



CITY OF GILROY
LIBRARY COMMISSION



REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2026 | 7:00 PM

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

Chair: Victoria Coverson-Baxter

Vice Chair: Saeid Nooshabadi

Commissioners: Joseph Coughlan and Christina Tovar

Staff Liaison: Harjot Sangha, Finance Director & 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. INTRODUCTIONS**
 - 4.1. New Commissioners**
- 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - 5.1. Approval of the Minutes from the June 18, 2025, Regular Meeting of the Library Commission**
- 6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- 7. LIBRARY STAFF RECOGNITION**
- 8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 - 8.1. Library Commission Workplan Updates**
- 9. NEW BUSINESS**
 - 9.1. Approval of the 2026 Library Commission meeting schedule.**
 - 9.2. Selection of Chair and Vice-Chair of Library Commission**
- 10. LIBRARY REPORTS**
 - 10.1. SCCL Technology & Internet Policy Draft Review**
 - 10.2. County Library reports for December 2025, January 2026, and February 2026**
 - 10.3. Gilroy Library Report**
- 11. STAFF/COMMISSION COMMENTS**
- 12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**
- 13. ADJOURNMENT**

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: February 11, 2026

From: Harjot Sangha, Finance Director (Staff Liaison)

Department: Recreation

Submitted by:

Prepared by:

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 coordinated the necessary logistics, including registration, lodging, and travel. Commissioner Lowry will share her experience attending the CLA 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 was approved by City Council at the September 8, 2025, meeting. Staff is currently working through the Schematic Design updates and should hit the 30% project completion target by the end of February. Staff is working closely with the Gilroy Library and Santa Clara County Library District to ensure the project is on schedule.



City of Gilroy

Library Commission

STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item Title: Approval of the 2026 Library Commission Meeting Schedule

Meeting Date: February 11, 2026

From: Adam Henig, Recreation Manager (Staff Liaison)

Department: Recreation

Submitted by:

Prepared by:

RECOMMENDATION

Motion to approve the 2026 Library Commission meeting schedule.

ANALYSIS

Typically, the Library Commission meets between four and five times a year. Staff recommends that the Commission meet four times with the option of adding another meeting date if it is needed. Based on prior meeting schedules, staff recommends the following dates to be adopted:

- February 11, 2026
- May 13, 2026
- August 12, 2026
- October 14, 2026

ALTERNATIVES

Commissioners can select a different set of dates than what is recommended by staff.



City of Gilroy Library Commission STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item Title: Selection of Chair and Vice-Chair of Library Commission

Meeting Date: February 11, 2026

From: Adam Henig, Recreation Manager (staff liaison)

Department: Recreation

Submitted by:

Prepared by:

RECOMMENDATION

Motion and vote for the selection of commission Chair and Vice-chair of Library Commission.

BACKGROUND

At the start of the new calendar year, the Library Commission will select two commissioners to serve as Chair and Vice Chair for 2026.

The chair's primary responsibility will be to preside over commission meetings, facilitate discussions, and review the agenda prior to its publication. They will also serve as the commission's representative for any public events such as the annual presentation to City Council. In the event the chair is unable to attend a meeting, the vice-chair will serve as the presiding officer. The newly selected officers will assume their duties and responsibilities, effectively following this meeting.

The current commission chair is Coverson-Baxter and vice chair is Nooshabadi.

SANTA CLARA COUNTY LIBRARY POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL

SUBJECT: TECHNOLOGY & INTERNET POLICY

PURPOSE STATEMENT

The Santa Clara County Library District (SCCLD) works to create a world in which access to knowledge, resources, and opportunities is available to all. To realize this vision, SCCLD provides access to public computers, devices, and Internet services, ensuring that all residents can belong, connect, and discover.

By using SCCLD's wireless access and/or library equipment, patrons agree to follow all applicable local, state, and federal laws.

Public Computers (PCs) & Internet Access

SCCLD provides access to public computers and other devices for library software and Internet use. Staff may provide basic help but cannot offer in-depth- technical support.

- Users may expect a reasonable degree of privacy, though complete privacy is not possible in public spaces.
- SCCLD may limit computer use by setting maximum daily time.
- A valid SCCLD library card in good standing is required. Adult library cards cannot be used in Children's areas. Each patron must use their own card or a guest pass.
- Guest passes are available for patrons who choose not to register for a library card. They are time-limited- and otherwise follow the same usage rules as library cards.
- Patrons are responsible for saving their work to personal storage or the cloud.
- Only library provided- software may be used.
- SCCLD assumes no responsibility for claims or damages resulting from computer or Internet use.
- SCCLD does not monitor individual Internet use.
- Devices in Children's areas include filtering software to help block inappropriate content. Parents and guardians are responsible for guiding their children's Internet use. As children using the Internet without supervision may encounter unsuitable material, SCCLD encourages families to discuss safe and responsible Internet use.
- Viewing illegal material is prohibited. Attempts to show material displayed to a passersby are not permitted.

Online Forums

SCCLD provides moderated online forums for reviews, reading recommendations, library news, and related topics.

- Comments must be respectful, on-topic-, and lawful.
- Comments that are unlawful or promote/oppose political candidates, ballot measures, businesses, or commercial transactions may be removed.
- SCCLD does not endorse external links, organizations, or products referenced in comments.

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- Comments from children under 13 are not allowed per the Children’s Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA).
- SCCLD may reproduce comments in other venues with identifying details removed.

Wireless Access (Wi-Fi)

Wireless access is provided as a free public service on an as-is basis. Staff may provide general guidance but cannot configure or troubleshoot personal devices.

- Wireless connections are not secure and may be monitored, captured, or altered by others. Risks include viruses, malware, data loss, hacking, snooping, and device failure.
- The Library does not monitor or track online activity of those using the free public wi-fi.
- Patrons are solely responsible for protecting their information and equipment. SCCLD is not responsible for compromised data, hardware damage, or other security risks. Users are strongly encouraged to maintain up-to-date antivirus protection.
- Printing wirelessly to library printers -requires a valid SCCLD library card or guest pass.
- The network may be unavailable due to maintenance or downtime.

All user activity on library computers, other devices, and networks should follow local, state and federal laws, including but not limited to the issues noted specifically below:

- SCCLD adheres to the legal standards established in the California Penal Code, Chapter 7.5, Sections 311-312.7 prohibiting the public display of obscene and harmful material. The viewing of obscene and harmful material on a computer screen in a public area, such as a library, constitutes public display and is therefore prohibited.
- Libraries are open to and used by children and viewing obscene and harmful material in the presence of a minor is illegal (California Penal Code 313.1). Additionally, it is a violation of federal law to knowingly receive visual depictions of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct. Anyone who does so is subject to federal criminal prosecution under the Protection of Children Against Sexual Exploitation Act of 1977 (18 USC 2252).
- Copyright law (United States Code Title 17) prohibits the unauthorized reproduction or distribution of copyrighted materials, except as allowed under the principles of “fair use.” Patrons are responsible for determining whether their use of copyrighted materials is lawful. Library staff are not permitted to provide guidance on whether the use of Internet content or other intellectual property qualifies as “fair use.”

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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 [scclld.org](#)

THE SANTA CLARA COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT PRESENTS

VIRTUAL Author Talks July 2025

- Raúl the Third**
Tuesday, July 8
11:00 am-12:00 pm (Spanish)
Tuesday, July 8
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm (English)
- Marie Lu**
Thursday, July 17
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm
- Rex Ogle**
Wednesday, July 23
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm
- 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。歡迎兒童們與家長親友一同前來參加。

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: Priya Anand

Thursday, July 31, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

You are invited to an online conversation with neurologist and author [Priya 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.

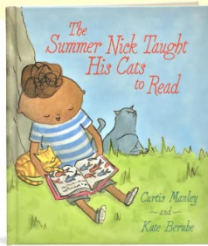
Our 24/7 Online Library has a [Kids' page](#) and a [Teens' page](#) with access to great resources like tutoring through [Brainfuse](#), homework help with [Learning Express](#), news from [Scholastic](#), [encyclopedias](#) and bios about historic figures, language learning through [Rosetta Stone](#), 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® Program was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Vermont People's Education Council and the Village 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.

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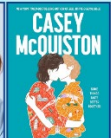
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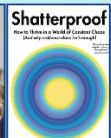
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Dr. Tasha Eurich
Shatterproof
August 28- 11:00 am-12:00 pm



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, 祇母一同前來參加。

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

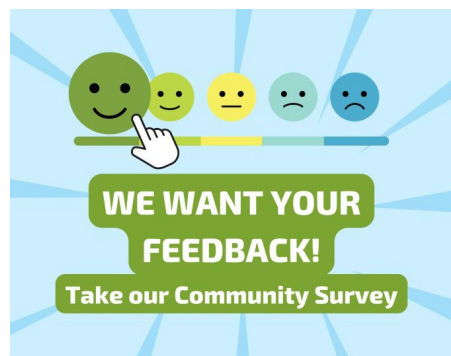
- Hannah Nicole Maehrer**
 Wed., Sep 3 from 4-5PM
 Author of "Assistant to the Villain series." Fantasy rom-com where surviving your job might be more dangerous than falling in love.
- Jefferson Fisher**
 Wed., Sep. 10 from 11AM-12PM
 Communication expert shares practical, real-life strategies from "The 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.

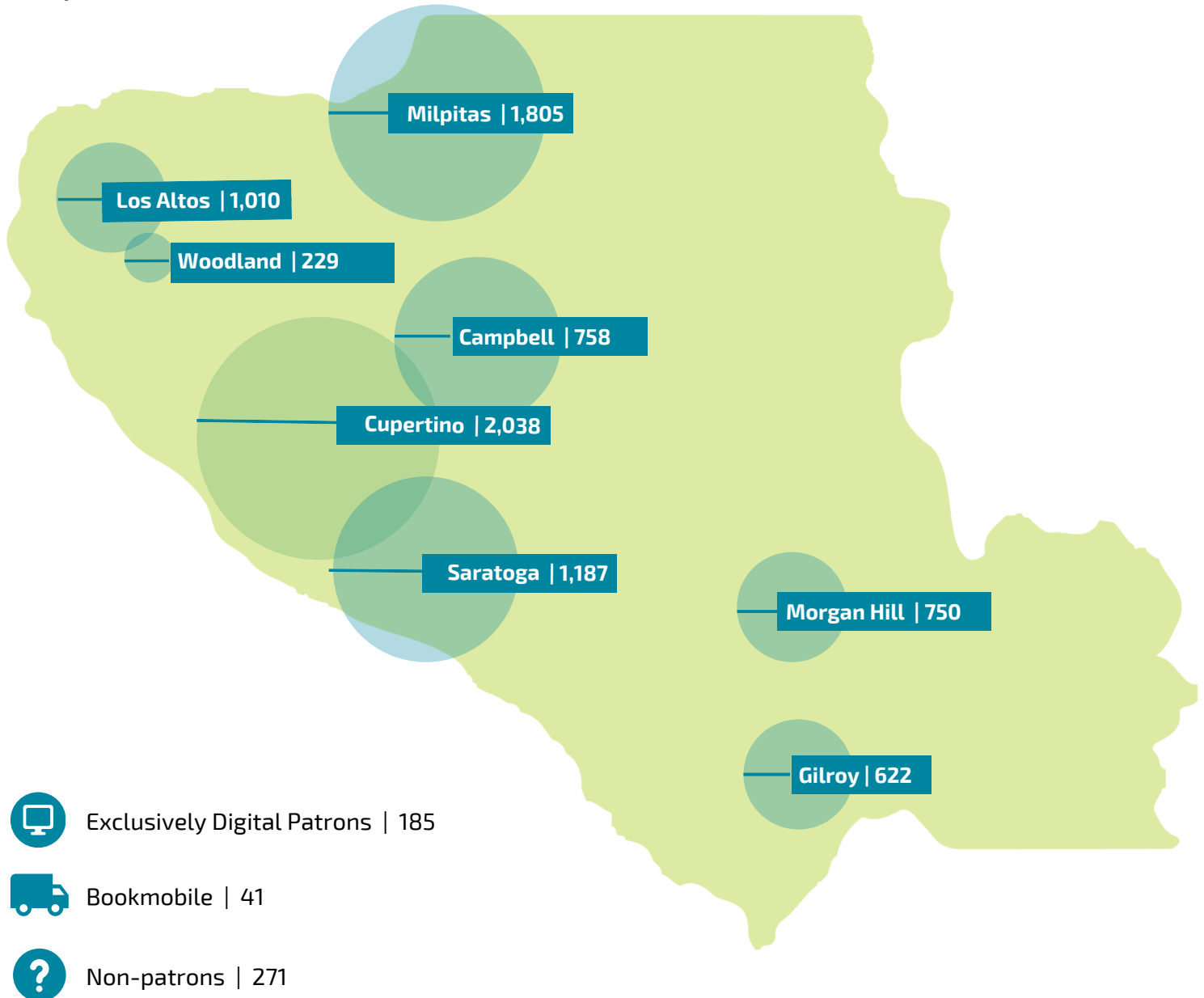


The 2024 Community Survey incorporates the feedback of 10,128 patrons. The survey was available to patrons in four languages (English, Spanish, Chinese and Vietnamese). Significant efforts on the part of library staff led to incredibly high levels of participation throughout SCCLD communities.

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.

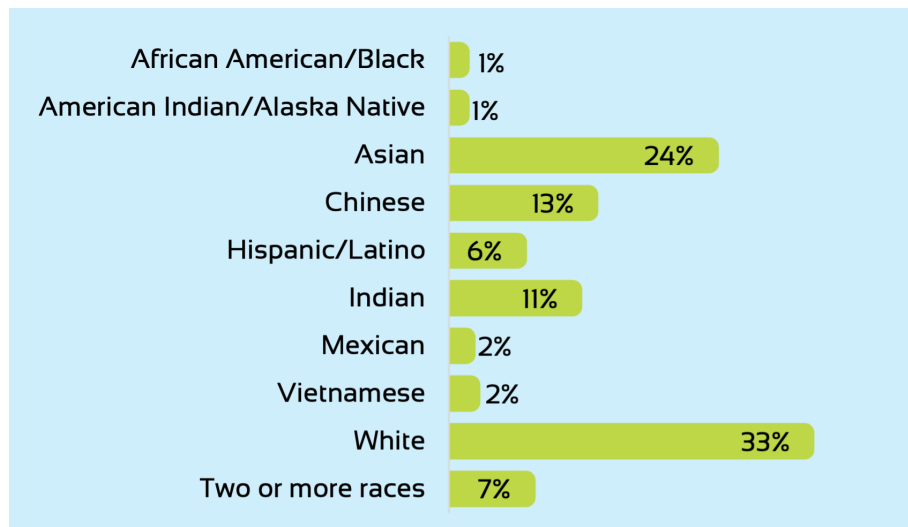
Survey Participants (n=9,990)



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%

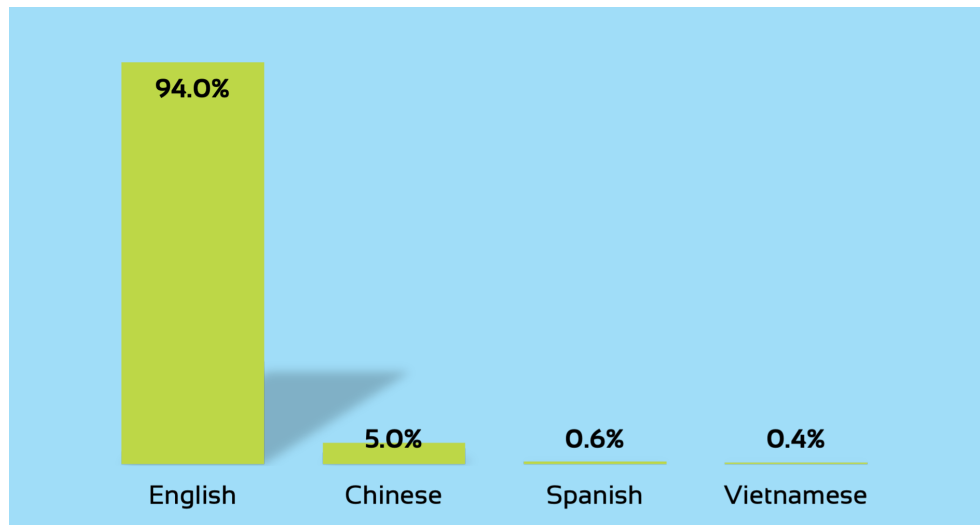
Age groupings are based on prevailing definitions of U.S. generations, such as Millennials (20-44 years), Generation X (45-59 years), and Baby Boomers (60-79 years).

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)

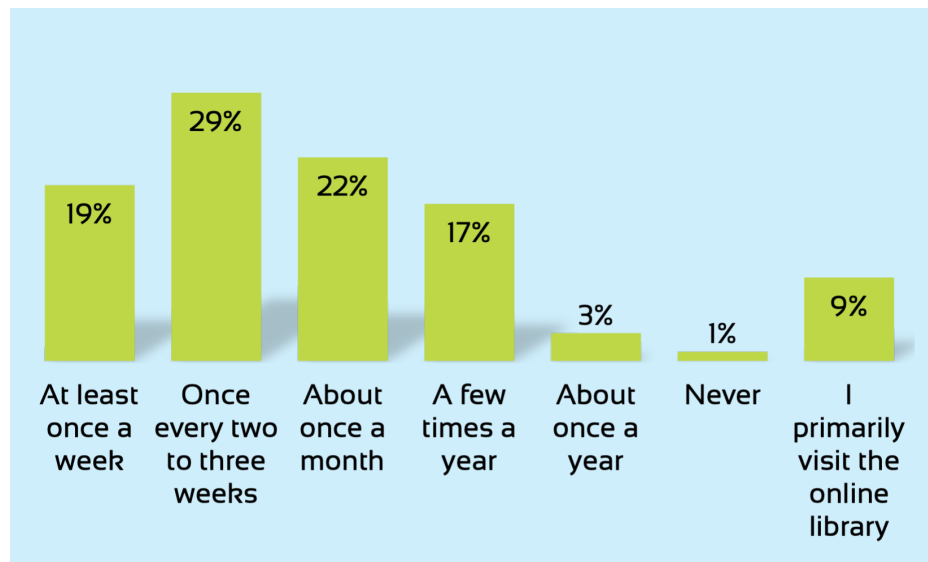


70%

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

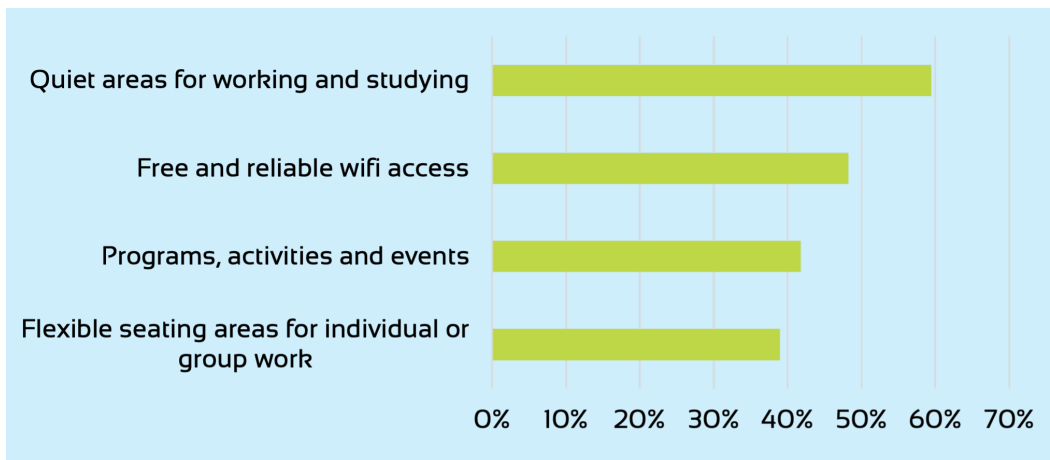
70% of survey respondents visit the Library at least once per month with 19% of those visiting the Library weekly.

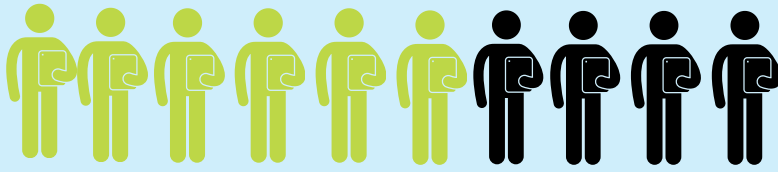
Progress since 2019. Compared to the 2019 survey, there is more representation of Library patrons whose visits in person are more occasional by nature. There is a 34% increase in the 2024 responses for those who visit the Library monthly or a few times a year which is important to also reach less frequent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



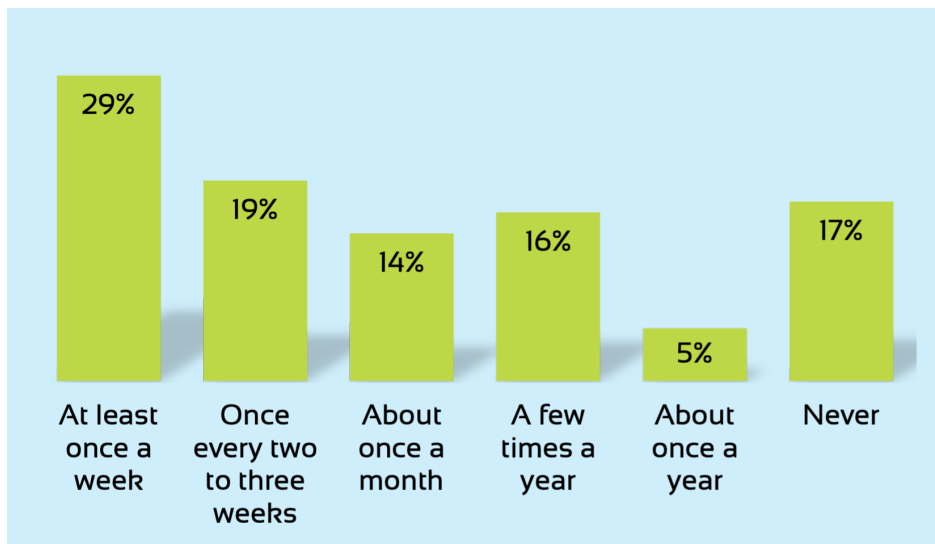
Reasons People Spend Time at the Library in Person (n=8,959)

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.

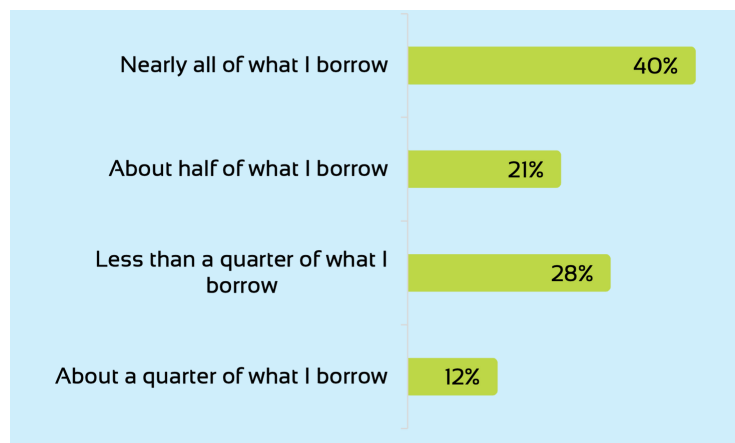


Library Usage - Online Library (n=9,061)**62%**of survey respondents **visited the Online Library in the past month**

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)**

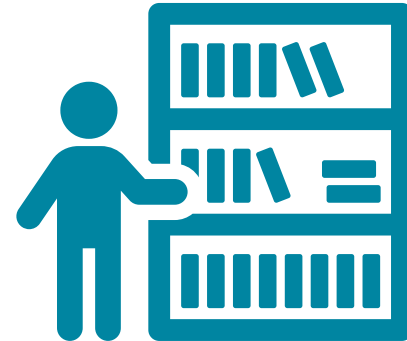
Survey respondents were asked to reflect on how much of their overall downloading or streaming of eBooks, audiobooks, movies and music happens through the Library. For those patrons who do use the Online Library, access to premium content is a significant part of their overall digital media experience.



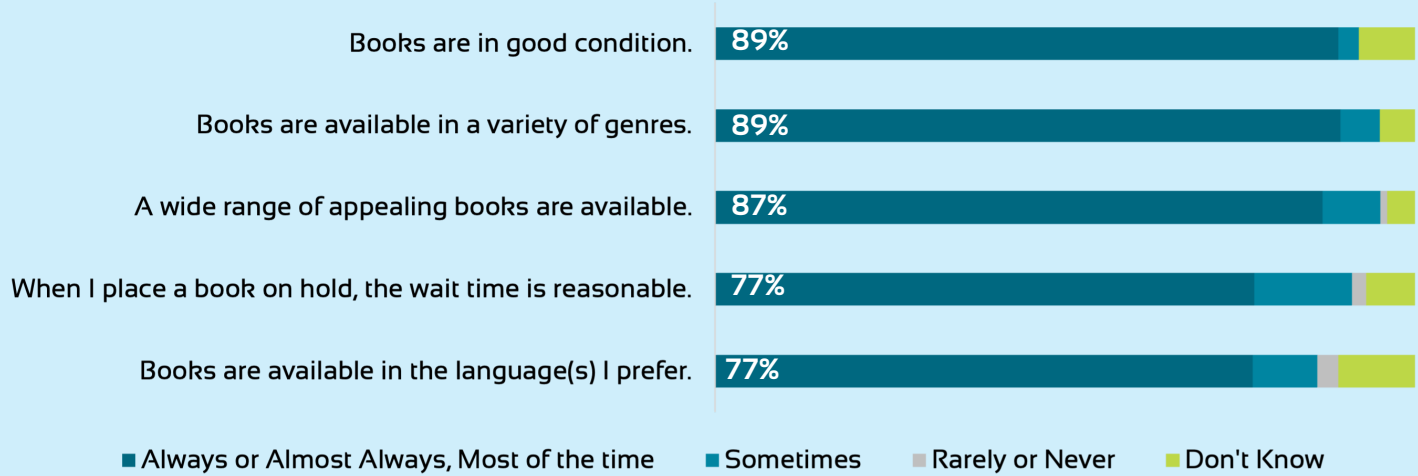
Library Collections

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.

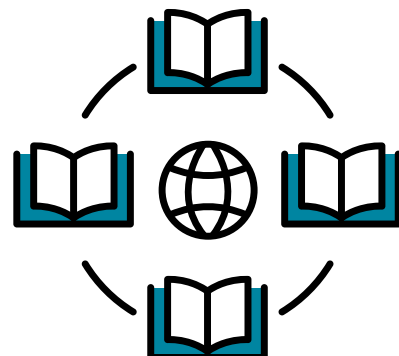


Percentages indicate participants who selected "Most of the time" or "Always or almost always."



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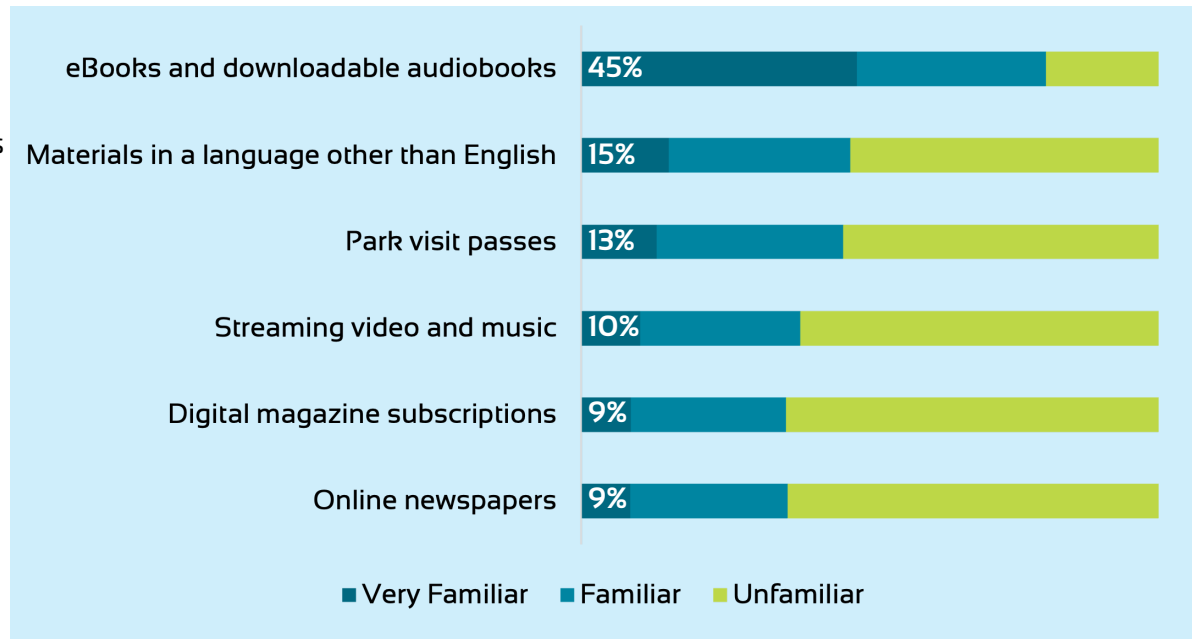
53% use the online library content more now than before the pandemic



Familiarity with Resources (n=9,329)

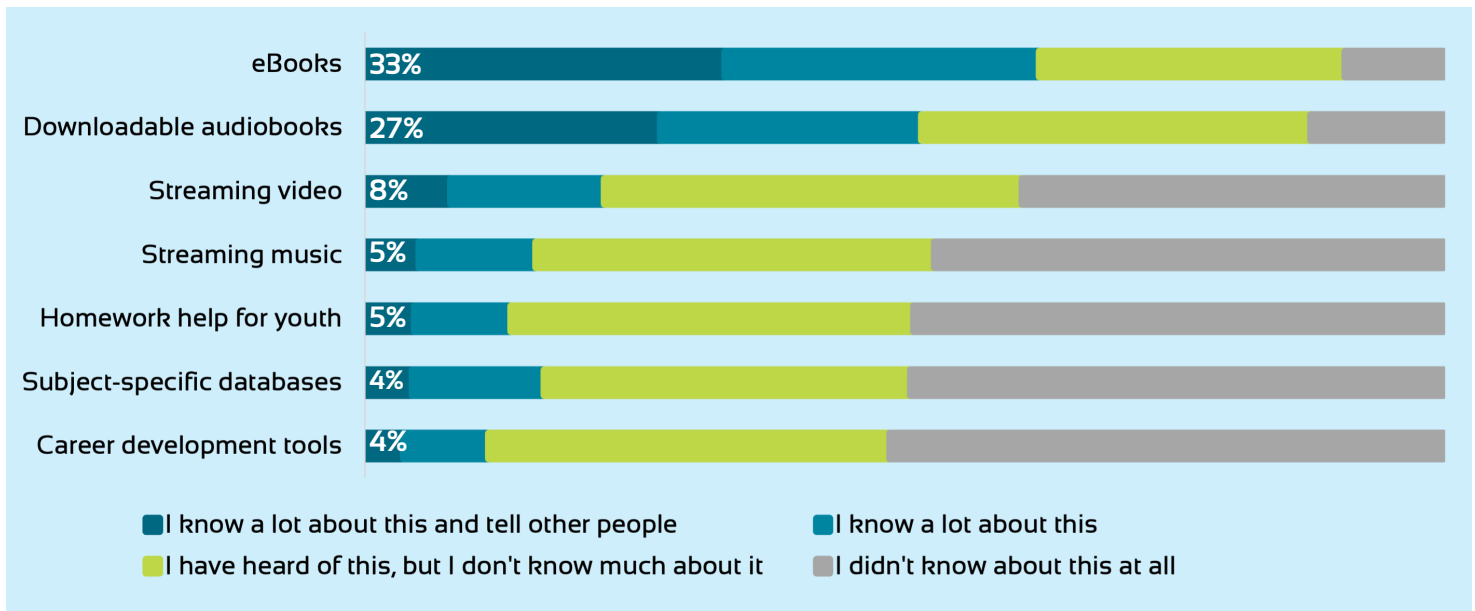
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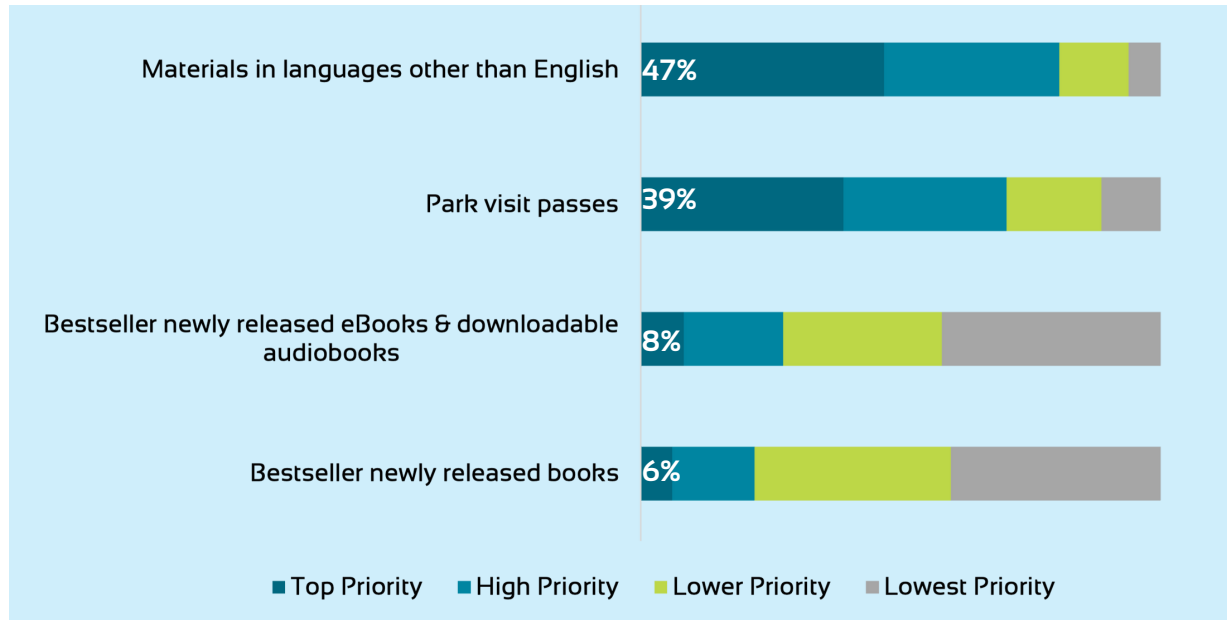
Familiarity with Online Resources (n=9,313)

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.



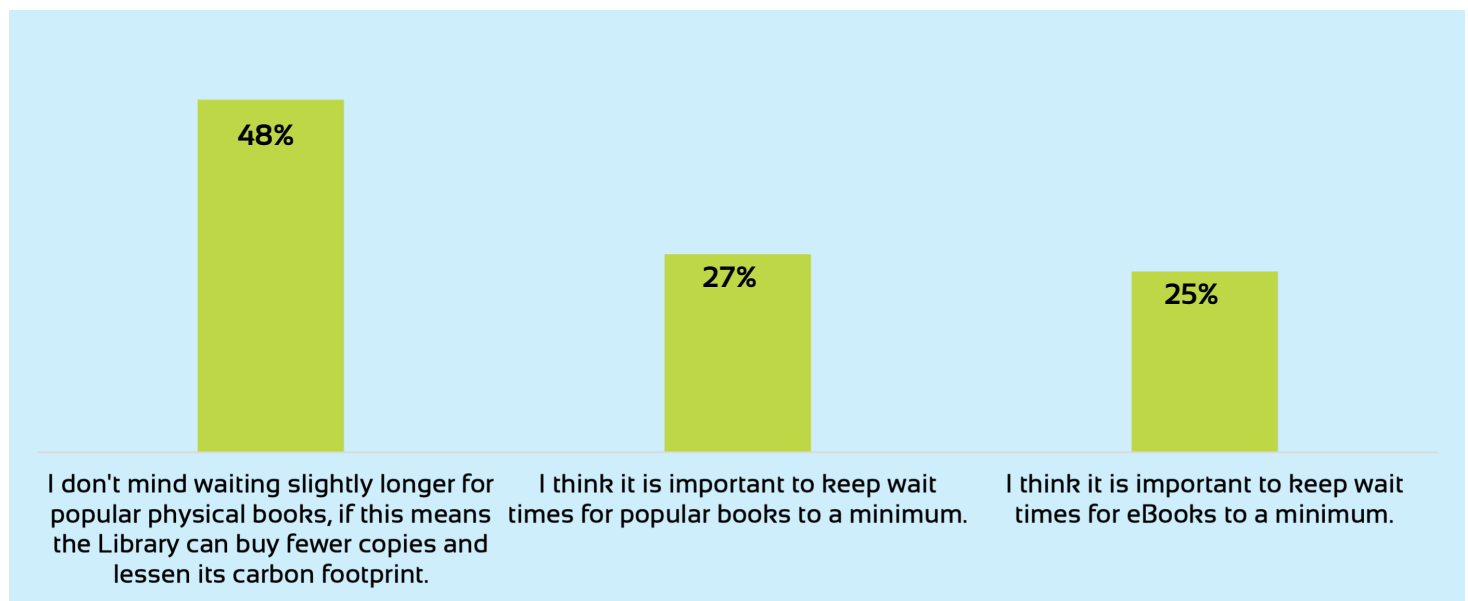
Purchasing Patterns (n=8,673)

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.

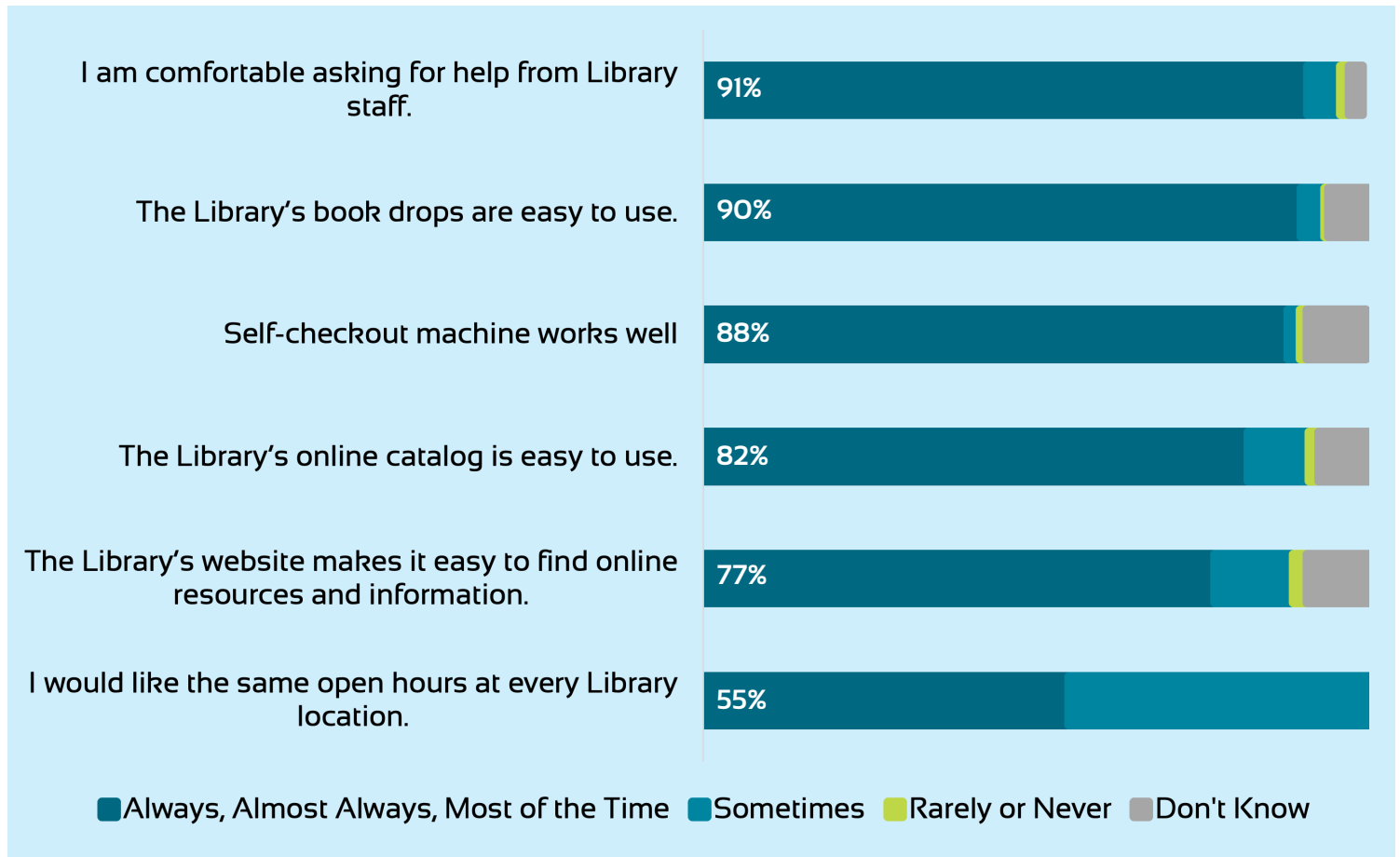


Library Facilities (n=9,025)



Library Features (n=9,323)

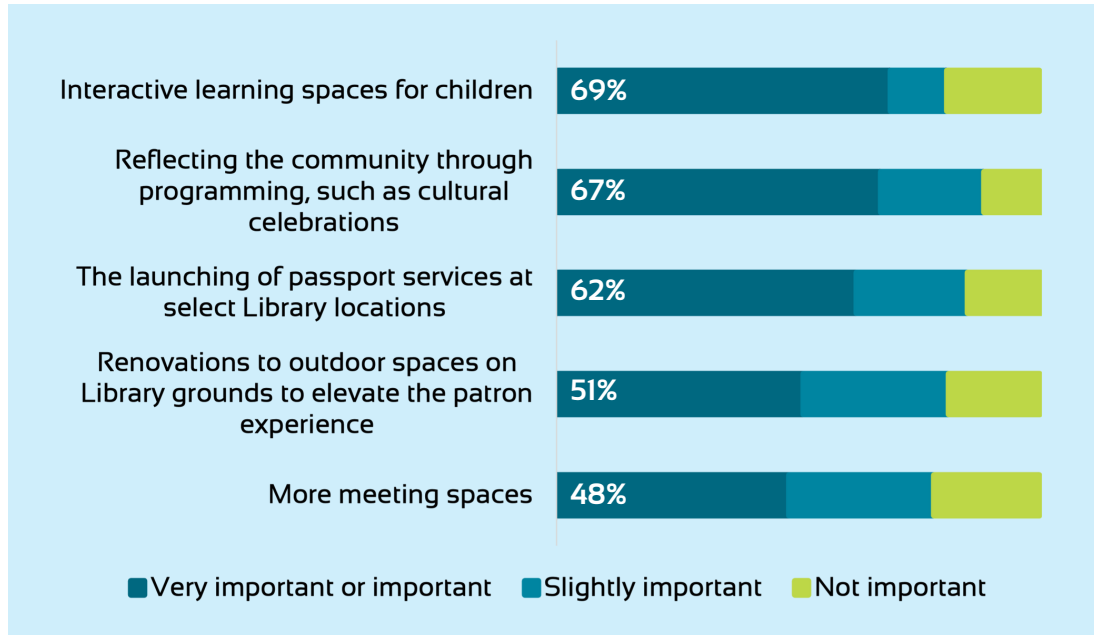
Survey participants responded to a range of statements about Library features. There continues to be consistently positive feedback about the Library staff. Responses show 91% of participants feel comfortable asking for help from Library staff.



Strategic Plan

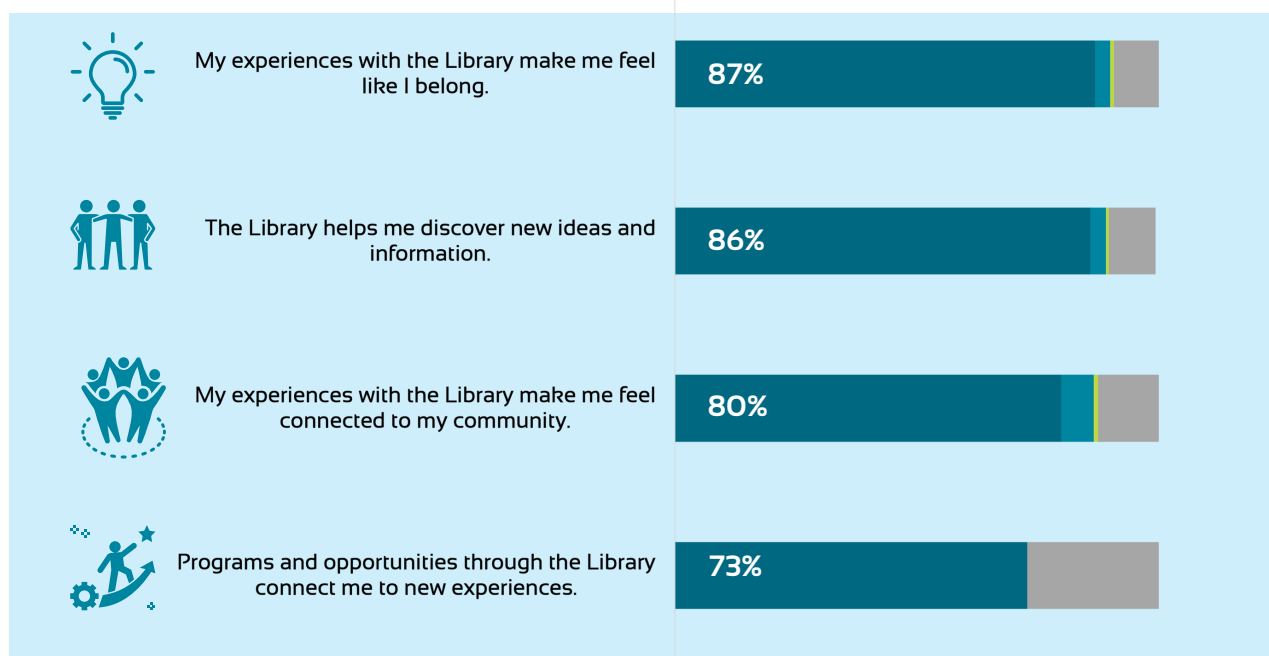
Reflection on Steps Being Taken to Activate the Plan (n=8,768)

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 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, 母親一同前來參加。

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://scclld.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.

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Jennifer Weeks, County Librarian



Second Chance to Hear from Celebrated Author Mitch Albom

SCCLD is bringing back author [Mitch Albom](#) for a second appearance as part of our Distinguished Authors Series to talk about his aptly titled new work [Twice](#). He will be appearing at the Campbell Heritage Theatre, at 7 PM on [Thursday, November 13](#). For more information and to register, visit scclld.org/das/.

Twice, which releases on October 7, tells the story of a man who dares to explore how unchecked desires might mean losing what he has had all along. Albom will stay after the event to sign copies of his new novel only, which will be available for purchase.

Bringing Books to Young Children

The Library District is delighted to announce that we are partnering with music legend Dolly Parton to bring her life-changing [Imagination Library](#) to Santa Clara County. Since 1995, the Imagination Library has mailed nearly a quarter BILLION books to children under the age of 5 across the U.S. and other countries.



Starting on **October 1**, families with age-eligible children in Santa Clara County can [sign up](#) to receive a free age-appropriate book per child sent to their home every month, with English and Spanish titles available. Books will arrive approximately 8-12 weeks after registration. SCCLD is taking the lead providing the Imagination Library to all Santa Clara County families, instilling the love of reading in our county's youngest residents.

Families can enroll online at scclld.org/imaginationlibrary/. Santa Clara County Library District and its partners, including the Rotary club, Gilroy Foundation, and Santa Clara County Library District Foundation, are collaborating with other cities and organizations to get the word out.

Building a home library and introducing families to the library are both important ways to help our littlest learners become successful readers!



Filipino American History Month

We mark Filipino American History Month in October. It was in October 1587 that the first Filipinos, known as the 'Iuzones indios,' made their way to the United States as part of a sailing expedition to Morro Bay, California.

Today there is much to celebrate, with Filipino Americans contributing to every facet of American life, especially here in the Bay.

Our libraries have a series of [events](#) highlighting different areas of Filipino culture. These include [Meditative Banig Drawing](#) of line patterns inspired by weaving and tattoo designs, an Introduction to [Filipino Martial Arts](#) class, and [Discover Ilocano Traditional Weaving](#).

Keep an eye on our website for a blog post about the month, along with a few recommended reads.

New StoryBook SCCLD and StoryWalk® Sites

The Cupertino Library will embark on an Aquarium Adventure, with the grand opening of its [StoryBook SCCLD](#) play space on Saturday, [October 18](#) at 10 AM. Children 0 to 10 will discover an aquatic-themed world they can explore to practice early learning skills in a fun and engaging environment. This will be the fifth StoryBook SCCLD space opened this year.



After Cupertino, the next opening will be at the revamped Campbell Library, scheduled to open on Saturday, November 22. Please note that the last day of service at the Campbell Express Library, will be Saturday, October 25. Library staff will be busy preparing the fully remodeled Campbell Library for service. Campbell patrons are recommended to visit the [Saratoga](#) and [Cupertino](#) libraries in the interim.



A new StoryWalk® is now available for families to enjoy at Christmas Hill Park in Gilroy. Take a walk among the redwoods while you enjoy a great read with your little ones. The featured bilingual title starting in October will be [Tiempo de Jugar](#) (Time to Play) by Eva Mastrogiulio. Morgan Hill's StoryWalk® will also feature this book. Other locations will feature [I Am a Bird](#), by Dana Walrath.

This is the fifth StoryWalk® location joining [Jack Fischer Park](#) in Campbell, [Kevin Moran Park](#) in Saratoga, [Murphy Park](#) in Milpitas, and [Community Park](#) in Morgan Hill.

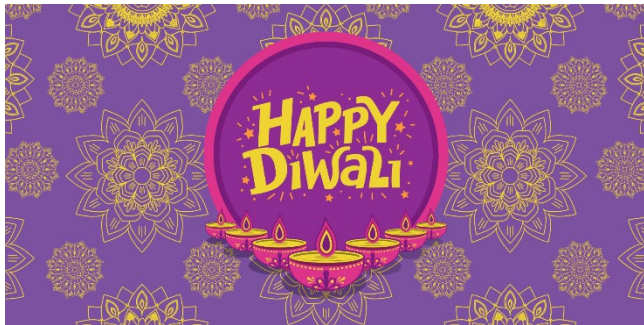
Passport Services Come to Saratoga

The Saratoga Library is now the fifth SCCLD location with passport services. Appointments are [now available](#) for the following services:

- First-time passports for adults and children
- Replacement of [lost, stolen, or damaged passports](#)
- Renewal of passports issued before the applicant was 16 years of age
- Renewal of expired passports issued more than 15 years ago.
- Passport photo services



Visit scclld.org/passport for more information, including fees required for applying as well as for expedited service. This [video tutorial](#) is a good place to start to orient yourself to the process.



Marking the Festival of Lights

[Diwali](#), the Hindu festival of lights, takes place on the night of Monday, October 20. Several of our libraries are [holding events](#) leading up to the date.

The Saratoga Library has a day-long celebration on Saturday, October 4 with a chance to paint and [decorate a diya](#), a clay pot that is filled with oil and used to welcome festive spirits. There will also be a

[henna artist](#) onsite to paint your hand with beautiful designs. The culmination of the event is an Indian [classical dance performance](#) by Acharya Madhuri Kishore in the Kuchipudi dance style.

The Milpitas Library holds an all-age celebration on [Saturday, October 18](#) with henna artists, who will offer personalized designs along with a craft. The Cupertino Library holds their own day-long event on [Sunday, October 19](#) revolving around the creation of a Rangoli, a colorful drawing using materials like rice, brick, and chalk powder, along with flower petals and colored sand. Local artist Pooja Virjar will once again transform the library's courtyard into a work of art. They also are hosting a special Art Therapy for Tweens Diwali Diya Painting craft event on [Friday, October 10](#).

Learn more about Diwali and the many cultural traditions practiced in India and the rest of South Asia on our [Arts & Culture](#) page. There you will find resources like [CultureGrams](#), [Cultures of the World](#), [Gale Ready Reference eBooks](#), and [Oxford Reference eBooks](#).

FYI- All SCCLD Libraries will be closed on Monday, October 13 for Indigenous Peoples' Day. Find us 24/7 at our [Online Library](#).

Freedom to Read What you Wish

This year's theme for [Banned Books Week](#) is a classic, "*Censorship Is So 1984. Read for Your Rights.*" The themes of George Orwell's classic dystopian novel remain with us today. In their [Top 10 Most Challenged Books of 2024](#) report the American Library Association noted a reduction in the overall number of challenges of library books, but also a trend in which nearly three-quarters of challenges now come not from parents or individual readers, but instead from various pressure groups.



SCCLD stands for the [freedom to read](#) and decide for oneself what topics they wish to explore. We will continue to develop our collection in a way that speaks to the many languages, cultures, interests, and experiences that reflect our communities.

VIRTUAL

Author Talks

October 2025

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Smithsonian Educators
October 2 at 11 AM - 12 PM
Smithsonian professionals discuss *Nuestra América* and highlight inspiring stories of Latinos throughout history.
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Leigh Bardugo
October 9 at 4 - 5 PM
NYT bestselling author Leigh Bardugo celebrates the rerelease of "*Six of Crows*" with a special Dregs Edition in a live chat.
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Malala Yousafzai
October 22 at 4 - 5 PM
Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Malala Yousafzai shares her powerful story about surviving a Taliban attack and becoming a spokesperson for equal rights.
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Philippa Gregory
October 29 at 11 AM - 12 PM
Philippa Gregory, the queen of British historical fiction, returns to the Tudor Court in her upcoming novel, "*Boleyn Traitor*."

October Virtual Author Talks

Join us for four great talks this month as authors share fascinating details about their recent works.

First up on Thu., Oct. 2 is a talk with a pair of Smithsonian professionals about their illustrated book [Nuestra América](#). This effort is tied to the National Museum of the American Latinos [Presente!](#) Exhibition. [Please register.](#)

[Six of Crows](#) YA author Leigh Bardugo delves into the gritty fantasy world of Ketterdam on Thu., Oct. 9. A new edition of **Crows** with updated maps and a new cover was recently released. [Please register.](#)

On Wed., Oct. 22 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate [Malala Yousafzai](#) shares her powerful story about surviving a Taliban attack at fifteen and navigating the pressures of being an international spokesperson for women and girls' rights, told in her memoir [Finding My Way](#). [Please register.](#)

[Philippa Gregory](#), the "queen of British historical fiction," closes out the month with a talk about her new novel [Boleyn Traitor](#), which come out two weeks before her Wed., Oct. 29 talk. The story tells the tale of Jane Boleyn, sister-in-law to Anne, and her struggle to protect herself from a fate as brutal as those around her. [Please register.](#)

SANTA CLARA COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT OCTOBER 2025 EVENTS

**SCCLD libraries will be closed on
Monday, October 13 for Indigenous Peoples' Day.
We are always available online at scclld.org/Online-Library**

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

Family Storytime

Wednesdays, October 1, 8, 15, & 22, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard City Banquet Hall

This storytime is children ages 0-5 and will feature stories, songs and more. Please bring a blanket or towel to sit on.

CUPERTINO -- 10800 Torre Avenue

Wednesday Afternoon Meditation and Mindfulness

Wednesdays, October 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 4:30 – 5 p.m., Room 201A

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

Bedtime Storytime

Wednesdays, October 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 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, October 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 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.

Homework Help for Grades K-5

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4:30 – 6 p.m., Torre Room

Students can get free homework help. No registration is required. Basic school supplies will be provided.

Reading Buddies (completed Grades K-5)

Thursday, October 2, 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, October 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, 2:30 – 4 p.m., Room 201A

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

Family Storytime

Saturdays, October 4, 11, & 25, 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.

Reading Program Tutor Training

Saturday, October 4, 12:30 – 6 p.m., Community Room 201

This training is for tutors who have completed the tutor orientation. If you have not attended the orientation, please contact us at readingprogram@lib.sccgov.org.

Baby Sign and Sing

Sunday, October 5, 11 – 11:30 a.m., First Floor Program Room

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

Introduction to Filipino Martial Arts

Sunday, October 5, 3 – 4 p.m.

Led by a certified master instructor, this engaging class invites adults to learn self-defense techniques while exploring a powerful part of Filipino heritage.

ESL Parent and Caregiver Conversation Club

Mondays, October 6, 20, & 27, 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, October 7, 21, & 28, 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.

Toddler Storytime (ages 1-2)

Tuesdays, October 7, 14, 21, & 28, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Room 101

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

Create CU: Tetra Pack Prints

Friday, October 10, 7 – 8:15 p.m., Room 201

Learn how to upcycle food packaging to create one-of-a-kind prints. This program is for adults aged 18+. Please register online.

Art Therapy for Tweens – Diwali Diya Painting

Friday, October 10, 4 – 5 p.m.

Join us for a special session where we will be painting individual diyas (clay oil lamps) to take home for Diwali celebrations. For children ages 10 and up. Materials will be provided.

Babywearing Dance

Sundays, October 12, 19, & 26, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Join us for babywearing dancing.

Nonfiction Book Discussion

Sunday, October 12, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Room 201B

We will discuss [*The Wager: A Tale of Shipwreck, Mutiny, and Murder*](#) by David Grann.

Teen Poetry Workshop

Sunday, October 12, 4 – 6 p.m., Room 201

Cupertino Poet Laureate Keiko O’Leary will lead a workshop on revising your work. Please bring in a draft of a poem you would like to rework.

Children’s Literature for Adults Book Club

Tuesday, October 14, 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.

Book Discussion for Adults

Wednesday, October 15, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., and Thursday, October 16, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Room 201B

We will discuss [*North Woods*](#) by Daniel Mason.

Aquarium Adventure Play Space Grand Opening

Saturday, October 18, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Families with children 0-10 years old are invited to the grand opening festivities including a ribbon cutting ceremony, performers, crafts, and games.

Diwali Rangoli

Saturday, October 18, Courtyard

Local artist Pooja Virkar will again create a rangoli in Cupertino Library's courtyard in celebration of Diwali. It will be available for viewing upon completion.

Meditative Banig Drawing

Sunday, October 19, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Explore a variety of line patterns inspired by Filipino weaving and tattoo designs, then create your own distinctive banig illustration. No experience needed. Program is on a first-come, first served basis.

Music and Movement with JamaRoo Kids (ages 2+)

Wednesday, October 22, 10:30 – 11 a.m.

Clap your hands and stomp your feet to the rhythm and beat of traditional songs and learn original ones too.

Spooky STEM Season (ages 6+)

Friday, October 24, 3 – 4 p.m., Room 101

Come and find a little fear as well as a little flair while we increase our mind's capacity this Halloween season.

Composting Education Program

Saturday, October 25, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Room 201A

Learn how to reduce waste and build healthy soils by composting at home.

Teen Halloween Cupcake Decorating

Saturday, October 25, 4 – 5 p.m., Room 201

Frost and decorate cupcakes. Limited to 15 people on a first-come, first-served basis.

Tuesday Travel Nights

Tuesday, October 28, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Room 201A

Tour the Scottish Highlands, focusing on the verdant landscape, historic churches and castles, and timeless towns and villages.

Decorate a Sugar Skull for Día de los Muertos

Thursday, October 30, 4 – 4:45 p.m., Room 101

Decorate a sugar skull in celebration of Día de los Muertos - Day of the Dead, which is a celebration of the lives of the deceased. Craft is available while supplies last.

Halloween Tote Bag Craft for Teens

Thursday, October 30, 4 – 5 p.m., Room 201A

Participants will design and decorate their own Halloween treat bags using fabric markers, stencils, glow-in-the-dark paint, and more. Space is limited to 20 people.

GILROY -- 350 W. Sixth Street**Tea Kits for Teens and Adults**

Wednesday, October 1 – Friday, October 31, Upstairs Information Desk

Pick up a sample of Rooibos tea. These kits include tea bags, recommended book pairings and a tasty recipe to go with your tea. Available while supplies last.

Horror Flash Fiction Contest (ages 12-18)

Wednesday, October 1 – Friday, October 31

Teens who live in Gilroy, San Martin or surrounding South County areas are invited to show off their talent and write a microfiction horror story no longer than 100 words and submit it to win a spooktacular prize.

Reading Program Orientation

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

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.

Homework Help/Ayuda con la Tarea

Tuesdays-Thursdays, 4 – 5:30 p.m., the Nest/Nido

Are you a student in grades 1st - 6th and need help with homework? We have tutors for you to receive homework help. ¿Eres un estudiante de 1.º a 6.º grado y necesitas ayuda con la tarea? Tenemos tutores disponibles para ayudarte con tus tareas.

Start Smart: Driver Safety for Teens & Parents

Wednesday, October 1, 5 – 7 p.m., Community Room

This program helps newly licensed teen drivers become more aware of responsibilities on the road. Learn collision avoidance techniques and how to identify collision-causing elements such as excessive speed, driving under the influence, and distracted driving.

Books and Boogie Storytime/Hora de Cuentos

Thursdays, October 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 10:30 – 11 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, October 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 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, October 3, 10:15 – 11:15 a.m., Quiet Study B

We will be discussing [*Anita de Monte Laughs Last*](#) by Xochitl Gonzalez in honor of National Hispanic Heritage Month.

Baby Bounce Storytime (12 months and younger)

Fridays, October 3, 10, 17, & 24, 10:30 – 11 a.m., the Nest

Baby bounce shares short stories, nursery rhymes, fingerplays and songs that reinforce early literacy skills. Baby Bounce comparte cuentos cortos, canciones infantiles, y canciones que refuerzan habilidades de lectura.

Clases de Emprendimiento en español

Fridays, October 3, 10, 17, & 24, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., Quiet Study B

A lo largo del programa aprenderás a construir y posicionar tu marca, aprovechar al máximo herramientas como Canva e inteligencia artificial, y aplicar estrategias de ventas digitales que impulsarán el crecimiento de tu negocio. Se admiten visitas sin cita previa. Regístrese para recibir un recordatorio por correo electrónico.

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

Fridays, October 3 & 17, 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

Saturdays, October 4, 11, 18, & 25, 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.

Improve Your Garden Soil

Saturday, October 4, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room

Improve soil structure, optimize soil fertility, and encourage beneficial microbes. We'll discuss typical soil problems such as compaction, poor drainage, lack of organic matter, high salts, and soil borne pests with possible solutions.

Guitar Class for Beginners (Ages 12+)**Pajama Storytime/Hora de Cuentas en Pijama**

Mondays, October 6, 20, & 27, 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.

Ukulele Class for Beginners (Ages 9+)

Tuesdays, October 7, 14, 21, & 28, 4–5 p.m., Children's Nest

Join easy-to-follow lessons and make music on day one. Please register if you need to borrow a ukulele. No registration necessary if you bring your own. Children under 12 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Zumba at the Library

Tuesdays, October 7, 14, 21, & 28, 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, October 7, 6–7 p.m., the Nest/Nido

Practice your reading skills and read aloud one on one with a furry friend! Sign-ups are first come, first serve 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.

Resilient Families Series (English)

Wednesdays, October 8, 15, 22, & 29, 6–8 p.m., Community Room

Do you have a child 0-3 years old? Do you want to learn how to handle stress and create a support network? Help your child feel safe, secure, and loved and better prepared to start school! Please register to reserve your spot. Walk-ins welcome as space allows.

Familias Resilientes (español)

miércoles, 8, 15, 22, & 29 de octubre, 6–8 p.m., Community Room

¿Tiene un niño de 0 a 3 años? ¿Quiere aprender a manejar el estrés y crear una red de apoyo? ¡Ayude a su hijo a sentirse seguro, amado y mejor preparado para comenzar la escuela! Por favor regístrese para reservar tu lugar. Personas sin reservación bienvenidas según lo permita el espacio.

LEGO Club

Friday, October 10, 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 pueden seguir nuestras indicaciones o construir algo basado en su imaginación.

Ofrenda Crafts/Manualidades para la Ofrenda

Saturday, October 11, 2 – 3 p.m., Community Room

We'll be decorating sugar skulls, making colorful tissue paper flowers, and decorating candle holders—perfect for honoring loved ones. Decoraremos calaveritas de azúcar, haremos cempazuchitl de papel y decoraremos candelero —perfectos para honrar a tus seres queridos en esta tradición especial.

Coronas de Flores for Teens (ages 12-18)

Saturday, October 11, 3 – 5 p.m., Community Room

We'll be making our own flowers out of different types of paper to build customized, dreamy headpieces inspired by the works of Frida Kahlo. Register online. Walk-ins welcome as space allows.

Open Poetry Readings

Saturday, October 11, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Downstairs Meeting Room

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

Discover Ilocano Traditional Weaving

Sunday, October 12, 2 – 4 p.m., Community Room

Discover its socio-cultural and historical significance and explore iconic design patterns, their symbolism, and try weaving on small looms.

Playdoh Playtime/Hora de juego con plastilina

Wednesday, October 15, 3 – 4 p.m., Community Room

Children can shape, roll, and squish playdoh using beautiful cutters inspired by pan dulce, panaderías (Mexican bakeries), traditional foods, and luchadores. Los niños podrán amasar, moldear y aplastar plastilina usando divertidos cortadores inspirados en el pan dulce, las panaderías mexicanas, comidas típicas y luchadores.

Wizardry Classes/Clases de Magia

Friday, October 17, 4 – 5 p.m., Community Room

Young witches and wizards are invited to attend two enchanting classes: Potions Class and Magic Creatures Class. Invitamos a jóvenes brujas y magos a participar en dos clases encantadas: Clase de Pociones y Clase de Criaturas Mágicas.

Introduction to Filipino Martial Arts

Saturday, October 18, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Community Room

Led by a certified master instructor, this engaging class invites kids and adults to learn self-defense techniques while exploring a powerful part of Filipino heritage.

Reading Program Tutor Training

Saturday, October 18, 12:30 – 5 p.m., Reading Program Room

This training is for tutors who have completed the tutor orientation. If you have not attended the orientation, please contact us at readingprogram@lib.sccgov.org.

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

Saturday, October 18, 3 – 4:30 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.

Spooky Movie Night for Teens

Saturday, October 18, 4 – 6 p.m., Quiet Study B

Enjoy Halloween classic, Clue (1985). No registration needed.

Meditative Banig Drawing

Sunday, October 19, 2 – 3 p.m., Community Room

Explore a variety of line patterns inspired by Filipino weaving and tattoo designs, then create your own distinctive banig illustration. No experience needed. Program is on a first-come, first served basis.

Adaptive Friendly Halloween Crafts

Thursday, October 23, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Quiet Study B

Celebrate the spooky season with Halloween crafts and enjoy a family friendly movie. Celebra la temporada espeluznante con manualidades de Halloween y disfruta de una película apta para toda la familia.

Family Board Games / Juegos de mesa familiares

Friday, October 24, 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.

Paint Your Own Alebrije (Ages 11-13) / Pinta tu propio alebrije (11 a 13 años)

Saturday, October 25, 2 – 3 p.m., Quiet Study B

Discover the magic of alebrijes, the brightly colored fantastical creatures that originated in Mexican folk art! Middle schoolers will learn about the history and traditions behind alebrijes, then paint their very own to take home. ¡Descubre la magia de los alebrijes! Los estudiantes de secundaria aprenderán sobre la historia y las tradiciones de los alebrijes, y luego pintarán el suyo propio para llevar a casa.

Victorian Gothic Tea Party

Saturday, October 25, 3 – 4:30 p.m., Community Room

We invite you to our Victorian Gothic Tea Party, where you can expect a macabre afternoon of terrifying treats, dreary conversation, and, of course, a somber sampling of tea. Registration is required.

Murder Mystery Escape Room for Teens

Sunday, October 26, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m., Community Room

You and your friends will have 40 minutes to solve a murder mystery and escape from a "locked" room—before YOU become the next victims! No registration needed.

Book Discussion

Sunday, October 26, 3 – 4:30 p.m., Outside Courtyard

Join us for a lively discussion of [*The Secret History of Home Economics: How Trailblazing Women Harnessed the Power of Home and Changed the Way We Live*](#) by Danielle Dreilinger.

Sensory-Friendly Library Playtime/Tiempo de Juego Sensorial Amigable

Tuesday, October 28, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Children's Play 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. 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.

Book Discussion for Adults

Tuesday, October 28, 7 – 8 p.m., Quiet Study B

We will be discussing [*Once There Were Wolves*](#) by Charlotte McConaghy.

Bookworms Book Club (Grades 2-3)

Wednesday, October 29, 3 – 4 p.m., the Nest

We will discuss [*Frog and Toad Together*](#) by Arthur Lobel, 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, October 29, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m., the Nest

We will discuss [*City of Ghosts*](#) by Victoria Schwab, then do some crafts and have a snack. Register at the Children's Reference Desk and read the book before the meeting.

Trick or Treat at the Library

Friday, October 31, 4 – 6 p.m., Children's, Adults, and Accounts Desks

Show off your costume, fill up your bags of candy, and see all your buddies! Presume tu disfraz, llena tu bolsa de dulces ¡y saluda a todos tus amigos!

LOS ALTOS -- 13 S. San Antonio Road**The Whodunit? Mystery Book Club**

Wednesday, October 1, 10:15 – 11:30 a.m., Teen Room

We will discuss [*Bruno, Chief of Police*](#) by Martin Walker.

ESL Conversation Club

Thursdays, October 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 1:30 – 3 p.m., Teen 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, October 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 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.

Meditative Banig Drawing

Friday, October 3, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Teen Room

Explore a variety of line patterns inspired by Filipino weaving and tattoo designs, then create your own distinctive banig illustration. No experience needed. Program is on a first-come, first served basis.

Monday Morning Meditation and Mindfulness

Mondays, October 6, 20, & 27, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Conference Room

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

Poetry Open Mic

Monday, October 6, 7 – 8 p.m., Pod D

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

Tween Dungeons and Dragons (Grades 5-8)

Tuesday, October 7, 4 – 6 p.m.

This is a one session Dungeons and Dragons games. Character sheets will be provided, just bring yourself and your team spirit! Please register.

¡Viva! at the Library Featuring Singer/Songwriter Diana Gameros

Wednesday, October 8, 7 – 8 p.m., Teen Room

Diana Gameros performs a unique selection of songs from the Latin American and Mexican tradition that celebrate nature, family, home, and love.

Watercolor Workshop for Adults

Friday, October 10, 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, and no seat saving.

Page Turners Book Club (Grades 4-5)

Wednesday, October 15, 4 – 5 p.m., Conference Room

We will discuss [*The War That Saved My Life*](#) by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley. Please pick up a copy of the book at the Children's Desk at Los Altos or Woodland Library.

Stained Glass Painting Workshop

Friday, October 17, 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., Teen Room

Participants will trace intricate geometric patterns and use vibrant glass paints to create stunning, light-catching effects. Registration is required.

Book Bugs Club (Grades 2-3)

Tuesday, October 21, 4 – 5 p.m., Los Altos Community Center's Apricot Room

We will discuss [*The Monster Squad*](#) by Joe McGee then make a craft. Please pick up a copy of the book at the Children's Desk at Los Altos or Woodland Library.

Story Explorers Book Club (TK-Grade 1)

Wednesday, October 22, 4 – 5 p.m., Los Altos Community Center's Apricot Room

Join us for a read aloud of [*Biscuit and the Great Fall Day*](#) by Alyssa Capucilli. We'll talk about the book, move to music, then do a fun craft together.

Now Read This Book Club

Monday, October 27, 12 – 1:30 p.m., Conference Room

We will be discussing [*Knife: Meditations After an Attempted Murder*](#) by Salman Rushdie.

To Be Read Book Club (Grades 6-8)

Tuesday, October 28, 4 – 5 p.m., Conference Room

We will discuss [*What We Saw*](#) by Mary Downing Hahn. 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, October 28, 7 – 8 p.m., Conference Room

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

MILPITAS -- 160 N. Main Street**Fun with Art with First5 Santa Clara County (ages 3-5)**

Wednesday, October 1, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., Auditorium

Join us for a story and craft activity, then learn about resources provided by the Guerrero Family Resource Center.

Book Discussion Group for Adults

Wednesday, October 1, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Program Room

We will discuss [*All My Rage*](#) by Sabaa Tahir.

ESL Conversation Club

Wednesdays, October 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 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.

Mid-Autumn Moon Festival Craft

Wednesday, October 1, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Children's Activity Room

Children of all ages can make paper mooncakes to celebrate! Online registration is required.

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.

Toddler Storytime

Thursdays, October 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Activity Room

Children ages 1-2 will enjoy lots of movement, singing and action. Early focus is on short picture books with simple stories, fingerplays, and lots of repetition.

Preschool Storytime: 3s & 4s Budding Bookworms

Thursdays, October 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 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, October 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, 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, October 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, 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, October 3, 3:30 – 4:15 p.m., Activity Room

Children and their adult caregiver will have fun exploring music and dancing together.

Mend with Friends

Saturday, October 4, 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, October 4, 11, 18, & 25, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Activity Room

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

Youth Essay Writing Contest

Saturday, October 4, 1 – 4:45 p.m.

Before registering, be sure to carefully review all contest requirements to ensure eligibility. Don't miss this exciting opportunity to showcase your voice, creativity, and ideas.

Teen Rubik's Cube Club

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

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

Gentle Flow Yoga (ages 13+)

Sundays, October 5, 12, 19, & 26, 10 – 11 a.m., Program Room

This practice combines mindful movement, simple breathing techniques, and a calming guided meditation to reduce stress, improve flexibility, and restore balance. Bring a mat.

The 582nd Korean Alphabet Day

Sunday, October 5, 3 – 6 p.m., Auditorium

There will be Korean cultural performances and ceremony, and many booths where you can visit to learn about Korean culture. Please RSVP.

LEGO Club for Grades K-8

Monday, October 6, 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, October 6, 7 – 8 p.m., Auditorium

Sign up and pick up a copy of [*The Dragonbone Chair*](#) by Tad Williams.

Baby Bouncers Lapsit

Tuesdays, October 7, 14, 21, & 28, 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.

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

Tuesdays, October 7, 21, & 28, 6:30 – 7 p.m., Children's 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。

Board Game Day

Saturday, October 11, 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+)

Saturday, October 11, 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.

Foundations of Resilient Health

Saturday, October 11, 3 – 4 p.m., Program Room

This talk covers how gut health, inflammation, and hormones all influence bone density.

Horror Film Festival

Sundays, October 12 & 19, 11 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., Auditorium

From classics to cult to blockbuster hits, this festival will have something for everyone!

Little Learners STEAM (Ages 3-5)

Tuesday, October 14, 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.

Master Gardeners

Saturday, October 18, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Program Room

This talk will include stories of success and disappointment growing blueberries in Santa Clara County.

Introduction to Filipino Martial Arts

Sunday, October 18, 2 – 3 p.m.

Led by a certified master instructor, this engaging class invites adults to learn self-defense techniques while exploring a powerful part of Filipino heritage.

Diwali Celebration

Sunday, October 18, 2 – 4 p.m., Auditorium

We'll have Henna artists ready to give you a personalized design along with a craft while you wait. A physical waitlist for the Henna design will be available outside the Auditorium 30 minutes prior to the event.

Puppet Art Theater Company

Wednesday, October 22, 7 – 8 p.m., Auditorium

Join in on Winnie the Witch's adventure! Tickets are not required but space is limited.

Adult and Teen Paint Workshop

Saturday, October 25, 2 – 4 p.m., Auditorium

Paul Loughridge will be leading and instructing you on how to paint a Halloween-themed masterpiece. No registration required but arrive early to secure a seat.

Reading Buddies (Grades K-5)

Saturday, October 25, 2 – 3 p.m., Activity Room

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

The Peaceful Poets

Thursday, October 30, 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**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.

Financial Aid 101

Wednesday, October 1, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Our expert will walk you through the application process, share tips on maximizing aid, and answer your questions. This program will be offered virtually also. Please register for the Zoom link.

After Dinner Book Club

Wednesday, October 1, 7 – 8 p.m., Program Room

We will discuss [*Everyone on This Train is a Suspect*](#) by Benjamin Stevenson.

Toddler Storytime

Thursdays, October 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 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, October 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 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, October 2, 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+.

Homework Help for Grades K-6

Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Children's Activity Room

Students can get free homework help. No registration is required. Basic school supplies will be provided.

Tiny Tot Jamboree

Fridays, October 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, 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, October 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, 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, October 3, 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, October 4, 11, 18, & 25, 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).

¡Viva! at the Library Featuring Singer/Songwriter Diana Gameros

Saturday, October 4, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Diana Gameros performs a unique selection of songs from the Latin American and Mexican tradition that celebrate nature, family, home, and love.

Evening Itty Bitty Jamboree

Tuesdays, October 7 & 21, 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.

Kids LEGO Club

Wednesdays, October 8 & 22, 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.

Novel-Teas (ages 12+)

Friday, October 10 – October 31 (while supplies last), Information Desk

Pick up a curated tea kit featuring the exquisite Yerba Mate Tea. This includes two tea bags, recommended book pairings and a delectable recipe to complement the experience.

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

Fridays, October 10 & 24, 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.

Family Fun Night

Tuesday, October 14, 6:30 – 8 p.m.

Families with school-aged children will create art, crafts, or participate in STEM activities. This month we will do sugar skull decorating for Día de los Muertos.

Kids Art Club

Wednesday, October 15, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Children's Activity Room

This month we will do sugar skull decorating for Día de los Muertos.

Zumba

Mondays, October 20 & 27, 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.

Library Ukulele Society

Tuesday, October 21, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m., Program Room

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

Meditative Banig Drawing

Tuesday, October 21, 7 – 8 p.m.

Explore a variety of line patterns inspired by Filipino weaving and tattoo designs, then create your own distinctive banig illustration. No experience needed. Program is on a first-come, first served basis.

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

Friday, October 24, 4 – 5 p.m., Children's Activity Room

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

SARATOGA -- 13650 Saratoga Avenue**Wandering in Wonderland**

Through October 30, Library Lobby

James Ong was a quiet, curious, and observant child who became an engineer and toy designer. Now, an artist, his imagination is free to roam and play without constraint.

Knit & Crochet Circle

Wednesday, October 1, 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.

Baby Storytime (12 months or younger)

Wednesdays, October 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 11 – 11:15 a.m., Community Room

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

Homework Help for Grades K-6

Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4 – 5:30 p.m. and Wednesdays, 3 – 4:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Students can get free homework help. No registration is required. Basic school supplies will be provided. Caregivers of children under 10 years old must stay with their child.

Drop-in Tech Help

Thursdays, October 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Oak Room

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

Teen Coffeehouse

Friday, October 3, 6:30 – 8 p.m., Community Room

Are you a teen performer? [Sign up](#) to perform your music, dance, poetry, or spoken word art. Not a performer? Support your friends and just enjoy the performances.

Family Storytime

Saturdays, October 4, 11, 18, & 25, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room

Tuesdays, October 7, 14, 21, & 28, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Maple Room

Join us for stories, rhymes, and songs.

Diya Painting for Diwali

Saturday, October 4, 12 – 2 p.m., Community Room

You can paint and decorate your own diya! No registration required.

Henna Art for Diwali

Saturday, October 4, 12 – 2 p.m., Community Room

Beautify your hand with simple design by henna artists. First come first serve, while supplies last.

Indian Classical Dance for Diwali

Saturday, October 4, 3 – 4:30 p.m., Community Room

Enjoy a dance performance by Acharya Madhuri Kishore in a Kuchipudi dance style.

The Exceptional Life of Tye Leung Schulze

Sunday, October 5, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Community Room

This multimedia presentation will introduce you to the human side of Tye Leung Schulze, equal rights pioneer, crusader against human trafficking and suffragist.

Mystery Book Club

Monday, October 6, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard Room

We will discuss [*One of Us is Lying*](#) by Karen M. McManus. Drop by the Adult Reference Desk to sign up and pick up a copy of the book.

Sci-Fi & Fantasy Book Club

Tuesday, October 7, 7 – 8 p.m., Maple Room

We will discuss [*The Phoenix Empress*](#) by K. Arsenault Rivera. Register and pick up a copy of the book at the adult reference desk.

Chinese Book Club/ 中文書友會

Thursday, October 9, 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。

Meditative Banig Drawing

Thursday, October 9, 2 – 3 p.m.

Explore a variety of line patterns inspired by Filipino weaving and tattoo designs, then create your own distinctive banig illustration. No experience needed. Program is on a first-come, first served basis.

Reading Buddies (completed Grades K-5)

Fridays, October 10 & 24, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Orchard Room

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.

Not So Scary Halloween Magic Show

Saturday, October 11, 3 – 4 p.m., Community Room

Bring your ghosts and goblins, your superheroes, and your fairies as tricks reign over treats in this silly, fun, laughter-filled show. No registration required.

Band Jam: Guitar and Ukulele

Tuesdays, October 14 & 21, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room

Join us for singing and strumming to popular songs in a fun, easy-going environment.

Children's STEM-tober Party

Tuesday, October 14, 4 – 5 p.m., Community Room

Make fizzy potions and ooey-goopy slime! All materials supplied, while supplies last.

LEGOs

Wednesday, October 15, 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, October 16, 1 – 2 p.m.

We will discuss [*Project Hail Mary*](#) by Andy Weir. Stop by the Adult Reference Desk to register and pick up a copy of the book.

Board Game Night for Adults

Monday, October 20, 6 – 8 p.m., Maple Room

Drop in and play a variety of board games.

Kids Halloween Craft (PreK-Grade 7)

Tuesday, October 21, 4 – 5 p.m., Community Room

Drop by and create your very own adorable Frankenstein sun catcher. No registration required. The craft is available while supplies last.

Travel Program: Newfoundland

Tuesday, October 21, 7:15 – 8:30 p.m., Community Room

Take a tour of Canada's youngest province and see the remarkable landscape of this largely untouristed island as well fishing villages and the unique architecture of the 500-year-old city of St. John's.

Spanish Storytime

Thursday, October 23, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Orchard Room

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

SERVICES & SUPPORT CENTER – 1370 Dell Avenue, Campbell**JPA Board Meeting**

Thursday, October 30, 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://scclld.org/jpa/>

WOODLAND – 1975 Grant Road

Monday Meditation and Mindfulness

Mondays, October 6, 20, & 27, 7 – 7:30 p.m.

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

Book Discussion for Adults

Tuesday, October 14, 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, October 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Meet new friends and practice English together.

Virtual Author Talk: Smithsonian Educators

Thursday, October 2, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Smithsonian professionals Adrián Aldaba and Emily Key will discuss [Nuestra América](#), a richly illustrated book that highlights inspiring stories of Latinos—their cultural roots, childhoods, and impactful contributions to U.S. history.

Virtual Author Talk: Leigh Bardugo

Thursday, October 9, 4 – 5 p.m.

Since its 2015 debut, Leigh Bardugo's [Six of Crows](#) has captivated Young Adult readers with its gritty fantasy world, intricate magic system, and unforgettable cast of morally complex characters.

Asian Art Museum Talk: Afterlife Beliefs and Burial Rites

Tuesday, October 28, 7 – 8 p.m.

Explore some of the ancient Asian beliefs about the afterlife, and how the different cultures honored their dead and their ancestors.

Virtual Author Talk: Philippa Gregory

Wednesday, October 29, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Join us for a conversation with Philippa Gregory, the acclaimed “queen of British historical fiction,” as she returns to the Tudor Court in her forthcoming novel [Boleyn Traitor](#) (to be released on October 14).

November 2025 Library Report
Jennifer Weeks, County Librarian



Cooking up a Feast at the Library

Thanksgiving is around the corner, and the nights are getting longer starting on Sun., Nov. 2 as we fall back an hour. Now is the time to get cozy with a good book.

Drop by one of our libraries to check out your next read and discover something new. Make your own decorations using tips from our DIY

[Creativebug](#) resource. Looking for a new recipe to share at the dinner table on Turkey Day? We have [cookbooks](#) at the library as well as digital offerings from [New York Times Cooking](#), [hoopla](#), [Flipster](#) (check under Food & Cooking), and [OverDrive](#). Keep an eye out as well for our staff Thanksgiving blog on our website.

Thank you and Happy Thanksgiving to you and yours. We are grateful for your continued advocacy, participation, and support.

Native American Heritage Month

November marks [Native American Heritage Month](#), which celebrates the cultures and contributions of American Indians and Alaskan natives. SCCLD has a number of in-person and virtual [events planned](#) around the month. These include book clubs and special presentations by the Indian Health Center of Santa Clara County.



Several of our libraries will host a Native American Song and Dance Celebration featuring local artists. Join us Sat., Nov. 15 at [Gilroy](#) and [Morgan Hill](#), [Sun., Nov. 16](#) at Saratoga, [Tue., Nov. 18](#) at Los Altos, and [Sun., Nov. 23](#) at Cupertino. We have two Virtual Author talks from Aquinnah Wampanoag tribe member Joseph Lee on [Wed., Nov. 5](#) and novelist Amanda Peters (Mi'kmaq tribe of Maine) on [Thu., Nov. 13](#). Find more details about their talks at end of this report.

Author [D.M. Rowell](#) (*Mud Sawpole Mysteries*) will share her unique journey from Silicon Valley tech executive to mystery writer, touching on her heritage as a member of the Kiowa Tribe of the Great Plains. She will speak [Sun., Nov. 2](#) at the Gilroy Library, [Mon., Nov. 3](#) at the Saratoga Library, [Wed., Nov. 12](#) at the Los Altos Library and [Tue., Nov. 18](#) at the Morgan Hill Library.



Imagination Library a Huge Hit

More than a tenth of children ages 0-5 in the County of Santa Clara are already enrolled in Dolly Parton's [Imagination Library](https://www.scclld.org/imaginationlibrary) after its first month in operation. Families with age-eligible children who live in the county can enroll online at [scclld.org/imaginationlibrary](https://www.scclld.org/imaginationlibrary) to receive a free age-appropriate book per child sent to their home every month, with English and Spanish

titles available. Books will arrive approximately 8-12 weeks after registration.

The Santa Clara County Library District Foundation is the lead organization providing the Imagination Library to all Santa Clara County families, instilling the love of reading in our county's youngest residents.

Cupertino Kids Dive into New Aquarium Adventure, Updates

The latest [StoryBook SCCLD](https://www.scclld.org/storybook-scclld) play space at the Cupertino Library opened on Saturday, [October 18](https://www.scclld.org/storybook-scclld). Not even a temporary power outage that delayed opening could dampen the enjoyment of the children who got to experience the new Aquarium Adventure. New friends the SwimmerBots help kids and their families explore an imaginary world filled with colorful creatures.



Storybook SCCLD Dreamy Downtown will be part of the opening of the fully remodeled Campbell Library. The interior building construction is almost finished, and we will soon have access to begin installing shelving, resources and equipment, with an early 2026 opening now expected. Service at the Campbell Express Library has been extended. The Los Altos Library Orchard Outing play space has also been delayed. The Los Altos Library children's room will reopen in the interim. We'll provide an update as soon as we have more information.

FYI- All SCCLD Libraries will be closed on Monday, November 11 for Veterans Day and Thursday and Friday, November 27 and 28 for the Thanksgiving holiday. Find us 24/7 at our [Online Library](https://www.scclld.org).

NEW ONLINE RESOURCES



New Resources in Online Library- NYT

Read all about it! SCCLD has expanded its [New York Times](#) offerings to also include access to:

- [NYT Cooking](#), a cooking guide and interactive kitchen tool with a diverse recipe collection
- [Wirecutter](#), which provides reviews and building advice for thousands of consumer products
- Enjoy [Games](#) like The Crossword, Wordle, Spelling Bee, Connections and more
- [The Athletic](#) provides high-quality local, national and international news coverage of professional and collegiate sports teams

EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS

Gilroy Library
Milpitas Library
Saratoga Library

November 1 – 3
10 AM TO 6 PM

ELECTION DAY
November 4
7 AM TO 8 PM



More info at scclld.org/voting_resources

A New Way to Better Connect to Your Chinese Heritage

SCCLD patrons now have access to a powerful new set of tools for tracking their ancestors from China and other nations with members of the Chinese diaspora. [My China Roots](#) combines the best databases of U.S. immigration and other records with a wealth of documents from mainland China and across Asian.



Use Family Tree books (zupus) to trace your family's lineage. Search Chinese Exclusion Records from the U.S., Canada and Australia. If you know how to spell your family name in Chinese or know the exact village or province where your ancestor originated, you can delve into Chinese records. There's even a scanning function that will input your family name for you if you can't input the symbols yourself.

VIRTUAL

Author Talks

NOVEMBER 2025

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

Joseph Lee
November 5 from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Lee explores what it means to be Indigenous today amid the pressures of land loss, cultural erosion, and colonial legacy.

Amanda Peters
November 13 from 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Drawing from her *Mikmaq* heritage, Peters explores themes of family, grief, and identity.

Charles Duhigg
November 18 from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Duhigg explores science behind meaningful conversations and how we can connect more effectively in every part of life.








November Virtual Author Talks

Three authors will delve into their works this month online.

First up on Wed., Nov. 5 journalist and author [Joseph Lee](#) discusses his powerful memoir, [Nothing More of this Land](#) in which he explores what it means to be Indigenous today amid the pressures of land loss, cultural erosion and colonial legacy. [Please register.](#)

Author [Amanda Peters](#) shares about her debut novel [The Berry Pickers](#) and short stories on Thu., Nov. 13. Peters' novel deals with themes of family, grief and identity through the story of a girl who vanishes. [Please register.](#)

Rounding out the trio on Tue., Nov. 18 is bestselling author [Charles Duhigg](#), whose latest work is [Supercommunicators: How to Unlock the Secret Language of Connection](#). Hear about the science behind meaningful conversations. [Please register.](#)

SANTA CLARA COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT NOVEMBER 2025 EVENTS

SCCLD libraries will be closed on Tuesday, November 11 for Veterans Day and Thursday & Friday, November 27 & 28 for Thanksgiving. Our Online Library is always available at scclld.org/Online-Library/.

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

Family Storytime

Wednesdays, November 5, 12, 19, & 26, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard City Banquet Hall

This storytime is children ages 0-5 and will feature stories, songs and more. Please bring a blanket or towel to sit on.

Distinguished Author Series: Twice the Wisdom: Mitch Albom Returns

Thursday, November 13, 7 – 8 p.m., Campbell Heritage Theatre

Mitch Albom will discuss his latest novel, [Twice](#), which explores second chances. There will be Q&A with the audience after the talk. Participants can purchase a copy of the book, *Twice*, at the talk and have it signed by Albom.

CUPERTINO -- 10800 Torre Avenue

Family Storytime

Saturdays, November 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 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.

How and Why to Learn Poems by Heart

Saturday, November 1, 4 – 6 p.m., Room 201

Memorizing and reciting poetry is a rewarding practice for poets and poetry lovers.

Cupertino Poet Laureate Keiko O'Leary will share tips that make memorizing poems easier.

Babywearing Dance

Sundays, November 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Join us for babywearing dancing.

Baby Sign and Sing

Sunday, November 2, 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, November 3 & 17, 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, November 4 & 18, 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.

Toddler Storytime (ages 1-2)

Tuesdays, November 4, 18, & 25, 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 (Grades K-8)

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

We provide LEGOs, children build creations! Please leave your LEGOs at home.

Homework Help for Grades K-5

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4:30 – 6 p.m., Torre Room

Students can get free homework help. No registration is required. Basic school supplies will be provided.

Children's Literature for Adults Book Club

Tuesday, November 4, 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.

Wednesday Afternoon Meditation and Mindfulness

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

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

Tariffs, Global Trade, and Your Investments

Wednesday, November 5, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Room 201

Whether you are watching your stocks climb or wondering why your returns are shrinking, international trade policies may be playing a bigger role than you think. This program is sponsored by the Financial Planning Association of Silicon Valley.

Bedtime Storytime

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

This storytime is suitable for all ages and will feature stories, songs, rhymes and dances that encourage 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, November 6, 13, & 20, 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 (completed Grades K-5)

Thursday, November 6, 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, November 7, 14, & 21, 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.

Mandarin/English Family Storytime/ [中/英文雙語說故事時間](#)

Fridays, November 7 & 21, 7 – 8 p.m., Room 101

Join us for stories, songs, flannel board story, fingerplay and a craft project in Mandarin and English. 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。歡迎幼兒們 和家長, 祿母一同前來參加。

Discover Ilocano Traditional Weaving

Saturday, November 8, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Room 201

Discover its socio-cultural and historical significance and explore iconic design patterns, their symbolism, and try weaving on small looms.

The Essential Guide to Mushroom Foraging

Saturday, November 8, 3 – 4 p.m.

This program provides a comprehensive introduction to recognizing edible varieties like chanterelles, morels, and porcini, while emphasizing the critical importance of distinguishing them from poisonous species.

Nonfiction Book Discussion

Sunday, November 9, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Room 201B

We will discuss [All the Beauty in the World](#) by Patrick Bringley.

Japanese Bilingual Storytime

Sunday, November 9, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Room 101

This bilingual Japanese storytelling session will include traditional kamishibai (paper theater), puppets and books!

Sunday Line Dance

Sunday, November 9, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Room 201

Learn and master shuffles, sweeps, and turns while improving your balance, coordination, stamina, footwork, and arm styling. Wear comfortable shoes.

Reading Program Family Literacy Club

Wednesday, November 12, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Community Room 101

We will make a tree with just cotton balls and paint, while practicing some strategies to help build literacy skills. All supplies will be provided. No registration required but spots are limited.

Mandarin Book Discussion Meeting: [像這樣的小事 \(Xiang zhe yang de xiao shi\)](#)

Thursday, November 13, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Room 201A

The Cupertino Library Chinese Book Discussion will talk [about 像這樣的小事 Xiang zhe yang de xiao shi \(Small Things Like These\)](#) by Claire Keegan.

Rangoli for Kids (ages 6+)

Thursday, November 13, 4 – 5 p.m., Room 101

Learn about and create your own rangoli to take home. Arrive on time, supplies are limited!

Art Therapy for Tweens (ages 10+ and caregiver)

Friday, November 14, 4 – 5 p.m., Room 101

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

Create CU: Suminagashi (ages 18+)

Friday, November 14, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Room 201B

Learn suminagashi, a Japanese paper marbling technique. Materials and instruction will be provided. Please register.

HTML for Teens Workshop

Saturday, November 15, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Room 201

The session includes building a simple web page, giving participants hands on experience and deepening their understanding of basic HTML. This workshop is hosted by Together We AI, a nonprofit organization that aims to make AI education accessible to everyone.

Discovering Data: An Intro to SQL

Saturday, November 15, 2 – 4 p.m., Room 201

Join us for a hands-on workshop on the basics of SQL! You'll be learning about database querying and data analysis. Please be sure to bring a fully charged laptop and charging cord to this workshop.

Police Read Along

Wednesday, November 19, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Room 101

A deputy will read books and share safety tips. Please arrive on time; seating is limited.

Book Discussion for Adults

Wednesday, November 19, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., and Thursday, November 20, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Room 201B

We will discuss [The Bandit Queens](#) by Parini Shroff.

Origami for School Aged Kids (ages 5-13)

Thursday, November 20, 4 – 4:45 p.m., Room 101

Learn how to fold 3 different origami projects. Each project will be demonstrated, step-by-step. Origami paper is provided. No registration required.

Fall Science Craft (ages 6+)

Friday, November 21, 4 – 5 p.m., Room 101

Join us as we learn about this non-Newtonian substance, is it a liquid or a solid? Afterward, make your own Oobleck to take home and run further experiments with!

Native American Song and Dance Celebration

Sunday, November 23, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Room 201

Future Generations is a cultural collaboration of Native American singers, dancers, and artists. Guided by our mission to honor our ancestors and their teachings through cultural expressions of the past, present, and future, we strive to educate the public about the songs, dances, art, food, and traditions of the Indigenous Peoples of America.

Family Game Day

Wednesday, November 26, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m., Room 101

We have Monopoly, Scrabble, Clue, Sorry!, Twister, puzzles, card games and more! Family Game Day also features Library Mini Golf.

Jigsaw Puzzle Competition for Adults

Wednesday, November 26, 3 – 5 p.m., Room 201

10 teams, 4 people each, 2 hours, 500 pieces, and bragging rights. The goal is to be the team that finishes the jigsaw puzzle in the shortest amount of time. Please register.

GILROY -- 350 W. Sixth Street

StoryWalk Celebration

Saturday, November 1, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Christmas Hill Park (7050 Miller Avenue)

Celebrate with us and receive a free book. Special music and dance performance by Los Panaderos. Ven a celebrar con nosotros y recibe un libro gratis.

Seed Kits for Teens and Adults

Saturday, November 1 – Sunday, November 30, Upstairs Information Desk

Pick up a packet of chive seeds. These kits include seeds, how to care for the plant, a recipe and book pairings. Available while supplies last.

Planting & Growing California Wildflowers

Saturday, November 1, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room

Learn about native wildflowers that are easy to grow from scattered seeds. Find out which ones attract beneficial insects and various pollinators. We'll cover soil preparation, competition from weeds, and possible problems.

Family Storytime/Hora de Cuentos

Saturdays, November 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 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.

Native American Heritage Month Author Visit: D.M. Rowell

Sunday, November 2, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Community Room

Rowell brings her unique perspective as a member of the Kiowa Tribe and a lifelong storyteller rooted in Plains Indian oral tradition. She'll explore themes of identity, culture, and place as reflected in her novels, which follow a protagonist returning to her childhood home to solve chilling mysteries steeped in tribal history.

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

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

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

Create N Play/Crear Y Jugar (Kids 12 and under)

Mondays, November 3, 10, 17, & 24, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m., Children's Area

Join us for a crafty exploration of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math. No registration needed. ¡Acompañenos para explorar todo lo relacionado con Ciencia, Tecnología, Ingeniería, Arte y Matemáticas. ¡Inscripción no es necesaria!

Pajama Storytime/Hora de Cuentas en Pijama

Mondays, November 3, 10, 17, & 24, 6:30 – 7 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.

Reading Program Family Literacy Club

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

We will make a tree with just cotton balls and paint, while practicing some strategies to help build literacy skills. All supplies will be provided. No registration required but spots are limited.

Homework Help/Ayuda con la Tarea

Tuesdays-Thursdays, 4 – 5:30 p.m., the Nest/Nido

Are you a student in grades 1st - 6th and need help with homework? We have tutors for you to receive homework help. ¿Eres un estudiante de 1.º a 6.º grado y necesitas ayuda con la tarea? Tenemos tutores disponibles para ayudarte con tus tareas.

Zumba at the Library/Clase de Zumba Fitness

Tuesdays, November 4, 18, & 25, 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, November 4, 6 – 7 p.m., the Nest/Nido

Practice your reading skills and read aloud one on one with a furry friend! Sign-ups are first come, first serve 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.

Teen Unity Through Arts & Crafts/Jóvenes Unidos creando arte y manualidades
Wednesdays, November 5 & 19, 4 – 6 p.m.

Join us to work on art projects together. All supplies will be provided. Earn community service hours for school. Enjoy snacks and make new friends. No registration needed. ¡Ven a crear regalos hechos a mano, gana horas de servicio comunitario con amigos disfrutando snacks! Se proporcionarán todos los suministros.

Books and Boogie Storytime/Hora de Cuentos

Thursdays, November 6, 13, & 20, 10:30 – 11 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, November 6, 13, & 20, 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, November 7, 10:15 – 11:15 a.m., Quiet Study B

We will be discussing [Once There Were Wolves](#) by Charlotte McConaghy.

Baby Bounce Storytime (12 months and younger)

Fridays, November 7, 14, & 21, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room

Baby bounce shares short stories, nursery rhymes, fingerplays and songs that reinforce early literacy skills. Baby Bounce comparte cuentos cortos, canciones infantiles, y canciones que refuerzan habilidades de lectura.

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

Fridays, November 7 & 21, 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.

The Essential Guide to Mushroom Foraging

Saturday, November 8, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

This program provides a comprehensive introduction to recognizing edible varieties like chanterelles, morels, and porcini, while emphasizing the critical importance of distinguishing them from poisonous species.

Sewing for Beginners (ages 13+)

Saturday, November 8, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m., Quiet Study B

Learn how to use a sewing machine and sew your own fabric water bottle holder with strap. No registration necessary. Space is available on a first come, first served basis.

Open Poetry Readings

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

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

Playdoh Playtime/Hora de juego con plastilina (ages 2-7)

Wednesday, November 12, 3 – 4 p.m., Community Room

Children can shape, roll, and squish playdoh using cutters in the shape of dinosaurs. Los niños podrán amasar, moldear y aplastar plastilina usando divertidos cortadores en forma de dinosaurios.

LEGO Club

Friday, November 14, 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! Pueden seguir nuestras indicaciones o construir algo basado en su imaginación.

Native American Heritage Month: Indian Health Center of Santa Clara Valley

Saturday, November 15, 10 – 10:45 p.m., Community Room

Learn about the center's mission to support the health and well-being of American Indians, Alaska Natives, and the wider community through culturally responsive, high-quality medical and wellness services.

Native American Heritage Month: Native American Song and Dance Celebration

Saturday, November 15, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Future Generations is a cultural collaboration of Native American singers, dancers, and artists. Guided by our mission to honor our ancestors and their teachings through cultural expressions of the past, present, and future, we strive to educate the public about the songs, dances, art, food, and traditions of the Indigenous Peoples of America.

Image Transfer Tote Bags (ages 13+)

Saturday, November 15, 2 – 3 p.m., Community Room

Learn how to move pictures from one surface to another and make yourself a one-of-a-kind tote bag. Please wear clothes you don't mind getting stained.

Family Board Games

Friday, November 21, 3 – 4:30 p.m., Community Room

We have games for all ages and skill levels. Tenemos juegos para todas las edades y niveles de habilidad.

Dino Day/Dino Fiesta

Saturday, November 22, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Community Room

We will have a dino-storytime, dino games, dino costume crafts, fossil digging, dino eggs, dino painting, dino dance, and a volcano eruption. Tendremos una hora de cuentos con dinosaurios, juegos de dinosaurios, manualidades con disfraces de dinosaurios, excavación de fósiles, huevos de dinosaurio, pintura de dinosaurios, baile de dinosaurios y una erupción volcánica.

Sensory-Friendly Library Playtime/Tiempo de Juego Sensorial Amigable

Tuesday, November 25, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Children's Play 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. Mantenemos las luces bajas y utilizamos la luz natural. Las computadoras estarán apagadas y las puertas cerradas para reducir el ruido exterior.

Book Discussion for Adults

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

We will be discussing [The One Hundred Years of Lenni and Margot](#) by Marianne Cronin.

Bookworms Book Club (Grades 2-3)

Wednesday, November 26, 3 – 4 p.m., the Nest

We will discuss [Mercy Watson to the Rescue](#) by Kate DiCamillo. Register at the Children's Reference Desk and read the book before the meeting.

Bookdragons Book Club (Grades 4-5)

Wednesday, November 26, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m., the Nest

We will discuss [The One and Only Ivan](#) by Katherine Applegate, then do some crafts and have a snack. Register at the Children's Reference Desk and read the book before the meeting.

LOS ALTOS -- 13 S. San Antonio Road

Los Altos Art Club Exhibit

Saturday, November 1 – November 29, Art Wall

Enjoy art featuring local artists.

Monday Morning Meditation and Mindfulness

Mondays, November 3, 10, 17, & 24, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Teen Room

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

Poetry Open Mic

Monday, November 3, 7 – 8 p.m., Pod D

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

The Whodunit? Mystery Book Club

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

We will discuss [Malice](#) by Keigo Higashino.

Discover Ilocano Traditional Weaving

Wednesday, November 5, 1 – 3 p.m., Teen Room

Discover its socio-cultural and historical significance and explore iconic design patterns, their symbolism, and try weaving on small looms.

ESL Conversation Club

Thursdays, November 6, 13, & 20, 1:30 – 3 p.m., Teen 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, November 6, 13, & 20, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m., Conference Room

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

Board Game Sunday

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

We have board games for adults, teens, and children -- plus LEGOs and DUPLOS.

Native American Heritage Month Author Visit: D.M. Rowell

Wednesday, November 12, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Teen Room

Rowell brings her unique perspective as a member of the Kiowa Tribe and a lifelong storyteller rooted in Plains Indian oral tradition. She'll explore themes of identity, culture, and place as reflected in her novels, which follow a protagonist returning to her childhood home to solve chilling mysteries steeped in tribal history.

Watercolor Workshop for Adults

Friday, November 14, 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, and no seat saving.

Book Bugs Club (Grades 2-3)

Tuesday, November 18, 4 – 5 p.m., Los Altos Community Center's Apricot Room

We will discuss [Please Write in This Book](#) by Mary Amato, then make a craft. Please pick up a copy of the book at the Children's Desk at Los Altos or Woodland Library.

Native American Song and Dance Celebration

Tuesday, November 18, 7 – 8 p.m., Los Altos Community Center Grand Oak Room

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Page Turners Book Club (Grades 4-5)

Wednesday, November 19, 4 – 5 p.m., Conference Room

We will discuss [Save Me a Seat](#) by Sarah Weeks and Gita Varadarajan. Please pick up a copy of the book at the Children's Desk at Los Altos or Woodland Library.

Ten Years, Billions of Galaxies, One Sky: The Rubin Observatory Story

Thursday, November 20, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Teen Room

Learn how Rubin's images could help us tackle some of the biggest questions in cosmology: What is dark matter made of? What is driving the accelerated expansion of the Universe? And how did cosmic structures evolve over billions of years?

Now Read This Book Club

Monday, November 24, 12 – 1:30 p.m., Conference Room

We will be discussing [Held](#) by Anne Michaels.

To Be Read Book Club (Grades 6-8)

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

We will discuss [Mascot](#) by Charles Waters and Traci Sorell. 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, November 25, 7 – 8 p.m., Conference Room

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

MILPITAS -- 160 N. Main Street

Mend with Friends

Saturday, November 1, 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, November 1, 8, 15, & 22, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Activity Room

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

Family Movie Matinee

Saturday, November 1, 2 – 4 p.m., Activity Room

Celebrate the Day of the Dead with a showing of Coco.

Embroidery for Teens (Ages 13-18)

Saturday, November 1, 2 – 4 p.m., Program Room

You'll receive your own very embroidery kit to work on! All materials and step-by-step guidance are included. No experience needed - just patience! First 20 people to arrive will get a seat.

Teen Rubik's Cube Club

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

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

Gentle Flow Yoga (ages 13+)

Sunday, November 2, 10 – 11 a.m., Program Room

This practice combines mindful movement, simple breathing techniques, and a calming guided meditation to reduce stress, improve flexibility, and restore balance. Bring a mat.

Character Election

Sunday, November 2 and Saturday, November 8, 2 – 4 p.m., Activity Room

Help choose the new president of the Milpitas Library Children's Area and vote in our character election.

LEGO Club for Grades K-8

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

Children will use their creativity and engineering skills to build anything they can imagine.

Baby Bouncers Lapsit

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

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

Little Learners STEAM (Ages 3-5)

Tuesday, November 4, 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.

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. Homework Help will not be offered November 3, 11, and 24 – 28.

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

Tuesdays, November 4, 18, & 25, 6:30 – 7 p.m., Children's 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。歡迎兒童們與家長祿母一同前來參加。

Fun with Art with First5 Santa Clara County (ages 3-5)

Wednesday, November 5, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., Activity Room

Join us for a story and craft activity, then learn about resources provided by the Guerrero Family Resource Center.

ESL Conversation Club

Wednesdays, November 5, 12, 19, & 26, 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.

Milpitas Children's Chess Club (Grades 1-8)

Wednesdays, November 5, 12, 19, & 26, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., Activity Room

Play chess and make new friends in a fun and relaxed environment! Registration is not required but space is limited. Attendees are expected to know the rules of chess and must be able to play independently.

Preschool Storytime: 3s & 4s Budding Bookworms

Thursdays, November 6, 13, & 20, 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, November 7, 14, & 21, 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, November 7, 14, & 21, 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, November 7, 3:30 – 4:15 p.m., Activity Room

Children and their adult caregiver will have fun exploring music and dancing together.

Family Board Game (Ages 6+)

Fridays, November 7 & 21, 4 – 5 p.m., Activity Room

Learn about different types of games, whatever your interests.

Board Game Day

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

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

Dungeons and Dragons Mini Campaign (ages 13+)

Saturday, November 8, 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.

Foundations of Resilient Health

Saturday, November 8, 3 – 4 p.m., Program Room

This talk focuses on the connection between the gut and the brain.

Science Fiction and Fantasy Book Club

Monday, November 10, 7 – 8 p.m., Auditorium

Sign up and pick up a copy of [What Moves the Dead](#) by T. Kingfisher.

Fall Crafts (Grades K-5)

Friday, November 14, 3:30 – 4 p.m., Activity Room

Make fall-inspired crafts with us! All materials will be provided. Please register.

UC Admissions Info Session

Saturday, November 15, 11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m., Program Room

Each UC campus offers unique programs, specialties, and admission opportunities. This seminar will share what UCs are looking for in applicants and which student profiles succeed most in gaining acceptance.

Retro Roadshow: Console Chaos

Saturday, November 15, 2 – 3 p.m., Auditorium

Engage in an insightful journey through three decades of intense rivalry in the video game industry, then participate in the competition alongside fellow enthusiasts.

Adult & Teen Crafternoon (ages 13+)

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

Use felt to create artistic slices of fabric pie and string them into a decorative garland in honor of the fall baking season! Walk-in while supplies last.

The Peaceful Poets

Thursday, November 20, 5:30 – 8 p.m., Conference Room

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

Reading Buddies (Grades K-5)

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

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

Dream Top Presents Super Vision! – Super U!

Wednesday, November 26, 7 – 8 p.m., Auditorium

Join in the fun as Drea stumbled into a blast-o-rama machine that zapped her with super vibes! Join Drea and her accomplice, Quakers the Emu puppet, to discover your own super powers and go on a top-secret mission! Space is limited.

MORGAN HILL -- 660 W. Main Avenue

Bilingual Family Storytime for All Ages

Saturdays, November 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 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).

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.

Homework Help for Grades K-6

Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Children’s Activity Room

Students can get free homework help. No registration is required. Basic school supplies will be provided. Help will not be available on November 11, and 24 – 27.

Zumba

Monday, November 3, 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.

Evening Itty Bitty Jamboree

Tuesdays, November 4 & 18, 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.

Kids LEGO Club

Wednesdays, November 5 & 19, 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.

Amah Mutsun: Discussion with Chairman Lopez

Wednesday, November 5, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m., Program Room

In honor of Native American Heritage Month, we welcome the Chair of the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band, Valentin Lopez.

After Dinner Book Club

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

In honor of Native American Heritage Month, we will discuss [The Berry Pickers](#) by Amanda Peters.

Toddler Storytime

Thursdays, November 6, 13, & 20, 10:30 – 11 a.m.

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, November 6, 13, & 20, 11:15 – 11:45 a.m.

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, November 6, 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, November 7, 14, & 21, 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, November 7, 14, & 21, 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, November 7, 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!

Craft Night for Teens (ages 12-18)

Wednesday, November 12, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Program Room

We will be taking basic candles and personalizing them with your own original designs! There will be different candle shapes and methods to use to create your own unique candle creations. All supplies and snacks will be provided.

Native American Heritage Month: Indian Health Center of Santa Clara Valley

Thursday and Friday, November 13 & 14, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Library Entrance

Monday, November 17, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m., Program Room

Learn about the center's mission to support the health and well-being of American Indians, Alaska Natives, and the wider community through culturally responsive, high-quality medical and wellness services.

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

Friday, November 14, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Program 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.

Native American Song and Dance Celebration

Saturday, November 15, 2 – 3 p.m.

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Library Ukulele Society

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

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

Family Fun Night

Tuesday, November 18, 6:30 – 8 p.m.

Families with school-aged children will create art, crafts, or participate in STEM activities.

Native American Heritage Month Author Visit: D.M. Rowell

Tuesday, November 18, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

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Kids Art Club

Wednesday, November 19, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Children's Activity Room

Join us for a fun afternoon of creativity with the Kids Art Club.

Discover Ilocano Traditional Weaving

Wednesday, November 19, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Discover its socio-cultural and historical significance and explore iconic design patterns, their symbolism, and try weaving on small looms.

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

Friday, November 21, 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.

Mind Magic: Student-Led Workshop on the Brain and Illusions (Kids 8-13)

Friday, November 21, 4 – 5 p.m., Program Room

Through mind-bending illusions and DIY crafts, participants will explore why we see things that aren't really there, discover how our brain processes shapes, color, and motion, and create their own optical illusion to take home!

SARATOGA -- 13650 Saratoga Avenue

Sun and Sea Art Exhibit

November 1 – December 30, Library Lobby

Anil Sawe's exhibit consists of oil paintings on canvas depicting colorful sunsets and the power of the ocean.

Family Storytime

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

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

Join us for stories, rhymes, and songs. The November 1 storytime will be held in the Maple Room.

Wildlife Rehabilitation: Learn About the Saratoga Wildlife Care Center

Saturday, November 1, 1 – 2 p.m., Maple Room

Learn about wildlife programs that treat sick, injured and orphaned wildlife using state-of-the-art facilities, eventually releasing them back into their natural habitats.

Homework Help for Grades K-6

Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4 – 5:30 p.m. and Wednesdays, 3 – 4:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Students can get free homework help. No registration is required. Basic school supplies will be provided. Caregivers of children under 10 years old must stay with their child.

Homework Help will not be offered on November 11, and 24 – 27.

Art Beyond the Obvious Exhibit

November 4 – December 31, Group Study Room

This exhibit is by women from the art group - Art Beyond the Obvious.

Native American Heritage Month Author Visit: D.M. Rowell

Monday, November 3, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

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Mystery Book Club

Monday, November 3, 7 – 8 p.m.

We will discuss [Never Name the Dead](#), by D.M. Rowell in honor of Native American Heritage Month. Stop by the Adult Reference Desk to sign up and get a copy of the book.

Sci-Fi & Fantasy Book Club

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

We will discuss [Gideon the Ninth](#) by Tamsyn Muir. Register and pick up a copy of the book at the adult reference desk.

Knit & Crochet Circle

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

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

Baby Storytime (12 months or younger)

Wednesdays, November 5, 12, 19, & 26, 11 – 11:15 a.m., Maple Room

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

Drop-in Tech Help

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

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

Discover Ilocano Traditional Weaving

Saturday, November 8, 2:30 – 4:30 p.m., Maple Room

Discover its socio-cultural and historical significance and explore iconic design patterns, their symbolism, and try weaving on small looms.

Behind the Scenes of an Opera

Sunday, November 9, 10:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., Community Room

Join us for a special open rehearsal featuring scenes from *The Telephone*, *Amahl and the Night Visitors*, and *La Bohème*! Come enjoy beautiful music, witness the creative process, and see our talented artists bring these beloved works to life.

Craft Club for Adults

Thursday, November 13, 1 – 2 p.m., Community Room

Register to make a miniature gratitude tree. All supplies will be provided.

Furry Reading Buddies (completed Grades K-5)

Friday, November 14, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

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.

Understanding the Backlash to the 51st State Idea

Saturday, November 15, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m., Maple Room

Santa Clara University professor Greg Wigmore will discuss the United States' relationship with Canada.

Native American Song and Dance Celebration

Sunday, November 16, 2 – 3 p.m.

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Board Game Night for Adults

Monday, November 17, 6 – 8 p.m., Maple Room

Drop in and play a variety of board games.

Travel Program: The Tribes of India

Tuesday, November 18, 7:15 – 8:30 p.m., Community Room

Pam Perkins presents a photographic journey into India's tribal villages, showcasing the culture, the strength, and the enduring spirit of indigenous communities, balancing tradition with changing times.

LEGOs

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

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

Mandarin Storytime

Thursday, November 20, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Orchard Room

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

Teatime Book Chatter

Thursday, November 20, 1 – 2 p.m.

In celebration of Native American Heritage Month, we will discuss [The Berry Pickers](#) by Amanda Peters. Stop by the Adult Reference Desk to register and get a copy of the book.

WOODLAND – 1975 Grant Road

Monday Meditation and Mindfulness

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

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

Tiny Twirls and Tales Storytime

Sunday, November 16, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Backyard Patio (dress for weather!)

This special storytime is full of stories, wiggles, music, and fingerplays.

ONLINE EVENTS (Please register online)

Virtual Author Talk: Joseph Lee

Wednesday, November 5, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Author and journalist Joseph Lee will discuss his memoir, [Nothing More of This Land](#).

Drawing on his experience growing up Aquinnah Wampanoag on Martha's Vineyard, Lee explores what it means to be Indigenous today amid the pressures of land loss, cultural erosion, and colonial legacy.

Reading Program Orientation

Wednesday, November 5, 1 – 2 p.m. and 6 – 7 p.m.

Give back to your community by becoming an adult literacy tutor and supporting an adult learner improve their English reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills to achieve their goals. Learn more about the Reading Program during this orientation.

Online English Conversation Club

Thursdays, November 6 & 13, 11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Meet new friends and practice English together.

Virtual Author Talk: Amanda Peters

Thursday, November 13, 4 – 5 p.m.

In her book, [The Berry Pickers](#), Amanda Peters explores themes of family, grief, and identity through the haunting story of Ruthie, a young girl who vanishes and her brother, who is forever changed by her disappearance.

Virtual Author Talk: Charles Duhigg

Tuesday, November 18, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Bestselling author [Charles Duhigg](#) will discuss his latest book [Supercommunicators: How to Unlock the Secret Language of Connection](#), which explores the science behind meaningful conversations and how we can connect more effectively in every part of life.

Reading Program Tutor Training

Tuesday, November 18, and Thursday, November 20, 5:30 – 8 p.m.

Tutors who have completed the orientation are invited to this training session.

Building a Strong Financial Future: Strategies for Age 45 to Retirement

Wednesday, November 19, 3 – 4 p.m.

Topics include retirement saving needs including Social Security benefits and the impact of inflation, asset allocation strategies, and challenges people may encounter as they try to build a nest egg.

December 2025 Library Report
Jennifer Weeks, County Librarian

CELEBRATING CALIFORNIA AUTHORS



A Trio of California Writers

Following the success of our Distinguished Authors talk with Mitch Albom, which was attended by over 500 people, SCCLD has one more big event in store this year, a visit by three very unique California based authors.

On [Saturday, December 6](#) [Steven Rowley](#), [Devorah Major](#) and [Bari A. Williams](#) will

share about their works and approaches to writing. Rowley, a *New York Times* bestselling author will talk about his most recent work [The Dogs of Venice](#), a heartwarming story about love, loss, and finding oneself in one of the most unlikely places.

Major is a poet and performer who explores themes of being, family, community and the Black experience. A former San Francisco Poet Laureate, she teaches poetry craft, short story writing and composition. Major's latest work is [word time](#). Williams is an attorney and activist as well as a former tech executive. She writes about her experience as a Black woman working in Silicon Valley for large tech firms in [Seen Yet Unseen: A Black Woman Crashes the Tech Fraternity](#).

Celebrate the Holiday Season

Visit the library to get in the holiday spirit. Children will love our Jack and the Beanstalk Holiday Puppet Shows, taking place at the Cupertino Library on [Sat., Dec. 13](#), Milpitas Library on [Tue., Dec. 23](#), and Morgan Hill Library on [Sat., Dec 27](#).

Get ready for the holidays with seasonal [arts and craft events](#). Enjoy a concert, make an ornament or DIY item. We also offer resources like [Creativebug](#), with over 1,000 video classes on painting, knitting, crafting, sewing and more. Need a good recipe? Check out [New York Times: Cooking](#) or a booklist all about [gingerbread houses](#). Keep an eye on our website for other holiday blogs and best of 2025 lists. Wishing you happy holidays!





Silicon Valley Reads 2026 Theme and Companion Books Announced

The county's premiere reading event, Silicon Valley Reads, returns in early 2026 with a theme of *Bridges to Belonging*, a timely topic in this era where too often we feel disconnected from each other.

It all kicks off on Thursday, January 15 at De Anza College in Cupertino, where Sal Pizarro of the *Mercury News* will lead a panel featuring the authors of the three featured books. Throughout February and March, SCCLD will host dozens of events including author talks, engaging classes and workshops, kids crafts, and other programs for all ages. The Silicon Valley Reads official [website](#) will have all event information in the new year.

Featured Titles:

- [*The Power of Bridging*](#), John A. Powell. Provides a crucial framework for moving beyond the fear and separating of "othering" to the radical, transformative work of "bridging."
- [*Mainline Mama*](#), Keeonna Harris. A moving and unflinching memoir of resilience and hope. Harris shares her powerful story of navigating motherhood with an incarcerated partner.
- [*Unlikely Animals*](#), Annie Hartnett. A tender and humorous novel with a touch of magic. Emma returns to her New Hampshire hometown to care for her dying father and sees ghosts.

Children's Companion Books:

- [*Thank You, Neighbor*](#), Ruth Chan (PreK – New Readers)
- [*Together, A Forest*](#), Roz MacLean (Elementary)
- [*Front Desk*](#), Kelly Yang (Middle Grades)
- [*Give Me a Sign*](#), Anna Sortino (High School/Young Adult)

FYI- All SCCLD libraries will close at 5 PM on Wed., Dec. 24 (Christmas Eve) and Dec. 31 (New Year's Eve). They will be closed Thu., Dec. 25 (Christmas Day) and Jan. 1, 2026 (New Years Day). Find us 24/7 at our [Online Library](#).

New Resource: ConnectWell to Better Health

[ConnectWell](#) is a comprehensive consumer health information portal featuring content from leading health information providers available now in our 24/7 Online Library. It replaces the MedLine Health resource.

Find articles and videos on common diseases and conditions, surgeries and procedures, drugs and supplements, nutrition, fitness, parenting, safety, and workplace issues. ConnectWell can help you to adopt healthy lifestyle practices, including ideas for healthy recipes using organic ingredients.



December Virtual Author Talks

We have just one online discussion planned for this month.

On Tue., Dec. 2 Sue Hincenbergs will discuss her debut crime novel, [The Retirement Plan](#), where murder is the name of the game when it comes to husbands, wives and a struggle for financial safety. [Please register.](#)



EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS

Gilroy Library
Milpitas Library
Saratoga Library

December 27 – 29
10 AM TO 6 PM

ELECTION DAY
December 30
7 AM TO 8 PM

SANTA CLARA COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT DECEMBER 2025 EVENTS

**SCCLD libraries will close at 5 p.m. on Wednesdays,
December 24 and 31 and be closed on Thursday, December 25.
Our digital library is always available at scclld.org/Online-Library**

CUPERTINO -- 10800 Torre Avenue

ESL Parent and Caregiver Conversation Club

Mondays, December 1 & 15, 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, December 2, 9, 16, 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.

Toddler Storytime (ages 1-2)

Tuesdays, December 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 (Grades K-8)

Tuesday, December 2, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Children's Meeting Room

We provide LEGOs, children build creations! Please leave your LEGOs at home.

Wednesday Afternoon Meditation and Mindfulness

Wednesdays, December 3, 10, & 17, 4:30 – 5 p.m., Room 201A

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

Bedtime Storytime

Wednesdays, December 3, 10, & 17, 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, December 4, 11, & 18, 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 (completed Grades K-5)

Thursday, December 4, 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, December 5, 12, & 19, 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.

Poetry in the Dark

Friday, December 5, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Room 201

We will turn off the lights and speak poems to each other. This is an intimate conversation, not a performance. Please bring inside you a poem you know by heart.

Mandarin/English Family Storytime/ [中/英文雙語說故事時間](#)

Friday, December 5, 7 – 8 p.m., Room 101

Wednesday, December 17, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Room 101

Join us for stories, songs, flannel board story, fingerplay and a craft project in Mandarin and English. 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。歡迎幼兒們 和家長, 祿母一同前來參加。

Celebrating California Authors Panel

Saturday, December 6, 10 – 11 a.m., Cupertino Community Hall

The Santa Clara County Library District brings together acclaimed writers from different backgrounds whose compelling works engage audiences and spark thoughtful conversations. We will hear from Steven Rowley, Devorah Major and Bärí A. Williams.

Family Storytime

Saturdays, December 6, 13, & 20, 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, December 7 & 14, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Join us for babywearing dancing.

Baby Sign and Sing

Sunday, December 7, 11 – 11:30 a.m., First Floor Program Room

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

Adult Literacy Roundtable for Volunteers

Tuesday, December 9, 5:30 – 7 p.m., Room 201

Reading Program tutors are incited to share tutoring tips, resources, and experiences.

Children's Literature for Adults Book Club

Tuesday, December 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.

Police Read Along

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

A Sheriff's Deputy will read books and share safety tips.

Flex Prep: Common Application, Common Mistakes

Wednesday, December 10, 7 – 8 p.m., Room 201

The Common App is an undergraduate college application that students may use to apply to more than 840 different colleges and universities. Learn how your student can rise to the top of the applicant pool by avoiding common mistakes.

Art Therapy for Tweens (ages 10+ and caregiver)

Friday, December 12, 4 – 5 p.m., Room 101

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

Jack and the Beanstalk Holiday Puppet Show

Saturday, December 13, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

This holiday season, climb into a world of wonder with Jack and the Beanstalk. Join us for a heartwarming adventure filled with festive magic, laughter, and timeless lessons.

Fire Wise Cupertino

Saturday, December 13, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., Room 201

Learn how fire maps are made and what they mean for your safety. Discover actionable steps to prepare before wildfires start, and how to respond when they do.

Nonfiction Book Discussion

Sunday, December 14, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Room 201B

We will discuss [*The Fear of Too Much Justice*](#) by Stephen B. Bright and James Kwak.

Sunday Line Dance

Sunday, December 14, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Room 201

Learn and master shuffles, sweeps, and turns while improving your balance, coordination, stamina, footwork, and arm styling. Wear comfortable shoes.

Movie Screening: Pride and Prejudice

Tuesday, December 16, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Room 201

In honor of Jane Austen's 250th birth anniversary, join us for a showing of *Pride and Prejudice* (2005).

Book Discussion for Adults

Wednesday, December 17, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., and Thursday, December 18, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Room 201B

In honor of Jane Austen's 250th birth anniversary, we will discuss [*Persuasion*](#).

The Science of Fun (ages 6+)

Friday, December 19, 4 – 5 p.m., Room 101

Learn why having fun is important in life and then stay as we have some of it!

Freedom Readers (Grades 5-8)

Monday, December 29, 2 – 3 p.m., Room 101

We will be reading [*Borders*](#) by Thomas King. Get a copy at the children's desk.

Voyagers Book Club (Grades 3-4)

Tuesday, December 30, 2 – 3 p.m., Room 101

We will discuss [*Legendarios: The Beginning of All Things*](#) by Karla Arenas Valenti. Register in-person at the Children's Desk to pick up the book.

GILROY -- 350 W. Sixth Street

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

Mondays, December 1, 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.

Snack Break-Free Snacks for Kids!/¡Meriendas Gratis Para Niños!

Mondays-Fridays, 3 – 4 p.m. (except during holidays), Lobby Area

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.

Create N Play/Crear Y Jugar (Kids 12 and under)

Mondays, December 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m., Children's Area

Join us for a crafty exploration of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math. No registration needed. Acompáñenos para explorar todo lo relacionado con Ciencia, Tecnología, Ingeniería, Arte y Matemáticas. ¡Inscripción no es necesaria!

Pajama Storytime/Hora de Cuentas en Pijama

Mondays, December 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 6:30 – 7 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.

Homework Help/Ayuda con la Tarea

Tuesdays-Thursdays, 4 – 5:30 p.m., the Nest/Nido

Kids in grades K-6 can come in and receive homework help.

¿Eres un estudiante de 1.º a 6.º grado y necesitas ayuda con la tarea? Tenemos tutores disponibles para ayudarte con tus tareas.

Zumba at the Library/Clase de Zumba Fitness

Tuesdays, December 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 (PreK-Grade 6)

Tuesday, December 2, 6 – 7 p.m., the Nest/Nido

Practice your reading skills and read aloud one on one with a furry friend! Sign-ups are first come, first serve 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.

Reading Program Orientation

Wednesday, December 3, 1 – 2 p.m. and 6 – 7 p.m., Reading Program Room

Give back to your community by becoming an adult literacy tutor and supporting an adult learner improve their English reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills to achieve their goals. Learn more about the Reading Program during this orientation.

Teen Unity Through Arts & Crafts/Jóvenes unidos creando arte y manualidades

Wednesdays, December 3 & 17, 4 – 6 p.m., Ground floor Meeting Room

Join us to work on art projects together. All supplies will be provided. Earn community service hours for school. Enjoy snacks and make new friends. No registration needed. Ven a crear regalos hechos a mano, gana horas de servicio comunitario y pásala con amigos disfrutando snacks!

Books and Boogie Storytime/Hora de Cuentos

Thursdays, December 4, 11, & 18, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Children's Area

Children and their caregivers are invited to enjoy engaging stories, playful rhymes, lively fingerplays, and music and movement activities that nurture early literacy skills.

Compartiremos historias divertidas, rimas, canciones y baile con la bibliotecaria Rosa.

Knitting and Crochet Weekly Meetup/Tejido Semanal

Thursdays, December 4, 11, & 18, 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, December 5, 10:15 – 11:15 a.m., Quiet Study B

We will be discussing [*The One Hundred Years of Lenni and Margot*](#) by Marianne Cronin.

Baby Bounce Storytime (12 months and younger)

Fridays, December 5, 12, & 19, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room

Baby bounce shares short stories, nursery rhymes, fingerplays and songs that reinforce early literacy skills. Baby Bounce comparte cuentos cortos, canciones infantiles, y canciones que refuerzan habilidades de lectura.

Safe Space Meet-Up for LGBTQ+ Youth (ages 13-25) / Encuentro de espacio seguro para personas LGBTQ+ (de 13 a 25 años)

Fridays, December 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.

Nuestras reuniones, dirigidas por nuestro personal, ofrecen un espacio seguro para que los jóvenes jueguen, participen en actividades y debates grupales, y forjen una comunidad. No es necesario registrarse; ¡pásate y saluda!

Gingerbread Housing Making/Haz Una Casita de Jengibre

Friday, December 5, 4 – 5 p.m., Community Room

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

Families can create and decorate their very own gingerbread (1) house to take home. This one-hour workshop includes all materials. Las familias podrán crear y decorar su propia casita de jengibre para llevar a casa. Este taller de una hora incluye todos los materiales.

Family Storytime/Hora de Cuentos

Saturdays, December 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.

Repair Cafe

Saturday, December 6, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., Community Room

Repair Cafe will bring tools, materials, and volunteer experts to help you make any repairs you need on clothes, furniture, small appliances, bicycles, crockery, electronics, lamps, toys, and more.

Teen and Adult Watercolor Workshop (Ages 13+)

Sunday, December 7, 2 – 3:30 p.m.

Celebrate the season with a cozy watercolor session featuring charming winter animals in snowy landscapes. Registration is not required. Seating is limited to the first 30 attendees and is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

LEGO Club

Friday, December 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! Pueden seguir nuestras indicaciones o construir algo basado en su imaginación.

Christmas Music Celebration

Saturday, December 13, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room

Enjoy a performance featuring a vibrant mix of holiday songs by KC & the Dukes of Ukes.

Reading Program Tutor Training

Saturday, December 13, 12:30 – 5:30 p.m., Reading Program Room

Tutors who have completed the orientation are invited to this training session.

Open Poetry Readings

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

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

Playdoh Playtime/Hora de juego con plastilina (ages 2-7)

Wednesday, December 17, 3 – 4 p.m., Community Room

Children can shape, roll, and squish playdoh using cutters in the shape of igloos.

Los niños podrán amasar, moldear y aplastar plastilina usando divertidos cortadores en forma de iglús.

Crafts and a Movie (Teens and Adults)

Wednesday, December 17, 6 – 8 p.m., Community Room

Learn some simple techniques to create ornaments and decorations to make your home look extra special this year. No registration is needed. Craft is available while supplies last.

Sensory-Friendly Library Playtime/Tiempo de Juego Sensorial Amigable

Tuesday, December 23, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Children's Play 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.

Mantenemos las luces bajas y utilizamos la luz natural; las computadoras están apagadas y las puertas cerradas para reducir el ruido exterior.

Family Board Games

Friday, December 26, 3 – 4:30 p.m., Community Room

We have games for all ages and skill levels. Tenemos juegos para todas las edades y niveles de habilidad.

LOS ALTOS -- 13 S. San Antonio Road**Art Brings Us Together Exhibit**

Monday, December – Tuesday, December 30, Art Wall

The pieces for this exhibit are from Drawn2Art's 20th Anniversary Art Show and are all original artwork from students.

Monday Morning Meditation and Mindfulness

Mondays, December 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Teen Room

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

Poetry Open Mic

Monday, December 1, 7 – 8 p.m., Pod D

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

ESL Class Placement Test

Wednesday, December 3 – Friday, December 19, Conference Room

Our next ESL Class series is January 6 – March 10. If you want to learn and improve your English listening and speaking skills, take an ESL placement test.

The Whodunit? Mystery Book Club

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

We will discuss [*The Judge's List*](#) by John Grisham.

ESL Conversation Club

Thursdays, December 4, 11, & 18, 1:30 – 3 p.m., Teen 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, December 4, 11, & 18, 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.

Ishika's Backyard: Pollinators

Saturday, December 6, 2 – 3 p.m.

Through her business, Ishika's Backyard Honey, Ishika blends her love for bees with community education and sustainability. Learn fun facts about pollinators, why they matter, and simple ways to help protect them.

Story Explorers: TK-1st Grade Book Club

Wednesday, December 10, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

We'll enjoy stories and activities featuring characters from [*The Bad Seed*](#) series by Jory John. We'll do a short discussion of each book, move to music, and end with a fun craft!

Adult Watercolor Workshop

Friday, December 12, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and 1 – 2:30 p.m.

Celebrate the season with a cozy watercolor session featuring charming winter animals in snowy landscapes. Registration is not required. Seating is limited to the first 20 attendees and is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Board Game Sunday

Sunday, December 14, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Orchard Room

We have board games for adults, teens, and children -- plus LEGOs and DUPLOS.

Book Bugs Club (Grades 2-3)

Tuesday, December 16, 4 – 5 p.m., Los Altos Community Center's Apricot Room

We will discuss [*The Lost Stone*](#) by Jordan Quinn, 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, December 17, 4 – 5 p.m., Conference Room

We will discuss [*From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler*](#) by E.L. Konigsburg. Please pick up a copy of the book at the Children's Desk at Los Altos or Woodland Library.

Scandinavian Fabric Star Workshop

Wednesday, December 17, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Teen Room

Learn a new skill and create an elegant handmade ornament — just in time for the holidays. This program is designed for adults and teens, and all materials will be provided. No registration necessary.

Sunday CrafterNoon

Sunday, December 21, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Adults, teens, and kids -- join us for an afternoon of relaxed crafting. Supplies are provided. Children must come with their responsible adult crafting-buddy.

To Be Read Book Club (Grades 6-8)

Tuesday, December 23, 4 – 5 p.m., Conference Room

We will discuss [*The Giver*](#) by Lois Lowry. Please pick up a copy of the book at the Children's Desk at Los Altos or Woodland Library.

Now Read This Book Club

Monday, December 29, 12 – 1:30 p.m., Orchard Room

We will discuss both fiction and non-fiction books that help us make sense of today's world.

MILPITAS -- 160 N. Main Street**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. Homework Help will not be offered December 22 – January 5.

Fun with Art with First5 Santa Clara County (ages 3-5)

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

Join us for a story and craft activity, then learn about resources provided by the Guerrero Family Resource Center.

ESL Conversation Club

Wednesdays, December 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, 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.

Milpitas Children's Chess Club (Grades 1-8)

Wednesdays, December 3, 10, & 17, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., Activity Room

Play chess and make new friends in a fun and relaxed environment! Registration is not required but space is limited. Attendees are expected to know the rules of chess and must be able to play independently.

Knit & Crochet Circle

Fridays, December 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.

Mend with Friends

Saturday, December 6, 11 a.m. – 12:30 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, December 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, December 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, December 8, 7 – 8 p.m., Auditorium

Sign up and pick up a copy of [*Red Sister*](#) by Mark Lawrence.

Little Learners STEAM (Ages 3-5)

Tuesday, December 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.

Winter Paper Crafts for Teens and Adults

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

We will make DIY holiday cards, gift bags, gift tags, and wrapping supplies!

Tiny Toots Concert

Wednesday, December 10, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Auditorium

Toddlers and preschools will enjoy a performance with Bingo Schmingo. Get ready to dance and sing along to favorite children's songs.

Qi Gong Meditation & Exercise Classes

Fridays, December 12, 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.

Board Game Day

Saturday, December 13, 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.

Gentle Flow Yoga (ages 13+)

Sundays, December 14 & 21, 10:15 – 11:15 a.m., Auditorium

This practice combines mindful movement, simple breathing techniques, and a calming guided meditation to reduce stress, improve flexibility, and restore balance. Bring a mat.

Jane Austen Movie Double Feature

Sunday, December 14, 1 – 6 p.m., Auditorium

In celebration of Jane Austen's 250th birth anniversary, we are showing two film adaptations of Austen's novels: *Persuasion* and *Sense and Sensibility*.

Teen Study Space

Tuesday - Thursday, December 16 – 18, 4 – 8:30 p.m., Auditorium

High school students can come in and focus on studying with snacks and drinks to keep them fueled up.

Tiny Toots Concert

Wednesday, December 17, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Auditorium

Soul4Kidz is a musical trio bursting with energy and music that will have kids and families grooving and singing to a mix of fresh beats and timeless tunes.

Special Performance: Fratello Marionettes

Wednesday, December 17, 7 – 8 p.m., Auditorium

Fratello Marionettes presents their classic, *The North Pole Review*.

Holiday Hullabaloo

Saturday, December 20, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Auditorium

Celebrate the holidays with fun crafts, holiday music, and Santa. Wear your favorite holiday sweater and get ready to have some family fun!

Adult and Teen Paint Workshop (Ages 13+)

Saturday, December 20, 2 – 4 p.m., Program Room

Paul Loughridge will be leading and instructing you on how to paint that perfect holiday-themed masterpiece. No registration but arrive early to ensure a seat!

Jack and the Beanstalk Holiday Puppet Show

Tuesday, December 23, 7 – 7:45 p.m.

This holiday season, climb into a world of wonder with Jack and the Beanstalk. Join us for a heartwarming adventure filled with festive magic, laughter, and timeless lessons.

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.

Homework Help for Grades K-6

Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Children's Activity Room

Students can get free homework help. No registration is required. Basic school supplies will be provided. Help will not be available December 22 – January 1.

Evening Itty Bitty Jamboree

Tuesdays, December 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.

Kids LEGO Club

Wednesdays, December 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, 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.

Toddler Storytime

Thursdays, December 4, 11, & 18, 10:30 – 11 a.m.

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, December 4, 11, & 18, 11:15 – 11:45 a.m.

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.

Tiny Tot Jamboree

Fridays, December 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, December 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, December 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, December 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).

Festive Favorites with Simon Santiago

Saturday, December 6, 2 – 3 p.m.

Simon will be performing a variety of holiday music and popular hits.

Zumba

Monday, December 8, 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.

Family Fun Night

Tuesday, December 9, 6:30 – 8 p.m.

Families with school-aged children will create art, crafts, or participate in STEM activities. This month we will be making holiday cards.

Teen and Adult Watercolor Workshop (Ages 13+)

Wednesday, December 10, 6 – 7:30 p.m.

Create your own winter watercolor scene, capturing the beauty of snowy trees, seasonal accents, and frosted landscapes beneath glass. Registration is not required. Seating is limited to the first 35 attendees and is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

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

Friday, December 12, 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. Join us to make your own ornaments, enjoy hot cocoa and winter treats, while watching your favorite holiday movies with friends!

An Afternoon of Jazz

Sunday, December 14, 3 – 4 p.m.

Enjoy Jazz with Nate Pruitt & Rick Vandivier, featuring Miles Pruitt on drums.

Library Ukulele Society

Tuesday, December 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.

Kids Art Club (Ages 5+)

Wednesday, December 17, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Children's Activity Room

Join us for an afternoon of creativity with the Kids Art Club. We will make holiday cards.

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

Friday, December 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.

Jack and the Beanstalk Holiday Puppet Show

Saturday, December 27, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

This holiday season, climb into a world of wonder with Jack and the Beanstalk. Join us for a heartwarming adventure filled with festive magic, laughter, and timeless lessons.

SARATOGA -- 13650 Saratoga Avenue**Sun and Sea Art Exhibit**

Through December 30, Library Lobby

Anil Sawe's exhibit consists of oil paintings depicting sunsets and the power of the ocean.

Art Beyond the Obvious Exhibit

Through December 30, Group Study Room

This exhibit is from the art group - Art Beyond the Obvious.

Crochet Exhibit: An Autumn Picnic

Through December 31, Library Lobby

Feast your eyes on delicious-looking delights including fruit, cookies, sandwiches, sushi and fast food!

Homework Help for Grades K-6

Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4 – 5:30 p.m. and Wednesdays, 3 – 4:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Students can drop-in for free homework help. No registration is required. Basic school supplies will be provided. Caregivers of children under 10 years old must stay with their child. Homework Help will not be offered December 22 – January 8.

Mystery Book Club

Monday, December 1, 7 – 8 p.m.

We will discuss [*The Body in the Library*](#) by Agatha Christie. Stop by the Adult Reference Desk to sign up and get a copy of the book.

Band Jam: Guitar and Ukulele

Tuesdays, December 2, 9, & 16, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room

Meet people who are also working on their music journey, learn new chords/strums, and get encouragement to practice towards mastering your instrument. Bring your own guitar or ukulele, all other materials will be provided.

Family Storytime

Tuesdays, December 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Maple Room

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

Join us for stories, rhymes, and songs.

Sci-Fi & Fantasy Book Club

Tuesday, December 2, 7 – 8 p.m., Maple Room

We will discuss [*Fevered Star*](#) by Rebecca Roanhorse. Register and pick up a copy of the book at the adult reference desk.

Knit & Crochet Circle

Wednesday, December 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.

Baby Storytime (12 months or younger)

Wednesdays, December 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, 11 – 11:15 a.m., Community Room

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

Drop-in Tech Help

Thursdays, December 4, 11, & 18, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Oak Room

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

STEM Electrical Circuits (Grades 3-7)

Saturday, December 6, 1 – 2 p.m., Community Room

Drop in to learn about electrical circuits and create your own electrical circuit! No registration required, first come, first served.

Teen Study Hall

Sundays, December 7 & 14, 10 a.m. – 5:45 p.m., Community Room

Teens preparing for finals can study together in a friendly atmosphere.

Kids Sock Snowman

Tuesday, December 9, 4 – 5 p.m., Community Room

Create your own sock snow person. All materials will be provided, while supplies last.

Aquaponics: Growing Fish and Food in Harmony

Tuesday, December 9, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Community Room

Master Gardeners present a fascinating way to grow vegetables and fish together. Learn how this sustainable method recycles water, produces nutrient-rich food, and brings the science of ecosystems to life.

Chinese Book Club - 中文書友會

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

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。

Furry Reading Buddies (completed Grades K-5)

Friday, December 12, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

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.

STEM Slime and Volcano (Grades 2-7)

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

Stop by and make slime, a volcano and more. All materials will be provided while supplies last. No registration required.

Board Game Night for Adults

Monday, December 15, 6 – 8 p.m., Maple Room

Drop in and play a variety of board games.

Children's Ornament Decorating

Tuesday, December 16, 4 – 5 p.m., Community Room

Decorate premade apple cinnamon ornaments and take them home. We will provide the ornaments and decorating supplies while supplies last.

LEGOs

Wednesday, December 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, December 18, 1 – 2 p.m.

Stop by the Adult Reference Desk to register and get a copy of the selected book.

WOODLAND – 1975 Grant Road

Monday Meditation and Mindfulness

Mondays, December 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 7 – 7:30 p.m.

Practice meditation for 20 minutes, then have 10 minutes to talk to the instructor.

Winter Wonderland Words

Sunday, December 14, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Backyard Patio (dress for weather!)

This special storytime is full of stories, wiggles, music, and fingerplays.

ONLINE EVENTS (Please register online)

Virtual Author Talk: Sue Hincenbergs

Tuesday, December 2, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Join us for an online chat with debut author Sue Hincenbergs as she discusses [*The Retirement Plan*](#), a darkly humorous novel where murder becomes the path to paradise.

Online English Conversation Club

Thursdays, December 4 & 11, 11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Meet new friends and practice English together.

Asian Art Museum Talk

Tuesday, December 9, 7 – 8 p.m.

Ten countries, diverse cultures, thousands of years. Explore the varied and intriguing art of Southeast Asian as reflected in the religious and secular art of this fascinating region.

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Jennifer Weeks, County Librarian



Silicon Valley Reads Kicks Off on Jan. 15

Join us on [Thursday, January 15](#) at 7:00 p.m. at De Anza College in Cupertino for the official start to [Silicon Valley Reads](#), with its theme of *Bridges to Belonging*.

Sal Pizarro of the *Mercury News* will lead a panel

discussion featuring the authors of the three featured books about how to navigate the complexities of our modern world with empathy and finding the common ground that exists even in divided times. This event will also be [live streamed](#). A book signing will take place immediately following the program.

Featured Authors:

- Keeonna Harris, [Mainline Mama](#). A moving and unflinching memoir of resilience and hope. Harris shares her powerful story of navigating motherhood with an incarcerated partner.
- Annie Hartnett, [Unlikely Animals](#). A tender and humorous novel with a touch of magic. Emma returns to her New Hampshire hometown to care for her dying father and sees ghosts.
- John A. Powell, [The Power of Bridging](#). Provides a crucial framework for moving beyond the fear and separating of “othering” to the radical, transformative work of “bridging.”

Come early or stay after the event to enjoy the new “*A Sense of Belonging*” exhibit at the Euphrat Museum, located just off the lobby of the VPAC Theater.

Throughout February and March, SCCLD will host dozens of events including author talks, engaging classes and workshops, kid’s crafts, and programs for all ages. The Silicon Valley Reads [official website](#) has countywide event information. SCCLD’s website lists events taking place at [our libraries](#).

FYI- All SCCLD libraries will be closed on Thu., Jan. 1 for New Year’s Day and Mon., Jan. 19, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Find us 24/7 at our [Online Library](#).

Every Story Counts at the Library

SCCLD, along with public libraries all over the state, is taking part from January 25-31 in an effort led by the California State Library to find out how patrons use their local library. This initiative, [Every Story Counts](#), will involve a brief online survey offered in multiple languages asking patrons how they feel about their library, which services and materials they use and what they most need. Please take the survey and help us spread the word.



Patrons will also be encouraged to collaborate with the library by taking pictures or creating short videos in which they talk about how they use the library and which things they and their families most enjoy there. Results will be shared with participating library systems in Spring 2026.



Welcoming the Year of the Horse

Lunar New Year 2026 is on Tue., Feb 17, which will be the year of the [fire horse](#). This marks the beginning of spring in many Asian countries. SCCLD libraries will celebrate this occasion with a [series of events](#) starting in January and continuing through the end of February.

Here are the three main series:

- Chinese Ink Painting: Learn about the timeless art form that celebrates simplicity, harmony, and expressive brushwork. Saratoga Library- [Sun., Jan. 11](#). Morgan Hill Library- [Mon., Jan. 26](#), Gilroy Library- [Sat., Jan. 31](#), Cupertino Library- [Mon., Feb. 2](#), Los Altos Library- [Fri., Feb. 27](#).
- Acupuncture 101: Since being legalized in California 50 ago, acupuncture has been integrated into mainstream healthcare. Hear about its history and uses at the Gilroy Library on [Sat, Feb. 7](#), Cupertino Library on [Sun., Feb. 8](#) and Los Altos Library on [Tue., Feb. 10](#).
- The Year of the Horse: Family Storytime with Oliver Chin. Acclaimed author Chin reads from his latest adventure in the Tales of the Chinese Zodiac series. Sure to delight all ages. At Los Altos Library on [Mon., Feb. 9](#), Milpitas Library on [Wed., Feb. 11](#), Cupertino Library on [Thu., Feb. 12](#), and the Campbell Express Library on [Fri., Feb. 27](#).

Another event of note is the Asian Art Museum's Clay & Culture online virtual tour on [Tue., Jan. 13](#).

Keep an eye out for our website blog, which will have more event details and recommended reads.

Open Access at Morgan Hill Library

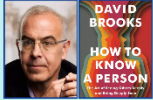
SCCLD's popular Open Access service is coming to the Morgan Hill Library starting Tue., Jan. 20. Patrons who sign up for the program at the Information Desk will be able to access the lobby for self-service before the full library opens every day of the week starting at 9 AM. There they will be able to pick up holds, browse a selection of new and bestsellers, use self-check equipment, relax and access the WiFi.



VIRTUAL
Author Talks

January 2026

- David Brooks
January 13
11AM - 12PM
- Julia Hotz
January 20
11AM - 12PM
- Liz Moore
January 28
4 - 5 PM



January Virtual Author Talks

We're kicking off our 2026 online discussion series on Tue., Jan. 13 with a well-known name, political and cultural commentator [David Brooks](#). He will be speaking about how to better connect with others, the subject of his new book [How to Know a Person](#). [Please register](#).

On Tue., Jan. 20, journalist Julia Hotz will talk about her book [The Connection Cure](#). In it Hotz relies on science reporting, patient success stories and her own journey of self-discovery into the new practice of "social prescribing", finding activities and community resources to address common medical ailments. [Please register](#).

Our third author on Wed., Jan. 28 is novelist Liz Moore, who will share about her latest mystery, [The God of the Woods](#). Named one of NPR's 2024 Books We Love, it tells the story of a teen who disappears at a summer camp where another youth vanished a few years before. [Please register](#).

SANTA CLARA COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT JANUARY 2026 EVENTS

**SCCLD libraries will be closed on Thursday, January 1 for
New Year's Day and Monday, January 19 for
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.**

**Our Online Library is always available at
scclld.org/Online-Library**

Silicon Valley Reads programs are denoted in blue.

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

Family Storytime

Wednesdays, January 7, 14, 21, & 28, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard City Banquet Hall

This storytime is children ages 0-5 and will feature stories, songs and more. Please bring a blanket or towel to sit on.

CUPERTINO -- 10800 Torre Avenue

Changemakers Book Club (Grades 1 & 2)

Friday, January 2, 2 – 3 p.m., Room 101

We will be reading, *[A to Z Animal Mysteries: The Emerald Egg](#)*, then do a craft. Register in-person at the Children's Desk to pick up a copy of the book.

Knit-Alongs at Cupertino Library

Fridays, January 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 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.

Baby Sign and Sing

Sunday, January 4, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Room 101

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

ESL Conversation Club

Tuesdays, January 6, 13, 27, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Room 201

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

Toddler Storytime (ages 1-2)

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

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

Poponta Japanese Storytime

Wednesday, January 7, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Room 101

This Japanese storytime includes traditional kamishibai (paper theater), puppets & books.

Chamber Music by the Bay

Wednesday, January 7, 4 – 5 p.m., Room 101

Enjoy a string trio performance. Following that, children are invited to stay for the Instrument Petting Zoo and try their own hand at the violin and viola.

Wednesday Afternoon Meditation and Mindfulness

Wednesdays, January 7, 14, 21, & 28, 4:30 – 5 p.m., Room 201A

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

Bedtime Storytime

Wednesdays, January 7, 14, 21, & 28, 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, January 8, 15, 22, & 29, 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 (completed Grades K-5)

Thursday, January 8, and Monday, January 12, 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.

Create CU: Monoprints (ages 18+)

Friday, January 9, 7 – 8:15 p.m., Room 201B

Learn how to make monoprints by tracing over an image then using watercolors to make your image pop. Register online.

Mandarin/English Family Storytime/ [中/英文雙語說故事時間](#)

Fridays, January 9 & 23, 7–8 p.m., Room 101

Wednesday, January 21, 10:30–11:30 a.m., Room 101

Join us for stories, songs, flannel board story, fingerplay and a craft project in Mandarin and English. 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。歡迎幼兒們 和家長, 祇母一同前來參加。

Family Storytime

Saturdays, January 10, 17, 24, & 31, 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.

Nonfiction Book Discussion

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

We will discuss [Better Living Through Birding](#) by Christian Cooper.

Homework Help for Grades K-6

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4:30–6 p.m., Room 101

Students can get free homework help. No registration is required. Basic school supplies will be provided.

Children's Literature for Adults Book Club

Tuesday, January 13, 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.

Police Read Along

Wednesday, January 14, 10:30–11 a.m., Room 101

A Sheriff's Deputy will read books and share safety tips.

Book Discussion for Adults

Wed., January 14, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., and Thu., January 15, 7–8:30 p.m., Room 201B

We will discuss [Clear](#) by Carys Davies.

Reading Program Orientation

Wednesday, January 14, 1–2 p.m. and 6–7 p.m., Room 201

Give back to your community by becoming an adult literacy tutor and supporting an adult learner improve their English reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills. Learn more about the Reading Program during this orientation.

Silicon Valley Reads 2026 Kickoff Event

Thursday, January 15, 7 – 8 p.m., De Anza College's VPAC Theater

You are invited to a thought-provoking discussion featuring authors John A. Powell ([*The Power of Bridging*](#)), Keeonna Harris ([*Mainline Mama*](#)) and Annie Hartnett ([*Unlikely Animals*](#)) in a conversation moderated by *San Jose Mercury News* reporter Sal Pizarro.

Art Therapy for Tweens (ages 10+ and caregiver)

Friday, January 16, 4 – 5 p.m., Room 101

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

Stained Glass Painting Workshop

Sunday, January 18, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m., Room 201

Participants will trace intricate geometric patterns and use vibrant glass paints to create stunning, light-catching effects. Please register.

Lunar New Year at the Theme Parks

Wednesday, January 21, 7 – 8 p.m., Room 201

This program will highlight the unique traditions, performances, and cultural experiences that make each celebration special. Please register.

Tuesday Travel Night

Tuesday, January 27, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Room 201

The rustic, pastoral Dauphine region of southeastern France lies south of Grenoble and offers gorgeous farmland, twisting roads, and limestone cliffs and caves.

Snow Science STEAM Program (ages 6+)

Friday, January 30, 4 – 5 p.m., Room 101

Come learn about where/why it snows and afterward, we will be making paper pattern block snowflakes.

Reading Program Tutor Training

Saturday, January 31, 12:30 – 6 p.m., Community Room 201

Tutors who have completed the orientation are invited to this training session.

GILROY -- 350 W. Sixth Street

Winter Break Crafts/Manualidades de invierno

Friday, January 2, All Day, Pick up at the Children's Desk

Stop by the children's desk at the Gilroy Library for winter-themed crafts! ¡Pasa por el escritorio de niños en la Biblioteca de Gilroy para manualidades de invierno!

Noon Year's Eve/Celebre el año nuevo

Friday, January 2, 11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m., Community Room

Celebrate 2026 with crafts, a dance party, and balloon drop. Celebre el 2025 con manualidades, bailando y con globos.

Movies at the Library

Friday, January 2, 2 – 4:30 p.m.

Join us for a screening of “[F1](#).”

Movies at the Library

Saturday, January 3, 2 – 4 p.m.

Join us for a screening of “[The Fantastic Four: First Steps](#).”

Snack Break-Free Snacks for Kids!/¡Meriendas Gratis Para Niños!

Mondays-Fridays, 3 – 4 p.m. (except during holidays), Lobby Area

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.

Homework Help/Ayuda con la Tarea

Tuesdays-Thursdays, 4 – 5:30 p.m., 1st Floor Meeting Room/ 1º piso, Salon de juntas

Kids in grades K-6 can come in and receive homework help. ¿Eres un estudiante de 1.º a 6.º grado y necesitas ayuda con la tarea? Tenemos tutores disponibles para ayudarte con tus tareas.

Ukulele Class Session B (Ages 12+)

Tuesdays, January 6, 13, 20, & 27, 4 – 5 p.m., Community Room

Join us for a six-class series for ukulele players with experience. Brush up on your skills, bring your enthusiasm and get ready to make music. Please register if you need a library ukulele. No registration is necessary if you bring your own uke.

Reading Buddies/Compañeros de Lectura (PreK-Grade 6)

Tuesday, January 6, 6 – 7 p.m., 1st Floor, Burrow 1º piso, Madriguera

Practice your reading skills and read aloud one on one with a furry friend! Sign-ups are first come, first serve 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.

Fund My Business Workshop Series

Wednesdays, January 7, 14, & 21, 6 – 8 p.m., Downstairs Meeting Room

Topics covered include: Financial documents and cash flow projections, credit readiness and loan applications, funding options: microloans, crowdfunding, Kiva, CDFIs, SBA lenders, capital strategies for sustainable growth and building lender relationships.

Books and Boogie Storytime/Hora de Cuentos

Thursdays, January 8, 15, 22, & 29, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Children's Area

Children and their caregivers are invited to enjoy engaging stories, playful rhymes, lively fingerplays, and music and movement activities that nurture early literacy skills.

Compartiremos historias divertidas, rimas, canciones y baile con la bibliotecaria Rosa.

Baby Bounce Storytime (12 months and younger)

Fridays, January 9, 16, 23, & 30, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room

Baby bounce shares short stories, nursery rhymes, fingerplays and songs that reinforce early literacy skills. Baby Bounce comparte cuentos cortos, canciones infantiles, y canciones que refuerzan habilidades de lectura.

LEGO Club

Friday, January 9, 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.

Neighborhood Naturalists

Saturdays, January 10, 17, & 24, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Children's Area

This educational program will introduce participants to the natural history of Santa Clara County with an emphasis on the local region's geology, native plants, and common wildlife. Please register.

Kids in STEM/Niños en STEM (Grades 2-5)

Saturdays, January 10 & 24, 2 – 3 p.m., 1st Floor, Burrow 1º piso, Madriguera

Our Kids in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) program will explore these subjects and will teach kids about careers in STEM. Nuestro programa "Niños en STEM" (ciencia, tecnología, ingeniería y matemáticas) explorará estas materias y les enseñará a niños sobre las carreras en estos campos.

Death Cafe

Saturday, January 10, 2 – 4 p.m., Quiet Study B

The purpose of Death Café is to increase awareness of death and to help people make the most of their lives. This is NOT a grief support group; this is a discussion group.

Familias Resilientes Sesión (en español) / Resilient Families (in Spanish)

Wednesdays, January 14 – February 25, 6 – 8 p.m., Community Room

¡Ayude a su hijo a sentirse seguro, amado y mejor preparado para comenzar la escuela! La cena gratis se servirá de 5:30pm a 6pm y se proporcionará cuidado de niños gratis. Por favor regístrese para reservar su lugar.

Reading Program Learner Orientation

Wednesday, January 21, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. and 6 – 7 p.m., Reading Program Room

Santa Clara County Library District residents are eligible to register for this in-person Learner Orientation led by a Literacy Specialist. This learner orientation is for interested adults who can understand basic spoken English, can respond to basic questions in English, and read or write at an 8th grade level or below. Please register.

A Busy Person's Guide to Cyber Safety

Thursday, January 22, 1 – 2 p.m., Community Room

Prepare for the upcoming tax season by brushing up on essential cyber safety skills to help keep you safe from scams all year long.

Family Board Games

Friday, January 23, 3 – 4:30 p.m., 1st Floor, Burrow 1º piso, Madriguera

We have games for all ages and skill levels. Tenemos juegos para todas las edades y niveles de habilidad.

Before Your Eyes: An Immersive Music Performance

Saturday, January 24, 2 – 3 p.m., Upstairs Community Room

Before Your Eyes is an immersive, participatory performance that integrates harp, violin, piano, water-based instruments, and creative coding to explore how sound, nature, and technology can unite performers and audiences in real time.

Classical Conversations: Homeschool Kinder to College Credits

Monday, January 26, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Quiet Study B

This program covers a thorough picture of Classical Conversations, learning more about our Foundations, Essentials and Challenge programs; connecting with an experienced CC parent and receive informed answers to your questions, attaining the confidence to take the next step on your family's educational journey. Register to save your spot.

Magic Hour: Sensory-Friendly Library Playtime/Tiempo de Juego Sensorial Amigable

Tuesday, January 27, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Children's Play 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. Mantenemos las luces bajas y utilizamos la luz natural; las computadoras están apagadas y las puertas cerradas para reducir el ruido exterior.

Book Discussion

Tuesday, January 27, 7 – 7:45 p.m., Quiet Study B

We will be discussing [*Iona Iverson's Rules for Commuting*](#) by Clare Pooley.

Growing Vegetables in Containers

Saturday, January 31, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room

Learn which vegetables grow well in containers and about watering, nutrients, soil mix, and container types.

Chinese Ink Painting

Saturday, January 31, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Community Room

Participants will be introduced to the foundational principles of Chinese brush painting and will create their own artwork. No prior painting experience is required. Adults, please register to attend. Space is limited.

LOS ALTOS -- 13 S. San Antonio Road**Teen Bead Making**

Saturday, January 3, 2 – 4 p.m.

Learn to make handmade beads out of clay. All materials will be provided. Reserve your seat, space is limited.

Monday Morning Meditation and Mindfulness

Mondays, January 5, 12, & 26, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Teen Room

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

Poetry Open Mic

Monday, January 5, 7 – 8 p.m., Pod D

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

ESL Class Session

Tuesdays and Thursdays, January 6 – March 10, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Teen Room

This class session is for beginner and intermediate ESL students. Join us to learn and improve your English listening and speaking skills. A placement test is required.

The Whodunit? Mystery Book Club

Wednesday, January 7, 10:15 – 11:30 a.m., Teen Room

We will discuss [*The Word is Murder*](#) by Anthony Horowitz.

ESL Conversation Club

Thursdays, January 8, 15, 22, & 29, 1:30 – 3 p.m.

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, January 8, 15, 22, & 29, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

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.

Adult Watercolor Workshop

Friday, January 9, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Join us for a watercolor workshop for adults. Registration is not required. Seating is limited to the first 20 attendees and is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Board Game Sunday

Sunday, January 11, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Orchard Room

We have board games for adults, teens, and children -- plus LEGOs and DUPLOS.

The Growth of Cosmic Behemoths

Thursday, January 15, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Get insight into our current theoretical and observational understanding of the densest environments in the early universe and discuss the next-generation observatories poised to significantly advance research in this area.

Sunday CrafterNoon

Sunday, January 18, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Los Altos Community Center's Grand Oak Room

Adults, teens, and kids can join us for an afternoon of relaxed crafting. Supplies are provided. Children must come with their responsible adult crafting-buddy.

Book Bugs Club (Grades 2-3)

Tuesday, January 20, 4 – 5 p.m., Los Altos Community Center's Manzanita Room

We will discuss [*Rescue on Turtle Beach*](#) by Jen Marlin, 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

Wednesday, January 21, 4 – 5 p.m., Conference Room

We will discuss [*Magnolia Wu Unfolds It All*](#) by Chanel Miller. Register online and pick up the book at the Children's Reference Desk at either Los Altos or Woodland Library.

Winter Care for Roses

Wednesday, January 21, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Teen Room

Learn the basics of how to prune roses and other perennial bushes in the winter and keys to giving roses a great start for their next growing season in the spring.

Now Read This Book Club

Monday, January 26, 12 – 1:30 p.m., Orchard Room

We will be discussing the Silicon Valley Reads selected book, *The Power of Bridging* by John A. Powell.

To Be Read Book Club (Grades 6-8)

Tuesday, January 27, 4 – 5 p.m., Conference Room

We will discuss *Brian's Winter* by Gary Paulsen. Please pick up a copy of the book at the Children's Desk at Los Altos or Woodland Library.

Book Discussion for Adults

Tuesday, January 27, 7 – 8:15 p.m.

Email Laura.Pasternack@lib.sccgov.org to join the monthly email reminders and pick up a copy of the books.

Story Explorers: TK-1st Grade Book Club

Wednesday, January 28, 4 – 5 p.m., Los Altos Community Center's Apricot Room

Enjoy stories and activities featuring characters from "Pete the Kitty/Cat" series by James Dean. We'll do a short discussion of each book, move to music, and end with a fun craft!

MILPITAS -- 160 N. Main Street**Qi Gong Meditation & Exercise Classes**

Fridays, January 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 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, January 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 2 – 4 p.m., Conference Room

Meet other yarn lovers, get help or share ideas. Limited instruction available in English, Hindi, Punjabi and Gujarati, but note this is not a class. Materials not provided.

FAFSA Help: One on One Sessions

Saturdays, January 3 & 17, 2 – 6 p.m., Conference Room

High school and college students and parents can have a 15-minute session with a certified college funding strategist to get your FAFSA questions answered. There will be a sign-up sheet available.

Teen Rubik's Cube Club

Saturday, January 3, 4 – 5 p.m., Conference Room

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

Baby Bouncers Lapsit (12 months and younger)

Tuesdays, January 6, 13, 20, & 27, 11:30 – 11:45 a.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.

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. Homework Help will not be offered on January 5.

Bilingual Family Storytime/中英雙語故事時間

Tuesdays, January 6, 13, 20, & 27, 6:30 – 7 p.m., Children's Activity Room

The early literacy focus is on sharing stories and songs in English and Mandarin Chinese. 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。

ESL Conversation Club

Wednesdays, January 7, 14, 21, & 28, 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.

Milpitas Children's Chess Club (Grades K-8)

Wednesdays, January 7, 14, 21, & 28, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., Activity Room

Play chess and make new friends in a fun and relaxed environment! Registration is not required but space is limited. Attendees are expected to know the rules of chess and must be able to play independently.

Toddler Storytime (Ages 1-2)

Thursdays, January 8, 15, 22, & 29, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Activity Room

This storytime features lots of movement, singing, and action. The early literacy focus is on short picture books, with simple flannel board stories, fingerplays, and lots of repetition.

Preschool Storytime (Ages 3-5)

Thursdays, January 8, 15, 22, & 29, 6:30 – 7 p.m., Activity Room

The early literacy focus is on longer picture books and flannel board stories and other storytelling activities and fingerplays. Children's librarians also share kindergarten readiness resources with caregivers.

Board Game Day

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

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

Family Storytime

Saturdays, January 10, 17, 24, & 31, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Activity Room

This 30-minute storytime features lots of movement, singing, and action. The early literacy focus is on picture books, flannel board stories and fingerplays and an early introduction to group dynamics and socialization.

Mend with Friends

Saturday, January 10, 11 a.m. – 12:30 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 appreciated.

Dungeons & Dragons: Winter Mini Campaign (Ages 13+)

Saturdays, January 10 & 24, 2 – 4 p.m., Conference Room

Our DM will guide you through the process from character creation and basic rules. Make your own character and get lost in the world of Dungeons and Dragons. Walk-ins welcome.

Gentle Flow Yoga (ages 13+)

Sundays, January 11, 18, & 25, 10:15 – 11:15 a.m., Auditorium

This practice combines mindful movement, simple breathing techniques, and a calming guided meditation to reduce stress, improve flexibility, and restore balance. Bring a mat.

LEGO Club for Grades K-8

Monday, January 12, 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, January 12, 7 – 8 p.m., Auditorium

Sign up and pick up a copy of [*Frankenstein*](#) by Mary Shelley.

Little Learners STEAM (Ages 3-5)

Tuesday, January 13, 3:30 – 4:15 p.m., Auditorium

Each month we will nurture curiosity and discover new things through engaging and fun activities. Registration is required.

Watercolor Class for Adults

Saturday, January 17, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

You'll learn easy and enjoyable watercolor techniques to create your own unique piece of art. Seating is limited to the first 30 attendees.

Fruit Tree Pruning

Saturday, January 17, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Program Room

Controlling the size and shape of a tree keeps it at a manageable height for harvesting, spraying, and netting.

Adult and Teen Crafternoon (Ages 13+)

Saturday, January 17, 3 – 4:30 p.m., Program Room

We will be using canvas and acrylic paint with a range of options for both beginners and experienced artists. No registration is required; walk-in while supplies last.

Book Discussion Group

Wednesday, January 21, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Program Room

Thursday, January 22, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m., Program Room

We will discuss [Mouth to Mouth](#) by Antoine Wilson.

Financial Aid 102: FAFSA Information Night and Application Walkthrough

Thursday, January 22, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

Our expert will guide you step-by-step through the application process, provide tips on maximizing your financial aid, and answer any questions you may have. Register online.

Mindful Meditation (Ages 18+)

Saturday, January 24, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Auditorium

This is a guided meditation session to reduce stress, connect with yourself, improve focus, and bring peace into your daily routine. Registration is not necessary.

How to Draw Fantasy Characters (Ages 11-18)

Saturday, January 24, 3 – 4:30 p.m.

Join author and comic book artist Oliver Chin for a dynamic drawing workshop. You'll learn how to sketch fantastical figures, from spell-slinging sorcerers to mythical beasts.

The South Bay Needlepointers Stitch-In

Monday, January 26, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Conference Room

The South Bay Needlepointers present programs which encourage and inspire members to explore new techniques in needlepoint, learn about design, color, texture and perspective, and provide an opportunity to network with others who share a passion for needlepoint.

Books & Bricks Book Club (Grades 4-6)

Tuesday, January 27, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Activity Room

Join our book and Lego building club for fourth to sixth graders! This month we are reading the Silicon Valley Reads selected book, [The Front Desk](#) by Kelly Yang. Register online.

The Peaceful Poets

Thursday, January 29, 5:30 – 8 p.m., Conference Room

The Peaceful Poets are a Milpitas-based group of writers and appreciators of poetry.

Championing Youth Climate Action Film Viewing and Discussion

Saturday, January 31, 1 – 4 p.m., Auditorium

Free film viewing of “YOUTH v GOV,” followed by a community discussion about climate change and its impacts on our community.

MORGAN HILL -- 660 W. Main Avenue**Kids Keva Club (Ages 5+)**

Friday, January 2, 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!

How to Draw Fantasy Characters (Ages 11-18)

Saturday, January 3, 2:30 – 4 p.m.

Join author and comic book artist Oliver Chin for a dynamic drawing workshop. You'll learn how to sketch fantastical figures, from spell-slinging sorcerers to mythical beasts.

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.

Homework Help for Grades K-6

Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Children’s Activity Room

Students can get free homework help. No registration is required. Basic school supplies will be provided.

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

Fridays, January 9 & 23, 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.

Dungeons and Dragons for Teens

Saturday, January 10, 2:30 – 5:30 p.m., Program Room

If you want to join our D&D club for teens, **you are committing to playing with us twice a month for the entire Spring 2026 semester.**

Vision Board Craft Night for Adults

Monday, January 12, 6 – 7:45 p.m., Community Room

Join us for a fun, inspiring evening to make a vision board to start out the year! Bring photos to personalize your vision board. All materials and tools provided. No registration required.

Family Fun Night

Tuesday, January 13, 6:30 – 8 p.m., Children's Activity Room

Families with school-aged children will create art, crafts, or participate in STEM activities. This month we will weave baskets.

Pawsitive Learning: Feline Education

Saturday, January 17, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Community Room

You will learn how to pet, pick up, and safely handle cats, the responsibilities of cat ownership, the importance of compassion and animal safety.

Kids Art Club (Ages 5+)

Wednesday, January 21, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Children's Activity Room

Join us for an afternoon of creativity with the Kids Art Club. We will make quilt art.

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

Friday, January 23, 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.

Stained Glass Painting Workshop

Saturday, January 24, 2 – 5 p.m.

Participants will trace intricate geometric patterns and use vibrant glass paints to create stunning, light-catching effects. Please register.

Chinese Ink Painting

Monday, January 26, 2 – 3:30 p.m.

Participants will be introduced to the foundational principles of Chinese brush painting and will create their own artwork. No prior painting experience is required. Adults, please register to attend.

SARATOGA -- 13650 Saratoga Avenue**Family Storytime**

Saturdays, January 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room

Join us for stories, rhymes, and songs.

Board Game Night (Ages 6+)

Saturday, January 3, 2 – 4 p.m.

Drop in and play a variety of board games and card games.

ESL Class Session

Mondays and Wednesdays, January 5 – March 11, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Maple Room

This class session is for beginner and intermediate ESL students. Join us to learn and improve your English listening and speaking skills. A placement test is required.

Homework Help for Grades K-6

Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4 – 5:30 p.m. and Wednesdays, 3 – 4:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Students can drop-in for free homework help. No registration is required. Caregivers of children under 10 years old must stay with their child.

Mystery Book Club

Monday, January 5, 7 – 8 p.m.

We will discuss [*The Briar Club*](#) by Kate Quinn. Stop by the Adult Reference Desk to sign up and get a copy of the book.

Band Jam: Guitar and Ukulele

Tuesdays, January 6, 13, & 27, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room

Meet people who are also working on their music journey, learn new chords/strums, and get encouragement to practice towards mastering your instrument. Bring your own guitar or ukulele, all other materials will be provided.

Sci-Fi & Fantasy Book Club

Tuesday, January 6, 7 – 8 p.m., Maple Room

We will discuss [*Aurora*](#) by Kim Stanley Robinson. Register and pick up a copy of the book at the adult reference desk.

Knit & Crochet Circle

Wednesday, January 7, 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.

Baby Storytime (12 months or younger)

Wednesdays, January 7, 14, 21, & 28, 11 – 11:15 a.m., Community Room

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

Drop-in Tech Help

Thursdays, January 8, 15, 22, & 29, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Oak Room

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

Watercolor Class for Adults

Thursday, January 8, 1 – 2:30 p.m., Community Room

You'll learn easy and enjoyable watercolor techniques to create your own unique piece of art. Please register.

Furry Reading Buddies (completed Grades K-5)

Fridays, January 9 & 23, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

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.

Photography Program: Purrfect Cats

Saturday, January 10, 1 – 2 p.m., Community Room

Take this opportunity to see and learn about some of the largest cats alive today walking the planet: lions, servals, tigers and fluffy snow leopards. Please register.

Chinese Ink Painting

Sunday, January 11, 3:30 – 5 p.m.

Participants will be introduced to the foundational principles of Chinese brush painting and will create their own artwork. No prior painting experience is required. Adults, please register to attend.

Board Game Night for Adults

Monday, January 12, 6 – 8 p.m., Maple Room

Drop in and play a variety of board games.

Mandarin Storytime

Thursday, January 15, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Maple Room

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

Teatime Book Chatter

Thursday, January 15, 1 – 2 p.m.

We will discuss Silicon Valley Reads recommended book, [*Iona Iverson's Rules for Commuting*](#) by Clare Pooley.

Intro to Business for Teens

Saturdays, January 17 & 31, 2 – 4 p.m., Maple Room

These interactive classes dive into key topics like entrepreneurship and budgeting, marketing and product creation, finance, investing, and career paths, and graphic and web design. Please register.

Travel Program

Tuesday, January 20, 7:15 – 8:30 p.m., Community Room

From the harmonious rituals of daily life to the juxtaposition of centuries-old temples alongside contemporary innovations, we'll discover how Japan's past continuously shapes its present, capturing moments that reveal the subtle connections binding tradition to modernity.

Type In: All About Typewriters

Sunday, January 25, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., Community Room

Meet other typewriter enthusiasts, learn about and try some typewriters, and see some examples of similar models that produced amazing pieces of literature.

SERVICES & SUPPORT CENTER – 1370 Dell Avenue, Campbell**Joint Powers Authority (JPA) Board Meeting**

Wednesday, January 28, 1 – 2 p.m., Campbell Conference Room

For information about the meetings, agendas, and packets, please visit scclld.org/jpa/.

WOODLAND – 1975 Grant Road**Monday Meditation and Mindfulness**

Mondays, January 5, 12, & 26, 7 – 7:30 p.m.

Practice meditation for 20 minutes, then have 10 minutes to talk to the instructor.

Pop, Fizz, and Read at Woodland Library

Sunday, January 11, 11:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Backyard Patio (dress for weather!)

This special storytime is full of stories, wiggles, music, and fingerplays.

ONLINE EVENTS (Please register online)**Virtual Author Talk: David Brooks**

Tuesday, January 13, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

David Brooks explores how we pay attention, listen, and engage in conversations that reveal the deeper stories of those around us in the book, [*How to Know a Person*](#).

Extracurricular Activities for High School Students

Tuesday, January 13, 5 – 6 p.m.

Learn what an extracurricular activities profile is, the relevance of extracurricular and summer activities, and how to build them seamlessly into a robust and cohesive application profile.

Clay & Culture: A Journey Through Asian Ceramics

Tuesday, January 13, 7 – 8 p.m.

Hosted by the Asian Art Museum, this program traces the development of ceramic art from its ancient origins, revealing the wide-ranging influence of Chinese ceramics on ceramic traditions across Asia and worldwide.

Online English Conversation Club

Thursdays, January 15, 22, & 29, 11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Meet new friends and practice English together.

Virtual Author Talk: Julia Hotz

Tuesday, January 20, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Journalist and author Julia Hotz about her book, [*The Connection Cure: The Prescriptive Power of Movement, Nature, Art, Service, and Belonging*](#).

Silicon Valley Reads Online Author Visit

Thursday, January 22, 4 – 5 p.m.

Join us for an online author visit with Silicon Valley Reads author Kelly Yang, who wrote [*Front Desk*](#).

Virtual Author Talk: Liz Moore

Wednesday, January 28, 4 – 5 p.m.

We are thrilled to welcome Liz Moore to discuss her latest novel, [*The God of the Woods*](#), an instant *New York Times* bestseller.

February 2026 Library Report
Jennifer Weeks, County Librarian



Marking A Century of Black History Commemorations

This year's Black History Month marks the [100-year-anniversary](#) of Negro History Week, the original celebration of the contributions of Black Americans to our country. 2026 is also the half century anniversary of the [expansion](#) to a month-long recognition. Our libraries are offering events to mark the occasion.

Mr. Boom Boom is back with his African Drum Circle on Feb. 28 at the [Los Altos, Cupertino](#), and [Morgan Hill](#) Libraries. Learn about percussion instruments from around the world, with a focus on West Africa. Children are invited to play them in this interactive session. [Saratoga Library](#) patrons can learn more about African drumming from master musician Onye Onyemaechi on Feb. 15.

Two of this month's Virtual Author Talks feature African American authors writing about parts of Black history (see article on page 3 of this report). We will have a [blog post](#) with suggested readings for children and adults.

Silicon Valley Reads Month One

All Silicon Valley Reads events are now posted on the official [website](#). These include over 200 author visits and book talks, music, movies and performances, plus events for kids and teens, at libraries across the county.

SCCLD libraries have more than [two dozen offerings](#) for all ages, including many craft events, book discussions and [watercolor painting sessions](#) for adults and teens. Pokémon Go trainers won't want to miss the Cupertino Library's event on Sat., Feb. 21. Check out SCCLD's [Silicon Valley Reads page](#) for more details, including links to our catalog for the companion and children's book selections.





Read for the Record Turns 20

Jumpstart's Read for the Record is turning 20 on Feb. 26, following a 20-week-long nationwide celebration of beloved children's books that started last October. Read for the Record is touted as the world's largest shared reading experience, promoting early literacy as millions read the same book on the same day. The final title for the week of the anniversary is [See Marcus Grow](#) by

[Marcus Bridgewater](#). Celebrate with our libraries on Thu., Feb. 26, as they [hold events](#) around the day with storytimes in the morning, afternoon and evening to read **See Marcus Grow**. Come join the fun!

Celebrating the Year of the Fire Horse at our Libraries

San José's own [Buu Kim Tu](#) Dragon & Lion Dance Association will bring their magical performances to [six of our libraries](#) leading up to the Lunar New Year on Tuesday, February 17. Events take place on Sat., Feb. 7, Sun., Feb. 8, and Sat., Feb. 14. Times vary. Come early to secure a spot.



Learn about Traditional and Modern Vietnamese dancing at a trio of library events on Sat., Feb. 21 ([Morgan Hill](#) at 12 PM and [Milpitas](#) at 3 PM) and Sun., Feb. 22 ([Los Altos](#) at 11 AM). Experience the beauty of Vietnamese culture through a vibrant mix of traditional and modern dance. The performance invites audiences to learn a short Vietnamese dance using props like conical hats or fans.

Vietnamese dance carries a long tradition of storytelling, rhythm, and community connection. This program highlights that heritage through a mix of classical forms and modern interpretations, offering a look at how the art continues to evolve. The choreography reflects both the grace of traditional movement and the creativity found in contemporary styles.

Find a full schedule of Lunar New Years events in our monthly calendar later in this report, and [online](#).

FYI- All SCCLD libraries will be closed on Monday, February 16 for the Presidents' Day holiday. Find us 24/7 at our [Online Library](#).

THE SANTA CLARA COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT PRESENTS

VIRTUAL Author Talks February 2026

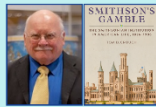
Vanessa Riley
February 5 from 4 pm - 5 pm
New York Times bestselling author discusses her newest novel, inspired by the legendary female pirate Jacquotte Delahaye.



Dr. Lindsey Stewart
February 12 from 11 am - 12 pm
A powerful examination of how Black women's spiritual practices shaped history, culture, and everyday life.



Tom Crouch
February 24 from 11 am - 12 pm
Bold decisions and risks that shaped the early years of the Smithsonian Institution and helped define its role in American culture.



February Virtual Author Talks

Legendary pirate Jacquotte Delahaye is the subject of [Vanessa Riley's](#) [Fire Sword & Sea](#) novel. Set in the Caribbean in 1675, the story follows the exploits of the famed female brigand, who in Riley's telling is biracial. [Please register](#) for this Thu., Feb. 5 event.

On Thu., Feb. 12, [Dr. Lindsey Stewart](#) ([The Conjuring of America](#)) traces 400 years of Black women's magic through letters from the enslaved and the lore of African mystics. Hear how spiritual practices have persevered in secrecy across generations. [Please register](#).

On Tue., Feb. 24, [Smithsonian](#) Curator Emeritus [Tom Crouch](#) will detail a crucial period in the institution's history (1836-1906), which forever cemented its place in American life. [Please register](#).

JPA BOARD MEETINGS

SCCLD's [Joint Powers Authority Governing Board](#) will hold its first meeting of 2026 on Thursday, February 12 at 12 p.m. at the Services and Support Center at 1370 Dell Avenue, Campbell, CA 95008. Meetings are open to the public.

SANTA CLARA COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT FEBRUARY 2026 EVENTS

SCCLD libraries will be closed on Monday, February 16 for Presidents' Day. Our Online Library is always available at scclld.org/Online-Library

Silicon Valley Reads programs are denoted in blue.

CAMPBELL EXPRESS LIBRARY – 1 W. Campbell Ave., Room E46

Family Storytime

Wednesday, February 4, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard City Banquet Hall

This storytime is children ages 0-5 and will feature stories, songs and more. Please bring a blanket or towel to sit on.

Lunar New Year Family Storytime

Friday, February 27, 4 – 4:45 p.m.

Acclaimed author Oliver Chin celebrates the Lunar New Year with a reading from his picture book, *[The Year of the Horse](#)*. After that, children will learn how to draw a horse and enjoy coloring animal sheets.

CUPERTINO -- 10800 Torre Avenue

Baby Sign and Sing

Sunday, February 1, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Room 101

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

Baby Wearing Dance

Sundays, February 1, 8, 15, & 22, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Participants must bring their own baby carrier.

ESL Parent & Caregiver Conversation Club

Monday, February 2, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m., Room 101

This series is designed to support families and spark 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, February 3, 10, & 24, 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.

Toddler Storytime (ages 1-2)

Tuesdays, February 3, 10, 17, & 24, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Room 101

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

LEGO Club

Tuesday, February 3, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Students in Kindergarten to 8th grade are welcome to play and create with LEGOs.

Homework Help for Grades K-6

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4:30 – 6 p.m., Room 101

Students can get free homework help. No registration is required.

Poponta Japanese Storytime

Wednesday, February 4, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Room 101

This Japanese storytime includes traditional kamishibai (paper theater), puppets & books.

Mystery Book Discussion

Wednesday, February 4, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Room 201B

We will discuss [*The Verifiers*](#) by Jane Pek.

Make a Card, Take a Card (ages 5+)

Wednesday, February 4, 4 – 5 p.m., Community Room 101

Children get to keep one card and make another card for the library to give to a senior.

Craft supplies will be provided.

How to Draw Fantasy Characters (Ages 11-18)

Wednesday, February 4, 6 – 7:30 p.m.

Join author and comic book artist Oliver Chin for a dynamic drawing workshop. You'll learn how to sketch fantastical figures, from spell-slinging sorcerers to mythical beasts.

Bedtime Storytime

Wednesdays, February 4, 11, 18, & 25, 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.

Baby Storytime (ages 0-1)

Thursdays, February 5, 12, & 19, 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.

Thursday Evening Meditation and Mindfulness

Thursdays, February 5, 12, 19, & 26, 6 – 6:30 p.m., Room 201A

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

Reading Buddies (completed Grades K-5)

Thursday, February 5, and Monday, February 9, 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.

Lunar New Year Calligraphy (Grades 5-8)

Friday, February 6, 4 – 5 p.m., Room 101

Children will learn the basics and create beautiful characters symbolizing fortune and peace for the New Year. All supplies are provided.

Before Your Eyes: An Immersive Music Performance

Friday, February 6, 7 – 8 p.m.

Before Your Eyes is an immersive, participatory performance that integrates harp, violin, piano, water-based instruments, and creative coding to explore how sound, nature, and technology can unite performers and audiences in real time.

Mandarin/English Family Storytime/ [中/英文雙語說故事時間](#)

Fridays, February 6 & 20, 7 – 8 p.m., Room 101

Wednesday, February 25, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Room 101

Join us for stories, songs, flannel board story, fingerplay and a craft project in Mandarin and English. 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。歡迎幼兒們 和家長, 祇母一同前來參加。

Lunar New Year Lion Dance

Saturday, February 7, 10:30 – 11 a.m.

Skilled performers bring an intricately crafted lion to life through expressive, coordinated movements, all set to the pulse of rhythmic drums, cymbals, and gongs.

Movie Screening

Saturday, February 7, 2 – 5 p.m., Room 201

Join us for a showing of the film, "Hamilton" (2020).

Acupuncture 101

Sunday, February 8, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Attendees will gain practical insights into how acupuncture supports healing, when it may be appropriate to consider as part of a care plan, and what to expect during a typical treatment.

Nonfiction Book Discussion

Sunday, February 8, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Room 201B

We will discuss the Silicon Valley Reads recommended read, [*Connecting Dots: A Blind Life*](#) by Joshua A. Miele with Wendell Jamieson.

Children's Literature for Adults Book Club

Tuesday, February 10, 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.

Police Read Along

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

A Sheriff's Deputy will read books and share safety tips.

Origami for School Age Children (ages 5+)

Wednesday, February 11, 4 – 5 p.m., Room 101

Learn to fold three models. Paper will be provided. No registration required.

Flex Prep Seminar: How to Build Your Extracurricular Activities Profile

Wednesday, February 11, 7 – 8 p.m., Room 201

Join FLEX as they discuss what an extracurricular activities profile is, the relevance of extracurricular and summer activities, and how to build them into a robust and cohesive application profile!

Lunar New Year Family Storytime

Thursday, February 12, 4 – 4:45 p.m.

Acclaimed author Oliver Chin celebrates the Lunar New Year with a reading from his picture book, [*The Year of the Horse*](#). Following the story, children will learn how to draw a horse and enjoy coloring animal sheets.

Knit-Alongs at Cupertino Library

Fridays, February 13, 20, & 27, 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: Friendship Bracelets (ages 10+)

Friday, February 13, 4 – 5 p.m., Room 101

Make a friendship bracelet for yourself and make another one to give to someone else. Materials will be provided. While supplies last.

Family Storytime

Saturdays, February 14, 21, & 28, 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.

Freedom Readers Book Club (Grades 5-8)

Tuesday, February 17, 2 – 3 p.m., Room 101

For Black History Month, we will be discussing [*Swim Team*](#) by Johnnie Christmas. Register at the Children's Desk.

Book Discussion for Adults

Wed., February 18, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., and Thu., February 19, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Room 201B

We will discuss the Silicon Valley Reads selected book, [*Unlikely Animals*](#) by Annie Hartnett.

Black History Month: Changemakers Book Club (Grades 1 & 2)

Wednesday, February 18, 2 – 3 p.m., Room 101

Changemaker readers will be able to discuss the book and make a craft to take home. Register in-person at the Children's Desk and pick up a copy of the book.

Voyagers Book Club (Grades 3-4)

Thursday, February 19, 2 – 3 p.m., Room 101

Please come to the Children's Reference Desk at Cupertino Library to sign up and get a book. Registration is required.

Adult Watercolor: Fairytale Mushrooms (ages 18+)

Friday, February 20, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Room 101

This guided workshop invites you to relax, create, and celebrate the magic of spring through dreamy watercolor art. Seating is limited to the first 30 attendees and is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Pokémon GO at the Library

Saturday, February 21, 2 – 4 p.m.

We will be activating lures on our in-house PokéStops, turning the library into a hotspot for rare encounters and rapid-fire catching. It is the perfect chance to level up, fill your Pokédex, and maybe even stumble upon something legendary!

Sunday Movie Matinee

Sunday, February 22, 2 – 4 p.m., Room 201

Join us for a showing of the film, “Toy Story” (1995).

Tuesday Travel Nights

Tuesday, February 24, 7 – 8 p.m., Room 201

Let’s go on an exploration of Iceland, a tiny country with outsize geographical variety including glaciers, waterfalls, geysers, hot and cold running rivers, volcanoes, black sand beaches, lush valleys, desert plains, and puffins.

Read for the Record Storytime

Thursday, February 26, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Room 101

[Read for the Record](#) is a nationwide initiative dedicated to raising awareness about the importance of early literacy. On one single day, classrooms, libraries, and communities will come together to share a single book: [See Marcus Grow](#) by Marcus Bridgewater.

Pokémon STEM (ages 6+)

Friday, February 27, 4 – 5 p.m., Room 101

Learn some theories based in real life science about a couple of your favorite Pokémon! Then we'll make a pokeball catapult that you can take home and catch your own Pokémon.

Composting Basics

Saturday, February 28, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Room 201

This workshop focuses on composting backyard trimmings and food scraps, and compost application.

Mr. Boom Boom’s African Drum Circle

Saturday, February 28, 1 – 2 p.m.

Step into the circle and feel the beat in an immersive, hands-on musical journey that brings the power and spirit of African drumming to life, while connecting its influence to rhythms and instruments from around the world.

TeenCents Personal Finance Workshop (Grades 5-9)

Saturday, February 28, 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. Online registration is required.

GILROY -- 350 W. Sixth Street**Seed Kits for Adults & Teens**

February 1 – 28, while supplies last, Adult Information Desk

Pick up a packet of California Poppy seeds with instructions on how to grow them, recommended book pairings, and instructions for a craft.

Valentine Mixtape: Design, Print & Gift

Sunday, February 1, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Community Room

We'll curate songs to create a playlist on your preferred online music service, then design a CD or cassette cover for your playlist. A QR code on the cover will direct you to the online playlist, making this the perfect mixtape to gift to a loved one or friend.

1 on 1 Tech Help/Ayuda con la Tecnología

Mondays, February 2, 9, & 23, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Community Room

They can help you: open an email account, connect to Wi-Fi/hotspots, use laptops and Chromebooks, use Microsoft Office. Ellos pueden ayudarte: abrir una cuenta de correo electrónico, conectarse a Wi-Fi/puntos de acceso, utilizar computadoras portátiles y Chromebooks o utilizar Microsoft Office.

Free Snacks for Kids! / ¡Meriendas Gratis Para Niños!

Mondays-Fridays, 3 – 4 p.m. (except during holidays), Lobby Area

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.

Create-N-Play/Crear-Y-Jugar (Ages 12 and under)

Mondays, February 2, 9, & 23, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m., Children's area

Join us for a crafty exploration of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math.

Acompañenos los lunes en el área infantil para explorar todo lo relacionado con Ciencia, Tecnología, Ingeniería, Arte y Matemáticas.

Pajama Storytime/Hora de Cuentos en Pijama

Mondays, February 2, 9, & 23, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., Children's area/1st floor, Zona infantil

We read stories, sing songs, play games, and wear our pajamas. Leemos cuentos, cantamos canciones, y jugamos.

Homework Help/Ayuda con la Tarea

Tuesdays-Thursdays, 4 – 5:30 p.m., 1st Floor Meeting Room/ 1º piso, Salon de juntas

Kids in grades K-6 can come in and receive homework help. ¿Eres un estudiante de 1.º a 6.º grado y necesitas ayuda con las tareas? Tenemos tutores disponibles para ayudarte con tus tareas.

Zumba Fitness Class/Clase de Zumba Fitness

Tuesdays, February 3, 10, 17, & 24, 5:45 – 6:45 p.m., Community Room

This Latin-inspired, easy-to-follow dance exhilarates your senses and works all major muscle groups. Este baile de inspiración latina y fácil de seguir estimula tus sentidos y trabaja todos los grupos musculares principales.

Reading Buddies / Compañeros de Lectura (PreK-Grade 6)

Tuesday, February 3, 6 – 7 p.m., 1st Floor, Burrow 1º piso, Madriguera

Practice your reading skills and read aloud one on one with a furry friend! Sign-ups are first come, first serve 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.

Reading Program Tutor Orientation

Wednesday, February 4, 1 – 2 p.m. and 6 – 7 p.m., Reading Program Room

Learn how to become an adult literacy tutor for the Reading Program and support an adult learner improve their English reading, writing, listening and speaking skills.

Books and Boogie Storytime / Hora de Cuentos

Thursdays, February 5, 12, & 19, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Children's Area

Children and their caregivers are invited to enjoy engaging stories, playful rhymes, lively fingerplays, and music and movement activities that nurture early literacy skills. Compartiremos historias divertidas, rimas, canciones y baile con la bibliotecaria Rosa.

Knitting and Crochet Weekly Meetup / Tejido y Crochet

Thursdays, February 5, 12, 19, & 26, 1 – 4 p.m., Quiet Study B

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

Book Discussion

Friday, February 6, 10:15 – 11 a.m., Quiet Study B

We will be discussing [*Jona Iverson's Rules for Commuting*](#) by Clare Pooley.

Baby Bounce Storytime (12 months and younger)

Fridays, February 6, 13, 20, & 27, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room

Baby bounce shares short stories, nursery rhymes, fingerplays and songs that reinforce early literacy skills. Baby Bounce comparte cuentos cortos, canciones infantiles, y canciones que refuerzan habilidades de lectura.

Free Basic English Class / Curso Gratuito de Igles Básico (Adults 18+)

Fridays, February 6, 13, 20, & 27, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Reading Program Room

This six-week class is for learners with little to no English to practice basic English speaking and listening skills. No registration required.

Unirse a nosotros para practicar y mejorar sus habilidades básicas de conversación y comprensión auditiva en inglés. No es necesario registrarse.

Safe Space Meetup for LGBTQ+/Encuentro de Espacio Seguro para Personas LGBTQ+
Fridays, February 6 & 20, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Quiet Study Room B

Our staff-led meetings offer a safe space for youth (ages 13-25) to play games, participate in group activities & discussions, and build community. No registration necessary.

Nuestras reuniones, dirigidas por nuestro personal, ofrecen un espacio seguro para que los jóvenes (13-25) jueguen, participen en actividades y debates grupales, y forjen una comunidad. No es necesario registrarse.

Basic Computer Skills Class / Curso Básico de Computación

Fridays, February 6, 13, 20, & 27, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Reading Program Room

Identify and use basic parts of a computer, operating systems basics, using common computer programs, managing files and folders, Internet and email use and computer safety. Identificación y uso de los componentes básicos de una computadora, conceptos básicos de sistemas operativos, uso de programas de computadoras, gestión de archivos y carpetas, uso de Internet y correo electrónico y seguridad informática.

Family Storytime/Hora de Cuentos

Saturdays, February 7, 14, 21, & 28, 10:30 – 11:30 am, 1st Floor Burrow/1º piso Madriguera

Join us for stories, songs, music & movement with Librarian Patty, followed by play time.

Acompáñenos a escuchar cuentos, música y movimiento con la Bibliotecaria

Patty, seguido por tiempo para jugar.

Acupuncture 101

Saturday, February 7, 2 – 3 p.m., Community Room

Acupuncture is integrated into major healthcare systems, yet despite its growing presence, many still lack a clear understanding of this ancient healing practice. Attendees will gain practical insights into how acupuncture supports healing, when it may be appropriate to consider as part of a care plan, and what to expect during a typical treatment.

Kids in STEM / Niños en STEM (Grades 2-5)

Saturdays, February 7 & 21, 2 – 3 p.m., 1st Floor, Burrow 1º piso, Madriguera

Our Kids in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) program will explore these subjects and will teach kids about careers in STEM. Nuestro programa "Niños en STEM" (ciencia, tecnología, ingeniería y matemáticas) explorará estas materias y les enseñará a niños sobre las carreras en estos campos.

Lunar New Year Lion Dance / Danza del León

Sunday, February 8, 2 – 2:30 p.m., Courtyard

Skilled performers bring an intricately crafted lion to life through expressive, coordinated movements, all set to the pulse of rhythmic drums, cymbals, and gongs.

Dancheong Suncatcher Craft (Grades K-5)

Sunday, February 8, 3 – 4 p.m., 1st Floor, Burrow 1º piso, Madriguera

Participants create their own sun catchers by coloring traditional Korean dancheong patterns onto translucent discs. Seating is limited to the first 50 attendees.

Los participantes crean sus propios atrapa soles coloreando patrones tradicionales coreanos de dancheong sobre discos translúcidos. El espacio es limitado a las primeras 50 personas.

Friendship Bracelets (ages 11-13)

Tuesday, February 10, 6 – 7 p.m., Quiet Study B

Middle school students are invited to join us in making friendship bracelets using colorful beads, thread, and plenty of imagination. Materials will be provided.

Playdough Playtime / Hora de Juego con Plastilina (ages 2-7)

Wednesday, February 11, 3 – 4 p.m., 2nd Floor, Community Room/ Cuarto Comunitario

Children can shape, roll, and squish playdoh using cutters in different shapes.

Los niños podrán amasar, moldear y aplastar plastilina usando divertidos cortadores en formas diferentes.

Valentine's Day Crafts

Thursday, February 12, 4 – 5 p.m., Burrow, 1st floor Zona infantil

Make Valentine's Day and more at the Gilroy Library in this family program! En la biblioteca de Gilroy, participa en este programa familiar y crea tarjetas de San Valentín y mucho más.

Weddings at the Library: Romantically Gothic

Friday, February 13, 2 – 5 p.m., Community Room

Several lucky couples have been selected to get married at the library, and YOU'RE invited! Come join us to be a part of this beautiful community celebration.

LEGO Club

Friday, February 13, 3 – 4:30 p.m., 1st Floor, Burrow

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.

Weddings at the Library: Classic Romance

Saturday, February 14, 2 – 5 p.m., Community Room

Several lucky couples have been selected to get married at the library, and YOU'RE invited! Come join us to be a part of this beautiful community celebration.

Open Poetry Readings

Saturday, February 14, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Downstairs Meeting Room

Everyone is welcome to attend and listen or read poetry and join in related discussions.

Teen Volunteer Sign-Ups for High School Seniors

Tuesday, February 17 – Sunday, March 1, Adult Information Desk

The next volunteer session at the Gilroy Library will be from March through May. Teens can sign up for a weekly 2-hour shift which they must attend for the whole 3-month session.

Reading Program Family Literacy Club: Celebrate Pokémon Day

Wednesday, February 18, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m., Community Room

We will have Pokémon-related activities while practicing our literacy skills. No registration required but limited spots are available. Únete a nosotros para participar en actividades relacionadas con Pokémon y practica tus habilidades de lectura y escritura. No se requiere inscripción, pero las plazas son limitadas.

Reading Program Tutor Training

Saturday, February 21, 12:30 – 5:30 p.m., Reading Program Room

Tutors who have completed the orientation are invited to this training session.

Lunar New Year Escape Room for Teens (ages 12-18)

Sunday, February 22, 2 – 4 p.m., Community Room

You'll have to solve puzzles and find clues with your friends to catch the culprit in time, so bring your thinking cap. Register to receive an email reminder, or just walk in.

Bookcaterpillars Book Club (Grades K-1)

Monday, February 23, 3 – 3:30 p.m., Children's Area/área infantil

Stop by the Children's Reference Desk to register and pick up your copy of the book. We will read the book together, but you can read it ahead of time also. Crafts and snacks will be provided.

Pasa por el escritorio de Referencia Infantil para inscribirte y recoge tu copia del libro. Leeremos el libro juntos durante el club de lectura. Habrá manualidades y merienda.

Bookworms Book Club (Grades 2-3)

Monday, February 23, 4 – 5 p.m., 1st Floor Nest/Nido

This month we are reading [*Rise of the Earth Dragon \(Dragon Masters\)*](#) by Tracey West.

Este mes leyeremos [*Rise of the Earth Dragon \(Dragon Masters\)*](#) por Tracey West.

ESL Class Session/Clases de inglés

Mondays – Wednesdays, February 23 – May 20, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Community Room

This class session is for beginners. Join us to learn and improve your English listening and speaking skills. Please register.

Magic Hour: Sensory-Friendly Library Playtime/Tiempo de Juego Sensorial Amigable

Tuesday, February 24, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Children's Play 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.

Mantenemos las luces bajas y utilizamos la luz natural. Las computadoras están apagadas y las puertas cerradas para reducir el ruido exterior.

Bookcrops Book Club (Grades 4-5)

Tuesday, February 24, 3 – 4 p.m., 1st Floor Burrow/Madriguera

We will discuss [*Amari and the Night Brothers*](#) by B. B. Alston. Stop by the Children's Reference Desk to register and pick up your copy of the book. Crafts and snacks will be provided.

Bookdragons Book Club (Grades 6-8)

Tuesday, February 24, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m., 1st Floor Burrow/Madriguera

We will discuss [*Ghost*](#) by Jason Reynolds. Stop by the Children's Reference Desk to register and pick up your copy of the book. Crafts and snacks will be provided.

Book Discussion

Tuesday, February 24, 6 – 7 p.m., Quiet Study B

We will discuss [*Pride and Joy*](#) by Louisa Onomé in honor of Black History Month.

Read for the Record Storytime

Thursday, February 26, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Room 101

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Family Board Games

Friday, February 27, 3 – 4:30 p.m., 1st Floor, Burrow 1º piso, Madriguera

We have games for all ages and skill levels. Tenemos juegos para todas las edades y niveles de habilidad.

Pottery Painting for Teens (ages 12-18)

Friday, February 27, 4:30 – 5:45 p.m., Community Room

Paint a small piece to take home and keep. All materials and tools provided! Registration required.

Plan Your Tomato Garden

Saturday, February 28, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room

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

Mardi Gras Cooking Class & Samples

Saturday, February 28, 2 – 3 p.m., Community Room

Participants will explore the roots and stories behind iconic dishes while learning how to prepare a soulful, crowd-pleasing vegetarian and meat gumbo along with a jalapeno cheddar cornbread from scratch.

LOS ALTOS -- 13 S. San Antonio Road

Sunday Matinee Movies

Sunday, February 1 – Friday, February 27, Art Wall

Belinda FC Lo's oil painting exhibit features vibrant and spirited depictions of Taiwan's landscapes and cultural heritage.

Sunday Matinee Movies

Sunday, February 1, 2 – 4 p.m., Orchard Room

Join us for a screening of “Labyrinth” (1986).

Monday Morning Meditation and Mindfulness

Mondays, February 2, 9, & 23, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard Room

Practice meditation for 20 minutes then have 10 minutes to speak with the instructor.

Poetry Open Mic

Monday, February 2, 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

Tuesdays, February 3, 10, 17, & 24, 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.

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

Tuesdays, February 3, 10, & 24, 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. 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。

Silicon Valley Reads: Art with Drawn2Art

Tuesday, February 3, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Join instructors from Drawn2Art studio for this fun Silicon Valley Reads-themed art program! This program is designed for adults and teens. All materials will be provided.

The Whodunit? Mystery Book Club

Wednesday, February 4, 10:15 – 11:30 a.m., Teen Room

We will discuss [*The Kill Artist*](#) by Daniel Silva.

Toddler Storytime (ages 1-2)

Wednesdays, February 4, 11, 18, & 25, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard Room

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

Storytimes will be filled with stories, music, and fun activities! Due to limited space, we will begin handing out free tickets starting at 10 a.m.

Baby Storytime & Stay and Play (ages 0-1)

Wednesdays, February 4, 11, 18, & 25, 1 – 2 p.m., Orchard Room

We invite non-walking babies and their caregivers to an interactive 20 minutes of catchy songs and rhymes, gentle movement and baby sign language, and short books. Stay for our "Stay & Play" session, where babies can explore fun, age-appropriate toys.

ESL Conversation Club

Thursdays, February 5, 12, 19, & 26, 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, February 5, 12, & 19, 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, February 5, 12, 19, & 26, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

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.

Mixed Media Valentines

Thursday, February 5, 6:30 – 8 p.m., Orchard Room

Join us for a relaxed, creative workshop focused on watercolor and mixed media. Using simple shapes, bright colors, and easy techniques, participants will create a handmade Valentine, Galentine, or Palentine to share or keep.

Baby Sign and Stay and Play (ages 0-1)

Saturday, February 7, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Orchard Room

Join us for a special storytime featuring American Sign Language along with songs and stories and fun. After storytime please stay or join us to play with age-appropriate toys.

Piggy Bank Pioneers (ages 5-9)

Sunday, February 8, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Orchard Room

The Mountain View High School Personal Finance Club can help improve financial literacy skills through a fun, interactive game. This month's games will be "Making Moo-lah" and "Penny Pinchers' Party."

Board Game Sunday

Sunday, February 8, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Orchard Room

We have board games for adults, teens, and children -- plus LEGOs and DUPLOS.

Lunar New Year Family Storytime

Monday, February 9, 4 – 4:45 p.m.

Acclaimed author Oliver Chin celebrates the Lunar New Year with a reading from his picture book, *The Year of the Horse*. Following the story, children will learn how to draw a horse and enjoy coloring animal sheets.

Book Bugs Club (Grades 2-3)

Tuesday, February 10, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

We will discuss *Ivy Lost and Found* by Cynthia Lord, then make a craft. Please pick up a copy of the book at the Children's Desk at Los Altos or Woodland Library.

Acupuncture 101

Tuesday, February 10, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard Room

Attendees will gain practical insights into how acupuncture supports healing, when it may be appropriate to consider as part of a care plan, and what to expect during a typical treatment.

Road Scholar: An Adventure to Puerto Rico

Wednesday, February 11, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard Room

Road Scholar is a non-profit, educational travel organization that inspires adults to learn, discover, and travel. Explore the diverse habitats of Puerto Rico through hiking, kayaking, and snorkeling in rainforests, reserves, and reefs.

Crafts with Gigi

Thursday, February 12, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Local artist Gigi Farmer will lead adults and teens in the creation of a unique project. All materials will be provided. No registration necessary.

Adult Watercolor Workshop

Friday, February 13, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Join us for a watercolor workshop for adults. Registration is not required. Seating is limited to the first 20 attendees and is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Lunar New Year Lion Dance

Saturday, February 14, 11 – 11:30 a.m.

Skilled performers bring an intricately crafted lion to life through expressive, coordinated movements, all set to the pulse of rhythmic drums, cymbals, and gongs.

Sunday CrafterNoon

Sunday, February 15, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Adults, teens, and kids can join us for an afternoon of relaxed crafting. Supplies are provided. Children must come with their responsible adult crafting-buddy.

Lunar New Year Storytime

Tuesday, February 17, 1:15 – 2 p.m., Orchard Room

Mandarin Kids Go will be sharing stories and songs in both English and Mandarin Chinese. Mandarin Kids Go 將以中英文帶來精彩的故事與歌曲。

Mardi Gras Cooking Class & Samples

Tuesday, February 17, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard Room

Participants will explore the roots and stories behind iconic dishes while learning how to prepare a soulful, crowd-pleasing vegetarian and meat gumbo along with a jalapeno cheddar cornbread from scratch.

Page Turners Book Club (Grades 4-5)

Wednesday, February 18, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

We will discuss [*Swim Team*](#) by Johnnie Christmas. Please pick up a copy of the book at the Children's Desk at Los Altos or Woodland Library.

Grow Transplants from Seed

Wednesday, February 18, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Learn how to start seeds at home to grow your own warm season garden transplants.

Bay Area Games Day

Saturday, February 21, 11 a.m. – 8 p.m., Orchard Room

Learn how to play a new board game or an old favorite.

Teen Friendship Bracelets

Saturday, February 21, 3 – 4 p.m.

Make friendship bracelets using colorful beads, thread, and plenty of imagination. Materials will be provided.

Traditional and Modern Vietnamese Dance

Sunday, February 22, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Experience the beauty of Vietnamese culture through a vibrant mix of traditional and modern dance. The performance invites audiences to learn a short Vietnamese dance using props like conical hats or fans.

Now Read This Book Club

Monday, February 23, 12 – 1:30 p.m., Orchard Room

We will be discussing [**Democracy Awakening: Notes on the State of America**](#) by Heather Cox Richardson.

To Be Read Book Club (Grades 6-8)

Tuesday, February 24, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

We will discuss [**Ghost**](#) by Jason Reynolds. Please pick up a copy of the book at the Children's Desk at Los Altos or Woodland Library.

Silicon Valley Reads Book Discussion for Adults

Tuesday, February 24, 7 – 8:15 p.m.

Email Laura.Pasternack@lib.sccgov.org to join the monthly email reminders and pick up a copy of the books. We will be discussing the Silicon Valley Reads pick, [**Unlikely Animals**](#) by Annie Hartnett.

Story Explorers: TK-1st Grade Book Club

Wednesday, February 25, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

Enjoy stories and activities featuring characters from the *Grumpy Monkey* series by Suzanne Lang. We'll do a short discussion of each book, dance, and end with a fun craft!

Wednesday Travel Nights

Wednesday, February 25, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Newfoundland offers a host of natural splendors including waterfalls, imposing fjords, craggy coastal coves, deserted beaches, wildlife viewing, and scenic mountain trails.

Read for the Record Storytime

Thursday, February 26, 3:30 – 4 p.m., Orchard Room

[Read for the Record](#) is a nationwide initiative dedicated to raising awareness about the importance of early literacy. On one single day, classrooms, libraries, and communities will come together to share a single book: [**See Marcus Grow**](#) by Marcus Bridgewater.

Crafts with Leila

Thursday, February 26, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Local artist Leila Ghasempour will lead adults and teens in the creation of a unique project. All materials will be provided.

Mr. Boom Boom's African Drum Circle

Saturday, February 28, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Step into the circle and feel the beat in an immersive, hands-on musical journey that brings the power and spirit of African drumming to life, while connecting its influence to rhythms and instruments from around the world.

Furry Friends Reading Buddies (Grades K-8)

Saturday, February 28, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Come practice your reading skills and read aloud to a friendly dog or cat -- your very own furry audience. You may register for a 10-minute session online two days before the event.

MILPITAS -- 160 N. Main Street**Stanford Blood Drive**

Sunday, February 1, 10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Make an appointment: https://sbcdonor.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/13748

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. Homework Help will not be offered February 16 – 20.

Baby Bouncers Lapsit (12 months and younger)

Tuesdays, February 3, 10, 17, & 24, 11:30 – 11:45 a.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.

Bilingual Family Storytime/中英雙語故事時間

Tuesdays, February 3, 10, & 24, 6:30 – 7 p.m., Children's Activity Room

The early literacy focus is on sharing stories and songs in English and Mandarin Chinese. 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。

Fun with Art presented by First5 Santa Clara County

Wednesday, February 4, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Auditorium

Staff from the Guerrero Family Resource Center will read a book, lead a craft activity based on the book, and then share resources provided at the resource center.

ESL Conversation Club

Wednesdays, February 4, 11, 18, & 25, 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.

XFYD Chess Class for Grades 6-8

Wednesdays, February 4, 11, & 25, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m., Activity Room

This 15-part class series is designed for middle school students, and focuses on more advanced chess strategies and tactics. Participants will strengthen critical thinking and teamwork while enjoying a challenging and interactive learning experience.

Milpitas Children's Chess Club (Grades K-8)

Wednesdays, February 4, 11, & 25, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., Activity Room

Play chess and make new friends in a fun and relaxed environment! Registration is not required but space is limited. Attendees are expected to know the rules of chess and must be able to play independently.

Toddler Storytime (Ages 1-2)

Thursdays, February 5, 12, 19, & 26, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Activity Room

This storytime features lots of movement, singing, and action. The early literacy focus is on short picture books, with simple flannel board stories, fingerplays, and lots of repetition.

Preschool Storytime (Ages 3-5)

Thursdays, February 5, 12, & 19, 6:30 – 7 p.m., Activity Room

The early literacy focus is on longer picture books and flannel board stories and other storytelling activities and fingerplays. Children's librarians will share kindergarten readiness resources with caregivers.

Qi Gong Meditation & Exercise Classes

Fridays, February 6, 13, 20, & 27, 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, February 6, 13, 20, & 27, 2 – 4 p.m., Conference Room

Meet other yarn lovers, get help or share ideas. Limited instruction available in English, Hindi, Punjabi and Gujarati, but note this is not a class. Materials not provided.

Music & Movement (ages 3-8)

Friday, February 6, 3:30 – 4:15 p.m., Activity Room

Children and their caregivers will have fun exploring music and dancing together.

Family Storytime

Saturdays, February 7, 14, 21, & 28, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Activity Room

This 30-minute storytime features lots of movement, singing, and action. The early literacy focus is on picture books, flannel board stories and fingerplays and an early introduction to group dynamics and socialization.

Lunar New Year Lion Dance

Saturday, February 7, 12:30 – 1 p.m.

Skilled performers bring an intricately crafted lion to life through expressive, coordinated movements, all set to the pulse of rhythmic drums, cymbals, and gongs.

Valentine Card Marking (Adults and teens 13+)

Saturday, February 7, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Program Room

Drop by and make a Valentine's card.

Teen Rubik's Cube Club

Saturday, February 7, 4 – 5 p.m., Conference Room

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

Gentle Flow Yoga (ages 13+)

Sundays, February 8 & 22, 10:15 – 11:15 a.m., Auditorium

This practice combines mindful movement, simple breathing techniques, and a calming guided meditation to reduce stress, improve flexibility, and restore balance. Bring a mat.

LEGO Club for Grades K-8

Monday, February 9, 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, February 9, 7 – 8 p.m., Auditorium

Sign up and pick up a copy of [*Frankenstein*](#) by Mary Shelley.

Little Learners STEAM (Ages 3-5)

Tuesday, February 10, 3:30 – 4:15 p.m., Auditorium

Each month we will nurture curiosity and discover new things through engaging and fun activities. Registration is required.

Lunar New Year Family Storytime

Wednesday, February 11, 3:30 – 4:15 p.m.

Acclaimed author Oliver Chin celebrates the Lunar New Year with a reading from his picture book, [*The Year of the Horse*](#). Following the story, children will learn how to draw a horse and enjoy coloring animal sheets.

Run, Hide, Fight Training with Milpitas Police

Thursday, February 12, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Program Room

Officers will discuss active threat awareness, situational awareness, and practical response strategies for violent incidents. The presentation will include real-world examples, safety tips, and a question-and-answer session.

Stay and Play Café for Kids 0-5

Friday, February 13, 11:15 a.m. – 12 p.m., Activity Room

Stay, play and learn with music, toys, and snacks.

Board Game Day

Saturday, February 14, 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, February 14, 11 a.m. – 12:30 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 appreciated.

Dungeons & Dragons: Winter Mini Campaign (Ages 13+)

Saturdays, February 14 & 28, 2 – 4 p.m., Conference Room

Our DM will guide you through the process from character creation and basic rules. Make your own character and get lost in the world of Dungeons and Dragons. Walk-ins welcome.

Mardi Gras Cooking Class & Samples

Sunday, February 15, 3 – 4 p.m.

Participants will explore the roots and stories behind iconic dishes while learning how to prepare a soulful, crowd-pleasing vegetarian and meat gumbo along with a jalapeno cheddar cornbread from scratch.

Lunar New Year Celebration

Tuesday, February 17, 3 – 5 p.m., Auditorium

We will have a Year of the Horse craft and a performance from the lion dance troupe, Yun Yee Tong Traditional Kung Fu Academy Dragon and Lion Dance Association.

Adult and Teen Crafternoon (Ages 13+)

Saturday, February 21, 3 – 4:30 p.m., Program Room

We will be using brewed tea and coffee to create sepia, watercolor-like designs. Come for some cozy creative time, sip a cup of tea, and connect with other crafters. No registration is required; walk-in while supplies last.

Money Smarts: Building Financial Confidence for Youth (ages 12-18)

Saturday, February 21, 3 – 4 p.m., Conference Room

Join us for a presentation created by your peers! Pearl is a Girl Scout ambassador working towards her Gold Award.

Traditional and Modern Vietnamese Dance

Saturday, February 21, 3 – 4 p.m.

Experience the beauty of Vietnamese culture through a vibrant mix of traditional and modern dance. The performance invites audiences to learn a short Vietnamese dance using props like conical hats or fans.

Paper Cutting Craft with Peopleologie (ages 6-12)

Sunday, February 22, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Auditorium

We start with a cultural sampling of celebrations throughout Asia, and then make a paper cut of the current zodiac calendar animal, or another. Using paper, scissors, and glue, practice using positive and negative space, and the almost-lost arts of cutting and gluing, which are foundational and critical small motor skills.

The South Bay Needlepointers Stitch-In

Monday, February 23, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Conference Room

The South Bay Needlepointers present programs which encourage and inspire members to explore new techniques in needlepoint, learn about design, color, texture and perspective, and provide an opportunity to network with others who share a passion for needlepoint.

Books & Bricks Book Club (Grades 4-6)

Tuesday, February 24, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Activity Room

Join our book and Lego building club for fourth to sixth graders! This month we are reading [*Next Stop*](#) by Debbie Fong. Register online.

Knitting for Kids (ages 8-12)

Tuesdays, February 24 – April 14, 5 – 5:45 p.m., Activity Room

All supplies will be provided but attendees must be able to attend each class. The student will be able to knit basic stitches and yarn sew by the end of the 8-week session.

Silicon Valley Reads Book Discussion Group

Wednesday, February 25, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Program Room

Thursday, February 26, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m., Program Room

We will discuss [*Mainline Mama*](#) by Keeonna Harris.

The Peaceful Poets

Thursday, February 26, 5:30 – 8 p.m., Conference Room

The Peaceful Poets are a Milpitas-based group of writers and appreciators of poetry.

Read for the Record Storytime

Thursday, February 26, 6:30 – 7 p.m., Activity Room

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Holi Celebration (Grades 3-8)

Friday, February 27, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Activity Room

We invite you to a colorful celebration of Holi, the festival of colors, with a fun sand art session at Milpitas Library.

Repair Cafe

Saturday, February 28, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., Auditorium

Repair Cafe will bring tools, materials, and volunteer experts to help you make any repairs you need on clothes, furniture, small appliances, bicycles, crockery, electronics, lamps, toys, and more. Their goal is to extend the life of everyday items.

Reading Buddies (Grades K-5)

Saturday, February 28, 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**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.

Homework Help for Grades K-6

Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Children's Activity Room

Students can get free homework help. No registration is required.

Zumba Fitness Class/Clase de Zumba Fitness

Monday, February 2, 6 – 7 p.m., and Tuesday, February 10, 6 – 7 p.m., Community Room

This Latin-inspired, easy-to-follow dance exhilarates your senses and works all major muscle groups. Este baile de inspiración latina y fácil de seguir estimula tus sentidos y trabaja todos los grupos musculares principales.

Reading Buddies (Grades K-6)

Mondays, February 2 & 23, 6 – 7 p.m., Activity Room

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

Evening Itty Bitty Jamboree

Tuesdays, February 3 & 17, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., Activity Room

Adults and babies (0 to 12 months old) are invited to short, fun stories, rhymes, fingerplays, and songs.

Kids LEGO Club

Wednesdays, February 4, 11, 18, & 25, 1 – 2:30 p.m., Activity Room

Children will use their creativity and engineering skills to free build anything they can imagine.

Start Smart: Driving Smart to Stay Safe for Teens

Wednesday, February 4, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m., Program Room

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

After Dinner Book Club

Wednesday, February 4, 7 – 8 p.m., Community Room

We will discuss the Silicon Valley Reads selected title, *[The Power of Bridging](#)* by john a. powell.

Toddler Storytime (ages 2-3)

Thursday, February 5, 12, 19, & 26, 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!

Preschool Storytime

Thursdays, February 5, 12, 19, & 26, 11:15 a.m. – 12 p.m., Children's Activity Room

Join us for a fun-filled storytime featuring stories, songs, rhymes, and lots of interactive movement!

Tiny Tot Jamboree (ages 1-2)

Fridays, February 6, 13, 20, & 27, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Children's Activity Room

Parents and toddlers: Join us for short stories, rhymes, fingerplays, activities, and songs.

Itty Bitty Jamboree (ages 0-12 months)

Fridays, February 6, 13, 20, & 27, 12 – 1 p.m., Children's Activity Room

Adults and their babies: Join us for short, fun stories, rhymes, fingerplays, and songs. Itty-Bitty Jamboree is 30 minutes followed by Stay & Play time.

Kids Keva Club (Ages 5+)

Friday, February 6, 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!

ESL Conversation Club

Saturdays, February 7 & 21, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Come to improve your English speaking and listening skills, while learning about other cultures in a safe and supportive environment.

Bilingual Spanish & English Family Storytime

Saturdays, February 7, 14, 21, & 28, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m., Children's Activity Room

Storytimes are bilingual (Spanish/English) and all ages are welcome to attend.

Las horas de cuentos son bilingües (español/inglés) y todas las edades son bienvenidas.

Lunar New Year Lion Dance

Sunday, February 8, 3:30 – 4 p.m.

Skilled performers bring an intricately crafted lion to life through expressive, coordinated movements, all set to the pulse of rhythmic drums, cymbals, and gongs.

Adult Friendship Bracelet

Monday, February 9, 6 – 7:30 p.m., Community Room

Come solo or bring a friend and enjoy this hands-on activity! All materials provided.

Family Fun Night

Tuesday, February 10, 6:30 – 8 p.m., Children's Activity Room

Families with school-aged children will create art, crafts, or participate in STEM activities. This month we will make Valentine's Day cards.

Friendship Bracelet Pop Up

Wednesday, February 11, 2 – 4 p.m., Teen Space

Make a friendship bracelet for yourself and make another one to give to someone else. Materials will be provided, while supplies last.

Adult Watercolor: Fairytale Mushrooms (ages 18+)

Sunday, February 15, 2 – 3:30 p.m.

This guided workshop invites you to relax, create, and celebrate the magic of spring through dreamy watercolor art. Seating is limited to the first 25 attendees and is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Kids Art Club (Ages 5+)

Wednesday, February 18, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Children’s Activity Room

Join us for an afternoon of creativity with the Kids Art Club. We will make a collage.

It’s Not a Box

Friday, February 20, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Children’s Activity Room

Join us in building cars, ships, roads, and rockets with your imagination and a few boxes. Decorations, tape, and glue are provided.

Traditional and Modern Vietnamese Dance

Saturday, February 21, 12 – 1 p.m.

Experience the beauty of Vietnamese culture through a vibrant mix of traditional and modern dance. The performance invites audiences to learn a short Vietnamese dance using props like conical hats or fans.

Mardi Gras Cooking Class

Sunday, February 22, 2 – 3 p.m.

Participants will explore the roots and stories behind iconic dishes while learning how to prepare a soulful, crowd-pleasing vegetarian and meat gumbo along with a jalapeno cheddar cornbread from scratch.

Chat & Craft: ESL Conversation Club

Monday, February 23, 6 – 7:30 p.m., Community Room

Improve your English listening and speaking skills while making a craft in a fun, supportive environment.

The Trailblazers Book Club (Grades 3-5)

Wednesday, February 25, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

We will discuss the Silicon Valley Reads selected youth book, *Front Desk* by Kelly Yang.

Read for the Record Storytime & Craft

Thursday, February 26, 3:30 – 4 p.m.

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

Friday, February 27, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Program 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.

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

Friday, February 27, 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.

Teen Watercolor: Spring Animals (Teens ages 13-18)

Saturday, February 28, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Room 101

Guided step by step, you’ll discover watercolor techniques that bring your art to life while expressing your own unique style.

Mr. Boom Boom’s African Drum Circle

Saturday, February 28, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Step into the circle and feel the beat in an immersive, hands-on musical journey that brings the power and spirit of African drumming to life, while connecting its influence to rhythms and instruments from around the world.

SARATOGA -- 13650 Saratoga Avenue**To Hold On: An Art Exhibit**

Through February 27, Library Lobby

Siana Smith's exhibition, *To Hold On*, examines the objects, memories, and screens that anchor us in an age defined by speed, consumption, and digital drift.

Marian Gault: A Retrospective Exhibit

Through February 27, Group Study Room

Marian Gault was an exceptional artist, calligrapher, and teacher. The local calligraphy guild, *Pacific Scribes*, remembers Marian with love and admiration.

Small Expressions: A Calligraphy Exhibit

Through February 27, Lobby Display Case

Calligraphy is the art of decorative handwritten lettering. ***Pacific Scribes*** is a nonprofit, calligraphy organization with a focus on stimulating and fostering a wide appreciation of calligraphy.

Homework Help for Grades K-6

Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4 – 5:30 p.m. and Wednesdays, 3 – 4:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Students can drop-in for free homework help. No registration is required. Caregivers of children under 10 years old must stay with their child.

Mystery Book Club

Monday, February 2, 7 – 8 p.m.

In honor of Black History Month, for our February meeting we will be discussing [*While Justice Sleeps*](#) by Stacey Abrams.

Band Jam: Guitar and Ukulele

Tuesdays, February 3 & 10, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room

Meet people who are also working on their music journey, learn new chords/strums, and get encouragement to practice towards mastering your instrument. Bring your own guitar or ukulele, all other materials will be provided.

Family Storytime

Tuesdays, February 3, 10, 17, & 24, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room

Saturdays, February 7, 14, 21, & 28, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room

Join us for stories, rhymes, and songs.

Sci-Fi & Fantasy Book Club

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

To celebrate Black History Month we will be discussing [*The Killing Moon*](#) by N. K. Jemisin. You can sign up and get a copy of the book from the adult reference desk.

Knit & Crochet Circle

Wednesday, February 4, 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.

Baby Storytime (12 months or younger)

Wednesdays, February 4, 11, 18, & 25, 11 – 11:15 a.m., Community Room

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

Drop-in Tech Help

Thursdays, February 5, 12, 19, & 26, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Oak Room

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

Board Game Night for Adults

Monday, February 9, 6 – 8 p.m., Maple Room

Drop in and play a variety of board games.

Children's Craft: Heart Wreath

Tuesday, February 10, 4 – 5 p.m., Community Room

Create a Valentine's Day heart wreath for yourself or as a gift. All ages welcome. No registration required.

Growing Asian Vegetables in the South Bay

Tuesday, February 10, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Community Room

Learn how to plan and grow a variety of nutritious and delicious produce, including what gardeners can do right now to prepare for a bountiful harvest in late spring and summer.

Chinese Book Club / 中文書友會

Thursday, February 12, 10:15 – 11:45 a.m., Orchard Room

The February book selection is [人鼠之間](#) (*Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck).

Furry Reading Buddies (completed Grades K-5)

Fridays, February 13 & 27, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

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.

Lunar New Year Lion Dance

Saturday, February 14, 1 – 1:30 p.m.

Skilled performers bring an intricately crafted lion to life through expressive, coordinated movements, all set to the pulse of rhythmic drums, cymbals, and gongs.

Indian Classical Dance Program

Saturday, February 14, 1:15 – 4:30 p.m., Community Room

Saratoga Library presents performances by accomplished Bay Area classical dancers.

How to Draw Fantasy Characters (Ages 11-18)

Saturday, February 14, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Maple Room

Join author and comic book artist Oliver Chin for a dynamic drawing workshop. You'll learn how to sketch fantastical figures, from spell-slinging sorcerers to mythical beasts.

African Drumming

Sunday, February 15, 11 – 11:45 a.m., Community Room

Celebrate Black History Month as we welcome African drumming by Onye Onyemaechi.

Year of the Horse Craft for Children

Tuesday, February 17, 4 – 5 p.m., Community Room

Celebrate Lunar New Year by creating a Year of the Horse craft! While supplies last. No registration necessary.

Travel Program: Discovering America's Backroads

Tuesday, February 17, 7:15 – 8:30 p.m., Community Room

This video presentation includes inspiring scenery, interesting towns, colorful events and the weird and fascinating discoveries along historic Route 66.

Mandarin Storytime

Thursday, February 19, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Maple Room

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

Teatime Book Chatter

Thursday, February 19, 1 – 2 p.m.

Please visit the Adult Reference Desk at Saratoga Library to register and pick up a copy of the book.

Reading Program Family Literacy Club: Celebrate Pokémon Day

Friday, February 20, 3 – 4 p.m., Community Room

We will have Pokémon-related activities while practicing our literacy skills. No registration required but limited spots are available.

West Valley Community Services Presentation

Saturday, February 21, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Learn about their mission and various services and opportunities to volunteer.

Firebird Youth Chinese Orchestra

Saturday, February 21, 2 – 3 p.m.

Enjoy traditional Chinese music from young musicians who play Chinese instruments.

Open Mic

Sunday, February 22, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room

This is your opportunity to share your musical talents in a safe, inviting community of teens of all levels and ages 13+. Bring your guitar, ukulele, voice, or any fun instruments you have been practicing to perform in an open mic setting.

Technology Class: Digital Hygiene

Monday, February 23, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., Community Room

Learn about internet cookies, credit freezing, secure passwords, password managers, multi-factor authentication, and cell phone verification.

Read for the Record Storytime

Thursday, February 26, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Maple Room

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Dancheong Suncatcher Craft (Grades K-5)

Saturday, February 28, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Participants create their own sun catchers by coloring traditional Korean dancheong patterns onto translucent discs. Seating is limited to the first 50 attendees.

Before Your Eyes: An Immersive Music Performance

Saturday, February 28, 2 – 3 p.m.

Before Your Eyes is an immersive, participatory performance that integrates harp, violin, piano, water-based instruments, and creative coding to explore how sound, nature, and technology can unite performers and audiences in real time.

SERVICES & SUPPORT CENTER – 1370 Dell Avenue, Campbell

Joint Powers Authority (JPA) Board Meeting

Thursday, February 12, 12 – 1 p.m.

For information about the meetings, agendas, and packets, please visit scclld.org/jpa/.

WOODLAND – 1975 Grant Road

Monday Meditation and Mindfulness

Mondays, February 2, 9, & 23, 7 – 7:30 p.m.

Practice meditation for 20 minutes, then have 10 minutes to talk to the instructor.

Sweet Tiny Tot Tales

Sunday, February 8, 11:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Backyard Patio (dress for weather!)

This special storytime is full of stories, wiggles, music, and fingerplays.

ONLINE EVENTS (Please register online)

Online English Conversation Club

Thursdays, February 5, 12, 19, & 26, 11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Meet new friends and practice English together.

Virtual Author Talk: Vanessa Riley

Thursday, February 5, 4 – 5 p.m.

Vanessa Riley delves into [*Fire Sword and Sea*](#), her novel inspired by the legendary pirate Jacquotte Delahaye.

Reading Program Learner Orientation

Wednesday, February 11, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. and 6 – 7 p.m.

This learner orientation is required for new students to learn about the program's structure, services and expectations. During the session you will learn about the program requirements and about how this program can help you meet your goals with English.

Virtual Author Talk: Dr. Lindsey Stewart

Thursday, February 12, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Dr. Lindsey Stewart's [*The Conjuring of America*](#) traces 400 years of Black women's magic through the lives of enslaved Mammies, Voodoo Queens, Blues Women, Granny Midwives, and textile weavers who preserved their spiritual practices in secrecy across generations.

Virtual Author Talk: Tom Crouch

Thursday, February 24, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Join Smithsonian Curator Emeritus Tom Crouch for an engaging discussion of his book [*Smithson's Gamble*](#), a revealing look at the bold decisions, controversies, and visionary leadership that shaped the early years of the Smithsonian Institution.