



LIBRARY COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA

6:30 PM - Thursday, September 04, 2025

Los Altos Community Center - Sequoia Room

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CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approve minutes of the regular meeting of August 7, 2025

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION

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

- [3.](#) Discuss Library Commission Work Plan
4. Discuss Youth Outreach Efforts

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

STAFF REPORTS

- [5.](#) Receive report from Santa Clara County Library District
- [6.](#) Receive report from Main Library Staff

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

- [7.](#) Receive presentation from Chair Bedard

POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

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LIBRARY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

6:30 PM – Thursday, August 7, 2025
Los Altos Community Center – Apricot 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 May 1, 2025

Public Comment: None

Action: Commissioner Fawcett moved that the Commission accept the minutes of the regular meeting of May 1, 2025 as written. Chair Bedard seconded the motion.

Approve: Bedard, Morris, Fawcett, Carter

Oppose:

Abstain:

Absent:

Motion passed: 4-0-0-0

2. **Minutes:** Approve minutes of the regular meeting of May 22, 2025

Public Comment: None

Action: Commissioner Fawcett moved that the Commission accept the minutes of the regular meeting of May 22, 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

3. Review And Recommend Approval to Move Forward with Main Library Improvement Design Concept

Public Comment: Darwin Poulus, Duncan MacMillan, Donna Poulus, Angelo DeGiuli, David Cain, Sydney Kerstein, Tallulah Turner, Robert Mayo, Melissa Smith, Pawan Deshpande, Jaime Cordera, Anna Marie Santora

Action: Chair Bedard moved that the Commission move forward with the Main Library Improvement Design Concept to the City Council. Vice Chair Morris seconded the motion.

Approve: Bedard, Morris, Fawcett, Carter

Oppose:

Abstain:

Absent:

Motion passed: 4-0-0-0

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS ONLY

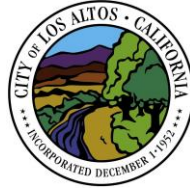
STAFF REPORTS

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Bedard adjourned the meeting at 9:01 pm.



LIBRARY COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT SUMMARY

Meeting Date: September 4, 2025

Subject Discuss Night at the Library Event and Disband Ad-Hoc Subcommittee

Prepared by: Anthony Carnesecca, Assistant to the City Manager

Attachment(s):

Purpose

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

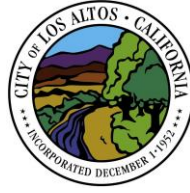
Discussion

At the May 2, 2024 meeting, the Library Commission established the Ad-Hoc Subcommittee consisting of Chair Fawcett and Commissioner Carter to plan a Night at the Library event.

It was anticipated that the event would center on the opening of the new children's area of the Library in collaboration with the History Museum and Stage Company. Unfortunately, due to external extenuating circumstances, including the construction on the children's area delays, the event was not able to happen within that time period.

Ad-Hoc Subcommittees may only last for the duration of one year, which means that this Subcommittee shall terminate upon decision of the Commission.

Looking forward, the Commission may look to begin planning a future event now that pending construction has been scheduled for the children's area. This could include a youth-centered event targeting the Spring 2026 when the children's area is opened and allowed staff to adjust to their new space.



LIBRARY COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT SUMMARY

Meeting Date: September 4, 2025

Subject Discuss Library Commission Work Plan

Prepared by: Anthony Carnesecca, Assistant to the City Manager

Attachment(s):

1. Approved 2025 Library Commission Work Plan

Purpose

Discuss Library Commission Work Plan

Discussion

At the October 3, 2024 meeting, the Library Commission adopted the attached work plan. This work plan includes a detailed calendar outlining the planned topics for discussion based upon priorities in the work plan.

Moving forward, the Library Commission will be creating their 2026 Work Plan at the October 2025 meeting.

2025 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	Commission	Design has been authorized to continue through process and request funds of NCLA to continue.
Improve services	Research new services, programs, and events for library*	Summer 2025	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 2025	Powers and Duties	In Progress		Explore other ways that the library can provide targeted services for key population groups in collaboration with partner organizations.
	Improve the Commission's presence	Spring 2025		In Progress	Commission	Ad-Hoc Subcommittee provided report. Commission Chair was featured in Minute with Gabe video, Commission pictures will be taken soon, and Commission meetings are community forums for improvements.
	Host community events at library	Fall 2025 (Spring 2026?)		In Progress	Ad-Hoc Subcommittee	Night at the Library Ad-Hoc Subcommittee work was delayed by construction on Children's Area. Providing feedback on Santa Clara County Library District Event Policy.
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

2025 Los Altos Library Commission Calendar

January 9	February	March 6	April	May 1	June
Joint Meeting	No meeting	Night at the Library	No meeting	Work Plan	No meeting
Commission Update		Main Library Improvements		Main Library Improvements	
Woodland Library Patio		Sensory Headsets Pilot Next Steps			
Commission Presence		Targeted Outreach for Youth			
Work Plan					
Cindy Hill Recognition					

July	August 7	September 4	October 2	November	December
No meeting	Commission Presence	Work Plan	Election of Chair/ Vice Chair	No meeting	No meeting
	Main Library Improvements	Future Event Planning	Main Library Improvements		
		Targeted Outreach for Youth	Targeted Outreach		
			Work Plan		

September 2025 Library Report
Jennifer Weeks, County Librarian



One Card, Endless Possibilities

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

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

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

Labor Day, a Time to Relax and Reflect

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

We're closed on Monday, September 1 but our 24/7 [Online Library](#) has many resources for you to enjoy. Find some great tunes on [Freegal](#). Enjoy a film or TV program on [Hoopla](#) or [Kanopy](#). Have a [Lucky Day on Libby](#) with a top Audiobook or eBook, available to enjoy right away.



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



Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month

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

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

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

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

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

Woodland Library Expands Open Access

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

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





Special Election on Tuesday, November 4

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THE SANTA CLARA COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT PRESENTS

VIRTUAL Author Talks September 2025

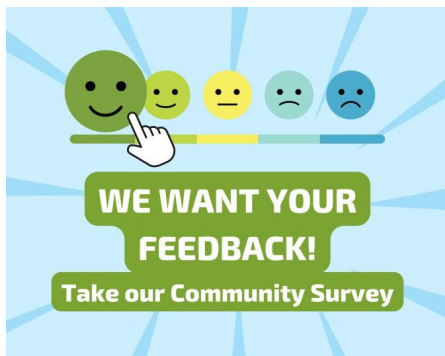
- Hannah Nicole Maehrer**
 Wed., Sep 3 from 4-5PM
 Author of "Assistant to the Villain series." Fantasy rom-com where surviving your job might be more dangerous than falling in love.
- Jefferson Fisher**
 Wed., Sep. 10 from 11AM-12PM
 Communication expert shares practical, real-life strategies from "The Next Conversation" to handle tough talks with clarity, confidence, and connection.
- Gabe Henry**
 Wed., Sep. 17 from 11AM-12PM
 Deep dive into the quirky world of English spelling. Unpack the colorful history of simplified spelling and the linguistic rebels who dared to change it.

September Virtual Author Talks

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

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

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



SCCLD Community Survey Key Findings

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

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

This report provides the key findings.

Key Findings from the 2024 Community Survey

Santa Clara County Library District | January 2025

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

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

Highlights from the Report



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



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



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

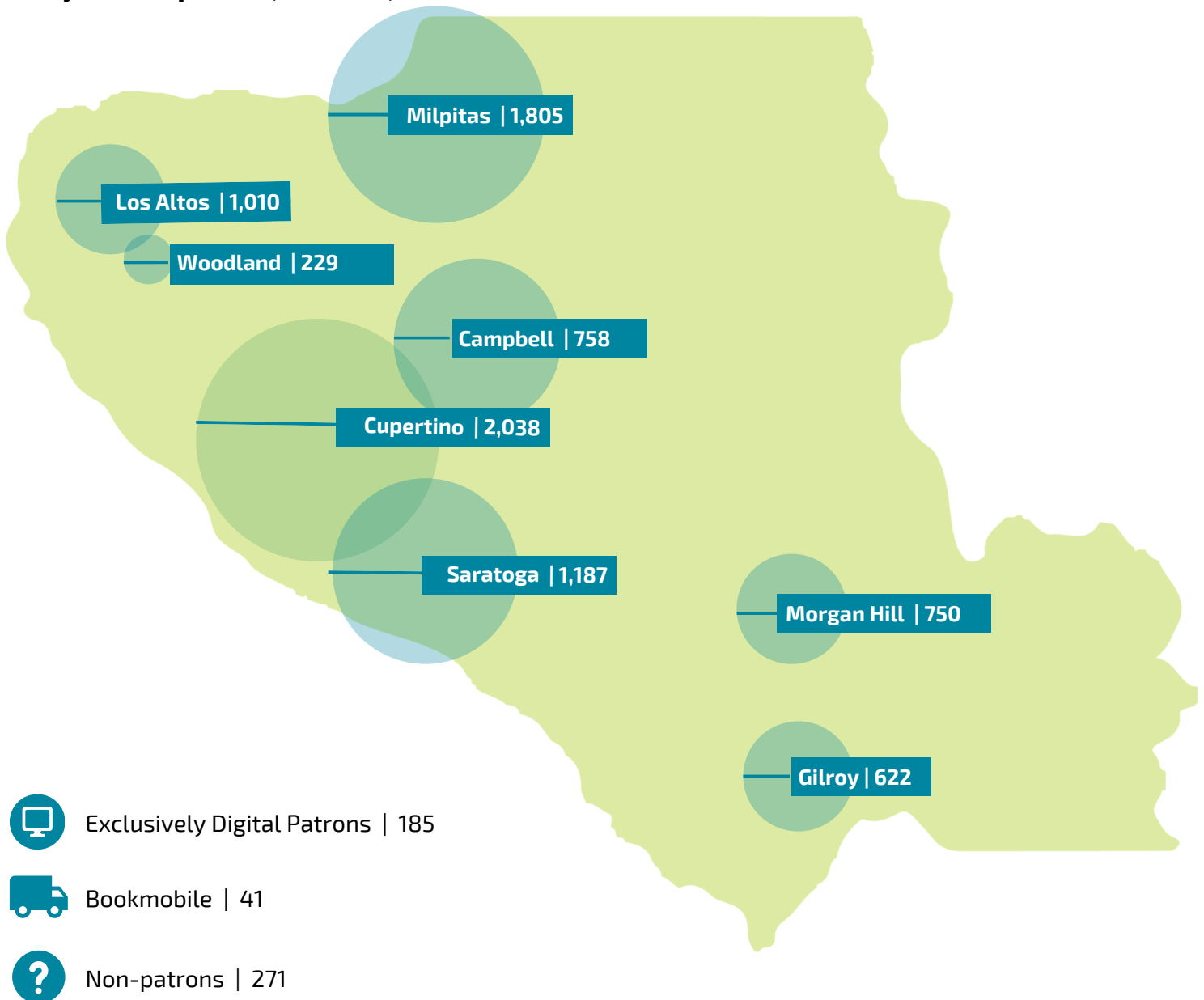


The 2024 Community Survey incorporates the feedback of 10,128 patrons. The survey was available to patrons in four languages (English, Spanish, Chinese and Vietnamese). Significant efforts on the part of library staff led to incredibly high levels of participation throughout SCCLD communities.

Respondent Characteristics

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

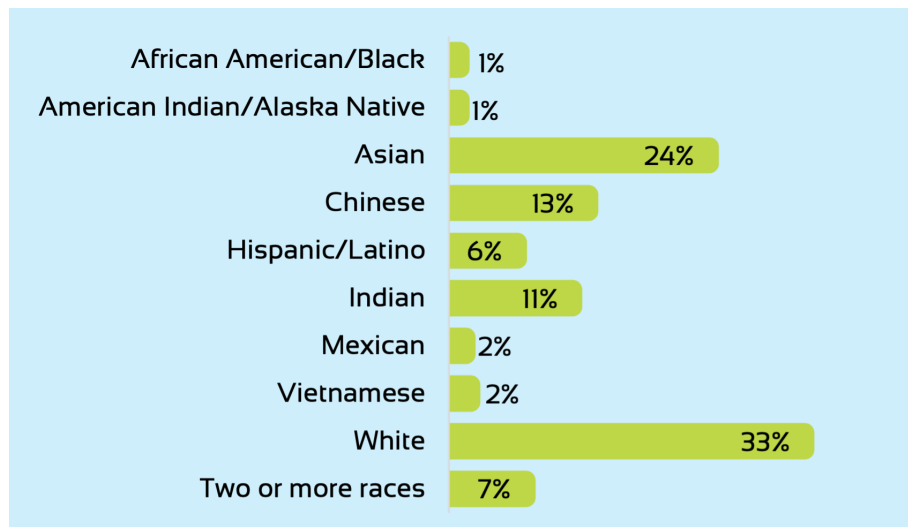
Survey Participants (n=9,990)



Survey Participants (n=9,968)

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

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



Age (n=10,081)



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

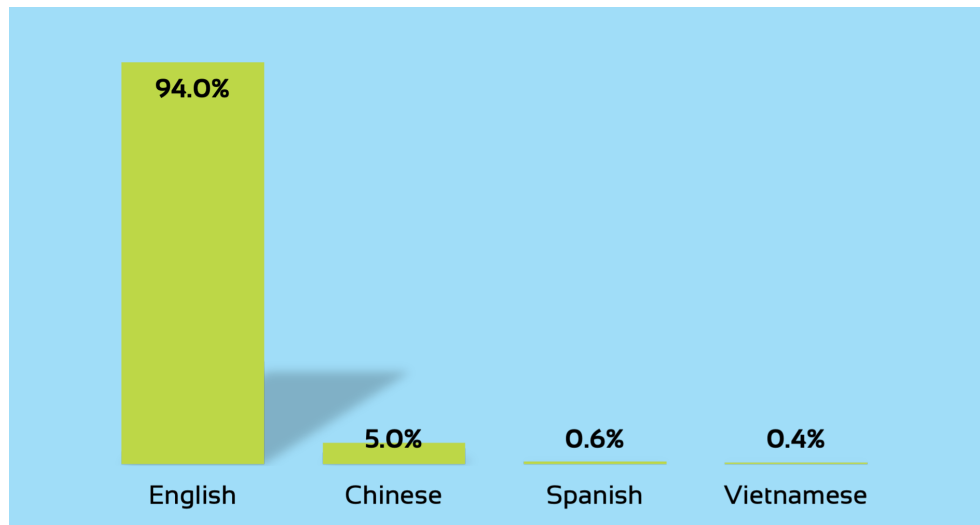
Age groupings are based on prevailing definitions of U.S. generations, such as Millennials (20-44 years), Generation X (45-59 years), and Baby Boomers (60-79 years).

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

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

Primary or Preferred Language (n=10,032)

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



How Patrons Use the Library

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

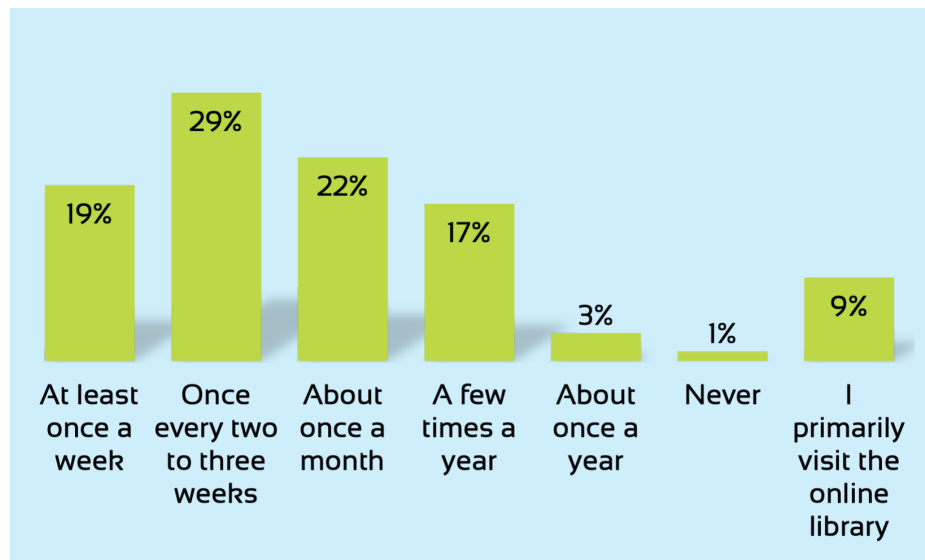


70%

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

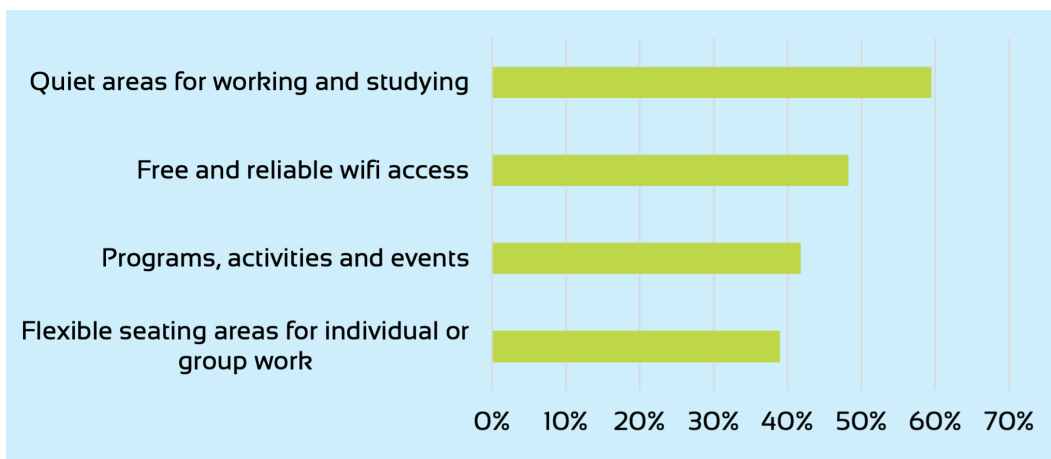
70% of survey respondents visit the Library at least once per month with 19% of those visiting the Library weekly.

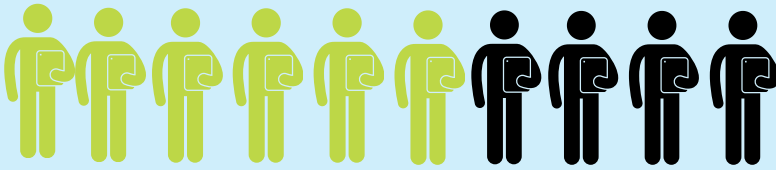
Progress since 2019. Compared to the 2019 survey, there is more representation of Library patrons whose visits in person are more occasional by nature. There is a 34% increase in the 2024 responses for those who visit the Library monthly or a few times a year which is important to also reach less frequent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



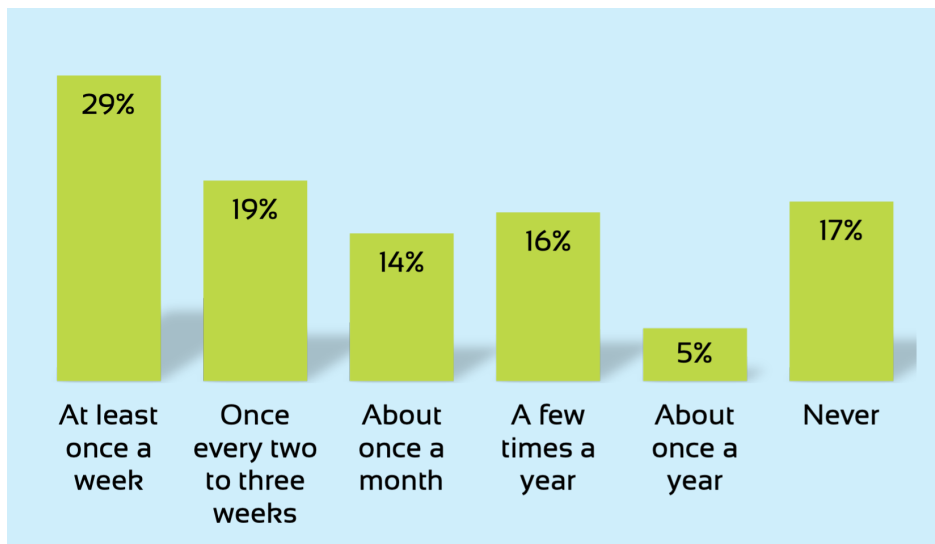
Reasons People Spend Time at the Library in Person (n=8,959)

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

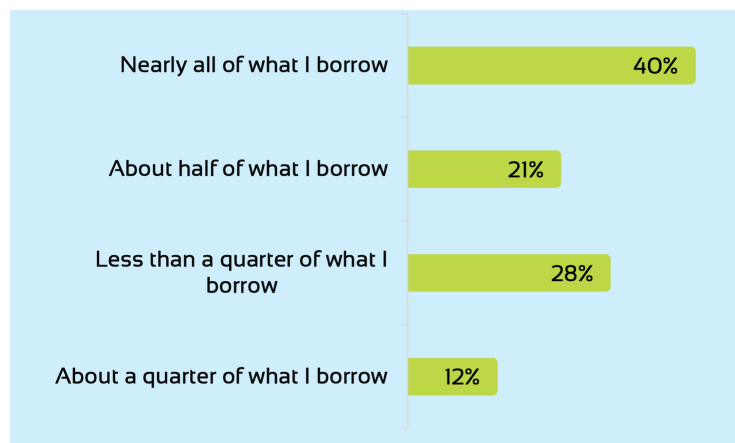


Library Usage - Online Library (n=9,061)**62%**of survey respondents **visited the Online Library in the past month**

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

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

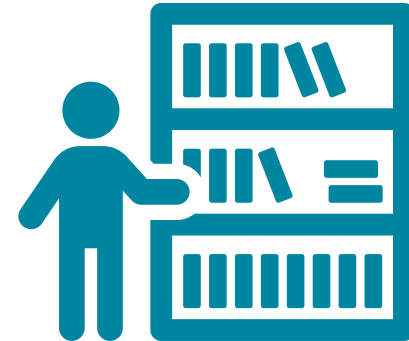
Survey respondents were asked to reflect on how much of their overall downloading or streaming of eBooks, audiobooks, movies and music happens through the Library. For those patrons who do use the Online Library, access to premium content is a significant part of their overall digital media experience.



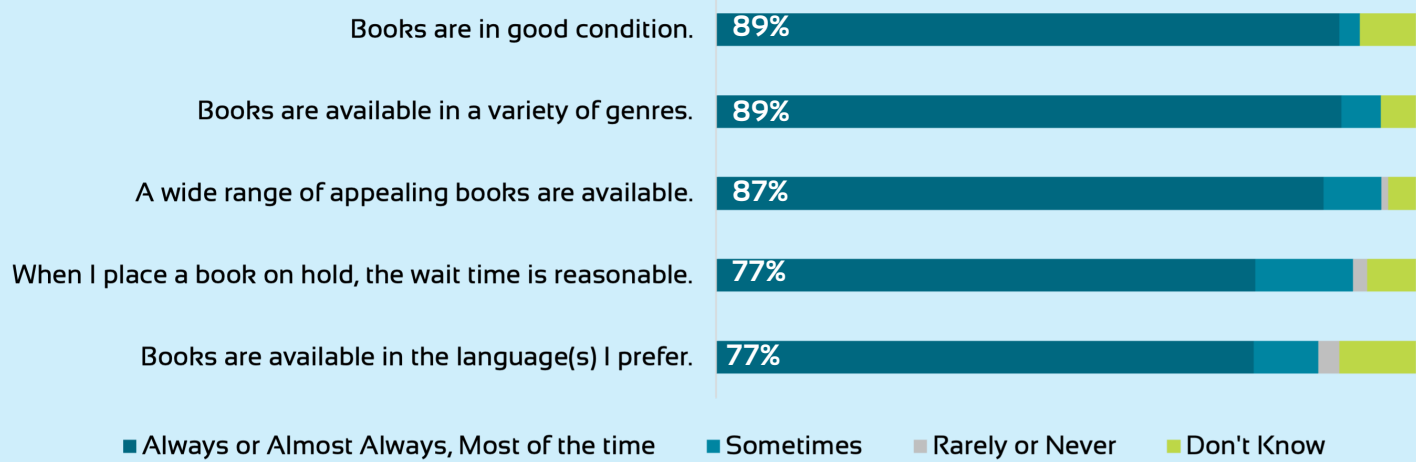
Library Collections

Satisfaction with Book Collections (n=9,313)

Patrons shared that their experiences with the book collections are very positive, demonstrating an overall high level of satisfaction when they borrow books from the Library.

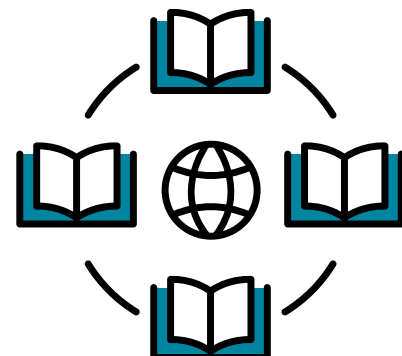


Percentages indicate participants who selected "Most of the time" or "Always or almost always."



Library Usage - Online Library (n=9,023)

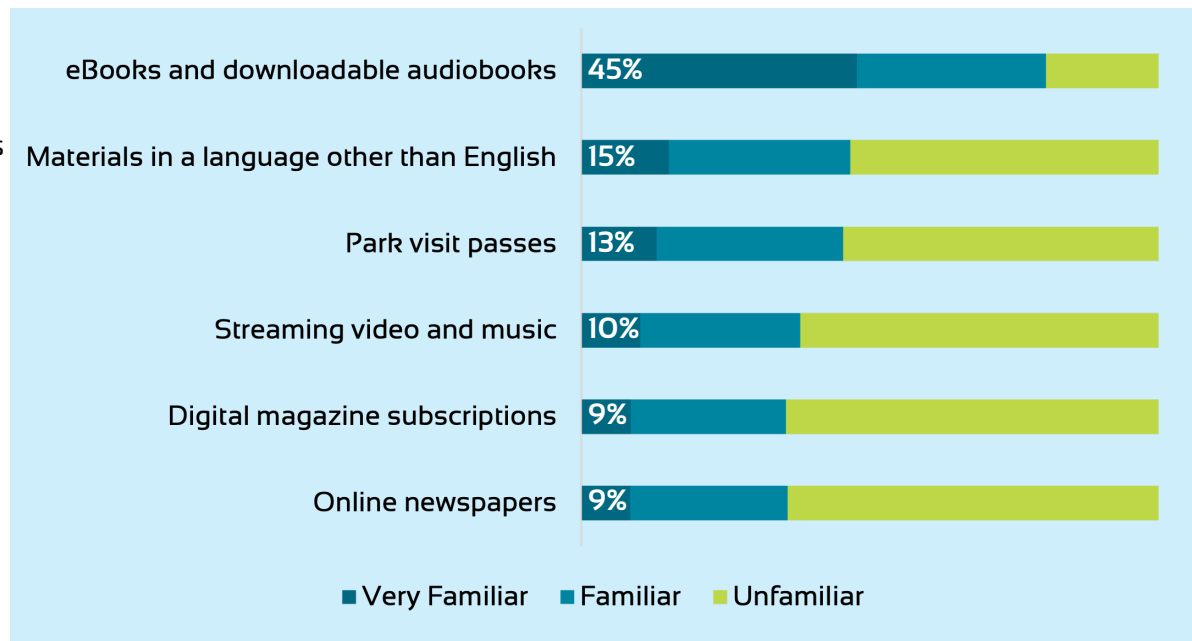
53% use the online library content more now than before the pandemic



Familiarity with Resources (n=9,329)

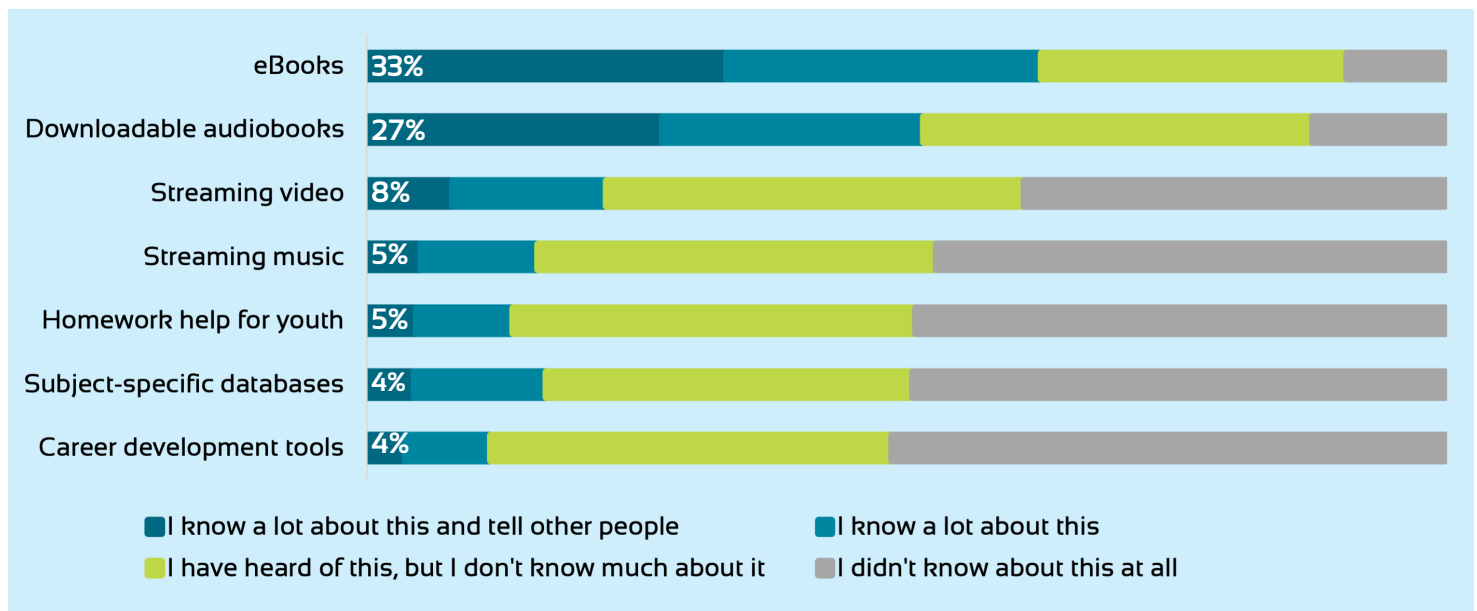
Survey participants indicated their familiarity with a range of Library collections.

The responses to this question will help the Library in its marketing of these collections.



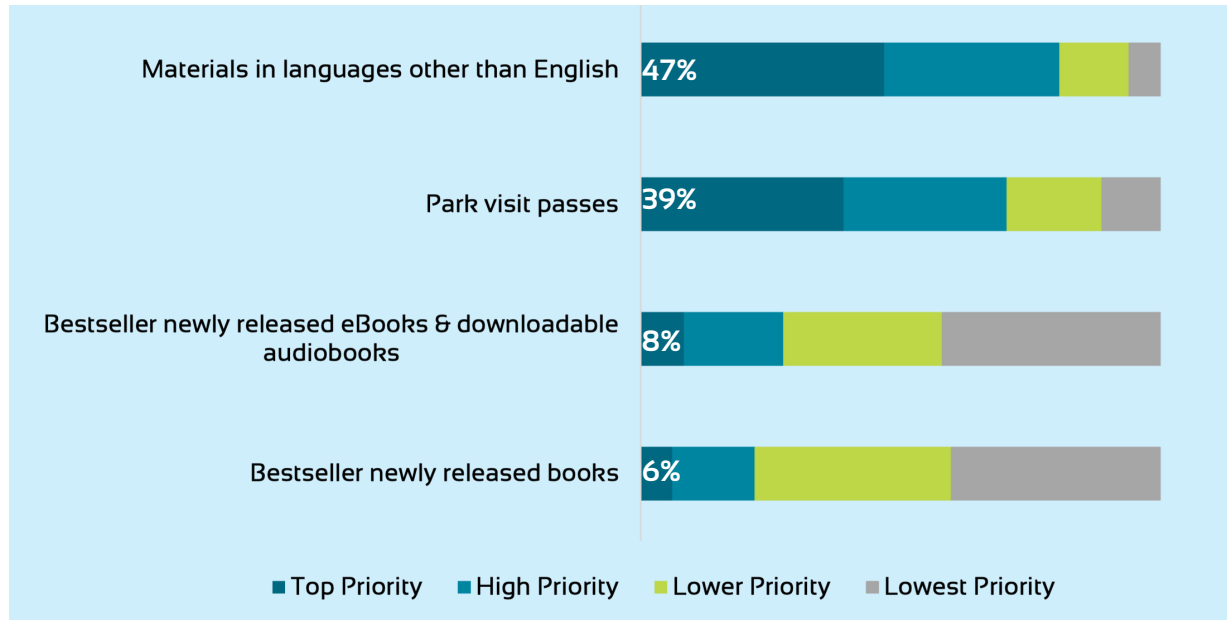
Familiarity with Online Resources (n=9,313)

Survey participants indicated their familiarity with a range of Library collections. The responses to this question will help the Library prioritize how it will increase awareness of these collections.



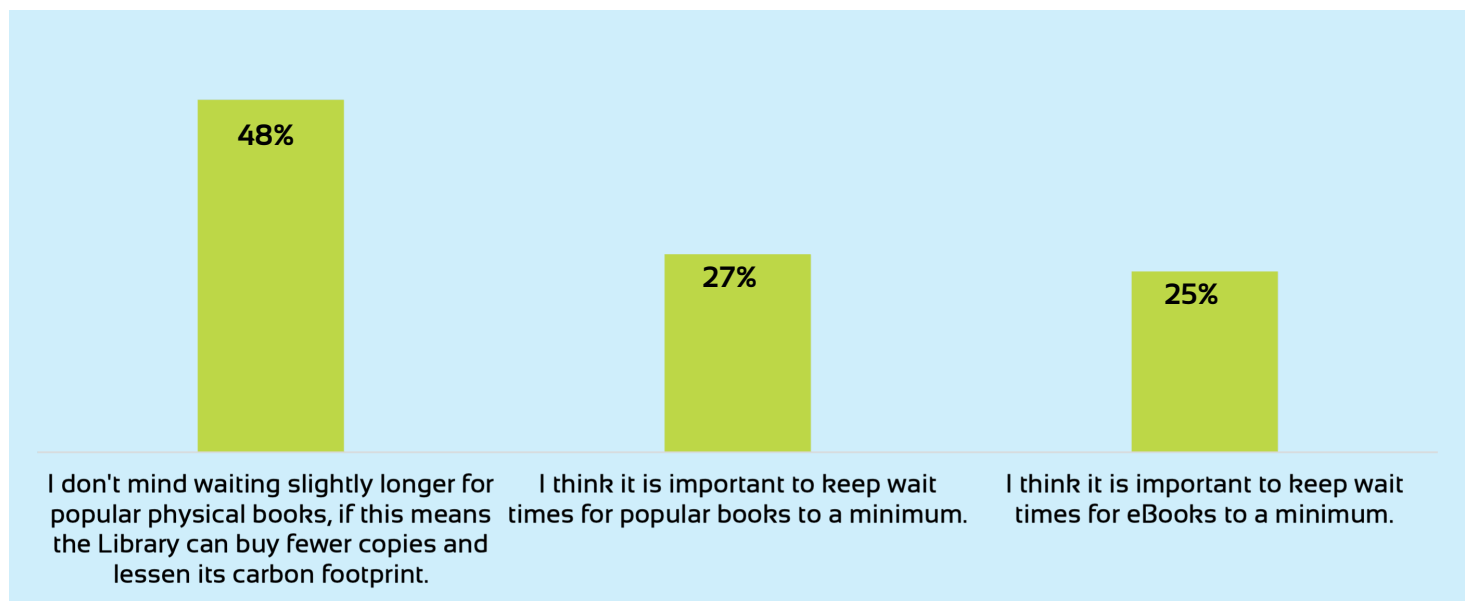
Purchasing Patterns (n=8,673)

Respondents indicated how they would prioritize increases in purchasing across these collections. There is strong interest in directing any additional available funds towards materials in languages other than English, followed by park visit passes.



Balancing Library Collection Investments (n=9,257)

Respondents considered how the Library balances purchasing decisions with environmental impacts and wait times. There is considerable support for an approach that values environmental sustainability.



The Patron Experience

Survey results show there to be a high level of satisfaction with Library facilities. For instance, most patrons indicate they feel like the shelves are organized.

A great majority of patrons agree that Library materials look and feel clean.

The Library is a community destination. As such, people see it as a place where they will find comfortable and inviting seating areas, along with clean restrooms.

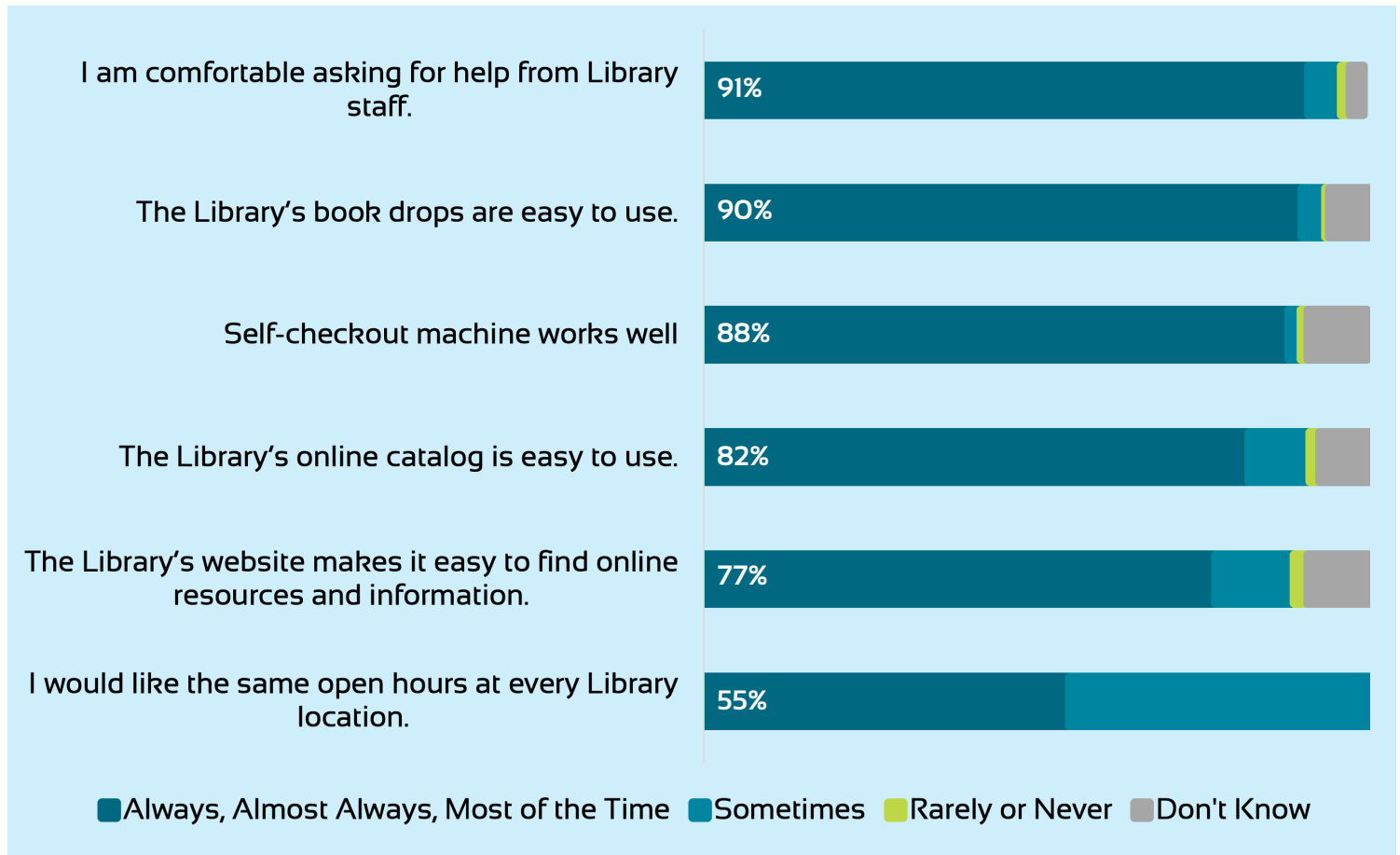


Library Facilities (n=9,025)



Library Features (n=9,323)

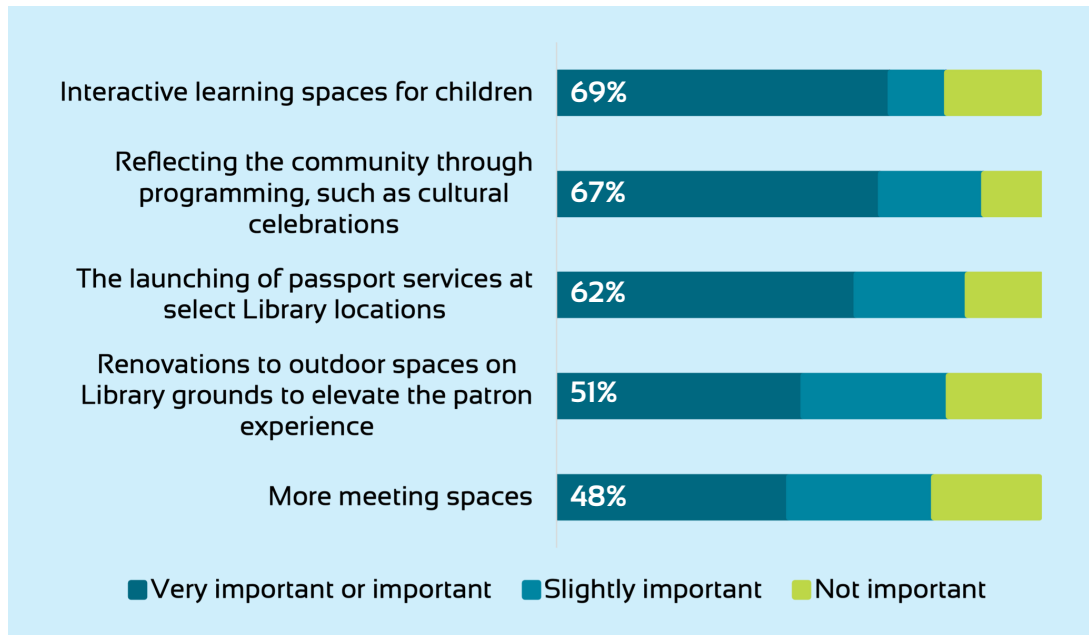
Survey participants responded to a range of statements about Library features. There continues to be consistently positive feedback about the Library staff. Responses show 91% of participants feel comfortable asking for help from Library staff.



Strategic Plan

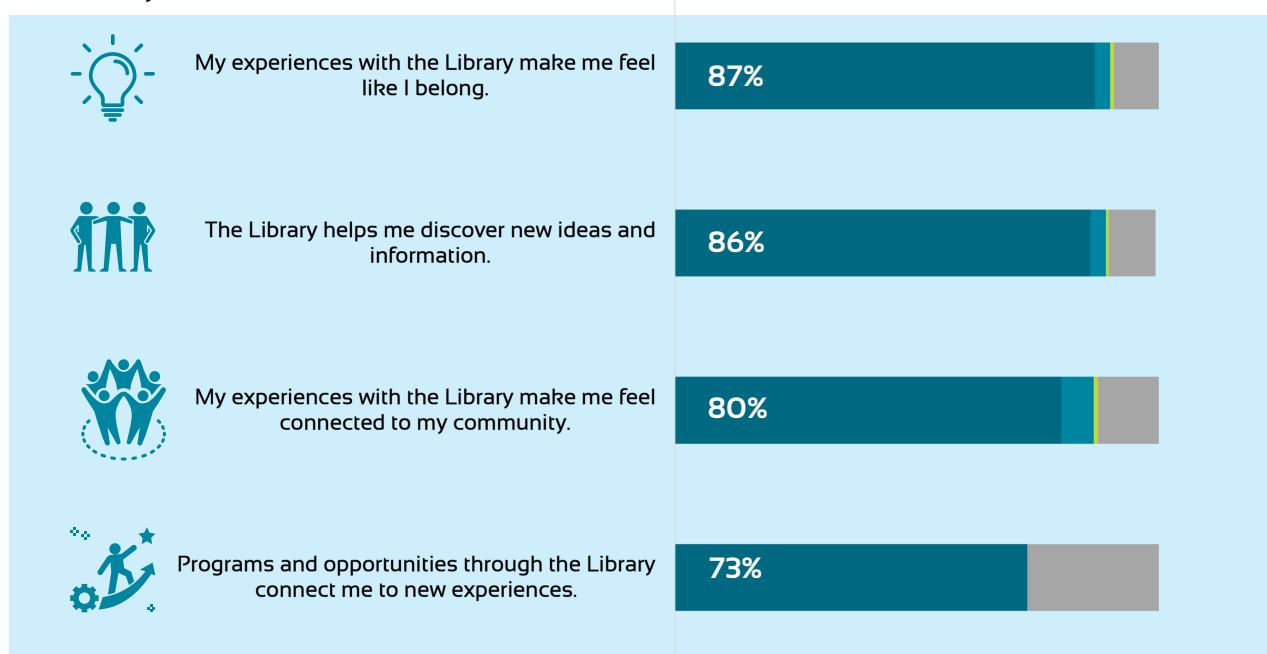
Reflection on Steps Being Taken to Activate the Plan (n=8,768)

Survey respondents shared their outlooks on the steps the Library is taking to activate its strategic plan. There is significant support for interactive children's learning spaces and cultural celebration programs.



Library Mission Statement (n=8,779)

Responses show that components of the Library's mission statement has widespread resonance for community members.



SANTA CLARA COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT SEPTEMBER 2025 EVENTS

SCCLD libraries will be closed on Monday, September 1 for Labor Day. Our Online Library is always available at scclld.org/Online-Library

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

Family Storytime

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

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

CUPERTINO -- 10800 Torre Avenue

Toddler Storytime (ages 1-2)

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

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

LEGO Club

Tuesday, September 2, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

We provide the bricks, you bring the imagination! Please leave your LEGOs at home.

Wednesday Afternoon Meditation and Mindfulness

Wednesdays, September 3, 10, 17, & 24, 4:30 – 5 p.m., Room 201A

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

Bedtime Storytime

Wednesdays, September 3, 10, 17, & 24, 7 – 7:30 p.m., Program Room

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

Storytime for Babies (ages 0-1)

Thursdays, September 4, 11, 18, & 25, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., First Floor Program Room

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

Reading Buddies (Grades K-5)

Thursday, September 4 and Monday, September 8, 7–8 p.m., Room 101

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

Children must register themselves in-person at the Children's Reference Desk.

Knit-Alongs at Cupertino Library

Fridays, September 5, 12, 19, & 26, 2:30–4 p.m., Room 201A

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

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

Fridays, September 5 & 26, 7–8 p.m., Room 101

Join us for stories, songs, a flannel board story, and a craft project in Mandarin and English.

Children and their caretakers are welcome to join. 兒童圖書館員將為小朋友讀圖畫故事書;唱兒歌;用絨布板講故事;手指謠和做美勞。歡迎幼兒們 和家長, 祿母一同前來參加。

Family Storytime

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

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

Baby Sign and Sing

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

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

ESL Parent and Caregiver Conversation Club

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

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

ESL Conversation Club

Tuesdays, September 9, 16, 23, & 30, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Room 201A

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

Homework Help for Grades K-5

Tuesdays and Thursdays, September 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, & 30, 4:30–6 p.m., Torre Room

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

Adult Literacy Roundtable for Volunteers

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

Reading Program tutors can learn and share tutoring tips, resources, and experiences. Please register.

Children's Literature for Adults Book Club

Tuesday, September 9, 7 – 8 p.m.

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

Chinese Book Discussion

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

We will discuss [臺灣漫遊錄, Taiwan man you lu](#) by Shuangzi Yang.

CU Creates: Gelli Plates

Friday, September 12, 7 – 8:15 p.m., Room 201B

We will work on monoprinting with gelli plates. All materials and instruction will be provided. Please register online.

Art Therapy for Tweens

Friday, September 12, 7 – 8 p.m.

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

Babywearing Dance

Sundays, September 14, 21, & 28, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Join us for babywearing dancing.

Nonfiction Book Discussion

Sunday, September 14, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Room 201B

We will discuss [Surf When You Can: Lessons in Life, Loyalty, and Leadership from a Maverick Navy Captain](#) by Brett Crozier.

LWVCS Voter Registration Drive

Tuesday, September 16, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., Lobby

The League of Women Voters Cupertino-Sunnyvale will have volunteers at a table in the library's lobby helping teens preregister and adults register to vote.

Police Read Along

Wednesday, September 17, 10:30 – 11 a.m.

A sheriff's deputy will read books and share safety tips. Arrive on time as seating is limited.

Book Discussion for Adults

Wednesday, September 17, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., and Thursday, September 18, 7 – 8:15 p.m., Room 201B

We will discuss [*Orbital*](#) by Samantha Harvey.

Reading Program Orientation

Monday, September 22, 1 – 2 p.m. and 6 – 7 p.m., Room 201

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

Tuesday Travel Nights: Trekking in Japan

Tuesday, September 23, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Room 201

Enjoy treks through Fuji-san, the Nakasendo, the ancient Shinto pilgrimage and more.

I Like to Move It Move It: The Science of Moving Your Body

Friday, September 26, 3 – 4 p.m., Courtyard

Children ages 6+ will learn about why physical activity is so important and an integral part of having a healthy body. Afterward, we will learn some fun ways to keep moving that do not involve running.

Taiwanese Tea Culture Celebration

Monday, September 29, 3 – 4:30 p.m., Room 201

Celebrate the Moon Festival by learning about the traditions surrounding the holiday. Space is limited, please register online.

GILROY -- 350 W. Sixth Street**Spice Up Your Life Kit**

Tuesday, September 2 – Tuesday, September 30, Upstairs Information Desk

Pick up a sample of Five Spice. These kits include recipes and a book recommendation.

Zumba at the Library

Tuesdays, September 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 5:45 – 6:45 p.m., Community Room

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

Reading Buddies/Compañeros de Lectura

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

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

Books and Boogie Storytime/Hora de Cuentos

Thursdays, September 4, 11, 18, & 25, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Children’s Area

Join us for fun stories, rhymes, fingerplays, and songs to nurture early literacy skills.

Compartiremos historias divertidas, rimas, y canciones.

Knitting and Crochet Weekly Meetup/Tejido Semanal

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

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

Book Discussion for Adults

Friday, September 5, 10:15 – 11:15 a.m., Quiet Study B

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

Baby Bounce Storytime (12 months and younger)

Fridays, September 5, 12, 19, & 26, 10:30 – 11 a.m., the Nest

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

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

Fridays, September 5 & 19, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Quiet Study B

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

Family Storytime/Hora de Cuentos

Saturday, September 6, 13, 20, & 27, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., the Nest

Join us for fun stories, rhymes, fingerplays, and songs to nurture early literacy skills.

Compartiremos historias divertidas, rimas, y canciones.

Growing Vegetables in the Fall and Winter

Saturday, September 6, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room

Find out which cool season vegetables are easy to grow and best for our climate. Soil prep, watering, fertilizing, crop rotation, disease and pest management will also be discussed.

Live Performance/ Actuación musical en vivo: The South Bay Trombone Choir

Saturday, September 6, 2 – 3 p.m., Community Room

This trombone ensemble performs pieces from a music repertoire that ranges from Gabrieli to Bernstein, Jazz, and Latin. Este conjunto de trombones interpreta piezas de un repertorio que abarca desde Gabrieli hasta Bernstein, jazz y música latina.

Music Lab/Laboratorio de Música (Grades 3-5)

Sundays, September 7, 14, 21, & 28, 2 – 3 p.m., the Nest

We'll explore the fascinating world of sound and music through fun demonstrations that cover vibrations, pitch, amplitude, and waves. Exploraremos el fascinante mundo del sonido y la música a través de demostraciones divertidas que cubren vibraciones, tono, amplitud y ondas.

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

Mondays, September 8, 15, 22, & 29, 1 – 5 p.m., Computer Area Upstairs

Drop by to get help with opening an email account, connect to Wi-Fi/hotspots, use laptops/Chromebooks, and use Microsoft Office.

Ellos pueden ayudarte a abrir una cuenta de correo electrónico, conectarse a Wi-Fi/puntos de acceso, utilizar computadoras portátiles/Chromebooks y utilizar Microsoft Office.

Pajama Storytime/Hora de Cuentas en Pijama

Mondays, September 8, 15, 22, & 29, 7 – 8 p.m., the Nest

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

Emergency Preparedness for Kids (ages 8-11)

Tuesdays, September 9 or 23, 4 – 5:30 p.m., or Saturday, September 27, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Quiet Study B

Kids are encouraged to attend this Emergency Preparedness Training to learn simple ways to prepare for disasters. Attend and receive a free backpack with emergency supplies, while supplies last. Se anima a los niños a asistir a esta capacitación sobre preparación para emergencias para aprender maneras sencillas de prepararse para desastres. Asista y reciba una mochila gratuita con suministros de emergencia, hasta agotar existencias.

LEGO Club

Friday, September 12, 3 – 4:30 p.m., Community Room

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

Arabic Belly Dance

Saturday, September 13, 12 – 1 p.m., Community Room

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

Open Poetry Readings

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

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

Book Discussion

Sunday, September 14, 3 – 4:30 p.m., Courtyard

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

Tiny Book Earrings for Teens

Monday, September 15, 4:30 – 6 p.m., Community Room

Make adorable tiny book earrings! You can also turn your tiny books into pendants, keychains, or hair clips. Please register with an accurate email address.

National Voter Registration Day

Tuesday, September 16, 1 – 7 p.m., Lobby

Our volunteer-staffed table can help voters register to vote or re-register to vote.

Adaptive Activities for Teens and Adults

Wednesday, September 17, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m., Quiet Study B

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

Turn! Turn! Turn! Folk Rock Revolution

Saturday, September 20, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Community Room

Folk rock is a genre that produced some of the most melodic and lyrical songs in popular music history. Rock music historian and author Richie Unterberger explores the change that began when the social consciousness of folk met the energy of rock.

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

Saturday, September 20, 3 – 5 p.m., Community Room

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

Sensory-Friendly Library Playtime/Tiempo de Juego Sensorial Amigable

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

There will be sensory-sensitive toys in the play space and entire Children's Area. We keep the lights low and use natural lighting, computers are turned off, and the doors are closed to reduce outside noise and keep everyone safe. Este tiempo de juego autónomo contará con juguetes adaptados a las necesidades sensoriales, y estará disponible la nueva zona de juego junto con toda el área infantil. Mantenemos las luces bajas y utilizamos la luz natural. Las computadoras están apagadas y las puertas cerradas para reducir el ruido exterior y ayudar a mantener seguros a quienes corren o deambulan.

Bookworms Book Club (Grades 2-3)

Wednesday, September 24, 3 – 4 p.m., the Nest

We will discuss [*The Bad Guys*](#) by Aaron Blabey, then do some crafts and have a snack. Register at the Children's Reference Desk and read the book before the meeting.

Bookdragons Book Club (Grades 4-5)

Wednesday, September 24, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m., the Nest

We will discuss [*Wonder*](#) by R.J. Palacio, then do some crafts and have a snack. Register at the Children's Reference Desk and read the book before the meeting.

Family Board Games

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

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

Tin Box Nichos/Nichos de Caja de Hojalata

Saturday, September 27, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Community Room

A nicho is a small display box that features images and items that honor a person or object. Think of it as creating a portable and compact memory box. Un nicho es una pequeña caja que exhibe imágenes y objetos que honran a una persona u objeto. Piensa en ello como si crearas una caja de recuerdos portátil y compacta.

Clay Structures (ages 5-12)

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

Experience clay sculpting, learn how to build a 3D model one shape at a time with the help of a skilled instructor using soft, air-dry clay. Registration required.

ABCs of Lowriding & Mini Mural Art Workshop

Tuesday, September 30, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m., the Nest

The ABCs of Lowriding is a book that aims to engage readers thematically and be an inclusive reflection of their own community. In addition, the Mini Mural Art Workshop invites participants to explore the vibrant world of lowrider culture.

Book Discussion for Adults

Tuesday, September 30, 7 – 8 p.m., Quiet Study B

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

LOS ALTOS -- 13 S. San Antonio Road**The Rise of Cryptocurrency: The Basics**

Tuesday, September 2, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Teen Room

Cryptocurrency is transforming how people think about money, investing, and digital assets. You will learn what crypto is, why it matters, and how it's evolving without getting lost in technical jargon.

The Whodunit? Mystery Book Club

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

We will discuss [*Her Name is Knight*](#) by Yasmin Angoe.

Kanzashi Fabric Workshop (Adults and Teen Craft)

Wednesday, September 3, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Teen Room

Learn how to create unique Kanzashi fabric flowers. All materials will be provided. No registration required, seating is limited.

ESL Conversation Club

Thursdays, September 4, 11, 18, & 25, 1:30 – 3 p.m., Orchard Room

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

Teen Dungeons and Dragons Social Club

Thursdays, September 4, 11, 18, & 25, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m., Conference Room

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

Latinx Rock from the 1950s-80s

Thursday, September 4, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

Rock historian and author Richie Unterberger presents "La Bamba: Latinx in Vintage Rock, Pop, and Soul," a dynamic program featuring and discussing film clips of Latinx performers from the 1950s through the 1980s.

Monday Morning Meditation and Mindfulness

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

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

Poetry Open Mic

Monday, September 8, 7 – 8 p.m., Pod D

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

Watercolor Workshop for Adults

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

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

ESL Class Placement Test

Monday, September 15 – Wednesday, October 15, Conference Room

Santa Clara County Library District residents 18+ years are eligible to register for this ESL class led by a professional ESL instructor. This class session is for beginner and intermediate ESL students. Classes are Tuesdays and Thursdays 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. from October 2 – December 11. You must be able to attend the entire class session. Space is limited. [Registration](#) for a placement test is required.

National Voter Registration Day

Tuesday, September 16, 12 – 1 p.m., Lobby

Our volunteer-staffed table can help voters register to vote or re-register to vote.

Book Bugs Club (Grades 2-3)

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

We will discuss [On the Dog](#) by J.C. Greenburg then make a craft. Please pick up a copy of the book at the Children's Desk at Los Altos or Woodland Library.

Page Turners Book Club (Grades 4-5)

Wednesday, September 17, 4 – 5 p.m., Conference Room

We will discuss [El Deafo](#) by Cece Bell. Please pick up a copy of the book at the Children's Desk at Los Altos or Woodland Library.

To Be Read Book Club (Grades 6-8)

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

We will discuss [When You Reach Me](#) by Rebecca Stead. Please pick up a copy of the book at the Children's Desk at Los Altos or Woodland Library.

Los Altos Book Discussion for Adults

Tuesday, September 23, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard Room

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

Story Explorers Book Club (TK-Grade 1)

Wednesday, September 24, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

Our first session of the school year will kick off with an Elephant & Piggie party! Together we'll read [We Are in a Book!](#) by Mo Willems, enjoy Gerald and Piggie-inspired activities, and make crafts celebrating friendship and fun!

Now Read This Book Club

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

We will be discussing [*The Anxious Generation: How the Great Rewiring of Childhood is Causing an Epidemic of Mental Illness*](#) by Jonathan Haidt.

MILPITAS -- 160 N. Main Street**Baby Bouncers Lapsit**

Tuesdays, September 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 11:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Activity Room

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

Homework Help for Grades K-6

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

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

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

Wednesday, September 3, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., Auditorium

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

Book Discussion Group for Adults

Wednesday, September 3, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Program Room

We will discuss [*The Feather Thief: Beauty, Obsession, and the Natural History Heist of the Century*](#) by Kirk W. Johnson.

ESL Conversation Club

Wednesdays, September 3, 10, 17, & 24, 2:45 – 3:45 p.m., Program Room

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

Science is for Me (Grades K-2)

Wednesdays, September 3, 10, 17, & 24, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Children's Activity Room

Kids will participate in hands-on science experiments alongside parents and caregivers. Each meeting is a different experiment. Please register for each session.

Preschool Storytime: 3s & 4s Budding Bookworms

Thursdays, September 4, 11, 18, & 25, 6:30 – 7 p.m., Activity Room

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

Qi Gong Meditation & Exercise Classes

Fridays, September 5, 19, & 26, 1 – 3 p.m., Auditorium

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

Knit & Crochet Circle

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

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

Music & Movement (ages 3-8)

Friday, September 5, 3:30 – 4:15 p.m., Activity Room

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

Board Game Day

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

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

Mend with Friends

Saturday, September 6, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Conference Room

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

Family Storytime

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

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

Teen Rubik's Cube Club

Saturday, September 6, 4 – 5 p.m., Conference Room

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

LEGO Club for Grades K-8

Monday, September 8, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Activity Room

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

Science Fiction and Fantasy Book Club

Monday, September 8, 7 – 8 p.m., Auditorium

Sign up and pick up a copy of [*Light Chaser*](#) by Peter F. Hamilton.

Little Learners STEAM (Ages 3-5)

Tuesday, September 9, 3:30 – 4:15 p.m., Activity Room

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

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

Tuesdays, September 9, 16, 23, & 30, 6:30 – 7 p.m., Activity Room

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

Dungeons and Dragons Mini Campaign (ages 13+)

Saturdays, September 13 & 27, 2 – 4 p.m., Conference Room

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

Adult and Teen Crafternoon

Saturday, September 20, 3 – 4:30 p.m., Program Room

Crafters ages 13+ will create geode paintings using marker ink, water and salt. All supplies are provided, no registration necessary.

The Peaceful Poets

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

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

Reading Buddies for Grades K-5

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

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

Foundations of Resilient Health

Saturday, September 27, 3 – 4 p.m., Program Room

We will discuss the truth about toxins and how to support your body's natural detox pathways.

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

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

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

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

Evening Itty Bitty Jamboree

Tuesdays, September 2 & 16, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

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

After Dinner Book Club

Wednesday, September 3, 7 – 8 p.m., Program Room

In celebration of National Hispanic Heritage Month, we will discuss [*Las Madres*](#) by Esmeralda Santiago.

Fiber Arts Club

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

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

Tiny Tot Jamboree

Fridays, September 5, 12, 19, & 26, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Children's Activity Room

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

Itty Bitty Jamboree

Fridays, September 5, 12, 19, & 26, 12 – 12:30 p.m., Children's Activity Room

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

Kids Keva Club (Ages 5+)

Friday, September 5, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Children's Activity Room

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

Bilingual Family Storytime for All Ages

Saturdays, September 6, 13, 20, & 27, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m., Children's Activity Room

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

ESL Conversation Club

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

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

Zumba

Mondays, September 8 & 22, 6 – 7 p.m., Program Room

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

Kids LEGO Club

Wednesdays, September 10 & 24, 1 – 2:30 p.m., Children's Activity Room

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

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

Fridays, September 12, 19, & 26, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Community Room

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

Library Ukulele Society

Tuesday, September 16, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m., Program Room

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

Movie Night

Wednesday, September 17, 6 – 8:45 p.m., Program Room

Enjoy a screening of West Side Story (Rated PG).

Latinx Rock from the 1950s-80s

Saturday, September 20, 2 – 3:30 p.m.

Rock historian and author Richie Unterberger presents "La Bamba: Latinx in Vintage Rock, Pop, and Soul," a dynamic program featuring and discussing film clips of Latinx performers from the 1950s through the 1980s.

Start Smart: Driving Smart to Stay Safe for Teens

Wednesday, September 24, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m., Program Room

This program is aimed at helping newly licensed- or soon to be licensed- teenage drivers (15-19) become more aware of the responsibilities that accompany the privilege of being a licensed California driver.

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

Friday, September 26, 4 – 5 p.m., Children's Activity Room

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

Pawsitive Learning: Feline Education

Saturday, September 27, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Program Room

This program is perfect for all ages and focuses on teaching responsible pet ownership, animal safety, and fostering compassion for cats and other animals.

SARATOGA -- 13650 Saratoga Avenue**Family Storytime**

Tuesdays, September 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Maple Room

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

Join us for stories, rhymes, and songs.

Band Jam: Guitar and Ukulele

Tuesdays, September 2, 9, & 16, 11:15 a.m. – 12 p.m., Community Room

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

Sci-Fi & Fantasy Book Club

Tuesdays, September 2, 7 – 8 p.m., Maple Room

We will discuss [*Childhood's End*](#) by Arthur C. Clarke. Register and pick up a copy of the book at the adult reference desk.

Knit & Crochet Circle

Wednesday, September 3, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Maple Room

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

Drop-in Tech Help

Thursdays, September 4, 11, 18, & 25, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Oak Room

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

Spanish Storytime

Thursdays, September 4 & 25, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Orchard Room

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

Baby Storytime (12 months or younger)

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

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

Mystery Book Club

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

We will discuss [*Pony Confidential*](#) by Christina Lynch. Drop by the Adult Reference Desk to sign up and pick up a copy of the book.

Fruit Tree Care

Saturday, September 13, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Outside orchard; Meet in front of the library

In this class you will learn about pruning, soil care and sowing of winter cover crops to aid in soil tilth, fertility and structure and how to assess vitality of trees nearing dormancy.

Retro Roadshow: Mario Through the Ages

Saturday, September 13, 2 – 5 p.m.

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

Board Game Night for Adults

Monday, September 15, 6 – 8 p.m., Maple Room

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

Travel Program: Italy's Lakes and Mountains

Tuesday, September 16, 7:15 – 8:30 p.m., Community Room

Enjoy Lakes Garda, Iseo, Ledro and Como, and some very scenic walks along the rocky cliffs bordering those lakes.

LEGOs

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

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

Teatime Book Chatter

Thursday, September 18, 1 – 2 p.m.

In honor of National Hispanic Heritage Month, we will be discussing [*The House on Mango Street*](#) by Sandra Cisneros. Stop by the Adult Reference Desk to register and pick up a copy of the book.

Spanish Storytime

Thursday, September 25, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Orchard Room

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

Our Wild Neighbors: Learn About Local Urban Wildlife

Sunday, September 28, 1 – 2 p.m., Community Room

Join the Silicon Valley Wildlife Group to discover the hidden wildlife of Silicon Valley and learn about living alongside local animals.

Dungeons & Dragons Paint Party

Sunday, September 28, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m., Community Room

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

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

Tuesday, September 30, 7 – 7:45 p.m., Maple Room

This talk will cover retirement saving needs, asset allocation strategies, and challenges that people may encounter as they try to build a nest egg. Please register.

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

Thursday, September 4, 12 – 1 p.m., Campbell Conference Room

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

WOODLAND – 1975 Grant Road**Monday Meditation and Mindfulness**

Mondays, September 8, 15, 22, & 29, 7 – 7:30 p.m.

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

Book Discussion for Adults

Tuesday, September 9, 2 – 3:15 p.m.

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

ONLINE EVENTS (Please register online)**Virtual Author Talk: Hannah Nicole Maehrer**

Wednesday, September 3, 4 – 5 p.m.

Join us for a conversation with New York Times bestselling author [Hannah Nicole Maehrer](#), about her highly anticipated new book, [Accomplice to a Villain](#).

Online English Conversation Club

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

Meet new friends and practice English together.

Virtual Author Talk: Jefferson Fisher

Wednesday, September 10, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Communication expert [Jefferson Fisher](#) will share insights from his book [The Next Conversation: Argue Less, Talk More](#), designed to help you communicate with clarity, confidence, and connection.

Virtual Author Talk: Gabe Henry

Wednesday, September 17, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Join author [Gabe Henry](#) on a witty dive into the wild history of the English language in the book [Enough is Enuf](#). Henry tracks efforts across the centuries by reformers and rule-breakers who sought to simplify our language.

Los Altos and Woodland Libraries

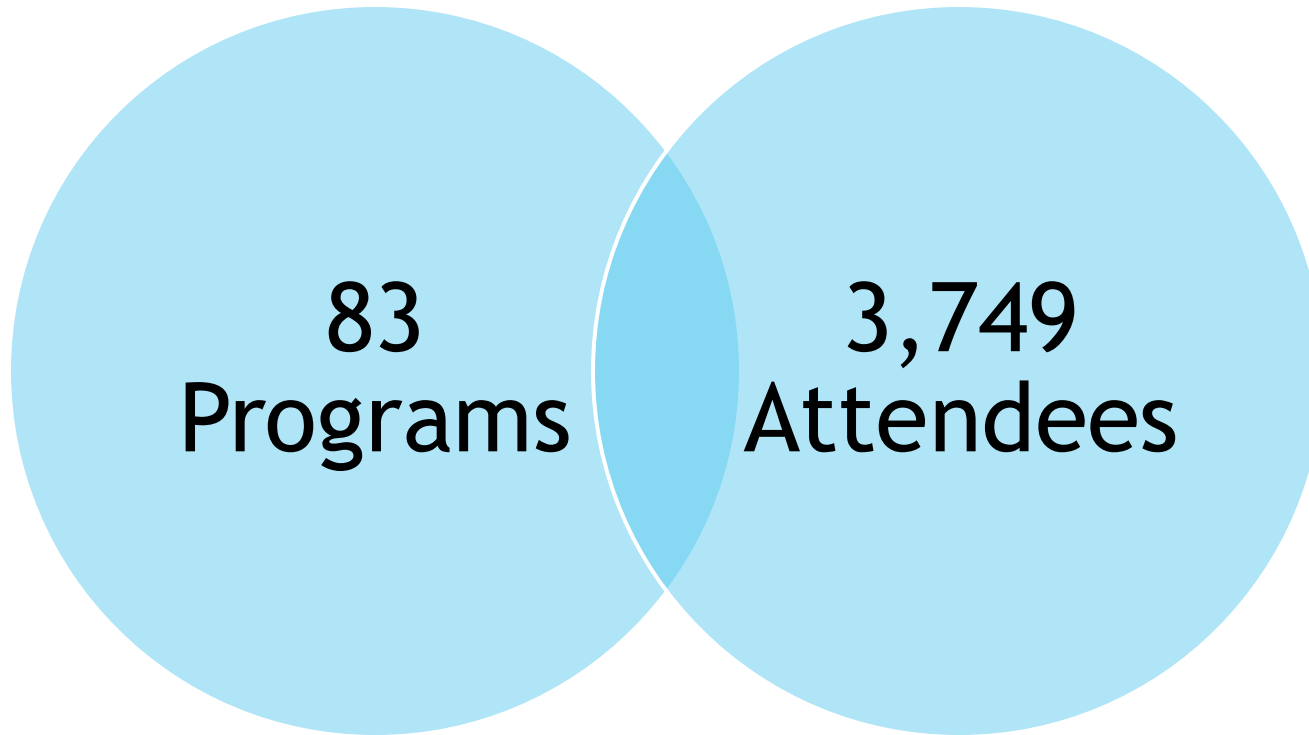


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Woodland Open Access Expanded Hours

- ▶ Sunday - Thursday 8 am -11 am
- ▶ Starting September 21, 2025

July 2025



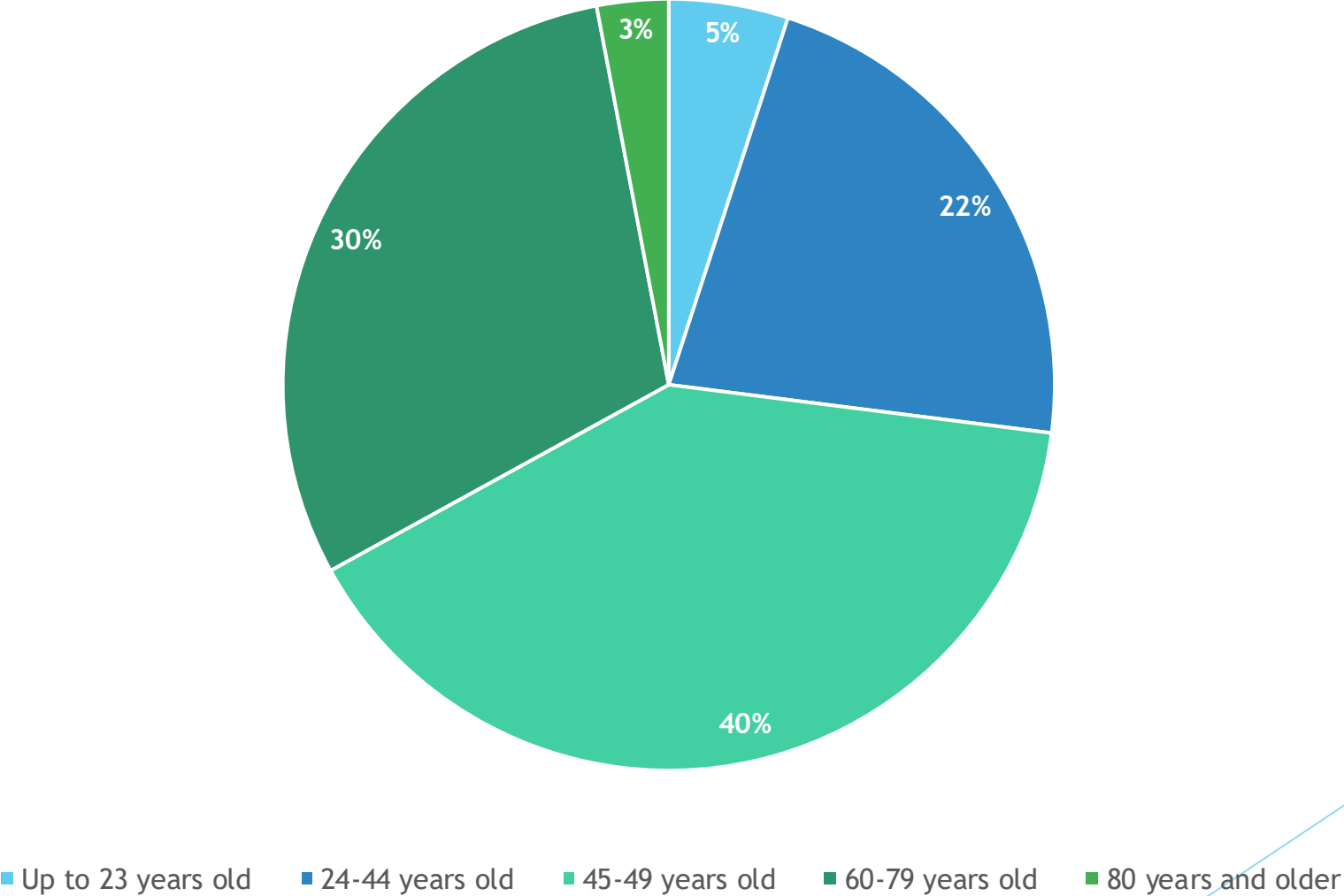
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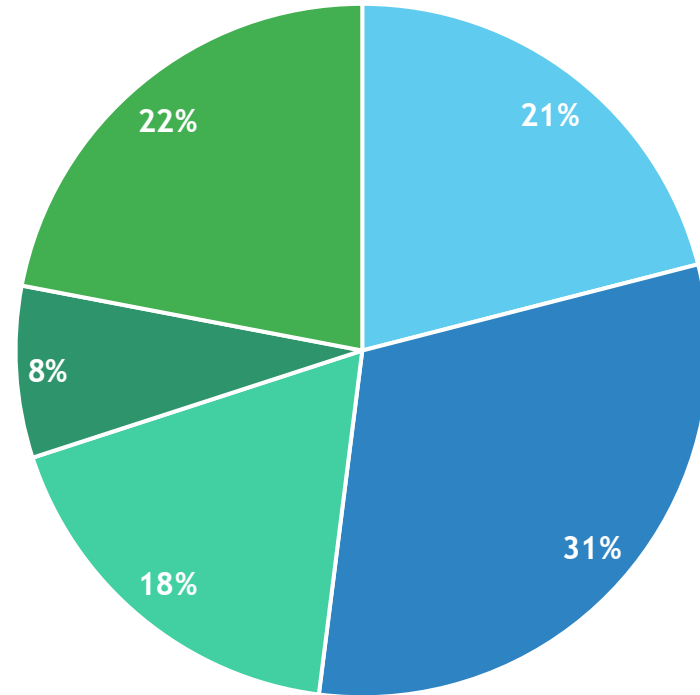
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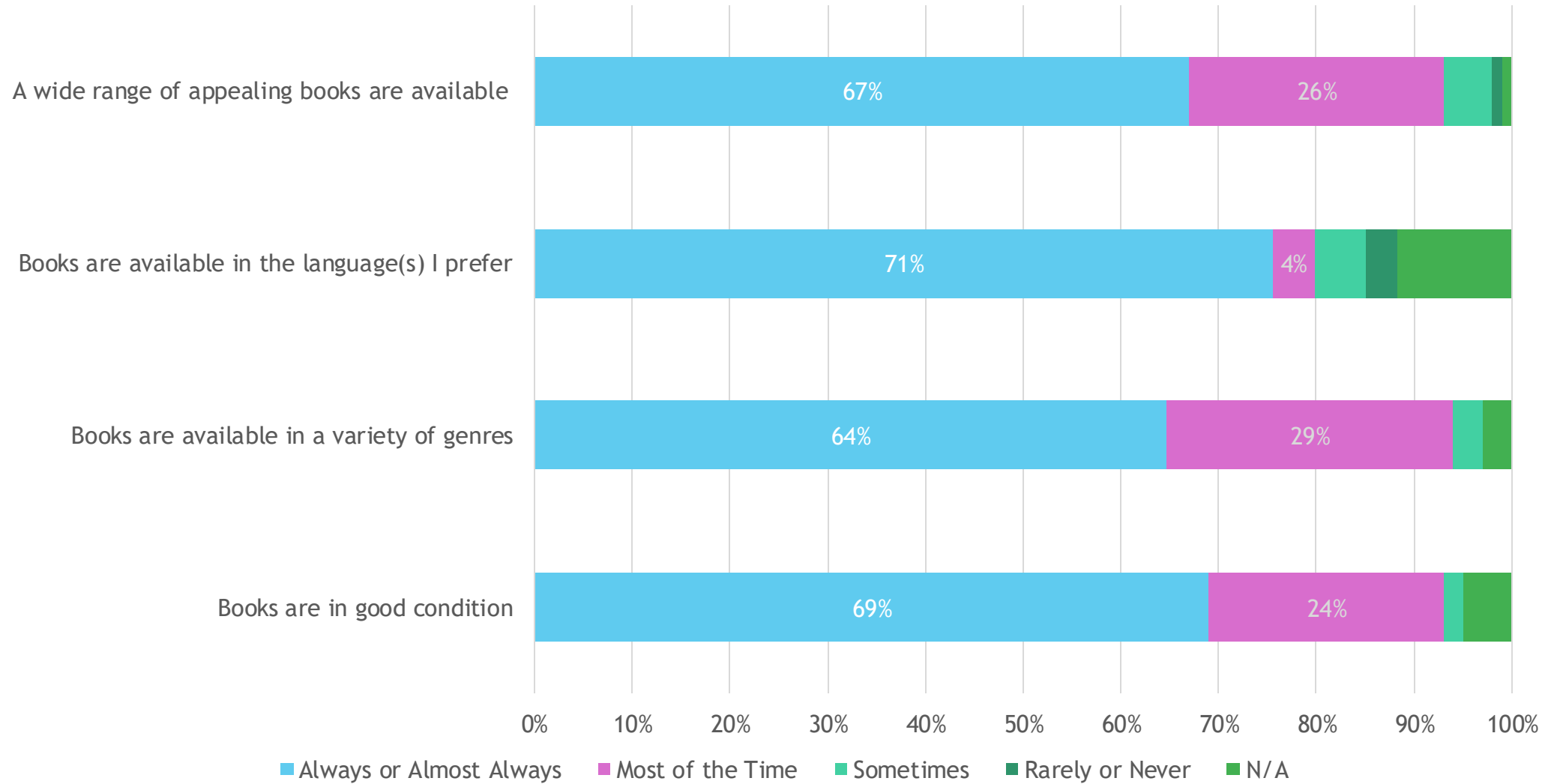


Online Library Use (eBooks, audiobooks, movies and music that you stream or download)



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

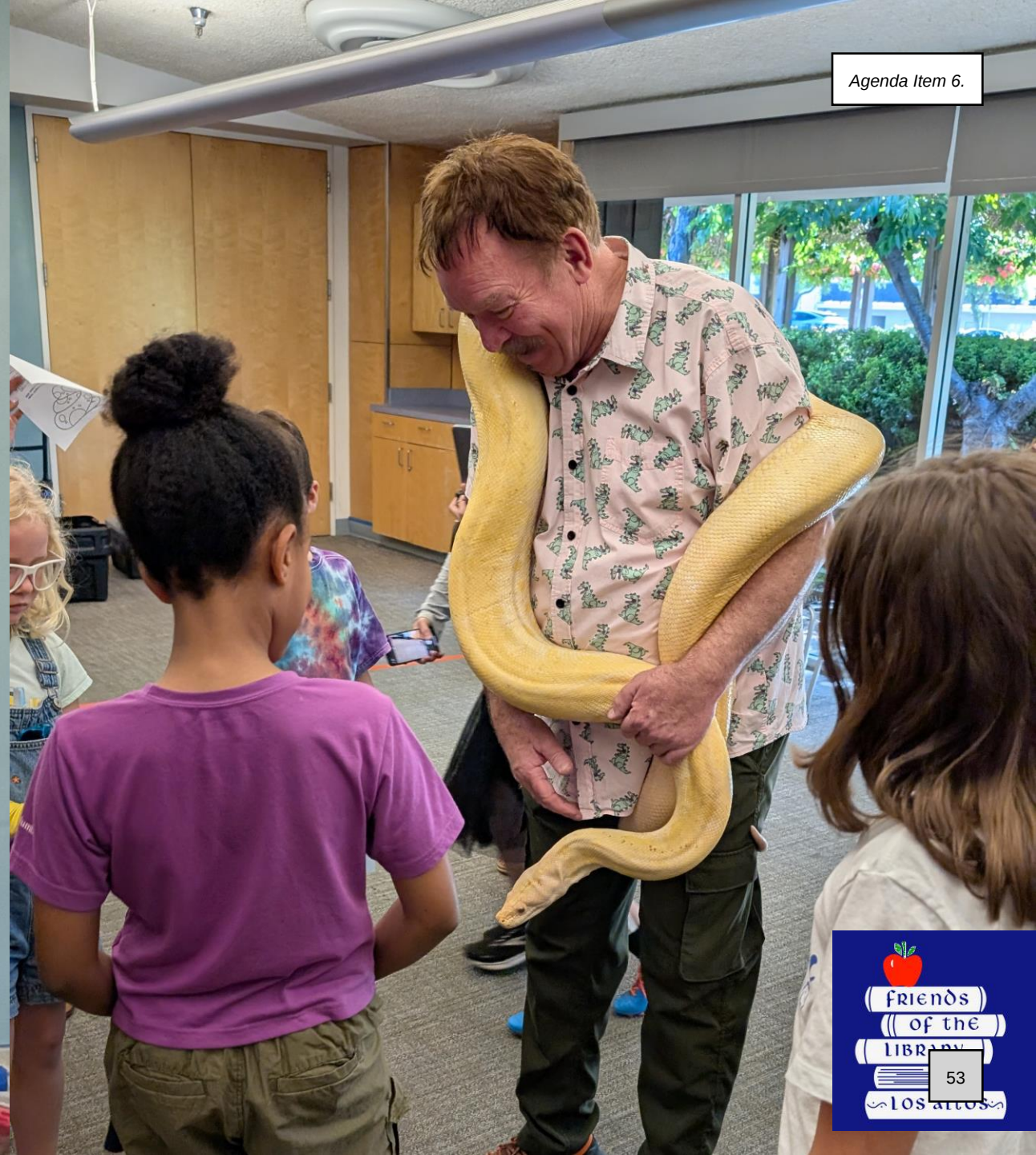
The Patron Experience











ADULT & TEEN PROGRAMS

- September 3 at 6:30 pm - Kanzashi Fabric Workshop
- September 4 at 1:30 pm - ESL Conversation Club
- September 9 at 2:00 pm - Woodland Adult Book Discussion
- September 16 at 12:00 pm - National Voter Registration Day

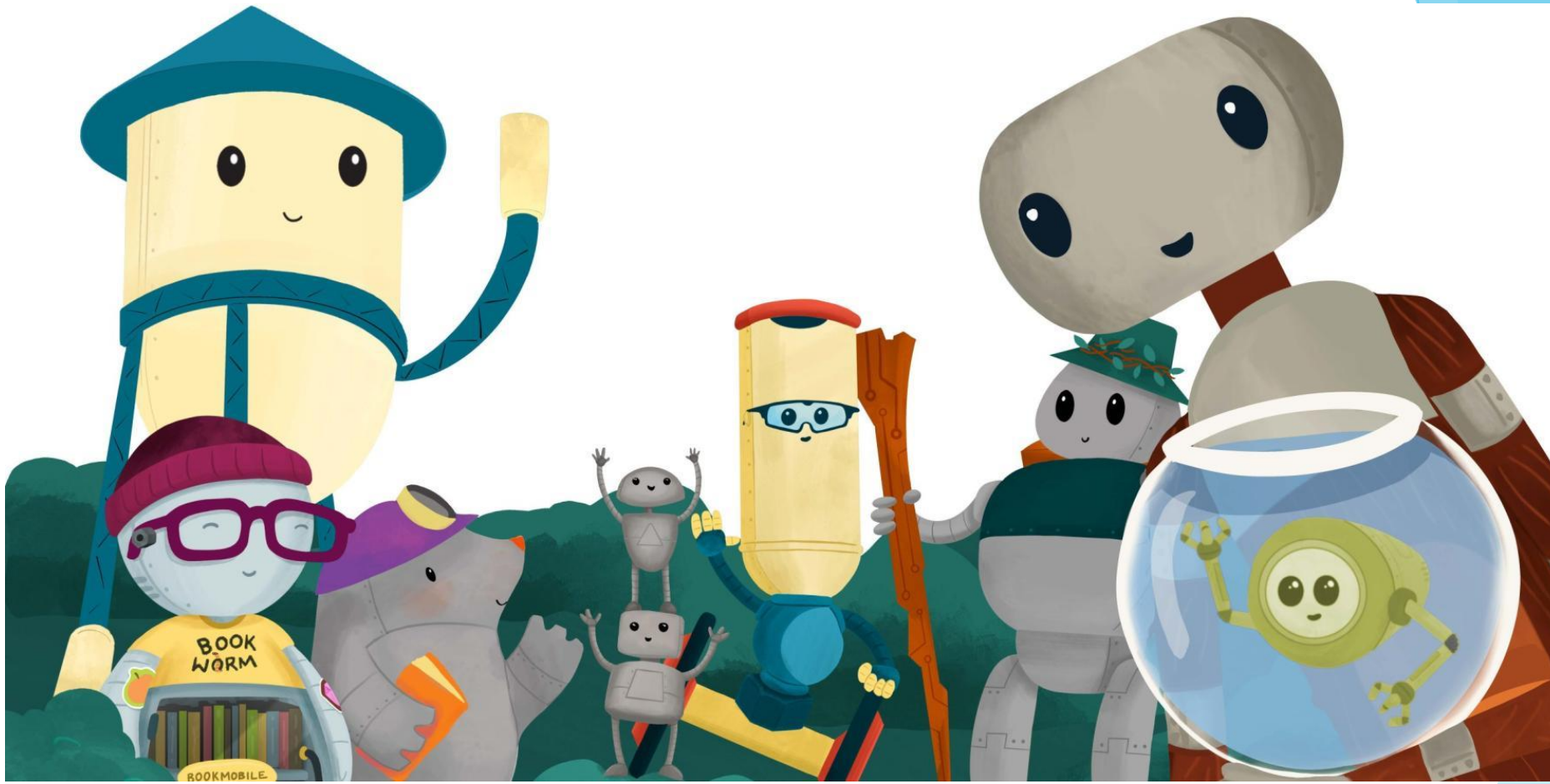


<https://scclld.org/events>

Children's Programs

- ▶ **Book Bugs Club - September 16 at 4:00 pm**
- ▶ **Page Turners Book Club - September 17 at 4:00 pm**
- ▶ **To Be Read Book Club - September 23 at 4:00 pm**
- ▶ **TK-1st Book Club—September 24 at 4:00 pm**





Los Altos Library Orchard Outing: Just outside of the Los Altos Library, you'll discover the historic apricot orchards. Through Storybook SCCLD, families will be able to enjoy an Orchard Outing INSIDE the children's room! Take an imaginary drive in the farm truck. Babies can explore the Apri-Tot area and the SpriteBots are full of fun and games to introduce little ones to letters, numbers, rhyming words, and much more!



Finding Marian Abel

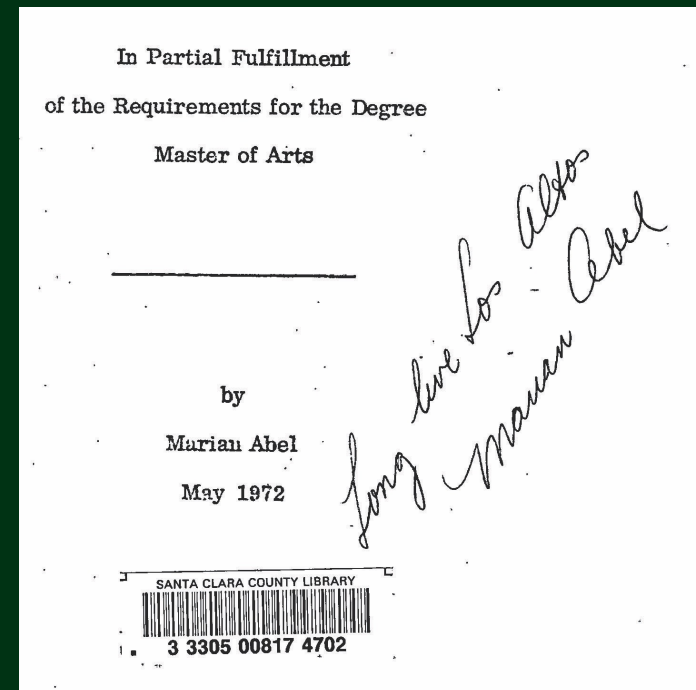
Pierre Bedard / Gustav Hehrne

5 September 2025



Long live Los Altos, Marian Abel

- Completed for her MA in 1972 at San Jose State University (then College)
- Only two hard copies of her history exist (that we know about)
- All we have is her autograph on one of the copies



History of the Los Altos Library (1914-2024)

- Documents the library's first fifty years
- Girl scouts, the library commission, and the Friends of the Library join up to save the day
- Records were scarce, searches were hands-on



Fig. 7—Head librarian Carol Tefft cuts the ribbon at the new library's doors as County Supervisor Martin Spangler (at left) and Mayor James P. Thurber, Jr., (right) watch. Reproduction of a newspaper picture taken on opening day, Sunday, May 3, 1964.

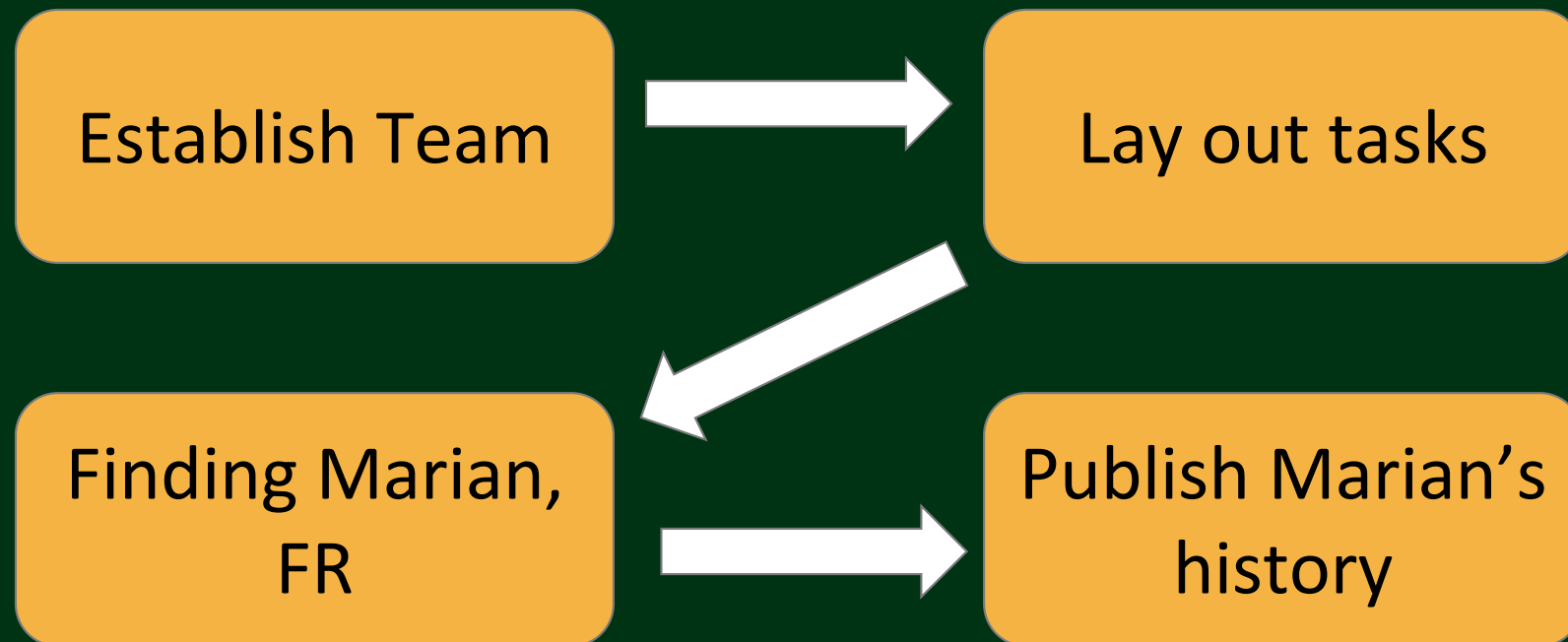


Things you might not know w/o Marian

- County Library founded in 1912
- Los Altos library founded July 25, 1914
- Moved to old Southern Pacific powerhouse in 1936
- Evicted from old SP powerhouse in 1957
- Community bands together - bond issued in 1962
- New library opens May 3, 1964



Finding Marian



Team

Pierre Bedard

Los Altos Library Commission

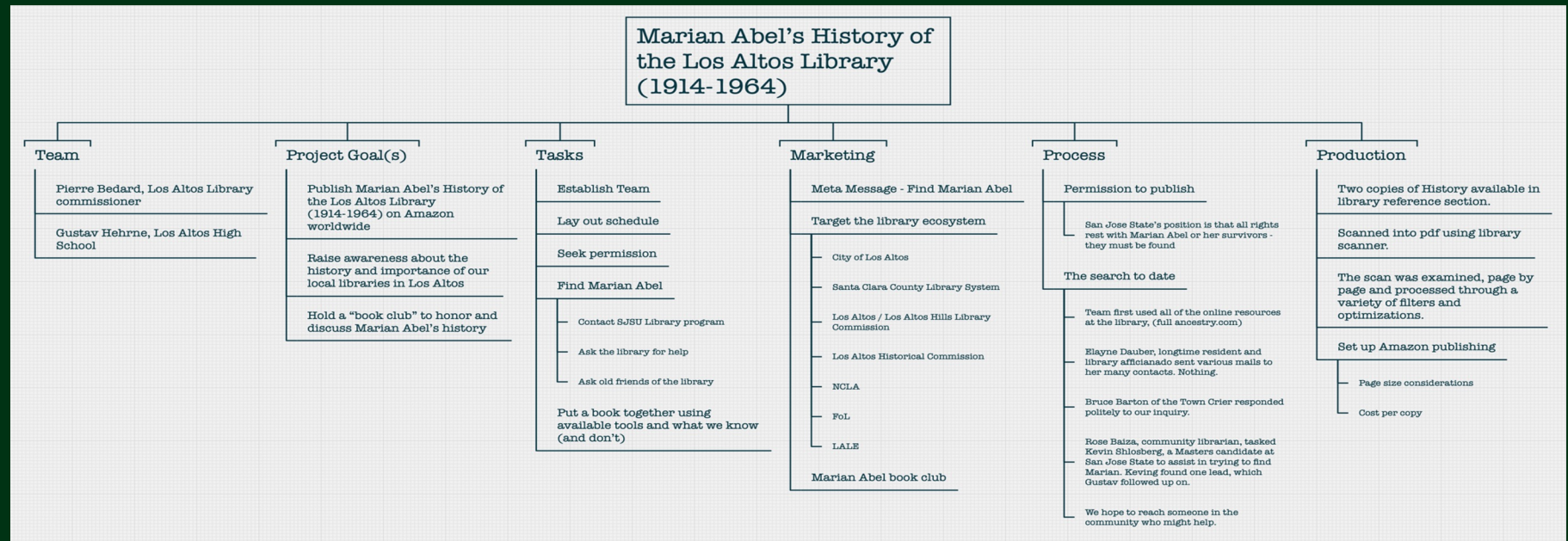


Gustav Hehrne

Los Altos High School



We Planned Our Search

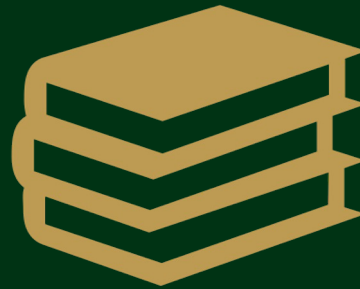


Project Goals

Increase Library
Awareness



Publish Marian's
History



Hold Marian Abel
Book Club



Who we've asked

- San Jose State University administration
 - Told to find Marian or heirs
- Public, but exhaustive library resources like ancestry.com
 - Nothing found
- Elayne Dauber, who asked her many connections
 - No knowledge in her network (surprisingly)
- Kevin Shlosberg, SJSU Masters candidate / intern
 - Assigned by Community Librarian for deeper search. Nothing found.



Marketing – Get the Message Out

- Target library ecosystem
- Present at group meetings
 - NCLA
 - Library Commission
 - Friends of the Library
 - LALE
 - Historical Commission
- Local news (Town Crier, Daily News)
- Hold a book club

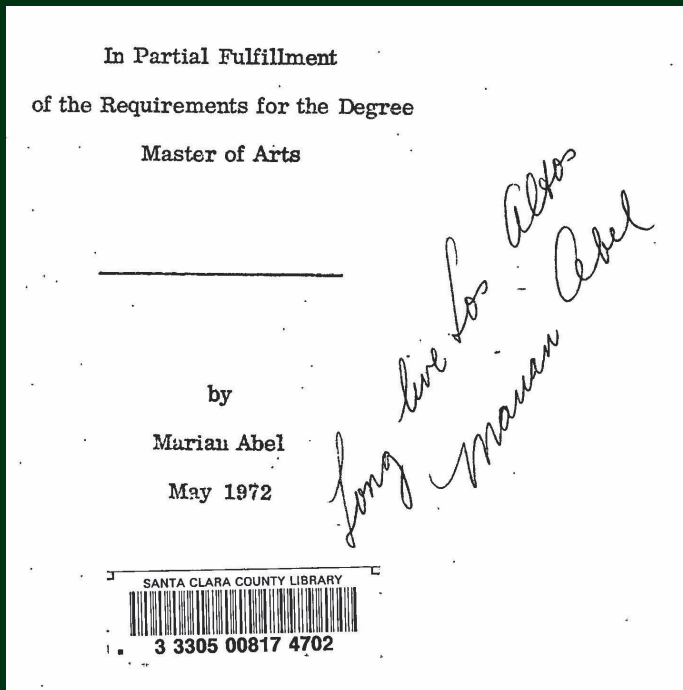


Book Production

- Used both copies of book in library to optimize scans
- Used public, library-provided scanner and Adobe Acrobat to generate pdf
- Looking to publish on Amazon
— IF WE CAN FIND MARIAN



What we've learned



- Must find Marian or her heirs to publish her work
- Basics of book production
- Search harder – better publicize our search



Project Summary

- Find Marian Abel or her heirs and get the rights
- Publicize her good work
- Bring awareness to the upcoming library improvements



Thank You

. Questions?

