



CITY OF MILPITAS

Library and Education Advisory Commission

MEETING MINUTES
7:00 p.m.
Monday, November 18, 2024
Milpitas Library
160 N. Main St. Milpitas, CA 95035

- CALL TO ORDER** Chair Chou called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Chair Chou called the roll.
- ROLL CALL**
- PRESENT:** Chair Yu-Lan Chou, Commissioners Therese Hoang, Barbara Martens, Hellie Mateo, Vice Mayor Evelyn Chua
- ABSENT:** Commissioners Ann Anderson, Nonie McDonald, Naga Venkata Satya Sannidhi, Trijohn Tran, Student Commissioner Yunha Park, Vice Chair Rekha Pardeshi
- Library Staff:** Kelly McKean – Community Librarian
Steve Fitzgerald – Deputy County Librarian
- City Staff:** John Macon – Recreation Supervisor
Amanda Ingua – Public Service Assistant II
- PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE** Chair Chou led the pledge of allegiance.
- ALTERNATE SEATING** NA
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA** **Motion to approve the November 18, 2024 agenda.**
- M/S:** Martens/Mateo **AYES:** All
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES** **Motion to approve the September 16, 2024 minutes.**
- M/S:** Hoang/Chou **AYES:** All **ABSTAIN:** Martens, Mateo
- PUBLIC FORUM** NA
- ANNOUNCEMENTS** NA
- BUSINESS ITEMS**
- A. SCCLD Program Policy Review – Steve Fitzgerald, Deputy County Librarian**
- Recommendation:** Receive information about the SCCLD Library Events and Programs Draft.
- Deputy County Librarian, Steve Fitzgerald briefed the Commission on the Library Programs and Events Policy.
- B. Service Levels for Growing Populations – John Macon, City Staff**

Recommendation: Discuss the work plan topic including 1) Any previous Library Service Level assessments; 2) How the current SCCLD Community Survey can inform the topic; and 3) The typical and appropriate roles and responsibilities of City and/or County staff regarding this project.

The Commission will research and regroup for the next meeting with ideas, and suggestions for service points needed.

C. County Commissions Forum – Yu-Lan Chou, Chair

Recommendation: Discuss details of this upcoming year’s County Commissions Forum event, and gain agreement on the Commission’s group participation.

The County Commissions Forum event will be held on Saturday, February 1, 2025.

LIAISON REPORT

A. Friends of the Milpitas Library Report – N/A

B. County Librarian Report – Steve Fitzgerald

Shared to the commission of ongoing programming at the county library.

C. Community Librarian Report – Kelly McKean

Shared to the commission of the programming at the local library.

D. City Council Liaison Report – Vice Mayor Evelyn Chua

Vice Mayor Chua shared updates from the City Council.

E. Staff Liaison Report – John Macon

Provided updates to the commission of the upcoming city events.

UPCOMING AGENDA

N/A

ADJOURNMENT

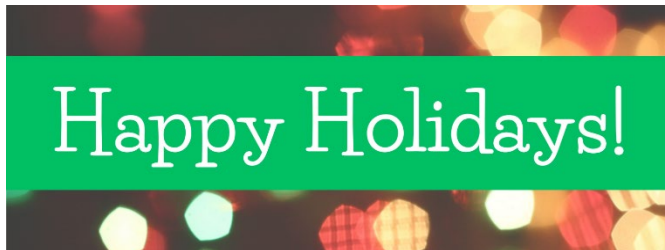
Chair Chou adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

M/S: Mateo/Martens

AYES: All

December 2024
Library Monthly Report
Jennifer Weeks, County Librarian



Make the Library Your Home Away from Home this Holiday Season

This month, take time to recharge and spend time with family and loved ones. December has a number of important cultural events, from the Winter Solstice (Dec. 21), to Christmas (Dec. 25),

Hanukkah (Dec. 25 to Jan. 2), Kwanzaa (Dec. 26 to Jan. 1), and of course New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

The Library is here to help make your season bright with a variety of activities and resources. Interested in arts and crafts? Our [Creativebug](#) resource offers unlimited access to over 1,000 online art and craft video classes and tutorials. Whether you're looking to start a new hobby or find ideas for holiday décor, you'll find it there. [New York Times Cooking](#) has a wide variety of recipes that you can explore to find fun new flavors.

Want to curl up with a great read? Our librarians have compiled booklists for you to enjoy. There are multiple categories of [novels](#), [nonfiction](#) titles and more for adults, [teens](#) and [kids](#).

And of course we have lots of great events. From visits by Santa, [film screenings](#), and crafts for making ornaments, wreaths and holiday cards, to board games and book clubs, we're a winter wonderland of activity. Make sure your household is safe at a [Holiday Fire Safety Workshop](#). We also have New Year's celebrations and a puppet show at three of our libraries. Check our Event Calendar for details.

For those considering large purchases for the holidays, make sure to check out the latest issue of *Consumer Reports* for product reviews and ratings, available for free with your library account. This and other helpful resources can be found in the [Consumer & Automotive](#) section of our 24/7 Online Library, where you can also find current issues of *Consumer Reports Buying Guide* and *AARP: The Magazine*, accessible through our free eResource, [Flipster](#).

Learn Coding, Web Development and More

[Treehouse](#) is an online video and interactive learning platform that teaches coding and web development skills. Topics include HTML, CSS, Python, JavaScript, AI, SQL, and business and development tools. Patrons 16 years and older are welcome to register for a free account. [Give it a try](#).



Learn How to Save a Life

SCCLD is partnering with Santa Clara County Behavioral Health Department to hold opioid overdose prevention workshops in South County during the month of December. These free sessions teach attendees what they need to know to properly administer naloxone nasal spray (better known by its commercial name of Narcan).



While the number of overdose deaths has recently [dropped of late](#), there are still far too many people dying from fentanyl and other drugs. Luckily, there is hope with knowledge and access to this life-saving drug. Those who attend the classes, which will be led by the Q Corner's Harm ReduQion Project, will receive doses to take home (while supplies last). [Registration](#) for the classes is not required, but is recommended.

Gilroy Library:

December 2 at 7 p.m.
December 12 at 4 p.m.

Morgan Hill Library:

December 2 at 4 p.m.
December 16 at 6:30 p.m.



Fun with the Big Bad Wolf

The Puppet Art Theater Co. is back with another delightful children's tale told through the magic of puppetry. They will be presenting the Little Red Riding Hood Puppet Show (Holiday Edition) at three libraries, all on [Saturday December 28](#).

There are two shows in South County, performing at 10:30 AM at [Morgan Hill Library](#), followed by a 2 PM [Gilroy Library](#) show. Or you can attend the performance at 4:30 PM at the [Los Altos Library](#). Just beware of any wolves that talk to you on the way there.

Please note that SCCLD Libraries and Bookmobile Service will be closed on Wed., Dec. 25 for Christmas Day and Wed., January 1 for New Year's Day. We are also closing at 5PM on Tue., Dec. 24 and Tue., Dec. 31. Our [Online Library](#) is open 24/7.

Bet You Can't Watch Just One...

Have you explored our [Hoopla](#) resource, which we added this year? A one-stop entertainment stop, it has streamable eBooks, Audiobooks, comics, movies and TV series. Premium content includes Hallmark+ and their many beloved holiday films and TV shows.



You can watch dozens of meet-cute, mystery, comedy and drama movies and shows using Hoopla's BingePass option, which allows unlimited access to their selections for seven days from a computer, tablet or cell phone. If you don't finish your watchlist, which the site will save, you can renew the pass for another week. Our [eMovies, TV and eMusic page](#) has even more options for you to enjoy.



VIRTUAL Author Talks

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Dr. Jeffrey Post
December 4th 11:00 am-12:00 pm

Laura Dave
December 11th 11:00 am-12:00 pm

The Night We Lost Him
Laura Dave

December Virtual Author Talks

End 2024 with some exciting virtual author talks!

Join us on Wednesday, December 4 at 11 a.m. for a dazzling presentation with the emeritus curator of the Smithsonian's National Gem Collection, Dr. Jeffrey E. Post as he talks about [The Smithsonian National Gem Collection Unearthed: Surprising Stories Behind the Jewels](#). Learn about some of the world's greatest and most famous gemstones. Register [here](#).

On Wednesday, December 11 at 11 a.m., we welcome bestselling author Laura Dave, who will talk to us about her newest book, [The Night We Lost Him](#). With her trademark combination of suspense and family drama, this latest novel is a page-turner! Please [register](#).

New Story to Enjoy a StoryWalk® Together

A new set of characters has buzzed into our StoryWalk® sites, which feature pages from children's books installed in a beautiful city park setting. The new selection is [The Bugliest Bug](#) by Carol Diggory Shields. Different types of insects compete to see who is the "bugliest" of all, but a surprise awaits.



[Jack Fischer Park](#) in Campbell, [Community Park](#) in Morgan Hill and [Kevin Moran Park](#) in Saratoga (pictured here) host these early literacy skill building activities. StoryWalks® are a great partnership between SCCLD and local cities. We hope to announce at least one more site in early 2025. Stay tuned!

SANTA CLARA COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT DECEMBER 2024 EVENTS

****All SCCLD libraries will be closed and services unavailable on Wednesday, December 25 for Christmas. Libraries will close at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Decembers 24 and Tuesday, December 31****

CAMPBELL EXPRESS LIBRARY – 1 West Campbell Avenue, Room 46

Family Storytime

Wednesdays, December 4 & 11, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard City Banquet Hall on 12/4 and Roosevelt Room/Room Q-80 on 12/11

Kids ages 0-5 are invited to join us for stories, songs, and more. Please bring a blanket or towel to sit on.

CUPERTINO -- 10800 Torre Avenue

Babywearing Dance

Sundays, December 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Room 101

Join us for babywearing dance.

Baby Sign and Sing

Sunday, December 1, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Room 101

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

Homework Help

Monday & Thursday, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Tuesday & Wednesday, 6 – 7:30 p.m., December 2 – 6, Children's Room Small Study Room

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

Do You Want to Build a Snowman? (Grades 3 – 8)

Monday, December 2, 4 – 5 p.m., Room 101

Arrive on time to get a seat and create a clay snowman. All materials will be provided.

ESL Conversation Club

Tuesdays, December 3, 10, & 17, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Room 201A

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

Toddler Storytime (ages 1-2)

Tuesdays, December 3, 10, & 17, 10:30 – 11 a.m.

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

Bedtime Storytime

Wednesdays, December 4, 11, & 18, 7 – 7:30 p.m., Program Room

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

Storytime for Babies (ages 0-1)

Thursdays, December 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.

Reading Buddies

Thursday, December 5, and Monday, December 9, 7 – 8 p.m.

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

CNPS: Ten Easy Steps to Create a Bird-Friendly Garden

Thursday, December 5, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

We'll take a look at gardening from a bird's perspective and then delve into the ten elements that can transform your garden into a bird paradise. Attendees will also receive a packet of California native wildflowers.

Knit-Alongs at Cupertino Library

Fridays, December 6, 13, & 20, 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, December 6 & 20, 7 – 8 p.m., Room 101

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

Family Storytime

Saturday, December 7, 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. Please bring a yoga mat or blanket to sit on.

Unlocking AI Potential: Tips for Better Interactions and Results

Saturday, December 7, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Room 201

We will explore how to interact with AI tools like ChatGPT to enhance everyday experiences, like “prompting.” Laptops are optional for those who want to try prompts during the session.

Navigating Securely in the Age of AI

Saturday, December 7, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Room 201

As reliance on technology grows, so do security risks, making it essential to assess how we engage with these innovations and identify ways to safeguard ourselves.

Pop Up Bug Museum

Saturday, December 7, 1 – 4 p.m., Room 101

The Beetle Lady will share displays of terrestrial arthropods from around the world, live bug terrariums and activities for all ages.

Nonfiction Book Discussion Group

Sunday, December 8, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Room 201A

We will discuss [*The Wild Truth*](#) by Carine McCandless.

LEGO Club (Grades K-8)

Tuesday, December 10, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Children’s Meeting Room

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

STEAM Challenge: Penguin Problems

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

Children in grades 1+ can learn some fun facts about penguins and how they survive in the wild, then “rescue” a penguin who needs some assistance. Registration required.

Art Therapy for Tweens (Kids 10+)

Friday, December 13, 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: Eteгами

Friday, December 13, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Room 201B

We will explore eteгами, the art of the picture letter. Materials will be provided, while supplies last. This program is for adults 18+. Register online.

Cupertino Line Dance Program

Sunday, December 15, 2 – 3:15 p.m., Room 201

Learn master shuffles, sweeps, and turns while improving your balance, coordination, stamina, footwork and arm styling. December's featured dance is cumbia. No registration required.

Police Read Along

Monday, December 16, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Room 101

A sheriff's deputy will read holiday books and share safety tips during the busy holiday season.

Book Discussion for Adults

Wed., December 18, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., and Thur., December 19, 7 – 8:15 p.m., Room 201B

We will be discussing [Meet Me at the Museum](#) by Anne Youngson.

Santa Visit

Wednesday, December 18, 7 – 8 p.m., Room 101

Meet and take a photo with Santa!

Afternoon Movie: Home Alone

Tuesday, December 24, 2 – 3:45 p.m., Community Room 101

Join us for the holiday movie, *Home Alone* (Rated PG).

Winter Origami

Thursday, December 26, 4 – 5 p.m., Community Room 101

School aged children will learn to fold 3-4 different origami projects. Paper will be provided.

Spool Knitting

Saturday, December 28, 2 – 3 p.m., Room 101

School aged children can learn how to use a paper tube and popsicle sticks to knit a scarf.

Winter Book Clubs (Grades 1 & 2)

Monday, December 30, 3 – 4 p.m., Room 101

We will discuss [Sydney and Taylor Explore the Whole Wide World](#) by Jacqueline Davis. Register at the Children's Reference Desk.

Noon Year's Eve Dance Party

Tuesday, December 31, 11:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Room 101

Join us as we countdown to the new year with a dance party.

GILROY -- 350 W. Sixth Street

Cinema Sunday/Domingo de Cinema

Sundays, December 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 1:30 – 4 p.m., The Nest/el Nido

Join us at the Gilroy Library for family movies. Únase a nosotros para películas familiares.

Homework & Reading Help

Mondays – Fridays, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Saturdays, 10:30 a.m. & 3 p.m., Children’s Area

Students in grades K-8 who need homework help are encouraged to stop by for free tutoring.

No registration is required. Basic school supplies will be provided. Some tutors are bilingual and speak Spanish and Vietnamese.

Pajama Storytime/Cuentas en Pijama

Mondays, December 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 7 – 7:30 p.m., the Nest

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

Opioid Overdose Prevention Training

Monday, December 2, 7 – 8 p.m. and Thursday, December 12, 4 – 5 p.m.

This free training will teach you how to recognize an opioid overdose and administer Narcan nasal spray. Registration is not necessary.

Zumba

Tuesdays, December 3, 10, & 17, 5:45 – 6:45 p.m., Community Room

Zumba features rhythms like salsa, merengue, cumbia, and samba set to Latin and international beats. Wear comfortable workout clothes and shoes. No registration is required.

Zumba presenta estilos musicales como salsa, merengue, cumbia y samba con ritmos latinos e internacionales. Use ropa y zapatos deportivos cómodos. No es necesario registrarse.

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

Wednesdays, December 4, 11, & 18, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m., the Nest

Come read, sing, dance, and play with Miss Như Ý. Mời bé đến đọc sách, ca múa, và vui chơi cùng cô Như Ý.

Family Storytime

Thursdays, December 5, 12, 19, & 26, 10:30 – 11 a.m., First Floor Children’s Area

Join Miss Elizabeth for stories, rhymes, fingerplays and songs.

Knitting and Crochet Weekly Meetup

Thursdays, December 5, 12, 19, & 26, 1 – 4 p.m., Upstairs Quiet Study B

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

Book Discussion

Friday, December 6, 10:15 – 11:15 a.m., Quiet Study B

We will be discussing [The Seed Keeper](#) by Diane Wilson.

Safe Space Meet-Up for LGBTQ+ Youth

Fridays, December 6 & 20, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Quiet Study B

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

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

Saturdays, December 7, 14, 21, & 28, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., the Nest

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

Film Screening and Discussion

Monday, December 9, 7 – 8:45 p.m., Community Room

Watch the film [Right to Harm](#) and join the discussion led by local sustainable food advocate Peter Ruddock.

Just Doodle It! / ¡Simplemente Garabatéa!

Thursday, December 12, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m., Community Room

Stop by with your family to learn about the art of doodling and enjoy the benefits of doodling. Pasa con tu familia para aprender sobre el arte de los garabatos y disfrutar de los beneficios de dibujar.

LEGO Club

Friday, December 13, 3 – 4:30 p.m., the Nest

We provide LEGOs, children build fun creations that will be displayed in the library.

Nosotros proporcionamos los legos, los niños construyen creaciones divertidas! Estas serán exhibidas en la biblioteca.

Holiday Kickoff / Celebración de Invierno

Saturday, December 14, 11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Children's Area

Santa will be visiting us for family photos, and he's bringing books as presents. While you wait to be photographed, enjoy some hot cocoa, hanging out with the community, and other fun activities. Santa nos visitará para tomar fotografías familiares y llevará libros como regalo. Mientras espera que le fotografíen, disfrute de un chocolate caliente, pase tiempo con la comunidad y otras actividades divertidas.

Poetry Readings with Garlicky Group of Poets

Saturday, December 14, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Downstairs Meeting Room

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

DIY Ornaments and a Movie / Adornos de Bricolaje y Una Película

Saturday, December 21, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Community Room

Join us for a classic movie and craft. Create a simple ornament or sit and relax while watching the comedy-mystery, *The Thin Man*. Supplies are provided on a first come, first served basis. Únase a nosotros para ver una película clásica y manualidades. Crea un adorno sencillo o siéntate y relájate mientras miras la comedia de misterio *The Thin Man*. Las instrucciones y los suministros se proporcionarán por orden de llegada.

Reading Buddies / Compañeros de Lectura

Monday, December 23, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m., the Nest

PreK-6th grade 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.

¡Ven a practicar tus habilidades de lectura y lee en voz alta uno a uno con un amigo peludo!

Pasa por el Escritorio de Niños cada mes para registrarte para una sesión de lectura de 15 minutos. Para niños desde Prekínder hasta 6to grado.

Little Red Riding Hood Puppet Show

Saturday, December 28, 2 – 2:45 p.m., the Nest

Join Little Red and her trusty side kick, Fifi, on a pizza-filled adventure.

Acompaña a Caperucita Roja y su fiel compañera, Fifi, en una aventura llena de pizza.

LOS ALTOS -- 13 S. San Antonio Road

Monday Morning Meditation and Mindfulness

Mondays, December 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard Room

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

Bilingual Spanish Family Storytime / Hora de cuentos bilingüe para familias

Tuesdays, December 3, 10, 17, & 31, 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.

The Whodunit? Mystery Book Club

Wednesday, December 4, 10:15 – 11:30 a.m., Teen Room

We will discuss [Verity](#) by Colleen Hoover.

Toddler Storytime

Wednesdays & Thursdays, December 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, & 19, 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

Thursdays, December 4, 11, & 18, 1 – 2 p.m., Orchard Room

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

World Affairs

Wednesday, December 4, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room

World Affairs will discuss a different global issue each month. Doors open at 6:30.

Poetry Open Mic

Wednesday, December 4, 7 – 8 p.m., Pod D

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

ESL Conversation Club

Thursdays, December 5, 12, & 19, 1:30 – 3 p.m., Orchard Room

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

Preschool Storytime

Thursdays, December 5, 12, & 19, 3:30 – 4 p.m., Orchard Room

Children 3-5 and their caregivers will enjoy stories, music, movement and more! The Oct. 31 storytime will be Halloween-themed so wear your costume! There will be a parade following storytime where you can trick or treat at service desks!

Teen Dungeons and Dragons Social Club

Thursdays, December 5, 12, 19, & 26, 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, December 7, 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.

Medicare 2025 Updates

Monday, December 9, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Learn important Medicare changes that will take effect on January 1. Counselors will provide free and unbiased information, and do not sell or endorse insurance plans. Please register.

TK – 1st Grade Book Club: Winter Fox Tales

Wednesday, December 11, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

Join us for a cozy read-aloud of winter tales and fun activities.

Watercolor Workshop for Adults

Friday, December 13, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Join us for a watercolor workshop. All supplies will be provided. Content will be the same for both sessions. Seating is first come, first served.

Sunday CrafterNoon (all ages)

Sunday, December 15, 2 – 3 p.m., Orchard Room

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

Happier Aging

Monday, December 16, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Orchard Room

This workshop will share local resources including senior transportation, as well as safety tips in the home.

Teen Cooking Decorating

Monday, December 16, 3 – 4 p.m., Orchard Room

Join us to decorate cookies and celebrate winter. Registration is required.

Bilingual Mandarin/English Storytime

Tuesday, December 17, 11:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Orchard Room

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

Book Bugs Club (Grades 2 – 3)

Tuesday, December 17, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

We will discuss [*PeeWee's Tale*](#) by Patience Brewster. We will talk about the book and make a fun craft. Pick up a copy of the book at the Children's Desk at Los Altos or Woodland Library.

Page Turners Book Club (Grades 4 – 5)

Wednesday, December 18, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

We will discuss [*Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library*](#) by Chris Grabenstein. We will talk about the book and do a fun activity. Please pick up a copy of the book at the Children's Desk at Los Altos or Woodland Library.

Bay Area Games Day

Saturday, December 21, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m., Orchard Room

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

Reading Buddies

Saturday, December 28, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m., Orchard Room

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Now Read This Book Club

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

We will read books that help us make sense of the world we are living in.

MILPITAS -- 160 N. Main Street

Teen Poster Contest

Submissions Accepted Through December 31

Design a poster about reading, books, the library, just be creative. All posters will be hung, as space allows. Earn a chance to win a prize for best poster design.

LEGO Club (Grades K-8)

Monday, December 2, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Activity Room

Children will use their creativity and engineering skills to free build. This is a drop-in program. Space is limited. Younger siblings and parents are asked to wait outside.

Homework Help

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

Students in grades K-6 who need homework help are encouraged to stop by for free tutoring. No registration is required. Basic school supplies will be provided. Homework Help is not available December 23 – January 6.

Fun with Art Presented by First5 Santa Clara County (Ages 3 – 5)

Wednesday, December 4, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Auditorium or Activity Room

Come make some art with us and learn about the resources provided at the resource center.

ESL Conversation Club

Wednesdays, December 4, 11, & 18, 3 – 4 p.m., Conference Room

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

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

Wednesday, December 4, 5 – 5:30 p.m., Activity Room

Children's librarians Maggie and Emilie will read storybooks and lead children with songs and fingerplays in English and Cantonese. 每月第一個周三下午5點 兒童圖書館員 Maggie 和 Emilie 將為小朋友讀圖畫故事書, 唱兒歌, 手指謠, 玩遊戲。歡迎兒童們與家長祿母一同前來參加

Knit & Crochet Circle

Fridays, December 6, 13, 20, & 27, 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.

Interactive Matinee Movie: Home Alone (Rated PG)

Saturday, December 7, 2 – 4 p.m., Children's Activity Room

Join us for this fun holiday classic family movie with a twist! We'll provide props so that you can participate during the movie! Space is limited and materials will be provided on a first come, first serve basis.

Little Learners STEAM (ages 3-5)

Tuesday, December 10, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Activity Room

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

Speculative Fiction Book Club

Tuesday, December 10, 7 – 8 p.m., Auditorium

We will discuss [Roadside Picnic](#) by Arkady and Boris Strugatsky.

Tiny Toots Concert: Soul4Kidz

Thursday, December 12, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Auditorium

This musical trio will have kids and families grooving and singing to a mix of fresh beats and timeless tunes.

Holiday Fire Safety Workshop

Thursday, December 12, 7 – 8 p.m., Program Room

Topics will include safe cooking tips, fire extinguisher use, fire suppression blanket use, and a Q&A safety session.

Qi Gong Meditation & Exercise Classes

Fridays, December 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.

Board Game Day

Saturday, December 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.

Holiday Card Making for Adults

Sunday, December 15, 2 – 4 p.m., Auditorium

Let's make cards in celebration of the winter holidays. This is a walk-in program, while supplies last. This program is for adults 18+.

ICAN Read!

Wednesday, December 18, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Activity Room

Join us for children's stories in Vietnamese and English that nurture imagination, and inspire a love for learning! Furthermore, children will be able to showcase and practice their creative abilities with a variety of crafts activities. Chương trình ICAN Read! mở ra một thế giới đầy màu sắc cùng nhiều câu chuyện khơi dậy niềm yêu thích đọc sách ở trẻ. Ngoài ra, các bé có cơ hội thể hiện khả năng sáng tạo của mình thông qua các hoạt động thủ công.

Tiny Toots Concert: Bingo Schmingo

Thursday, December 19, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m., Auditorium

Bingo Schmingo will have us dancing and singing along to favorite children's songs.

LGBTQ Movie Night

Friday, December 20, 4:30 – 7 p.m., Auditorium

Join the Avenidas Rainbow Collective and Milpitas Library as we screen an LGBTQ movie. Bring a friend, family member or date to this free and inclusive event for all.

Holiday Hullabaloo

Saturday, December 21, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Auditorium

We will have fun crafts, holiday music, and Santa! Wear your favorite holiday sweater and get ready to have some family fun.

Tiny Toots Concert: Holiday Sing-Along

Thursday, December 26, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m., Auditorium

We will be singing, dancing, and making music to holiday-themed songs and rhymes.

Noon Year's Eve Celebration

Tuesday, December 31, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Auditorium

Children and their families will make crafts, play games, and celebrate 2025 with music and dancing.

MORGAN HILL -- 660 W. Main Avenue

Homework Help

Mondays & Thursdays, December 2, 5, 9, 12, 16, & 19, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Tuesdays, December 3, 10, & 17, 4 – 5:45 p.m., Children’s Activity Room

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

Opioid Overdose Prevention Training

Mon., December 2, 4 – 5 p.m. and Mon., December 16, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., Community Room

This free training will teach you how to recognize an opioid overdose and administer Narcan nasal spray. Registration is not necessary.

First Tuesday Knit-In

Tuesday, December 3, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., Program Room

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

LEGO Club

Wednesdays, December 4, 11, & 18, 1 – 2:30 p.m., Children’s Activity Room

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

Preschool Storytime

Thursdays, December 5, 12, 19, & 26, 11 – 11:45 a.m., Children’s Activity Room

Children ages 4-5 and caregivers are invited to join us for stories, music, movement and more.

Drop-in Libby, eBook and eAudiobook Help

Thursday, December 5, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Information Desk

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

Keva Planks: Adaptive Programs for Adults and Teens

Thursday, December 5, 12:15 – 1:30 p.m., Program Room

We invite adults, teens and caregivers, to join us for some hands-on fun building cool structures with Keva planks. No registration needed.

Tiny Tot Jamboree

Fridays, December 6, 13, 20, & 27, 11 – 11:45 a.m., Children’s Activity Room

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

Itty Bitty Jamboree

Fridays, December 6, 13, 20, & 27, 11:45 a.m. – 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 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.

Bilingual Storytime for All Ages

Saturdays, December 7, 14, 21, & 28, 10:15 – 10:45 a.m., Children’s Activity Room
Join us for family fun with your little one! Stories, music, movement, and more! Storytimes are bilingual (Spanish/English). ¡Acompáñenos para divertirse en familia con su pequeño!
¡Cuentos, música, movimiento y más! Las horas de cuentos son bilingües (español/inglés).

ESL Conversation Club

Saturdays, December 7, 14, & 21, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Adult Program Room
Practice your English conversation skills with friends. This program is for adults who speak basic English. ¡Únase a nosotros para tener conversaciones divertidas y practicar el inglés! Este programa es para adultos de 18 años y mayores que hablan inglés a nivel básico.

Special Performance: Mark Gaetano

Saturday, December 7, 1 – 2 p.m., Program Room
Enjoy a musical journey through classic American melodies. No registration required.

Film Screening and Craft

Monday, December 9, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m., Program Room
Watch early innovations in space exploration and its early influence on today’s space program. Then, create a bookmark. No registration required.

Family Fun Night

Tuesday, December 10, 6:30 – 8 p.m., Children’s Activity Room
Families with school-aged children will create holiday cards and paper lanterns.

DIY Holiday Ornaments for Adults

Wednesday, December 11, 5:30 – 7 p.m., Program Room
Join us as we make holiday ornaments while watching *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*. This program is for adults 18+, with all materials provided while supplies last.

Gingerbread House Building with Safe Space

Friday, December 13, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Community Room

Teens 13+ are invited to build gingerbread houses. All supplies and snacks will be provided. Safe Space is our in-person support group for LGBTQ+ youth and young adults. No registration necessary.

Holiday Jazz Concert: Caesura Lines

Saturday, December 14, 2 – 3 p.m., Program Room

Enjoy a live holiday jazz performance by Caesura Lines, a vibrant young adult jazz ensemble, as they bring the magic of the winter season to life.

Exam Essential Kits for Teens

Monday – Wednesday, December 16 – 18, 3:30 – 9 p.m., Teen Area

Stop by to pick up kits, which include snacks and other goodies to help you focus and de-stress while you study. Kits are available on a first come, first served basis.

Library Ukulele Society

Tuesday, December 17, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

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

Kids Art Club

Wednesday, December 18, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Children’s Activity Room

Children ages 5+ will create holiday cards and paper lanterns.

Indigenous Perspectives: Amah Mutsun Tribal Band

Wednesday, December 18, 4:30 – 6 p.m., Program Room

Hear from Valentin Lopez, the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band Chair. Valentin is active in efforts to restore tribal indigenous knowledge and ensure their history is accurately told.

Morgan Hill Movie Night

Friday, December 20, 3:45 – 6:45 p.m., Program Room

Join us for a screening of *Wonka* (Rated PG)

Little Red Riding Hood Puppet Show

Saturday, December 28, 10:30 – 11:15 p.m.

Join Little Red and her trusty side kick, Fifi, on a pizza-filled adventure.

Acompaña a Caperucita Roja y su fiel compañera, Fifi, en una aventura llena de pizza.

SARATOGA -- 13650 Saratoga Avenue

Free & Expressive Art Exhibit

Through December 20, Main Lobby

Enjoy the art by Tanvi Buch.

Mystery Book Club

Monday, December 2, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard Room

We will be discussing [The Murder of Roger Ackroyd](#) by Agatha Christie. Stop by the Adult Reference Desk to sign up for the meeting and pick up a copy of the book.

Band Jam: Guitar and Ukulele

Tuesdays, December 3 & 10, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room

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

Family Storytime

Tuesdays, December 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Orchard Room

Saturdays, December 7, 14, 21, & 28, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room

Join us for stories, rhymes, and songs.

Wreath Making Workshop

Tuesdays, December 3, 7 – 8 p.m., Community Room

We will provide the greenery. Please bring a wire clothes hanger or wreath form for the base. Consider also bringing pine cones, bows, ribbons, and other ornaments. Please register.

Sci-Fi & Fantasy Book Club

Tuesday, December 3, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard Room

We will be discussing [Black Sun](#) by Rebecca Roanhorse. Stop by the Adult Reference Desk to sign up for the meeting and pick up a copy of the book.

Knit & Crochet Circle

Wednesday, December 4, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Maple or Orchard Room

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

Drop-In Tech Help

Thursdays, December 5, 12, & 19, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Oak or Maple Room

Our volunteer can provide one-on-one help with using laptops, tablets, or cell phones. Help is on a first-come, first served basis.

Baby Storytime (12 months or younger)

Fridays, December 6, 13, 20, & 27, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room

Join us for stories, rhymes, fingerplays and songs.

Family Bingo

Friday, December 6, 4 – 5 p.m., Community Room

Bring the whole family for bingo. Play and possibly win prizes.

Computer Aided Design (CAD) Workshop for Grades 4 – 7

Saturday and Sunday, December 7 & 8, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Maple Room

Learn to ideate and design 3D objects with TinkerCAD and take home 3D printed models. All participants must be able to attend both sessions. Registration is required. Each child will need to have an active email account.

Teen Study Hall

Sundays, December 8 & 15, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., Saturday, December 14, 12:30 – 6 p.m., Community Room

We are opening up our Community Room to high school students looking for a place to study for finals. Snacks and hot chocolate will be provided.

Winter Rose Care and Pruning

Tuesday, December 10, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Community Room

Learn the basics on how to prune roses and other perennial bushes in the winter, and keys to giving roses a great start for their next growing season.

Chinese Book Club/中文書友會

Thursday, December 12, 10:15 a.m. – 12 p.m., Orchard Room

The December book selection is [赤腳醫生 \(殘雪著\)/Barefoot Doctor](#).

Polar Bear Marshmallow

Tuesday, December 17, 4 – 5 p.m., Community Room

Students in grades K-7 can drop in and make a sweet treat to give to someone or to enjoy, while supplies last. No registration is necessary.

LEGOs

Wednesday, December 18, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

Kids 5+ are invited to join us for an hour of fun. Kids younger than 5 can enjoy Duplos.

Mandarin Storytime

Thursday, December 19, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Orchard Room

Enjoy fun stories, action rhymes, fingerplays and songs in Mandarin and English.

Teatime Book Chatter

Thursday, December 19, 1 – 2 p.m.

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

How to Introduce the Joy of Music to Your Child

Sunday, December 22, 3 – 4 p.m., Community Room

The Back to Bach Project will showcase a variety of classical instruments, explain how they are played, then perform a Disney musical medley. No registration required.

Digital Literacy Class

Thursday, December 26, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Maple Room

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

Spanish Storytime

Thursday, December 26, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Orchard Room

Enjoy fun stories, action rhymes, fingerplays and songs in Spanish and English.

WOODLAND – 1975 Grant Road

Family Storytime: Rainy Days

Sunday, December 1, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Patio (weather dependent)

Join us for a Rainy Day-themed storytime filled with stories, songs, fingerplays, and fun.

Monday Meditation and Mindfulness

Mondays, December 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 7 – 7:30 p.m.

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

Homework Help

Tuesdays, December 3, 10, & 17, 4:30 – 6 p.m., Children’s Area

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

Family Storytime: Holidays

Sunday, December 15, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Patio (weather dependent)

Join us for a holiday-themed storytime filled with stories, songs, fingerplays, and fun.

ONLINE EVENTS (Please register online)

Virtual Author Talk: Dr. Jeffrey Post

Wednesday, December 4, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Separating fact from fiction, Dr. Jeffrey Post will reveal the mysteries and stories behind the world’s greatest gems featured in the book, [*Unearthed: Surprising Stories Behind the Jewels.*](#)

Online English Conversation Club

Thursdays, December 5 & 12, 11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Meet new friends and practice English together.

Virtual Author Talk: Laura Dave

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

New York Times bestselling author Laura Dave will chat about her newest book, [*The Night We Lost Him.*](#)

January 2025
Library Stakeholder Report
Jennifer Weeks, County Librarian



Looking Forward to a Big Year for SCCLD Libraries

Last year was filled with several great [accomplishments](#) at our libraries. 2025 is shaping up to be another big year for SCCLD, with several construction projects finishing and a number of transformative initiatives taking place.

The Campbell community will welcome a fully [renovated library](#) by mid-year. The new jewel of the city's Civic Center will have more room for storytimes and special events, environmentally conscious energy usage and an improved layout, with extensive use of natural light to illuminate interior spaces.

A growing priority for the Library District has been promoting adult literacy through our Reading Program. A new facility dubbed "The Nest" is being constructed next to our administrative building by Los Gatos Creek County Park and will help us expand on these efforts with more dedicated space where tutors can meet one on one with learners, library staff and other tutors. As the name implies, The Nest is tied into the natural environment, with unique architectural features for sustainable practices and safer environments for the local flora and fauna. This building is scheduled to be opened by late 2025.

Los Altos Library is looking at renovations to hold outdoor events through its [courtyard expansion project](#), with construction planned for early this year and [completed by late fall](#). The 4,000 square foot area overlooks the civic center's historic orchard and provides opportunities for the busy library, which has seen double-digit increases in attendance year over year.

The Gilroy Library is considering facility improvements based recent community survey results. The Milpitas Library is refreshing its courtyard to better feature its international materials collection. Stay tuned as well for news from the City of Milpitas on its new StoryWalk® at one of their public parks. The Saratoga Library will open a new passport services office (SCCLD's fifth) in the first quarter of the year. And the Woodland Library has plans to better activate its exterior space.

Technology is getting upgraded at all the libraries as well including public computers in our libraries being upgraded to newer models. The critical automated material handling systems at each library is also being replaced with faster equipment which will help boost our overall efficiency of processing materials, as well as get all materials out more quickly throughout the system.

These are just some of the upcoming highlights for 2025. Stay tuned for more updates.

Stepping Into the Future with Silicon Valley Reads Kickoff

Man's relationship to technology is a hot topic of late with the rise of Artificial Technology (AI), driverless cars, and advanced computers. Here in Silicon Valley, we are at the epicenter of these changes. Where better to talk about this topic?



The kickoff event for Silicon Valley Reads 2025, takes place on Thursday, January 30 at 7 p.m. at the [Visual Performing Arts Center \(VPAC\)](#) at De Anza College. Register to [attend in-person](#) or [view live](#). Doors open at 6 p.m. Come early to view the Encoding Empathy exhibit at the Euphrat Museum of Art, which explores digitally generated images exploring advancing technology and the human touch.

Mercury News columnist Sal Pizarro will moderate a conversation with the featured authors and contributors: Dr. Fei-Fei Li ([The Worlds I See: Curiosity, Exploration, and Discovery at the Dawn of AI](#)); Ray Nayler ([The Mountain in the Sea](#)); and Charlee Dyroff ([Loneliness & Company](#)). Following this sure to be captivating discussion, there will be hundreds of events at libraries across the county in February and March, including dozens at SCCLD locations. The Silicon Valley Reads [full schedule](#) will post soon.



Selecting the Very Best Books of 2024

2024 was a great year for arts and culture. Our librarians have scoured the leading Best Book lists to come up with the best reviewed [fiction](#) and [nonfiction](#) of the year for adults. These titles are certified as the best of the best.

Our Children's librarians have compiled separate suggested booklists for each age group from toddlers through Grade 8 in this [blog post](#). They include both newer titles and beloved classics from the past.

Interested in knowing what selections were most popular with SCCLD patrons? Check out the top [book titles](#) for children, teens and adults for 2024 based on total circulation, including physical and electronic.

Please note that SCCLD Libraries and Bookmobile Service will be closed on Wednesday, January 1 for New Year's Day, and Monday, January 20 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Our [Online Library](#) is open 24/7.

Welcoming the Lunar New Year

Our libraries will mark the coming of the [Year of the Snake](#) with a number of [special events](#). This includes visits to our seven community libraries by Master [Chef Martin Yan](#), who has made Chinese cuisine accessible and enjoyable through his long-running PBS cooking show *Yan Can Cook*. Chef Yan will entertain audiences with his culinary know-how from January 4 at the [Saratoga Library](#) to February 3 at the [Morgan Hill Library](#).



Children will be delighted by Mae Lin & The Magic Brush: A Lunar New Year Puppet Show, the magical tale of a young girl gifted a brush that can bring her drawings to life, which she uses to overcome adversity and promote peace. Performances will take place at [five of our libraries](#) between Saturday, January 18 and Sunday, January 26.

Other favorites returning include the [Firebird Youth Chinese Orchestra](#) at the Cupertino Library and lion dancers. Costumed performers from the Buu Kim Tu Dragon and Lion Dance Association will wow spectators at [six of our libraries](#) from Sunday, January 5 at Los Altos Library to Saturday, February 8 at Cupertino Library with their captivating and vibrant spectacle. The lion dance is a Chinese tradition that symbolizes strength, courage and prosperity. Try to come early to get a good spot.



Grand Opening Elmwood Women's Library

Residents of the Elmwood Correctional Campus in Milpitas now have access to a beautiful new library organized and staffed by SCCLD librarians. This is the third partnership with County justice facilities to bring current library resources to incarcerated persons following the opening in 2023 of libraries at two County Probation run facilities geared toward juveniles and young adults. Elmwood is operated by the County Sheriff's Office Restorative Services Division.

A [news conference](#) celebrating the new space was held on Thursday, December 5, featuring County Librarian Jennifer Weeks, County Sheriff Bob Jonsen, and officials from the Restorative Services Divisions. Several facility residents also attended and spoke to the media about their excitement about having a curated library available to them, with titles that interest them. Spanish language television channel [Telemundo](#) and [KCBS News Radio](#) were among the outlets that covered the event. The County's Office of Communications and Public Affairs also [produced a feature](#) about this partnership.

As mentioned in the [news release](#) about the event, library services in jails play a critical role in reducing recidivism and improving reentry outcomes by providing resources that enable personal transformation. Providing inclusive and compassionate library service throughout the district is a Strategic Plan priority.

New Worlds for Kids to Explore

SCCLD will soon be the first library system in the state to offer immersive early literacy experiences for little learners and their families inside our libraries. **Storybook SCCLD** is built to instill the love of reading. This [conceptual video](#) gives an idea of the spirit of the initiative.



Parts of each community library's Children's areas will be transformed into interactive spaces with educational elements for little hands to practice motor skills, nooks for reading, special spaces for imaginative play, toddler-sized slides for active play, an interactive learning area for babies and pre-walkers, a balance element for all abilities, and seating for all ages. And each library's space and theme are unique!

The Saratoga Library will be the first to undergo a transformation, starting on January 20. The process takes around two months in total. SCCLD will stagger the start dates location by location to prepare, install and launch the play spaces to give families alternatives to visit other libraries during construction at their preferred libraries. Each library will offer smaller children's collections during installations. Find the schedule for each library's exciting transformation on our [Storybook SCCLD webpage](#). We will update the page often.

The project is being designed and developed with Luci Creative and Group 4 Architecture and is a realization of SCCLD's 5-year Strategic Plan priority to **Inspire** by "building the foundations of literacy within our community." The spaces promote the five practices of [Every Child Ready to Read](#) – talking, singing, reading, writing, and playing. All in one place, ensuring all children build the essential skills they need to become good readers!



Singer Songwriter Mazon Mendoza Concerts

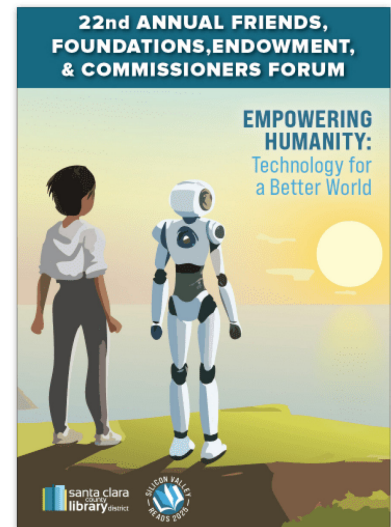
Up and coming local performer and music producer Mazon Mendoza brings his musical stylings to [four of our libraries](#) this month, starting on Saturday, January 4 at the [Morgan Hill Library](#), through Sunday, January 12 at the [Saratoga Library](#). Mendoza has wide musical interests ranging from alternative to folk rock to jazz, all with a pop sensibility. As seen in [this clip](#), he offers a captivating listening experience.

Joint Powers Authority Meeting, SCCLD Forum

SCCLD's [Joint Powers Authority](#) Governing Board will hold its first meeting of 2025 on Thursday, January 23, at 12 p.m. at the Services and Support Center at 1370 Dell Avenue, Campbell, CA 95008. The JPA meetings are open to the public.


The following month, SCCLD will be holding its annual Library Friends, Foundations, Endowment & Commissioners Forum on Saturday, February 1 at the Services & Support Center in Campbell. The Forum is by invitation only with email invitations sent in December.


This year's theme is "Empowering Humanity," tying into the theme for Silicon Valley Reads. SCCLD strives to be near the cutting edge of library science technology, fitting with its Strategic Plan priority to "innovate, fostering a culture of curiosity and opportunity."




VIRTUAL Author Talks January 2025

- T.J. Klune**
 January 15 4:00 pm-5:00 pm
 New York Times bestselling author of the Cerulean Chronicles series, with a focus on his latest novel, "Somewhere Beyond the Sea."


- Amanda Montell**
 January 23 11:00 am-12:00 pm
 Discover the world of modern irrationality with NYT bestselling author Amanda Montell talks about her latest novel, "The Age of Magical Overthinking."


- Seth Fishman**
 January 28 10:00 am-11:30 am
 Get an insider's look into every major step in the publishing process from Vice President and Literary Agent, Seth Fishman.



January Virtual Author Talks

We kick things off in the New Year with a trio of virtual guests, including two novelists and a writer who is also a former literary agent.

January 15- [T.J. Klune](#) – *New York Times* Best Selling Author of the Cerulean Chronicles series will talk about his work, including his latest novel, [Somewhere Beyond the Sea](#).

January 23 – [Amanda Montell](#) - Exploring the impact of modern life on irrational thinking and offering insights for navigating the modern world rationally and empathetically with the author of [The Age of Magical Overthinking](#).

January 28 – [Seth Fishman](#) – Aspiring authors will get an insider's look into the world of literary agents and the publishing process from an author who began his career as an agent.

SANTA CLARA COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT JANUARY 2025 EVENTS

****All SCCLD libraries will be closed and services unavailable
on Wednesday, January 1 for New Year's Day and
Monday, January 20 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day****

CAMPBELL EXPRESS LIBRARY – 1 West Campbell Avenue, Room 46

ESL Conversation Club

Tuesdays, January 7, 14, 21, & 28, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m., Room M-50

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

Yan Can Cook with Martin Yan

Tuesday, January 21, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard Pavilion

We are celebrating Lunar New Year with Chef Martin Yan. Experience the magic of his cooking live and learn the secrets behind his signature dishes.

CUPERTINO -- 10800 Torre Avenue

Storytime for Babies (ages 0-1)

Thursdays, January 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.

Grade 3 & 4 Book Discussion

Thursday, January 2, 3 – 4 p.m., Community Room 101

Sign up and pick up a copy of [*Dragons in a Bag*](#) by Zetta Elliott, then we will discuss.

Reading Buddies

Thursday, January 2, and Monday, January 13, 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. This is for students who have completed kindergarten through 5th grade.

Make Your Own Journal

Friday, January 3, 2 – 4 p.m., Room 101

Children in grades 5 – 8 are invited to turn an old book into a masterpiece journal. Supplies will be provided. Please register at the Children's Reference Desk.

Baby Sign and Sing

Sunday, January 5, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

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

Babywearing Dance

Sundays, January 5, 19, & 26, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Join us for babywearing dance.

Special Performance: Musician Mazon Mendoza

Sunday, January 5, 2 – 3 p.m.

Known for his distinctive blend of alternative, folk rock, and contemporary music, Mazon creates compositions that stand out from the mainstream.

How to Manage Your Mind

Mondays, January 6, 13, 20, & 27, 7 – 8 p.m., Room 201A

Experienced instructors will guide you in strengthening mindfulness skills, improving relationships, navigating emotional ups and downs, and boosting productivity. Registration is required. It is recommended you attend all four sessions.

ESL Conversation Club

Tuesdays, January 7, 14, & 28, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Room 201A

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

Toddler Storytime (ages 1-2)

Tuesdays, January 7, 14, 21, & 28, 10:30 – 11 a.m.

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

Chamber Music by the Bay

Wednesday, January 8, 4 – 4:45 p.m., Room 101

Enjoy this special performance. Following the performance, young audience members can visit the Instrument Petting Zoo and try their hand at the violin and viola.

Wednesday Afternoon Meditation and Mindfulness

Wednesday, January 8, 15, 22, & 29, 4:30 – 5:15 p.m., Room 201

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

Bedtime Storytime

Wednesdays, January 8, 22, & 29, 7 – 8 p.m., Program Room

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

Knit-Alongs at Cupertino Library

Fridays, January 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.

Art Therapy for Tweens (Kids 10+)

Friday, January 10, 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: Monoprinting Using Gelli Plates

Friday, January 10, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Room 201B

Learn how to do monoprinting using gelli plates. Materials will be provided, while supplies last. This program is for adults 18+. Register online.

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

Fridays, January 10 & 24, 7 – 8 p.m., Room 101

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

Family Storytime

Saturday, January 11, 18, & 25, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Program Room

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

Hongyun Art: Design Your Own Zine Workshop

Saturday, January 11, 2 – 4 p.m., Room 201A

A zine is a mini illustrated booklet, like a homemade magazine. In this workshop, you'll figure out the theme, create a name and original artwork, and fill it out. Space is limited. Online registration required.

Nonfiction Book Discussion Group

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

We will discuss [*The Pirate's Wife: The Remarkable True Story of Sarah Kidd*](#) by Daphne Palmer Geanakopulos.

LEGO Club (Grades K-8)

Tuesday, January 14, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Children's Meeting Room

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

Community Poetry and Prose Night

Tuesday, January 14, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Room 201

Join former Cupertino Poet Laureate Kaecey McCormick for an enchanting evening exploring “Magical Beginnings” in poetry and prose.

Book Discussion for Adults

Wed., January 15, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., and Thu., January 16, 7 – 8:15 p.m., Room 201B

We will be discussing [*The Golden Gate*](#) by Amy Chua.

Lunar New Year Storytime and Author Visit

Wednesday, January 15, 7 – 8 p.m., Room 101

Join us for a special bilingual storytime with Bitty Bao author, Ling Lee. Ling will read her book, [*The Great Race: The Story of the Chinese Zodiac*](#).

Poetry in the Dark

Friday, January 17, 6:15 – 8 p.m., Room 201A

Hosted by Cupertino Poet Laureate Keiko O’Leary, let’s turn off the lights and speak poems to each other. This is an intimate conversation, not a performance.

Lunar New Year Puppet Show: Mae Lin & the Magic Brush

Saturday, January 18, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

Discover the magical tale of Mae Lin, a young girl gifted with a brush that can bring her drawings to life.

Children’s Literature for Adults Book Club

Tuesday, January 21, 7 – 8 p.m., Room 101

We will be discussing *Front Desk* by Kelly Yang. Please register. This program is for adults only.

Lunar New Year Craft: Finger Knit a Snake

Wednesday, January 22, 4 – 5 p.m., Room 101

Learn how to finger knit a snake for Lunar New Year. This program is for first grade and older, while supplies last.

Lunar New Year Craft: Kids Origami

Thursday, January 23, 4 – 4:45 p.m., Community Room 101

We will fold a lantern, a dragon fortune teller and a snake for Lunar New Year. This program is for kindergarteners and older, while supplies last.

Yan Can Cook with Martin Yan

Sunday, January 26, 2 – 3 p.m., Room 201

We are celebrating Lunar New Year with Chef Martin Yan. Experience the magic of his cooking live and learn the secrets behind his signature dishes. Following the cooking demo, Chef Yan will be available for a book signing and meet-and-greet.

Tuesday Travel Nights

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

Veteran traveler David Couzens will take you on a whirlwind photographic tour of more than 100 UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

Silicon Valley Reads 2025 Kickoff

Thursday, January 30, 7 – 8:30 p.m., De Anza College or Virtual

Join us for a through-provoking discussion about technology, humanity, and our future featuring authors Dr. Fei-Fei Li, Ray Nayler, and Charlee Dyrhoff in a conversation moderated by San Jose Mercury News reporter Sal Pizarro. Please register.

GILROY -- 350 W. Sixth Street

Snowy Craft Corner/Rincon de Manualidades de Invierno

Thursday & Friday, January 2 & 3, all day, Children's Area

Kids will explore the magic of the season by creating unique winter-inspired crafts. Los niños explorarán la magia de la temporada creando manualidades únicas inspiradas por el invierno.

Noon Year's Eve/Celebre el año nuevo

Thursday, January 2, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Children's Area

Children and their families are invited to join Gilroy Library as we count down the New Year at NOON! Celebrate 2025 with crafts, a dance party, and balloon drop.

¡Los niños y sus familias están invitados a la Biblioteca de Gilroy para celebrar el año nuevo al mediodía! Celebre el 2025 con manualidades, bailando y globos.

Knitting and Crochet Weekly Meetup/Tejido Semanal

Thursdays, January 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!

Safe Space Meet-Up for LGBTQ+ Youth

Fridays, January 3 & 17, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Quiet Study B

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

Cinema Sunday/Domingo de Cinema

Sundays, January 5, 12, 19, & 26, 1:30 – 4 p.m., The Nest/el Nido

Join us at the Gilroy Library for family movies. Únase a nosotros para películas familiares.

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

Mondays, January 6, 13, & 27, 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 ayudarle: abrir una cuenta de correo electrónico, conectarse a Wi-Fi/puntos de acceso, utilizar computadoras portátiles/Chromebooks y utilizar Microsoft Office.

Pajama Storytime/Cuentos en Pijama

Mondays, January 6, 13, & 27, 7 – 7:30 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.

Doodle Showcase & Sip/Exhibición de Garabatos

Thursday, January 9, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m., Community Room

Stop by with your family to learn about doodling and enjoy the benefits of doodling. Pase con su familia para aprender sobre el arte de los garabatos y disfrutar de los beneficios de dibujar.

LEGO Club

Friday, January 10, 3 – 4:30 p.m., the Nest

We provide LEGOs, children build fun creations that will be displayed in the library.

Nosotros proporcionamos los Legos, los niños construyen creaciones divertidas! Estas serán exhibidas en la biblioteca.

Lunar New Year Performance: Lion Dance

Saturday, January 11, 2 – 3 p.m., Children's Area

A captivating and vibrant spectacle, the lion dance is a traditional Chinese performance that symbolizes strength, courage, and prosperity. Un espectáculo cautivador y vibrante, la danza del león es una actuación tradicional china que simboliza fuerza, valor y prosperidad.

Special Performance: Musician Mazon Mendoza

Saturday, January 11, 3 – 4 p.m.

Known for his distinctive blend of alternative, folk rock, and contemporary music, Mazon creates compositions that stand out from the mainstream.

Open Poetry Readings

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

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

Homework & Reading Help

Mondays – Fridays, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Saturdays, 10:30 a.m. & 3 p.m., Children’s Area

Students in grades K-8 who need homework help are encouraged to stop by for free tutoring. No registration is required. Basic school supplies will be provided. Some tutors are bilingual and speak Spanish and Vietnamese. Ayuda con las tareas y lectura gratis. Algunos tutores hablan español y vietnamita. Sin registraci3n.

Volunteer to Teach an Adult How to Read

Tuesday, January 14, 1 – 2 p.m. and Wednesday, January 15, 6 – 7 p.m., Reading Program Room

Give back to your community by becoming an adult literacy tutor to support an adult learner improve their English reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills. Please register.

Age Well, Drive Smart: Senior Driver Education Class

Thursday, January 16, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m., Community Room

Developed for drivers 65+ and older, the class will cover aging and its effects on safe driving, maintaining good physical health, self-assessment and more. Please register.

Sound Bath Meditation

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

Escape outside stimuli, relax and enjoy melodies and tones of world instruments.

Lunar New Year Puppet Show: Mae Lin & the Magic Brush

Saturday, January 18, 2 – 2:45 p.m., Community Room

Discover the magical tale of Mae Lin, a young girl gifted with a brush that can bring her drawings to life.

Fair Housing 101

Wednesday, January 22, 6 – 7 p.m., Quiet Study B

Learn about your fair housing rights. Topics include reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities, familial status discrimination, and tips as you navigate your housing journey.

Yan Can Cook with Martin Yan

Saturday, January 25, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Community Room

We are celebrating Lunar New Year with Chef Martin Yan. Experience the magic of his cooking live and learn the secrets behind his signature dishes. Following the cooking demo, Chef Yan will be available for a book signing and meet-and-greet.

SVR Book Discussion

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

We will be discussing the featured Silicon Valley Reads selection [Loneliness & Company](#) by Charlee Dyroff.

LOS ALTOS -- 13 S. San Antonio Road

Counted Cross-Stitch Exhibition

January 2 – 30 on the Art Wall

Enjoy Mayuri Desai's Counted Cross-Stitch art exhibition.

Toddler Storytime

Wednesdays & Thursdays, January 2, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23, 29, & 30, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard Room

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

Preschool Storytime

Thursdays, January 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 3:30 – 4 p.m., Orchard Room

Children 3-5 and their caregivers will enjoy stories, music, movement and more!

Teen Dungeons and Dragons Social Club

Thursdays, January 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.

Baby Sign and Stay & Play

Saturday, January 4, 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.

Lunar New Year Performance: Lion Dance

Sunday, January 5, 2 – 3 p.m.

A captivating and vibrant spectacle, the lion dance is a traditional Chinese performance that symbolizes strength, courage, and prosperity.

Monday Morning Meditation and Mindfulness

Mondays, January 6, 13, & 27, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard Room

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

Slow Flow Yoga

Mondays, January 6, 13 & 27, 2 – 3 p.m., Orchard Room

Bring a mat to this low intensity class that is suitable to those for those new to yoga. The middle of the class will change to restorative yoga.

Bilingual Spanish Family Storytime/Hora de cuentos bilingüe para familias

Tuesdays, January 7, 14, 21, & 28, 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/English Storytime

Tuesday, January 7, 14, 21, & 28, 1 – 1:30 p.m., Orchard Room

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

The Whodunit? Mystery Book Club

Wednesday, January 8, 10:15 – 11:30 a.m., Teen Room

Join us for a monthly discussion of the best in mystery fiction.

Baby Storytime & Stay and Play

Wednesday, January 8, 15, 22, & 29, 1 – 2 p.m., Orchard Room

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

World Affairs

Wednesday, January 8, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard Room

World Affairs will discuss a different global issue each month.

Poetry Open Mic

Wednesday, January 8, 7 – 8 p.m., Pod D

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

ESL Conversation Club

Thursdays, January 9, 16, 23, & 30, 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.

Watercolor Workshop for Adults

Friday, January 10, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Orchard Room

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

Board Game Sunday

Sunday, January 12, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Orchard Room

We have board games for adults, teens, and children – plus Legos and Duplos.

Yan Can Cook with Martin Yan

Tuesday, January 14, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard Room

We are celebrating Lunar New Year with Chef Martin Yan. Experience the magic of his cooking live and learn the secrets behind his signature dishes. Following the cooking demo, Chef Yan will be available for a book signing and meet-and-greet.

Page Turners Book Club (Grades 4 – 5)

Wednesday, January 15, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

We will discuss [*When Stars are Scattered*](#) by Victoria Jamieson and Omar Mohamed. We will talk about the book and do a fun activity. Please pick up a copy of the book at the Children's Desk at Los Altos Library or Woodland Library.

Winter Rose Care and Pruning

Wednesday, January 15, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Learn the basics on how to prune roses and other perennial bushes in the winter, and keys to giving roses a great start for their next growing season.

Bay Area Games Day

Saturday, January 18, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m., Orchard Room

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

Sunday CrafterNoon (all ages)

Sunday, January 19, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Orchard Room

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

Book Bugs Club (Grades 2 – 3)

Tuesday, January 21, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

We will discuss [*Say What?*](#) by Margaret Peterson Haddix. We will talk about the book and make a fun craft. Pick up a copy of the book at the Children's Desk at Los Altos or Woodland Libraries.

Story Explorers Book Club (TK—Grade 1)

Wednesday, January 22, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

We will read and discuss two books: *The Berenstain Bears and the Ducklings* and *The Berenstain Bears: We Love Our Teacher*. We'll also move to music and do a craft.

Wednesday Travel Nights

Wednesday, January 22, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Step into Mongolia, see the lakes, forests, steppes, and Gobi Desert.

California Native Plant Society

Thursday, January 23, 6 – 9:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Let's view and enjoy notable plant and nature excursions during the previous year.

Reading Buddies

Saturday, January 25, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Children can buddy up with a furry friend and read one-on-one from a favorite book. This is for students in grades K-8.

Lunar New Year Puppet Show: Mae Lin & the Magic Brush

Sunday, January 26, 2 – 2:45 p.m.

Discover the magical tale of Mae Lin, a young girl gifted with a brush that can bring her drawings to life.

Turning the Tide: Community Actions Against Plastic Pollution

Monday, January 27, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard Room

Almost all of the plastics put into recycling bins ends up in the landfill. Hear about a community initiative to redirect plastic packaging away from our landfills.

To Be Read Book Club (Grades 6 – 8)

Tuesday, January 28, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

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

Valentine's Day Cards with Dei

Wednesday, January 29, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Design your very own Valentine's Day card to gift to someone special. No registration necessary, all supplies will be provided. This program is designed for adults and teens.

MILPITAS -- 160 N. Main Street

New Year, New Discoveries: Science is for Me Science Kits (K—Grade 2)

Thursday, Friday, & Monday, January 2, 3, & 6, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Auditorium

Do some hands-on experiments! Families will use these kits to explore STEM concepts with illustrated storybooks and engaging activities. This program is designed to be self-paced and adults/caregivers should facilitate the activities with their children. Please register.

Qi Gong Meditation & Exercise Classes

Fridays, January 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, January 3 & 10, 2 – 4 p.m., Conference Room

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

Teen Rubik's Cube Club

Saturday, January 4, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Program Room

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

Baby Bouncers Lapsit for Pre-Walkers

Tuesday, January 7, 14, 21, & 28, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Activity Room

Babies up to 12 months old and their caregivers will enjoy traditional nursery rhymes, lap bounces, body rhymes, songs, and very short and simple picture books.

Homework Help

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

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

Bilingual Family Storytime/ [中英雙語故事時間](#)

Tuesday, January 7, 14, 21, & 28, 6:30 – 7 p.m., Activity Room

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

ESL Conversation Club

Wednesdays, January 8, 15, 22, & 29, 3 – 4 p.m., Conference Room

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

Toddler Storytime: 1s and 2s Together

Thursdays, January 9, 16, 23, & 30, 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, January 9, 16, 23, & 30, 6:30 – 7 p.m., Activity Room

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

Board Game Day

Saturday, January 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.

Family Storytime

Saturdays, January 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.

Science Fiction and Fantasy Book Club

Monday, January 13, 7 – 8 p.m., Auditorium

We will discuss [*The Dispossessed*](#) by Ursula K. Le Guin.

Little Learners STEAM (ages 3-5)

Tuesday, January 14, 3:30 – 4:15 p.m., Activity Room

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

Crafts Around the World

Wednesday, January 15, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Auditorium

We will make jegi and ddakji and learn how to play these Korean games. No registration required, all materials provided.

LGBTQ Movie Night

Friday, January 17, 4:30 – 7 p.m., Auditorium

Join the Avenidas Rainbow Collective and Milpitas Library to screen LGBTQ films. Please RSVP.

Yan Can Cook with Martin Yan

Saturday, January 18, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Auditorium

We are celebrating Lunar New Year with Chef Martin Yan. Experience the magic of his cooking live and learn the secrets behind his signature dishes. Following the cooking demo, Chef Yan will be available for a book signing and meet-and-greet.

Tabletop Dungeon

Saturday, January 18, 2 – 4 p.m., Program Room

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

Reading Buddies for Grades K-5

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

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

Teen Intro to SQL Workshop

Saturday, January 25, 2 – 3 p.m., Program Room

Kids ages 12—18 can learn the basics of SQL including database querying and data analysis. Bring a laptop if you can. Please register, walk-ins welcome also.

Adult & Teen Crafternoon (ages 13+)

Saturday, January 25, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m., Program Room

We will be creating a cute miniature desk lamp designed to look like a light-up cup of bubble tea. No registration required. Walk-ins welcome while supplies last.

Lunar New Year Puppet Show: Mae Lin & the Magic Brush

Sunday, January 26, 11 – 11:45 a.m.

Discover the magical tale of Mae Lin, a young girl gifted with a brush that can bring her drawings to life.

Lunar New Year: Year of the Snake Craft

Wednesday, January 29, 4 – 5 p.m., Auditorium

Join us to make a craft. All supplies are provided. Space is limited.

Lunar New Year Performance: Lion Dance

Wednesday, January 29, 5 – 6 p.m.

A captivating and vibrant spectacle, the lion dance is a traditional Chinese performance that symbolizes strength, courage, and prosperity. Un espectáculo cautivador y vibrante, la danza del león es una actuación tradicional china que simboliza fuerza, valor y prosperidad.

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Community Puzzle

January 2 – January 31, Information Desk

Collaborate to complete a puzzle. Drop by to contribute a few pieces, take a break from the day and enjoy a fun, relaxing activity.

Toddler Storytime

Thursdays, January 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 10:15 – 10:45 a.m., Children’s Activity Room

Join us for stories, music, movement and more. This program is geared towards children ages 2-3 and their caregivers.

Kids Winter Robot Playday: Dash & Dot

Thursday, January 2, 3 – 4:30 p.m., Children’s Activity Room

Dash is a mobile robot and Dot is a stationary sensor robot. Use the apps to program causes and effects by defining actions including lights, speech, and movements. Please sign up for a 20-minute spot on the day of the event.

ESL Conversation Club

Saturdays, January 4, 11, & 25, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Adult Program Room

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

Special Performance: Musician Mazon Mendoza

Saturday, January 4, 2 – 3 p.m.

Known for his distinctive blend of alternative, folk rock, and contemporary music, Mazon creates compositions that stand out from the mainstream.

Drop-in Libby, eBook and eAudiobook Help

Sundays, January 5 & 26, 3 – 4 p.m., Information Desk

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

Zumba

Monday, January 6, 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.

Novel-Teas

January 7 – January 31, Information Desk

Pick up a curated tea kit featuring Oolong Tea. Each kit has two bags of teas, information about the tea, book recommendations and a new recipe. For teens and adults 12+. Supplies are limited. One kit per person.

Homework Help

Beginning January 7, Tuesdays, 4 – 5:45 p.m., Children’s Activity Room

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

Planning for the End: An Information Series

Tuesday, January 7, 6 – 7 p.m., Program Room

Local experts will share essential guidance on creating wills, trusts, powers of attorney and healthcare directives. No registration required.

First Tuesday Knit-In

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

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

After Dinner Book Club

Wednesday, January 8, 7 – 8 p.m., Program Room

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

Teen Advisory Board (TAB)

Thursday, January 9, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Community Room

The Teen Advisory Board provides ideas and input about library programs and services for teens.

Ready Together Information Book

Friday, January 10, 10:15 a.m. – 12:45 p.m., Lobby

Learn how to create an emergency plan, what emergency supplies are really needed, explore resources to stay safe and prepared, and upcoming readiness programs.

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

Fridays, January 10 & 24, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Community Room

LGBTQ+ youth are invited to play games, participate in group activities and discussions, and build community. No registration necessary. During the Jan. 10 meetup, we will create Vision Boards.

Dungeons & Dragons for Teens (ages 11 – 18)

Saturday, January 11, 2:30 – 5:30 p.m., Community Room

We are launching a new campaign for Spring 2025. We will be meeting nine times before the end of May. This introductory session is mandatory as we discuss the campaign, go over basic rules and expectations, etc.

Lunar New Year Performance: Lion Dance

Saturday, January 11, 4 – 5 p.m.

A captivating and vibrant spectacle, the lion dance is a traditional Chinese performance that symbolizes strength, courage, and prosperity. Un espectáculo cautivador y vibrante, la danza del león es una actuación tradicional china que simboliza fuerza, valor y prosperidad.

Ready Together: An Emergency Preparedness Series

Monday, January 13, 5 – 6:15 p.m., Program Room

Stay prepared and protected during emergencies! Join us to learn about making a plan, storing water and sheltering.

Literary Lounge Book Club

Wednesday, January 15, 7 – 8 p.m., Program Room

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

Film Screening

Saturday, January 18, 2 – 4 p.m., Program Room

We will watch the documentary, *King in the Wilderness* (Rated TV-14), which explores the final years of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s life.

Lunar New Year Puppet Show: Mae Lin & the Magic Brush

Saturday, January 18, 4:30 – 5:15 p.m.

Discover the magical tale of Mae Lin, a young girl gifted with a brush that can bring her drawings to life.

Embroidery Workshop

Sunday, January 19, 1:30 – 4:30 p.m., Program Room

Ready to get creative with needle and thread? We've got awesome projects for both teens and adults. Come learn, stitch, and create something amazing.

Library Ukulele Society

Tuesday, January 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.

Start Smart: Driving Smart to Stay Safe for Teens

Wednesday, January 22, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m., Community Room

This program is for newly licensed or soon-to-be licensed drivers between 15 – 19 years old. Participants will learn more about the responsibilities that accompany the privilege of being a licensed California driver.

Vision Board: Craft for Adults

Wednesday, January 29, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Program Room

Use words, images and quotes to represent your goals and aspirations. Your vision board will serve as a motivational tool to keep you inspired and focused all year long.

SARATOGA -- 13650 Saratoga Avenue

Drop-In Tech Help

Thursdays, January 2, 9, & 16, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Oak Room

Our volunteer can provide one-on-one help with using laptops, tablets, or cell phones. Help is on a first-come, first served basis.

Baby Storytime (12 months or younger)

Fridays, January 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room

Join us for stories, rhymes, fingerplays and songs.

Yan Can Cook with Martin Yan

Saturday, January 4, 2 – 3 p.m., Community Room

We are celebrating Lunar New Year with Chef Martin Yan. Experience the magic of his cooking live and learn the secrets behind his signature dishes. Following the cooking demo, Chef Yan will be available for a book signing and meet-and-greet.

Mystery Book Club

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

We will be discussing [*The 7 ½ Deaths of Evelyn Hardcastle*](#) by Stuart Turton. Stop by the Adult Reference Desk to sign up for the meeting and pick up a copy of the book.

Community Automotive Education Series

Mondays, January 6 & 13, 7 – 8 p.m., Community Room

De Anza Automotive Technology College is offering a two-part series on understanding your vehicle. Learn the various warning lights on the dashboard, modern safety features and more. The second program covers getting familiar with the engine compartment of a vehicle. Please register for each program.

Family Storytime

Tuesdays, January 7, 14, 21, & 28, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Orchard Room

Join us for stories, rhymes, and songs.

Sci-Fi & Fantasy Book Club

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

We will be discussing [*Ready Player One*](#) by Ernest Cline. Stop by the Adult Reference Desk to sign up for the meeting and pick up a copy of the book.

Knit & Crochet Circle: New Year Crochet-a-Long

Wednesday, January 8, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Maple Room

Let's make a flower crochet coaster. Feel free to bring your current project also.

English Conversation Club

Thursday, January 9, 10:45 a.m. – 12 p.m., Community Room

Meet new friends and learn English together. Please register.

Mandarin Storytime

Thursday, January 9, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room

Enjoy fun stories, action rhymes, fingerplays and songs in Mandarin and English.

TAB Hacks 2025 – Teen Coding Competition

Saturday, January 11, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., Community Room

All participants must be able to attend the entire event. Teams are limited to a maximum of 4 people; individual projects are permitted.

Special Performance: Musician Mazon Mendoza

Sunday, January 12, 2 – 3 p.m.

Known for his distinctive blend of alternative, folk rock, and contemporary music, Mazon creates compositions that stand out from the mainstream.

Saratoga Garden Club

Tuesday, January 14, 7 – 8 p.m., Maple Room

Join us in prepping for the upcoming National Seed Swap Day by cleaning and packing seeds. Please register.

LEGOs

Wednesday, January 15, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

Kids 5+ are invited to join us for an hour of fun. Kids younger than 5 can enjoy Duplos.

Spanish Storytime

Thursday, January 16, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room

Enjoy fun stories, action rhymes, fingerplays and songs in Spanish and English.

Teatime Book Chatter

Thursday, January 16, 1 – 2 p.m.

We will discuss the featured Silicon Valley Reads book, [Loneliness & Company](#) by Charlee Dyroff. Stop by the Adult Reference Desk to register and pick up a copy of the book.

Lunar New Year Performance: Lion Dance

Saturday, January 18, 12 – 1 p.m.

A captivating and vibrant spectacle, the lion dance is a traditional Chinese performance that symbolizes strength, courage, and prosperity.

New Year Mindfulness Program

Saturday, January 18, 2 – 3 p.m., Maple Room

Start the New Year with a guided mindfulness session, featuring gentle exercises for connecting the body and mind, balancing the nervous system and developing self-compassion.

Teen Intro to SQL Workshop

Sunday, January 19, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Program Room

Kids ages 12–18 can learn the basics of SQL including database querying and data analysis. Bring a laptop if you can. Please register.

Band Jam: Guitar and Ukulele

Tuesdays, January 23 & 30, 10:15 – 11 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. – 12 p.m., Maple Room

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

Author Talk and Book Signing

Saturday, January 25, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m., Maple Room

Author Sonia Gamez will give an overview of her book, [*Picture Bride, War Pride: The Role of Marriage in Shaping Japanese America*](#). There will also be time for a Q&A and book signing.

National Seed Swap Day

Saturday, January 25, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Maple Room

Swap seeds with other gardeners in your community.

Board Game Night for Adults

Monday, January 27, 6 – 8 p.m., Maple Room

We will have a variety of board games to choose from.

Digital Literacy Class

Thursday, January 30, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Maple Room

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

WOODLAND – 1975 Grant Road

Monday Meditation and Mindfulness

Mondays, January 6, 13, & 27, 7 – 7:30 p.m.

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

Family Storytime: Things That Go!

Sunday, January 12, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Patio (weather dependent)

Join us for a storytime filled with stories, songs, fingerplays, and fun.

Family Storytime: Lunar New Year

Sunday, January 26, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Patio (weather dependent)

Join us for a storytime filled with stories, songs, fingerplays, and fun.

ONLINE EVENTS (Please register online)

Online ESL Book Club

Friday, January 3, 4 – 5 p.m.

We will read and discuss [Life of Pi](#) by Yann Martel.

Reclaiming the Journey: Helping Your High Schooler Thrive Through Meaning and Balance

Tuesday, January 7, 7 – 8 p.m.

Learn practical time management strategies that empower students to balance their aspirations with personal growth, creating space for both academic success and genuine self-discovery.

Online English Conversation Club

Thursdays, January 9, 16, 23, & 30, 11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Meet new friends and practice English together.

Virtual Author Talk: T.J. Klune

Wednesday, January 15, 4 – 5 p.m.

New York Times bestselling author T.J. Klune will discuss his Cerulean Chronicles, with a special focus on his latest novel, [Somewhere Beyond the Sea](#).

Virtual Author Talk: Amanda Montell

Thursday, January 23, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

New York Times bestselling author Amanda Montell will discuss her new book, [The Age of Magical Overthinking](#), which focuses on the belief that our thoughts can influence external events.

Virtual Author Talk: Seth Fishman

Tuesday, January 28, 10 – 11:30 a.m.

Seth Fishman is the vice president and literary agent at The Gernert Company. He will share the agent's perspective, the publishing journal and answer your questions about getting published.