits of AI. Activities and prizes will be offered.

Talks include a final appearance by Featured Author [Ray Nayler](#) (*The Mountain in the Sea*) and a discussion with Companion Book author [Peter Brown](#) (*The Wild Robot*). Both of those are virtual events. Another event of note is the [Retro Roadshow](#), which offers the opportunity to view and use some of the most iconic Apple computers following a presentation about the history of the company. The [RAFT Maker Mobile](#) will also make its final appearances, this time at our South County libraries.

SANTA CLARA COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT MARCH 2025 EVENTS

****All SCCLD libraries will be closed and services unavailable on
Monday, March 31 for Cesar Chavez Day****

Silicon Valley Reads Programs are highlighted in blue.

CAMPBELL EXPRESS LIBRARY – 1 West Campbell Ave., Room 46

ESL Conversation Club

Tuesdays, March 4, 11, 18, & 25, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m., Room M-50

Practice your English conversation skills with friends. Registration is required.

Family Storytime

Wednesdays, March 5, 12, & 19, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard City Banquet Hall

Join us for stories, songs, and more. Please bring a blanket or towel to sit on.

Navigating College Admissions in the AI Era

Tuesday, March 11, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Room Q-80

Gain insight into AI's role in college admissions, the future of college applications, ethical considerations in AI-driven admissions, preparing for the AI era, and the broader impact of AI on higher education. Please register.

CUPERTINO -- 10800 Torre Avenue

Family Storytime

Saturdays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Program Room

This storytime is suitable for all ages and will feature stories, songs, rhymes and dances that encourage the development of early literacy skills. Storytime is limited to the first 100 families. Please bring a yoga mat or blanket to sit on.

Writing Family History with AI

Saturday, March 1, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Room 201

Learn storytelling fundamentals, from traditional tales to AI-generated narratives. Discover how AI enhances writing, delve into movie-making techniques, and craft personalized family stories. Please register.

Baby Sign and Sing

Sunday, March 2, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Room 101

This program is for infants and pre-walking babies under 12 months. Adult caregivers will learn basic signs to communicate with their babies.

Babywearing Dance

Sundays, March 2, 9, 16, & 23, 11 a.m. – 11:30 p.m.

Join us for babywearing dance.

VITA: Volunteer Tax Preparation

Sundays, March 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 2 – 4:30 p.m., Room 201

People will be helped on a first come, first served basis. Please bring all W2s, 1092s, 1099s and SSA forms. Please bring your 2023 tax return if available. You will also need to create an email address ahead of time.

ESL Conversation Club

Tuesdays, March 4, 11, 18 & 25, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Room 201

Improve your English listening and speaking skills and learn about other cultures in a supportive environment. This program is for adults who speak basic English. Register online.

Toddler Storytime (ages 1-2)

Tuesdays, March 4, 11, 18, & 25, 10:30 – 11 a.m.

This storytime will feature stories, songs, rhymes and dances that encourage the development of early literacy skills.

LEGO Club (Grades K-8)

Tuesday, March 4, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Children’s Meeting Room

Children are invited to build and create using LEGOs. Please leave your own LEGOs at home.

Homework Help

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4:30 – 6 p.m.

Students in grades K-5 who need homework help are encouraged to stop by for free tutoring. No registration is required. Basic school supplies will be provided.

Wednesday Afternoon Meditation and Mindfulness

Wednesdays, March 5, 12, 19, & 26, 4:30 – 5 p.m., Room 201A

Practice meditation for 20 minutes, then have 10 minutes to ask questions with the instructor.

Trust Mental Health Workshop for Teens

Wednesday, March 5, 6 – 7 p.m., Room 201

This workshop, led by Trust Mental Health, will show you how to stay calm, focused and confident, explore ways to manage stress, build a positive mindset and turn anxious energy into success. Please register.

Bedtime Storytime

Wednesdays, March 5, 12, 19, & 26, 7 – 7:30 p.m., Program Room

This storytime is suitable for all ages and will feature stories, songs, rhymes and dances that encourage the development of early literacy skills. Storytime is limited to the first 100 families. Please bring a yoga mat or blanket to sit on.

Storytime for Babies (ages 0-1)

Thursdays, March 6, 13, 20, & 27, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., First Floor Program Room

This storytime features stories and songs that encourage the development of early literacy skills. Storytime is limited to the first 30 babies with a maximum of 2 adults per family.

Reading Buddies

Thursday, March 6 and Monday, March 10, 7 – 8 p.m.

Children can buddy up with a furry friend and read one-on-one from a favorite book. Children must register themselves in-person at the Children's Reference Desk. This is for students who have completed kindergarten through 5th grade.

Knit-Alongs at Cupertino Library

Fridays, March 7, 14, 21, & 28, 2:30 – 4 p.m., Room 201A

All knitters and crocheters are welcome to drop in and socialize while starting new projects or finishing old ones. Participants need to bring their own needles and/or crochet hooks and yarn. No personal instruction will be provided.

中/英文雙語說故事時間/Mandarin-English Bilingual Family Storytime

Fridays, March 7 & 14, 7 – 8 p.m., Room 101

Join us for stories, songs, a flannel board story, fingerplay, and a craft project in Mandarin and English. Children and their caretakers are welcome to join. 兒童圖書館員將為小朋友讀圖畫故事書;唱兒歌;用絨布板講故事;手指謠和做美勞。歡迎幼兒們 和家長, 祇母一同前來參加。

Musical Yoga with JAMaROO Kids (ages 3+)

Saturday, March 8, 4 – 4:30 p.m., Room 101

Children will go on a yoga adventure using their imaginations and the art of storytelling to help navigate through yoga poses. In this class we'll travel to all seven continents and the oceans, too, with an energetic yoga sequence set to an irresistible original song.

Nonfiction Book Discussion Group

Sunday, March 9, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Room 201A

We will discuss [*The Sisterhood: The Secret History of Women at the CIA*](#) by Liz Mundy.

Food as Medicine: Gut Health Basics

Monday, March 10, 7–8 p.m.

Discover how food can be used as medicine to support digestive health, reduce inflammation, and improve vitality.

Children’s Literature for Adults Book Club

Tuesday, March 11, 7–8 p.m.

We will be discussing the Silicon Valley Reads pick, [*The Wild Robot*](#) by Peter Brown. Please register. This program is for adults only.

Art and Wellness Hour: Process-Based Art (ages 3+)

Wednesday, March 12, 4–5 p.m., Room 101

Process art focuses on the “process” of making art rather than any predetermined composition or plan. It is art that celebrates the joy of creativity and experimenting. Materials will be supplied, but examples and directions will not be given.

Santa Clara Valley Bird Alliance Talk

Wednesday, March 12, 7–8:30 p.m., Room 201A

Advances in technology have drastically changed how we view the world, including the birds in the sky. Join us for a discussion on some of the latest tech trends in birding, ornithology, and conservation.

California Native Plant Society: Design and Maintain Native Plants

Thursday, March 13, 7–8:30 p.m., Community Room 201

Learn how to set functional, aesthetic, and ecological goals for your yard and draw a simple plan. We will discuss the selection of native plants for year-round blooms and how to group them for pleasing design aesthetics, especially during our dry summers.

Art Therapy for Tweens (Kids 10+)

Friday, March 14, 4–5 p.m., Room 101

We will explore different techniques and art materials each month. Materials will be provided, while supplies last.

Retro Roadshow: Tales from the Orchard

Saturday, March 15, 2–5 p.m., Room 101

Join us for an exploration of Apple’s history and its far-reaching influence, presented by the Retro Roadshow Pop-Up Museum of Vintage Technology.

Woven Paper Plate Craft (Grades 3+)

Saturday, March 15, 2 – 3 p.m.

Learn how to turn an ordinary paper plate into a colorful woven bowl. Craft available while supplies last.

Line Dancing for Beginners

Mondays, March 17 & 24, 1:30 – 3 p.m., Room 201

Have fun, meet new friends while you learn and master shuffles, sweeps, and turns to the tunes of Waltz, Rumba, Cha-Cha, Country and other music. No experience needed, no partner needed, and please wear comfortable (no open toe) shoes.

Book Discussion for Adults

Wed., March 19, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., and Thur., March 20, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Room 201B

We will discuss the Silicon Valley Reads book, [*Loneliness & Company*](#) by Charlee Dyroff.

Composting Education

Wednesday, March 19, 6 – 8 p.m., Room 201

Learn how to reduce waste and build healthy soils by composting at home. This workshop will cover both backyard composting and composting with worms.

SVR: Laptop Repair Workshop

Saturday, March 22, 2 – 6 p.m., Room 201

Participants will learn essential laptop repairs and the fundamentals of computer electronics. Each attendee will be provided with a laptop to disassemble and reassemble, while learning how to perform various repairs. Please register.

Science of Airplanes (ages 6+)

Saturday, March 22, 3 – 4 p.m., Room 101

We'll cover such topics like how airplanes can stay in the sky when they weigh so much, when the first airplane was invented, and how different they are today. Then, we will all make paper airplanes to see whose can fly the furthest! No registration required.

Tuesday Travel Nights

Tuesday, March 25, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Room 201

Photographer Pam Perkins will take us on a vibrant journey through India.

Police Read Along

Wednesday, March 26, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Room 101

A sheriff's deputy will read books and share safety tips. Please arrive on time as seating is limited.

AI for Everyone

Saturday, March 29, 1 – 2 p.m., Room 201

This friendly, hands-on workshop is designed for those who want to learn how to use AI in simple, practical ways! From writing emails to organizing recipes or planning your next trip, you'll discover how AI can save you time and energy.

GILROY -- 350 W. Sixth Street

RAFT Maker Mobile/Creaciones Inovadoras STEAM

Saturday, March 1, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. and 2 – 5 p.m.

This innovative mobile makerspace brings hands-on, immersive STEAM learning. Suitable for patrons 5+. Este innovador espacio de creación móvil ofrece aprendizaje STEAM práctico e inmersivo. Más adecuado para edades de 5 años en adelante.

Bilingual Storytime: English & Spanish/Hora de Cuentos Bilingüe: Ingles y Español

Saturdays, March 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., the Nest

Join us for stories and songs in English and Spanish, followed by music and playtime with Librarian Patty. Acompáñenos a escuchar cuentos y canciones en inglés y español, seguido por música y tiempo para jugar con los Bibliotecaria Patty.

Artificial Intelligence: Progressing NASA's Missions

Sunday, March 2, 2 – 3 p.m., Community Room

Learn how NASA utilizes AI to revolutionize missions to further advance technology and scientific knowledge.

1-on-1 Tech Help/Ayuda con la Tecnología

Mondays, March 3, 10, 17, & 24, 1 – 5 p.m., Computer Area Upstairs

Drop by to get help with opening an email account, connect to Wi-Fi/hotspots, use laptops/Chromebooks, and use Microsoft Office. Ellos pueden ayudarte: abrir una cuenta de correo electrónico, conéctese a Wi-Fi/puntos de acceso, Utilice computadoras portátiles/Chromebooks y utilice Microsoft Office.

Homework & Reading Help/Ayuda con la Tarea y Lectura

Monday – Fridays, 4:30 – 6 p.m., Children's Area

Students in grades K-8 can visit the library for help with reading and homework. Ayuda con las tareas y lectura gratis. Algunos tutores hablan español.

Create N Play/Crear Y Jugar

Mondays, March 3, 10, 17, & 24, 6:15 – 7 p.m., Children's Area

Each session is different; we will feature a variety of art materials, crafts, or even a touch of engineering and science. Cada sesión es diferente; presentaremos una variedad de materiales de arte, manualidades, e incluso un toque de ingeniería y ciencia.

Pajama Storytime/Cuentas en Pijama

Mondays, March 3, 10, 17, & 24, 7 – 8 p.m., the Nest

Join us for stories, sing songs, and wear your pajamas! Lee cuentos, canta canciones y ponte el pijama para una hora de cuentos para niños de todas las edades.

Zumba at the Library

Tuesdays, March 4, 11, 18, & 25, 5:45 – 6:45 p.m., Community Room

Join us for an easy-to-follow dance that works all major muscle groups in a high-energy cardio blast. No registration required. Wear comfortable clothes and shoes and bring your own water and towel.

Wednesday Teen Crafternoon

Wednesdays, March 5, 12, 19, & 26, 4 – 5 p.m., Teen Area

Hang out, build community and learn new crafts and skills.

Bilingual Storytime in English and Vietnamese/Đọc Truyện Song Ngữ Anh Việt

Wednesdays, March 5, 12, 19, & 26, 4:30 – 5 p.m., The Nest

Let's read stories, sing songs, dance, and play games with Miss Như Ý. Chúng ta cùng đọc sách, ca múa, và vui chơi cùng cô Như Ý nhé.

Family Storytime/Hora de Cuentos

Thursdays, March 6, 13, 20, & 27, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Children's Area

Join us for fun stories, rhymes, fingerplays, and songs to nurture early literacy skills.

Knitting and Crochet Weekly Meetup/Tejido Semanal

Thursdays, March 6, 13, 20, & 27, 1 – 4 p.m., Upstairs Quiet Study B

Bring your projects, ask questions, get help, share ideas and meet new people. ¡Trae tus proyectos, haz preguntas, recibe ayuda, comparte ideas y conoce gente nueva!

Switched On: Teen Gaming Drop In

Thursdays, March 6, 13, 20, & 27, 4 – 5 p.m., Teen Area

Gamers ages 12-18 can come by and play games on the Nintendo Switch. Console, controllers and games will be provided, but you can bring your own controllers if you want.

Intercambio: Practice English & Spanish Conversation/Practica la conversación en inglés & español

Thursdays, March 6, 13, 20, & 27, 5 – 5:45 p.m., Quiet Study B

Adults are invited to join us to practice English or Spanish listening and speaking skills and learn about other cultures in a supportive environment. Los adultos están invitados a unirse a nosotros para practicar habilidades de comprensión auditiva y expresión oral en inglés o español y aprender sobre otras culturas en un ambiente de apoyo.

Book Discussion

Friday, March 7, 10:15 – 11:15 a.m., Quiet Study B

We will be discussing [*Washington Black*](#) by Esi Edugyan.

Adaptive Adventures for Teens & Adults

Friday, March 7, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m., Community Room

Join us for accessible activities for teens and adults with disabilities, and their family, friends, and caregivers. No registration is required.

Baby Bounce and Lapsit Storytime

Fridays, March 7, 14, 21, & 28, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m., 1st Floor Meeting Room

Baby bounce shares short stories, nursery rhymes, fingerplays and songs that reinforce early literacy skills.

Safe Space Meet-Up for LGBTQ+ Youth

Fridays, March 7 & 21, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Quiet Study B

Our staff-led meetings offer a safe space for youth to play games, participate in group activities and discussions, and build community. No registration necessary.

Plan Your Tomato Garden

Saturday, March 8, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room

Learn how to increase your success with correct planting methods, pest control, irrigation, soil management, and fertilizer to produce healthy and productive plants.

Happy Holi: Festival of Colors for Children

Saturday, March 8, 2 – 3 p.m., Outside Plaza

We will be throwing brightly colored powders in the library plaza. We will also be playing Bollywood music, so come prepared to dance and have fun! Please wear appropriate clothing, preferably white, and expect to be covered in colors.

Lanzaremos polvos de colores brillantes en la plaza de la biblioteca y disfrutaremos de música de Bollywood, ¡así que ven listo para bailar y divertirse! Se recomienda usar ropa adecuada, preferiblemente blanca, y estar preparado para cubrirse de colores.

Open Poetry Readings

Saturday, March 8, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Downstairs Meeting Room

Read whatever poetry you want to read and join in related discussions.

Beginning Painting/Empezando a pintar

Sundays, March 9 & 16, 2 – 3 p.m., Community Room

Wednesdays, March 19 & 26, 6 – 7 p.m., Community Room

Come explore beginning painting techniques. No experience necessary. All materials provided. Registration required. Ven a explorar técnicas básicas de pintura, incluyendo mezcla de colores, difuminado y composición. No se requiere experiencia. Todos los materiales están incluidos. Se requiere registraci3n.

Emergency Preparedness for Kids (ages 10+)

Tuesday, March 11, 5 – 6 p.m., First Floor Nest

Kids will learn about making an emergency plan and family communication plan with a fun and interactive lesson and game. Attendees will leave with an Emergency Kit backpack to take home! Aprenderán a hacer un plan de emergencia y un plan de comunicaci3n familiar con una lecci3n divertida e interactiva. ¡Al final, los participantes se llevarán a casa una mochila con un kit de emergencia!

LEGO Club

Friday, March 14, 3 – 4:30 p.m., the Nest

We provide LEGOs, children build fun creations that will be displayed in the library. Nosotros proporcionamos los Legos, los ni1os construyen creaciones divertidas! Estas serán exhibidas en la biblioteca.

The Science of Chocolate: Molecular Gastronomy and Tempering

Saturday, March 15, 10 – 11 a.m., Community Room

Embark on a delectable journey into the world of chocolate, where science and gastronomy intertwine. Learn about the different types of cocoa beans, their flavor profiles, and how to identify high-quality chocolate.

AI Toy Petting Zoo (ages 5+)

Saturday, March 15, 1 – 3 p.m.

The AI Toy Petting Zoo is an exciting event where children can explore and interact with friendly AI creatures and technology. Experience hands-on adventures with interactive robots and engage with exciting technologies like Loona PETBOT and Merge Cubes.

Food Smarts: Cooking & Nutrition Classes/Inteligencia Alimentaria: Clases de Cocina y Nutrici3n

Fridays, March 21 & 28, April 4, 11, & 18, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

Register to attend this 5-class session of Food Smarts, a cooking and nutrition series to help you learn how to make healthy food choices. Regístrese para participar en Food Smarts, una serie de clases gratuitas de cocina y nutrici3n que le ayudarán a aprender cómo elegir alimentos saludables.

Food as Medicine: Gut Health Basics

Saturday, March 22, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Community Room

Discover how food can be used as medicine to support digestive health, reduce inflammation, and improve vitality.

Book Discussion: From Farms to Incubators

Sunday, March 23, 3 – 4:30 p.m., Quiet Study B

Join us for a lively discussion of [From Farms to Incubators](#) by Amy Wu.

Reading Buddies

Monday, March 24, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m., the Nest

Come practice your reading skills and read aloud one on one with a furry friend! ¡Ven a practicar tus habilidades de lectura y lee en voz alta uno a uno con un amigo peludo!

Book Discussion

Tuesday, March 25, 7 – 8 p.m., Quiet Study B

We will be discussing [Small Pleasures](#) by Clare Chambers.

Citizenship Presentation/Presentación sobre la ciudadanía

Tuesday, March 25, 7 – 8 p.m., Community Room

During this informational session, you will learn: How to apply, mock interviews, how to study for the civics exam. Durante esta sesión informativa, aprenderá: Como aplicar, entrevistas simuladas, como estudiar para el examen civil.

Pastel & Charcoal Drawing Class

Friday, March 28, 3 – 4:30 p.m., Community Room

All adult & teen artists are welcome. No experience necessary! All supplies will be provided. Register to reserve your spot. Walk-ins welcome as space allows.

Medicinal Mushrooms: Traditional Uses & Modern Science

Saturday, March 29, 12 – 1 p.m., Community Room

You may have noticed medicinal mushrooms popping up on social media, making its way into coffee, creamer, protein bars and supplements. Find out how they can boost immunity, energy, brain health and more.

DIY Fashionable Fascinator

Saturday, March 29, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Community Room

Craft your own fascinator, a headpiece often worn to formal events. Supplies are limited to one fascinator per person. Please register.

LOS ALTOS -- 13 S. San Antonio Road

Baby Sign and Stay & Play

Saturday, March 1, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Orchard Room

Babies ages 0-12 months and their grownups are welcome to sing songs and learn signs to share with your baby. Please bring a blanket for your baby. After storytime, stay and play with age-appropriate toys.

Monday Morning Meditation and Mindfulness

Mondays, March 3, 10, 17, & 24, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard Room

Practice meditation for 20 minutes then ask questions for 10 minutes with instructor Manisha.

Poetry Open Mic

Monday, March 3, 7–8 p.m., Pod D

Share poetry, hear poetry. You do not have to be a poet to attend.

Bilingual Mandarin/English Storytime

Tuesdays, March 4, 11, & 18, 1 – 1:30 p.m., Orchard Room

This 30-minute storytime features movement, sing, and action! The early literacy focus is on sharing stories and songs in English and Mandarin Chinese. 歡迎小朋友來到故事時間，這是以半小時的雙中英語故事書，兒歌，手指謠，玩遊戲為特色的內容。歡迎兒童們與家長祿母一同前來參加

The Whodunit? Mystery Book Club

Wednesday, March 5, 10:15 – 11:30 a.m., Teen Room

We will discuss [*The Whistler*](#) by John Grisham.

Toddler Storytime

Wed. & Thu., March 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20, 26 & 27, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard Room

This interactive storytime is for early walkers, 1s and 2s. Free tickets will be handed out 30 minutes before storytime.

Baby Storytime & Stay and Play

Wednesdays, March 5, 12, 19, & 26, 1 – 2 p.m.

Non-walking babies and their caregivers will enjoy songs, rhymes, gentle movement, short books and other fun. After storytime, enjoy the Stay & Play. Please bring a blanket to lay your babies on when they are not cuddling in your lap.

ESL Conversation Club

Thursdays, March 6, 13, 20, & 27, 1:30 – 3 p.m., Orchard Room

Practice your English conversation skills with friends. This program is for those who speak basic English. No registration required.

Teen Dungeons and Dragons Social Club

Thursdays, March 6, 13, 20, & 27, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m., Conference Room

Teens are welcome to drop in and watch the game. Right now, the game is full, but we will occasionally have openings for new players. Please check in at the Adult Reference Desk.

Board Game Sunday

Sunday, March 9, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Orchard Room

We have board games for adults, teens, and children – plus LEGOs and DUPLOs.

Food as Medicine: Gut Health Basics

Tuesday, March 11, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard Room

Discover how food can be used as medicine to support digestive health, reduce inflammation, and improve vitality.

The Science of Chocolate: Molecular Gastronomy and Tempering

Wednesday, March 12, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard Room

Embark on a delectable journey into the world of chocolate, where science and gastronomy intertwine. Learn about the different types of cocoa beans, their flavor profiles, and how to identify high-quality chocolate. Please register.

Navigating College Admissions in the AI Era

Thursday, March 13, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Gain insight into AI's role in college admissions, the future of college applications, ethical considerations in AI-driven admissions, preparing for the AI era, and the broader impact of AI on higher education. Please register.

Watercolor Workshop for Adults

Friday, March 14, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Join us for a watercolor workshop. All supplies will be provided. Seating is first come, first served.

Bay Area Games Day

Saturday, March 15, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m., Orchard Room

Come learn how to play a new board game or bring an old favorite. We welcome newcomers to hobby gaming and families with kids.

Sunday CrafterNoon (all ages)

Sunday, March 16, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Orchard Room

This is a time to relax with the community and let your creativity shine.

Book Bugs Club (Grades 2 – 3)

Tuesday, March 18, 4 – 5 p.m.,

We will discuss [*Rise of the Earth Dragon*](#) by Tracey West. We will talk about the book and make a fun craft. Pick up a copy of the book at the Children’s Desk at Los Altos or Woodland Library.

Page Turners Book Club (Grades 4 – 5)

Wednesday, March 19, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

We will discuss [*Inside Out & Back Again*](#) by Thanhha Lai. We will talk about the book and do a fun activity. Please register online then pick up a copy of the book at the Children’s Desk at Los Altos or Woodland Library.

Growing Great Tomatoes

Wednesday, March 19, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room

This talk covers cover soil, seeding, watering, varieties, growing in containers and basic tomato culture.

Now Read This Book Club

Monday, March 24, 12 – 1 p.m., Conference Room

We will discuss [*Nothing Like it in the World: The Men who Build the Transcontinental Railroad 1863-1869*](#) by Stephen E. Ambrose.

To Be Read Book Club (Grades 6 – 8)

Tuesday, March 25, 4 – 5 p.m., Conference Room

We will discuss [*The Witch Boy*](#) by Molly Knox Ostertag. After our discussion we will do a fun activity. Please register then pick up your copy of the book at the Children’s Reference Desk at Los Altos or Woodland Library.

Los Altos Book Discussion for Adults

Tuesday, March 25, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard Room

Please email lpasternack@sccl.org to join the group.

Mask Craft with Dei

Tuesday, March 25, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Make a mask with Dei. All materials will be provided. No registration required. Seating is first come, first served.

Story Explorers Book Club (TK—Grade 1)

Wednesday, March 26, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

We will do a read-aloud and discussion of two books, then move to music and do a fun craft.

Bay Area Hummingbirds

Wednesday, March 26, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Wildlife photographer Joan Sparks will share the different Bay Area hummingbird species and types of blooms they enjoy. Learn tips on how to attract hummingbirds into your yard.

The Wild Robot Movie Screening

Sunday, March 30, 1 – 3 p.m., Los Altos Community Center

We will watch the film *The Wild Robot* (rated PG), based on the Silicon Valley Reads selected book, [The Wild Robot](#).

Virtual Author Talk: Peter Brown

Sunday, March 30, 3 – 3:45 p.m., Los Altos Community Center

Hear from the author behind Silicon Valley Reads selected book, [The Wild Robot](#).

MILPITAS -- 160 N. Main Street

Family Storytime

Saturdays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Activity Room

This 30-minute storytime features movement, singing and action with picture books, flannel board stories and fingerplays.

Food as Medicine: Gut Health Basics

Saturday, March 1, 3 – 4 p.m.

Discover how food can be used as medicine to support digestive health, reduce inflammation, and improve vitality.

Teen Rubik's Cube Club

Saturday, March 1, 4 – 5 p.m., Conference Room

Kids 12+ are invited to meet other cubers, learn new techniques and have fun.

VITA: Volunteer Tax Preparation

Sundays, March 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 10:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

People will be helped on a first come, first served basis. Please bring all W-2s, 1092s, 1099s and SSA forms. Please bring your 2023 tax return, if available. You will also need to create an email address ahead of time.

Homework Help

Mondays – Thursdays, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Program Room

Students in grades K-6 who need homework help are encouraged to stop by for free tutoring. No registration is required. Basic school supplies will be provided.

Baby Bouncers Lapsit

Tuesdays, March 4, 11, 18, & 25, 11:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Activity Room

This is a baby and caregivers program with an early literacy focus on traditional nursery rhymes, lap bounces, body rhymes, songs, very short and simple picture books. Caregivers are encouraged to bring a blanket for their babies to lay on.

Bilingual Mandarin Family Storytime/ 中英雙語故事時間

Tuesdays, March 4, 11, 18, & 25, 6:30 – 7 p.m., Activity Room

This 30-minute storytime features movement, sing, and action! The early literacy focus is on sharing stories and songs in English and Mandarin Chinese. 歡迎小朋友來到故事時間，這是以半小時的雙中英語故事書，兒歌，手指謠，玩遊戲為特色的內容。歡迎兒童們與家長裸母一同前來參加。

Fun with Art Presented by First5 Santa Clara County

Wednesday, March 5, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Auditorium

Join us as we read a book, do a craft activity based on the book, and then learn about resources provided at the Guerrero Family Resource Center in Milpitas.

ESL Conversation Club

Wednesdays, March 5, 12, 19, & 26, 3 – 4 p.m., Conference Room

Practice your English conversation skills with friends. This program is for adults who speak basic English. No registration required.

Bilingual Cantonese Family Storytime/ 粵語雙語故事時間

Wednesday, March 5, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., Children's Activity Room

Children's Librarians Emilie will read storybooks and lead children with songs and fingerplays in English and Cantonese. 每月第一個周三晚上6 : 30 兒童圖書館員 Emilie 將為小朋友讀圖畫故事書，唱兒歌，手指謠，玩遊戲。歡迎兒童們與家長裸母一同前來參加。

Toddler Storytime: 1s and 2s Together

Thursdays, March 6, 13, 20, & 27, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Activity Room

This storytime, aimed at 1- and 2-year-olds, features lots of movement, singing and action.

Preschool Storytime: 3s & 4s Budding Bookworms

Thursdays, March 6, 13, 20, & 27, 6:30 – 7 p.m., Activity Room

This storytime, aimed at 3 – 5-year-olds, features longer picture books and flannel board stories and other storytelling activities and fingerplays.

Qi Gong Meditation & Exercise Classes

Fridays, March 7, 14, 21, & 28, 1 – 3 p.m., Auditorium

Relieve stress and anxiety, increase energy and vitality and improve physical health during these exercise sessions. Giảm căng thẳng và lo lắng, tăng năng lượng và sức sống, Cải thiện sức khỏe thể chất.

Knit & Crochet Circle

Fridays, March 7, 14, 21, & 28, 2 – 4 p.m., Conference Room

Meet other yarn lovers, get help or share ideas. Limited instruction available in Hindi, Punjabi and Gujarati, but note this is not a class. No registration required. Materials not provided.

Teen Safe Space

Fridays, March 7 & 21, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Program Room

Join us for in-person LGBTQIA+ support. Teens and young adults are invited to games, crafts, discussion and community. No registration necessary.

Board Game Day

Saturday, March 8, 10 a.m. – 6:30 p.m., Auditorium

Learn different board games or play your favorite one. This program is open to ages 18+. Online registration is encouraged but not required.

LEGO Club (Grades K-8)

Monday, March 10, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Activity Room

Children will use their creativity and engineering skills to free build anything they can imagine. This is a drop-in program. Space is limited.

Little Learners STEAM (ages 3-5)

Tuesday, March 11, 3:30 – 4:15 p.m., Activity Room

Each month we will learn, nurture curiosity and discover new things through engaging and fun activities. Registration is required. Parents must participate with their child. Siblings welcomed.

Hands-Only CPR and AED Training

Thursday, March 13, 7 – 8 p.m., Auditorium

Members of the Milpitas Fire Department will share how to learn life-saving skills such as providing CPR and demystifying AEDs. No registration required.

Zine Workshop with Author Wendy Xu (Grades 6+)

Saturday, March 15, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Silicon Valley Reads featured author Wendy Xu will lead a workshop exploring the fundamentals of comics, then create your own!

Adult & Teen Crafternoon (ages 13+)

Saturday, March 15, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Program Room

Create a simple felt journal. No registration is required. Walk-ins while supplies last.

San Francisco Shakespeare Presents: Romeo and Juliet

Sunday, March 16, 2 – 3 p.m., Auditorium

Experience the passion and tragedy of two star-crossed lovers as they navigate a world of bitter feuds and forbidden romance.

Is it Time to Quit Tech?

Tuesday, March 18, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Auditorium

The tech industry is known for its salaries, perks, and the promise of long-term financial security. However, recent layoffs have forced many to reevaluate their career paths. Learn the realities of transitioning to a non-tech career, essential educational credentials and transferable tech skills, and current opportunities/strategies for success.

Crafts Around the World

Wednesday, March 19, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Activity Room

In honor of the Jewish holiday, Purim, we will be decorating face masks and crowns. All supplies will be provided. Registration required.

Tween Time (Grades 4-8)

Friday, March 21, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Activity Room

We will create animal pom-poms while having snacks and socializing. All supplies will be provided. Registration is required.

LGBTQ Movie Night

Friday, March 21, 4:30 – 7 p.m., Auditorium

Join the Avenidas Rainbow Collective and Milpitas Library to screen LGBTQ films. Bring a friend, family member or a date. Please RSVP.

Milpitas Book Discussion and Author Visit

Saturday, March 22, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Auditorium

Author Meredith Jaeger will discuss her latest novel, [*The Incurrigibles*](#). Audience Q&A will follow, as well as a book signing.

Reading Buddies for Grades K-5

Saturday, March 22, 2 – 3 p.m., Activity Room

Children can buddy up with a furry friend and read one-on-one from a favorite book.

Tabletop Dungeon

Saturday, March 22, 2 – 4 p.m., Program Room

Kids 13+ are invited to learn Dungeon World with us. Similar to Dungeons and Dragons but more narrative based, it's perfect for beginners and experts. Please register.

The Peaceful Poets

Thursday, March 27, 5:30 – 8 p.m., Conference Room

Spend time with a Milpitas-based group of writers and appreciators of poetry.

Music and Movement for Ages 3-8

Friday, March 28, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Activity Room

Join us as we focus on early literacy through movement, songs and dance. Children and their caregivers will have fun exploring music and dance together!

Retro Roadshow: Tales from the Orchard

Sunday, March 30, 2 – 5 p.m.

Join us for an exploration of Apple's history and its far-reaching influence, presented by the Retro Roadshow Pop-Up Museum of Vintage Technology.

MORGAN HILL -- 660 W. Main Avenue

Bilingual Storytime for All Ages

Saturdays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 10:15 – 11 a.m., Children's Activity Room

Join us for fun with your little one! Stories, music, movement, and more! Storytimes are bilingual (Spanish/English). ¡Acompáñenos para divertirse en familia con su pequeño! ¡Cuentos, música, movimiento y más! Las horas de cuentos son bilingües (español/inglés).

ESL Conversation Club

Saturdays, March 1, 8, 15, & 22, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Adult Program Room

Practice your English conversation skills with friends. This program is for adults who speak basic English. ¡Únase a nosotros para tener conversaciones divertidas y practicar el inglés! Este programa es para adultos de 18 años y mayores que hablan inglés básico.

The Science of Chocolate: Molecular Gastronomy and Tempering

Saturday, March 1, 2 – 3 p.m.

Embark on a delectable journey into the world of chocolate, where science and gastronomy intertwine. Learn about the different types of cocoa beans, their flavor profiles, and how to identify high-quality chocolate. Please register.

Snack Break: Free Snacks for Kids/Meriendas Gratis Para Niños

Mondays-Fridays except during school breaks, 3 – 4 p.m.

Snacks provided by the YMCA, for kids 18 years old and under. Meriendas proporcionadas por la YMCA, para niños de 18 años y menores.

Homework Help

Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays except during school breaks, 4 – 5:30 p.m.

Students in grades K-6 who need homework help are encouraged to stop by for free tutoring. No registration is required. Basic school supplies will be provided.

Zumba

Monday, March 3, 6 – 7 p.m., Program Room

Join us for a free dance and rhythm-based workout. This Latin-inspired, easy-to-follow, fitness party exhilarates your senses and works all major muscle groups in a high-energy cardio blast.

Planning for the End

Tuesday, March 4, 6 – 7 p.m., Program Room

The American Association of University Women is hosting a four-part series about Planning for the End. This third installment focuses on decluttering. Discover the benefits of organizing your home now, along with tips on where to donate items.

First Tuesday Knit-In

Tuesday, March 4, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., Program Room

Knitters are welcome to come and work together. New knitters can get advice and assistance while advanced knitters can meet new friends.

Kids LEGO Club

Wednesdays, March 5, 12, 19, & 26, 1 – 2:30 p.m., Children's Activity Room

Children will use their creativity and engineering skills to free build anything they can imagine. LEGOs are available for ages 2+. No registration required.

AI Toy Petting Zoo (ages 5+)

Wednesday, March 5, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.

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Teen Advisory Board

Wednesday, March 5, 6 – 7 p.m.

The Teen Advisory Board meets once a month to provide ideas and input about library programs and services for teens. Please register.

After Dinner Book Club

Wednesday, March 5, 7 – 8 p.m., Program Room

We will discuss [*A Rome of One's Own*](#) by Emma Southon.

Toddler Storytime

Thursdays, February 6, 13, 20, & 27, 10:15 – 10:45 a.m., Children’s Activity Room

Join us for stories, music, movement and more.

Ready Together: Information Booth

Friday, March 7, 10:15 a.m. – 1 p.m., Library Lobby

Learn how to create an emergency plan, what emergency supplies may be needed and find out about future programs.

Tiny Tot Jamboree

Fridays, March 7, 14, 21, & 28, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Children’s Activity Room

Toddlers (1-2 years old) and caregivers are invited to join us for short fun stories, rhymes, fingerplays and songs.

Itty Bitty Jamboree

Fridays, March 7, 14, 21, & 28, 12 – 12:30 p.m., Children’s Activity Room

Babies (12 months and younger) and their caregivers are invited to join us for stories, music, movement and more!

Drop-in Libby, eBook and eAudiobook Help

Sundays, March 9 & 23, 3 – 4 p.m., Information Desk

Drop in to receive help with using the Libby app. You will need to bring your smartphone, kindle or tablet. No registration needed.

Preparación Para Emergencias (En español)

Tuesday, March 11, 4 – 5 p.m., Program Room

Aprender sobre seguridad contra incendios domésticos y forestales, seguridad en el hogar, planificación de emergencias familiares y sistemas de alerta de emergencia. Los asistentes recibirán una bolsa de viaje gratuita para la preparación para emergencias (hasta agotar existencias).

Plan Your Tomato Garden

Tuesday, March 11, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m., Program Room

Learn how to increase your success with correct planting methods, pest control, irrigation, soil management, and fertilizer to produce healthy and productive plants.

Family Fun Night

Tuesday, March 11, 6:30 – 8 p.m., Children’s Activity Room

Families with school-aged children will create art or do a STEM activity. This month’s project is a robot collage, in the style of artist Nam June Paik.

Literary Lounge Book Club

Wednesday, March 12, 7–8:15 p.m., Program Room

The Literary Lounge is a book club for sharing and discovering books. Connect with fellow readers in a casual and friendly setting.

Movie Night: The Creator

Thursday, March 13, 3:30–6:30 p.m., Program Room

Join us for the thrilling sci-fi adventure, *The Creator* (rated PG-13).

Safe Space Meet-Up for LGBTQ+ Youth

Fridays, March 14 & 28, 4–5:30 p.m., Community Room

Our staff-led meetings offer a safe space for youth to play games, participate in group activities and discussions and build community. No registration necessary.

RAFT Maker Mobile/Creaciones Inovadoras STEAM

Saturday, March 15, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. and 2–5 p.m.

This innovative mobile makerspace brings hands-on, immersive STEAM learning. Suitable for patrons 5+. Este innovador espacio de creación móvil ofrece aprendizaje STEAM práctico e inmersivo. Más adecuado para edades de 5 años en adelante.

Level Up Cooking with AI (Tweens & Teens)

Saturday, March 15, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

This program empowers you to discover exciting new recipes, unleash your creativity in the kitchen, and become a culinary whiz. Learn how to use AI to find the perfect ingredients, plan delicious meals, and even invent your own unique dishes! This program is for tweens and teens in grades 6-12. Please register.

4-Panel Comic Workshop with Author Wendy Xu (Ages 13+)

Saturday, March 15, 4–5:30 p.m., Program Room

Silicon Valley Reads featured author Wendy Xu will lead a workshop exploring the fundamentals of comics, then create your own!

Ready Together: Emergency Preparedness Series

Monday, March 17, 5–6:15 p.m., Program Room

This is the third of a four-part series based on the City of Morgan Hill's Do 1 Thing initiative. This workshop will cover getting involved and being informed.

Library Ukulele Society

Tuesday, March 18, 4:30–6:30 p.m., Program Room

Bring your uke and music stand or come to listen and sing along! No registration required.

The Moon and Mars: Amazing Places for Humans to Soon Explore

Tuesday, March 18, 5 – 6 p.m.

Dr. Pascal Lee is a leading planetary scientist working on planning future exploration of the Moon and Mars. He will explain why and how we will explore these worlds, when we will go, where we would land, what we would see, what would we do, and who would go.

Kids Art Club (ages 5+)

Wednesday, March 19, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Children’s Activity Room

Join us for an afternoon of creativity. Drop in and create value and tone drawings inspired by Tamara de Lempicka.

Friendship Bracelets for Adults

Wednesday, March 19, 5:30 – 8 p.m., Program Room

Channel your creativity and nostalgia with a relaxing evening of friendship bracelet making! All materials and supplies provided while supplies last. This is for adults and seniors only.

Retro Roadshow: Mario Through the Ages

Saturday, March 22, 2 – 5 p.m.

Go on an exploration of video game art history. Explore a range of classic video game consoles featuring nearly five decades of Mario-centric games.

Sensory Playtime (ages 4-10 with a parent/caregiver)

Friday, March 28, 4 – 5 p.m., Children’s Activity Room

Sensory playtime is a hands-on, interactive experience designed to engage children through a variety of activities. Designed for kids with sensory processing differences, autism, or who have other special needs. Please register.

SARATOGA -- 13650 Saratoga Avenue

Family Storytime

Saturdays, March 1 & 8, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Maple Room

Tuesdays, March 4, 11, 18, & 25, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Maple Room

Join us for stories, rhymes, and songs.

Mystery Book Club

Monday, March 3, 7 – 8 p.m., Maple Room

We will be discussing *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon. Stop by the Adult Reference Desk to sign up for the meeting and pick up a copy of the book.

Band Jam: Guitar and Ukulele

Tuesdays, March 4, 11, 18, & 25, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m., Maple Room

Bring your instrument and meet people who are also working on their musical journey. Please attend one session per day.

Music Theory for Beginners

Tuesdays, March 4, 11, 18, & 25, 1:30 – 2 p.m., Maple Room

In this 4-week course, you will learn fundamentals in music theory with emphasis on chord structure, progressions, and harmony accompaniments in modern pop songs.

Sci-Fi & Fantasy Book Club

Tuesday, March 4, 7 – 8 p.m., Maple Room

In observance of Women's History Month, we will be discussing [*Parable of the Talents*](#) by Octavia E. Butler. Stop by the Adult Reference Desk to sign up for the meeting and pick up a copy of the book.

Knit & Crochet Circle

Wednesday, March 5, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Maple Room

Bring your own projects and yarn, ask questions, receive help, give help, share ideas, and meet new people! Patterns from past workshops and a limited number of circular knitting needles and crochet hooks will be available to borrow.

Drop-in Tech Help

Thursdays, March 6, 13, 20, & 27, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Oak Room

Get help using your laptop, tablet or cell phone. Help is given on a first come, first-served basis.

Baby Storytime (12 months or younger)

Fridays, March 7, 14, 21, & 28, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Maple Room

Join us for stories, rhymes, fingerplays and songs.

Navigating College Admissions in the AI Era

Monday, March 10, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Maple Room

Gain insight into AI's role in college admissions, the future of college applications, ethical considerations in AI-driven admissions, preparing for the AI era, and the broader impact of AI on higher education. Please register.

Comic Workshop with Author Wendy Xu (Grades 6+)

Sunday, March 16, 2 – 3 p.m., Maple Room

Silicon Valley Reads featured author Wendy Xu will lead a workshop exploring the fundamentals of comics, then create your own!

Children's Craft (PreK-Grade 3)

Tuesday, March 18, 4 – 5 p.m., Maple Room

Children are invited to make a ladybug headband. All materials provided.

Teatime Book Chatter

Thursday, March 20, 1 – 2 p.m.

Stop by the Adult Reference Desk to register and pick up a copy of the book.

Introduction to Generative AI (Grades 6+)

Tuesday, March 25, 6 – 7 p.m., Maple Room

Learn the basics of AI, applications of generative AI, and ethical issues that surround the use of Artificial Intelligence. Please register.

Digital Literacy Class

Thursday, March 27, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Maple Room

Learn basic computer skills, practice accessing the internet and how to stay safe online.

WOODLAND – 1975 Grant Road

Monday Meditation and Mindfulness

Mondays, March 3, 10, 17, & 24, 7 – 7:30 p.m.

Practice meditation for 20 minutes, then ask questions for 10 minutes with the instructor.

Family Storytime: Spring

Sunday, March 9, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Families are invited to join us for a spring-themed storytime with songs, fingerplays, and fun. Dress for the weather!

Book Discussion for Adults

Tuesday, March 11, 2 – 3:15 p.m.

In honor of Women’s History Month, we will discuss *What the Wind Knows* by Amy Harmon. Email lpasternack@sccl.org to join the monthly email reminders.

Family Storytime: Weather

Sunday, March 23, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Families are invited to join us for a weather-themed storytime with songs, fingerplays, and fun. Dress for the weather!

ONLINE EVENTS (Please register online)

Online English Conversation Club

Thursdays, March 6, 13, 20, & 27, 11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Meet new friends and practice English together.

Virtual Author Talk and Sci-Fi/Fantasy Book Club

Monday, March 10, 6 – 7 p.m.

Register now to attend a virtual author talk with Ray Nayler, author of the Silicon Valley Reads book, *The Mountain in the Sea*.

Virtual Author Talk: Dan Heath

Wednesday, March 12, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

In his book, [*Reset*](#), Dan Heath explores a framework for getting unstuck and making the changes that matter.

Virtual Author Talk: Amy Wu

Wednesday, March 12, 6 – 7:15 p.m.

Join us for a lively discussion of [*From Farms to Incubators*](#) with author Amy Wu.

Financial Planning: The Most Tax Effective Withdrawal Strategy in Retirement

Tuesday, March 18, 7 – 8 p.m.

A certified financial planner will review important decisions retirees face that may have tax consequences as they spend down their assets, and how to minimize the impact of taxes on a portfolio to extend the life of assets.

Virtual Author Talk: Clara Bingham

Thursday, March 20, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Journalist Clara Bingham will discuss her book, [*The Movement: How Women's Liberation Transformed America, 1963-1973*](#). This comprehensive oral history brings to life the vibrant and transformative decade of the women's liberation movement.

Asian Art Museum Talk: Facing Mecca

Tuesday, March 25, 7 – 8 p.m.

Islam has inspired a variety of sacred art, but the scope of its influence also extends into the secular realm and to cultures across the globe. Experience the complexity and breadth of Islamic art through objects from the collection of the Asian Art Museum.

Virtual Author Talk: Jennifer Weiner

Wednesday, March 26, 4 – 5 p.m.

Join bestselling author Jennifer Weiner for a conversation about her captivating novels, including her latest, [*The Griffin Sisters' Greatest Hits*](#).

AI: The Companion

Wednesday, March 26, 6 – 7 p.m.

This presentation will include what Artificial intelligence (AI) is, how it works, and discuss the present and the future of AI. We will discuss about how learners can leverage ChatGPT in learning, along with how to explore entrepreneurship with AI.

April 2025 Library Report
Jennifer Weeks, County Librarian



Take Me Out to the Ballgame

The Library District is taking part in the first ever San Francisco Giants [Library Night](#) on Monday, April 7 at their beautiful home, Oracle Park. This is a chance to gather with fellow bibliophiles and seamheads (baseball fans) to enjoy a nighttime game and support a great cause. A portion (\$5) of every ticket sold [using this link](#) will go toward the SCCLD Foundation, which

supports special events, library materials, and services to our eight libraries and Bookmobile patrons.

Best yet, those who come early to the game can be the first to receive our brand-new exclusive SF Giants branded library cards! Visit staff in China Basin Park (on the other side of McCovey Cove from the stadium) from 4:30 to 6:30 PM. The game starts at 6:45 PM and will feature a special acknowledgement of the great work Bay Area libraries provide on a daily basis. We hope you can join us. The Giants have suggestions for [how to get to the stadium](#) and where to park if you drive.

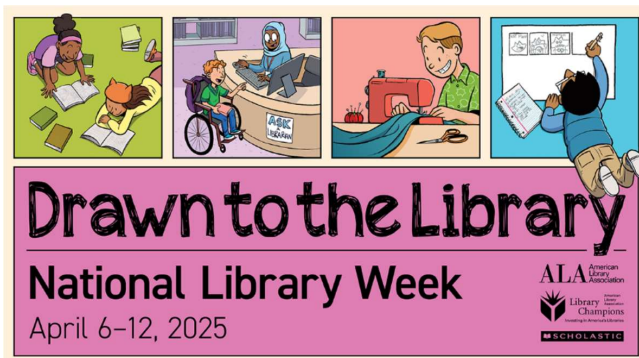
Next Chapter of Storybook SCCLD

March 15 was a memorable day for hundreds of children who took part in the inauguration of the first Storybook SCCLD Redwood Romp play space at the Saratoga Library. A ribbon cutting ceremony took place featuring County Librarian Jennifer Weeks, Community Librarian Saralyn Otter, plus special guests County Supervisor Margaret Abe-Koga, Saratoga Mayor Belal Aftab, Saratoga Council members and City Manager. [Enjoy a video](#) of the Grand Opening.



The early reviews from parents and kids are very positive, with many compliments on the attention to detail in the play space design. The children's play space is something they may expect from a children's discovery museum, but completely unexpected and delighted that it is available at their local library. We heard from families they will be visiting the library much more frequently as their children played and left the library with stacks of books. Every nook and cranny are filled with thoughtful touches, from log seating around the campfire, to nature-themed sensory panels in the Bird Nest for babies and pre-walkers to touch and explore. Each community library will have a different theme for their Storybook SCCLD space, with unique graphics and distinct features.

Mark your calendar for **Saturday, April 26 at 10:00am for the Grand Opening event of the Morgan Hill Library Trusty Trails!** Next to open will be Gilroy in mid-May. The Milpitas Library is scheduled to begin construction on April 7, with a mid-June target to open. We're so excited to introduce everyone to Trusty Trails, Earthen Excursion and Railway Rollick with their ambassadors, HikerBot, MoleBot and WhistleBot. [Read more online](#) about each space's theme, the latest news around construction and where to find children's books while work is underway.



Let's Hear it for Libraries!

[National Library Week](#) is a special time of year when we reflect on the many great things about our hubs of civic and literary life. From Sunday, April 6 to Saturday, April 12 we focus on several different aspects of shelf life and the wonderful people who make libraries such special places.

Things kick off Monday with [Right to Read Day](#), which focuses on the importance of intellectual freedom. This includes the

release of the [State of America's Libraries Report](#), which has the Top Ten Most Challenged Books of 2024 list.

Tuesday highlights library workers. Make sure to keep an eye on our website and social media for salutes to our great team and plan a visit to your local library to give a quick thanks to staff for their contributions. Our Bookmobile will make a [special visit](#) to the Cupertino Library that day, where they will invite children to create hats, wands, and portions. Wednesday is all about community outreach, which has a special focus on Bookmobiles! Thursday is [Take Action for Libraries Day](#), which is particularly important this year due to [threatened cuts](#) to federal support for libraries.

April also features [Children's Day/Book Day](#), also known as El día de los libros, or Día. This is an opportunity to celebrate books that showcase different languages and cultures. The Bay Area is resplendent with such diversity. Our Gilroy Library has a [daylong series of events](#) planned on Wednesday, April 23. Things kick off with a Bookmobile visit, a bilingual Loteria, arts and crafts, a storytime, and a movie!



Poetry is in Motion this Month

As spring kicks into full bloom, creativity and ideas spring forth. Now is the perfect time to celebrate all things rhythm and verse. We have several events and activities planned for this year's celebration of [National Poetry Month](#).

Our County Poet Laureate Yosimar Reyes will lead a [trio of writing workshops](#) to help budding poets unleash their creativity at the

Milpitas, Saratoga and Morgan Hill Libraries. This is a great chance for poets to hone their craft.

Other [poetry-related events](#) at our libraries include a screening of [Dead Poets Society](#) at the Morgan Hill Library, an [Open Mic Night](#) at the Los Altos Library, [Open Poetry Readings](#) at the Gilroy Library, and a [Teen Blackout Poetry and Publishing Workshop](#) at the Cupertino Library with their city's Poet Laureate.

Speaking of teens, keep an eye out for a [blog post](#) on April 1 about our 19th annual Teen Poetry Contest. Like last year, there will be two age categories of competition, with cash prizes for winners.

We have over 2,500 works of poetry in [our collection](#), plus our [Granger's World of Poetry](#) resource.

And all that jazz...

Each year [Jazz Appreciation Month](#) draws attention to an artform that originated in the U.S. and has gone on to worldwide fame. This year's featured act at our libraries will be [Charged Particles](#), a trio of musicians who cross styles between modern and traditional. They will be performing at the [Gilroy](#) and [Morgan Hill](#) Libraries on April 24 and 26, with more shows in May and June.



Jazz lovers should check out our [Contemporary World Music](#) and [Jazz Music](#) collections offered through Alexander Street. Our [Freegal Music](#) and new [hoopla](#) service also offer jazz selections, or visit [MediciTV](#) for recordings of Jazz concerts.

VIRTUAL April
Author Talks 2025

- *Jodi Picoult*
April 2 at 4-5 pm
New York Times bestseller
- *Matthew Fleming*
April 8 at 11 am - 12 pm
Smithsonian Horticulturalist
- *Gregg Hurwitz*
April 24 at 4-5 pm
Author of Orphan X series

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April Virtual Author Talks

Arriving two days after the end of Women's History Month but very much related, bestselling author Jodi Picoult will talk about her latest novel, [*By Any Other Name*](#). Set in two different time periods, the novel tells the story of a 16th-century playwright who secretly wrote works using a man's name in order to gain proper recognition. [Register here](#) for the Wednesday, April 2 event.

Smithsonian Horticulturalist Matthew Fleming takes his audience into the fascinating world of the world's largest plants in [*The Tree Book*](#). Learn about the key role that trees have played across history in our planet's many ecosystems. On Thursday, April 8. [Please register.](#)

Closing us out for the month is novelist Gregg Hurwitz, author of the [*Orphan X*](#) series. He will share the inspiration behind the series as well as his writing process. On Thursday, April 24. [Please register.](#)

SANTA CLARA COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT APRIL 2025 EVENTS

*All SCCLD libraries will be closed and services unavailable on
Sunday, April 20 for Easter*

CAMPBELL EXPRESS LIBRARY – 1 West Campbell Ave., Room 46

ESL Conversation Club

Tuesdays, April 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m., Room Q-84 or Room Q-80

Practice your English conversation skills with friends. Registration is required.

Family Storytime

Wednesdays, April 2, 9, 16, & 30, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Room Q-80

Join us for stories, songs, and more. Please bring a blanket or towel to sit on.

CUPERTINO -- 10800 Torre Avenue

Toddler Storytime (ages 1-2)

Tuesdays, April 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 10:30 – 11 a.m.

This storytime will feature stories, songs, rhymes and dances that encourage the development of early literacy skills.

LEGO Club (Grades K-8)

Tuesday, April 1, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Children's Meeting Room

Children are invited to build and create using LEGOs. Please leave your own at home.

Homework Help

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4:30 – 6 p.m. (except April 15 and April 17)

Students in grades K-5 who need homework help can stop by for free tutoring. No registration is required. Basic school supplies will be provided.

Wednesday Afternoon Meditation and Mindfulness

Wednesdays, April 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 4:30 – 5 p.m., Room 201A

Practice meditation for 20 minutes, then 10 minutes to ask questions with the instructor.

Bedtime Storytime

Wednesdays, April 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 7 – 7:30 p.m., Program Room

This storytime is suitable for all ages and will feature stories, songs, rhymes and dances that encourage the development of early literacy skills. Storytime is limited to the first 100 families. Please bring a yoga mat or blanket to sit on.

Storytime for Babies (ages 0-1)

Thursdays, April 3, 10, 17, & 24, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., First Floor Program Room

This storytime features stories and songs that encourage the development of early literacy skills. Storytime is limited to the first 30 babies with a maximum of 2 adults per family.

Reading Buddies

Thursday, April 3 and Monday, April 14, 7 – 8 p.m.

Children can buddy up with a furry friend and read one-on-one from a favorite book.

Children must register themselves in-person at the Children's Reference Desk. This is for students who have completed kindergarten through 5th grade.

Knit-Alongs at Cupertino Library

Fridays, April 4, 11, 18, & 25, 2:30 – 4 p.m., Room 201A

All knitters and crocheters are welcome to drop in and socialize while starting new projects or finishing old ones. Participants need to bring their own needles and/or crochet hooks and yarn. No personal instruction will be provided.

Family Storytime

Saturdays, April 5, 12, 19, & 26, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Program Room

This storytime is suitable for all ages and will feature stories, songs, rhymes and dances that encourage the development of early literacy skills. Storytime is limited to the first 100 families. Please bring a yoga mat or blanket to sit on.

Baby Sign and Sing

Sunday, April 6, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Room 101

This program is for infants and pre-walking babies under 12 months. Adult caregivers will learn basic signs to communicate with their babies.

Babywearing Dance

Sundays, April 6, 13, 20, & 27, 11 – 11:30 a.m.

Join us for babywearing dance.

Line Dancing for Beginners

Mondays, April 7, 14, 21, & 28, 1:30 – 3 p.m., Room 201

Have fun, meet new friends, improve your balance/coordination while you learn and master shuffles, sweeps, and turns to the tunes of Waltz, Rumba, Cha-Cha, Country, and other music.

ESL Conversation Club

Tuesdays, April 8, 15, 22, & 29, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Room 201A

Improve your English listening and speaking skills and learn about other cultures in a supportive environment. This program is for adults who speak basic English. Register online.

Bookmobile Visit

Tuesday, April 8, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Parking Lot

Children are invited to make wizard hats, wands and potions, and tour the Santa Clara County Library District's Bookmobile!

Children's Literature for Adults Book Club

Tuesday, April 8, 7 – 8 p.m.

We will be discussing [Sweep: The Story of a Girl and her Monster](#) by Jonathan Auxier.

Please register at the Children's Reference Desk. This program is for adults only.

Create CU: Paper Weaving

Friday, April 11, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Room 201B

Turn strips of colored paper into woven art. All materials and instruction will be provided.

This craft event is for adults aged 18 and older. Space is limited, please register online.

Teen Blackout Poetry and Publishing Your Work

Saturday, April 12, 2 – 3 p.m., Room 201

Past Cupertino Poet Laureate Kaecey McCormick will lead this workshop which includes using existing texts to create original poetry. Then boost your CV for college applications by submitting work for publication in literary magazines and contests. No experience necessary. Please register.

Nonfiction Book Discussion Group

Sunday, April 13, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Room 201A

We will discuss [Satellite Boy](#) by Andrew Amelinckx.

Sterling Bubbles

Sunday, April 13, 3 – 4 p.m.

Join us for a mesmerizing bubble show with Sterling Bubbles. Witness incredible feats of bubble artistry, from giant bubbles to intricate formations.

Earth Day STEAM Challenge (Grades 1+)

Tuesday, April 15, 4 – 5 p.m., Room 101

Celebrate Earth Day everyday - learn some ways we can take care of our planet and make a fun nature-themed craft. Please note: Your hands will get dirty.

Book Discussion for Adults

Wed., April 16, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., and Thur., April 17, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Room 201B

We will discuss [The Berry Pickers](#) by Amanda Peters.

Shakespeare Storytime (Grades 1-2)

Wednesday, April 16, 3 – 3:30 p.m., Room 101

This storytime will focus on one story from a Shakespeare play and use socio-emotional learning to highlight themes. The program will also involve an interactive warmup, rhymes and a picture book adaptation of a Shakespeare play! Limited to the first 30 kids.

Master Gardeners: Low Water Lawn Alternatives

Wednesday, April 16, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Room 201

Learn how to downsize or eliminate your lawn and replace it with low water ornamentals, grasses, and ground covers. Assessing your needs and evaluating your site will be discussed and suggestions for hardy plants and grasses for our climate will be given.

April Origami for School Aged Children

Thursday, April 17, 4 – 5 p.m., Community Room 101

Learn to fold three different projects from easy to hard. Origami paper will be provided.

Art Therapy for Tweens (Kids 10+)

Friday, April 18, 4 – 5 p.m., Room 101

We will explore different techniques and art materials each month. Materials will be provided, while supplies last.

中/英文雙語說故事時間/Mandarin-English Bilingual Family Storytime

Fridays, April 18 & 25, 7 – 8 p.m., Room 101

Join us for stories, songs, a flannel board story, fingerplay, and a craft project in Mandarin and English. Children and their caretakers are welcome to join. 兒童圖書館員將為小朋友讀圖畫故事書;唱兒歌;用絨布板講故事;手指謠和做美勞。歡迎幼兒們 和家長, 褓母一同前來參加。

Collage Like Romare Bearden (Grades 2+)

Monday, April 21, 4 – 5 p.m., Room 201

In honor of National Poetry Month, we will learn about writer and artist Romare Bearden and create a collage that you can bring home. Supplies and seating are limited.

Tuesday Travel Nights

Tuesday, April 22, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Room 201

We'll visit portions of Italy's lake district and the Dolomites, taking scenic hikes along the rocky cliffs bordering Lake Garda and Lake Como.

Police Read Along

Wednesday, April 23, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Room 101

A sheriff's deputy will read books and share safety tips. Please arrive on time as seating is limited.

Retirement Roadmap

Tuesday, April 29, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Room 201

Our financial experts will equip you with the knowledge and tools to build your personalized retirement plan. Please register.

GILROY -- 350 W. Sixth Street

Beginning Ukulele Part 2 (5 meetings)

Tuesdays, April 1, 8, 15, & 29 and May 6, 4 – 5 p.m., Quiet Study B

This session is for students who've already learned chords C, F, G7, AM, and C7. Open to ages 9+, children under 12 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Please register if you need to borrow a ukulele.

Homework & Reading Help/Ayuda con la Tarea y Lectura

Monday – Fridays, 4:30 – 6 p.m., Children's Area

Students in grades K-8 can visit the library for help with reading and homework. Ayuda con las tareas y lectura gratis. Algunos tutores hablan español.

Zumba at the Library

Tuesdays, April 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 5:45 – 6:45 p.m., Community Room

Join us for an easy-to-follow dance that works all major muscle groups in a high-energy cardio blast. No registration required. Wear comfortable clothes and shoes and bring your own water and towel.

Bilingual Storytime in English and Vietnamese/Đọc Truyện Song Ngữ Anh Việt

Wednesdays, April 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 4:30 – 5 p.m.

Let's read stories, sing songs, dance, and play games with Miss Như Ý.

Chúng ta cùng đọc sách, ca múa, và vui chơi cùng cô Như Ý nhé.

Family Storytime/Hora de Cuentos

Thursdays, April 3, 10, 17, & 24, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Join us for fun stories, rhymes, fingerplays, and songs to nurture early literacy skills.

Knitting and Crochet Weekly Meetup/Tejido Semanal

Thursdays, April 3, 10, 17, & 24, 1 – 4 p.m., Upstairs Quiet Study B

Bring your projects, ask questions, get help, share ideas and meet new people.

¡Trae tus proyectos, haz preguntas, recibe ayuda, comparte ideas y conoce gente nueva!

Intercambio: Practice English & Spanish Conversation/Practica la conversación en inglés y español

Thursdays, April 3, 10, 17, & 24, 5 – 5:45 p.m., Quiet Study B

Adults are invited to join us to practice English or Spanish listening and speaking skills and learn about other cultures in a supportive environment. Les invitamos a adultos para unirse a nosotros para practicar habilidades de comprensión auditiva y expresión oral en inglés o español y mejor conocer otras culturas en un ambiente de apoyo.

Book Discussion

Friday, April 4, 10:15 – 11:15 a.m., Quiet Study B

We will be discussing [Small Pleasures](#) by Clare Chambers.

Adaptive Adventures for Teens & Adults

Friday, April 4, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m., Community Room

Join us for accessible activities for teens and adults with disabilities, and their family, friends, and caregivers. No registration is required.

Baby Bounce and Lapsit Storytime

Fridays, April 4 & 11, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m., 1st Floor Meeting Room

Baby bounce shares short stories, nursery rhymes, fingerplays and songs that reinforce early literacy skills.

Food Smarts: Cooking & Nutrition Classes/Inteligencia Alimentaria: Clases de Cocina y Nutrición

Fridays, April 4, 11, & 18, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

Register to attend this multi-class session of Food Smarts, a cooking and nutrition series to help you learn how to make healthy food choices. Regístrese para participar en Food Smarts, una serie de clases gratuitas de cocina y nutrición que le ayudarán a aprender cómo elegir alimentos saludables.

Safe Space Meet-Up for LGBTQ+ Youth

Fridays, April 4 & 18, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Quiet Study B

Our staff-led meetings offer a safe space for youth to play games, participate in group activities and discussions, and build community. No registration necessary.

Bilingual Storytime: English & Spanish/Hora de Cuentos Bilingüe: Inglés y Español

Saturdays, April 5, 12, 19, & 26, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Join us for stories and songs in English and Spanish, followed by music and playtime with Librarian Patty. Acompáñenos a escuchar cuentos y canciones en inglés y español, seguido por música y tiempo para jugar con la Bibliotecaria Patty.

Growing Citrus in your Home Garden

Saturday, April 5, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., 1st Floor Meeting Room

Learn about citrus varieties for our climate, planting tips, soil preparation, nutrient requirements, irrigation, pruning, and managing pests.

San Francisco Shakespeare Presents: Romeo and Juliet

Saturday, April 5, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Experience the passion and tragedy of two star-crossed lovers as they navigate a world of bitter feuds and forbidden romance.

The San Francisco Scottish Fiddlers

Saturday, April 5, 2 – 3 p.m., Courtyard (weather dependent)

Join us as the San Francisco Scottish Fiddlers bring to life the rich history and infectious energy of this beloved musical tradition, creating a unique experience that will have you tapping your feet and feeling the spirit of Scotland.

1-on-1 Tech Help/Ayuda con la Tecnología

Mondays, April 7, 14, 21, & 28, 1 – 5 p.m., Computer Area Upstairs

Drop by to get help with opening an email account, connect to Wi-Fi/hotspots, use laptops/Chromebooks, and use Microsoft Office. Ellos pueden ayudarte a abrir una cuenta de correo electrónico, conectarse a Wi-Fi/puntos de acceso, Utilizar computadoras portátiles/Chromebooks y utilizar Microsoft Office.

Pajama Storytime/Cuentos en Pijama

Mondays, April 7, 14, 21, & 28, 7 – 8 p.m.

Join us for stories, sing songs, and wear your pajamas! Lee cuentos, canta canciones y ponte el pijama para una hora de cuentos para niños de todas las edades.

STEAM: DIY LED Light Saber & LED Flower Bouquet (Grades 2-6)

Wednesday, April 9, 2 – 3 p.m., Community Room

Join us for a hands-on STEAM adventure. Children will discover the magic of LEDs and build an LED Light Saber or LED Flower Bouquet to take home! Registration required.

LEGO Club

Friday, April 11, 3 – 4:30 p.m.

We provide LEGOs, children build fun creations that will be displayed in the library. ¡Nosotros proporcionamos los Legos, los niños construyen creaciones divertidas! Estas serán exhibidas en la biblioteca.

Open Poetry Readings

Saturday, April 12, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Downstairs Meeting Room

Read whatever poetry you want to read and join in related discussions.

Stuffie Sleepover/Pijamada de Peluches

Tuesday, April 15, 1 – 9 p.m., 1st Floor Children’s Desk

Drop off your stuffed pal on April 15, so they can join us for an unforgettable time making friends, exploring the library, reading books, attending storytime, and playing lots of fun games. When you pick them up, get a mini-book keepsake that includes photos of the activities they did. Please remember to pick up your pal up on April 18.

Deja a tu amigito de peluche el 15 de abril para que pase un rato inolvidable con nosotros haciendo amigos, explorando la biblioteca, leyendo libros, asistiendo a la hora del cuento y jugando a un montón de juegos divertidos. Al recogerlo, recibirás un minilibro de recuerdo con fotos de sus actividades. Recuerda recoger a tu amigito el 18 de abril.

Emergency Preparedness / Taller Gratuito de Preparación Para Emergencias

Tuesday, April 15, 3 – 4:30 p.m., Community Room

Attend this free workshop to learn about home safety, wildfire safety, family emergency planning and emergency alert systems. Receive a free go-bag with emergency preparedness items. Asista a este taller gratuito para informarse sobre seguridad contra incendios domésticos y forestales, seguridad en el hogar, planificación de emergencias familiares y sistemas de alerta de emergencia. Los asistentes recibirán una bolsa de viaje gratuita con artículos de preparación para emergencias, hasta agotar existencias.

Reading Program Orientation

Wednesday, April 16, 10 – 11 a.m. and 6 – 7 p.m., Reading Program Reading Room

Become an adult literacy tutor to support an adult learner improve their English reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills to achieve their lifelong goals. Please register.

High Tea at the Library

Saturday, April 19, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Community Room

You are cordially invited to an elegant afternoon of delectable treats, jocular conversation, and an exquisite sampling of tea. Come dressed in your best tea party couture.

Registration is required.

Día: El día de los niños/libros (Children's Day/Book Day)

Wednesday, April 23, 3:30 – 8 p.m., Outside Paseo

Visit the Bookmobile, play Loteria, make crafts and take home free books and activities.

Children can make their own cardboard boxcar and stay to attend a “drive-in” movie on the lawn. Adults are invited to bring their own camp chairs for the outdoor movie viewing.

Blind Date with a Book

Saturday, April 26, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Quiet Study B

Meet your next favorite book! Each participant will have a chance to get to know a book in disguise. No registration needed. This program is for patrons 12+.

Live Jazz Music: Charged Particles

Saturday, April 26, 2 – 3 p.m., Outside Courtyard (weather dependent)

Charged Particles delivers a unique blend of traditional and contemporary jazz, igniting audiences with their passion and virtuosity.

Book Discussion

Tuesday, April 29, 7 – 8 p.m., Quiet Study B

We will be discussing [The Feather Thief: Beauty, Obsession, and the Natural History Heist of the Century](#) by Kirk Wallace Johnson.

LOS ALTOS -- 13 S. San Antonio Road

Bilingual Spanish Family Storytime/Hora de cuentos bilingüe para familias

Tuesdays, April 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard Room

Join us for stories, songs, and movement in Spanish and English. ¡Venga a la biblioteca para cuentos, canciones y movimiento en inglés y español!

Bilingual Mandarin/English Storytime/**中英雙語故事時間**

Tuesdays, April 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 1 – 1:30 p.m., Orchard Room

This 30-minute storytime features movement, sing, and action! The early literacy focus is on sharing stories and songs in English and Mandarin Chinese. 歡迎小朋友來到故事時間，這是以半小時的雙中英語故事書，兒歌，手指謠，玩遊戲為特色的內容。歡迎兒童們與家長祿母一同前來參加

The Whodunit? Mystery Book Club

Wednesday, April 2, 10:15 – 11:30 a.m., Teen Room

We will discuss [The Feather Thief: Beauty, Obsession, and the Natural History Heist of the Century](#) by Kirk Wallace Johnson.

Toddler Storytime

Wed. & Thurs., April 2, 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24, & 30, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard Room

This interactive storytime is for early walkers, 1s and 2s. Free tickets will be handed out 30 minutes before storytime.

Baby Storytime & Stay and Play

Wednesdays, April 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30, 1 – 2 p.m.

Non-walking babies and their caregivers will enjoy songs, rhymes, gentle movement, short books and other fun. After storytime, enjoy the Stay & Play. Please bring a blanket to lay your babies on when they are not cuddling in your lap.

Children's Concert

Thursday, April 3, 10:30 – 11 a.m. and 11 – 11:30 a.m., Orchard Room

MaryLee Sunseri is a singer/songwriter/performer of traditional and original songs for young children.

ESL Conversation Club

Thursdays, April 3, 10, 17, & 24, 1:30 – 3 p.m., Orchard Room

Practice your English conversation skills with friends. This program is for those who speak basic English. No registration required.

Preschool Storytime

Thursdays, April 3, 10, 17, & 24, 3:30 – 4 p.m., Orchard Room

Children ages 3-5 and their caregivers are invited to join us for stories, music, movement and more!

Teen Dungeons and Dragons Social Club

Thursdays, April 3, 10, 17, & 24, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m., Conference Room

Teens are welcome to drop in and watch the game. Right now, the game is full, but we will occasionally have openings for new players. Please check in at the Adult Reference Desk.

Baby Sign and Stay & Play

Saturday, April 5, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Orchard Room

Babies ages 0-12 months and their grownups are welcome to sing songs and learn signs to share with your baby. Please bring a blanket for your baby. After storytime, stay and play with age-appropriate toys.

Monday Morning Meditation and Mindfulness

Mondays, April 7, 14, 21, & 28, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard Room

Practice meditation for 20 minutes then ask questions for 10 minutes with instructor Manisha.

Poetry Open Mic

Monday, April 7, 7 – 8 p.m., Pod D

Share poetry, hear poetry. You do not have to be a poet to attend.

Healing Art Workshop

Tuesday, April 8, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard Room

This session combines soothing soundscapes with guided visual art activities, such as painting, journaling, or mindful drawing.

Watercolor Workshop for Adults

Friday, April 11, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Join us for a watercolor workshop. All supplies will be provided. Seating is first come, first served.

San Francisco Shakespeare Presents: Romeo and Juliet

Saturday, April 12, 1 – 2 p.m., Orchard Room

Experience the passion and tragedy of two star-crossed lovers as they navigate a world of bitter feuds and forbidden romance.

Piggy Bank Pioneers

Sunday, April 13, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Orchard Room

This month's game will be "Piggy Bank Theater," designed for children ages 3-6.

Participants will gather for an interactive, story-driven show. Participants may be pre-readers or early readers but should have some language skills.

Board Game Sunday

Sunday, April 13, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Orchard Room

We have board games for adults, teens, and children – plus LEGOs and DUPLOs.

Book Bugs Club (Grades 2 – 3)

Tuesday, April 15, 4 – 5 p.m.

We will discuss [The Storm](#) by Cynthia Rylant. Please read the book at home so we can discuss, then make a fun craft. Pick up a copy of the book at the Children's Desk at Los Altos or Woodland Library. Please register.

Page Turners Book Club (Grades 4 – 5)

Wednesday, April 16, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

We will discuss [Beyond the Bright Sea](#) by Lauren Wolk. Please read the book at home so we can discuss, then do a fun activity. Please register online then pick up a copy of the book at the Children's Desk at Los Altos or Woodland Library.

Discovery Poetry

Wednesday, April 16, 7 – 8 p.m., Pod D

Read, write, and share poetry. You do not have to be a poet to attend.

Bay Area Games Day

Saturday, April 19, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m., Orchard Room

Come learn how to play a new board game or bring an old favorite. We welcome newcomers to hobby gaming and families with kids.

To Be Read Book Club (Grades 6–8)

Tuesday, April 22, 4–5 p.m., Orchard Room

We will discuss [The Crossover](#) by Kwame Alexander. After our discussion we will do a fun activity. Please register then pick up your copy of the book at the Children's Reference Desk at Los Altos or Woodland Library.

Los Altos Book Discussion for Adults

Tuesday, April 22, 7–8 p.m., Orchard Room

Please email lpasternack@sccl.org to join the group.

Story Explorers Book Club (TK—Grade 1)

Wednesday, April 23, 4–5 p.m., Orchard Room

We will do a read-aloud and discussion of two books, then move to music and do a craft.

Furry Friends Reading Buddies

Saturday, April 26, 2:30–3:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Bring a book from home or borrow one from the Children's Room. Children in grades K-8 are welcome to participate. You may register for a 10-minute session online beginning two days before the event.

Sunday CrafterNoon (all ages)

Sunday, April 27, 2–3:30 p.m., Orchard Room

This is a time to relax with the community and let your creativity shine.

Now Read This Book Club

Monday, April 28, 12–1:30 p.m., Orchard Room

We will discuss [At the Edge of Empire: A Family's Reckoning](#) with China by Edward Wang.

MILPITAS -- 160 N. Main Street

Baby Bouncers Lapsit

Tuesdays, April 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 11:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Activity Room

This is a baby and caregivers program with an early literacy focus on traditional nursery rhymes, lap bounces, body rhymes, songs, very short and simple picture books. Caregivers are encouraged to bring a blanket for their babies to lay on.

Homework Help

Mondays – Thursdays, 4–5:30 p.m., Program Room (except April 14 - 17)

Students in grades K-6 who need homework help are encouraged to stop by for free tutoring. No registration is required. Basic school supplies will be provided.

Bilingual Mandarin Family Storytime/ 中英雙語故事時間

Tuesdays, April 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 6:30 – 7 p.m., Activity Room

This 30-minute storytime features movement, sing, and action! The early literacy focus is on sharing stories and songs in English and Mandarin Chinese. 歡迎小朋友來到故事時間，這是以半小時的雙中英語故事書，兒歌，手指謠，玩遊戲為特色的內容。歡迎兒童們與家長親母一同前來參加。

Fun with Art Presented by First5 Santa Clara County

Wednesday, April 2, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Auditorium

Join us as we read a book, do a craft activity based on the book, and then learn about resources provided at the Guerrero Family Resource Center in Milpitas.

ESL Conversation Club

Wednesdays, April 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 2:45 – 3:45 p.m., Program Room

Practice your English conversation skills with friends. This program is for adults who speak basic English. No registration required.

Toddler Storytime: 1s and 2s Together

Thursdays, April 3, 10, 17, & 24, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Activity Room

This storytime, aimed at 1- and 2-year-olds, features lots of movement, singing and action.

Preschool Storytime: 3s & 4s Budding Bookworms

Thursdays, April 3, 10, 17, & 24, 6:30 – 7 p.m., Activity Room

This storytime, aimed at 3 to 5-year-olds, features longer picture books and flannel board stories and other storytelling activities and fingerplays.

Qi Gong Meditation & Exercise Classes

Fridays, April 4, 11, 18, & 25, 1 – 3 p.m., Auditorium

Relieve stress and anxiety, increase energy and vitality and improve physical health during these exercise sessions.

Giảm căng thẳng và lo lắng, tăng năng lượng và sức sống, Cải thiện sức khỏe thể chất.

Knit & Crochet Circle

Fridays, April 4, 11, 18, & 25, 2 – 4 p.m., Conference Room

Meet other yarn lovers, get help or share ideas. Limited instruction available in Hindi, Punjabi and Gujarati, but note this is not a class. No registration required. Materials not provided.

Teen Safe Space

Fridays, April 4 & 18, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Program Room

Join us for in-person LGBTQIA+ support. Teens and young adults are invited to games, crafts, discussion and community. No registration necessary.

Board Game Day

Saturday, April 5, 10 a.m. – 6:30 p.m., Auditorium

Learn different board games or play your favorite one. This program is open to ages 18+. Online registration is encouraged but not required.

Family Storytime

Saturdays, April 5, 19, & 26, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Activity Room

This 30-minute storytime features movement, singing and action with picture books, flannel board stories and fingerplays.

Teen Rubik's Cube Club

Saturday, April 5, 4 – 5 p.m., Conference Room

Kids 12+ are invited to meet other cubers, learn new techniques and have fun.

VITA: Volunteer Tax Preparation

Sundays, April 6 & 13, 10:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Please bring all W2s, 1092s, 1099s and SSA forms. Please bring your 2023 tax return if available. You will also need to create an email address ahead of time. Please register.

Poetry Writing Workshop with Poet Laureate Yosimar Reyes

Sunday, April 6, 2 – 3 p.m.

Santa Clara County Poet Laureate Yosimar Reyes will host a welcoming, engaging space for writers of all levels. The session will feature fun, thought-provoking prompts and exercises designed to inspire your imagination and spark new ideas. Please register.

Little Learners STEAM (ages 3-5)

Tuesday, April 8, 3:30 – 4:15 p.m., Activity Room

Each month we will learn, nurture curiosity and discover new things through engaging and fun activities. Registration is required. Parents must participate with their child. Siblings welcomed.

Homebuying Seminar

Saturday, April 12, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Computer Training Center

Topics covered will include preparing to buy a home, buying vs. renting, down payments, credit checks, mortgage terms, first-time homebuyer credits, and much more.

LEGO Club (Grades K-8)

Monday, April 14, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Activity Room

Children will use their creativity and engineering skills to free build anything they can imagine. This is a drop-in program. Space is limited.

Science Fiction and Fantasy Book Club

Monday, April 14, 7 – 8 p.m., Auditorium

Sign up and pick up a copy of *There is No Antimemetics Division* by Sam Hughes.

Crafts Around the World

Wednesday, April 16, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Children’s Activity Room

We will be making koinobori from Japan. Supplies will be provided. This craft is for all ages.

LGBTQ Movie Night

Friday, April 18, 4:30 – 7 p.m., Auditorium

Join the Avenidas Rainbow Collective and Milpitas Library to screen LGBTQ films. Bring a friend, family member or a date. Please RSVP.

Worm Composting Workshop

Saturday, April 19, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Auditorium

Come join us at our composting workshop and learn how to create your own natural fertilizer from kitchen scraps. Take home your very own worm bin (while supplies last).

Please register to gauge interest, but walk-ins are welcome.

Master Gardeners: Gardening in Our Changing Climate

Saturday, April 19, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Program Room

This talk will cover how higher temperatures, shifting precipitation patterns, unpredictable growing seasons, and other climate-related changes could affect your garden and find out how we can update our gardening practices to mitigate these changes.

Adult & Teen Crafternoon (ages 13+)

Saturday, April 19, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Program Room

We will upcycle magazine pages to create wearable paper beads.

The Peaceful Poets

Thursday, April 24, 5:30 – 8 p.m., Conference Room

Spend time with a Milpitas-based group of writers and appreciators of poetry.

Music and Movement for Ages 3-8

Friday, April 25, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Activity Room

Join us as we focus on early literacy through movement, songs and dance. Children and their caregivers will have fun exploring music and dance together!

Reading Buddies for Grades K-5

Saturday, April 26, 2 – 3 p.m., Activity Room

Children can buddy up with a furry friend and read one-on-one from a favorite book.

MORGAN HILL -- 660 W. Main Avenue

Snack Break: Free Snacks for Kids/Meriendas Gratis Para Niños

Mondays-Fridays except during school breaks, 3 – 4 p.m.

Snacks provided by the YMCA, for kids 18 years old and under.

Meriendas proporcionadas por la YMCA, para niños de 18 años y menores.

Homework Help

Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays except April 14-18, 4 – 5:30 p.m.

Students in grades K-6 who need homework help are encouraged to stop by for free tutoring. No registration is required. Basic school supplies will be provided.

Planning for the End

Tuesday, April 1, 6 – 7 p.m., Program Room

The American Association of University Women is hosting this talk about Planning for the End. This talk will cover your legacy. Hosts will discuss preserving memories through photos and the process of crafting an obituary.

Kids LEGO Club

Wednesdays, April 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 1 – 2:30 p.m., Children's Activity Room

Children will use their creativity and engineering skills to free build anything they can imagine. LEGOs are available for ages 2+. No registration required.

After Dinner Book Club

Wednesday, April 2, 7 – 8 p.m., Program Room

Choose your own poetry book to read, then get ready for a fun and lively discussion.

Family Storytime (Toddlers and Preschoolers)

Thursdays, April 3, 10, 17, & 24, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Children's Activity Room

This story time features lots of movement, singing, and action. Early literacy focus is on short picture books, with flannel board stories, fingerplays, and lots of repetition.

Movie Night: Dead Poets Society

Thursday, April 3, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m., Program Room

Join us for the film, Dead Poets Society (rated PG).

Tiny Tot Jamboree

Fridays, April 4, 11, 18, & 25, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Children's Activity Room

Toddlers (1-2 years old) and caregivers are invited to join us for short fun stories, rhymes, fingerplays and songs.

Itty Bitty Jamboree

Fridays, April 4, 11, 18, & 25, 12 – 12:30 p.m., Children’s Activity Room

Babies (12 months and younger) and their caregivers are invited to join us for stories, music, movement and more!

Bilingual Family Storytime for All Ages

Saturdays, April 5, 12, 19, & 26, 10:15 – 11 a.m., Children’s Activity Room

Join us for fun with your little one! Stories, music, movement, and more! Storytimes are bilingual (Spanish/English).

¡Acompáñenos para divertirse en familia con su pequeño! ¡Cuentos, música, movimiento y más! Las horas de cuentos son bilingües (español/inglés).

ESL Conversation Club

Saturdays, April 5, 12, & 26, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Adult Program Room

Practice your English conversation skills with friends. This program is for adults who speak basic English. ¡Únase a nosotros para tener conversaciones divertidas y practicar el inglés! Este programa es para adultos de 18 años y mayores que hablan inglés básico.

San Francisco Shakespeare Presents: Romeo and Juliet

Saturday, April 5, 3 – 4 p.m.

Experience the passion and tragedy of two star-crossed lovers as they navigate a world of bitter feuds and forbidden romance.

Growing Vegetables in your Summer Garden

Tuesday, April 8, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m., Program Room

We will discuss improving your soil, weed and pest control, and tips on selecting productive vegetable varieties. Find out about space saving techniques like containers and trellising to increase your harvest through the summer.

Family Fun Night

Tuesday, April 8, 6:30 – 8 p.m., Children’s Activity Room

Families with school-aged children will create art or do a STEM activity. This month’s project is seed pots.

Literary Lounge Book Club

Wednesday, April 9, 7 – 8:15 p.m., Program Room

The Literary Lounge is a book club for sharing and discovering books. Connect with fellow readers in a casual and friendly setting.

Novel-Teas

Starting Thursday, April 10 through Wednesday, April 30, Pick up at the Information Desk
Pick up a curated tea kit featuring Matcha tea. Each kit includes two tea sachets, a brochure featuring details about Matcha tea, book pairings, and a recipe to complement the tea. Kits are available while supplies last.

Vehicle Basics and Safety

Thursday, April 10, 4 – 5:45 p.m., Community Room and Parking Lot
Teens and new drivers are invited to learn the basics of auto maintenance and the safety features of a vehicle. This includes going over the features on the dashboard, as well as a hands-on, under-the-hood portion to learn how to correctly identify the components of your engine.

Adaptive Adventures for Teens & Adults

Friday, April 11, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Program Room
Join us for accessible activities for teens and adults with disabilities, and their family, friends, and caregivers. No registration is required.

Safe Space for LGBTQ+ Teens and Young Adults

Friday, April 11, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Community Room
During our in-person support group for LGBTQ+ youth and young adults and allies, we will make a unique plant arrangement using kokedamas.

Sterling Bubbles

Saturday, April 12, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Join us for a mesmerizing bubble show with Sterling Bubbles. Witness incredible feats of bubble artistry, from giant bubbles to intricate formations.

Drop-in Libby, eBook and eAudiobook Help

Sundays, April 13 & 27, 3 – 4 p.m., Information Desk
Drop in to receive help with using the Libby app. You will need to bring your smartphone, kindle or tablet. No registration needed.

Zumba

Monday, April 14, 6 – 7 p.m., Program Room
Join us for a free dance and rhythm-based workout. This Latin-inspired, easy-to-follow, fitness party exhilarates your senses and works all major muscle groups in a high-energy cardio blast.

Library Ukulele Society

Tuesday, April 15, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m., Program Room
Bring your uke and music stand or come to listen and sing along! No registration required.

Kids Art Club (ages 5+)

Wednesday, April 16, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Children’s Activity Room

Join us for an afternoon of creativity. Drop in and create pastel close-ups inspired by Georgia O’Keeffe.

Poetry Writing Workshop with Poet Laureate Yosimar Reyes

Thursday, April 17, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Santa Clara County Poet Laureate Yosimar Reyes will host a welcoming, engaging space for writers of all levels. The session will feature fun, thought-provoking prompts and exercises designed to inspire your imagination and spark new ideas. Please register.

Live Jazz Music: Charged Particles

Thursday, April 24, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Charged Particles delivers a unique blend of traditional and contemporary jazz, igniting audiences with their passion and virtuosity.

Sensory Playtime (ages 4-10 with a parent/caregiver)

Friday, April 25, 4 – 5 p.m., Children’s Activity Room

Sensory playtime is a hands-on, interactive experience designed to engage children through a variety of activities. Designed for kids with sensory processing differences, autism, or who have other special needs. Please register.

Safe Space Meet-Up for LGBTQ+ Youth

Friday, April 25, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Community Room

Our staff-led meetings offer a safe space for youth to play games, participate in group activities and discussions and build community. No registration necessary.

Arabic Belly Dance

Saturday, April 26, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Program Room

Award winning dancer Nicole Maria will bring to life this dynamic art form through an engaging, interactive performance.

Ready Together: Emergency Preparedness

Monday, April 28, 5 – 6:15 p.m., Program Room

Stay prepared and protected during emergencies based on the City of Morgan Hill’s Do 1 Thing program initiative. This workshop will cover emergency supplies and first aid.

Community Craft Supply Swap

Tuesday, April 29, 1 – 6:30 p.m., Community Room

We will have tables filled with all kinds of art and craft supplies to take home, from both the library, as well as donations from fellow community members. Our library is unable to store the art and craft supplies prior to the event, so please bring your donations with you.

Poetry Craft for Adults

Wednesday, April 30, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m., Program Room

Participants will write short poems and turn them into beautiful, one-of-a-kind crafts like blackout poetry, poem collages, or mini poetry zines.

SARATOGA -- 13650 Saratoga Avenue

Fragments of Life Art Exhibit

Through April 29, Library Lobby

The paintings in this exhibit showcase the artist's exploration of the fluid and expressive nature of watercolors.

Family Storytime

Tuesdays, April 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Maple Room

Saturdays, April 5, 12, 19, & 26, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room

Join us for stories, rhymes, and songs.

Sci-Fi & Fantasy Book Club

Tuesday, April 1, 7 – 8 p.m., Maple Room

We will be discussing [The Princess Bride](#) by William Goldman. Stop by the Adult Reference Desk to sign up for the meeting and pick up a copy of the book.

Knit & Crochet Circle

Wednesday, April 2, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Maple Room

Bring your own projects and yarn, ask questions, receive help, give help, share ideas and meet new people.

Chinese Book Club - 中文書友會

Thursday, April 3, 10:15 a.m. – 12 p.m., Oak Room, Orchard Room or Group Study Room

The book selection is [地球之籽: 播種者寓言/Parable of the Sower](#) by Octavia E. Butler.

Drop-in Tech Help

Thursdays, April 3, 10, 17, & 24, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Oak Room

Get help using your laptop, tablet or cell phone. Help is first come, first-served.

Baby Storytime (12 months or younger)

Fridays, April 4, 11, 18, & 25, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Maple Room

Join us for fun, interactive nursery rhymes, fingerplays, action rhymes, and songs!

Mystery Book Club

Monday, April 7, 7 – 8 p.m., Maple Room

We will be discussing [Everyone on This Train is a Suspect](#) by Benjamin Stevenson. Stop by the Adult Reference Desk to sign up for the meeting and pick up a copy of the book.

Band Jam: Guitar and Ukulele

Tuesdays, April 8, 15, & 29, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room

Bring your instrument and meet people who are also working on their musical journey.

Building Structures in the Garden

Tuesdays, April 8, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Community Room

Learn how to build structures in your garden from beds, boxes, cages, and trellises.

Saratoga Garden Club

Saturday, April 12, 12 – 2 p.m., Maple Room

Share your garden stories, discuss current horticulture, host plant swaps/trades, or learn tips & tricks of gardening from the group!

Poetry Writing Workshop with Poet Laureate Yosimar Reyes

Sunday, April 13, 1 – 2 p.m.

Santa Clara County Poet Laureate Yosimar Reyes will host a welcoming, engaging space for writers of all levels. The session will feature fun, thought-provoking prompts and exercises designed to inspire your imagination and spark new ideas. Please register.

Travel Program: Grand Canyon

Tuesday, April 15, 7:15 – 8:30 p.m., Maple Room

Join Eric Thomson as he shares photos from a hike of the Grand Canyon from the North Rim to the South Rim.

LEGOS

Wednesday, April 16, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

Kids ages 5+ can come play with LEGOs, while kids under 5 can play with Duplos.

Mandarin Storytime

Thursday, April 17, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Maple Room

Join us for stories, fingerplays, action rhymes and songs in Mandarin.

Teatime Book Chatter

Thursday, April 17, 1 – 2 p.m.

Stop by the Adult Reference Desk to register and pick up a copy of the book.

Digital Literacy Class

Thursday, April 24, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Maple Room

Learn basic computer skills, practice accessing the internet and how to stay safe online.

Spanish Storytime

Thursday, April 24, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Maple Room

Join us for fun stories, fingerplays, action rhymes and songs in Spanish.

Opioid Overdose Prevention Training

Monday, April 28, 7 – 8 p.m., Community Room

Learn how to recognize an opioid overdose and administer NARCAN Nasal Spray.

Registration is not necessary, but you can RSVP to get an email reminder.

Saratoga Safety: Neighborhood Watch

Tuesday, April 29, 7 – 7:45 p.m., Maple Room

Neighborhood Watch is a great way to maintain a healthy and vibrant neighborhood while helping local law enforcement and first responders keep neighborhoods safe.

Saratoga Safety: CERT & Emergency Preparedness

Tuesday, April 29, 7:45 – 8:30 p.m., Maple Room

Community Emergency Response Teams or CERTs are crucial in bridging the gap between emergencies and professional responders and fostering a more resilient community. Learn what CERT training includes and how you can contribute to community preparedness and response to disasters in addition to preparing your own family.

SERVICES & SUPPORT CENTER – 1370 Dell Ave., Campbell

Joint Powers Authority (JPA) Boarding Meeting

Thursday, April 24, 12 – 1 p.m., Campbell Conference Room

The Santa Clara County Joint Powers Authority (JPA) Board meets minimally four times each year. For information about the meetings, agendas, and packets, please visit: <https://scclld.org/jpa/>.

WOODLAND – 1975 Grant Road

Homework Help

Mondays-Thursdays except during school breaks, 4 – 5 p.m.

Students in grades K-6 who need homework help are encouraged to stop by for free tutoring. No registration is required.

Family Storytime: Opposites

Sunday, April 6, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Backyard Patio (weather dependent)

Families are invited to join us for a storytime with songs, fingerplays, and fun. This week's theme is Opposites. Dress for the weather!

Monday Meditation and Mindfulness

Mondays, April 7, 14, 21, & 28, 7 – 7:30 p.m.

Practice meditation for 20 minutes, then ask questions for 10 minutes with the instructor.

Book Discussion for Adults

Tuesday, April 8, 2 – 3:15 p.m.

Email lpasternack@sccl.org to join the monthly email reminders.

Grant Park Senior Book Club

Wednesday, April 16, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Email Janet Harp (janetharp421@gmail.com) for more information and to register.

Family Storytime: Hello!

Sunday, April 27, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Backyard Patio (weather dependent)

Families are invited to join us for a storytime with songs, fingerplays, and fun. This week's theme is Hello! Dress for the weather!

ONLINE EVENTS (Please register online)

Teen Poetry Contest

Tuesday, April 1 – Wednesday, April 30

Teens can submit up to 3 original poems. Visit sccl.org/contests for more information.

Virtual Author Talk: Jodi Picoult

Wednesday, April 2, 4 – 5 p.m.

Join us for a virtual discussion with New York Times bestselling author Jodi Picoult about her latest novel, [By Any Other Name](#).

Online English Conversation Club

Thursdays, April 3, 17, & 24, 11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Meet new friends and practice English together.

Virtual Author Talk: Matthew Fleming

Tuesday, April 8, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Join Smithsonian Horticulturalist Matthew Fleming for a talk about [The Tree Book](#). This visually stunning guide delves into the scientific intricacies, ecological significance, and historical importance of trees, from ancient oaks to towering redwoods.

Maximize Your Summer: An OpenAdmit Summer Panelist Series

Wednesday, April 9, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

Whether you or your student is exploring research, internships, or leadership projects, this session will provide practical insights to help students make the most of their summer and set them up for success in the college admissions process.

Reading for Children's Emotional Growth

Thursday, April 10, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

Join us for an online workshop on supporting your children's emotional growth through reading! All parents and caregivers of children aged 0 to 5 are invited to attend.

Virtual Author Talk: Gregg Hurwitz

Thursday, April 24, 4 – 5 p.m.

Join us for an electrifying conversation with New York Times bestselling author Gregg Hurwitz, creator of the thrilling "Orphan X" series.