



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



WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2023 | 7:00 PM

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

Chair: Victoria Coverson-Baxter

Vice Chair: Saeid Nooshabadi

Commissioners:, Gabriela Kim, Sumana Reddy,

Staff Liaison: Harjot Sangha, Finance Director and Adam Henig, Recreation Manager



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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. April 12, 2023
5. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**
6. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - 6.1. Library Commission Recommended Workplan for FY24 and FY25
7. **LIBRARY REPORTS**
 - 7.1. **Santa Clara County Library Report for May 2023 (report attached)**
 1. Staff Report: Adam Henig, Recreation Manager
 2. Public Comment
 3. Possible Action: Receive and comment on County Library Report.
 - 7.2. **Gilroy Library Report**
 1. Staff Report: Adam Henig, Recreation Manager
 2. Public Comment
 3. Possible Action: Receive and comment on Gilroy Library Report.
8. **COMMISSION COMMENTS**
9. **STAFF COMMENTS**
10. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**
11. **ADJOURNMENT**

City of Gilroy
Library Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 12, 2023 | 7:00 PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Attendance	Attendee Name
Present	Victoria Coverson-Baxter, Chair Saied Nooshabadi, Vice Chair Sumana Reddy, Commissioner
Absent	Gabriela Kim, Commissioner

3. **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

The Library Commission agenda was posted online and in the City Hall kiosk on April 7, 2023.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

4.1. **February 15, 2023**

RESULT: Pass

MOVER: Sumana Reddy, Commissioner

SECONDER Saeid Nooshabadi, Commissioner

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

ABSENT: Commissioner Kim

5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

RESULT: Pass

MOVER: Victoria Coverson-Baxter, Commissioner

SECONDER Sumana Reddy, Commissioner

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

ABSENT: Commissioner Kim

6. **INTRODUCTIONS**

None.

7. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

None.

8. LIBRARY REPORTS

8.1. Library Commission Fiscal Year 2024 and Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Requests

Henig reviewed the guidelines for the Commission's opportunity to provide input for the upcoming two-year budget cycle. The Commission motioned to recommend the following items:

- An annual ceremony to honor a Gilroy resident who has contributed to furthering the issues of social justice and inclusivity within the community. (\$4,000, \$2,000 per fiscal year).
- A commissioner to participate in the annual California Library Association conference in FY25 (\$2,500).

If they were to have to choose one, the Commission would prefer to have Council fund the ceremony.

RESULT:

MOVER: Victoria Coverson-Baxter, Commissioner

SECONDER Sumana Reddy, Commissioner

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

ABSENT: Commissioner Kim

8.2. Santa Clara County Library Report for March - April 2023 (report attached)

Santa Clara County Librarian Jennifer Weeks reported the following: April is National Poetry Month; a financial literacy workshop that focuses on avoiding scammers; and a joint powers meeting.

8.3. Gilroy Library Report

Gilroy Children's librarian Marissa Jacobo reviewed her report and cited the following: Gilroy's library circulation numbers (i.e., how many borrowers there were in 2023 and total number of circulation items).

She also discussed programs that occurred in March and April. Commissioner Nooshabadi asked how the Library tallies the numbers for events. Jacobo explained it's usually counted by hand. She discussed upcoming events such as the "Driving Smart" class and "Gearing up for Pet Chickens." There was also a question about computer classes, which the Library currently provides.

9. COMMISSION COMMENTS

Reddy inquired if there could be an item added for a future meeting about offering academic-focused programs, such as recruiting a scholar to discuss an issue of the day. She recommended reaching out to community members to serve as instructors. Chair Baxter thought it was a great idea and requested that it be added to a future agenda. The Library would be supportive of it. Henig will add it to the next meeting's agenda.

10. STAFF COMMENTS – none

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

AH
Adam Henig, Recreation Division
Recording Secretary



City of Gilroy

Library Commission

STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item Title: Library Commission Recommended Workplan for FY24 and FY25

Meeting Date: May 24, 2023

From: Adam Henig, Recreation Manager

RECOMMENDATION

Motion to adopt Library Commission Workplan for Fiscal Years 2024 and 2025.

BACKGROUND

The Library Commission is established pursuant to the City of Gilroy Charter Section 908. The commission acts as an advisory body to the Council and the City Administrator in all matters pertaining to public libraries located in or serving Gilroy, including the Santa Clara County Library System's Gilroy branch; provide a public forum for community concerning library services, and make recommendations to City Administrator and City Council on the uses of any monies, donations designated for the library, amongst other liaison type activities.

Cities' boards and commission typically formulate and recommend a commission workplan to the City Council on an annual or biennial basis which aligns with its purpose, powers, and duties. Historically, the Library Commission has not formulated a workplan beyond its sheer purpose established in the Charter. It is recommended that the commission formally establish and recommend a workplan for the next two fiscal years (FY24 and FY25). The commission will report annually on our its activities and updates on the workplans to the City Council.

ANALYSIS

Staff have identified the following workplan items that align with the existing initiatives and one additional specific workplan item regarding capital project review and recommendation to City Council in connection with the existing bond proceeds.

1. Review and provide feedback to the Santa Clara County Library System regarding library services and programs offered at the Gilroy location.

2. Participate in the annual California Library Association conference to learn about the latest trends in the public library systems and network with other library commissioners/boards for ideas.
3. Promote the commission's purpose and library system to increase interest among prospective applicants to serve as commissioners.
4. Provide recommendations to City Administrator and the City Council regarding potential capital improvement to the City's library facility based on the needs identified by the Santa Clara County Library staff and the Gilroy community, to be funded by the remaining library bond proceeds.



City of Gilroy Library Commission

STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item Title: Santa Clara County Library Report for May 2023 (report attached)
Meeting Date: May 24, 2023
From: Adam Henig, Recreation Manager

RECOMMENDATION

Receive and comment on County Library Report.

BACKGROUND

The County Librarian will present the Santa Clara County Library District Stakeholders Reports from May.

Attachments:

1. SCCLD Stakeholder Report, May 2023

May 2023
Library Stakeholder Report
Jennifer Weeks, County Librarian

Summer Reading is Taking Off

Temperatures are rising and our love for literature is heating up. This year's Summer Reading program's theme is [Find Your Voice](#). We want to help you discover new worlds and ideas through books this summer. Lasting from June 1 to July 31, Summer Reading offers both a reading challenge and a variety of fun and free in-person programs and activities for all ages and interests.



To take part, all you need to do is register starting May 1 on [Beanstack](#). Those who read 5 books (Audiobooks count!) and complete one activity between June 1 and July 31 will earn badges for logging their progress. Readers will be able to pick up a reward at their local library during the month of August, while supplies last. Keep an eye on our website for blogs around Summer Reading, which will include booklists and event highlights.



Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month

Santa Clara County and the Bay Area is made up of individuals from a large number of backgrounds, including many people of Asian and Pacific Island heritage. May is a time to celebrate the many accomplishments of members of the AAPI community, as well as reflect on the centuries-long history of Asian American and Pacific Island communities locally.

Our libraries will be marking [Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month](#) with a number of free [events](#), as well as displays at several of our libraries. Saratoga Library has an art exhibition with 50 pieces by high school students in their Group Study Room. Check out our [blog post](#) about the month, which includes booklists for [children](#), [teens](#) and [adults](#). Our Calendar of Events has a longer, more detailed list, and here are some of the highlights. Please note, many events require registration.

[AAPI Book Scavenger Hunt](#) (Cupertino), [Behind Barbed Wire in the U.S. During WWII](#) (Morgan Hill)
Anime Workshop for teens ([Cupertino](#), [Milpitas](#), [Morgan Hill](#)), [Japanese Martial Arts Demo](#) (Saratoga)
Performances by [Rhythms of India](#) (Saratoga), [Nissishin Daiko taiko](#) (Morgan Hill), [Hula group](#) (Saratoga)
[Suminagashi Japanese art craft](#) and [Craft for Kids](#) (Cupertino), [Ikebana flower arrangement](#) (Saratoga)
[Guzheng classical Chinese instrument](#) performance (Saratoga), [Mandarin Family Storytime](#) (Cupertino)

Graduation Day, Job Market

High school and college students are celebrating their well-earned diplomas this month after years of studying. New graduates may be continuing their educations, or perhaps they are ready to enter the workforce. Libraries can help them learn more about what opportunities are available, as well as help train them on the skillsets they will need.

SCCLD's 24/7 Online Library has a [Careers & Job Skill page](#), which offers resources like Brainfuse's JobNow online tutoring and career assistance, LearningExpress Library with tools including job search engines, interview tips and occupational practice tests, as well as multiple ways to learn new skills. We also offer LinkedIn Learning with over 14,000 online classes in seven different languages to gain new skills.



Mental Health Awareness Month

Greater attention is being paid to the importance of addressing mental health concerns and finding help for those who need it, especially when they are in crisis. A new phone number (988) has been set up nationwide, which routes callers quickly to trained local mental health professionals who can help.

The County's [Department of Behavioral Health](#) is the lead local public agency in providing suicide prevention and other crisis intervention services. They can make referrals to providers around mental health and drug addiction issues. They offer assistance 24/7, including holidays, with translation offered.

While the first priority is always to focus on those who most need help, all of us should think about our mental health the same way we think about our physical well-being. May is [Mental Health Awareness Month](#), the perfect time to consider small or big changes to our lifestyle and activities to try to improve our mood and reduce stress. The Library has many resources that can help with your voyage toward self-improvement.

[Headspace](#) is a great way to practice meditation and mindfulness, which can help you reduce stress and improve your sleep, which are essential to healthy living.

Find health libraries by [StayWell](#) and [PlaneTree](#) in our 24/7 Online Library's "[Health & Wellness](#)" section, as well as [MedlinePlus](#), which features health information from the National Institutes of Health.

You can also find many books, eBooks and Audiobooks on mental health topic in our [catalog](#).

Introducing: The Palace Project

A new app called the [Palace Project](#) offers free access to digital titles for all ages and abilities, including content not available elsewhere. The Palace Project is a nonprofit, library-centered platform that supports the mission of public libraries by increasing access to digital content. Enjoy thousands of free eBooks, audiobooks, and more from your preferred device.

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Campbell Library Renovation Update

An additional \$4.7 million in funding for the Campbell Library renovation project has been obtained from the California State Library's Building Forward Grant Program. The money will be used to add sustainability features to the project, and to address escalated constructions costs following the COVID-19 pandemic.

These key projects of the library renovation and new police headquarters are expected to go out to bid this month, with construction starting in late summer. The library project modifications will take approximately 20 months. In the interim, the Campbell Express Library at the Campbell Community Center will continue to provide core services and share the most popular materials with the greater Campbell community.

Memorial Day

As a reminder, all SCCLD locations will be closed and in-person services unavailable on Monday, May 29 in recognition of Memorial Day. Our [online library](#) is open and available 24/7.

And don't forget Mother's Day on Sunday, May 14!

SANTA CLARA COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT MAY 2023 EVENTS

* All libraries will be closed and services unavailable
on Monday, May 29 for Memorial Day*

CAMPBELL EXPRESS LIBRARY – 1 West Campbell Avenue, Room 46

Baby Storytime (For ages 0-12 months)

Monday, May 1 & 8, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Room Q84 (May 1) and Orchard City Banquet Hall (May 8)

Join us for stories, songs, and more! Please bring a blanket or towel to sit on. No registration required.

ESL Conversation Club

Tuesdays, May 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m., Room M-50

Practice your English conversation skills with friends. This program is for adults who speak basic English. Please register online.

Indoor Storytime for Kids 0-5

Wednesdays, May 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard City Banquet Hall

Join us for stories, songs, and more! Please bring a blanket or towel to sit on. No registration required.

Silicon Valley Advanced Water Purification Discussion

Tuesday, May 23, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m., Room M50

Join us for a discussion about water purification. No registration necessary.

CUPERTINO -- 10800 Torre Avenue

AAPI Book Scavenger Hunt

Monday, May 1 – Sunday, May 7

Kids ages 5+ are invited to a scavenger hunt featuring books with Asian American and Pacific Islander characters, uncover the secret word and win a small prize.

Storytime for Babies (ages 0-1)

Mondays, May 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Room 101A

This storytime features stories and songs that encourage the development of early literacy skills. Storytime is limited to the first 25 babies with a maximum of 2 adults per family.

Homework Help for K-9th Grade

Monday-Thursday through May 25, 3:30 – 5 p.m.

Academic coaches from the Bay Area Tutoring Association can provide help in English, history, math and science. No registration required. Walk-ins welcome as space allows.

Toddler Storytime at Cupertino Library

Tuesdays, May 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Room 101

This storytime is suitable for kids ages 1-2 years old, and will feature stories, songs, rhymes and dances that encourage the development of early literacy skills. Limited to the first 100 families.

ESL Conversation Club

Tuesdays, May 2, 9, 16, & 23, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Room 201A, Second Floor

Practice your English conversation skills with friends. This program is for adults who speak basic English. Please register online.

Family Storytime

Wednesdays, May 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, 7 – 7:30 p.m., Room 101

Saturdays, May 6, 13, 20, & 27, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Room 101

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

Preschool Storytime

Thursdays, May 4, 11, 18, & 25, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Room 101

This storytime is suitable for kids ages 3-5 years old, and will feature stories, songs, rhymes and dances that encourage the development of early literacy skills. Limited to the first 100 families.

Teen Anime Drawing Workshop

Thursday, May 4, 4 – 5:15 p.m., Room 201

Learn how to create and modify an anime character from scratch, no matter what your drawing level is. Online registration is required. This event is for teens ages 12-18.

Knit-Alongs at Cupertino Library

Fridays, May 5, 12, 19, & 26, 2:30 – 4 p.m., Room 201B, Second Floor

All knitters and crocheters are welcome to drop in. Meet new friends, start new projects, or finish old ones. Participants need to bring their own needles and/or crochet hooks and yarn. No personal instruction will be provided.

Chinese Book Discussion

Thursday, May 11, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Room 201A

We will discuss [犁過亡者的骨骸](#) *Lǐ guo wang zhe di qu hai* ([Drive Your Plow Over the Bones of the Dead](#)) by Olga Tokarczuk. This discussion will be held in Mandarin.

CreateCU: Learn Suminagashi

Friday, May 12, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Room 201

Spend the evening learning the art of Suminagashi, a Japanese paper marbling technique. All materials will be provided. This event is for adults 18+. Please register online.

Cherry Blossom Art

Wednesday, May 17, 4 – 5 p.m.

Join us for this Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month activity. This craft is for kids in grades 5-8. Registration is not required but space is limited.

LEGO Club

Thursday, May 18, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Join us for on the third Thursday of the month for creative play. We have the bricks, you bring the imagination! This event is for K-Grade 8 patrons. Please leave your LEGOs at home.

Adult Book Discussion

Thursday, May 18, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Room 201

We will be discussing [Black Cake](#) by Charmaine Wilkerson.

AARP Smart Driver TEK Workshop

Monday, May 22, 6 – 8 p.m., Room 201

This workshop will show you the latest high-tech safety features in your car, including blind spot warnings, forward collision warnings, smart headlights and more. Please register.

Changemakers Book Club

Wednesday, May 24, 4 – 5 p.m., Room 201

This book club is for children in grades 1-3 only. We will be discussing the book, [Jasmine Toquchi, Mochi Queen](#).

AAPI Craft for Kids

Thursday, May 25, 4 – 5 p.m.

Kids ages 5+ and their parents are invited to a fun Asian American/Pacific Islander Heritage Month craft.

Let's Dye with Peopleologie

Friday, May 26, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Room 201

Learn the Japanese art of Shibori fabric dyeing. Online registration required.

Mandarin Family Storytime

Friday, May 26, 7 – 7:30 p.m.

Kids ages 0-5 are invited to join us for Mandarin Storytime.

Intro to Basket Weaving

Wednesday, May 31, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

We will create a simple weave, 6" x 4" basket with raffia. No experience needed. All materials will be included. Please register online.

GILROY -- 350 W. Sixth Street**Snack Break for Kids**

Mondays-Fridays through May, 3 – 4 p.m., Pick up near Accounts Desk

Kids ages 18 and under are welcomed to pick up an afterschool snack, while supplies last.

No registration necessary. Snacks not offered on holidays or during school breaks.

Homework Help for K-9th Grade

Monday-Thursday through May 25, 3:30 – 5 p.m.

Academic coaches from the Bay Area Tutoring Association can provide help in English, history, math and science on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. A peer tutor will be available Tuesdays from 4 – 5 p.m. No registration required. Walk-ins welcome as space allows.

Teen Anime Drawing Workshop

Wednesday, May 3, 7 – 8:15 p.m., Community Room

Learn how to create and modify an anime character from scratch, no matter what your drawing level is. Online registration is required. This event is for teens ages 12-18.

Family Storytime at Gilroy Library

Thursdays, May 4, 11, 18, & 25, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Ground Floor Children's Activity Room

Join us for stories, songs and more.

Knitting and Crochet Weekly Meetup

Thursdays, May 4, 11, 18, & 25, 1 – 4 p.m., Upstairs Quiet Study B

Join us for an informal weekly drop-in knitting and crochet circle. Bring your projects, ask questions, get help, share ideas and meet new people!

Book Discussion

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

We will discuss [*The Soul of an Octopus*](#) by Sy Montgomery. Please register.

Baby Storytime

Fridays, May 5, 12, 19, & 26, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room

Adults and babies (ages 0-12 months) will laugh and learn together in this program designed to encourage the development of early literacy skills.

Safe Space Meeting for LGBTQ+ Youth

Fridays, May 5 & 19, 4 – 6 p.m., First Floor Meeting Room

This in-person support group is for youth and young adults (ages 13-25). Play games, participate in group activities and discussions and build community. No registration necessary.

Cooking Demo and Tasting

Saturday, May 6, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Community Room

Adults and teens are invited to a free cooking demonstration and tasting. Learn how to make Sundried Tomato Pesto. Please register online.

The MEHKO Ordinance (en español)

Wednesday, May 17, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Community Room

¿Estás pensando en crear una pequeña empresa o vender comida casera? Un representante del Departamento de Salud Ambiental presentará información sobre la ordenanza de Operaciones de Cocinas en el Hogar de Microempresas (MEHKO). Seguido de preguntas y respuestas. Regístrese para recibir un recordatorio por correo electrónico. Personas sin reservaciones bienvenidos.

Age Well, Drive Smart: Senior Driver Education Class

Thursday, May 11, 12:30 – 2 p.m., Community Room

Presented by the California Highway Patrol, this program was designed to help drivers over the age of 65 to continue to drive safely. Topics include aging and its effects on safe driving, maintaining good physical health, self-assessment and more.

Learn How Bees Operate Within the Hive

Saturday, May 13, 2 – 3 p.m., Community Room

Members of the Gilroy Beekeepers Association will be presenting about how bees operate within a hive and the role of bees in nature. Please register to save your spot. Walk-ins welcome as space allows.

Open Poetry Readings with Garlicky Group of Poets

Saturday, May 13, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Downstairs Meeting Room

Read whatever poetry you want to read and join in related discussions. No registration necessary.

Book Discussion

Sunday, May 21, 3 – 4:30 p.m., Outside Courtyard

Local food advocate Peter Ruddock will lead a discussion of the book [*The Way We Eat Now*](#) by Bee Wilson. Please register.

LOS ALTOS -- 13 S. San Antonio Road

Homework Help for K-9th Grade

Monday-Thursday through May 25, 3:30 – 5 p.m.

Academic coaches from the Bay Area Tutoring Association can provide help in English, history, math and science. No registration required. Walk-ins welcome as space allows.

Bobbin Wranglers Sewing Club

Monday, May 1, 7 – 9 p.m.

Every month we will learn new skills and create a simple project from start to finish. Please bring your own supplies. Each month we will discuss what will be needed for the next project.

Special Performance: Puppet Art Theater

Tuesday, May 2, 11 – 11:45 a.m., Orchard Room

Join us for a special performance by the Puppet Art Theater for an adaptation of the classic story, The Three Little Pigs. Due to limited space, free tickets will be handed out 30 minutes prior to the show. Tickets are first come, first served.

The Whodunit? Mystery Book Club

Wednesday, May 3, 10:15 – 11:30 a.m., Teen Room

We will be discussing [*The Gauquin Connection*](#) by Estelle Ryan.

World Affairs: Where Big Tech Went Wrong & How We Can Reboot to Help Democratic Institutions

Wednesday, May 3, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

Stanford professors Rob Reich and Jeremy Weinstein will discuss how democracies can govern and regulate technology rather than passively allowing technology to govern us.

Teen Anime Drawing Workshop

Thursday, May 4, 7 – 8:15 p.m.

Learn how to create and modify an anime character from scratch, no matter what your drawing level is. Online registration is required. This event is for teens ages 12-18.

Bilingual Spanish Storytime

Fridays, May 5, 12, 19, & 26, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard Room

Join us for stories, songs, and movement in Spanish and English. ¡Únase a nosotros para escuchar cuentos, canciones y movimiento en español e inglés!

California Native Plant Society

Friday, May 5, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Join us for a talk about integrated pest management.

Baby Sign Time

Saturday, May 6, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard Room

Babies under a year old and their grownups are welcome to sing songs and learn signs to share with your baby. Please bring a blanket for your baby.

Stay and Play

Saturday, May 6, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Orchard Room

Non-walking babies and their grownups are invited to play with age-appropriate toys. Bring a blanket and come enjoy this socialization for babies.

Spring Early Literacy Series: Cascada de Flores

Tuesday, May 9, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Orchard Room

Join us for a bilingual, participatory story told with music and dance. Cascada de Flores will be performing *The Treasure of Aquiles*. Due to limited space, free tickets will be handed out 30 minutes prior to the performance. Tickets are first come, first served.

Dark Matter: Our Universe's Worst-Kept Secret

Thursday, May 11, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Let's explore past, present and future techniques for unraveling the mystery of dark matter.

Get Ready for Kindergarten: Laugh and Learn Series

Saturday, May 13, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Orchard Room

Sunday, May 28, 1 – 2 p.m., Orchard Room

Through stories, movement and joyful play, children will develop valuable school readiness skills.

Spring Early Literacy Series: MaryLee Sunseri

Tuesday, May 16, 11 – 11:45 a.m., Orchard Room

Join us a special performance with MaryLee Sunseri, known for traditional and original music for babies and toddlers and their caregivers. Due to limited space, free tickets will be handed out 30 minutes prior to the performance. Tickets are first come, first served.

Book Bugs Club for 2nd and 3rd Graders

Tuesday, May 16, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

We will discuss [*The Adventures of Henry Whiskers*](#) by Gigi Priebe. We will then make a fun craft. Register in person.

The MEHKO Ordinance

Wednesday, May 17, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Learn about the Microenterprise Home Kitchen Operations program that authorizes residents to prepare, cook, and sell food from their private home kitchen. Register online. Walk-ins welcome, as space allows.

Page Turners Book Club for Grades 4-6

Thursday, May 18, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

We are discussing [*When You Reach Me*](#) by Rebecca Stead. We will discuss the book then play a modified version of the game show \$20,000 Pyramid. Please register then stop by the Children's Reference Desk to check out a copy of the book.

Bay Area Games Day

Saturday, May 20, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m., Orchard Room

Stop by and learn how to play a new board game or bring an old favorite.

Spring Early Literacy Series: Little Folkies

Tuesday, May 23, 11 – 11:45 a.m., Orchard Room

Join us a special performance with Little Folkies, known for their family folk music. Due to limited space, free tickets will be handed out 30 minutes prior to the performance. Tickets are first come, first served.

Book Talk for Kids

Wednesday, May 24, 4 – 5 p.m.

Kids in grades 4-8 are invited to bring a favorite book and share the title with others. Get recommendations about some new reads also. Please register online.

Wednesday Travel Nights: Springtime in Japan

Wednesday, May 24, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard Room

Take a journey through Honshu and Hokkaido, stopping at the most iconic sites to view cherry blossoms.

Furry Friends Reading Buddies

Saturday, May 27, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Come practice reading skills and read aloud to a friendly dog or cat. Please register.

Spring Early Literacy Series: Sean's Music Factory

Tuesday, May 30, 11 – 11:45 a.m., Orchard Room

Join us a special performance with singer/songwriter Sean Mendelson. Get ready for a unique, high energy, interactive show! Due to limited space, free tickets will be handed out 30 minutes prior to the performance. Tickets are first come, first served.

MILPITAS -- 160 N. Main Street**STEM Building with LEGO**

Mondays, May 1, 8, 15, & 22, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Activity Room

Kids in grades K-8 are invited to drop by and have fun building with LEGOs. No registration needed.

Homework Help for K-9th Grade

Monday-Thursday through May 25, 3:45 – 5 p.m.

Academic coaches from the Bay Area Tutoring Association can provide help in English, history, math and science. No registration required. Walk-ins welcome as space allows.

Baby Bouncers Lapsit

Tuesdays, May 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 11:30 – 11:45 a.m., Activity Room

This program has an early literacy focus on traditional nursery rhymes, lap bounces, body rhymes, songs, very short and simple picture books.

Teen Anime Drawing Workshop

Tuesday, May 2, 4 – 5:15 p.m., Auditorium

Learn how to create and modify an anime character from scratch, no matter what your drawing level is. Online registration is required. This event is for teens ages 12-18.

Fun with Art Presented by First5 Santa Clara County

Wednesday, May 3, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Activity Room

This program is geared toward children ages 2-5 and their caregivers. Come make some art with us and learn about available resources at the resource center.

Qi Gong Meditation & Exercise Classes

Wednesdays, May 3, 10, 17, & 24, 2 – 4 p.m., Auditorium

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

ESL Conversation Club

Wednesdays, May 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, 3 – 4 p.m., Group Study Room A

Practice your English conversation skills with friends. This program is for adults who speak basic English.

Toddler Storytime

Thursdays, May 4, 11, 18, & 25, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Activity Room

This storytime is geared to 1-2 year olds, and features lots of movement, singing and action.

Crafts Around the Galaxy

Thursday, May 4, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Auditorium

In celebration of Star Wars Day, play games and make Star Wars inspired crafts. Wear your best costume for a chance to win a prize.

Knit & Crochet Circle

Fridays, May 5, 12, 19, & 26, 2 – 4 p.m., Conference Room

Meet other yarn lovers while working on your latest project, get help when you're stuck and share ideas. Instruction available in English, Hindi, Punjabi and Gujarati. No registration required. Materials not provided.

Milpitas LGBTQ Social Space

Friday, May 5, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m., Conference Room

Enjoy good company, snacks, and fun as we socialize and make new friends. We'll play board games, card games or swing by for a good discussion.

Family Storytime

Saturdays, May 6, 13, 20, & 27, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Activity Room

Early literacy focus is on picture books, flannel board stories, fingerplays and an early introduction to group dynamics and socialization.

Punch Needle Embroidery for Teens

Saturday, May 13, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Conference Room

We'll learn the technique of punch needle embroidery with kits that you can take home. Registration recommended. This craft is for kids ages 12-18.

Milpitas Library Book Discussion Group

Wednesday, May 24, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m., Auditorium

We will be discussing [*Silas Marner*](#) by George Eliot.

The Peaceful Poets

Thursday, May 25, 5:30 – 8 p.m., Conference Room

Join this group of writers and appreciators of poetry.

Reading Buddies for Grades K-5

Saturday, May 27, 2 – 3 p.m., Activity Room

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

MORGAN HILL -- 660 W. Main Avenue**Snack Break**

Mondays-Thursdays, 3 – 4 p.m.

Free afterschool snacks available for kids ages 0-18, while supplies last. No registration necessary. Snacks not available during school breaks and holidays.

Homework Help for K-9 Grade

Mondays and Wednesdays, through May 24, 3:30 – 5 p.m.

Get help in English, history, math and science. No registration required. Walk-ins welcome.

Introduction to Chinese Calligraphy for Children

Monday, May 1, 4 – 5 p.m.

Learn the basics of traditional Chinese calligraphy including holding a brush and writing. This event is for children ages 6-14. Please register online.

LEGO Club

Tuesdays, May 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 3 – 4 p.m.

Use LEGOs to build whatever you want, or based on our weekly theme. Creations will be displayed until our next meeting. LEGOs available for ages 2+. No registration required.

First Tuesday Knit-In

Tuesday, May 2, 6:45 – 8:45 p.m., Community Room

New knitter can get advice and assistance, while advanced knitters can provide assistance and meet new friends in the community.

Teen Anime Drawing Workshop

Wednesday, May 3, 4 – 5:15 p.m., Program Room

Learn how to create and modify an anime character from scratch, no matter what your drawing level is. Online registration is required. This event is for teens ages 12-18.

After Dinner Book Club

Wednesday, May 3, 7:30 – 8:45 p.m., Small Program Room

We will be discussing [*Still Life*](#) by Louise Penny.

Family Storytime

Thursdays, May 4, 11, 18, & 25, 10:15 – 10:45 a.m., Children's Activity Room

Join us for stories, music, movement and more!

Tiny Tot Jamboree

Fridays, May 5, 12, 19, & 26, 11 – 11:45 a.m.

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

Itty Bitty Jamboree

Fridays, May 5, 12, 19, & 26, 11:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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

Bilingual Storytime

Saturdays, May 6, 13, 20, & 27, 10:15 – 10:45 a.m., Children's Activity Room

Join us for stories, music, movement and more in English and Spanish!

Behind Barbed Wire in the U.S. During World War II

Saturday, May 6, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Program Room

A local resident will share his family's experience during the 1940s when WWII started, as well as entering internment camps in the western United States.

Local Pollinator Talk

Sunday, May 7, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m., Program Room

Learn about the connection between pollinators and the food we eat.

Growing Lavender Successfully

Tuesday, May 9, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Program Room

Lavender adds beauty and fragrance to your landscape, as well as attract bees and other beneficial insects.

Mother's Day Craft for Teens

Wednesday, May 10, 3 – 5 p.m. and Saturday, May 13, 2 – 4 p.m., Program Room

Come and paint flower pots and select a plant for a unique gift. Supplies will be provided as they last.

Safe Space Meeting for LGBTQ+ Youth

Fridays, May 12 & 26, 4 – 5:30 p.m.

This in-person support group is for youth and young adults (ages 13-25). Play games, participate in group activities and discussions and build community. No registration necessary.

Nisseishin Daiko

Saturday, May 13, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Program Room

Stop by and enjoy a beautiful performance.

Zumba

Mondays, May 15 & 22, 6 – 7 p.m.

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

Library Ukulele Society

Tuesday, May 16, 5 – 7 p.m.

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

First Aid Training

Wednesday, May 17, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Program Room

Learn some first aid training, including what to do in case of a traumatic bleeding event.

Protecting Your Legacy: Preserving Your Heirlooms

Friday, May 19, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m., Program Room

Learn about the three points of action in caring for your artifacts. You're invited to bring in a piece of art, documents or photographs for assessment and referral.

Bringing History to Life

Saturday, May 20, 10 – 11 a.m., Program Room

Using data from the Morgan Hill Museum's collection and archives, you will see a compelling and educational exhibit right before your eyes. You may be encouraged to check out historical places in Morgan Hill.

History Makers: Film Screening & Discussion

Sunday, May 21, 1:30 – 3 p.m., Program Room

Join us for a screening of the documentary, History Makers. Special guests include Mike and Debbi Sanchez from GMH Today Magazine.

AAUW Discussion

Tuesday, May 23, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Program Room

The Morgan Hill AAUW will hold a follow-up discussion on the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women program that was hosted on January 25. No registration required.

Special Performance with Steve Lin

Saturday, May 27, 2 – 3 p.m., Program Room

Join us for a special musical performance with classical guitarist Steve Lin.

Great Decisions Discussion

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

Stop by to discuss, develop awareness, understanding and informed opinions of U.S. foreign policy and global issues.

SARATOGA -- 13650 Saratoga Avenue**Homework Help for K-9th Grade**

Monday-Thursday through May 25, 3:30 – 5 p.m.

Academic coaches from the Bay Area Tutoring Association can provide help in English, history, math and science. No registration required. Walk-ins welcome as space allows.

Mystery Book Club

Monday, May 1, 7 – 8 p.m., Community Room

We will discuss [*The Maid*](#) by Nita Prose. Drop by the Adult Reference Desk to sign up for the meeting and pick up a copy of the book.

Family Storytime

Tuesdays, May 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Orchard Room

Saturdays, May 6, 13, 20, & 27, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room

Join us for stories, rhymes, fingerplays and songs.

Knit & Crochet Circle

Wednesday, May 3, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Community Room

Join us for our first ever, monthly event. Bring your own projects, ask questions, receive or give help, share ideas, and meet new people.

Baby Storytime (12 months or younger)

Fridays, May 5, 12, 19, & 26, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Orchard Room

Join us for stories, rhymes, fingerplays and songs.

Rhythms of India Dance Program

Saturday, May 6, 1 – 4 p.m., Community Room

Enjoy four styles of India's rich tradition of classical dances. All are welcome.

The MEHKO Ordinance

Tuesday, May 9, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

Learn about the Microenterprise Home Kitchen Operations program that authorizes residents to prepare, cook, and sell food from their private home kitchen. Register online. Walk-ins welcome as space allows.

Craft Club for Adults

Thursday, May 11, 1 – 2 p.m., Community Room

We are making gemstone wire trees. All supplies will be provided. Please register online.

Bridge Drop-In Session

Fridays, May 12 and 26, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Practice playing Bridge in a friendly environment.

Taichi by the Orchard

Saturdays, May 13 and 20, 10 – 11 a.m., Community Room

Martial Artist Yang Li will teach the basic postures, breathing techniques and forms of taichi. Registration is required for each session.

LEGO Fun for Grades K-7

Wednesday, May 17, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

Apply your engineering skills and imagination to build with LEGOs. No registration required, first come, first served.

Teatime Book Chatter

Thursday, May 18, 1 – 2 p.m.

We will be reading [*Beautiful Country*](#) by Qian Julie Wang. Please register and pick up a copy of the book at the Adult Reference Desk.

Teen Coffeehouse: Night of Stars

Friday, May 19, 6:30 – 8 p.m., Community Room

If you play music, create art, write poems or have a unique talent, we want you to perform at our Teen Coffeehouse! This program is for teens ages 13-17.

Parenting Talks with Jill Avery: Trust is a Must

Saturday, May 20, 12 – 1 p.m., Community Room

Jill will show you new approaches and pathways to earn trust and respect while also infusing camaraderie and fun. Register online.

Japanese Martial Arts Demo

Sunday, May 21, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Community Room

Several local martial arts practitioners will demonstrate the style they practice, how they practice, and some basic self-defense applications of that style.

Hula Performance

Sunday, May 21, 2 – 3 p.m.

Enjoy live music and dance from local group Hula Halau 'O Pi'ilani.

Ikebana

Sunday, May 21, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Community Room

Ikebana is the Japanese art of flower arrangement. Join us to learn the principles and techniques. Please register.

Neighborhood Naturalists

Tuesdays, May 23 and 30, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

This 3-part educational program for adults will introduce participants to the natural history of the Santa Clara Valley with a focus on the Saratoga region's geology, geography, flora, and fauna.

Guzheng Performance

Saturday, May 27, 2 – 3 p.m., Community Room

Enjoy a classic guzheng performance by musician Hong Tai. The guzheng is a plucked zither with 15-25 strings. Please register.

WOODLAND – 1975 Grant Road

Canine Companions Reading Buddies

Fridays, May 12 and 26, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Practice your reading skills with a friendly dog. This program is perfect for emergent readers. This is a drop-in event, registration is not required and space is limited.

Family Storytime

Sunday, May 21, 11:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Backyard

Join us in the backyard of the library or inside (depending on the weather) for stories, songs, fingerplays about robots.

ONLINE EVENTS (Please register online)

Virtual Author Talk

Wednesday, May 3, 10 – 11 a.m.

Author Britt Hawthorne will discuss her book, [Raising Antiracist Children](#).

Online English Conversation Club

Thursdays, May 4, 11, 18, & 25, 11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Meet new friends and practice English together.

Kindergarten Readiness for Special Education Families/ Preparación para el kindergarten para familias en el programa de Educación Especial

Thursday, May 4, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

Make the transition to kindergarten easy for your special education child! Our virtual panel will answer questions and provide helpful information on making the transition to kindergarten, including an explanation of the IEP process.

¡Haga que la transición al kindergarten sea fácil para su hijo en educación especial! Nuestro panel virtual responderá a preguntas y proporcionará información útil sobre cómo hacer la transición al kindergarten, incluyendo una explicación del proceso IEP.

Virtual Author Talk

Saturday, May 6, 12 – 1:30 p.m.

Join us for an interview with graphic novel author [Jordan Morris](#).

Bookshare: What Are YOU Reading?

Tuesday, May 9, 7 – 8 p.m.

Come and share what titles you have been enjoying. No limit on genre.

Virtual Author Talk

Wednesday, May 10, 5 – 6 p.m.

Author Jena Friedman will discuss her book, [Not Funny](#).

Virtual Taichi

Saturdays, May 13 and 20, 10 – 11 a.m.

Martial Artist Yang Li will teach the basic postures, breathing techniques and forms of taichi. Registration is required for each session.

Teen College Day: College Essays

Tuesday, May 16, 5 – 6 p.m.

Learn how to stand out from the competition and write a great college essay.

Get Started with Libby

Wednesday, May 17, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Join us for a one-hour presentation to help you get started with OverDrive's app, Libby, and get access to eBooks and Audiobooks.

Andy Warhol: The Life and Art

Wednesday, May 17, 7 – 8:15 p.m.

Learn about the extraordinary life and work of pop art superstar Andy Warhol.

Introduction to Morning Investment Research Center

Thursday, May 18, 1 – 2 p.m.

Morningstar provides analysis of stocks, mutual funds, and other financial investment products. You can build and analyze your investment portfolio. Join us for training session to learn more.

Virtual Author Talk

Wednesday, May 20, 5 – 6 p.m.

Author Courtney Summers will discuss her book, [*I'm the Girl*](#).



City of Gilroy Library Commission

STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item Title: Gilroy Library Report
Meeting Date: May 24, 2023
From: Adam Henig, Recreation Manager

RECOMMENDATION

Receive and comment on Gilroy Library Report.

BACKGROUND

Community Librarian Cassandra Wong will present the Gilroy Library Report. The report will be distributed at the meeting.