



CITY OF GILROY
LIBRARY COMMISSION



REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2025 | 7:00 PM

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

Chair: Victoria Coverson-Baxter

Vice Chair: Saeid Nooshabadi

Commissioners: Kasandra Lowry

Staff Liaison: Harjot Sangha, Finance Director & Kylie Katsuyoshi, Management Assistant



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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. **Approval of the Minutes from the June 18, 2025 Regular Meeting of the Library Commission.**
5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
6. **LIBRARY STAFF RECOGNITION**
7. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 - 7.1. **Library Commission Workplan Updates**
8. **NEW BUSINESS**
9. **LIBRARY REPORTS**
 - 9.1. **County Library reports for July 2025, August 2025, and September 2025**
 - 9.2. **Gilroy Library Report**
10. **STAFF/COMMISSION COMMENTS**
11. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**
12. **ADJOURNMENT**

FUTURE MEETING DATES

September 10, 2025 – 6:30 PM

November 12, 2025 – 6:30 PM

City of Gilroy
Library Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 18, 2025 | 7:00 PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Commissioner Coverson-Baxter.

2. **ROLL CALL**

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

3. **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

The meeting agenda was posted on June 13, 2025.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

4.1. **Wednesday, April 9, 2025**

RESULT: Pass

MOVER: Saeid Nooshabadi, Commissioner

SECONDER Kasandra Lowry, Commissioner

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

5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

RESULT: Pass

MOVER: Saeid Nooshabadi, Commissioner

SECONDER Kasandra Lowry, Commissioner

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

6. **LIBRARY STAFF RECOGNITION**

Community Librarian Wong introduced librarian Nhu-Y Tran.

7. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

7.1 Library Commission Workplan and Selection of one Commissioner to attend the California Library Association conference in October 2025.

Staff liaison Henig reviewed the staff report. He asked the commissioners to decide who they would like to send to the annual California Library Association

conference, which will be held in Riverside in October. Commissioner Lowry mentioned that she was interested. Commissioner Nooshabadi motioned to allow her to attend on behalf of the Library Commission. Coverson-Baxter seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

There was also discussion about Lowry's idea of the Commission being involved with the Poppy Jaser Film Festival, which is held annually in April. Serving on the film selection committee, she would like to bring opportunities for the festival to hold a screening at the Gilroy Library as well as panel discussions featuring filmmakers and/or those within the industry. The goal would be, according to Lowry, to use the films to connect library patrons with books and local community services. Librarian Wong said the library has the capacity to host these types of events.

After further discussion, it was decided that this new program would fall under the work plan item: "Represent Library at functions and programs..." Lowry would like to see the Commission have a more active role in programming. Coverson-Baxter recommended that Lowry return to the next meeting with a plan so they can actively participate. They agreed they would like to showcase a theme focused on the "human story" that would include such topics as aging, balancing families, climate change, and/or public health.

Henig will follow up about how the commissioners can watch the films without violating the Brown Act.

8. **LIBRARY REPORTS**

7.1. **County Library report for May and June 2025**

Megan Holland, representing the County, mentioned that the library budget was approved by the JPA and the County. She also mentioned the following: a bookmobile was recently upgraded; June is pride month; the countywide Distinguished Author series continues in July; and the Library opened a learning center "nest" in Gilroy.

7.2. **Gilroy Library Report**

Wong discussed the library's recent grand opening of the new active play area. During the month of May, she mentioned the following:

- 49,000 items were checked out. Among them were 12,000 eBooks and 5,000 DVDs.
- Nearly 450 new library cards were issued;
- 85% of library users are residents;
- There were 15 outreach events.

There was a question of if the library would consider offering notary services (like the passport program); Wong will look into it. Commissioner Nooshabdi inquired about hosting a "Librarian for a Day" event. Wong will also look into it.

8. **STAFF/COMMISSION COMMENTS**

None.

9. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Add Library Commission and the Poppy Jasper Film Festival (under Work Plan).

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

AH
Adam Henig, Recreation Division
Recording Secretary



City of Gilroy Library Commission

STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item Title: Library Commission Workplan Updates
Meeting Date: September 10, 2025
From: Harjot Sangha, Finance Director (Staff Liaison)
Department: Finance
Submitted by:
Prepared by:

RECOMMENDATION

1. Receive an update and provide comments or directions on the Library Commission's workplan.
2. Provide feedback to Commissioner Lowry on any particular sessions to attend at the upcoming California Library Association (CLA) conference.

BACKGROUND

On February 12, 2025, the Library Commission drafted a new workplan for the two-year budget cycle covering FY26 and FY27.

On April 9, 2025, the Commission reviewed the FY26 and FY27 workplan drafts provided by staff Bautista, which incorporated carryovers from the FY24-FY25 workplan. These drafts were ultimately submitted to the City Council for review and approval.

On June 2, 2025, the City Council approved the Commission's workplan.

ANALYSIS

The following are the Library Commission's FY26 and FY27 workplan items and pertaining updates:

- **Study of community art installation or display at the Gilroy Library:** It is recommended the commission discuss and form action items to advance this

workplan item.

- **Represent the Library Commission at Library functions and programs such as story time, and staff appreciation days:** It is recommended that the commission discuss and form action items to advance this workplan item.

At the June 18, 2025, meeting, an action item pertaining to this workplan was discussed regarding the Poppy Jasper Festival to hold a screening at the Gilroy Library for the community and the commission to be involved. It was recommended that Commissioner Lowry return to a future meeting with a plan for how this could be accomplished. Staff confirmed with the Clerk's office that if the Commission desires to review film submissions in the same space, it should be treated like a meeting; thus, an agenda, minutes, and adequate members to have a quorum would be necessary.

- **Provided feedback on the Santa Clara County Library System regarding library services and programs offered at the Gilroy location (Existing Workplan):** The Library Commission continues to provide feedback during each of its commission meetings.
- **Participate in the annual California Library Association (CLA) or the American Library Association (ALA) conference:** At the June 18, 2025, meeting, the commission selected Commissioner Lowry to attend the CLA Conference in Riverside, CA, scheduled for October 23 through 25, 2025. Staff have coordinated the necessary logistics, including registration, lodging, and travel. The full schedule of the conference session is available [here](#). It is recommended that the commission provide any input to Commissioner Lowry on any sessions to be considered for attendance at the conference.
- **Promote the commission's purpose and inform the Gilroy community of the Library Commission's presence and visibility:** It is recommended that the commission discuss and form action items to advance this workplan item. This is a carryover workplan item from the prior budget cycle. As part of this initiative, the Commission will participate in community outings, leveraging opportunities to promote the Library Commission's purpose and objectives. The Gilroy Library provided a schedule of upcoming events where commissioners could participate and promote the commission.

- **Provide recommendations to the City Council regarding capital improvements to the Gilroy Library to be funded by the unspent library bond proceeds:** The Gilroy Library Improvement project was included in the recently adopted FY26 and FY27 Biennial Budget. The City's Public Works team issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) over the summer and has selected a firm to award the contract for Architectural Design Services, which is scheduled for City Council consideration at the September 8, 2025, City Council meeting. The Santa Clara County Library District has submitted a letter of support for the award to move the project forward. Staff will provide an update at the commission meeting of the outcome of the City Council meeting.

Attachments:

1. Copy of Letter of Support submitted by the Santa Clara County Library District

September 4, 2025

Gilroy City Council
Gilroy City Hall
7351 Rosanna Street
Gilroy, CA 95020

Dear Honorable Councilmembers,

I am writing in support of the Gilroy Library Improvements project. The recommended contract with SVA Architects takes the next step in modernizing the library to ensure the space is evolving and meeting the needs of your community.

Santa Clara County Library District values the partnership with your city and looks forward to the renovation. Your residents engage positively with the many free resources that the library provides, most especially the programs that bring people together to learn and connect. The iteration of the library spaces will ensure residents have access and opportunity to be thriving life-long learners.

Thank you for your support of impactful public library service in Gilroy.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Weeks
County Librarian and Director
Santa Clara County Library District



City of Gilroy Library Commission

STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item Title: County Library Reports for July 2025, August 2025, and September 2025

Meeting Date: September 10, 2025

From: Harjot Sangha, Finance Director (Staff Liaison)

Department: Finance

Submitted by: Harjot Sangha, Finance Director (Staff Liaison)

Prepared by: Harjot Sangha, Finance Director (Staff Liaison)

RECOMMENDATION

1. Receive report from the County Library staff regarding July through September 2025 programming and events.

Attachments:

1. County Library Report July 2025
2. County Library Report August 2025
3. County Library Report September 2025

July 2025 Library Report
Jennifer Weeks, County Librarian



Distinguished Author Event

Our Distinguished Author Series is back! We are thrilled to host spy novelist [Daniel Silva](#) on Friday, July 18 at the [Campbell Heritage Theatre](#) at 7 PM.

Silva began his career writing fiction after spending a decade as a journalist, serving as a Middle East correspondent and producer. He has written over two dozen novels, almost all featuring his protagonist, art restorer, spy and assassin, Gabriel Allon.

Silva will be in conversation with moderator CNN special correspondent Jamie Gangel, who is also his wife. The first 200 people in line at the venue will receive a free copy of Silva's latest work, [An Inside Job](#). After the talk there will be an audience Q&A and then a book signing. Please register in advance to save your space for this special event.

Summer Reading Continues

Chapter 2 of Summer Reading 2025 is loading up, giving readers a chance to [Level Up at Your Library](#). We hosted dozens of fun events in June, with [many more in store](#) during July for patrons of all ages to enjoy.



The circus is coming to town! There will also be magic shows, music performances, and puppet adventures. Our libraries also have multiple arts and crafts events planned, food prep and cooking programs, as well as opportunities to play games. Teens can explore their creative sides with painting and other crafts, learn repair or sewing skills, and take part in a Dungeons and Dragons Social Club or Mario Kart Tournament. Other highlights include free bike repair clinics, storytimes for kids 0-5 years old, and learning workshops on bugs and animals.

Don't forget to log your books online in [Beanstack](#), complete the activities and collect your prize at your local library in August, while supplies last...



Celebrating our Nation and Freedom

The American Revolution started not with a gun, but with a quill. Signed on July 4, the [Declaration of Independence](#) is one of the most important documents ever written. This precious founding statement is of course housed at a library!

Libraries remain central to our democracy, helping to share new ideas among the public and inspiring new generations of leaders. We also host public events like election forums and provide materials for people to register to vote. Read more about the Declaration of Independence and the impact it made with the new American nation, as well as library resources around military service records, the Founding Fathers (and mothers!), and the history of Independence Day in a [staff blog](#).

Storybook SCCLD Reaches Midpoint

With the June 14 opening of the Railway Rollick early learning play space at the Milpitas Library, we are more than half-way done rolling out new Storybook SCCLD sites. The remaining three installations will be at the Cupertino, Los Altos and Campbell libraries. Cupertino is slated to begin construction in mid-August and Los Altos will start in September, with both spaces opening in the fall. The renovated Campbell Library will also feature a special play space with this refreshed library opening planned for late 2025.





Visit all four early learning play spaces at the Saratoga, Morgan Hill, Gilroy, and Milpitas Libraries. Find videos showcasing each space's themes and features on our [Storybook SCCLD webpage](#).



Photo: Representatives of Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors President Otto Lee's office and State Senator Dr. Aisha Wahab, Supervisor Otto Lee, JPA Governing Board Chair and Mayor of Morgan Hill Mark Turner, County Librarian Jennifer Weeks, and Milpitas Community Librarian Kelly McKean.



FYI- All SCCLD Libraries will be closed on Friday, July 4 for Independence Day. Find our 24/7 [Online Library](#) at [scclد.org](#)


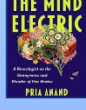
THE SANTA CLARA COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT PRESENTS

VIRTUAL Author Talks July 2025

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Raúl the Third
Tuesday, July 8
11:00 am-12:00 pm (Spanish)
Tuesday, July 8
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm (English)
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Marie Lu
Thursday, July 17
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm
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Rex Ogle
Wednesday, July 23
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm
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Pria Anand
Thursday, July 31
11:00 am -12:00 pm

REGISTER AT: [SCCLD.ORG/EVENTS](https://scclld.org/events)

July Virtual Author Talks

July is jam packed with four top notch speakers. We begin on Tue., July 8 with English and Spanish language chats with illustrator [Raúl The Third](#) about his new book, [¡Vamos! Let's Go Read!](#) which tells the story of Little Lobo and his friends as they explore their library's book festival. Please register: [11 AM Spanish](#), or [1 PM English](#).

Novelist [Marie Lu](#) will talk about the intricate world of her book [Legend](#), on Thu., July 17 at 1 PM. Delve beyond the surface and uncover hidden secrets. [Please register](#).

Award-winning author [Rex Ogle](#) recounts his experiences as a sixth grader experiencing poverty in [Free Lunch](#) on Wed., July 23 at 1 PM. [Please register](#).

Author [Pria Anand](#) will discuss her new book, [The Electric Mind: A Neurologist on the Strangeness and Wonder of Our Brains](#) on Thu., July 31 at 11 AM. [Please register](#).

Lucky Day for eBook, Audiobooks Lovers

Want to enjoy the hot new eBook or Audiobook but stuck on a waiting list on Libby? **Starting July 1**, patrons can enjoy instant checkouts for up to one week of select in demand new and classic titles. Deemed "Lucky Day," you will feel like you've discovered a virtual four-leaf clover.

Eligible titles will be marked as Lucky Day selections with a four-leaf clover. Borrow up to 10 such items at a time. Keep in mind that Lucky Day checkouts count toward your overall Libby checkout limit (10). Titles will rotate frequently, so check back often for fresh reads and listens. If you can't finish a title in the one week borrowing period, you can check it out again as a Lucky Day selection, if available, or place a hold on a regular three-week borrow period copy.

Check out our blog post on Tuesday, July 1 for more information when the Lucky Day feature launches.





New AMHS System Coming to Libraries

SCCLD libraries are getting a big upgrade over the next six months, with new Automatic Material Handling Systems (AMHS) being installed to replace our existing end-of-life equipment. These machines are crucial for processing and routing the millions of items that our patrons borrow and return each year.

The new system is state of the art- plus more reliable, faster, efficient, ergonomic and quieter. The new AMHS model is more accurate at scanning items, so there will be fewer issues with items being missed or sorted to the wrong destination. Patrons will also find the return process more intuitive, with a better interface (see picture above).

The Gilroy Library install was recently completed, to be followed this month by the Services & Support Center, which is our central hub that routes materials to all SCCLD libraries. Processing times will be faster, meaning that items should arrive at libraries and onto the shelves sooner.

The tentative installation schedule at the other libraries is Milpitas (mid-August to mid-September), Woodland (mid-September), Campbell (late September to mid-October), Saratoga (Mid-October to early November), Morgan Hill (Mid-November to Late November), Los Altos (late November to early December) and Cupertino (Mid-January to last January 2026). These are all subject to change. Construction will have limited impact for our patrons.

Park and Recreation Month- Passes

This year marks the 40th celebration of [Park and Recreation Month](#). The theme is “Build Together, Play Together,” which speaks to both the importance of preserving our natural spaces and the joy that comes with being outdoors.

Our libraries offer [free vehicle entry passes](#) for 28 [County](#) and over 200 [California State Parks](#).

Good for three weeks, these passes are available to borrow, while supplies last. With recent state budget cuts, the State parks pass program is [not expected to continue](#) in 2026, so take advantage now!



Check out our [blog post](#) for booklists for adults and kids, including guides for local parks and hiking trails, as well as stories about nature and the great outdoors. A tip for South County library patrons- backpacks with helpful items for your explorations (binoculars, compass, First Aid kit, and guidebooks for birds, wildflowers and animal tracks) can be checked out at the front desk of the Gilroy and Morgan Hill libraries.

SANTA CLARA COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT JULY 2025 EVENTS

****All SCCLD libraries will be closed and services unavailable on Friday, July 4 for Independence Day****

Summer Reading programs are highlighted in blue.

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

Do It Yourself Basic Haircutting for Kids

Tuesday, July 1, 7–8 p.m., Orchard City Banquet Hall

A hairstylist and licensed cosmetologist will demonstrate how to cut a child's hair. Registration is not required.

Outdoor Family Storytime (ages 0-5)

Wednesdays, July 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 10:30–11 a.m., Courtyard

Join us for stories, songs, and more. Please bring a blanket or towel to sit on. Use the Campbell Avenue entrance for closest parking.

Teen Embroidery Workshop

Thursday, July 3, 3–5 p.m., Orchard City Banquet Hall

Teens ages 13-18 will learn embroidery techniques and receive materials to complete an originally designed kits to finish at home. No previous experience.

Kids Crafts with Cathy (ages 7-13)

Thursday, July 3, 4–5:30 p.m., Room Q-80

Blast off into a world of physics and fun with this hands-on stomp rocket craft! This activity combines creativity, engineering, and the thrill of flight. All materials are provided.

Free Bike Repair

Wednesday, July 9, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Bike Repair Mobile is a free bicycle repair clinic offered on a drop-in basis. They address a wide range of common bicycle malfunctions, including flat tires, brake issues, and shifter problems. Bicycles must be equipped with gears and wheels.

Kids Crafts with Cathy (ages 7-13)

Thursday, July 10, 4–5:30 p.m., Room Q-80

Unlock your imagination with our Perler bead keychain craft! Design and create personalized keychains using colorful beads. All materials are provided.

Do It Yourself Basic Haircutting for Men

Tuesday, July 15, 7–8 p.m., Orchard City Banquet Hall

A hairstylist and licensed cosmetologist will demonstrate how to cut men's hair. Registration is not required.

Kids Crafts with Cathy (ages 7-13)

Thursday, July 17, 4–5:30 p.m., Room Q-80

Unlock your imagination with our Craftapalooza Day. We are bringing out lots of great stuff and you make whatever you want. All materials are provided. Please register.

Do It Yourself Basic Haircutting for Women

Tuesday, July 22, 7–8 p.m., Orchard City Banquet Hall

A hairstylist and licensed cosmetologist will demonstrate how to cut women's hair. Registration is not required.

CUPERTINO -- 10800 Torre Avenue

Toddler Storytime (ages 1-2)

Tuesdays, July 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.

ESL Conversation Club

Tuesdays, July 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Room 201A

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

Summer Reading: Level Up Readers

Mondays and Tuesdays, July 1, 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, & 29, 2–4 p.m., Room 101

Level Up Readers is a dedicated space where your child can read to a tutor and accomplish their summer reading goal of 5 books. This program is for grades TK-2.

LEGO Club (Grades K-8)

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

Children can build and create using LEGOs. Please leave your own LEGOs at home.

Summer Reading: Sean's Music Factory

Tuesday, July 1, 7–8 p.m.

Sean's Music Factory is a unique, high-energy performance for children of all ages.

Summer Reading: Early Literacy Music and Stories

Wednesday, July 2, 11–11:30 a.m., Room 101

Children ages 0-5 and their families will enjoy early literacy performances. This week features Bri Reads. Please arrive on time as space is limited.

Bedtime Storytime

Wednesdays, July 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 early literacy skills. Seating is limited to the first 100 families. Bring a yoga mat or blanket to sit on.

Storytime for Babies (ages 0-1)

Thursdays, July 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, 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.

Family Storytime

Saturdays, July 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. Bring a yoga mat or blanket to sit on.

Babywearing Dance

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

Join us for babywearing dance.

Baby Sign and Sing

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

Babies ages 0-12 months and adult caregivers will learn basic signs to communicate.

Summer Music in the Courtyard

Sunday, July 6, 3 – 4 p.m., Courtyard

Enjoy a mix of pop, rock, R&B, and country original and cover tunes with Kimberlye Gold.

STEAMini Camp (Grades 1-2)

Mondays, July 7, 14, 21, & 28, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Room 101

Creativity, critical thinking, problem solving and reasoning skills will be developed through this project-based program. Online registration is required.

Children's Literature for Adults Book Club

Tuesday, July 8, 7 – 8 p.m.

Adults can join us to discuss, reminisce, or discover for the first time a beloved children's classic. Please register at the Children's Reference Desk. This program is for adults only.

Summer Reading: NorCal Bats

Tuesday, July 8, 7–8 p.m., Room 101

NorCal Bats offers exciting, informative lectures on bats. This program consists of live bats of California native species being presented for viewing and discussion. Arrive on time, space is limited.

Summer Reading: Early Literacy Music and Stories

Wednesday, July 9, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Room 101

Children ages 0-5 and their families will enjoy early literacy performances. This week features Poponta Children’s Cultural Society. This bilingual Japanese storytelling session will include traditional kamishibai (paper theater), puppets and books! Please arrive on time as space is limited.

Summer Reading: Drawing Class for Adults

Wednesday, July 9, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Room 201

This class explores the challenge of drawing ordinary objects into artwork. All drawing materials will be supplied. Space for 16 is on a first come, first served basis.

Summer Reading: Teen Paint-Your-Own Pottery Workshop

Wednesday, July 9, 1 – 2 p.m.

Teens ages 13-18 are invited to select a piece of pottery and decorate it. It will later be glazed and fired, available for pickup later. This program is offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

Supa Dupa Pawsome Dog Man Program

Thursday, July 10, 3–4 p.m., Room 101

Kids in grades K-8 are invited for some crafts and activities, while supplies last.

Knit-Alongs at Cupertino Library

Fridays, July 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.

Art Therapy for Tweens

Friday, July 11, 4–5 p.m., Room 101

Kids aged 10+ can create their own unique piece of art to take home. Space is limited, please arrive on time.

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

Fridays, July 11 & 25, 7 – 8 p.m., Room 101

Join us for stories, songs, a flannel board story, 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, 祿母一同前來參加。

Intro to Nature Journaling with the Beetlelady

Saturday, July 12, 2 – 3 p.m., Room 101

Nature journaling is a way to observe and learn while increasing curiosity, wonder, and attention. Learn the basics of nature journaling with local entomologist, Dr. Stephanie Dole (Beetlelady). Registration required.

Nonfiction Book Discussion

Sunday, July 13, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Room 201B

We will discuss [*The Secret Life of Groceries: The Dark Miracle of the American Supermarket*](#) by Benjamin Lorr.

Summer Music in the Courtyard

Sunday, July 13, 3 – 4 p.m., Courtyard

Join us for a blend of soul, jazz, R&B and folk with singer-songwriter Kira Hooks.

Reading Buddies (Grades K-5)

Monday, July 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.

Summer Reading: Unique Derique

Tuesday, July 15, 7 – 7:45 p.m.

Join us for an unforgettable comedic performance with juggling by Unique Derique a.k.a. Clown Prince of Fools. Please arrive on time. Space is limited.

Summer Reading: Early Literacy Music and Stories

Wednesday, July 16, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Room 101

Children ages 0-5 and their families will enjoy early literacy performances. This week features Golden Acorn Music. Please arrive on time as space is limited.

Book Discussion for Adults

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

We will discuss [*Catalina*](#) by Karla Cornejo Villavicencio.

DIY: Games From Around the World

Thursday, July 17, 3 – 4 p.m., Room 101

Kids in grades 1+ will learn how to make a mancala board, while supplies last.

Summer Reading: Blast Off, Isaac Newton!

Friday, July 18, 4 – 5 p.m., Room 101

We are going to be visited by Sir Isaac Newton as he explains his three laws, then we will put them in motion!

Summer Music in the Courtyard

Sunday, July 20, 3 – 4 p.m., Courtyard

Bowen Zheng is a Shanghai-born classical guitarist who brings a unique blend of artistry, intellect, and empathy to his music.

Summer Reading: Smiley Stories

Tuesday, July 22, 7 – 7:45 p.m.

Attendees will hear charming stories from Latin American oral tradition. For all ages. Space is limited. Please arrive on time.

Tuesday Travel Nights

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

Go on a video presentation of Iran, which offers an inside view of the rich cultural heritage, welcoming people and an eye-opening contrast with modern Iran's reputation.

Summer Reading: Police Read Along

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

A law enforcement officer from the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office will read books and share safety tips. Please arrive on time. Space is limited.

Teen Paint Party (ages 13-18)

Wednesday, July 23, 1 – 3 p.m., Room 201

Express yourself through paint! We'll have everything you need. No registration, seating is limited.

Origami for School Aged Children

Thursday, July 24, 3 – 4 p.m.

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

Native Plant Garden Maintenance

Thursday, July 24, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Room 201

This talk will include pruning guidelines for native plants, the time of year to prune, strategies for weed control, and overview of basic irrigation scheduling.

Un-Bee-Livably Delicious: Cooking Dinner with Locally Sourced Honey

Saturday, July 26, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

This program guides you through creating a complete and delicious dinner, highlighting the unique flavors locally sourced honey can bring to every course.

DJing Workshop (Grades 6-12)

Saturday, July 26, 2 – 3 p.m., Room 201

Learn how to download and organize your music collection and use Rekordbox to prepare your playlists and mix harmonically. Attendees must bring their own laptops.

Summer Music in the Courtyard

Sunday, July 27, 3 – 4 p.m., Courtyard

Grateful Brass is an ensemble from the Bay Area's Jazz Mafia collective that reimagines the music of the Grateful Dead through a vibrant fusion of brass, drums, and vocals.

Summer Reading: ComedySportz

Tuesday, July 29, 7 – 7:45 p.m., Room 101

Join us for lots of laughs for the whole family from Silicon Valley's longest running show: ComedySportz! All ages are welcome. Space is limited, please arrive on time.

Summer Reading: Early Literacy Music and Stories

Wednesday, July 30, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Room 101

Children ages 0-5 and their families will enjoy early literacy performances. This week features Soul 4Kidz. Please arrive on time as space is limited.

GILROY -- 350 W. Sixth Street

Zumba at the Library

Tuesdays, July 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. Únase a nosotros para un entrenamiento gratuito basado en baile y ritmo. No es necesario registrarse.

Level Up Your Hot Sauce

Tuesday, July 1, 7 – 8:45 p.m., Community Room

Learn the hot sauce creation process, get recipes, and enjoy a taste of spice. Adults and teens are welcome to register for this program.

Mario Kart Tournament for Teens (ages 12-18)

Wednesday, July 2, 2 – 4 p.m., Community Room

We'll be hosting a bracket-style tournament to find out who will be the Mario Kart 8 champion of the summer. Prizes will be given to our champions! Register to reserve your spot; walk-ins welcome as space allows.

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

Wednesdays, July 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 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.

Jump Rope and Hula Hoop Fun

Wednesday, July 2, 5 – 6 p.m., Paseo

Kids will practice jumping rope, learn new jump rope games, and enjoy practicing with hula hoops. Jump ropes and hula hoops will be provided! Los niños practicarán saltar la cuerda, aprenderán nuevos juegos y disfrutarán de un rato activo. ¡Las cuerdas para saltar y los aros estarán disponibles durante la actividad!

Family Storytime/Hora de Cuentos

Thursdays, July 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Children’s Area

Join us for fun stories, rhymes, fingerplays, and songs to nurture early literacy skills. Compartiremos historias divertidas, rimas, y canciones.

Knitting and Crochet Weekly Meetup/Tejido Semanal

Thursdays, July 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, 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!

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

Saturdays, July 5, 12, 19, & 26, 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 la Bibliotecaria Patty.

Summer Reading: Video Game Truck Tournament (ages 8+)

Saturday, July 5, 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., Paseo

The Mobile Gaming Theater is a video game truck stocked with multiplayer games on several different platforms. Video games for the tournament are Super Smash Bros and Mario Kart. El *Mobile Gaming Theater* es un camión de videojuegos de última generación, equipado con excelentes juegos multijugador en varias plataformas. Durante el evento, los jugadores rotarán para tomar turnos. Los videojuegos del torneo serán *Super Smash Bros* y *Mario Kart*.

Pastel & Charcoal Drawing Class/Clase de Dibujo al Pastel y Carboncillo

Saturday, July 5, 2 – 3:30 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, space permitting. Todos los artistas, adultos y adolescentes, son bienvenidos. ¡No se requiere experiencia! Se proporcionarán todos los materiales. Se aceptan visitas sin cita previa, siempre que haya espacio. Regístrese para reservar su lugar.

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

Mondays, July 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: abrir una cuenta de correo electrónico, conectarse a Wi-Fi/puntos de acceso, utilizar computadoras portátiles/Chromebooks y utilizar Microsoft Office.

Horror Writing Workshop for Teens and Adults (ages 13+)

Monday, July 7, 6 – 7:30 p.m., Quiet Study B

Join us to study a horror story, discuss it, and use it in a writing exercise! Learn what makes a scary story tick and use those skills to level up your own writing. Register to reserve your spot. All reading, writing materials and supplies will be provided.

Pajama Storytime/Cuentos en Pijama

Mondays, July 7, 14, 21, & 28, 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.

Age-Friendly Community Listening Session

Tuesday, July 8, 2 – 4 p.m., Community Room

Did you know that Santa Clara County was the first county to have all its cities designated as “Age-Friendly” by the World Health Organization? To maintain this designation, the county began work to update its age-friendly planning which includes a survey. During this program, survey results will be presented to the community.

Teen Paint Party (ages 13-18)

Wednesday, July 9, 2 – 4 p.m., Community Room

Express yourself through paint! We'll have everything you need. No registration, seating is limited.

Summer Reading: Coventry & Kaluza Circus

Thursday, July 10, 2 – 3 p.m., Community Room

Award-winning circus comedians Coventry & Kaluza are bringing an incredible show filled with juggling, acrobatics, music, and comedy. Come enjoy this amazing performance and have a great time. Fun for all ages!

Book Discussion

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

We will discuss *Easy Beauty: A Memoir* by Chloe Cooper Jones.

Summer Reading: Everybody Drummm!

Friday, July 11, 12 – 1 p.m., Community Room

You'll be amazed by the energy and talent of the professional performers who will put on a show that will have you clapping, tapping, and moving to the beat. Te sorprenderá la energía y el talento de los artistas profesionales, quienes ofrecerán un espectáculo que te hará aplaudir y moverte al ritmo.

LEGO Club

Friday, July 11, 3 – 4:30 p.m., Community Room

We provide LEGOs, children build fun creations! These will be displayed in the library. Children can follow prompts or build based on their imagination. Nosotros proporcionamos los Legos y los niños construyan creaciones divertidas! Estas serán exhibidas en la biblioteca. Niños y niñas pueden seguir nuestras indicaciones o construir algo basado en su imaginación.

Summer Reading: Magician Brian Scott

Saturday, July 12, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 – 2:30 p.m., Community Room

Brian Scott's *Biblio Spectacular* is an interactive show packed with magic and comedy that will spark your imagination and leave you wondering about the magical world all around you. **A sensory-friendly experience performance is scheduled for 1:30 p.m.**

Biblio Spectacular de Brian Scott es un espectáculo interactivo lleno de magia y comedia que despertará tu imaginación y te hará pensar en el mundo mágico que te rodea. **A las 13:30 horas está prevista una actuación con experiencia sensorial.**

Open Poetry Readings

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

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

Adult Paint Party/Fiesta de Pintura Para Adultos

Sunday, July 13, 2 – 4 p.m., Community Room

This paint party is perfect for adults looking to explore their artistic side. We'll provide all the materials. Esta fiesta de pintura es perfecta para adultos que buscan explorar su lado artístico. Te proporcionaremos todos los materiales.

Conozca sus Derechos/Know Your Rights

Monday, July 14, 6:30 – 8 p.m., Community Room

Infórmese sobre la Red de Respuesta Rápida del Condado de Santa Clara, su funcionamiento y la importancia de contactar con la línea directa. Aprenda qué debe hacer si se encuentra con ICE en casa, dentro de un vehículo, en su lugar de trabajo o en público. Learn about the Santa Clara County Rapid Response Network, how the network functions and the importance of contacting the hotline. Learn what you should do if you encounter ICE at home, inside a vehicle, a place of employment, or in public.

Mend it! Basic Sewing Skills for Teens (ages 12-18)

Wednesday, July 16, 2 – 4 p.m., Community Room

We'll be teaching the absolute beginner skills, including how to thread a needle, what types of needle and thread you'll need for different mending jobs, and how to do several basic stitches. No sewing knowledge or experience needed! Register to reserve your spot.

Summer Reading: Slim Chance Circus

Thursday, July 17, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room

Join Gilroy Library as Slim artfully blends circus, vaudeville and slapstick comedy to create a multitude of magical moments and surprises. Acompaña a la Biblioteca de Gilroy para disfrutar de Slim, quien combina de manera creativa el circo, el vodevil y la comedia física para crear momentos mágicos y llenos de sorpresas.

Summer Reading: Polyhedra Party

Friday, July 18, 2 – 4 p.m., Community Room

Come color and construct your own polyhedron, while learning about woven, geometric art and some of the mathematical connections between shapes.

Ven a colorear y construir tu propio poliedro, mientras aprendes de Stacy Speyer sobre su arte geométrico tejido y algunas de las conexiones matemáticas entre las formas.

Safe Space Meet-Up for LGBTQ+ Youth (ages 13-25)

Friday, July 18, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Quiet Study B

Our staff-led meetings offer a safe space for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning and ally (LGBTQ+) youth to play games, participate in group activities and discussions, and build community. No registration necessary.

Summer Reading: Insect Discovery Lab

Saturday, July 19, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 – 2:30 p.m., Community Room

Learn about insects you rarely get to see. **The 1:30 program is sensory-friendly.**

Aprende sobre insectos que rara vez se pueden ver.

Level Up Your Tote with Bag Charms

Saturday, July 19, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Community Room

If you want to change up the look of your bag or tote, learn how to make bag charms. We will be using basic jewelry supplies and recycled materials to personalize and restyle your own tote/purse. Adults and teens welcome. Please register.

DIY Terrariums for Adults

Sunday, July 20, 2 – 3 p.m., Community Room

Join us for a hands-on workshop where you'll learn how to create your own miniature ecosystem. We'll provide the materials and guidance to build a terrarium. Please register.

Yo-Yo Performance and Class

Tuesday, July 22, 5 – 6 p.m., Civic Plaza

Meet National Yo-Yo Champion Ernest Kahn as he delivers an exciting yo-yo performance, followed by a guided yo-yo class for children 5 years and above. Conoce a Ernest Kahn, Campeón Nacional de Yo-yo, mientras presenta un emocionante espectáculo de yo-yo, seguido de una clase guiada para niños de 5 años en adelante.

Basic Kitchens for Teens (ages 12-18)

Wednesday, July 23, 2 – 4 p.m., Community Room

We'll be teaching the absolute beginner skills, including an introduction to common kitchen tools, an overview of cooking terms, and some very basic general skills. No kitchen experience needed! Register to reserve your spot.

WERC's Silent Hunters

Friday, July 25, 2 – 3 p.m., Community Room

Engage in an in-depth study of native California owls, observe the natural habitat of a live owl and examine a variety of hands-on specimens such as skulls, bones, feet, talons, wings and feathers. Participa en un estudio detallado de los búhos nativos de California, observa el hábitat natural de un búho vivo y examina una variedad de especímenes interactivos, como cráneos, huesos, patas, garras, alas y plumas.

Summer Reading: Chalk It Up

Saturday, July 26, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Civic Plaza

Join us for a family fun time creating art, drawings, and games with chalk. Acompáñanos para pasar un momento divertido en familia creando arte, dibujos y juegos con tizas.

Retro Roadshow: Mario Through the Ages

Saturday, July 26, 2 – 5 p.m.

Delve into an interactive presentation tracing the evolution of video game art and science through the lens of Nintendo's iconic "Mario" character. Then explore a range of classic video game consoles featuring nearly five decades of Mario-centric games.

Summer Reading: Bingo Fun!

Tuesday, July 29, 2 – 3 p.m., Community Room

Grab your friends and join us for a lively afternoon of classic Bingo—complete with prizes and light refreshments!

¡Invita a tus amigos y acompáñanos a una divertida tarde de Bingo clásico—con premios!

Book Discussion

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

We will discuss [*Plan A*](#) by Deb Caletti.

Summer Reading: Basic Repair Skills for Teens (ages 12-18)

Wednesday, July 30, 2 – 4 p.m., Community Room

We'll be teaching the absolute beginner skills, including an introduction to basic hand tools and power tools, a demonstration of how to use them and in what situations, and general safety tips. No tool experience needed! Register to reserve your spot; walk-ins welcome as space allows.

LOS ALTOS -- 13 S. San Antonio Road

Summer Reading: Camp Read S'More (Grades 4-5)

Tuesdays, July 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 2 – 3 p.m., Orchard Room

Camp Read S'more is a great way to keep your incoming 4th or 5th grader engaged and entertained during the summer. We will discuss a different book and have engaging discussions and activities. Please register.

The Whodunit? Mystery Book Club

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

We will discuss *What the Dead Leave Behind* by Rosemary Simpson.

Baby Storytime & Stay and Play

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

Let's enjoy songs, rhymes, gentle movement, short books, and other fun. The storytime will last about 20 minutes, the rest of the time is Stay & Play with baby-appropriate toys.

Summer Reading: Coventry & Kaluza Circus

Wednesday, July 2, 3 – 4 p.m. and 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

Award-winning circus comedians Coventry & Kaluza are bringing an incredible show filled with juggling, acrobatics, music, and comedy. We will begin handing out free tickets 30 minutes before the performance.

ESL Conversation Club

Thursdays, July 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, 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, July 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, 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, July 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, July 7, 14, 21, & 28, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard Room

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

Bilingual Spanish Family Storytime/Hora de Cuentos Bilingüe Para Familias

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

Join us for stories, songs, and movement in Spanish and English. This program is designed for children up to age 5 and their caregivers.

¡Venga a la biblioteca para cuentos, canciones y movimiento en inglés y español! Este programa está diseñado para niños hasta 5 años de edad y sus cuidadores.

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

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

These 30-minute sessions focus on early literacy by sharing stories and songs in both 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。

Healing Art Workshop

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

This program helps participants relax, de-stress, and reconnect with their emotions. Soothing soundscapes are paired with guided visual art practices like intuitive painting, reflective journaling, or mindful drawing.

Toddler Storytime

Wednesdays & Thursdays, July 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24, 30, & 31, 10:30 – 11 am, Orchard Room

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

Summer Reading: Puppet Art Theater

Wednesday, July 9, 3 – 4 p.m. and 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

Puppet Art Theater presents *2 Billy Goats Gruff*.

Preschool Storytime (ages 3-5)

Thursdays, July 10, 17, 24, & 31, 3:30 – 4 p.m., Orchard Room

Join us for stories, music, movement, and more at our preschool storytime.

Watercolor Workshop for Adults

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

Join us for a watercolor workshop. All supplies will be provided. Registration is not required. Seating will be determined on a first-come, first-serve basis, and no seat saving.

Retro Roadshow: Mario Through the Ages

Saturday, July 12, 2 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

Delve into an interactive presentation tracing the evolution of video game art and science through the lens of Nintendo's iconic "Mario" character. Then explore a range of classic video game consoles featuring nearly five decades of Mario-centric games.

Board Game Sunday

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

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

Poetry Open Mic

Monday, June 14, 7 – 8 p.m., Pod D

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

Book Bugs Club (Grades 2 – 3)

Tuesday, June 15, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

We will discuss [*Humphrey's Really Wheely Racing Day*](#) by Betty G. Birney. 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.

Dividend Investing for Financial Growth

Tuesday, June 15, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room

This in-depth program provides you with the crucial knowledge and actionable strategies to confidently build a portfolio of dividend-paying stocks for both consistent passive income and substantial long-term growth.

Summer Reading: Mike the Magician

Wednesday, July 16, 3 – 4 p.m. and 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

Join Magician Mike Della Penna as he creates wonder and laughter with a family magic performance that is equal parts playful and astonishing! Pick up a free ticket 30 minutes before the performance.

Bay Area Games Day

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

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

Sunday CrafterNoon (all ages)

Sunday, July 20, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Orchard Room

This is a time to relax with the community and let your creativity shine. Children must come with their responsible adult crafting-buddy (this is not a drop-off program).

To Be Read Book Club (Grades 6 – 8)

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

We will discuss *Absolutely Normal Chaos* by Sharon Creech. After our discussion we will do a fun activity. Please register online 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, July 22, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard Room

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

Summer Reading: Dream Top

Wednesday, July 23, 3 – 4 p.m. and 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

Join Drea and her accomplice, Quakers the Emu puppet, to discover your own superpowers and go on a top-secret mission! Free tickets will be handed out 30 minutes before the performance.

Wednesday Travel Nights

Wednesday, July 23, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Nestled between the Pacific Ocean and the Sea of Cortez, Mexico's Baja Peninsula is full of adventure. Its unique combination of cactus-filled desert and mountain landscapes bordering beautiful ocean waters offer new exploration with every visit.

Summer Reading: Teen Paint-Your-Own Pottery Workshop

Saturday, July 26, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Teens ages 13-18 are invited to select a piece of pottery and decorate it. It will later be glazed and fired, available for pickup later. This program is offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

Furry Friends Reading Buddies (Grades K-8)

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

Practice your reading skills by reading aloud to a friendly cat or dog. Please register.

Summer Reading: Arabic Belly Dance

Sunday, July 27, 2 – 3 p.m.

Immerse yourself in the captivating world of Arabic dance. Discover the beauty and dynamism of this art form, culminating in a dance lesson open to everyone.

Now Read This Book Club

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

We will be discussing *Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver.

Summer Reading: Make a Bag Craft

Wednesday, July 30, 3 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

Drop in for this fun program. We will provide the bags, felt die-cut pieces, stencils, and markers. Then use those beautiful bags to carry your library books.

MILPITAS -- 160 N. Main Street

Baby Bouncers Lapsit

Tuesdays, July 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. Bring a blanket for babies to lay on.

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

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

This 30-minute storytime features movement, singing, 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。歡迎兒童們與家長褓母一同前來參加。

ESL Conversation Club

Wednesdays, July 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.

Summer Reading: Magician Perry Yan

Wednesday, July 2, 3:30 – 4:15 p.m. and 7 – 7:45 p.m., Auditorium

Perry incorporates plenty of clean comedy that will keep you laughing while his sleight of hand magic will leave you in awe! Free tickets will be handed up 30 minutes before the performance.

Toddler Storytime: 1s and 2s Together

Thursdays, July 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, 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, July 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, 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.

Family Storytime

Saturdays, July 5, 12, 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.

Summer Reading: Teen Paint-Your-Own Pottery Workshop

Saturday, July 5, 2 – 3 p.m.

Teens ages 13-18 are invited to select a piece of pottery and decorate it. It will later be glazed and fired, available for pickup later. This program is offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

Teen Rubik's Cube Club

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

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

Summer Reading: Video Game Film Festival

Sundays, July 6, 13, & 27, 11 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., Auditorium

Join us for movies about gaming and games rather than based on a specific video game. Enjoy such films as “War Games,” “A Minecraft Movie,” and “Ready Player One.”

Summer Reading: Science is for Me (Grades K-2)

Monday, July 7, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Auditorium

Participate in hands-on science experiments. This week we will learn about Redwood trees. This program is self-paced and adult caregivers will need to help their little learners.

Summer Reading: Puppet Art Theater

Wednesday, July 9, 3:30 – 4:15 p.m. and 7 – 7:45 p.m., Auditorium

Puppet Art Theater presents Tommy's Pirate Adventure. Free tickets will be handed out 30 minutes before the performance.

Qi Gong Meditation & Exercise Classes

Fridays, July 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, July 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.

Summer Reading: Gaming Day (grades 3-8)

Fridays, July 11 & 25, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Activity Room

Let's play video games like Super Smash Bros, Mario Kart, and more. There will also be board games available. Participants can bring their own Switch controller, but they will have to be responsible for it.

Board Game Day

Saturday, July 12, 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.

Dungeons and Dragons Mini Campaign (ages 13+)

Saturdays, July 12 & 26, 2 – 4 p.m., Conference Room

Our DM will guide you through the process of character creation and rules. No registration required, walk-ins welcome.

DJing Workshop (Grades 6-12)

Saturday, July 12, 2 – 4 p.m., Program Room

Learn how to download and organize your music collection and use Rekordbox to prepare your playlists and mix harmonically.

Summer STEM with the Tech Interactive (grades K-8)

Monday, July 14, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Auditorium

Participants will build earthquake safe structures and test them on a shake table. Register online.

Family BINGO for Ages 5-12

Monday, July 14, 3 – 4 p.m., Activity Room

Join us for fun and friendly competition. Registration not required, space is limited.

Science Fiction and Fantasy Book Club

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

Sign up and pick up a copy of *Piranesi* by Susanna Clarke to read before we meet.

Summer Reading: For Goodness Snakes

Wednesday, July 16, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. and 7 – 8 p.m., Auditorium

Learn about the fascinating world of reptiles and bust myths and misconceptions about our cold-blooded friends. Free tickets will be handed out 30 minutes before the performance.

LGBTQ Movie Night

Friday, July 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.

Adult and Teen Crafternoon

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

We will provide a selection of miniature figurines to paint and admire.

No Fuss Meal Prep

Sunday, July 20, 2 – 3 p.m., Orchard Room

Discover the joy of having delicious, ready-to-eat meals at your fingertips.

Summer STEM with the Tech Interactive (grades K-8)

Monday, July 21, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Auditorium

Participants will build paper airplanes to carry passengers and fly.

Summer Reading: Mr. SHAP

Wednesday, July 23, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. and 7 – 8 p.m., Auditorium

Celebrate summer with Mr. SHAP's magic and balloon animals. Free tickets will be handed out 30 minutes before the performance. Limit 2 adults per family.

Reading Buddies for Grades K-5

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

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

Summer Reading: Science is for Me (Grades K-2)

Monday, July 8, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Auditorium

Participate in hands-on science experiments. This week we build houses for stuffed animals. This program is self-paced and adult caregivers will need to help their little learners.

Summer Reading: Spencer Grey Magic

Wednesday, July 30, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. and 7 – 8 p.m., Auditorium

With a one-of-a-kind blend of mystery, humor, and interactive fun, Spencer Grey's magic will have you laughing. Free tickets will be handed out 30 minutes before the performance.

The Peaceful Poets

Thursday, July 31, 5:30 – 8 p.m., Conference Room

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

MORGAN HILL -- 660 W. Main Avenue

Lunch at the Library

Mondays-Fridays, 12 – 1 p.m. (except during holidays)

Children ages 0-18 can stop by for lunch, while supplies last. No registration required.
¡Almuerzos gratuitos para niños de 0 a 18 años! No es necesario registrarse.

Kids LEGO Club

Wednesdays, July 2, 16, & 30, 1 – 3 p.m., Children’s Activity Room

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

STEAM Club for Ages 10-12

Wednesdays, July 2, 16, & 20, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., Children’s Activity Room

Curious creators will make a new project such as paper circuits and solar bugs.

After Dinner Book Club

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

We discuss [*True Biz*](#) by Sara Novic.

Toddler Storytime

Thursday, July 3, 17, & 31, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Children’s Activity Room

Join us for a fun-filled storytime featuring stories, songs, rhymes, and lots of interactive movement aimed at 2–3-year-olds and their caregivers.

Preschool Storytime

Thursday, July 3, 17, & 31, 11:15 – 11:45 a.m., Children’s Activity Room

Join us for a fun-filled storytime featuring stories, songs, rhymes, and lots of interactive movement aimed at 3- to 4-year-olds and their caregivers.

Bilingual Family Storytime for All Ages

Saturdays, July 5, 12, 19, & 26, 10:30 – 11:15 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).

Zumba

Mondays, July 7 & 21, 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.

STEM Club

Tuesdays, July 8 & 22, 1 – 2:30 p.m.

We will create and investigate science through crafts like watercolor hats and slime.

Seed Mosaic Workshop for Adults

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

Discover the art of using colorful seeds to create beautiful, textured designs. All supplies provided—just bring your imagination! No registration required.

Family Fun Night

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

Families with school-aged children (ages 5+) will create art, crafts, or participate in hands-on STEM activities. This month we will do shimmer mosaics.

Kids Art Club

Wednesday, July 9, 1 – 2:30 p.m., Children’s Activity Room

We will create foil sculptures inspired by Roy De Forest. This is a drop-in program for children ages 5+ and their adults.

Dungeons & Dragons Writing Workshop: Design Your Own Universe

Wednesday, July 9, 3 – 5 p.m., Program Room

Forge your own fantasy world from the ground up—lands, cultures, religions, and more! Learn how to turn a simple map or idea into a living, breathing setting your players will never forget. This program is for ages 11-18. Registration required.

Summer Reading: Coventry & Kaluza Circus

Thursday, July 10, 11 – 11:45 a.m., Children’s Activity Room

Award-winning circus comedians Coventry & Kaluza are bringing an incredible show filled with juggling, acrobatics, music, and comedy.

Fiber Arts Club

Thursday, July 10, 4 – 5:45 p.m., Program Room

This is a welcoming community for anyone interested in crafts such as knitting, crocheting, weaving and more. Learn new skills, share your projects and connect with fellow crafters. This program is for adults 18+.

Tiny Tot Jamboree

Fridays, July 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 stories, rhymes, fingerplays and songs.

Itty Bitty Jamboree

Fridays, July 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!

Summer STEM with the Tech Interactive (ages 5+)

Friday, July 11, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

Participants will build paper airplanes to carry passengers and fly.

Safe Space for LGBTQ+ Teens and Young Adults (ages 13-25)

Fridays, July 11 & 25, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Community Room

Our staff-led meetings offer a safe space for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning and ally (LGBTQ+) youth to play games, participate in group activities and discussions, and build community. No registration necessary.

ESL Conversation Club

Saturdays, July 12 & 19, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Program Room

Practice your English conversation skills with friends. This is for adults 18+ who speak basic English. No registration required.

Dungeons & Dragons: One-Shot Game

Saturday, July 12, 2:30 – 5:30 p.m., Program Room

We will have tables available for kids (ages 11-18) who have never played before, players who want experience playing with high level characters, or playing a Chaos-themed campaign.

Vintage-Inspired Ribbon Bookmarks

Monday, July 14, 6 – 7 p.m., Program Room

Adults are invited to join us for a relaxing craft session where you'll design and make your own ribbon or lace bookmark, complete with metal charms. No registration required.

Summer Reading: Pop Up Bug Museum

Tuesday, July 15, 1 – 4 p.m., Children’s Activity Room

This Pop Up Bug Museum includes displays of arthropods from around the world, live bug terrariums, and activities for all ages. No registration is required.

Library Ukulele Society

Tuesday, July 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.

Summer Reading: Karaoke & Chill

Tuesday, July 15, 7–8:45 p.m., Program Room

Adults are invited to a night full of music, laughs and unforgettable performances. No registration required.

Dungeons & Dragons Writing Workshop: Creating Campaigns That Captivate

Wednesday, July 16, 3–5 p.m., Program Room

Design thrilling adventures, weave compelling story arcs with engaging villains and dynamic NPCs. This workshop dives into how to craft campaigns that keep players coming back for more. This program is for ages 11-18. Registration required.

DJing Workshop (ages 12-18)

Saturday, July 19, 3–5 p.m., Program Room

Learn how to download and organize your music collection and use Rekordbox to prepare your playlists and mix harmonically. Please bring a laptop and USB drive.

Kids Art Club

Wednesday, July 23, 1–2:30 p.m., Children’s Activity Room

We will create postage stamp designs inspired by Robert Indiana. This is a drop-in program for children ages 5+ and their adults.

Dungeons & Dragons Writing Workshop: How to be a Dungeon Master

Wednesday, July 23, 3–5 p.m., Program Room

Master the art of storytelling, improvisation, and running unforgettable sessions. Learn the tricks, tools, and confidence-building skills every great DM needs. This program is for ages 11-18. Registration required.

Summer Reading: Python Ron’s Reptile Kingdom

Thursday, July 24, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. and 1–2 p.m., Children’s Activity Room

From 18-foot pythons to 4-foot-long lizards, Python Ron gives everyone the opportunity to get up close and personal with these awesome creatures.

Movie Night

Thursday, July 24, 2:30–5:45 p.m., Program Room

We will screen “Independence Day” (PG-13).

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

Friday, July 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.

Embroidery Bookmark Workshop

Tuesday, July 29, 2 – 3 p.m., Program Room

Design and make your own string art bookmark—a beautiful and practical keepsake for all your favorite books. No experience is needed, and all materials are provided. This program is for adults and teens ages 13+.

SARATOGA -- 13650 Saratoga Avenue

Wax Nostalgic Exhibit

Glass Case in the Lobby Through July 29

Wax Nostalgic is an exhibit of a wide variety of tiny sculptures carved out of everyday crayons by Hoang Tran.

Pen Women in the Arts Exhibit

Group Study Room Through July 29

This exhibit is an introduction to the National League of American Pen Women (NLAPW) and showcases a sampling of the work by professional artists of the Santa Clara County Branch.

Family Storytime

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

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

Join us for stories, rhymes, and songs.

Sci-Fi & Fantasy Book Club

Tuesday, June 3, 7 – 8 p.m., Maple Room

We will discuss *The Player of Games* by Iain M. Banks. Stop by the Adult Reference Desk to sign up for the meeting and pick up a copy of the book.

Knit & Crochet Circle

Wednesday, July 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.

Summer Reading: Magician Perry Yan

Wednesday, July 2, 11 – 11:45 a.m., Community Room

Perry incorporates plenty of clean comedy that will keep you laughing while his sleight of hand magic will leave you in awe! Please leave strollers in the Children’s Room.

Summer Reading: Kids Summer Movie

Wednesday, July 2, 2 – 4 p.m., Community Room

Kids in preschool-Grade 7 can stop by to enjoy a showing of “Puss in Boots: The Last Wish.”

Drop-in Tech Help

Thursdays, July 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Oak Room

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

Mystery Book Club

Monday, July 7, 7–8 p.m., Orchard Room

We will discuss [*Listen for the Lie*](#) by Amy Tintera. Drop by the Adult Reference Desk to sign up and pick up a copy of the book.

Summer Reading: Kids Craft

Tuesday, July 8, 2–3 p.m., Community Room

Create your own ocean/sea scene with shells, popsicle sticks, and yarn.

Summer Reading: Puppet Show

Wednesday, July 9, 11 – 11:45 a.m., Community Room

Kids ages 0-12 can enjoy a Little Red Riding Hood puppet show.

Summer Reading: Kids Summer Movie

Wednesday, July 9, 2–4 p.m., Community Room

Kids in preschool-Grade 7 can stop by to enjoy a showing of “Kung Fu Panda 4.”

Baby Storytime (12 months or younger)

Fridays, July 11, 18, & 25, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room

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

Summer Reading: Sean’s Music Factory

Saturday, July 12, 11:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Community Room

In lieu of our usual storytime, get ready to go on a fun, musical adventure with Sean's Music Factory.

Kids Craft: Soctopus

Tuesday, July 15, 2–2:45 p.m., Community Room

Children of all ages can come and make a sock octopus. All materials will be provided. Craft is available on a first come, first served basis.

Summer Reading: Coventry & Kaluza Circus

Wednesday, July 16, 11 – 11:45 a.m., Community Room

Award-winning circus comedians Coventry & Kaluza are bringing an incredible show filled with juggling, acrobatics, music, and comedy.

Summer Reading: Kids Summer Movie

Wednesday, July 16, 2 – 4 p.m., Community Room

Kids in preschool-Grade 7 can stop by to enjoy a showing of “Despicable Me 4.”

Mandarin Storytime

Thursday, July 17, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Orchard Room

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

Teatime Book Chatter

Thursday, July 17, 1 – 2 p.m., Orchard Room

We will be discussing *Ikigai* by Héctor García and Francesc Miralles. Stop by the Adult Reference Desk to register and pick up a copy of the book.

Teen Paint Party (ages 13-18)

Friday, July 18, 3 – 5 p.m., Community Room

Express yourself through paint! We'll have everything you need. Seating is limited, please register to reserve your spot.

No Fuss Meal Prep

Saturday, July 19, 1 – 2 p.m.

Discover the joy of having delicious, ready-to-eat meals at your fingertips.

Repair Cafe

Sunday, July 20, 1 – 4 p.m., Community Room

Volunteers will not only help repair your broken items, but they will also teach you how to fix things yourselves. Repairs include small electrical appliances, small non-electrical items, bike repair and clothes mending. Please register. Volunteers with skills also needed.

Board Game Night for Adults

Monday, July 21, 6 – 8 p.m., Maple Room

Drop in at any time and play from one of a variety of board games.

Dungeons & Dragons Paint Party

Tuesday, July 22, 6 – 8:30 p.m., Community Room

Bring your own miniature or choose a model from our selection, then paint it with us!

Wild Animals

Wednesday, July 23, 11 – 11:45 a.m., Community Room

Kids 0-12 years will learn all about armadillos, augur buzzards, crested porcupines, and spectacled owls.

Summer Reading: Kids Summer Movie

Wednesday, July 23, 2 – 4 p.m., Community Room

Kids ages preschool-Grade 7 can stop by to enjoy a showing of “Garfield.”

Spanish Storytime

Thursday, July 24, 11 – 11:30 a.m.

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

Family Bingo

Thursday, July 24, 2 – 3 p.m., Community Room

Join us for Family Bingo and win some prizes. Bring the whole family, all ages are welcome. No registration necessary, just drop in.

Doug the Surfin’ Magician

Wednesday, July 30, 11 – 11:45 a.m., Community Room

Kids 0-12 years, get ready to be amazed by Doug the Surfin' Magician and his cute bunny.

Summer Reading: Kids Summer Movie

Wednesday, July 30, 2 – 4 p.m., Community Room

Kids in preschool-Grade 7 can stop by to enjoy a movie.

Summer Reading: Teen Paint-Your-Own Pottery Workshop

Thursday, July 31, 3 – 4 p.m.

Teens ages 13-18 are invited to select a piece of pottery and decorate it. It will later be glazed and fired, available for pickup later. This program is offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

WOODLAND – 1975 Grant Road

Monday Meditation and Mindfulness

Mondays, July 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, July 8, 2 – 3:15 p.m.

Email lpasternack@sccl.org to join the monthly email reminders.

ONLINE EVENTS (Please register online)

Online English Conversation Club

Thursdays, July 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, 11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Meet new friends and practice English together.

Conversación Virtual con el Autor: Raúl the Third/Virtual Author Talk: Raúl The Third

Tuesday, July 8, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. (Spanish) and 1 – 2 p.m. (English)

Acompaña al autor e ilustrador [Raúl The Third](#) en su charla sobre su libro [¡Vamos! Let's Go Read!](#) Join author and illustrator [Raúl The Third](#) as he discusses his book [¡Vamos! Let's Go Read!](#).

Reading Program Orientation

Wednesday, July 16, 1 – 2 p.m. and 6 – 7 p.m.

Tuesday, July 22 and Thursday, July 24, 5:30 – 8 p.m.

GIVE BACK TO YOUR COMMUNITY by becoming an adult literacy tutor for the Reading Program to support an adult learner improve their English reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills to achieve their lifelong goals. Learn how to get started in this orientation.

Virtual Author Talk: Marie Lu

Thursday, July 17, 1 – 2 p.m.

Explore the intricate world of [Marie Lu's Legend](#), where readers are invited to delve beyond the surface and uncover hidden secrets.

Virtual Author Talk: Rex Ogle

Wednesday, July 23, 1 – 2 p.m.

Join us for an online discussion with award-winning author [Rex Ogle](#) as he shares his experiences navigating the challenges of sixth grade, chronicled in his poignant memoir, [Free Lunch](#).

Legion of Honor 100: Global Connections

Tuesday, July 29, 7 – 8 p.m.

This talk will explore how contact between different people and cultures resulted in exchanges of ideas, resources, philosophies, and spiritual beliefs. Whether it was migration, trade, or conquest, these cultural exchanges are reflected in the art seen at the Legion of Honor.

Virtual Author Talk: Pria Anand

Thursday, July 31, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

You are invited to an online conversation with neurologist and author [Pria Anand](#), who will discuss her forthcoming book, [The Electric Mind: A Neurologist on the Strangeness and Wonder of Our Brains](#).

August 2025 Library Report
Jennifer Weeks, County Librarian



Preparing for Back to School

Children are headed back to school this month and our libraries are here to help them excel. For those just starting their scholastic adventures, our [Get Ready for Kindergarten](#) online resource site offers six skillset specific pages for them to practice the essentials. Each contains a checklist by topic and a booklist. The library also offers programs for young

children, eResources for kids and helpful website links for kids, parents and caregivers.

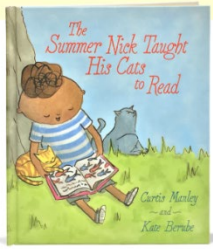
Our 24/7 Online Library has a [Kids' page](#) and a [Teens' page](#) with access to great resources like tutoring through [Brainfuse](#), homework help with [Learning Express](#), news from [Scholastic](#), [encyclopedias](#) and bios about historic figures, language learning through [Rosetta Stone](#), research from journal articles, and much more. Kids have access to their own collection of eBooks, audiobooks, and eMagazines through [Libby](#), as well as movies and TV shows through [Kanopy Kids](#). Our librarians also have suggested [books for each grade](#).

SCCLD supports parents and caregivers of little ones with [1000 books before 6](#), where they can earn prizes! Our talented children's librarians offer book lists, tips, logs and more. Students at partner schools within our service area automatically receive a digital library membership, or "Student [eAccount](#)" which they can use through the student [web portal](#). August is also [National Immunization Awareness Month](#), and the Santa Clara County Board of Education reminds parents and caregivers that they can easily schedule vaccinations for children 6 months and older with their primary physicians or [through the County](#). They can review their child's vaccine records through the [state's digital portal](#).

Collect Your Summer Reading Prizes

Thank you to the thousands of people who took time to [Level Up at Your Library](#). Those who completed the tasks in the Summer Reading Challenge can pick up their prizes all month at any SCCLD library or Bookmobile stop (while supplies last). We still have [several events](#) left during August for you to enjoy.





You will be following the picture book **The Summer Nick Taught His Cats to Read** by Curtis Manley and illustrated by Kate Berube (A Paula Wiseman Book / Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers).

Dog Days of Summer, StoryWalk®

August may be known as the dog days of summer, but our new StoryWalk® title is all about felines. Curtis Manley's [The Summer Nick Taught His Cats to Read](#) is the current featured story at our four sites, all located within city parks.

StoryWalk® Move along and read along with the story.

StoryWalk® combines the healthy activities of walking and movement with the healthy activity of reading a book. Reading is healthy? Yes, it is! Reading books helps your brain grow and stay active in the same way that exercising helps the rest of your body. So follow StoryWalk's path of pages and read along!

This StoryWalk® is sponsored by:



The StoryWalk® Project is created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library in Vermont. It is funded in collaboration with the Yosemite Institute, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the Kellogg-Hubbard Library.

- [Jack Fischer Park](#) in Campbell
- [Kevin Moran Park](#) in Saratoga
- [Murphy Park](#) in Milpitas
- [Community Park](#) in Morgan Hill

A new Gilroy StoryWalk® is in the final planning stages at Christmas Hill Park.

StoryWalk® was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library in Vermont. These interactive displays include pages taken directly from a children's book and installed along an outdoor path. StoryWalks are a great way to develop early literacy skills and promote physical activity with our youngest readers.

Working Together to Keep Our Communities Safe

Started in 1984 as a way to strengthen the bond between local law enforcement agencies and the communities they serve, [National Night Out](#) is held on the first Tuesday evening in August. This year it falls on August 5. Several of our libraries are taking part.



POLICE • COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Gilroy- 4:30 to 8 PM, 350 W. 6th Street, Gilroy 95020. Takes place on the Grassy Paseo between the Gilroy Library and City Hall.

Los Altos- 6 to 9 PM, 97 Hillview Avenue, Los Altos 94022. Los Altos Community Center.

Morgan Hill- 5 to 7:30 PM, 17575 Peak Avenue, Morgan Hill 95037. Civic Center Plaza.

The [County Sheriff's office](#) is attending many National Night Out events. They and other local law enforcement agencies are tracking other neighborhood-based events and will post locations and times closer to the date of National Night Out.

THE SANTA CLARA COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT PRESENTS

VIRTUAL Author Talks August 2025

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Jay Falk
The Bird Book
August 5- 11:00 am-12:00 pm
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Casey McQuiston
The Pairing
August 20- 4:00 pm-5:00 pm
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Dr. Tasha Eurich
Shatterproof
August 28- 11:00 am-12:00 pm

August Virtual Author Talks

A trio of guests join us this month for insightful online discussions. We begin on Tue., August 5 with Jay Falk of the Smithsonian’s Tropical Research Institute. He will share [*The Bird Book: The Stories, Science, and History of Birds*](#). Learn about these living dinosaurs and how they have evolved into the varied and wonderful creatures we appreciate today. [Please register.](#)

Sparks fly in novelist [*Casey’s McQuiston’s The Pairing*](#), a romantic comedy set in Europe. Two childhood friends with a past history reconnect while on a tour. Her talk is on Wed., August 20. [Please register.](#)

Hear research-based recommendations for how to best adjust to the many pressures of life from [*Dr. Tasha Eurich*](#) on Thu., August 28. Author of [*Shatterproof: How to Thrive in a World of Constant Chaos*](#), True resilience is not just about endurance. [Please register.](#)

ESL Classes Starting Up Soon

Several of our libraries offer [classes](#) for English as a Second Language, as well as English conversation clubs. Two days a week classes begin Mon. and Wed., August 17 and 19 at the Gilroy Library, Mon. and Wed. August 25 and 27 at the Milpitas Library, Wed. and Mon., October 1 and 6 at the Saratoga Library, and Thu. and Tue., October 2 and 7 at the Los Altos Library.



Classes are intended for beginning and intermediate students 18 years and older and run for over two months, with participants expected to attend all dates. Those interested in taking part [should register](#). Those with a passion for helping others discover the joy of language are invited to apply to [volunteer](#).

Another opportunity to help improve literacy is to become a Reading Program tutor. Adults 18 and older who can read at a high school level or above and can commit to at least two hours a week of tutoring for six months (with flexible scheduling) are eligible. The Gilroy Library is holding a two-part training starting on August 6. Those interested should [contact the Reading Program](#). There are also training sessions in September and October at the Cupertino and Gilroy libraries and virtual sessions in November.

SANTA CLARA COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT AUGUST 2025 EVENTS

Summer Reading programs are highlighted in blue.

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

CUPERTINO -- 10800 Torre Avenue

Knit-Alongs at Cupertino Library

Fridays, August 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 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, August 1 & 15, 7 – 8 p.m. and 8 – 9 p.m., Room 101

Join us for stories, songs, a flannel board story, 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, 祿母一同前來參加。

Family Storytime

Saturdays, August 2, 9, & 16, 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. Bring a yoga mat or blanket to sit on.

Babywearing Dance

Sundays, August 3 & 10, 11 – 11:30 a.m.

Join us for babywearing dance.

Baby Sign and Sing

Sunday, August 3, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Room 101

Babies aged 0-12 months and adult caregivers will learn basic signs to communicate.

STEAMini Camp (Grades 1-2)

Monday, August 4, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Room 101

Creativity, critical thinking, problem solving and reasoning skills will be developed through this project-based program. Online registration is required.

Toddler Storytime (ages 1-2)

Tuesdays, August 5 & 12, 10:30 – 11 a.m.

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

ESL Conversation Club

Tuesdays, August 5, 12, 19, & 26, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Room 201A

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

Claymation Film Workshop (ages 4-14)

Tuesday & Wednesday, August 5 & 6, 2 – 4 p.m.

Discover the art of filmmaking through this fun and interactive Claymation workshop. Led by industry experts, participants will gain hands-on experience in character development, storytelling, and stop-motion animation—all while exploring the creative process from a filmmaker's perspective. Register online.

Afternoon Meditation and Mindfulness

Wednesdays, August 6, 13, 20, & 27, 4:30 – 5 p.m., Room 201A

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

Bedtime Storytime

Wednesdays, August 6 & 13, 7 – 7:30 p.m., Program Room

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

Storytime for Babies (ages 0-1)

Thursdays, August 7 & 14, 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 (Grades K-5)

Thursday, August 7 and Monday, August 11, 7 – 8 p.m., Room 101

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.

Art Therapy for Tweens

Friday, August 8, 4 – 5 p.m., Room 101

Kids aged 10+ can create their own unique piece of art to take home. Space is limited, please arrive on time.

CU Creates: Collaborative Watercolor Painting

Friday, August 8, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Room 201

All materials and instruction will be provided. Please register online.

Retro Roadshow: Mario Through the Ages

Saturday, August 9, 2 – 5 p.m.

Delve into an interactive presentation tracing the evolution of video game art and science through the lens of Nintendo’s iconic “Mario” character. Then explore a range of classic video game consoles featuring nearly five decades of Mario-centric games.

Dentist Storytime

Sunday, August 10, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Room 101

Dr. Ng will read fun books, sing songs, and share healthy habits for keeping our teeth strong and clean.

Nonfiction Book Discussion

Sunday, August 10, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Room 201

We will discuss [Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants](#) by Robin Wall Kimmerer.

Clay Art (For Ages 3-5)

Monday, August 11, 11 – 11:45 a.m., Room 101

We will use colored clay to make Picasso inspired placemats. Caregivers will be helping their child mold clay into shapes. All supplies are provided but limited.

Children’s Literature for Adults Book Club

Tuesday, August 12, 7 – 8 p.m.

Adults will discuss, reminisce, or discover a beloved children's classic. Please register at the Children’s Reference Desk. This program is for adults only.

Adult Drawing Class

Wednesday, August 11, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Room 201A

Our August Adult Drawing Class will focus on drawing animals. All materials will be provided. Seating is limited, and on a first come, first served basis.

Origami for School Aged Children

Thursday, August 14, 4 – 5 p.m.

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

Book Discussion for Adults

Wednesday, August 20, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., and Thursday, August 21, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Room 201B

We will discuss [Go as a River](#) by Shelley Read.

Happy Hollow Park and Zoo

Wednesday, August 20, 4 – 5 p.m., Room 101

Meet live animal ambassadors and learn how wild animals live and defend themselves.

Firefighter Storytime

Thursday, August 21, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Room 101

Learn safety tips from a firefighter and listen to a storytime, then tour a fire truck. Please note: Firefighters are “in service” and may need to leave to respond to a 9-1-1 call.

Hula Show with Halau O’ Pi’ilani

Saturday, August 23, 10:30 – 11 a.m.

Families are invited to join us for a hula show featuring a medley of songs!

Teen Cents Financial Literacy Workshop

Saturday, August 23, 4 – 6 p.m., Room 201

You’ll learn how to budget, spend wisely, understand credit, save smartly, and spot scams before they get you. Discover how compound interest works, get the basics of investing, and explore practical ways to earn money.

LIKHA-Pilipino Folk Ensemble

Sunday, August 24, 2 – 3 p.m., Room 101

LIKHA is a performing dance company which aims to share the beauty of Philippine folk dance and music. All ages welcome.

Tuesday Travel Nights: Mongolia

Tuesday, August 26, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Room 201A

See the lakes, forests, steppes, and Gobi Desert in the most sparsely populated nation in the world.

Arabic Belly Dance

Sunday, August 31, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Room 201A

Immerse yourself in the captivating world of Arabic dance with a vibrant and interactive performance, followed by a dance lesson open to everyone.

GILROY -- 350 W. Sixth Street

Seed Kits

Friday, August 1 – Sunday, August 31, Adult Information Desk

Pick up a packet of Golden Detroit Beet seeds, and a brochure about how to care for the plant, recommended book pairings, and a tasty recipe.

Gilroy Library Teen Advisory Board Applications Open

Friday, August 1 – Sunday, August 31, Adult Information Desk

The Teen Advisory Board provides ideas and input about library programs and services for teens. TAB members work on special projects throughout the year with guidance from the Teen Services Librarian.

Book Discussion

Friday, August 1, 10:15 – 11:15 a.m., Upstairs Quiet Study B

We will discuss [Plan A](#) by Deb Caletti.

WERC's Birds of Prey

Friday, August 1, 2 – 3 p.m., Community Room

You will meet some beautiful birds, then see and touch materials they use for flight, sight, hearing, and other adaptations.

Tendrás la oportunidad de conocer algunas aves hermosas, así como ver y tocar materiales que utilizan para volar, ver, oír y otras adaptaciones.

Safe Space Meet-Up for LGBTQ+ Youth (ages 13-25)

Fridays, August 1 & 15, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Quiet Study B

Our staff-led meetings offer a safe space for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning and ally (LGBTQ+) youth to play games, participate in group activities and discussions, and build community. No registration necessary.

Cascada de Flores

Saturday, August 2, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room

Cascada de Flores transports audiences on a humorous and joyous journey through the heart of Latin America. Cascada de Flores transporta al público en un viaje lleno de humor y alegría por el corazón de América Latina.

Un-Bee-Livably Delicious: Cooking Dinner with Honey

Saturday, August 2, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Community Room

This program will guide you through creating a complete and delicious dinner, highlighting the unique flavors honey can bring to every course. Discover exciting techniques and flavor pairings that will elevate your weeknight meals and impress your guests.

Claymation Film Workshop (ages 4-14)

Sundays, August 3 & 10, 2 – 4 p.m.

Led by industry experts, participants will gain hands-on experience in character development, storytelling, and stop-motion animation—all while exploring the creative process from a filmmaker's perspective. This is a two-part workshop. Please register if you can attend both.

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

Mondays, August 4, 11, 18, & 25, 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.

Pajama Storytime/Cuentas en Pijama

Mondays, August 4, 11, 18, & 25, 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.

Animals & Their Adaptations

Tuesday, August 5, 2 – 3 p.m., Community Room

Examine a variety of live animals. Learn about diet, habitat, ecological role, structure, and function. Examina animales vivos de una variedad de grupos taxonómicos. Aprende sobre su alimentación, hábitat, rol ecológico, estructura y función.

Zumba at the Library

Tuesdays, August 5, 12, 19, & 26, 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. Únase a nosotros para un entrenamiento gratuito basado en baile y ritmo. No es necesario registrarse.

Reading Program Orientation

Wednesday, August 6, 1 – 2 p.m. and 6 – 7 p.m., Reading Program Room

Give back to your community by becoming a literacy tutor to support an adult learner improve their English reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills to achieve their lifelong goals. Register now to attend the orientation to learn more about the Reading Program.

Family Storytime/Hora de Cuentos

Thursdays, August 7, 14, 21, & 28, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Children's Area

Join us for fun stories, rhymes, fingerplays, and songs to nurture early literacy skills. Compartiremos historias divertidas, rimas, y canciones.

Knitting and Crochet Weekly Meetup/Tejido Semanal

Thursdays, August 7, 14, 21, & 28, 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!

Start Smart: Driver Safety for Teens & Parents

Thursday, August 7, 3 – 5 p.m., Community Room

Start Smart is aimed at helping newly licensed (or soon to be licensed) teen drivers become more aware of the responsibilities that accompany the privilege of being a licensed California driver.

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

Saturdays, August 9, 16, 23, & 30, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., the Nest

Join us for stories and songs in English and Spanish, followed by music and playtime.

Acompáñenos a escuchar cuentos y canciones en inglés y español, seguido por música y tiempo para jugar.

Community Playdate with Little Heroes

Saturday, August 9, 10:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., Paseo

Outside of the library, in the Paseo area, join us for games and activities for all ages. Justo afuera de la biblioteca en el paseo disfrute de juegos y actividades para todas las edades.

Level up Your Cosplay

Saturday, August 9, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Community Room

If you are new to cosplay or have dabbled in the past, learn how to build simple prop pieces out of cardboard. Gain new skills to create spectacular cosplay accessories on a budget. No experience needed. Walk-ins welcome as space allows. Register to reserve your spot.

Open Poetry Readings

Saturday, August 9, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Downstairs Meeting Room

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

Family Literacy Club: Decorate a Book Bag

Tuesday, August 12, 1 – 2 p.m., Community Room

Prepare for the upcoming school year by decorating a book bag and learning about helpful resources that are available through the library! All supplies will be provided. No registration required but limited spots are available.

Pastel & Charcoal Drawing Class/Clase de Dibujo al Pastel y Carboncillo

Saturday, August 15, 2 – 4 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, space permitting. Todos los artistas, adultos y adolescentes, son bienvenidos. ¡No se requiere experiencia! Se proporcionarán todos los materiales. Se aceptan visitas sin cita previa, siempre que haya espacio. Regístrese para reservar su lugar.

Book Discussion

Sunday, August 24, 3 – 4:30 p.m., Courtyard

Sustainable food advocate Peter Ruddock will lead a discussion on the book [Barons: Money, Power, and the Corruption of America's Food Industry](#) by Austin Frerick.

ESL Class Session/Sesión de clase de inglés

Mondays & Wednesdays, Starting August 25, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Reading Program Room

Join us to learn and improve your English listening and speaking skills. This class session is for beginners. You should plan to attend the entire class session. Únase a nosotros para aprender y mejorar sus habilidades de comprensión auditiva y expresión oral en inglés. Esta clase es para principiantes. Le recomendamos asistir a todas las sesiones.

An Adventure in South Africa and Victoria Falls

Monday, August 25, 7 – 8 p.m., Community Room

Explore Cape Town's complex history and dramatic natural beauty, ride a train on the Rovos Rail to Victoria Falls and an open-air safari jeep at Chobe National Park to see magnificent wildlife. All are welcome to attend.

Book Discussion for Adults

Tuesday, August 26, 7 – 8 p.m., Quiet Study B

We will be discussing [West with Giraffes](#) by Lydia Rutledge.

Author Visit: CF Villa

Saturday, August 30, 12 – 1 p.m., Community Room

Villa will discuss his book, [To Whom it May Concern](#). The talk will be followed by a book signing.

LOS ALTOS -- 13 S. San Antonio Road

Art From Chaos (ages 3+)

Friday, August 1, 2 – 4 p.m., Orchard Room

From scrapbook paper, foam sheets, and fabric to googly eyes, popsicle sticks, and stickers, choose from a wide variety of supplies to create something unique! Please bring an adult crafting buddy.

Baby Sign and Stay & Play

Saturday, August 2, 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, August 4, 11, 18, & 25, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard Room

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

Poetry Open Mic

Monday, August 4, 7 – 8 p.m., Pod D

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

Bilingual Spanish Family Storytime/Hora de Cuentos Bilingüe Para Familias (ages 5+)

Tuesdays, August 5, 12, 19, & 26, 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 Family Storytime/ [中英雙語故事時間](#)

Tuesdays, August 5, 12, 19, & 26, 1 – 1:30 p.m., Orchard Room

These 30-minute sessions focus on early literacy by sharing stories and songs in both

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。

The Whodunit? Mystery Book Club

Wednesday, August 6, 10:15 – 11:30 a.m., Teen Room

We will discuss [Murder Between the Lines](#) by Radha Vatsal.

Toddler Storytime

Wednesdays & Thursdays, August 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21, 27 & 28, 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, August 6, 13, 20, & 27, 1 – 2 p.m.

Let's enjoy songs, rhymes, gentle movement, short books, and other fun. The storytime will last about 20 minutes, the rest of the time is Stay & Play with baby-appropriate toys.

ESL Conversation Club

Thursdays, August 7, 14, 21, & 28, 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 (ages 3-5)

Thursdays, August 7, 14, 21, & 28, 3:30 – 4 p.m., Orchard Room

Join us for stories, music, movement, and more at our preschool storytime.

Teen Dungeons and Dragons Social Club

Thursdays, August 7, 14, 21, & 28, 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.

Watercolor Workshop for Adults

Friday, August 8, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Join us for a watercolor workshop. All supplies will be provided. Registration is not required. Seating will be determined on a first-come, first-serve basis, and no seat saving.

Board Game Sunday

Sunday, August 10, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Orchard Room

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

Honeybees and Beekeeping

Thursday, August 14, 6 – 7:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Learn about bee biology and behavior, beekeeping history and equipment, beehives and their products, beekeeping curiosities, and much, much more.

Bay Area Games Day

Saturday, August 16, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m., Orchard Room

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

Sunday CrafterNoon (all ages)

Sunday, August 17, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Orchard Room

This is a time to relax with the community and let your creativity shine. Children must come with their responsible adult crafting-buddy (this is not a drop-off program).

Open Space Odyssey

Tuesday, August 19, 6 – 8 p.m., Orchard Room

Join Midpen Open Space for an engaging evening where you'll explore the history, the flora and fauna and the ongoing preservation of our region's open spaces.

Furry Friends Reading Buddies (Grades K-8)

Saturday, August 23, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Practice your reading skills by reading aloud to a friendly cat or dog. Please register.

Sunday Matinee Movies

Sunday, August 24, 2 – 4:15 p.m., Orchard Room

We will watch Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse (Rated PG). Please enter through the lobby.

Now Read This Book Club

Monday, August 25, 12 – 1:30 p.m., Orchard Room

We will be discussing [Plunder: Private Equity's Plan to Pillage America](#) by Brendan Ballou.

Los Altos Book Discussion for Adults

Tuesday, August 26, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard Room

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

Wednesday Travel Nights

Wednesday, August 27, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room

From the oceanside, modern capital city of Rabat, to the Roman antiquities of Volubilis, to the camel herds of the Sahara Desert, to the snow-capped Atlas Mountains, Morocco is a nation of incredible differences that delight.

MILPITAS -- 160 N. Main Street

Qi Gong Meditation & Exercise Classes

Fridays, August 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 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, August 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 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.

Mend with Friends

Saturday, August 2, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Conference Room

Bring your own items to mend. Limited mending supplies and casual instruction are available, but bringing your own favorite tools, extra buttons, fabric scraps, or experience to share is always appreciated.

Teen Rubik's Cube Club

Saturday, August 2, 4 – 5 p.m., Conference Room

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

ESL Conversation Club

Wednesdays, August 6, 13, 20, & 27, 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.

Family Literacy Club: Decorate a Book Bag

Friday, August 8, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Auditorium

Prepare for the upcoming school year by decorating a book bag and learning about helpful resources that are available through the library! All supplies will be provided. No registration required but limited spots are available.

Board Game Day

Saturday, August 9, 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.

Science Fiction and Fantasy Book Club

Monday, August 11, 7 – 8 p.m., Auditorium

Sign up and pick up a copy of [Piranesi](#) by Susanna Clarke to read before we meet.

10 Habits of Successful Gardeners

Saturday, August 16, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Program Room

Master Gardeners will share the secrets of seasoned gardeners who have mastered the delicate dance with nature. Bring your questions!

Adult and Teen Crafternoon

Saturday, August 16, 3 – 4:30 p.m., Program Room

Crafters ages 13+ will use stencils, paint and their imagination to decorate a book bag. All supplies are provided, no registration necessary.

Baby Bouncers Lapsit

Tuesdays, August 19 & 26, 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, and very short and simple picture books. Bring a blanket for babies to lay on.

Preschool Storytime: 3s & 4s Budding Bookworms

Thursdays, August 21 & 28, 6:30 – 7 p.m., Activity Room

This storytime features longer picture books and flannel board stories and other storytelling activities and fingerplays.

Family Storytime

Saturdays, August 23 & 30, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Activity Room

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

Dungeons & Dragons Lite

Saturday, August 23, 2 – 4 p.m., Conference Room

Kids 13+ can try Dungeon World, a story-driven tabletop role-playing game with easy to remember rules.

Reading Buddies for Grades K-5

Saturday, August 23, 2 – 3 p.m., Activity Room

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

College Application Information Session

Saturday, August 23, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Program Room

This session is designed to help reduce anxiety by offering families a year-by-year roadmap outlining the key milestones and must-do steps each high school student should take—from freshman to senior year—to stay on track for college applications.

The Peaceful Poets

Thursday, August 28, 5:30 – 8 p.m., Conference Room

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

Claymation Film Workshop (ages 4-14)

Sundays, August 31 and September 7, 2 – 4 p.m.

Discover the art of filmmaking through this fun and interactive Claymation workshop. Led by industry experts, participants will gain hands-on experience in character development, storytelling, and stop-motion animation—all while exploring the creative process from a filmmaker's perspective. Register online.

MORGAN HILL -- 660 W. Main Avenue

Recruiting for the Morgan Hill Library Teen Advisory Board

Friday, August 1 – Saturday, August 30

High school students who are interested in advocating for teens, creating and planning events, and working on a team with like-minded teens, consider sending in an application.

Tiny Tot Jamboree

Fridays, August 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Children's Activity Room

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

Itty Bitty Jamboree

Fridays, August 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 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!

Lunch at the Library

Mondays-Fridays through August 8, 12 – 1 p.m. (except during holidays)

Children ages 0-18 can stop by for lunch, while supplies last. No registration required.

¡Almuerzos Gratuitos para niños de 0 a 18 años! No es necesario registrarse.

Bilingual Family Storytime for All Ages

Saturdays, August 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 10:30 – 11:15 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).

Un-Bee-Livably Delicious: Cooking Dinner with Honey

Saturday, August 2, 2 – 3 p.m.

This program will guide you through creating a complete and delicious dinner, highlighting the unique flavors honey can bring to every course. Discover exciting techniques and flavor pairings that will elevate your weeknight meals and impress your guests.

Free Bike Repair & Helmet Fitting Workshop

Sunday, August 3, 1 – 4 p.m., Parking Lot

Bike Repair Mobile is a free bicycle repair clinic offered on a drop-in basis. They address a wide range of common bicycle malfunctions, including flat tires, brake issues, and shifter problems. Children’s bikes get priority service. Children can also get a free helmet, while supplies last.

Zumba

Mondays, August 4 & 18, 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.

Evening Itty Bitty Jamboree

Tuesdays, August 5 & 19, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Parents and babies can join us for short fun stories, rhymes, fingerplays and songs. Our Itty Bitty Jamboree is 30 minutes followed by Stay & Play time.

After Dinner Book Club

Wednesday, August 6, 7 – 8 p.m., Program Room

We will discuss [Lula Dean’s Little Library of Banned Books](#) by Kirsten Miller.

Toddler Storytime

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

Join us for a fun-filled storytime featuring stories, songs, rhymes, and lots of interactive movement aimed at 2–3-year-olds and their caregivers.

Preschool Storytime

Thursdays, August 7, 14, 21, & 28, 11:15 – 11:45 a.m., Children’s Activity Room

Join us for a fun-filled storytime featuring stories, songs, rhymes, and lots of interactive movement aimed at 3–4-year-olds and their caregivers.

Fiber Arts Club

Thursday, August 7, 4 – 5:45 p.m., Program Room

This is a welcoming community for anyone interested in crafts such as knitting, crocheting, weaving and more. Learn new skills, share your projects and connect with fellow crafters.

This program is for adults 18+.

Baking Soda-Vinegar Volcano

Friday, August 8, 3 – 4 p.m., Children’s Activity Room

Join us for an exciting hands-on experiment where kids will create their very own baking soda and vinegar volcanoes. Learn about chemical reactions, have fun designing your volcano, and watch it erupt with foamy lava!

Safe Space for LGBTQ+ Teens and Young Adults (ages 13-25)

Fridays, August 8 & 22, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Community Room

Our staff-led meetings offer a safe space for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning and ally (LGBTQ+) youth to play games, participate in group activities and discussions, and build community. No registration necessary.

ESL Conversation Club

Saturdays, July 12 & 19, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Program Room

Practice your English conversation skills with friends. This is for adults 18+ who speak basic English. No registration required.

Novel-Teas

Sunday, August 10 – August 31, Information Room

Pick up a tea kit featuring two Chamomile tea bags, book pairings, and a recipe to try.

Adaptive Activities for Teens and Adults

Monday, August 11, 6 – 7:30 p.m.

Adults and teens with disabilities—and their caregivers—are invited to enjoy accessible games, friendly conversation, and opportunities to make new friends.

Power Up Game Night for Adults

Tuesday, August 12, 6 – 8:45 p.m., Program Room

Dive into a high-energy video game experience that blends the thrill of party-style board games with fast-paced, arcade-style racing! Compete in mini-games, roll the dice, and hit the track with wild power-ups and hilarious twists.

Kids LEGO Club

Wednesdays, August 13 & 27, 1 –3 p.m., Children’s Activity Room

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

Dungeons and Dragons for Teens: Session 0

Saturday, August 16, 2:30 – 5:30 p.m., Program Room

If you have ever wanted to learn to play Dungeons and Dragons or are looking for a group of teens to play with, then you have found your club! If you want to join our D&D club for teens, you are committing to playing with us twice a month for the entire Fall 2025 semester. Session 0 is mandatory, as we will discuss the campaign, basic rules and expectations. Please register.

Library Ukulele Society

Tuesday, August 19, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m., Program Room

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

Claymation Film Workshop (ages 4-14)

Wednesdays, August 20 & 27, 2 – 4 p.m.

Discover the art of filmmaking through this fun and interactive Claymation workshop. Led by industry experts, participants will gain hands-on experience in character development, storytelling, and stop-motion animation—all while exploring the creative process from a filmmaker’s perspective. Register online.

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

Friday, August 22, 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.

Honor Books & Live Music

Saturday, August 23, 2 – 3:30 p.m.

Stop by our Honor Book program—choose from a special selection of free books to take home, no returns needed! While you browse, enjoy the upbeat sounds of The Soft Lights, a South Bay cover band known for their feel-good music.

Composting Basics

Tuesday, August 26, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m., Program Room

Join our Composting Workshop to learn the basics of composting at home—from what to compost to how to maintain a healthy, odor-free pile. Please bring your own 5-gallon bucket or bin. This program is for adults.

UCCE Master Gardeners

Wednesday, August 27, 6 – 7 p.m., Program Room

This will be an informative session on native shrubs and small trees that support local ecosystems. Learn about drought-tolerant species, ideal planting choices for fall, and the cultural practices that help these plants thrive.

SARATOGA -- 13650 Saratoga Avenue

Shimmering in Sunlight Art Exhibit

Saratoga Library Lobby

Enjoy this art exhibit by Belinda F.C. Lo.

Baby Storytime (12 months or younger)

Fridays, August 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room

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

Family Storytime

Saturdays, August 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room

Tuesdays, August 5, 12, 19, & 26, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Maple Room

Join us for stories, rhymes, and songs.

Arabic Belly Dance

Sunday, August 3, 2 – 3 p.m.

Immerse yourself in the captivating world of Arabic dance with a vibrant and interactive performance, followed by a dance lesson open to everyone.

Mystery Book Club

Monday, August 4, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard Room

We will discuss [The Busybody Book Club](#) by Freya Sampson. Drop by the Adult Reference Desk to sign up and pick up a copy of the book.

Knit & Crochet Circle

Wednesday, August 6, 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.

Drop-in Tech Help

Thursdays, August 7, 14, 21, & 28, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Oak Room

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

Free Bike Repair

Saturday, August 9, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Bike Repair Mobile is a free bicycle repair clinic offered on a drop-in basis. They address a wide range of common bicycle malfunctions, including flat tires, brake issues, and shifter problems. Children's bikes get priority service.

Beginner Guitar and Ukulele Class for Adults

Tuesdays, August 6 – September 16, 10:15 – 11 a.m., Community Room

Join us weekly for fun, easy to follow, beginner lessons. Featuring popular music, learn how to build chords and build up finger strength all while meeting a community of music enthusiasts on the same journey. Please register only if you can come to all 6 classes.

Band Jam: Guitar and Ukulele

Tuesdays, August 12, 19, & 26, 11:15 a.m. – 12 p.m., Community Room

Join us every week, singing and strumming along with popular songs in a fun, easy-going environment.

Plan Your Cool Season Vegetable Garden

Tuesday, August 12, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Community Room

We'll talk about cool season vegetables like Asian greens, lettuce, kale, cauliflower, broccoli, peas and more. We'll also cover how to plant your vegetables, discuss common problems and how to deal with pests.

Chinese Book Club/ [中文書友會](#)

Thursday, August 14, 10:15 – 11:45 a.m., Orchard Room

The August book selection is: [當下的力量：通往靈性開悟的指引](#) by Eckhart Tolle. The discussion is primarily in Mandarin. 參與者可選讀中文或英文版，討論則將以中文為主。

Watercolor Class for Adults

Thursday, August 14, 1 – 2:30 p.m., Community Room

This hands-on workshop invites adults to explore the beauty and simplicity of watercolor painting in a welcoming, supportive setting. Please register.

Chinese Medicine for Emotions and Internal Organ Health

Sunday, August 17, 2 – 3 p.m., Community Room

We'll discuss how long-term emotions can affect the physical body.

Board Game Night for Adults

Monday, August 18, 6 – 8 p.m., Maple Room

Drop in at any time and play from one of the variety of board games.

LEGOs

Wednesday, August 20, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

Kids 5+ can stop by to build LEGOs. For kiddos under 5, we have Duplos.

Mandarin Storytime

Thursday, August 21, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Orchard Room

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

Teatime Book Chatter

Thursday, August 21, 1 – 2 p.m., Orchard Room

We will be discussing [No More Tears](#) by Gardiner Harris. Stop by the Adult Reference Desk to register and pick up a copy of the book.

Spanish Storytime

Thursday, August 28, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Orchard Room

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

WOODLAND – 1975 Grant Road

Monday Meditation and Mindfulness

Mondays, August 4, 11, 18, & 25, 7 – 7:30 p.m.

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

Book Discussion for Adults

Tuesday, August 12, 2 – 3:15 p.m.

Email lpasternack@sccl.org to join the monthly email reminders.

ONLINE EVENTS (Please register online)

Virtual Author Talk: Jay Falk

Tuesday, August 5, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Delve into the fascinating world of birds through astonishing photography and clear explanations in the captivating global guide, [The Bird Book: The Stories, Science, and History of Birds](#).

Online English Conversation Club

Thursdays, August 7, 14, 21, & 28, 11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Meet new friends and practice English together.

Financial Planning: Choosing the Right Senior Care Option

Tuesday, August 19, 7 – 8 p.m.

In this online talk, different types of senior care options will be explored. Hear the pros and cons of each so that you can make an informed decision for your loved one.

Virtual Author Talk: Casey McQuiston

Wednesday, August 20, 4 – 5 p.m.

Get ready for Casey McQuiston's [The Pairing](#), a fiery, fast-paced romantic comedy that reunites two bisexual exes—Theo and Kit—on a European food and wine tour neither of them realized the other had booked.

Virtual Author Talk: Dr. Tasha Eurich

Thursday, August 28, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Learn how to master the daily grind and become shatterproof in a tumultuous world with key insights from Dr. Tasha Eurich as she discusses her newest book, [Shatterproof: How to Thrive in a World of Constant Chaos \(and why resilience alone isn't enough\)](#).

September 2025 Library Report
Jennifer Weeks, County Librarian



One Card, Endless Possibilities

Every September, as the school year starts, libraries nationwide celebrate [Library Card Sign-Up Month](#). A free library account offers priceless value providing access to learning materials, productivity resources and a world of entertainment for all ages. Both physical library

cards in a variety of styles and eCards for digital content [are available](#). Those who sign up for a new library account at a SCCLD library or Bookmobile stop this month will also get a useful gift.

SCCLD has many library card styles, including our [Storybook SCCLD](#) playspace new library card design featuring each library's bot, first available with each location's Grand Opening. Each library and the Bookmobile have their own keychain sized card featuring their bot. Four Storybook SCCLD [sites are open](#)- Saratoga's Redwood Romp with TreeBot, Morgan Hill's Trusty Trails with HikerBot, Gilroy's Earthen Excursion with MoleBot, and Milpitas' Railway Rollick with WhistleBot. Cupertino Library's Aquarium Adventure has started construction, Los Altos Library's Orchard Outing will begin construction on Tue., Sep. 2, and the anticipated opening of Campbell Library is scheduled for late Fall.

Labor Day, a Time to Relax and Reflect

Summer officially ends three weeks after Labor Day, but for most of us it's the last breather before the fall. This is a unique holiday in that it celebrates every worker. Special thanks to our great library employees!

We're closed on Monday, September 1 but our 24/7 [Online Library](#) has many resources for you to enjoy.

Find some great tunes on [Freegal](#). Enjoy a film or TV program on [Hoopla](#) or [Kanopy](#). Have a [Lucky Day on Libby](#) with a top Audiobook or eBook, available to enjoy right away.



FYI- All SCCLD Libraries will be closed on Monday, September 1 for Labor Day. Find digital offerings in our 24/7 [Online Library](#).



Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month

Our libraries have [varied programs and activities](#) planned during September and October to mark [Hispanic Heritage Month](#), which runs from Sep. 15 to Oct. 15. This is a time to appreciate the many cultures, histories and contributions of Americans whose ancestors are from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America.

Several of our libraries will offer special displays around the month featuring books by Latino/a authors, including many *en español*. We also have some great programming. Rock historian and author Richie Unterberger shares film clips of classic performances from the 1950s through the 1980s in his “La Bamba: Latinx in Vintage Rock, Pop, and Soul” talk on Thu., Sep. 4 at the [Los Altos Library](#) and on Sat., Sep. 20 at the [Morgan Hill Library](#). There will also be book discussions and a [movie night](#).

A Virtual Author Talk featuring educators from the Smithsonian Institution will be held on [Thu., Oct. 2](#). They will be discussing [Nuestra América](#), a richly illustrated book that highlights inspiring stories about Latino/as. This effort is tied to the National Museum of the American Latinos [¡Presente!](#) Exhibition.

Singer, songwriter and composer Diana Gamero brings her vocal talents to three of our libraries on Sat. Oct. 4 ([Morgan Hill](#) and [Gilroy](#)), and Wed., Oct. 8 ([Los Altos](#)). Born and raised in Juárez, México, Gamero’s music celebrates the cultural richness and vibrancy of her homeland and Latin America. Now a Bay Area resident, her work has been featured on KQED and NPR’s Tiny Desk concert series.

You can explore Hispanic culture in many ways through the library, starting with brushing up on your Spanish or starting a language journey using one of our [learning tools](#). Our collection includes both titles [en español](#) and English works with Hispanic and Latino/a themes or authors, [like these](#) recommended by our librarians. Libby has a Spanish version for [kids and adults](#). [Magzter](#) has magazines from around the world. There’s also the [Hispanic Heritage Collection](#) on [Kanopy](#).

Woodland Library Expands Open Access

Woodland Library is expanding its [Open Access](#) hours for patrons who wish to enter the library before its regular hours to check out select titles. The new hours will be from 8 to 11 a.m. Sunday through Thursday starting Sunday, September 21. The service was previously available three days per week.

To enroll in Open Access, patrons can speak to staff at the Information Desk of the Woodland Library. The Gilroy Library also offers patrons this service.





Special Election on Tuesday, November 4

The County of Santa Clara was already planning on holding an election on November 4 to replace recently retired County Assessor Larry Stone. Two more high profile measures have now been added to the ballot.

The County Board of Supervisors is seeking to pass a 5/8 of a cent increase to the local sales tax in order to raise revenues to offset some of the cuts that were included in the recently [adopted H.R.1](#) by Congress. Also referred to as “The One, Big, Beautiful Bill Act,” this law is expected to

contribute to an estimated \$1+ billion loss of revenue to the County due to federal and state funding cuts over the next several fiscal years.

The funding cuts will be to Medicare and Medicaid/Medi-Cal, which support critical healthcare service delivery of the County public hospital system. 1 in 4 County residents are Medi-Cal enrollees. It also negatively impacts the safety net programs such as CalFresh/SNAP, In-Home Supportive Services, child welfare, nutrition assistance, services for people with disabilities for Santa Clara County residents and the broader region. SCCLD has a separate funding source primarily through property taxes and a special library tax that spans through 2034 and is not impacted directly by these budget challenges.

For more details about the federal budget cut impacts to Santa Clara County residents, please visit santaclaracounty.gov/federal/funding/.


Another [important proposal](#) that is expected to be added to the ballot is a call from the state legislature to replace the current maps for the state’s U.S. House seats with a new version drawn by members of California’s House Democratic delegation. The intention, [according to the governor](#), is to equalize partisan representation in the federal elections of 2026 through 2030, after which a new Census will be conducted, and districts redrawn. This proposal would potentially add 5 Democratic seats to California in response to the Texas legislature recently passed to redistrict their House seats, which provides Republicans with a 5-seat advantage.


The Gilroy, Milpitas, Morgan Hill and Saratoga libraries are scheduled to serve as Early Voting Centers for the Special Election starting on Saturday, November 1. Several of our libraries are also hosting [Voter Registration Day events](#) on Tuesday, September 16. [Voter Registration Day](#) is about encouraging everyone to register to vote and use their voice. Nonpartisan groups like the League of Women Voters and the County’s Registrar of Voters often take part in these events and share information on measures.

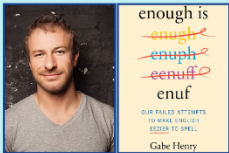
THE SANTA CLARA COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT PRESENTS

VIRTUAL Author Talks *September 2025*

- Hannah Nicole Maehrer**
Wed., Sep 3 from 4-5PM
Author of "Assistant to the Villain series." Fantasy rom-com where surviving your job might be more dangerous than falling in love.


- Jefferson Fisher**
Wed., Sep. 10 from 11AM-12PM
Communication expert shares practical, real-life strategies from "The Next Conversation" to handle tough talks with clarity, confidence, and connection.


- Gabe Henry**
Wed., Sep. 17 from 11AM-12PM
Deep dive into the quirky world of English spelling. Unpack the colorful history of simplified spelling and the linguistic rebels who dared to change it.

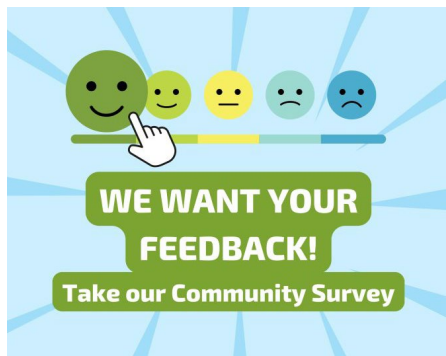


September Virtual Author Talks

September features three authors who will speak about their very different works. First up on Wed., Sep. 3 is bestselling novelist [Hannah Nicole Maehrer](#). The latest entry in her [Assistant to the Villain](#) series, a magical rom com in a fantasy land, [is out now](#). [Please register](#).

Communication expert [Jefferson Fisher](#) will offer advice on how to connect with others, at work and at home, on Wed., Sep. 10. Author of [The Next Conversation: Argue Less, Talk More](#), Fisher shares practical insights on how to communicate with clarity, confidence and connection. [Please register](#).

Finally, [Gabe Henry](#) will take listeners on a witty dive into the history of the English language on Wed., Sep. 17. In his book [Enough is Enuf](#) Henry tracks efforts across the centuries by reformers and rule breakers who have sought to simplify our language. [Please register](#).



SCCLD Community Survey Key Findings

The Santa Clara County Library District (SCCLD) seeks community feedback through surveys. Traditionally, a triannual survey (every three years) is designed to elicit input. The last full survey was conducted in 2019 with the cycle disrupted as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Specific surveys were conducted in 2021 (library services during the COVID-19 pandemic) and 2022 (community input regarding the development and prioritization of the SCCLD 5 Year Strategic Plan).

The 2024 Community Survey is the continuation of the triannual survey, designed to better understand who is using the library, how patrons are using the library, and what would make their experience better. The survey gathered information and feedback on overall satisfaction with library services, collections, programs, and facilities. The survey was available in both online and paper formats from October 28 - December 1, 2024. It was offered in English, Spanish, Traditional Chinese, and Vietnamese, and available to all residents, including non-library users.

This report provides the key findings.

Key Findings from the 2024 Community Survey

Santa Clara County Library District | January 2025

The Santa Clara County Library District (SCCLD) administered a Community Survey designed to better understand the demographic characteristics of library patrons as well as how patrons use the library. The survey also assessed overall satisfaction with library services and elicited input about collections, programs and facilities.

This report highlights key findings from the survey, which was available in paper and online format from October 28 through December 1, 2024. This survey succeeds the 2016 & 2019 Patron Satisfaction Surveys, with questions that reflect new and different ways patrons engage the Library. The last page provides recommendations based on survey findings.

Highlights from the Report



Patrons have a high satisfaction level when engaging with Library staff and materials. 92% rated staff members as friendly and approachable. 90% rated collections as organized, with materials that look and feel clean.



Patrons are engaged in the varied, diverse set of Library programs. The Library offers many types of programs to fit a wide range of interests. The most popular offerings are art & crafts programs, entertainment & cultural celebrations, and book centered activities.



Patrons are highly connected to SCCLD's Online Library. 48% of patrons visit the Online Library at least once every two to three weeks. 40% used the Online Library for nearly all of their streaming or downloading of premium digital content.

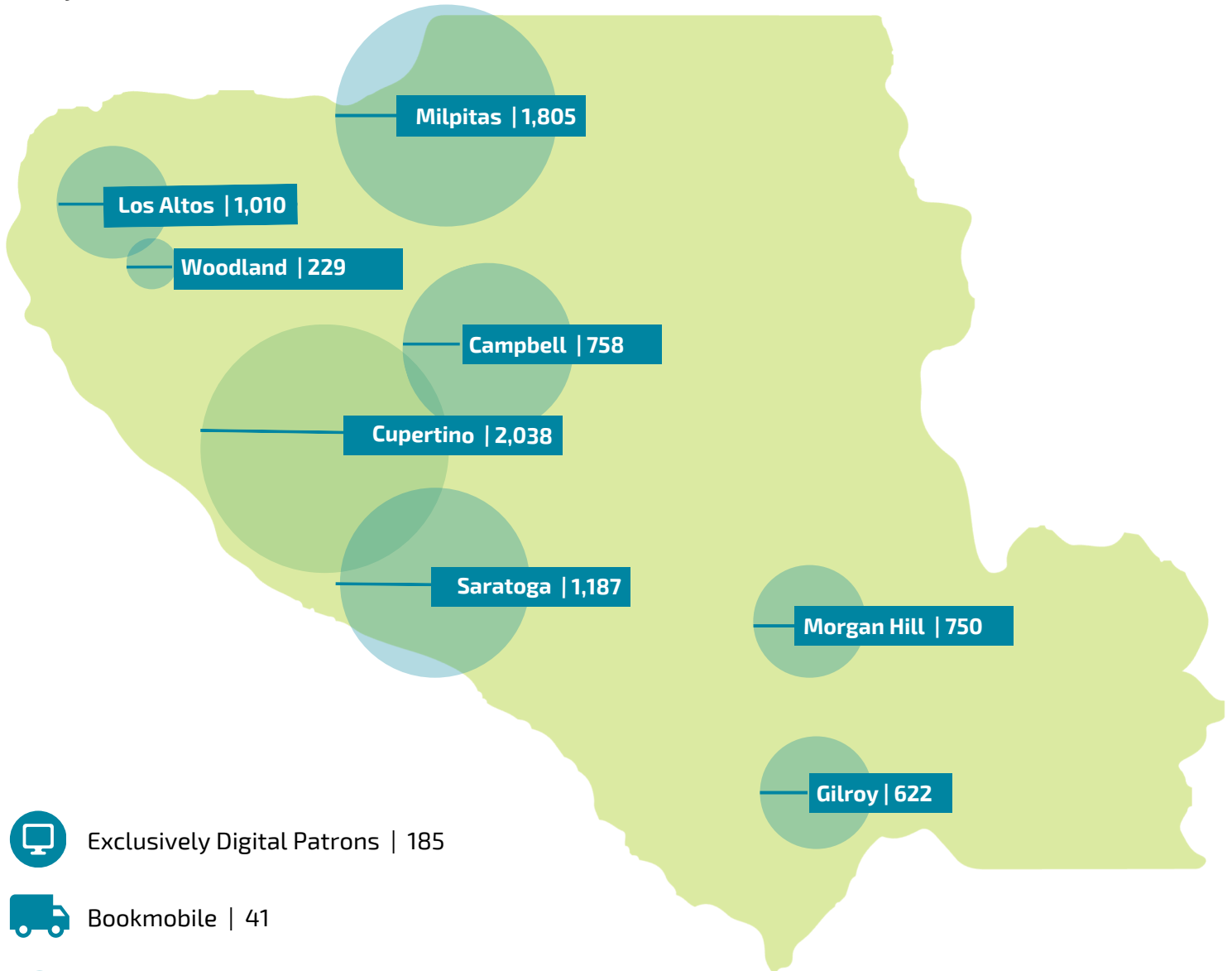


The 2024 Community Survey incorporates the feedback of 10,128 patrons. The survey was available to patrons in four languages (English, Spanish, Chinese and Vietnamese). Significant efforts on the part of library staff led to incredibly high levels of participation throughout SCCLD communities.

Respondent Characteristics

A strong majority (90%) of Survey Participants reported having used the library in person in the last year. The map below displays the Library location survey participants visited most in the past 12 months. 2% of patron respondents are exclusively Online Library users, and 3% have been marked as non-patrons since they do not visit the Library in person or online.

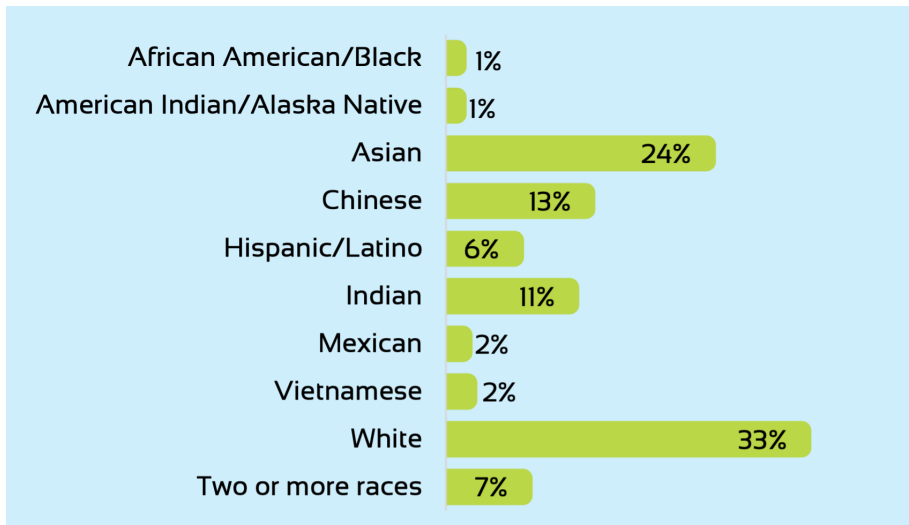
Survey Participants (n=9,990)



Survey Participants (n=9,968)

The typical U.S. Census response options for race and ethnicity were expanded to reflect the diversity of SCCLD communities. The most common responses are white (32%) or Asian (24%). Following these are Chinese (13%), Indian (11%), Hispanic/Latino (8%), and Two or more races (7%).

Progress since 2019. The 2024 survey reflects a revised approach to collecting race and ethnicity information providing a more detailed understanding of participants' race and ethnicity. 2024 data indicates that survey participants are more racially and ethnically diverse as a group, compared to 2019.



Age (n=10,081)



Age	%
Up to 23 years	6%
24 - 44 years	42%
45 - 59 years	34%
60 - 79 years	17%
80+ years	1%

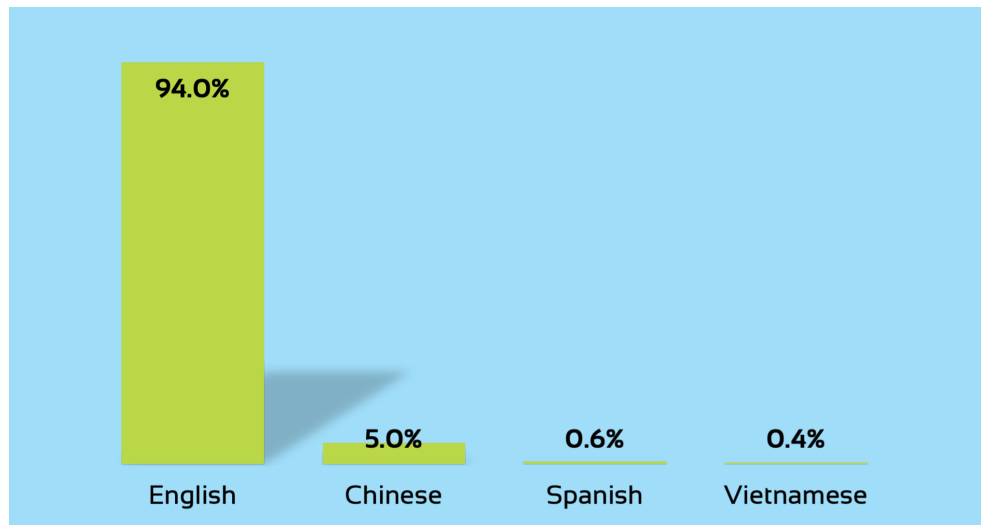
Age groupings are based on prevailing definitions of U.S. generations, such as Millennials (20-44 years), Generation X (45-59 years), and Baby Boomers (60-79 years).

The most common responses are Millennials (42%) and Generation X (34%). Fewer responses are from Baby Boomers (17%) and Generation Z (6%).

Progress since 2019. Survey participation by age is consistent compared to 2019. With a revised approach to age groupings, SCCLD can now consider this data in relation to research about each generation.

Primary or Preferred Language (n=10,032)

The majority of survey respondents reported their primary or preferred language to be English. 5% prefer Chinese, and less than 1% preferred Spanish or Vietnamese. The library continues to reach a linguistically diverse population. Among survey participants, 47% are familiar with the Library's materials that are offered in languages other than English.



How Patrons Use the Library

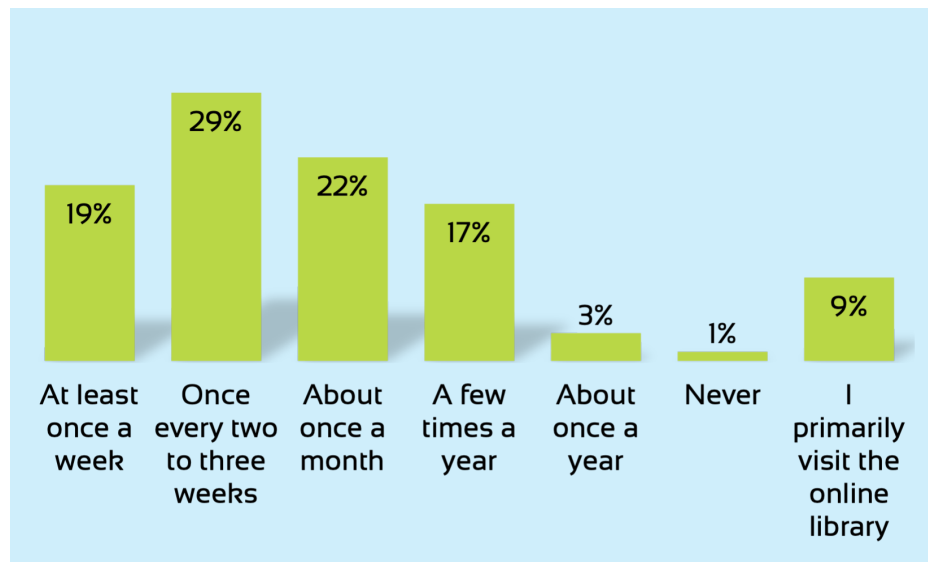
Library Usage - In Person (n=9,082)



70%
of survey respondents **visited the Library in the past month**

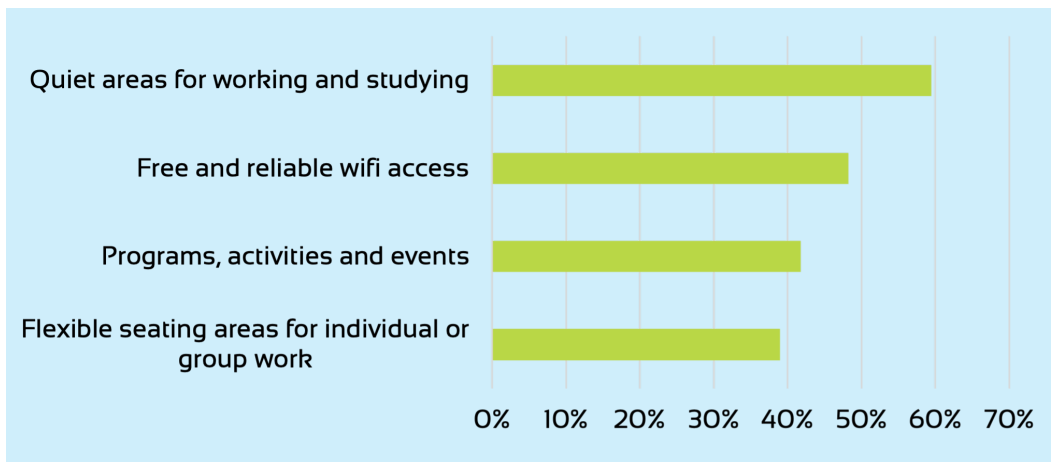
70% of survey respondents visit the Library at least once per month with 19% of those visiting the Library weekly.

Progress since 2019. Compared to the 2019 survey, there is more representation of Library patrons whose visits in person are more occasional by nature. There is a 34% increase in the 2024 responses for those who visit the Library monthly or a few times a year which is important to also reach less frequent library users. This increase was achieved through planned outreach efforts and timing of the survey release.

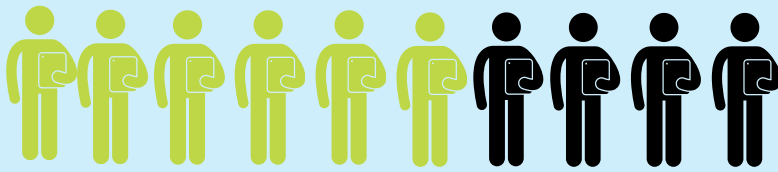


Reasons People Spend Time at the Library in Person (n=8,959)

In addition to accessing physical collections, there are a broad range of options for in-person visitors to spend time at the Library. Adult survey respondents indicated a wide variety of Library features that are reasons for them to spend time at the Library. The chart below represents the top four reasons.

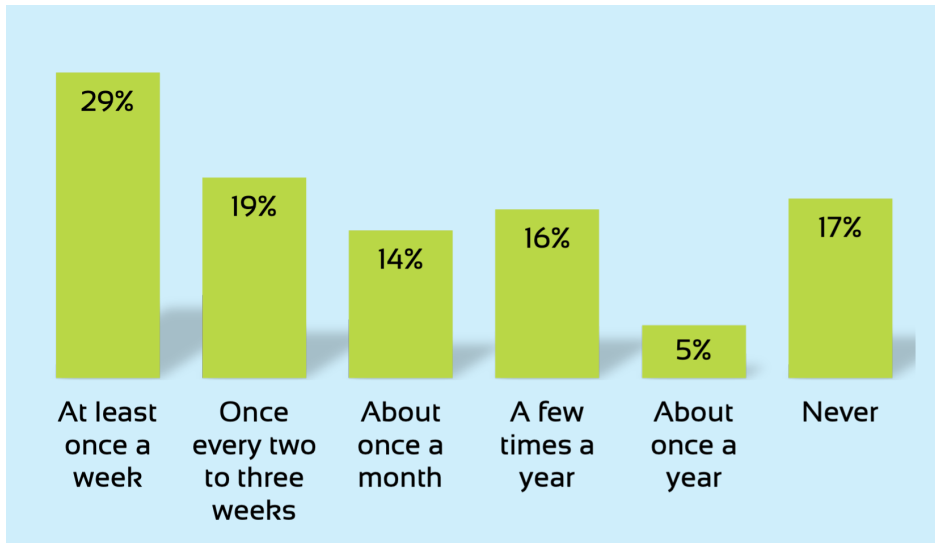


Library Usage - Online Library (n=9,061)



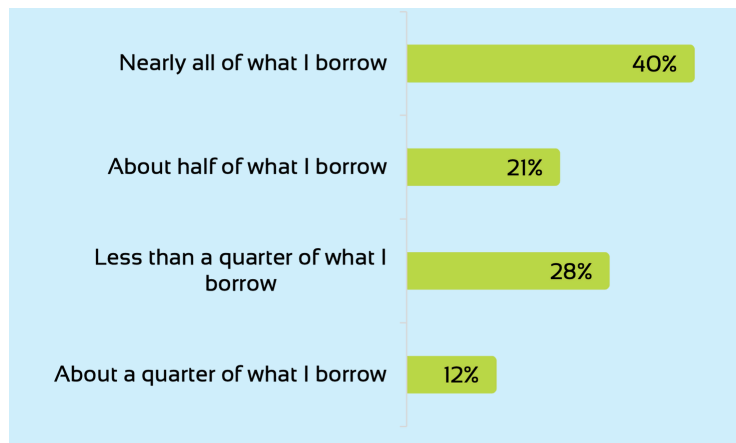
62%
of survey respondents **visited the Online Library in the past month**

The 2024 Survey is the first time SCCLD has tracked frequency of use of the Online Library. This question reflects that an ever-growing segment of residents stream and download many eBooks, audiobooks, movies and music through the Library. 29% of respondents use the Online Library at least once weekly, and 19% use it once every two to three weeks.



The Online Library as Part of Patrons' Digital Media Experience (n=9,335)

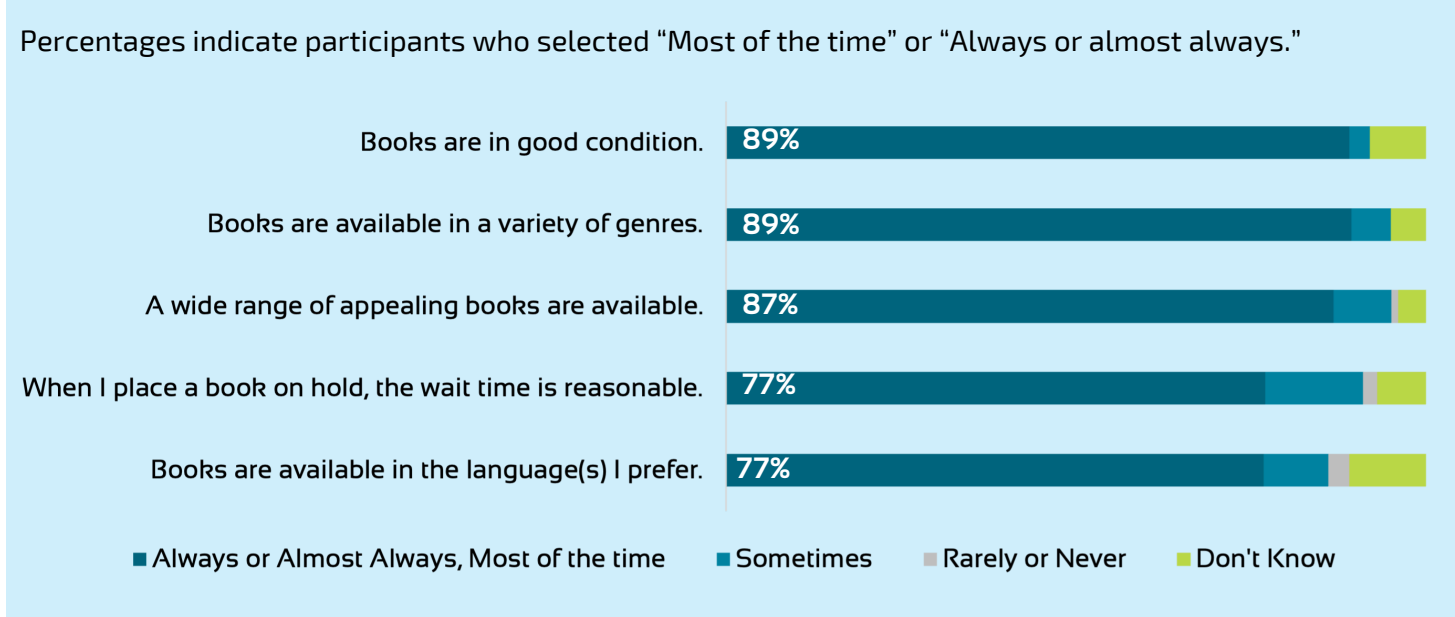
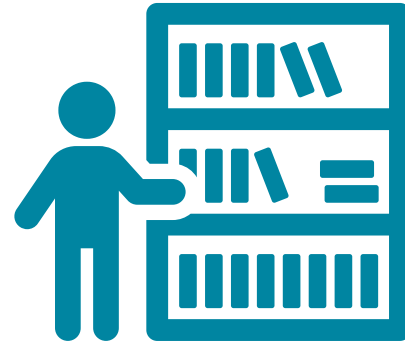
Survey respondents were asked to reflect on how much of their overall downloading or streaming of eBooks, audiobooks, movies and music happens through the Library. For those patrons who do use the Online Library, access to premium content is a significant part of their overall digital media experience.



Library Collections

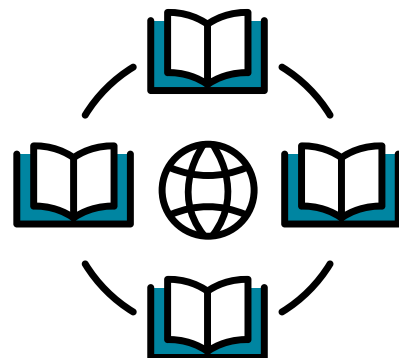
Satisfaction with Book Collections (n=9,313)

Patrons shared that their experiences with the book collections are very positive, demonstrating an overall high level of satisfaction when they borrow books from the Library.



Library Usage - Online Library (n=9,023)

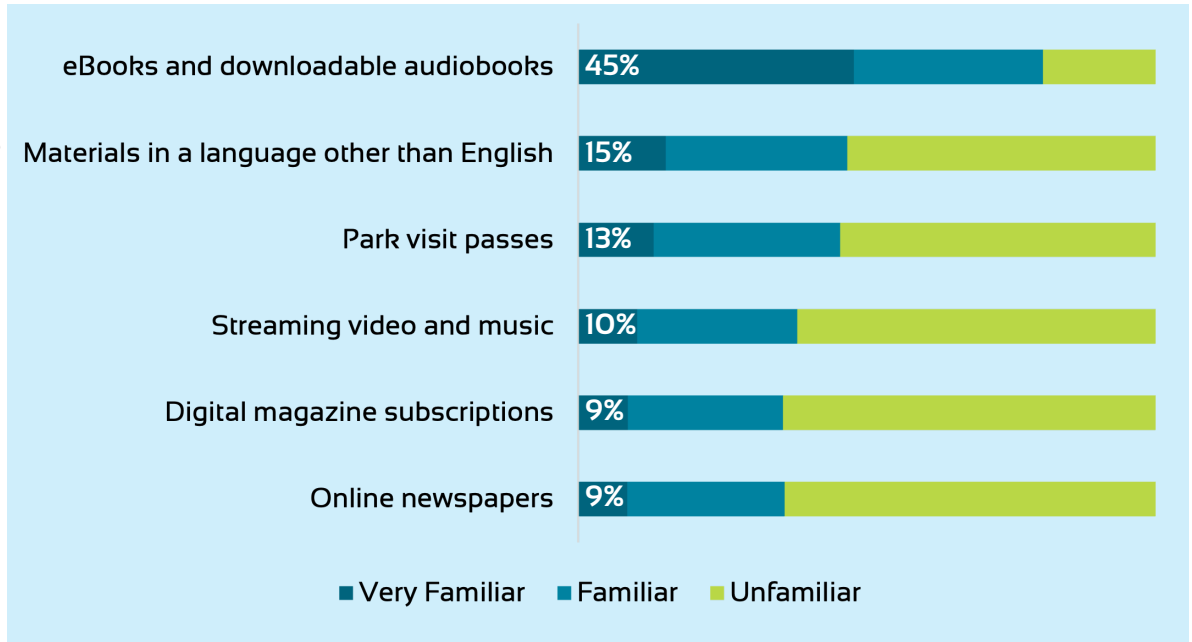
53% use the online library content more now than before the pandemic



Familiarity with Resources (n=9,329)

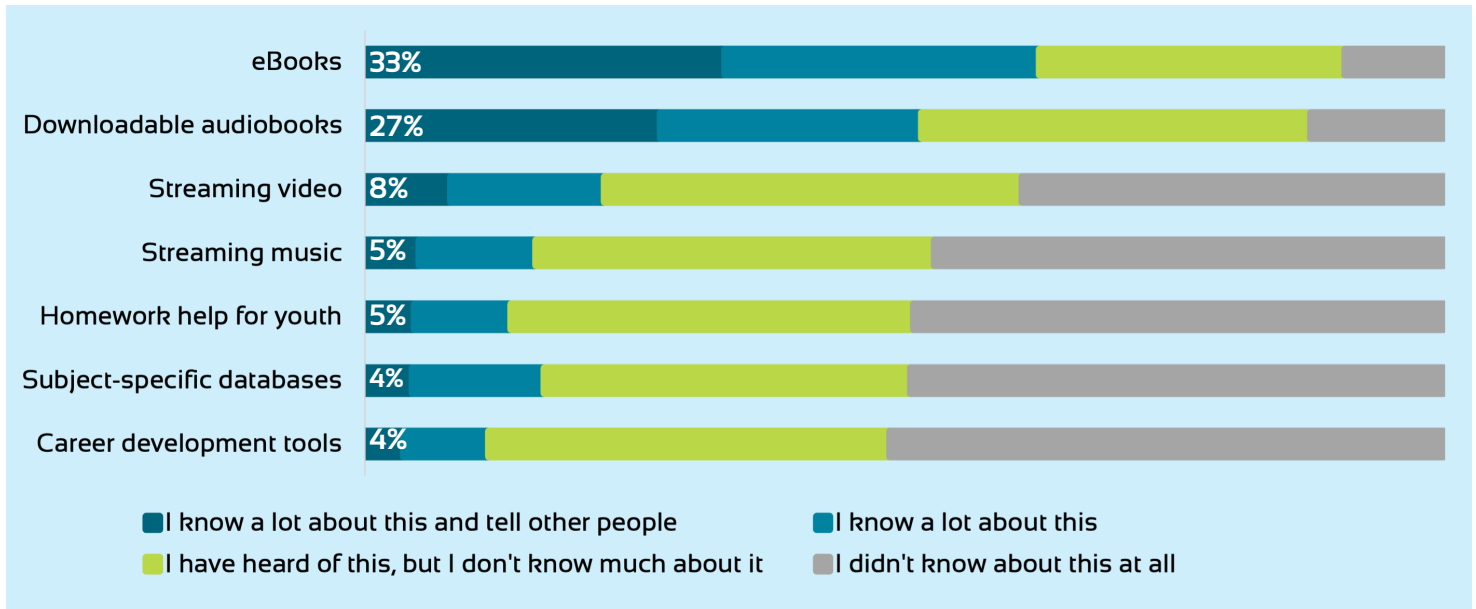
Survey participants indicated their familiarity with a range of Library collections.

The responses to this question will help the Library in its marketing of these collections.



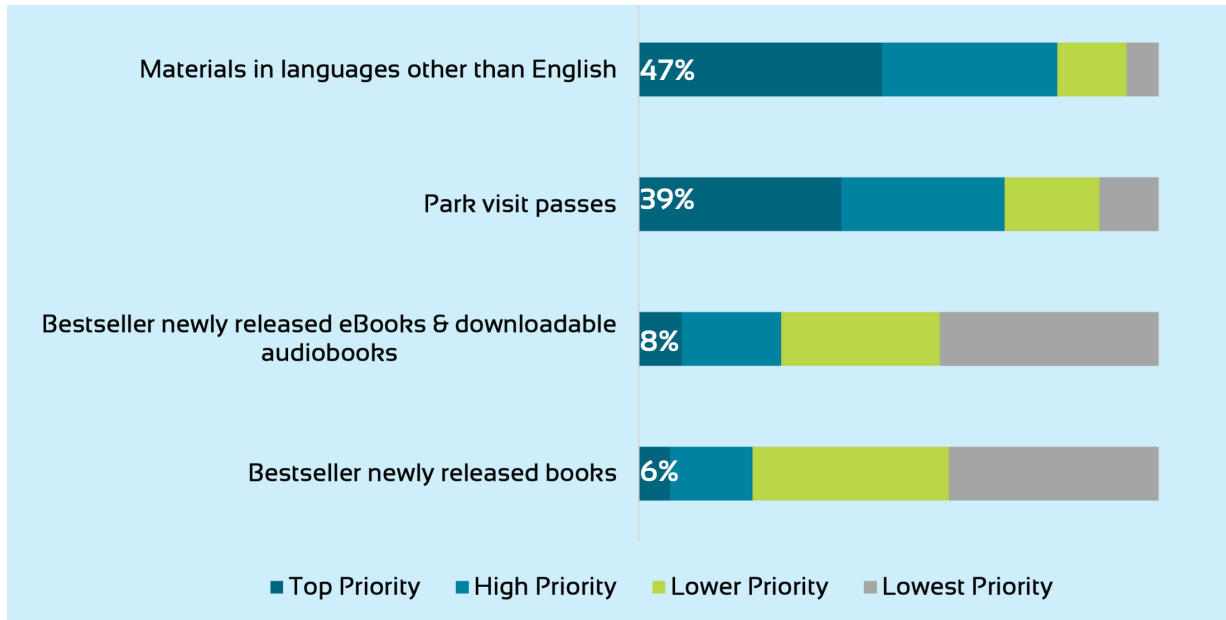
Familiarity with Online Resources (n=9,313)

Survey participants indicated their familiarity with a range of Library collections. The responses to this question will help the Library prioritize how it will increase awareness of these collections.



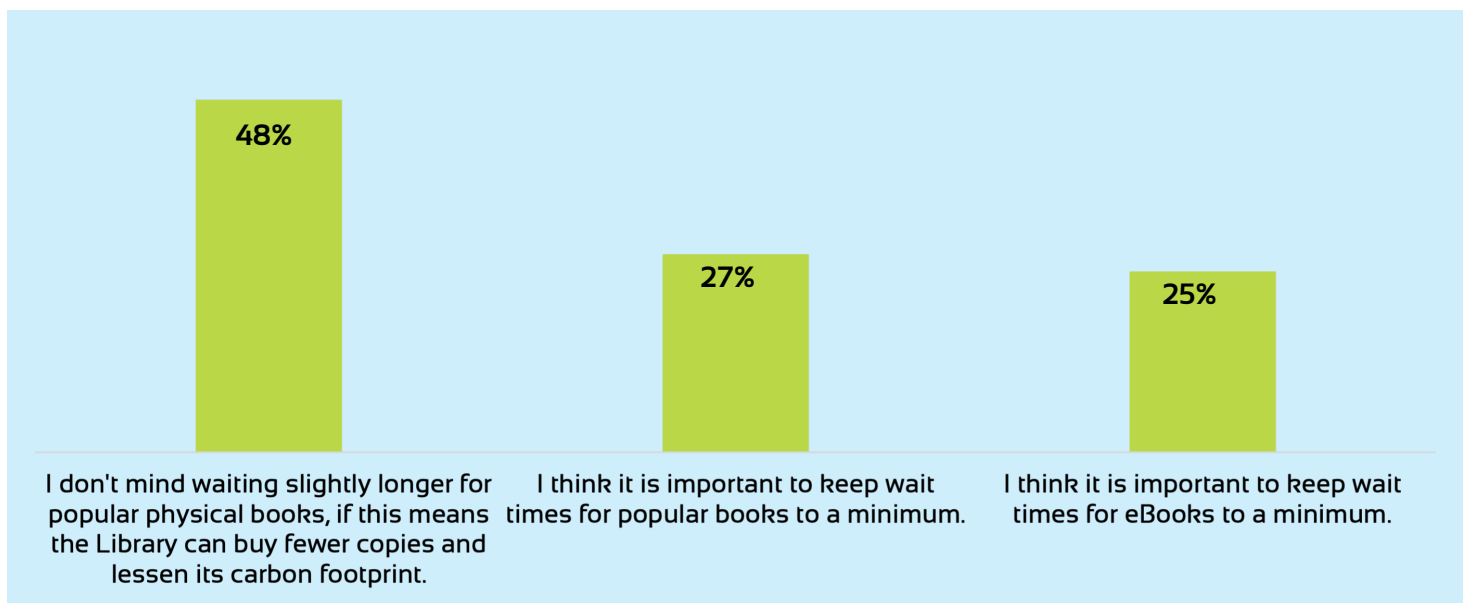
Purchasing Patterns (n=8,673)

Respondents indicated how they would prioritize increases in purchasing across these collections. There is strong interest in directing any additional available funds towards materials in languages other than English, followed by park visit passes.



Balancing Library Collection Investments (n=9,257)

Respondents considered how the Library balances purchasing decisions with environmental impacts and wait times. There is considerable support for an approach that values environmental sustainability.



The Patron Experience

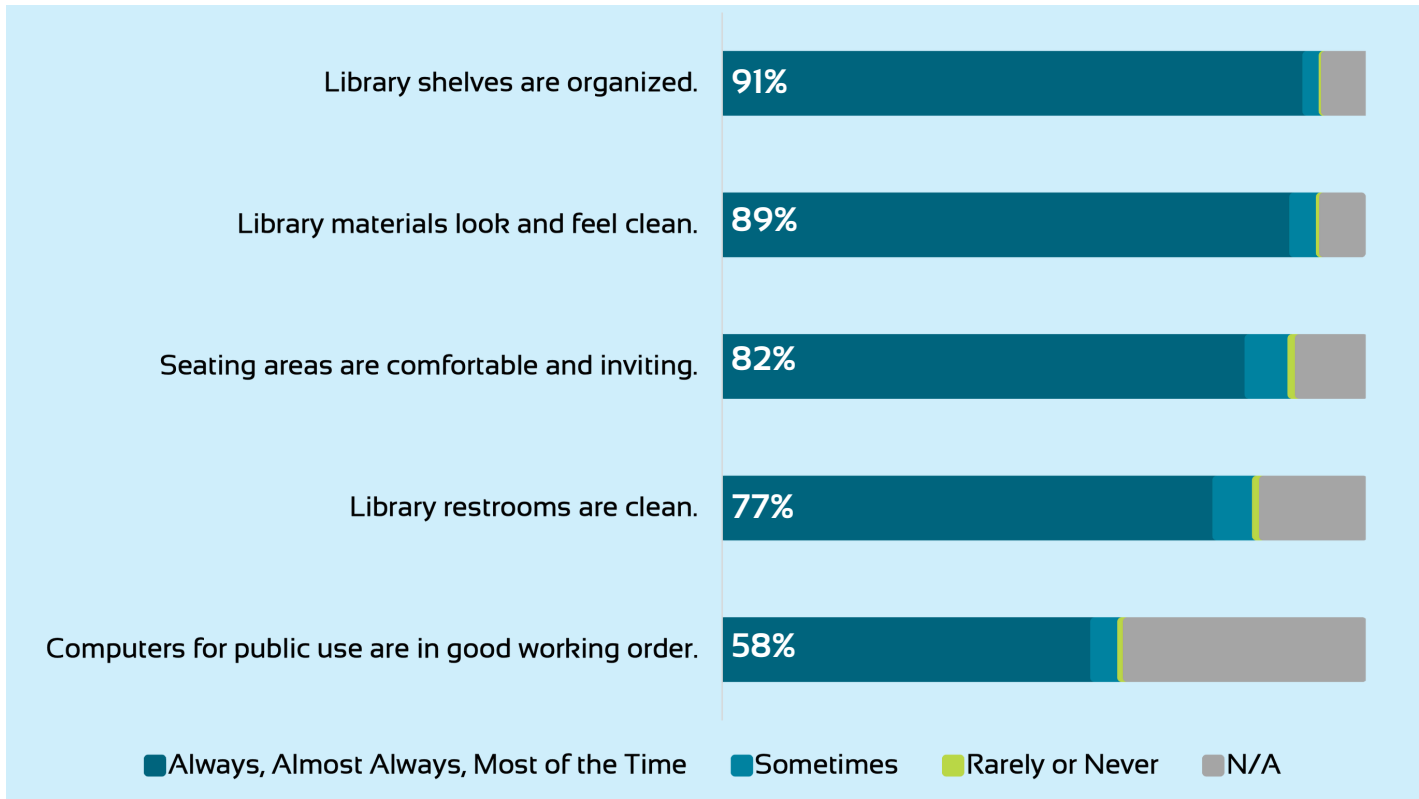
Survey results show there to be a high level of satisfaction with Library facilities. For instance, most patrons indicate they feel like the shelves are organized.

A great majority of patrons agree that Library materials look and feel clean.

The Library is a community destination. As such, people see it as a place where they will find comfortable and inviting seating areas, along with clean restrooms.

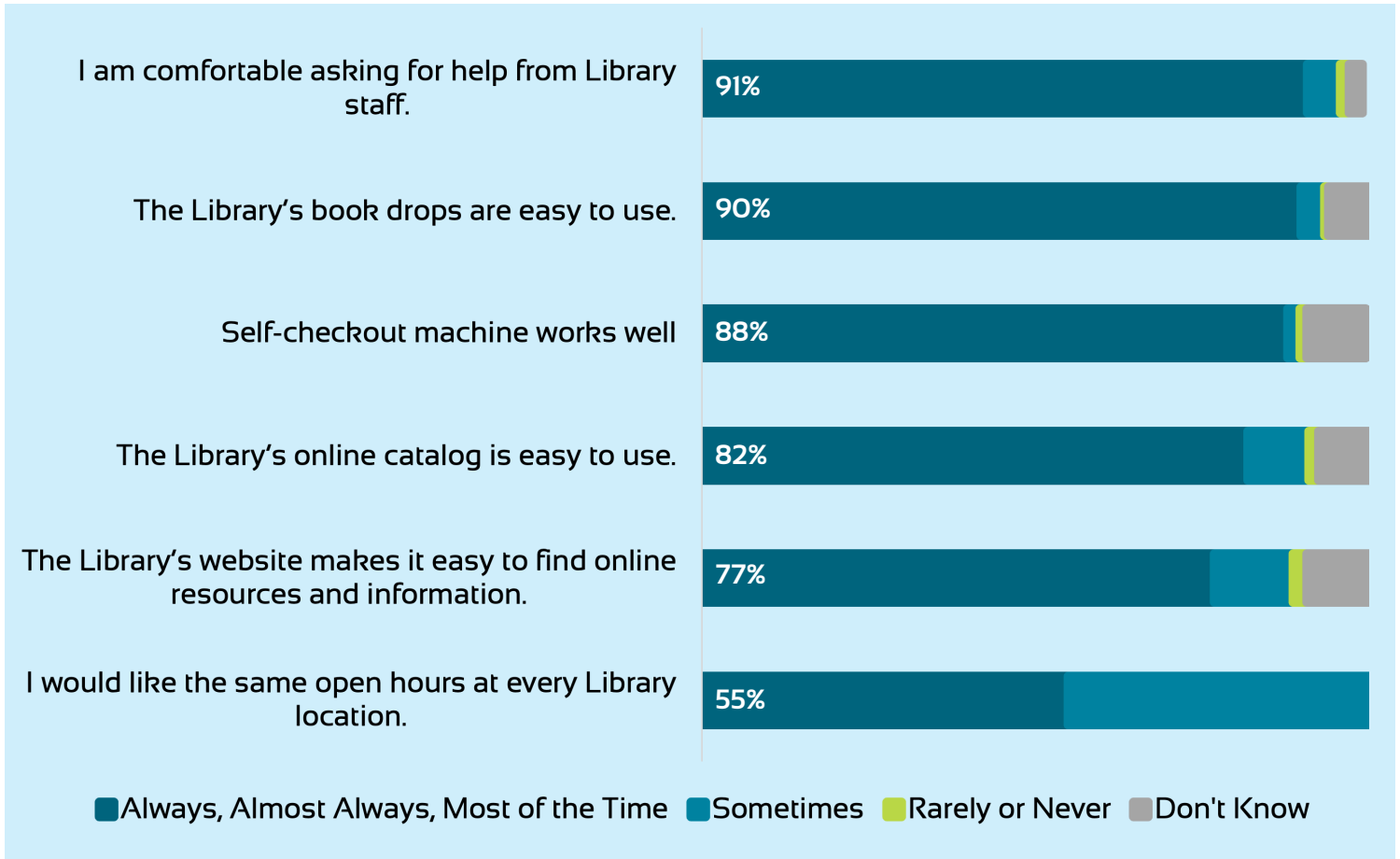


Library Facilities (n=9,025)



Library Features (n=9,323)

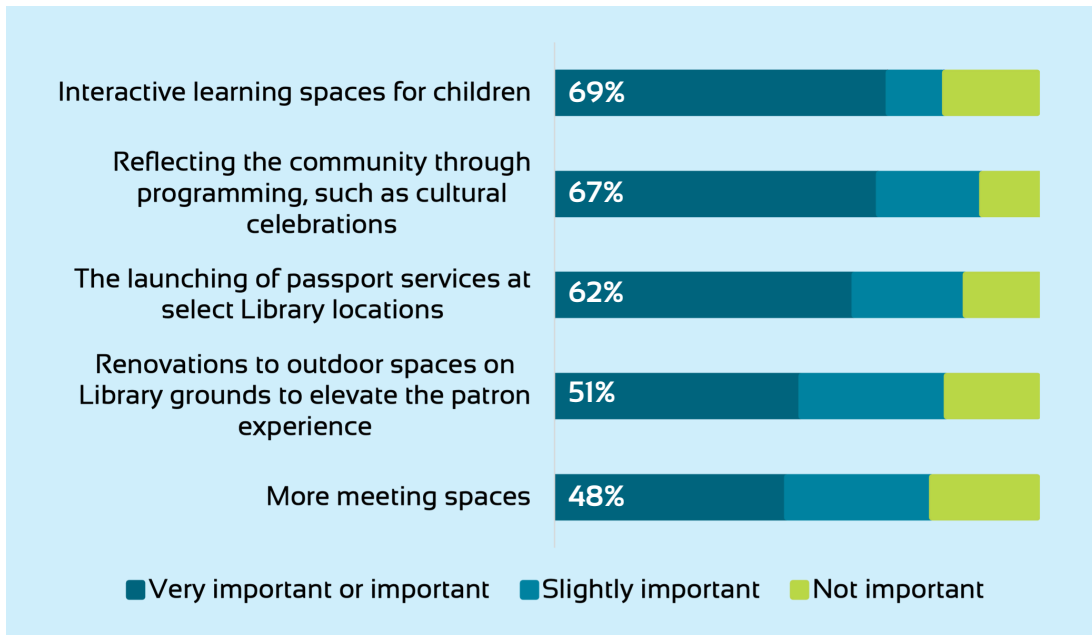
Survey participants responded to a range of statements about Library features. There continues to be consistently positive feedback about the Library staff. Responses show 91% of participants feel comfortable asking for help from Library staff.



Strategic Plan

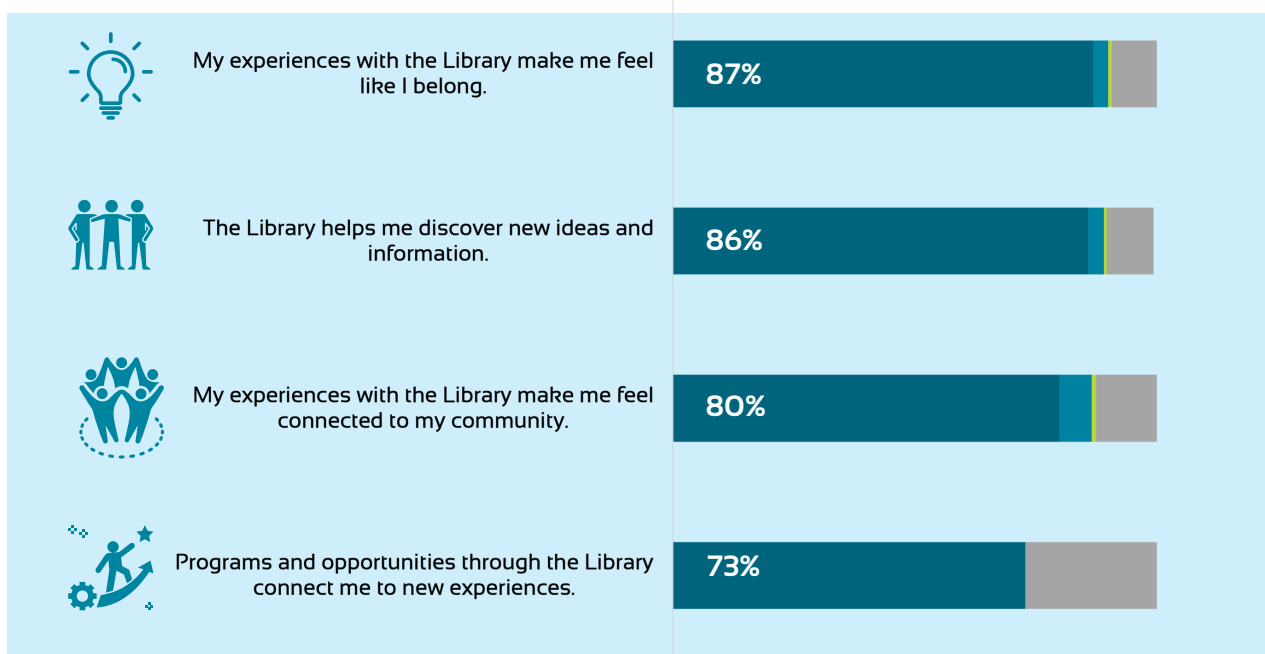
Reflection on Steps Being Taken to Activate the Plan (n=8,768)

Survey respondents shared their outlooks on the steps the Library is taking to activate its strategic plan. There is significant support for interactive children’s learning spaces and cultural celebration programs.



Library Mission Statement (n=8,779)

Responses show that components of the Library’s mission statement has widespread resonance for community members.



SANTA CLARA COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT SEPTEMBER 2025 EVENTS

SCCLD libraries will be closed on Monday, September 1 for Labor Day. Our Online Library is always available at scclld.org/Online-Library

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

Family Storytime

Wednesdays, September 3, 10, 17, & 24, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard City Banquet Hall

This storytime is for children ages 0-5 and will feature stories, songs and more. Please bring a blanket or towel to sit on.

CUPERTINO -- 10800 Torre Avenue

Toddler Storytime (ages 1-2)

Tuesdays, September 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Room 101

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

LEGO Club

Tuesday, September 2, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

We provide the bricks, you bring the imagination! Please leave your LEGOs at home.

Wednesday Afternoon Meditation and Mindfulness

Wednesdays, September 3, 10, 17, & 24, 4:30 – 5 p.m., Room 201A

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

Bedtime Storytime

Wednesdays, September 3, 10, 17, & 24, 7 – 7:30 p.m., Program Room

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

Storytime for Babies (ages 0-1)

Thursdays, September 4, 11, 18, & 25, 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 two adults per family.

Reading Buddies (Grades K-5)

Thursday, September 4 and Monday, September 8, 7–8 p.m., Room 101

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.

Knit-Alongs at Cupertino Library

Fridays, September 5, 12, 19, & 26, 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, September 5 & 26, 7–8 p.m., Room 101

Join us for stories, songs, a flannel board story, 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, 祿母一同前來參加。

Family Storytime

Saturdays, September 6, 13, 20, & 27, 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. Bring a yoga mat or blanket to sit on.

Baby Sign and Sing

Sunday, September 7, 11–11:30 a.m., First Floor Program Room

Babies aged 0-12 months and adult caregivers will learn basic signs to communicate.

ESL Parent and Caregiver Conversation Club

Mondays, September 8, 15, 22, & 29, 10:30–11:15 a.m., Room 101

Join us for an engaging series designed to support families and spark meaningful conversations about children and parenting. Learn practical tips and insights from special guest speakers. Connect with other parents and caregivers in the community.

ESL Conversation Club

Tuesdays, September 9, 16, 23, & 30, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Room 201A

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

Homework Help for Grades K-5

Tuesdays and Thursdays, September 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, & 30, 4:30–6 p.m., Torre Room

Students can get free homework help. No registration is required. Basic school supplies will be provided.

Adult Literacy Roundtable for Volunteers

Tuesday, September 9, 5:30 – 7 p.m., Room 201

Reading Program tutors can learn and share tutoring tips, resources, and experiences. Please register.

Children's Literature for Adults Book Club

Tuesday, September 9, 7 – 8 p.m.

Adults will discuss, reminisce, or discover a beloved children's classic. Please register at the Children's Reference Desk. This program is for adults only.

Chinese Book Discussion

Thursday, September 11, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Room 201A

We will discuss [臺灣漫遊錄, *Taiwan man you lu*](#) by Shuangzi Yang.

CU Creates: Gelli Plates

Friday, September 12, 7 – 8:15 p.m., Room 201B

We will work on monoprinting with gelli plates. All materials and instruction will be provided. Please register online.

Art Therapy for Tweens

Friday, September 12, 7 – 8 p.m.

Kids aged 10+ can create their own unique piece of art to take home. Space is limited, please arrive on time.

Babywearing Dance

Sundays, September 14, 21, & 28, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Join us for babywearing dancing.

Nonfiction Book Discussion

Sunday, September 14, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Room 201B

We will discuss [Surf When You Can: Lessons in Life, Loyalty, and Leadership from a Maverick Navy Captain](#) by Brett Crozier.

LWVCS Voter Registration Drive

Tuesday, September 16, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., Lobby

The League of Women Voters Cupertino-Sunnyvale will have volunteers at a table in the library's lobby helping teens preregister and adults register to vote.

Police Read Along

Wednesday, September 17, 10:30 – 11 a.m.

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

Book Discussion for Adults

Wednesday, September 17, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., and Thursday, September 18, 7 – 8:15 p.m., Room 201B

We will discuss [*Orbital*](#) by Samantha Harvey.

Reading Program Orientation

Monday, September 22, 1 – 2 p.m. and 6 – 7 p.m., Room 201

Learn about how you can give back to your community by becoming an adult literacy tutor for the Reading Program and supporting an adult learner as they improve their English reading, writing, listening and speaking skills. Please register.

Tuesday Travel Nights: Trekking in Japan

Tuesday, September 23, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Room 201

Enjoy treks through Fuji-san, the Nakasendo, the ancient Shinto pilgrimage and more.

I Like to Move It Move It: The Science of Moving Your Body

Friday, September 26, 3 – 4 p.m., Courtyard

Children ages 6+ will learn about why physical activity is so important and an integral part of having a healthy body. Afterward, we will learn some fun ways to keep moving that do not involve running.

Taiwanese Tea Culture Celebration

Monday, September 29, 3 – 4:30 p.m., Room 201

Celebrate the Moon Festival by learning about the traditions surrounding the holiday. Space is limited, please register online.

GILROY -- 350 W. Sixth Street

Spice Up Your Life Kit

Tuesday, September 2 – Tuesday, September 30, Upstairs Information Desk

Pick up a sample of Five Spice. These kits include recipes and a book recommendation.

Zumba at the Library

Tuesdays, September 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 5:45 – 6:45 p.m., Community Room

Drop in for an easy-to-follow dance that works all major muscle groups in a high-energy cardio blast. Únase a nosotros para un entrenamiento gratuito basado en baile y ritmo.

Reading Buddies/Compañeros de Lectura

Tuesday, September 2, 6 – 7 p.m., the Nest/el Nido

Practice your reading skills and read aloud one on one with a furry friend! Sign-ups are first come, first served until all slots are filled. ¡Ven a practicar tus habilidades de lectura y lee en voz alta uno a uno con un amigo peludo! Las inscripciones serán por orden de llegada hasta que se llenen todos los espacios.

Books and Boogie Storytime/Hora de Cuentos

Thursdays, September 4, 11, 18, & 25, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Children’s Area

Join us for fun stories, rhymes, fingerplays, and songs to nurture early literacy skills. Compartiremos historias divertidas, rimas, y canciones.

Knitting and Crochet Weekly Meetup/Tejido Semanal

Thursdays, September 4, 11, 18, & 25, 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!

Book Discussion for Adults

Friday, September 5, 10:15 – 11:15 a.m., Quiet Study B

We will be discussing [*West with Giraffes*](#) by Lydia Rutledge.

Baby Bounce Storytime (12 months and younger)

Fridays, September 5, 12, 19, & 26, 10:30 – 11 a.m., the Nest

Baby bounce shares short stories, nursery rhymes, fingerplays and songs that reinforce early literacy skills. Comparte cuentos cortos, canciones infantiles, y canciones que refuerzan habilidades de lectura con sus bebés.

Safe Space Meet-Up for LGBTQ+ Youth (ages 13-25)

Fridays, September 5 & 19, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Quiet Study B

Our staff-led meetings offer a safe space for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning and ally (LGBTQ+) youth to play games, participate in group activities and discussions, and build community. No registration necessary.

Family Storytime/Hora de Cuentos

Saturday, September 6, 13, 20, & 27, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., the Nest

Join us for fun stories, rhymes, fingerplays, and songs to nurture early literacy skills. Compartiremos historias divertidas, rimas, y canciones.

Growing Vegetables in the Fall and Winter

Saturday, September 6, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room

Find out which cool season vegetables are easy to grow and best for our climate. Soil prep, watering, fertilizing, crop rotation, disease and pest management will also be discussed.

Live Performance/ Actuación musical en vivo: The South Bay Trombone Choir

Saturday, September 6, 2 – 3 p.m., Community Room

This trombone ensemble performs pieces from a music repertoire that ranges from Gabrieli to Bernstein, Jazz, and Latin. Este conjunto de trombones interpreta piezas de un repertorio que abarca desde Gabrieli hasta Bernstein, jazz y música latina.

Music Lab/Laboratorio de Música (Grades 3-5)

Sundays, September 7, 14, 21, & 28, 2 – 3 p.m., the Nest

We'll explore the fascinating world of sound and music through fun demonstrations that cover vibrations, pitch, amplitude, and waves. Exploraremos el fascinante mundo del sonido y la música a través de demostraciones divertidas que cubren vibraciones, tono, amplitud y ondas.

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

Mondays, September 8, 15, 22, & 29, 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/Hora de Cuentas en Pijama

Mondays, September 8, 15, 22, & 29, 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.

Emergency Preparedness for Kids (ages 8-11)

Tuesdays, September 9 or 23, 4 – 5:30 p.m., or Saturday, September 27, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Quiet Study B

Kids are encouraged to attend this Emergency Preparedness Training to learn simple ways to prepare for disasters. Attend and receive a free backpack with emergency supplies, while supplies last. Se anima a los niños a asistir a esta capacitación sobre preparación para emergencias para aprender maneras sencillas de prepararse para desastres. Asista y reciba una mochila gratuita con suministros de emergencia, hasta agotar existencias.

LEGO Club

Friday, September 12, 3 – 4:30 p.m., Community Room

We provide LEGOs, children build creations! Follow prompts or use your imagination. ¡Nosotros proporcionamos los Legos, los niños construyen creaciones divertidas! Niños y niñas pueden seguir nuestras indicaciones o construir algo basado en su imaginación.

Arabic Belly Dance

Saturday, September 13, 12 – 1 p.m., Community Room

Immerse yourself in the captivating world of Arabic dance with a vibrant and interactive performance, followed by a dance lesson open to everyone.

Open Poetry Readings

Saturday, September 13, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Downstairs Meeting Room

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

Book Discussion

Sunday, September 14, 3 – 4:30 p.m., Courtyard

Sustainable food advocate Peter Ruddock will lead a discussion on the book [*Barons: Money, Power, and the Corruption of America's Food Industry*](#) by Austin Frerick.

Tiny Book Earrings for Teens

Monday, September 15, 4:30 – 6 p.m., Community Room

Make adorable tiny book earrings! You can also turn your tiny books into pendants, keychains, or hair clips. Please register with an accurate email address.

National Voter Registration Day

Tuesday, September 16, 1 – 7 p.m., Lobby

Our volunteer-staffed table can help voters register to vote or re-register to vote.

Adaptive Activities for Teens and Adults

Wednesday, September 17, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m., Quiet Study B

Adults and teens with disabilities—and their caregivers—are invited to enjoy accessible games, friendly conversation, and opportunities to make new friends.

Turn! Turn! Turn! Folk Rock Revolution

Saturday, September 20, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Community Room

Folk rock is a genre that produced some of the most melodic and lyrical songs in popular music history. Rock music historian and author Richie Unterberger explores the change that began when the social consciousness of folk met the energy of rock.

Pastel & Charcoal Drawing Class/Clase de Dibujo al Pastel y Carboncillo

Saturday, September 20, 3 – 5 p.m., Community Room

All adult & teen artists are welcome. All supplies will be provided. Register to reserve your spot. Walk-ins welcome, space permitting. Todos los artistas, adultos y adolescentes, son bienvenidos. Se proporcionarán todos los materiales. Se aceptan visitas sin cita previa, siempre que haya espacio. Regístrese para reservar su lugar.

Sensory-Friendly Library Playtime/Tiempo de Juego Sensorial Amigable

Tuesday, September 23, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Children's Play Area

There will be sensory-sensitive toys in the play space and entire Children's Area. We keep the lights low and use natural lighting, computers are turned off, and the doors are closed to reduce outside noise and keep everyone safe. Este tiempo de juego autónomo contará con juguetes adaptados a las necesidades sensoriales, y estará disponible la nueva zona de juego junto con toda el área infantil. Mantenemos las luces bajas y utilizamos la luz natural. Las computadoras están apagadas y las puertas cerradas para reducir el ruido exterior y ayudar a mantener seguros a quienes corren o deambulan.

Bookworms Book Club (Grades 2-3)

Wednesday, September 24, 3 – 4 p.m., the Nest

We will discuss [The Bad Guys](#) by Aaron Blabey, then do some crafts and have a snack. Register at the Children's Reference Desk and read the book before the meeting.

Bookdragons Book Club (Grades 4-5)

Wednesday, September 24, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m., the Nest

We will discuss [Wonder](#) by R.J. Palacio, then do some crafts and have a snack. Register at the Children's Reference Desk and read the book before the meeting.

Family Board Games

Friday, September 26, 3 – 4:30 p.m., Community Room

From classics like Battleship and Connect 4 to exciting new favorites, we've got games for all ages and skill levels. Tenemos juegos para todas las edades y niveles de habilidad.

Tin Box Nichos/Nichos de Caja de Hojalata

Saturday, September 27, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Community Room

A nicho is a small display box that features images and items that honor a person or object. Think of it as creating a portable and compact memory box. Un nicho es una pequeña caja que exhibe imágenes y objetos que honran a una persona u objeto. Piensa en ello como si crearas una caja de recuerdos portátil y compacta.

Clay Structures (ages 5-12)

Saturday, September 27, 2 – 3 p.m., Community Room

Experience clay sculpting, learn how to build a 3D model one shape at a time with the help of a skilled instructor using soft, air-dry clay. Registration required.

ABCs of Lowriding & Mini Mural Art Workshop

Tuesday, September 30, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m., the Nest

The ABCs of Lowriding is a book that aims to engage readers thematically and be an inclusive reflection of their own community. In addition, the Mini Mural Art Workshop invites participants to explore the vibrant world of lowrider culture.

Book Discussion for Adults

Tuesday, September 30, 7 – 8 p.m., Quiet Study B

We will be discussing [Anita de Monte Laughs Last](#) by Xochitl Gonzalez in honor of National Hispanic Heritage Month.

LOS ALTOS -- 13 S. San Antonio Road

The Rise of Cryptocurrency: The Basics

Tuesday, September 2, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Teen Room

Cryptocurrency is transforming how people think about money, investing, and digital assets. You will learn what crypto is, why it matters, and how it's evolving without getting lost in technical jargon.

The Whodunit? Mystery Book Club

Wednesday, September 3, 10:15 – 11:30 a.m., Teen Room

We will discuss [*Her Name is Knight*](#) by Yasmin Angoe.

Kanzashi Fabric Workshop (Adults and Teen Craft)

Wednesday, September 3, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Teen Room

Learn how to create unique Kanzashi fabric flowers. All materials will be provided. No registration required, seating is limited.

ESL Conversation Club

Thursdays, September 4, 11, 18, & 25, 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, September 4, 11, 18, & 25, 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.

Latinx Rock from the 1950s-80s

Thursday, September 4, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

Rock historian and author Richie Unterberger presents "La Bamba: Latinx in Vintage Rock, Pop, and Soul," a dynamic program featuring and discussing film clips of Latinx performers from the 1950s through the 1980s.

Monday Morning Meditation and Mindfulness

Mondays, September 8, 15, 22, & 29, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard Room

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

Poetry Open Mic

Monday, September 8, 7 – 8 p.m., Pod D

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

Watercolor Workshop for Adults

Friday, September 12, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and 1 – 2:30 p.m., Teen Room

Join us for a watercolor workshop. All supplies will be provided. Registration is not required. Seating will be determined on a first-come, first-serve basis, with no seat saving.

ESL Class Placement Test

Monday, September 15 – Wednesday, October 15, Conference Room

Santa Clara County Library District residents 18+ years are eligible to register for this ESL class led by a professional ESL instructor. This class session is for beginner and intermediate ESL students. Classes are Tuesdays and Thursdays 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. from October 2 – December 11. You must be able to attend the entire class session. Space is limited. [Registration](#) for a placement test is required.

National Voter Registration Day

Tuesday, September 16, 12 – 1 p.m., Lobby

Our volunteer-staffed table can help voters register to vote or re-register to vote.

Book Bugs Club (Grades 2-3)

Tuesday, September 16, 4 – 5 p.m., Los Altos Community Center's Apricot Room

We will discuss [On the Dog](#) by J.C. Greenburg then make a craft. Please 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, September 17, 4 – 5 p.m., Conference Room

We will discuss [El Deafo](#) by Cece Bell. Please pick up a copy of the book at the Children's Desk at Los Altos or Woodland Library.

To Be Read Book Club (Grades 6-8)

Tuesday, September 23, 4 – 5 p.m., Conference Room

We will discuss [When You Reach Me](#) by Rebecca Stead. Please pick up a copy of the book at the Children's Desk at Los Altos or Woodland Library.

Los Altos Book Discussion for Adults

Tuesday, September 23, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard Room

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

Story Explorers Book Club (TK-Grade 1)

Wednesday, September 24, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

Our first session of the school year will kick off with an Elephant & Piggie party! Together we'll read [We Are in a Book!](#) by Mo Willems, enjoy Gerald and Piggie-inspired activities, and make crafts celebrating friendship and fun!

Now Read This Book Club

Monday, September 29, 12 – 1:30 p.m., Orchard Room

We will be discussing [*The Anxious Generation: How the Great Rewiring of Childhood is Causing an Epidemic of Mental Illness*](#) by Jonathan Haidt.

MILPITAS -- 160 N. Main Street

Baby Bouncers Lapsit

Tuesdays, September 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 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, and very short and simple picture books. Bring a blanket for babies to lay on.

Homework Help for Grades K-6

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

Students can get free homework help. No registration is required. Basic school supplies will be provided. Parents are asked to stay nearby.

Fun with Art with First5 Santa Clara County (ages 3-5)

Wednesday, September 3, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., Auditorium

Join us for a story and craft activity, then learn about resources provided by the Family Resource Center.

Book Discussion Group for Adults

Wednesday, September 3, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Program Room

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

ESL Conversation Club

Wednesdays, September 3, 10, 17, & 24, 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.

Science is for Me (Grades K-2)

Wednesdays, September 3, 10, 17, & 24, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Children's Activity Room

Kids will participate in hands-on science experiments alongside parents and caregivers. Each meeting is a different experiment. Please register for each session.

Preschool Storytime: 3s & 4s Budding Bookworms

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

This storytime features longer picture books and flannel board stories and other storytelling activities and fingerplays.

Qi Gong Meditation & Exercise Classes

Fridays, September 5, 19, & 26, 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, September 5, 12, 19, & 26, 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.

Music & Movement (ages 3-8)

Friday, September 5, 3:30 – 4:15 p.m., Activity Room

Children and their adult caregivers will have fun exploring music and dancing together.

Board Game Day

Saturday, September 6, 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.

Mend with Friends

Saturday, September 6, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Conference Room

Bring your own items to mend. Limited mending supplies and casual instruction are available, but bringing your own favorite tools, extra buttons, fabric scraps, or experience to share is always appreciated.

Family Storytime

Saturdays, September 6, 13, 20, & 27, 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, September 6, 4 – 5 p.m., Conference Room

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

LEGO Club for Grades K-8

Monday, September 8, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Activity Room

Children will use their creativity and engineering skills to build anything they can imagine.

Science Fiction and Fantasy Book Club

Monday, September 8, 7 – 8 p.m., Auditorium

Sign up and pick up a copy of [*Light Chaser*](#) by Peter F. Hamilton.

Little Learners STEAM (Ages 3-5)

Tuesday, September 9, 3:30 – 4:15 p.m., Activity Room

Each month we will nurture curiosity and discover new things through engaging and fun activities. Registration is required.

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

Tuesdays, September 9, 16, 23, & 30, 6:30 – 7 p.m., Activity Room

This 30-minute storytime features movement, singing, 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。

Dungeons and Dragons Mini Campaign (ages 13+)

Saturdays, September 13 & 27, 2 – 4 p.m., Conference Room

Our DM will guide you through the process of character creation and rules. No registration required, walk-ins welcome.

Adult and Teen Crafternoon

Saturday, September 20, 3 – 4:30 p.m., Program Room

Crafters ages 13+ will create geode paintings using marker ink, water and salt. All supplies are provided, no registration necessary.

The Peaceful Poets

Thursday, September 25, 5:30 – 8 p.m., Conference Room

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

Reading Buddies for Grades K-5

Saturday, September 27, 2 – 3 p.m., Activity Room

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

Foundations of Resilient Health

Saturday, September 27, 3 – 4 p.m., Program Room

We will discuss the truth about toxins and how to support your body's natural detox pathways.

MORGAN HILL -- 660 W. Main Avenue

Snack Break-Free Snacks for Kids!;/Meriendas Gratis Para Niños!

Mondays-Fridays, 3 – 4 p.m. (except during holidays)

Children ages 0-18 can stop by for snack, while supplies last. No registration required.

¡Pasa por la biblioteca y recoge una merienda gratis después de la escuela! No es necesario registrarse.

Evening Itty Bitty Jamboree

Tuesdays, September 2 & 16, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Parents and babies can join us for short fun stories, rhymes, fingerplays and songs. Our Itty Bitty Jamboree is 30 minutes followed by Stay & Play time.

After Dinner Book Club

Wednesday, September 3, 7 – 8 p.m., Program Room

In celebration of National Hispanic Heritage Month, we will discuss [*Las Madres*](#) by Esmeralda Santiago.

Fiber Arts Club

Thursday, September 4, 4 – 5:45 p.m., Program Room

This is a welcoming community for anyone interested in crafts such as knitting, crocheting, weaving and more. Learn new skills, share your projects and connect with fellow crafters. This program is for adults 18+.

Tiny Tot Jamboree

Fridays, September 5, 12, 19, & 26, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Children’s Activity Room

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

Itty Bitty Jamboree

Fridays, September 5, 12, 19, & 26, 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!

Kids Keva Club (Ages 5+)

Friday, September 5, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Children’s Activity Room

Create structures, sculptures, and ball-runs out of wooden planks. Practice your artistic and architectural skills without tools, glue, nails, or tape - just planks!

Bilingual Family Storytime for All Ages

Saturdays, September 6, 13, 20, & 27, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m., Children’s Activity Room

Stories, music, movement, and more! Storytimes are bilingual (Spanish/English). ¡Cuentos, música, movimiento y más! Las horas de cuentos son bilingües (español/inglés).

ESL Conversation Club

Saturday, September 6, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Program Room

Practice your English conversation skills with friends. This is for adults 18+ who speak basic English. No registration required.

Zumba

Mondays, September 8 & 22, 6 – 7 p.m., Program Room

This Latin-inspired, easy-to-follow, fitness dance party exhilarates your senses and works all major muscle groups in a high-energy cardio blast.

Kids LEGO Club

Wednesdays, September 10 & 24, 1 – 2:30 p.m., Children’s Activity Room

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

Safe Space for LGBTQ+ Teens and Young Adults (ages 13-25)

Fridays, September 12, 19, & 26, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Community Room

Our staff-led meetings offer a safe space for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning and ally (LGBTQ+) youth to play games, participate in group activities and discussions, and build community. No registration necessary.

Library Ukulele Society

Tuesday, September 16, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m., Program Room

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

Movie Night

Wednesday, September 17, 6 – 8:45 p.m., Program Room

Enjoy a screening of West Side Story (Rated PG).

Latinx Rock from the 1950s-80s

Saturday, September 20, 2 – 3:30 p.m.

Rock historian and author Richie Unterberger presents "La Bamba: Latinx in Vintage Rock, Pop, and Soul," a dynamic program featuring and discussing film clips of Latinx performers from the 1950s through the 1980s.

Start Smart: Driving Smart to Stay Safe for Teens

Wednesday, September 24, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m., Program Room

This program is aimed at helping newly licensed- or soon to be licensed- teenage drivers (15-19) become more aware of the responsibilities that accompany the privilege of being a licensed California driver.

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

Friday, September 26, 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.

Pawsitive Learning: Feline Education

Saturday, September 27, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Program Room

This program is perfect for all ages and focuses on teaching responsible pet ownership, animal safety, and fostering compassion for cats and other animals.

SARATOGA -- 13650 Saratoga Avenue

Family Storytime

Tuesdays, September 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Maple Room

Saturdays, September 6, 13, 20, & 27, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room

Join us for stories, rhymes, and songs.

Band Jam: Guitar and Ukulele

Tuesdays, September 2, 9, & 16, 11:15 a.m. – 12 p.m., Community Room

Join us for singing and strumming to popular songs in a fun, easy-going environment.

Sci-Fi & Fantasy Book Club

Tuesdays, September 2, 7 – 8 p.m., Maple Room

We will discuss [*Childhood's End*](#) by Arthur C. Clarke. Register and pick up a copy of the book at the adult reference desk.

Knit & Crochet Circle

Wednesday, September 3, 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.

Drop-in Tech Help

Thursdays, September 4, 11, 18, & 25, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Oak Room

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

Spanish Storytime

Thursdays, September 4 & 25, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Orchard Room

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

Baby Storytime (12 months or younger)

Fridays, September 5, 12, 19, & 26, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room

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

Mystery Book Club

Monday, September 8, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard Room

We will discuss [*Pony Confidential*](#) by Christina Lynch. Drop by the Adult Reference Desk to sign up and pick up a copy of the book.

Fruit Tree Care

Saturday, September 13, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Outside orchard; Meet in front of the library

In this class you will learn about pruning, soil care and sowing of winter cover crops to aid in soil tilth, fertility and structure and how to assess vitality of trees nearing dormancy.

Retro Roadshow: Mario Through the Ages

Saturday, September 13, 2 – 5 p.m.

Delve into an interactive presentation tracing the evolution of video game art and science through the lens of Nintendo’s iconic “Mario” character. Then explore a range of classic video game consoles featuring nearly five decades of Mario-centric games.

Board Game Night for Adults

Monday, September 15, 6 – 8 p.m., Maple Room

We will have a variety of board games to choose from.

Travel Program: Italy’s Lakes and Mountains

Tuesday, September 16, 7:15 – 8:30 p.m., Community Room

Enjoy Lakes Garda, Iseo, Ledro and Como, and some very scenic walks along the rocky cliffs bordering those lakes.

LEGOs

Wednesday, September 17, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

Kids 5+ can stop by to build LEGOs. For kiddos under 5, we have Duplos.

Teatime Book Chatter

Thursday, September 18, 1 – 2 p.m.

In honor of National Hispanic Heritage Month, we will be discussing [*The House on Mango Street*](#) by Sandra Cisneros. Stop by the Adult Reference Desk to register and pick up a copy of the book.

Spanish Storytime

Thursday, September 25, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Orchard Room

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

Our Wild Neighbors: Learn About Local Urban Wildlife

Sunday, September 28, 1 – 2 p.m., Community Room

Join the Silicon Valley Wildlife Group to discover the hidden wildlife of Silicon Valley and learn about living alongside local animals.

Dungeons & Dragons Paint Party

Sunday, September 28, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m., Community Room

Bring your own miniature or choose a model from our selection, then paint it with us!

Building a Strong Financial Future: Strategies for Age 45 to Retirement

Tuesday, September 30, 7 – 7:45 p.m., Maple Room

This talk will cover retirement saving needs, asset allocation strategies, and challenges that people may encounter as they try to build a nest egg. Please register.

SERVICES & SUPPORT CENTER – 1370 Dell Avenue, Campbell

JPA Board Meeting

Thursday, September 4, 12 – 1 p.m., Campbell Conference Room

The Santa Clara County Joint Powers Authority (JPA) Board meets minimally four times each year. Find information about meetings and agendas at <https://scclid.org/jpa/>

WOODLAND – 1975 Grant Road

Monday Meditation and Mindfulness

Mondays, September 8, 15, 22, & 29, 7 – 7:30 p.m.

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

Book Discussion for Adults

Tuesday, September 9, 2 – 3:15 p.m.

Email lpasternack@sccl.org to join the monthly email reminders.

ONLINE EVENTS (Please register online)

Virtual Author Talk: Hannah Nicole Maehrer

Wednesday, September 3, 4 – 5 p.m.

Join us for a conversation with New York Times bestselling author [Hannah Nicole Maehrer](#), about her highly anticipated new book, [Accomplice to a Villain](#).

Online English Conversation Club

Thursdays, September 4, 11, 18, & 25, 11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Meet new friends and practice English together.

Virtual Author Talk: Jefferson Fisher

Wednesday, September 10, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Communication expert [Jefferson Fisher](#) will share insights from his book [The Next Conversation: Argue Less, Talk More](#), designed to help you communicate with clarity, confidence, and connection.

Virtual Author Talk: Gabe Henry

Wednesday, September 17, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Join author [Gabe Henry](#) on a witty dive into the wild history of the English language in the book [Enough is Enuf](#). Henry tracks efforts across the centuries by reformers and rule-breakers who sought to simplify our language.



City of Gilroy Library Commission

STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item Title: Gilroy Library Report
Meeting Date: September 10, 2025
From: Harjot Sangha, Finance Director (Staff Liaison)
Department: Finance
Submitted by: Harjot Sangha, Finance Director (Staff Liaison)
Prepared by: Harjot Sangha, Finance Director (Staff Liaison)

RECOMMENDATION

1. Receive report from the Gilroy Library staff on July and August 2025 programming and statistics.

Attachments:

1. Gilroy Library Report – Covering July and August 2025 Information

GILROY LIBRARY

Commission Report | September 2025



JULY & AUGUST NUMBERS COMBINED

Physical Checkouts: 79,581
New Library Cards: 664
Visitors: 40,399 (5,801 more than in 2024)
Passport Appointments: 345

SJ MERCURY NEWS FRONT PAGE

“In the South Bay, a remodeled Gilroy Library is in the midst of an especially big resurgence” “Gilroy saw a 20% increase in library visits in July compared to the same month in 2024.”



STAFF NEWS

8/11 Newly promoted Librarian Juan Guzman was presented the Library’s Employee Excellence Award by the Board of Supervisors.

SUMMER READING SUCCESS

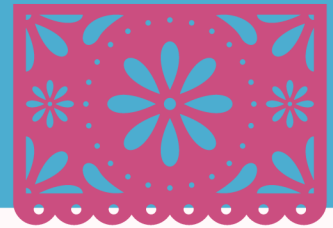
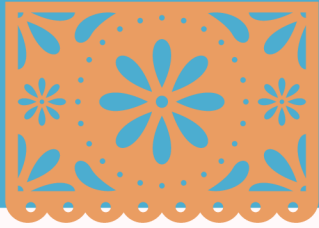
This summer 1,922 people of all ages signed up for Summer Reading and logged 4,760 books read.

PROGRAM STATISTICS

July	August
Children 30 (1,968 attended)	Children 17 (1,167 attended)
Teen 6 (82 attended)	Teen 4 (37 attended)
Adult 29 (413 attended)	Adult 23 (241 attended)
Outreach 6 (275 people)	Outreach 6 (1,328 people)



HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH SPECIAL EVENTS



- 9/12-10/24 Spanish Entrepreneurship Classes
- 9/27 Tin Box Nichos for teens & adults
- 9/30 ABC's of Lowriding with Author Ricardo Cortez & Mini Mural Art Workshop for Kids
- 9/30 & 10/3 Book Discussion: Anita de Montes Laughs Last
- 10/4 ¡Celebración at the Library! with Singer & Guitarist Diana Gameros
- 10/11 Ofrenda Crafts for Kids
- 10/15 Themed Playdoh Playtime for kids



UPCOMING EVENTS

Baby Bounce Storytime series - Fridays at 10:30am till 10/24

Intro to Phone-Tography for Teens & Young Adults
Saturdays in September at 10am Presented by our SCYTF partners and local photographer Victoria Tamayo.

Music Lab: Physics with DIY Instruments for Gr. 3-5
Sundays in September at 2pm Funded by Rotary grant

Emergency Preparedness for ages 8-11
Sep 9, 23, 27 Brought to us by our partner the City of Gilroy

Teen Unity through Arts & Crafts (Sep 10 & 24 at 4pm)
Presented by our SCYTF partners New Hope for Youth

Arabic Belly Dance Performance 9/13 at 12pm

Turn! Turn! Turn! Folk-Rock History 9/20 at 11am

Magic Hour: Sensory-Friendly Library Playtime
9/23 New Monthly before-hours program by registration only

9/24 **Book Clubs** for Grades 2-3 / 4-5

FREE LIVE MUSIC PERFORMANCE
SINGER - GUITARIST
DIANA GAMEROS

SATURDAY
OCTOBER 4
AT 2PM



4TH TUESDAY OF THE MONTH
EL 4 MARTES DEL MES

MAGIC HOUR
A SENSORY-FRIENDLY LIBRARY PLAYTIME
TIEMPO DE JUEGO SENSORIAL AMIGABLE

Specially adapted for children with autism, sensory processing challenges, or who struggle in large groups.

SEPTEMBER 24
24 DE SEPTIEMBRE
10:30-11:30AM