



LIBRARY COMMISSION MEETING MEETING AGENDA

October 2, 2025 - 6:30 PM
Los Altos Community Center - Sequoia Room

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AGENDA

ESTABLISH QUORUM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

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CONSENT CALENDAR

1. **Approve minutes of the regular meeting of September 4, 2025**

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION

2. **Commission Reorganization: Reorganize to select a Chair and Vice Chair to serve through September 2026**
3. **Review and Approve 2026 Library Commission Work Plan**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

STAFF REPORTS

4. **Receive report from Santa Clara County Library District**
5. **Receive report from Main Library Staff**
6. **Receive report on Main Library Children's Area Improvements**

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

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LIBRARY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

6:30 PM – Thursday, September 4, 2025
Los Altos Community Center – Sequoia Room

ESTABLISH QUORUM

Chair Bedard called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

Present: Chair Bedard; Vice Chair Morris; Commissioner Fawcett; Commissioner Carter

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Public Comment: None

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1. Minutes:** Approve minutes of the regular meeting of August 7, 2025

Public Comment: None

Action: Commissioner Carter moved that the Commission accept the minutes of the regular meeting of August 7, 2025 as written. Chair Bedard seconded the motion.

Approve: Bedard, Morris, Fawcett, Carter

Oppose:

Abstain:

Absent:

Motion passed: 4-0-0-0

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION

- 2. Discuss Night at the Library Event and Disband Night at the Library Ad-Hoc Subcommittee**

Public Comment: None

Action: Chair Bedard moved that the Commission disband the Night at the Library Ad-Hoc Subcommittee. Commissioner Carter seconded the motion.

Approve: Bedard, Morris, Fawcett, Carter

Oppose:

Abstain:

Absent:

Motion passed: 4-0-0-0

3. Discuss Library Commission Work Plan

4. Discuss Youth Outreach Efforts

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS ONLY

STAFF REPORTS

5. Receive report from Santa Clara County Library District

Public Comment: Toni Wrenn, Freddie Wheeler

6. Receive report from Main Library Staff

Public Comment: Cindy Hill, Freddie Wheeler, Toni Wrenn

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

7. Receive presentation from Chair Bedard

Public Comment: Gustav Hehrne, Cindy Hill, Freddie Wheeler

REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Bedard adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm.

2026 Los Altos Library Commission Work Plan

Goal	Projects	Anticipated Completion	Priority Source	Status	Assignment	Notes
Improve infrastructure	Improvements to main library building*	TBD	City Council - Asset Management	In Progress	City staff	Moving forward into Design Phase 2 and 3 pending Council approval.
Improve services	Research new services, programs, and events for library*	Spring 2026	Powers and Duties	In Progress		Through Commission work, County purchased six sensory headsets for pilot program. Explore other opportunities to create new services and programs.
Increase awareness	Explore targeted outreach to seniors, youth, and/or general public*	Fall 2026	Powers and Duties	In Progress		Explore other ways that the library can provide targeted services for key population groups in collaboration with partner organizations.
	Education on pending construction for main library improvements	Early 2026		In Progress		Explore ways to educate community and increase awareness on pending main library improvements.
	Host community events at library	Early 2026		In Progress		Begin planning an event to celebrate the opening of the new Children's Area after construction.
Enhance partnerships	Attend meetings for external community organizations	Ongoing	Powers and Duties	In Progress		Commission liaisons are regularly attending external organization meetings and reporting back to Commission.

*Aligns with County Library Strategic Plan

2026 Los Altos Library Commission Calendar

January 8	February	March 5	April	May 7	June
Joint Meeting	No meeting	Library Closure Preparation	No meeting	Work Plan	No meeting
Commission Update		Library Service Research		Library Closure Preparation	
Work Plan					
Library Event					
Library Closure Preparation					

July	August 6	September 3	October 1	November	December
No meeting	Commission Presence	Work Plan	Election of Chair/ Vice Chair	No meeting	No meeting
	Targeted Outreach for Youth	Library Closure Preparation	Targeted Outreach		
			Work Plan		

October 2025 Library Report
Jennifer Weeks, County Librarian



Second Chance to Hear from Celebrated Author Mitch Albom

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

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

Bringing Books to Young Children

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



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

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

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



Filipino American History Month

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

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

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

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

New StoryBook SCCLD and StoryWalk® Sites

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



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



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

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

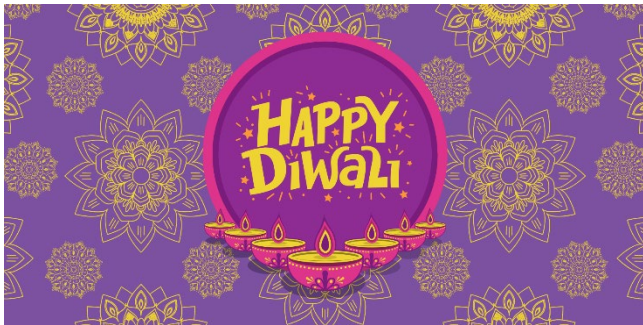
Passport Services Come to Saratoga

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

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



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



Marking the Festival of Lights

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

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

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

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

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

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

Freedom to Read What you Wish

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



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

VIRTUAL

Author Talks

October 2025

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

October Virtual Author Talks

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

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

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

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

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

SANTA CLARA COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT OCTOBER 2025 EVENTS

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

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

Family Storytime

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

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

CUPERTINO -- 10800 Torre Avenue

Wednesday Afternoon Meditation and Mindfulness

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

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

Bedtime Storytime

Wednesdays, October 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 7 – 7:30 p.m., Program Room

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

Storytime for Babies (ages 0-1)

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

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

Homework Help for Grades K-5

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

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

Reading Buddies (completed Grades K-5)

Thursday, October 2, 7 – 8 p.m., Room 101

Children can buddy up with a furry friend and read one-on-one from a favorite book. Children must register themselves in-person at the Children's Reference Desk.

Knit-Alongs at Cupertino Library

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

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

Family Storytime

Saturdays, October 4, 11, & 25, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Program Room

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

Reading Program Tutor Training

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

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

Baby Sign and Sing

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

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

Introduction to Filipino Martial Arts

Sunday, October 5, 3 – 4 p.m.

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

ESL Parent and Caregiver Conversation Club

Mondays, October 6, 20, & 27, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m., Room 101

Join us for an engaging series designed to support families and spark meaningful conversations about children and parenting. Learn practical tips and insights from special guest speakers. Connect with other parents and caregivers in the community.

ESL Conversation Club

Tuesdays, October 7, 21, & 28, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Room 201A

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

Toddler Storytime (ages 1-2)

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

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

Create CU: Tetra Pack Prints

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

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

Art Therapy for Tweens – Diwali Diya Painting

Friday, October 10, 4 – 5 p.m.

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

Babywearing Dance

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

Join us for babywearing dancing.

Nonfiction Book Discussion

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

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

Teen Poetry Workshop

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

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

Children's Literature for Adults Book Club

Tuesday, October 14, 7 – 8 p.m.

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

Book Discussion for Adults

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

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

Aquarium Adventure Play Space Grand Opening

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

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

Diwali Rangoli

Saturday, October 18, Courtyard

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

Meditative Banig Drawing

Sunday, October 19, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

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

Music and Movement with JamaRoo Kids (ages 2+)

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

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

Spooky STEM Season (ages 6+)

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

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

Composting Education Program

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

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

Teen Halloween Cupcake Decorating

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

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

Tuesday Travel Nights

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

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

Decorate a Sugar Skull for Día de los Muertos

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

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

Halloween Tote Bag Craft for Teens

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

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

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

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

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

Horror Flash Fiction Contest (ages 12-18)

Wednesday, October 1 – Friday, October 31

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

Reading Program Orientation

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

Learn about how you can give back to your community by becoming an adult literacy tutor for the Reading Program and supporting an adult learner as they improve their English reading, writing, listening and speaking skills. Please register.

Homework Help/Ayuda con la Tarea

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

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

Start Smart: Driver Safety for Teens & Parents

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

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

Books and Boogie Storytime/Hora de Cuentos

Thursdays, October 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Children's Area

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

Knitting and Crochet Weekly Meetup/Tejido Semanal

Thursdays, October 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 1 – 4 p.m., Upstairs Quiet Study B

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

Book Discussion for Adults

Friday, October 3, 10:15 – 11:15 a.m., Quiet Study B

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

Baby Bounce Storytime (12 months and younger)

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

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

Clases de Emprendimiento en español

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

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

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

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

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

Family Storytime/Hora de Cuentos

Saturdays, October 4, 11, 18, & 25, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., the Nest

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

Improve Your Garden Soil

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

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

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

Mondays, October 6, 20, & 27, 7–8 p.m., the Nest

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

Ukulele Class for Beginners (Ages 9+)

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

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

Zumba at the Library

Tuesdays, October 7, 14, 21, & 28, 5:45–6:45 p.m., Community Room

Drop in for an easy-to-follow dance that works all major muscle groups in a high-energy cardio blast. Únase a nosotros para un entrenamiento gratuito basado en baile y ritmo.

Reading Buddies/Compañeros de Lectura

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

Practice your reading skills and read aloud one on one with a furry friend! Sign-ups are first come, first serve until all slots are filled. ¡Ven a practicar tus habilidades de lectura y lee en voz alta uno a uno con un amigo peludo! Las inscripciones serán por orden de llegada hasta que se llenen todos los espacios.

Resilient Families Series (English)

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

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

Familias Resilientes (español)

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

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

LEGO Club

Friday, October 10, 3 – 4:30 p.m., Community Room

We provide LEGOs, children build creations! Follow prompts or use your imagination. Nosotros proporcionamos los legos. ¡Los niños construyen creaciones divertidas! Niños pueden seguir nuestras indicaciones o construir algo basado en su imaginación.

Ofrenda Crafts/Manualidades para la Ofrenda

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

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

Coronas de Flores for Teens (ages 12-18)

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

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

Open Poetry Readings

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

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

Discover Ilocano Traditional Weaving

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

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

Playdoh Playtime/Hora de juego con plastilina

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

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

Wizardry Classes/Clases de Magia

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

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

Introduction to Filipino Martial Arts

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

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

Reading Program Tutor Training

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

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

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

Saturday, October 18, 3 – 4:30 p.m., Community Room

All adult & teen artists are welcome. All supplies will be provided. Register to reserve your spot. Walk-ins welcome, space permitting. Todos los artistas, adultos y adolescentes son bienvenidos. Se proporcionarán todos los materiales. Se aceptan visitas sin cita previa, siempre que haya espacio. Regístrese para reservar su lugar.

Spooky Movie Night for Teens

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

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

Meditative Banig Drawing

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

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

Adaptive Friendly Halloween Crafts

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

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

Family Board Games / Juegos de mesa familiares

Friday, October 24, 3 – 4:30 p.m., Community Room

From classics like Battleship and Connect 4 to exciting new favorites, we've got games for all ages and skill levels. Tenemos juegos para todas las edades y niveles de habilidad.

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

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

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

Victorian Gothic Tea Party

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

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

Murder Mystery Escape Room for Teens

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

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

Book Discussion

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

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

Sensory-Friendly Library Playtime/Tiempo de Juego Sensorial Amigable

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

We keep the lights low and use natural lighting, computers are turned off, and the doors are closed to reduce outside noise and keep everyone safe. Mantenemos las luces bajas y utilizamos la luz natural. Las computadoras están apagadas y las puertas cerradas para reducir el ruido exterior y ayudar a mantener seguros a quienes corren o deambulan.

Book Discussion for Adults

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

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

Bookworms Book Club (Grades 2-3)

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

We will discuss [*Frog and Toad Together*](#) by Arthur Lobel, then do some crafts and have a snack. Register at the Children's Reference Desk and read the book before the meeting.

Bookdragons Book Club (Grades 4-5)

Wednesday, October 29, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m., the Nest

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

Trick or Treat at the Library

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

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

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

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

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

ESL Conversation Club

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

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

Teen Dungeons and Dragons Social Club

Thursdays, October 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m., Conference Room

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

Meditative Banig Drawing

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

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

Monday Morning Meditation and Mindfulness

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

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

Poetry Open Mic

Monday, October 6, 7 – 8 p.m., Pod D

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

Tween Dungeons and Dragons (Grades 5-8)

Tuesday, October 7, 4 – 6 p.m.

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

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

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

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

Watercolor Workshop for Adults

Friday, October 10, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and 1 – 2:30 p.m., Teen Room

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

Page Turners Book Club (Grades 4-5)

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

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

Stained Glass Painting Workshop

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

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

Book Bugs Club (Grades 2-3)

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

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

Story Explorers Book Club (TK-Grade 1)

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

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

Now Read This Book Club

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

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

To Be Read Book Club (Grades 6-8)

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

We will discuss [*What We Saw*](#) by Mary Downing Hahn. Please pick up a copy of the book at the Children's Desk at Los Altos or Woodland Library.

Los Altos Book Discussion for Adults

Tuesday, October 28, 7 – 8 p.m., Conference Room

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

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

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

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

Book Discussion Group for Adults

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

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

ESL Conversation Club

Wednesdays, October 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 2:45 – 3:45 p.m., Program Room

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

Mid-Autumn Moon Festival Craft

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

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

Homework Help for Grades K-6

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

Students can get free homework help. No registration is required. Basic school supplies will be provided. Parents are asked to stay nearby.

Toddler Storytime

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

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

Preschool Storytime: 3s & 4s Budding Bookworms

Thursdays, October 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 6:30 – 7 p.m., Activity Room

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

Qi Gong Meditation & Exercise Classes

Fridays, October 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, 1 – 3 p.m., Auditorium

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

Knit & Crochet Circle

Fridays, October 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, 2 – 4 p.m., Conference Room

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

Music & Movement (ages 3-8)

Friday, October 3, 3:30 – 4:15 p.m., Activity Room

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

Mend with Friends

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

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

Family Storytime

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

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

Youth Essay Writing Contest

Saturday, October 4, 1 – 4:45 p.m.

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

Teen Rubik's Cube Club

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

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

Gentle Flow Yoga (ages 13+)

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

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

The 582nd Korean Alphabet Day

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

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

LEGO Club for Grades K-8

Monday, October 6, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Activity Room

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

Science Fiction and Fantasy Book Club

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

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

Baby Bouncers Lapsit

Tuesdays, October 7, 14, 21, & 28, 11:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Activity Room

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

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

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

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

Board Game Day

Saturday, October 11, 10 a.m. – 6:30 p.m., Auditorium

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

Dungeons and Dragons Mini Campaign (ages 13+)

Saturday, October 11, 2 – 4 p.m., Conference Room

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

Foundations of Resilient Health

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

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

Horror Film Festival

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

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

Little Learners STEAM (Ages 3-5)

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

Each month we will nurture curiosity and discover new things through engaging and fun activities. Registration is required.

Master Gardeners

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

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

Introduction to Filipino Martial Arts

Sunday, October 18, 2 – 3 p.m.

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

Diwali Celebration

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

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

Puppet Art Theater Company

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

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

Adult and Teen Paint Workshop

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

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

Reading Buddies (Grades K-5)

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

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

The Peaceful Poets

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

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

MORGAN HILL -- 660 W. Main Avenue**Snack Break-Free Snacks for Kids! / ¡Meriendas Gratis Para Niños!**

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

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

¡Pasa por la biblioteca y recoge una merienda gratis después de la escuela! No es necesario registrarse.

Financial Aid 101

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

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

After Dinner Book Club

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

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

Toddler Storytime

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

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

Preschool Storytime

Thursdays, October 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 11:15 – 11:45 a.m., Children's Activity Room

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

Fiber Arts Club

Thursday, October 2, 4 – 5:45 p.m., Program Room

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

This program is for adults 18+.

Homework Help for Grades K-6

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

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

Tiny Tot Jamboree

Fridays, October 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Children’s Activity Room

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

Itty Bitty Jamboree

Fridays, October 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, 12 – 12:30 p.m., Children’s Activity Room

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

Kids Keva Club (Ages 5+)

Friday, October 3, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Children’s Activity Room

Create structures, sculptures, and ball-runs out of wooden planks. Practice your artistic and architectural skills without tools, glue, nails, or tape - just planks!

Bilingual Family Storytime for All Ages

Saturdays, October 4, 11, 18, & 25, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m., Children’s Activity Room

Stories, music, movement, and more! Storytimes are bilingual (Spanish/English).
¡Cuentos, música, movimiento y más! Las horas de cuentos son bilingües
(español/inglés).

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

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

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

Evening Itty Bitty Jamboree

Tuesdays, October 7 & 21, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

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

Kids LEGO Club

Wednesdays, October 8 & 22, 1 – 2:30 p.m., Children’s Activity Room

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

Novel-Teas (ages 12+)

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

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

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

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

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

Family Fun Night

Tuesday, October 14, 6:30 – 8 p.m.

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

Kids Art Club

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

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

Zumba

Mondays, October 20 & 27, 6 – 7 p.m., Program Room

This Latin-inspired, easy-to-follow, fitness dance party exhilarates your senses and works all major muscle groups in a high-energy cardio blast.

Library Ukulele Society

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

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

Meditative Banig Drawing

Tuesday, October 21, 7 – 8 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

Through October 30, Library Lobby

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

Knit & Crochet Circle

Wednesday, October 1, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Maple Room

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

Baby Storytime (12 months or younger)

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

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

Homework Help for Grades K-6

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

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

Drop-in Tech Help

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

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

Teen Coffeehouse

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

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

Family Storytime

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

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

Join us for stories, rhymes, and songs.

Diya Painting for Diwali

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

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

Henna Art for Diwali

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

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

Indian Classical Dance for Diwali

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

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

The Exceptional Life of Tye Leung Schulze

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

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

Mystery Book Club

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

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

Sci-Fi & Fantasy Book Club

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

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

Chinese Book Club/ 中文書友會

Thursday, October 9, 10:15 – 11:45 a.m., Orchard Room

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

Meditative Banig Drawing

Thursday, October 9, 2 – 3 p.m.

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

Reading Buddies (completed Grades K-5)

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

Children can buddy up with a furry friend and read one-on-one from a favorite book. Children must register themselves in-person at the Children's Reference Desk.

Not So Scary Halloween Magic Show

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

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

Band Jam: Guitar and Ukulele

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

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

Children's STEM-tober Party

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

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

LEGOs

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

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

Teatime Book Chatter

Thursday, October 16, 1 – 2 p.m.

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

Board Game Night for Adults

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

Drop in and play a variety of board games.

Kids Halloween Craft (PreK-Grade 7)

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

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

Travel Program: Newfoundland

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

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

Spanish Storytime

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

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

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

Thursday, October 30, 12 – 1 p.m., Campbell Conference Room

The Santa Clara County Joint Powers Authority (JPA) Board meets minimally four times each year. Find information about meetings and agendas at <https://scclld.org/jpa/>

WOODLAND – 1975 Grant Road

Monday Meditation and Mindfulness

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

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

Book Discussion for Adults

Tuesday, October 14, 2 – 3:15 p.m.

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

ONLINE EVENTS (Please register online)

Online English Conversation Club

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

Meet new friends and practice English together.

Virtual Author Talk: Smithsonian Educators

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

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

Virtual Author Talk: Leigh Bardugo

Thursday, October 9, 4 – 5 p.m.

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

Asian Art Museum Talk: Afterlife Beliefs and Burial Rites

Tuesday, October 28, 7 – 8 p.m.

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

Virtual Author Talk: Philippa Gregory

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

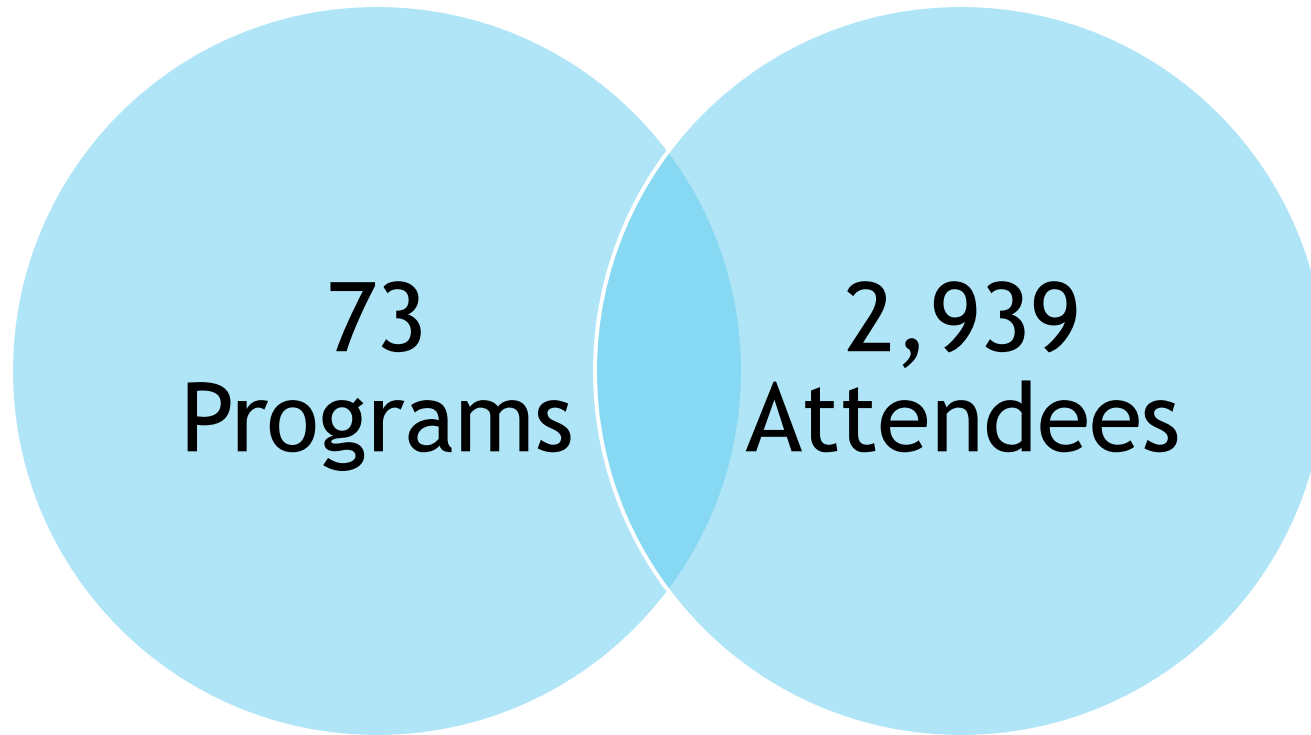
Join us for a conversation with Philippa Gregory, the acclaimed “queen of British historical fiction,” as she returns to the Tudor Court in her forthcoming novel [*Boleyn Traitor*](#) (to be released on October 14).

Los Altos and Woodland Libraries

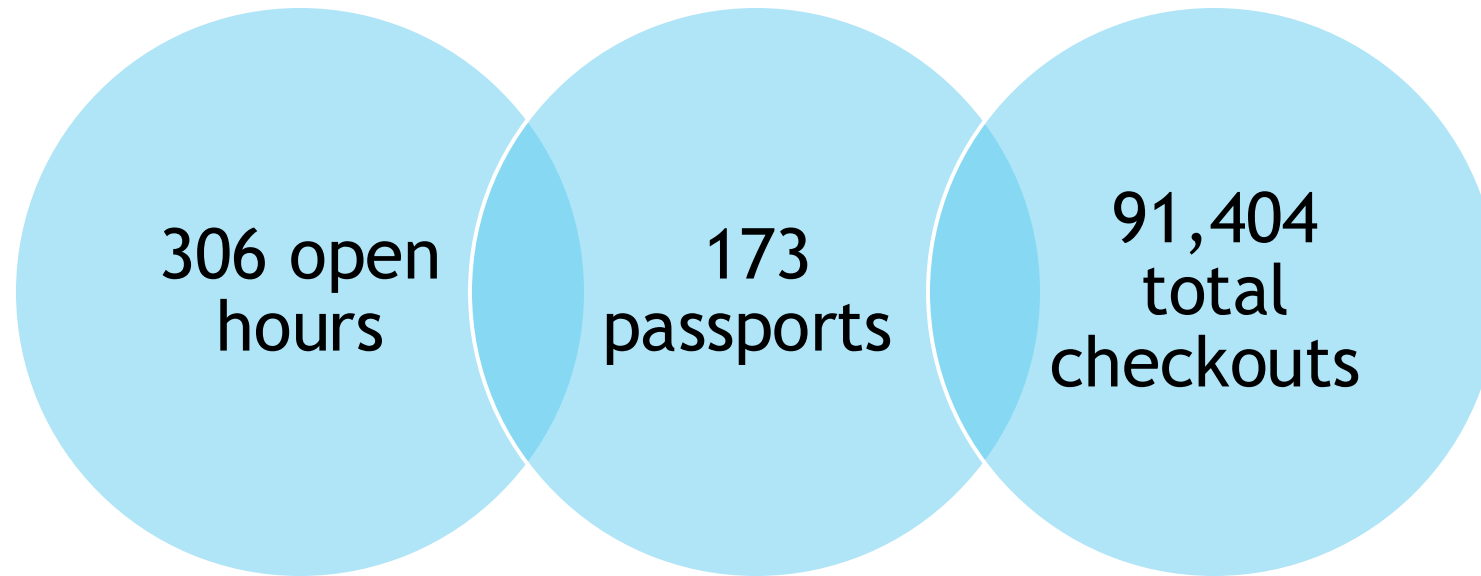


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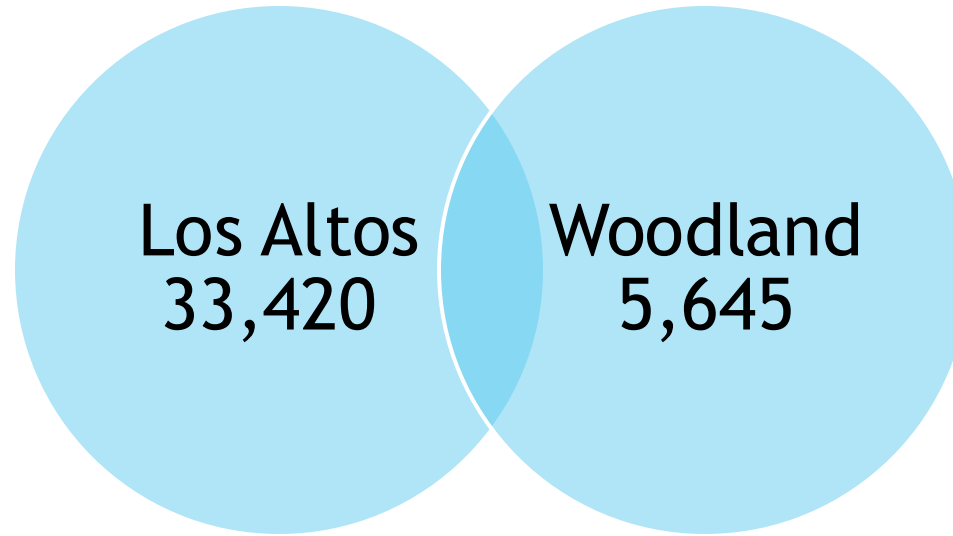
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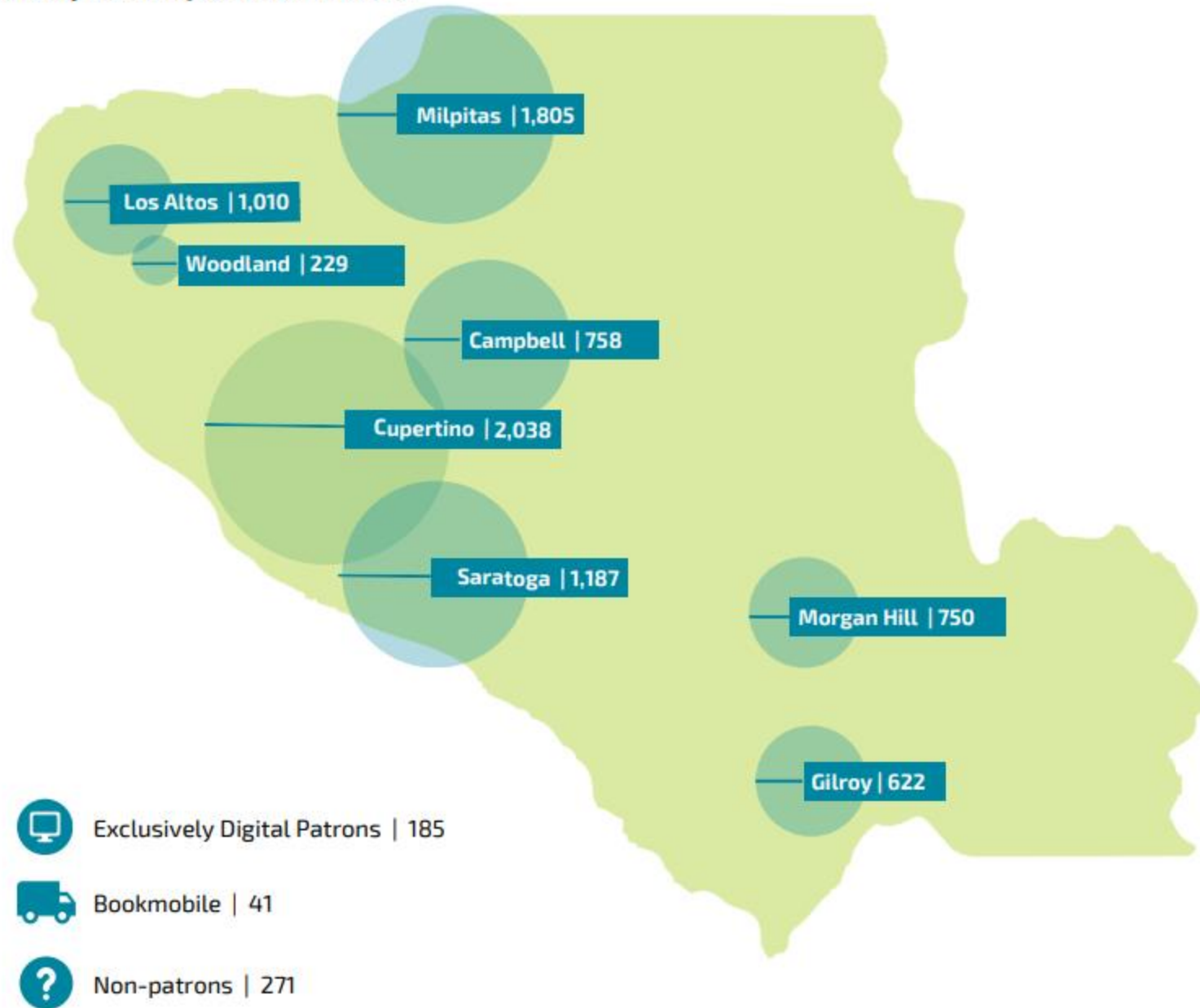
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August 2025 Visitors



Survey Participants (n=9,990)



Self-checkout machine works well.

	SCCLD (N=7,384)	CA (N=608)	CU (N=1,117)	GI (N=573)	LA (N=746)	MI (N=1,040)	MH (N=682)	SA (N=564)
Always or Almost Always	72%	71%	72%	75%	80%	72%	77%	76%
Most of the Time	16%	17%	19%	13%	13%	19%	14%	14%
Sometimes	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	3%	1%	3%
Rarely or Never	<1%	<1%	<1%	1%		1%		
N/A	9%	9%	6%	9%	6%	5%	8%	7%

I would like the same open hours at every Library location.

	SCCLD	CA	CU	GI	LA	MI	MH	SA
Always or Almost Always	31%	28%	33%	35%	20%	38%	27%	26%
Most of the Time	24%	27%	25%	24%	20%	28%	20%	20%
Sometimes	12%	13%	10%	8%	12%	10%	11%	13%
Rarely or Never	7%	9%	7%	6%	12%	3%	9%	8%
N/A	26%	23%	25%	27%	36%	21%	33%	32%

Library shelves are organized.

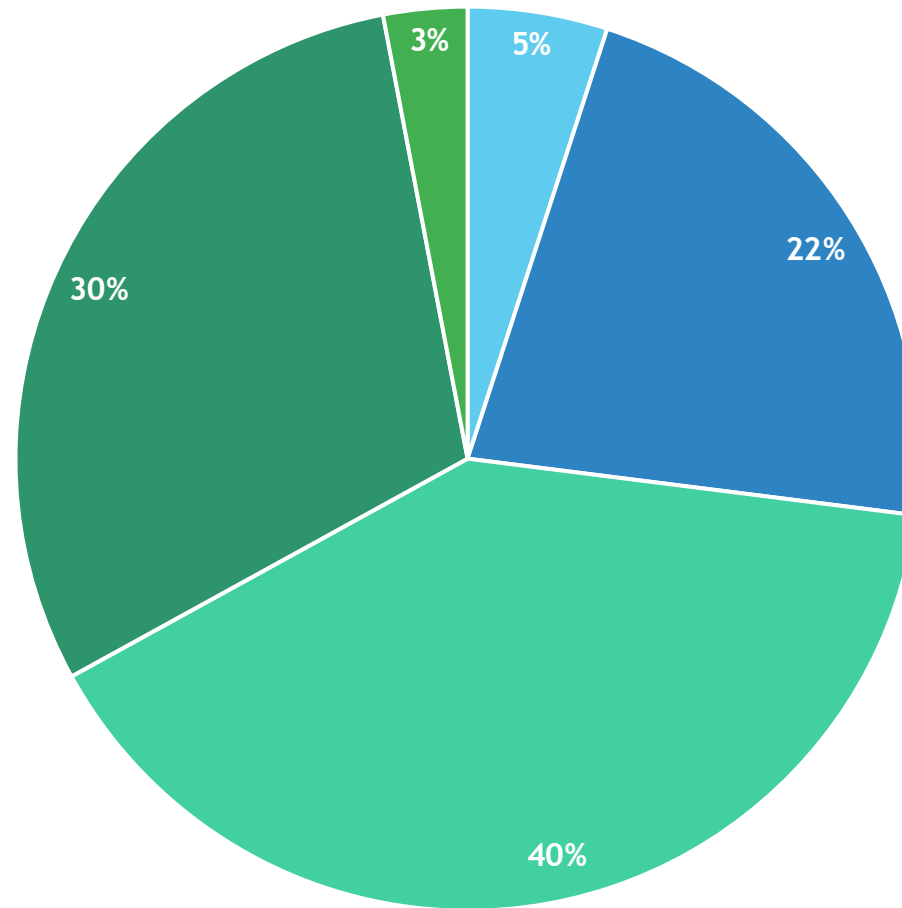
	SCCLD	CA	CU	GI	LA	MI	MH	SA
Always or Almost Always	64%	60%	61%	76%	73%	57%	78%	64%
Most of the Time	27%	27%	32%	19%	20%	34%	16%	28%
Sometimes	3%	3%	3%	2%	1%	4%	1%	3%
Rarely or Never		<1%	<1%		<1%	1%		
N/A	6%	9%	5%	3%	5%	5%	5%	5%

Library materials look and feel clean.

	SCCLD	CA	CU	GI	LA	MI	MH	SA
Always or Almost Always	60%	60%	55%	73%	70%	55%	74%	62%
Most of the Time	29%	28%	34%	21%	24%	33%	20%	30%
Sometimes	4%	3%	5%	3%	2%	7%	1%	4%
Rarely or Never	1%	1%	<1%		<1%	1%	1%	
N/A	6%	8%	5%	3%	3%	4%	4%	4%

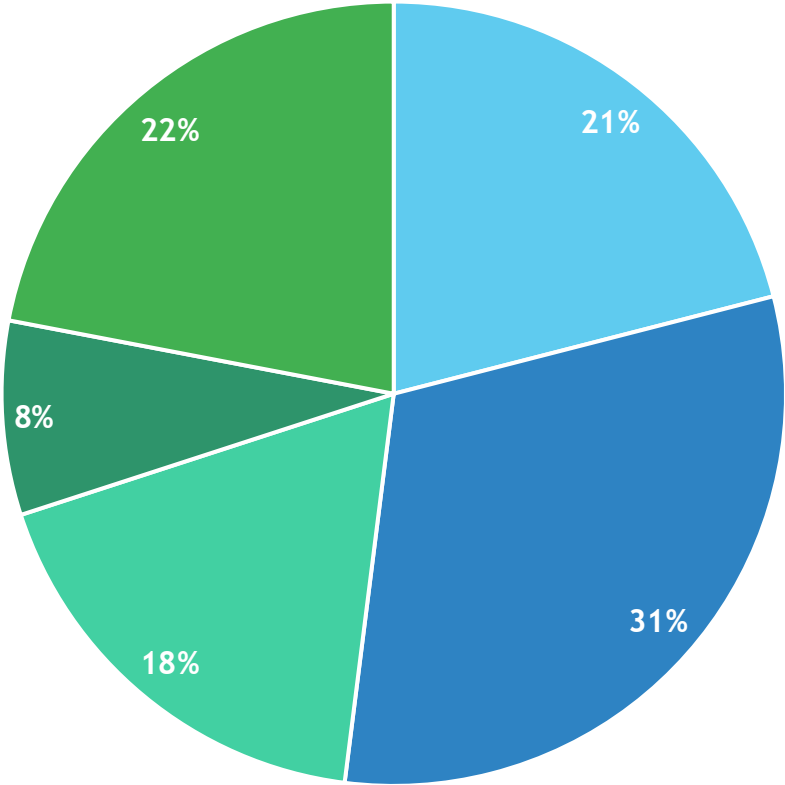
Survey Results Shared September 2025

Los Altos/ Woodland Respondant Ages



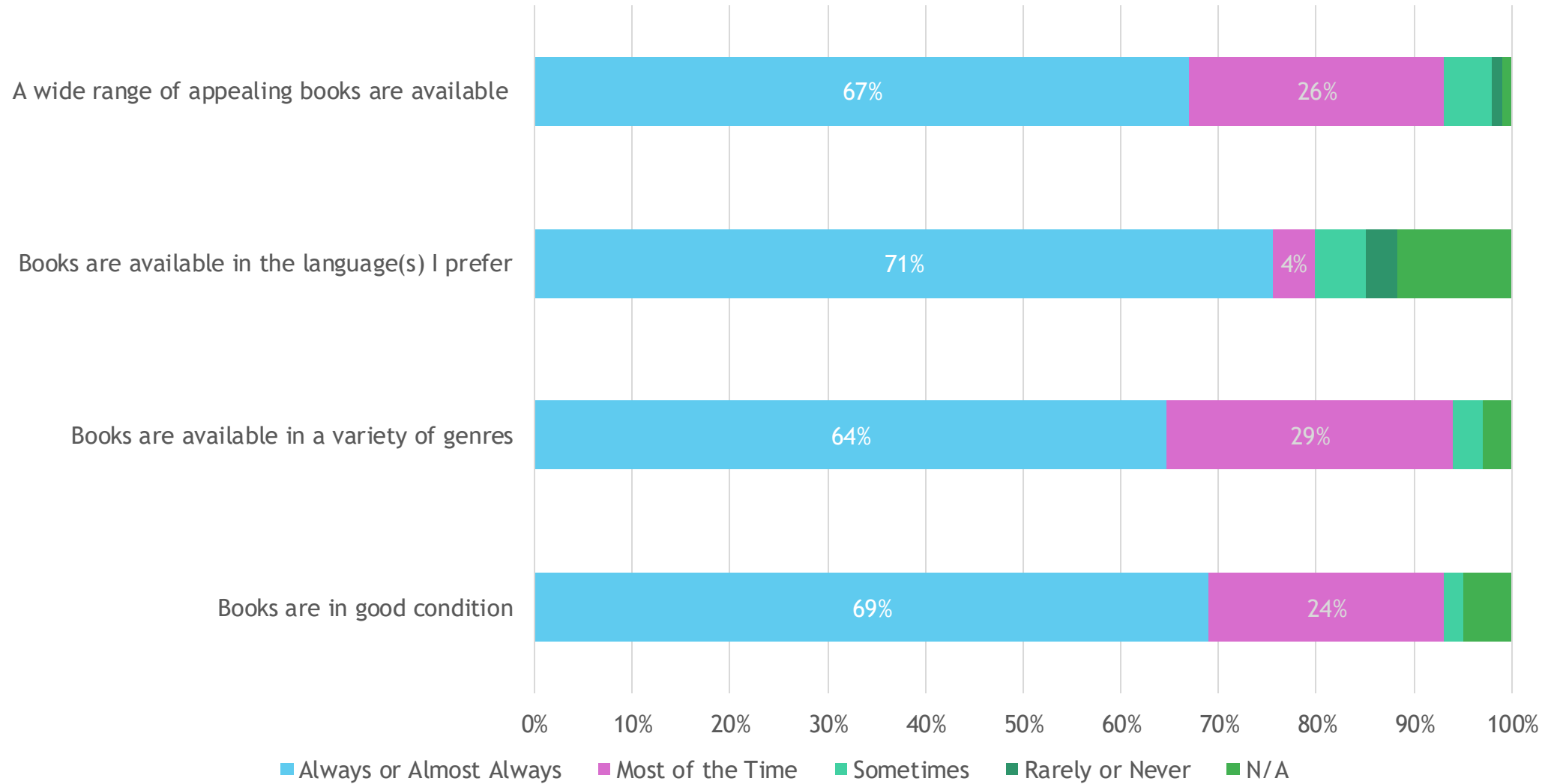
■ Up to 23 years old ■ 24-44 years old ■ 45-49 years old ■ 60-79 years old ■ 80 years and older

Online Library Use (eBooks, audiobooks, movies and music that you stream or download)



- I don't use the Online Library
- Nearly all of what I borrow
- About half of what I borrow
- About a quarter of what I borrow
- Less than a quarter of what I borrow

The Patron Experience





STORYBOOK SCCLD

THE IMPORTANCE OF PLAY

Rose Baiza
Community Librarian
Los Altos and Woodland Libraries
October 2025



MISSION



At Santa Clara County Library District,
you: BELONG. CONNECT. DISCOVER.





Why Play at the Library?

- Early literacy skills are built through the five Every Child Ready to Read practices
 - Play, Read, Write, Sing, Talk
- Strategic Plan priority – We Inspire, building the foundations of literacy in our community!
- Welcoming back patrons to more relevant spaces



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SARATOGA LIBRARY REDWOOD ROMP



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MORGAN HILL LIBRARY TRUSTY TRAILS





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Learning Through Play

Active Play

Quiet Play

Imaginative Play



• In the Storybook SCCLD play spaces, children learn through play using:

- Balance elements
- Hopscotch and other graphics with letters, numbers, and words
- Interactive elements
- Reading nooks
- Slides
- Stairs and accessible ramps
- and More!



STORYBOOK SCCLD

- Los Altos Library



Visits are UP with StoryBook SCCLD!

July 2025 gate counts are higher than last year:

- Saratoga + 17%
- Morgan Hill + 7%
- Gilroy + 20%
- Milpitas + 13%

