



LIBRARY COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING MEETING AGENDA

January 8, 2026 - 6:30 PM
Los Altos Community Center - Sequoia Room
97 Hillview Avenue
Los Altos, CA 94022

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AGENDA

ESTABLISH QUORUM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Members of the audience may bring to the Commission's attention any item that is not on the agenda. Please complete a "Request to Speak" form and submit it to the Staff Liaison. Speakers are generally given two or three minutes, at the discretion of the Chair. Please be advised that, by law, the Commission is unable to discuss or take action on issues presented during the Public Comment Period. According to State Law (also known as "the Brown Act") items must first be noticed on the agenda before any discussion or action.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. **Approve minutes of the regular meeting of October 2, 2025**

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION

2. **Review and Approve 2026 Library Commission Workplan**
3. **Create Ad-Hoc Subcommittee for Library Closure Preparations if necessary**
4. **Create Ad-Hoc Subcommittee for Library Commission Event if necessary**

5. Review Santa Clara County Library Internet Policy Draft

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

STAFF REPORTS

- 6. Commission Update**
- 7. Receive Main Library Improvements Project Update**
- 8. Receive report from Santa Clara County Library District**
- 9. Receive report from Main Library Staff**

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

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LIBRARY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

6:30 PM – Thursday, October 2, 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 Valadez

Absent: Commissioner Bhardwaj (arrived late at 6:52 pm)

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 September 4, 2025

Public Comment: None

Action: Commissioner Fawcett moved that the Commission accept the minutes of the regular meeting of September 4, 2025 as written. Vice Chair Morris seconded the motion.

Approve: Bedard, Morris, Fawcett

Oppose:

Abstain: Valadez

Absent: Bhardwaj

Motion passed: 3-0-1-1

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION

2. **Commission Reorganization:** Reorganize to select a Chair and Vice Chair to serve through September 2026

Public Comment: None

Action: Chair Bedard nominated Vice Chair Morris to Chair to serve through September 2026.

Commissioner Fawcett seconded the motion.

Approve: Bedard, Morris, Fawcett, Valadez

Oppose:

Abstain:

Absent: Bhardwaj

Motion passed: 4-0-0-1

Action: Commissioner Bedard nominated Commissioner Fawcett to Vice Chair to serve through September 2026. Chair Morris seconded the motion.

Approve: Bedard, Morris, Fawcett, Valadez

Oppose:

Abstain:

Absent: Bhardwaj

Motion passed: 4-0-0-1

Commissioner Bhardwaj arrived at 6:52 pm.

3. Review and Approve 2026 Library Commission Work Plan

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS ONLY

STAFF REPORTS

4. Receive report from Santa Clara County Library District

5. Receive report from Main Library Staff

Public Comment: Freddie Wheeler

6. Receive report on Main Library Children's Area Improvements

Public Comment: Freddie Wheeler

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Public Comment: Freddie Wheeler

REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Morris adjourned the meeting at 8:08 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.
Improve services	Research new services, programs, and events for library*	Spring 2026	Powers and Duties	In Progress		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	Summer 2026		In Progress		Begin planning an event to celebrate the opening of the new Children's Area or event to celebrate impending new 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
Updated 1/5/26

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		

SANTA CLARA COUNTY LIBRARY POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL

SUBJECT: TECHNOLOGY & INTERNET POLICY

PURPOSE STATEMENT

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

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

Public Computers (PCs) & Internet Access

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

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

Online Forums

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

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

Form:

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Reference:

Policy Author:
Deputy County
Librarian

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

Wireless Access (Wi-Fi)

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

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

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

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

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Library Commission Updates

January 8, 2026





Library Commission

- A. Serve as the principal liaison between the City Council of Los Altos and Los Altos Hills and the Santa Clara County Library District, and the various community entities that help to fund the library branches, including, but not limited to, the North County Library Authority, the Los Altos Library Endowment and the Friends of the Los Altos Library;
- B. Review the Los Altos Library programs, services and facilities, and make recommendations to the Council, the City Manager and/or County and Community Librarians as appropriate, for additions or modifications thereof;
- C. Conduct community outreach regarding the library facilities, programs and services, and report back to the Council and/or the County and Community Librarians as appropriate;



Library Commission

- D. Perform such other tasks as may be expressly requested of it by the City Council;
- E. Serve as a forum for community input and engagement;
- F. Submit an annual report to the Council; and
- G. Perform other tasks and duties as assigned by the Council.



Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Commission appoints Chair and Vice Chair annually at the first meeting in October.

No member of a Commission may serve consecutive terms as the chair so they must change annually



Attendance and Participation

Majority of members required in person for meeting to take place

Commissioners must attend 75% of regularly scheduled meetings

Commissioner must let liaison know at least one week in advance of meeting that they will attend remotely

- Commissioners may attend no more than 20% of meetings remotely



Reporting

Commissions provide a workplan for approval to Council in 1st Quarter of each calendar year

Commissions provide an annual plan to Council at joint meeting



Work Plan

2026 Los Altos Commission Work Plan

Goal	Projects	Anticipated Completion	Priority Source	Status	Assignment	Notes
Overarching goal for Commission	Name of Project	When project is planned for review	Where this project comes from	What is the current status	Who has been assigned	Further information that will be useful to know



Work Calendar

2026 Los Altos Commission Calendar					
January	February	March	April	May	June
Insert items from work plan					
July	August	September	October	November	December
No meetings					No meetings



Ad Hoc Subcommittees

Must be Ad Hoc, cannot be standing

A Commission may appoint Ad Hoc subcommittees, consisting of less than a majority of the body, to work on specific tasks. Ad Hoc subcommittees should be focused on one specific topic and shall not last more than one year.

Ad Hoc Subcommittees must comply with all aspects of the Brown Act, but do not require meetings to be posted or staff support.



Ad Hoc Subcommittees

Must have specific topic and timeframe

Cannot be an area of continuing jurisdiction

Cannot be established in multiple years

Must report findings out to full Commission

Commissioners can only serve on one subcommittee at a time



Ad Hoc Subcommittees

The motion of establishment must include that the Ad Hoc Subcommittee:

1. Is comprised solely of members of the Commission establishing the Ad Hoc Subcommittee,
2. Consists of less than a quorum of the Commission,
3. Includes a defined purpose and the timeframe to accomplish that purpose and is less than one year in duration,
4. Will automatically terminate when a final report is given to the Commission, or when the timeframe established by the Commission is met, unless extended by the Commission at a public meeting,
5. Will not be re-established or renewed in multiple years, and
6. Is advisory in nature and is not established to work on an item where continuing jurisdiction exists



Current Ad Hoc Subcommittees

None



Working Pairs

Unlike Ad Hoc Subcommittees which require a formal approval and are limited in time duration and scope, the Commission may assign Commissioners into working groups to provide research, information, fact gathering, prioritizing, or other activities related to the Commissions work plan.

Working groups may consist of 1 or 2 Commissioners who are able to meet to discuss topics of interest to the Commission, prior to reporting back at an open meeting to the full Commission.

The Commission may take action on the report or simply receive it.



Working Pairs

Working groups are designed to allow Commissions to work in a more flexible manner, to respond to requests, initiatives, or direction from Council, or to move work plans forward.

There is no limit to the amount of working pairs a Commissioner can participate in at one time.

What's the difference?

Ad-Hoc Subcommittee

- Formal
- Focused on project
- Workplan development
- Example: Main Library Improvements

Working Pairs

- Informal
- Component of plan or project
- Example: Flyer for New Library Feature



Commissioner Liaisons

Commissions may assign individual Commissioners to act as a liaison to other boards, commissions, or agencies, without establishing an Ad Hoc Subcommittee.

The full Commission should be updated in public

The positions supported by the liaison are to be in alignment with the positions that the Commission or the City Council have taken if they have considered the topic



Commissioner Liaisons

Can appoint official commission liaisons to any external organizations

Current liaison assignments:

- Friends of Los Altos Library – Pierre Bedard
- Los Altos Library Endowment – Christine Fawcett
- North County Library Authority – Julie Crane



Council Liaisons

Council liaison will meet with Commission Chair and staff liaison once per year at a minimum as well as at joint meeting

Council liaisons shall not direct, guide or unduly influence the policy making work of the City's advisory bodies



Conflict of Interest

Perceived Conflict of Interest

Incompatible Activities



Perceived Conflict of Interest

A perceived conflict of interest for a Commissioner may arise from personal relationships, financial interests, serving on bodies or boards that have shared or overlapping subject matter jurisdiction as those under the jurisdiction of the Commission, or when it appears that the Commissioner's private interests impact the official duties of the Commissioner, or influence his/her decision-making.



Perceived Conflict of Interest

Commissioners must notify Staff liaison

Commissioner must disclose perceived conflict of interest before participating in discussion

Commissioner will seek out advice from City Attorney or FPPC



Conflict of Interest

Per state law, a public official, including commissioners, may not engage in any activity for compensation that is inconsistent, incompatible, or in conflict with their official duties with the City.



Conflict of Interest

It is ultimately the responsibility of the Commission member to identify whether they may be engaging in incompatible activities or have a perceived conflict of interest.

The City Attorney should be consulted as early as possible on any matters regarding incompatible activities or perceived conflicts of interest.



California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

CEQA requires government agencies to consider the environmental consequences of their actions before approving plans and policies or committing to a course of action on a project.

Most actions by advisory bodies will not qualify as a CEQA project requiring additional steps.

Commission liaisons will check whether projects require CEQA review prior to commission review.

For questions, please contact the Development Services Department Deputy Director.



Questions

If any commissioners have questions, concerns, or are unclear on anything, please contact the staff liaison or Council liaison.

January 2026 Library Report
Jennifer Weeks, County Librarian



Silicon Valley Reads Kicks Off on Jan. 15

Join us on [Thursday, January 15](#) at 7:00 p.m. at De Anza College in Cupertino for the official start to [Silicon Valley Reads](#), with its theme of *Bridges to Belonging*.

Sal Pizarro of the *Mercury News* will lead a panel

discussion featuring the authors of the three featured books about how to navigate the complexities of our modern world with empathy and finding the common ground that exists even in divided times. This event will also be [live streamed](#). A book signing will take place immediately following the program.

Featured Authors:

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

Come early or stay after the event to enjoy the new “*A Sense of Belonging*” exhibit at the Euphrat Museum, located just off the lobby of the VPAC Theater.

Throughout February and March, SCCLD will host dozens of events including author talks, engaging classes and workshops, kid’s crafts, and programs for all ages. The Silicon Valley Reads [official website](#) has countywide event information. SCCLD’s website lists events taking place at [our libraries](#).

FYI- All SCCLD libraries will be closed on Thu., Jan. 1 for New Year’s Day and Mon., Jan. 19, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Find us 24/7 at our [Online Library](#).

Every Story Counts at the Library

SCCLD, along with public libraries all over the state, is taking part from January 25-31 in an effort led by the California State Library to find out how patrons use their local library. This initiative, [Every Story Counts](#), will involve a brief online survey offered in multiple languages asking patrons how they feel about their library, which services and materials they use and what they most need. Please take the survey and help us spread the word.



Patrons will also be encouraged to collaborate with the library by taking pictures or creating short videos in which they talk about how they use the library and which things they and their families most enjoy there. Results will be shared with participating library systems in Spring 2026.



Welcoming the Year of the Horse

Lunar New Year 2026 is on Tue., Feb 17, which will be the year of the [fire horse](#). This marks the beginning of spring in many Asian countries. SCCLD libraries will celebrate this occasion with a [series of events](#) starting in January and continuing through the end of February.

Here are the three main series:

- Chinese Ink Painting: Learn about the timeless art form that celebrates simplicity, harmony, and expressive brushwork. Saratoga Library- [Sun., Jan. 11](#). Morgan Hill Library- [Mon., Jan. 26](#), Gilroy Library- [Sat., Jan. 31](#), Cupertino Library- [Mon., Feb. 2](#), Los Altos Library- [Fri., Feb. 27](#).
- Acupuncture 101: Since being legalized in California 50 ago, acupuncture has been integrated into mainstream healthcare. Hear about its history and uses at the Gilroy Library on [Sat, Feb. 7](#), Cupertino Library on [Sun., Feb. 8](#) and Los Altos Library on [Tue., Feb. 10](#).
- The Year of the Horse: Family Storytime with Oliver Chin. Acclaimed author Chin reads from his latest adventure in the Tales of the Chinese Zodiac series. Sure to delight all ages. At Los Altos Library on [Mon., Feb. 9](#), Milpitas Library on [Wed., Feb. 11](#), Cupertino Library on [Thu., Feb. 12](#), and the Campbell Express Library on [Fri., Feb. 27](#).

Another event of note is the Asian Art Museum's Clay & Culture online virtual tour on [Tue., Jan. 13](#).

Keep an eye out for our website blog, which will have more event details and recommended reads.

Open Access at Morgan Hill Library

SCCLD's popular Open Access service is coming to the Morgan Hill Library starting Tue., Jan. 20. Patrons who sign up for the program at the Information Desk will be able to access the lobby for self-service before the full library opens every day of the week starting at 9 AM. There they will be able to pick up holds, browse a selection of new and bestsellers, use self-check equipment, relax and access the WiFi.



VIRTUAL
Author Talks **January 2026**

- David Brooks
January 13
11AM - 12PM
- Julia Hotz
January 20
11AM - 12PM
- Liz Moore
January 28
4 - 5 PM

January Virtual Author Talks

We're kicking off our 2026 online discussion series on Tue., Jan. 13 with a well-known name, political and cultural commentator [David Brooks](#). He will be speaking about how to better connect with others, the subject of his new book [How to Know a Person](#). [Please register](#).

On Tue., Jan. 20, journalist Julia Hotz will talk about her book [The Connection Cure](#). In it Hotz relies on science reporting, patient success stories and her own journey of self-discovery into the new practice of "social prescribing", finding activities and community resources to address common medical ailments. [Please register](#).

Our third author on Wed., Jan. 28 is novelist Liz Moore, who will share about her latest mystery, [The God of the Woods](#). Named one of NPR's 2024 Books We Love, it tells the story of a teen who disappears at a summer camp where another youth vanished a few years before. [Please register](#).

SANTA CLARA COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT JANUARY 2026 EVENTS

**SCCLD libraries will be closed on Thursday, January 1 for
New Year's Day and Monday, January 19 for
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.**

**Our Online Library is always available at
scclld.org/Online-Library**

Silicon Valley Reads programs are denoted in blue.

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

Family Storytime

Wednesdays, January 7, 14, 21, & 28, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard City Banquet Hall

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

CUPERTINO -- 10800 Torre Avenue

Changemakers Book Club (Grades 1 & 2)

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

We will be reading, *[A to Z Animal Mysteries: The Emerald Egg](#)*, then do a craft. Register in-person at the Children's Desk to pick up a copy of the book.

Knit-Alongs at Cupertino Library

Fridays, January 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 2:30 – 4 p.m., Room 201A

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

Baby Sign and Sing

Sunday, January 4, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Room 101

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

ESL Conversation Club

Tuesdays, January 6, 13, 27, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Room 201

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

Toddler Storytime (ages 1-2)

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

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

Poponta Japanese Storytime

Wednesday, January 7, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Room 101

This Japanese storytime includes traditional kamishibai (paper theater), puppets & books.

Chamber Music by the Bay

Wednesday, January 7, 4 – 5 p.m., Room 101

Enjoy a string trio performance. Following that, children are invited to stay for the Instrument Petting Zoo and try their own hand at the violin and viola.

Wednesday Afternoon Meditation and Mindfulness

Wednesdays, January 7, 14, 21, & 28, 4:30 – 5 p.m., Room 201A

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

Bedtime Storytime

Wednesdays, January 7, 14, 21, & 28, 7 – 7:30 p.m., Program Room

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

Storytime for Babies (ages 0-1)

Thursdays, January 8, 15, 22, & 29, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., First Floor Program Room

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

Reading Buddies (completed Grades K-5)

Thursday, January 8, and Monday, January 12, 7 – 8 p.m., Room 101

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

Create CU: Monoprints (ages 18+)

Friday, January 9, 7 – 8:15 p.m., Room 201B

Learn how to make monoprints by tracing over an image then using watercolors to make your image pop. Register online.

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

Fridays, January 9 & 23, 7–8 p.m., Room 101

Wednesday, January 21, 10:30–11:30 a.m., Room 101

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

Family Storytime

Saturdays, January 10, 17, 24, & 31, 10:30–11 a.m., Program Room

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

Nonfiction Book Discussion

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

We will discuss [Better Living Through Birding](#) by Christian Cooper.

Homework Help for Grades K-6

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4:30–6 p.m., Room 101

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

Children's Literature for Adults Book Club

Tuesday, January 13, 7–8 p.m.

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

Police Read Along

Wednesday, January 14, 10:30–11 a.m., Room 101

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

Book Discussion for Adults

Wed., January 14, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., and Thu., January 15, 7–8:30 p.m., Room 201B

We will discuss [Clear](#) by Carys Davies.

Reading Program Orientation

Wednesday, January 14, 1–2 p.m. and 6–7 p.m., Room 201

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

Silicon Valley Reads 2026 Kickoff Event

Thursday, January 15, 7 – 8 p.m., De Anza College’s VPAC Theater

You are invited to a thought-provoking discussion featuring authors John A. Powell ([*The Power of Bridging*](#)), Keeonna Harris ([*Mainline Mama*](#)) and Annie Hartnett ([*Unlikely Animals*](#)) in a conversation moderated by *San Jose Mercury News* reporter Sal Pizarro.

Art Therapy for Tweens (ages 10+ and caregiver)

Friday, January 16, 4 – 5 p.m., Room 101

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

Stained Glass Painting Workshop

Sunday, January 18, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m., Room 201

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

Lunar New Year at the Theme Parks

Wednesday, January 21, 7 – 8 p.m., Room 201

This program will highlight the unique traditions, performances, and cultural experiences that make each celebration special. Please register.

Tuesday Travel Night

Tuesday, January 27, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Room 201

The rustic, pastoral Dauphine region of southeastern France lies south of Grenoble and offers gorgeous farmland, twisting roads, and limestone cliffs and caves.

Snow Science STEAM Program (ages 6+)

Friday, January 30, 4 – 5 p.m., Room 101

Come learn about where/why it snows and afterward, we will be making paper pattern block snowflakes.

Reading Program Tutor Training

Saturday, January 31, 12:30 – 6 p.m., Community Room 201

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

GILROY -- 350 W. Sixth Street**Winter Break Crafts/Manualidades de invierno**

Friday, January 2, All Day, Pick up at the Children’s Desk

Stop by the children's desk at the Gilroy Library for winter-themed crafts! ¡Pasa por el escritorio de niños en la Biblioteca de Gilroy para manualidades de invierno!

Noon Year's Eve/Celebre el año nuevo

Friday, January 2, 11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m., Community Room

Celebrate 2026 with crafts, a dance party, and balloon drop. Celebre el 2025 con manualidades, bailando y con globos.

Movies at the Library

Friday, January 2, 2 – 4:30 p.m.

Join us for a screening of “[F1](#).”

Movies at the Library

Saturday, January 3, 2 – 4 p.m.

Join us for a screening of “[The Fantastic Four: First Steps](#).”

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

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

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

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

Homework Help/Ayuda con la Tarea

Tuesdays-Thursdays, 4 – 5:30 p.m., 1st Floor Meeting Room/ 1º piso, Salon de juntas

Kids in grades K-6 can come in and receive homework help. ¿Eres un estudiante de 1.º a 6.º grado y necesitas ayuda con la tarea? Tenemos tutores disponibles para ayudarte con tus tareas.

Ukulele Class Session B (Ages 12+)

Tuesdays, January 6, 13, 20, & 27, 4 – 5 p.m., Community Room

Join us for a six-class series for ukulele players with experience. Brush up on your skills, bring your enthusiasm and get ready to make music. Please register if you need a library ukulele. No registration is necessary if you bring your own uke.

Reading Buddies/Compañeros de Lectura (PreK-Grade 6)

Tuesday, January 6, 6 – 7 p.m., 1st Floor, Burrow 1º piso, Madriguera

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

Fund My Business Workshop Series

Wednesdays, January 7, 14, & 21, 6 – 8 p.m., Downstairs Meeting Room

Topics covered include: Financial documents and cash flow projections, credit readiness and loan applications, funding options: microloans, crowdfunding, Kiva, CDFIs, SBA lenders, capital strategies for sustainable growth and building lender relationships.

Books and Boogie Storytime/Hora de Cuentos

Thursdays, January 8, 15, 22, & 29, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Children's Area

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

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

Baby Bounce Storytime (12 months and younger)

Fridays, January 9, 16, 23, & 30, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room

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

LEGO Club

Friday, January 9, 3 – 4:30 p.m., Community Room

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

Neighborhood Naturalists

Saturdays, January 10, 17, & 24, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Children's Area

This educational program will introduce participants to the natural history of Santa Clara County with an emphasis on the local region's geology, native plants, and common wildlife. Please register.

Kids in STEM/Niños en STEM (Grades 2-5)

Saturdays, January 10 & 24, 2 – 3 p.m., 1st Floor, Burrow 1º piso, Madriguera

Our Kids in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) program will explore these subjects and will teach kids about careers in STEM. Nuestro programa "Niños en STEM" (ciencia, tecnología, ingeniería y matemáticas) explorará estas materias y les enseñará a niños sobre las carreras en estos campos.

Death Cafe

Saturday, January 10, 2 – 4 p.m., Quiet Study B

The purpose of Death Café is to increase awareness of death and to help people make the most of their lives. This is NOT a grief support group; this is a discussion group.

Familias Resilientes Sesión (en español) / Resilient Families (in Spanish)

Wednesdays, January 14 – February 25, 6 – 8 p.m., Community Room

¡Ayude a su hijo a sentirse seguro, amado y mejor preparado para comenzar la escuela! La cena gratis se servirá de 5:30pm a 6pm y se proporcionará cuidado de niños gratis. Por favor regístrese para reservar su lugar.

Reading Program Learner Orientation

Wednesday, January 21, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. and 6 – 7 p.m., Reading Program Room

Santa Clara County Library District residents are eligible to register for this in-person Learner Orientation led by a Literacy Specialist. This learner orientation is for interested adults who can understand basic spoken English, can respond to basic questions in English, and read or write at an 8th grade level or below. Please register.

A Busy Person's Guide to Cyber Safety

Thursday, January 22, 1 – 2 p.m., Community Room

Prepare for the upcoming tax season by brushing up on essential cyber safety skills to help keep you safe from scams all year long.

Family Board Games

Friday, January 23, 3 – 4:30 p.m., 1st Floor, Burrow 1º piso, Madriguera

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

Before Your Eyes: An Immersive Music Performance

Saturday, January 24, 2 – 3 p.m., Upstairs Community Room

Before Your Eyes is an immersive, participatory performance that integrates harp, violin, piano, water-based instruments, and creative coding to explore how sound, nature, and technology can unite performers and audiences in real time.

Classical Conversations: Homeschool Kinder to College Credits

Monday, January 26, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Quiet Study B

This program covers a thorough picture of Classical Conversations, learning more about our Foundations, Essentials and Challenge programs; connecting with an experienced CC parent and receive informed answers to your questions, attaining the confidence to take the next step on your family's educational journey. Register to save your spot.

Magic Hour: Sensory-Friendly Library Playtime/Tiempo de Juego Sensorial Amigable

Tuesday, January 27, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Children's Play Area

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

Book Discussion

Tuesday, January 27, 7 – 7:45 p.m., Quiet Study B

We will be discussing [*Iona Iverson's Rules for Commuting*](#) by Clare Pooley.

Growing Vegetables in Containers

Saturday, January 31, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room

Learn which vegetables grow well in containers and about watering, nutrients, soil mix, and container types.

Chinese Ink Painting

Saturday, January 31, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Community Room

Participants will be introduced to the foundational principles of Chinese brush painting and will create their own artwork. No prior painting experience is required. Adults, please register to attend. Space is limited.

LOS ALTOS -- 13 S. San Antonio Road**Teen Bead Making**

Saturday, January 3, 2 – 4 p.m.

Learn to make handmade beads out of clay. All materials will be provided. Reserve your seat, space is limited.

Monday Morning Meditation and Mindfulness

Mondays, January 5, 12, & 26, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Teen Room

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

Poetry Open Mic

Monday, January 5, 7 – 8 p.m., Pod D

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

ESL Class Session

Tuesdays and Thursdays, January 6 – March 10, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Teen Room

This class session is for beginner and intermediate ESL students. Join us to learn and improve your English listening and speaking skills. A placement test is required.

The Whodunit? Mystery Book Club

Wednesday, January 7, 10:15 – 11:30 a.m., Teen Room

We will discuss [*The Word is Murder*](#) by Anthony Horowitz.

ESL Conversation Club

Thursdays, January 8, 15, 22, & 29, 1:30 – 3 p.m.

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

Teen Dungeons and Dragons Social Club

Thursdays, January 8, 15, 22, & 29, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

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

Adult Watercolor Workshop

Friday, January 9, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Join us for a watercolor workshop for adults. Registration is not required. Seating is limited to the first 20 attendees and is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Board Game Sunday

Sunday, January 11, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Orchard Room

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

The Growth of Cosmic Behemoths

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

Get insight into our current theoretical and observational understanding of the densest environments in the early universe and discuss the next-generation observatories poised to significantly advance research in this area.

Sunday CrafterNoon

Sunday, January 18, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Los Altos Community Center's Grand Oak Room

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

Book Bugs Club (Grades 2-3)

Tuesday, January 20, 4 – 5 p.m., Los Altos Community Center's Manzanita Room

We will discuss [*Rescue on Turtle Beach*](#) by Jen Marlin, then make a craft. Please pick up a copy of the book at the Children's Desk at Los Altos or Woodland Library.

Page Turners Book Club

Wednesday, January 21, 4 – 5 p.m., Conference Room

We will discuss [*Magnolia Wu Unfolds It All*](#) by Chanel Miller. Register online and pick up the book at the Children's Reference Desk at either Los Altos or Woodland Library.

Winter Care for Roses

Wednesday, January 21, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Teen Room

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

Now Read This Book Club

Monday, January 26, 12 – 1:30 p.m., Orchard Room

We will be discussing the Silicon Valley Reads selected book, *The Power of Bridging* by John A. Powell.

To Be Read Book Club (Grades 6-8)

Tuesday, January 27, 4 – 5 p.m., Conference Room

We will discuss *Brian's Winter* by Gary Paulsen. Please pick up a copy of the book at the Children's Desk at Los Altos or Woodland Library.

Book Discussion for Adults

Tuesday, January 27, 7 – 8:15 p.m.

Email Laura.Pasternack@lib.sccgov.org to join the monthly email reminders and pick up a copy of the books.

Story Explorers: TK-1st Grade Book Club

Wednesday, January 28, 4 – 5 p.m., Los Altos Community Center's Apricot Room

Enjoy stories and activities featuring characters from "Pete the Kitty/Cat" series by James Dean. We'll do a short discussion of each book, move to music, and end with a fun craft!

MILPITAS -- 160 N. Main Street**Qi Gong Meditation & Exercise Classes**

Fridays, January 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 1 – 3 p.m., Auditorium

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

Knit & Crochet Circle

Fridays, January 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 2 – 4 p.m., Conference Room

Meet other yarn lovers, get help or share ideas. Limited instruction available in English, Hindi, Punjabi and Gujarati, but note this is not a class. Materials not provided.

FAFSA Help: One on One Sessions

Saturdays, January 3 & 17, 2 – 6 p.m., Conference Room

High school and college students and parents can have a 15-minute session with a certified college funding strategist to get your FAFSA questions answered. There will be a sign-up sheet available.

Teen Rubik's Cube Club

Saturday, January 3, 4 – 5 p.m., Conference Room

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

Baby Bouncers Lapsit (12 months and younger)

Tuesdays, January 6, 13, 20, & 27, 11:30 – 11:45 a.m., Activity Room

This is a baby and caregivers' program with an early literacy focus on traditional nursery rhymes, lap bounces, body rhymes, songs, and very short and simple picture books.

Homework Help for Grades K-6

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

Students can get free homework help. No registration is required. Basic school supplies will be provided. Parents are asked to stay nearby. Homework Help will not be offered on January 5.

Bilingual Family Storytime/中英雙語故事時間

Tuesdays, January 6, 13, 20, & 27, 6:30 – 7 p.m., Children's Activity Room

The early literacy focus is on sharing stories and songs in English and Mandarin Chinese. 這是以半小時的雙中英語故事書, 兒歌, 手指謠, 玩遊戲為特色的內容。

ESL Conversation Club

Wednesdays, January 7, 14, 21, & 28, 2:45 – 3:45 p.m., Program Room

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

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

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

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

Toddler Storytime (Ages 1-2)

Thursdays, January 8, 15, 22, & 29, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Activity Room

This storytime features lots of movement, singing, and action. The early literacy focus is on short picture books, with simple flannel board stories, fingerplays, and lots of repetition.

Preschool Storytime (Ages 3-5)

Thursdays, January 8, 15, 22, & 29, 6:30 – 7 p.m., Activity Room

The early literacy focus is on longer picture books and flannel board stories and other storytelling activities and fingerplays. Children's librarians also share kindergarten readiness resources with caregivers.

Board Game Day

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

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

Family Storytime

Saturdays, January 10, 17, 24, & 31, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Activity Room

This 30-minute storytime features lots of movement, singing, and action. The early literacy focus is on picture books, flannel board stories and fingerplays and an early introduction to group dynamics and socialization.

Mend with Friends

Saturday, January 10, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Conference Room

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

Dungeons & Dragons: Winter Mini Campaign (Ages 13+)

Saturdays, January 10 & 24, 2 – 4 p.m., Conference Room

Our DM will guide you through the process from character creation and basic rules. Make your own character and get lost in the world of Dungeons and Dragons. Walk-ins welcome.

Gentle Flow Yoga (ages 13+)

Sundays, January 11, 18, & 25, 10:15 – 11:15 a.m., Auditorium

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

LEGO Club for Grades K-8

Monday, January 12, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Activity Room

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

Science Fiction and Fantasy Book Club

Monday, January 12, 7 – 8 p.m., Auditorium

Sign up and pick up a copy of [*Frankenstein*](#) by Mary Shelley.

Little Learners STEAM (Ages 3-5)

Tuesday, January 13, 3:30 – 4:15 p.m., Auditorium

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

Watercolor Class for Adults

Saturday, January 17, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

You'll learn easy and enjoyable watercolor techniques to create your own unique piece of art. Seating is limited to the first 30 attendees.

Fruit Tree Pruning

Saturday, January 17, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Program Room

Controlling the size and shape of a tree keeps it at a manageable height for harvesting, spraying, and netting.

Adult and Teen Crafternoon (Ages 13+)

Saturday, January 17, 3 – 4:30 p.m., Program Room

We will be using canvas and acrylic paint with a range of options for both beginners and experienced artists. No registration is required; walk-in while supplies last.

Book Discussion Group

Wednesday, January 21, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Program Room

Thursday, January 22, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m., Program Room

We will discuss [*Mouth to Mouth*](#) by Antoine Wilson.

Financial Aid 102: FAFSA Information Night and Application Walkthrough

Thursday, January 22, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

Our expert will guide you step-by-step through the application process, provide tips on maximizing your financial aid, and answer any questions you may have. Register online.

Mindful Meditation (Ages 18+)

Saturday, January 24, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Auditorium

This is a guided meditation session to reduce stress, connect with yourself, improve focus, and bring peace into your daily routine. Registration is not necessary.

How to Draw Fantasy Characters (Ages 11-18)

Saturday, January 24, 3 – 4:30 p.m.

Join author and comic book artist Oliver Chin for a dynamic drawing workshop. You'll learn how to sketch fantastical figures, from spell-slinging sorcerers to mythical beasts.

The South Bay Needlepointers Stitch-In

Monday, January 26, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Conference Room

The South Bay Needlepointers present programs which encourage and inspire members to explore new techniques in needlepoint, learn about design, color, texture and perspective, and provide an opportunity to network with others who share a passion for needlepoint.

Books & Bricks Book Club (Grades 4-6)

Tuesday, January 27, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Activity Room

Join our book and Lego building club for fourth to sixth graders! This month we are reading the Silicon Valley Reads selected book, [*The Front Desk*](#) by Kelly Yang. Register online.

The Peaceful Poets

Thursday, January 29, 5:30 – 8 p.m., Conference Room

The Peaceful Poets are a Milpitas-based group of writers and appreciators of poetry.

Championing Youth Climate Action Film Viewing and Discussion

Saturday, January 31, 1 – 4 p.m., Auditorium

Free film viewing of “YOUTH v GOV,” followed by a community discussion about climate change and its impacts on our community.

MORGAN HILL -- 660 W. Main Avenue**Kids Keva Club (Ages 5+)**

Friday, January 2, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Children’s Activity Room

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

How to Draw Fantasy Characters (Ages 11-18)

Saturday, January 3, 2:30 – 4 p.m.

Join author and comic book artist Oliver Chin for a dynamic drawing workshop. You'll learn how to sketch fantastical figures, from spell-slinging sorcerers to mythical beasts.

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

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

Children ages 0-18 can stop by for snack, while supplies last. No registration required.
¡Pasa por la biblioteca y recoge una merienda gratis después de la escuela! No es necesario registrarse.

Homework Help for Grades K-6

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

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

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

Fridays, January 9 & 23, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Community Room

Our staff-led meetings offer a safe space for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning and ally (LGBTQ+) youth to play games, participate in group activities and discussions and build community.

Dungeons and Dragons for Teens

Saturday, January 10, 2:30 – 5:30 p.m., Program Room

If you want to join our D&D club for teens, **you are committing to playing with us twice a month for the entire Spring 2026 semester.**

Vision Board Craft Night for Adults

Monday, January 12, 6 – 7:45 p.m., Community Room

Join us for a fun, inspiring evening to make a vision board to start out the year! Bring photos to personalize your vision board. All materials and tools provided. No registration required.

Family Fun Night

Tuesday, January 13, 6:30 – 8 p.m., Children’s Activity Room

Families with school-aged children will create art, crafts, or participate in STEM activities. This month we will weave baskets.

Pawsitive Learning: Feline Education

Saturday, January 17, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Community Room

You will learn how to pet, pick up, and safely handle cats, the responsibilities of cat ownership, the importance of compassion and animal safety.

Kids Art Club (Ages 5+)

Wednesday, January 21, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Children’s Activity Room

Join us for an afternoon of creativity with the Kids Art Club. We will make quilt art.

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

Friday, January 23, 4 – 5 p.m., Children’s Activity Room

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

Stained Glass Painting Workshop

Saturday, January 24, 2 – 5 p.m.

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

Chinese Ink Painting

Monday, January 26, 2 – 3:30 p.m.

Participants will be introduced to the foundational principles of Chinese brush painting and will create their own artwork. No prior painting experience is required. Adults, please register to attend.

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

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

Join us for stories, rhymes, and songs.

Board Game Night (Ages 6+)

Saturday, January 3, 2 – 4 p.m.

Drop in and play a variety of board games and card games.

ESL Class Session

Mondays and Wednesdays, January 5 – March 11, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Maple Room

This class session is for beginner and intermediate ESL students. Join us to learn and improve your English listening and speaking skills. A placement test is required.

Homework Help for Grades K-6

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

Students can drop-in for free homework help. No registration is required. Caregivers of children under 10 years old must stay with their child.

Mystery Book Club

Monday, January 5, 7 – 8 p.m.

We will discuss [*The Briar Club*](#) by Kate Quinn. Stop by the Adult Reference Desk to sign up and get a copy of the book.

Band Jam: Guitar and Ukulele

Tuesdays, January 6, 13, & 27, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room

Meet people who are also working on their music journey, learn new chords/strums, and get encouragement to practice towards mastering your instrument. Bring your own guitar or ukulele, all other materials will be provided.

Sci-Fi & Fantasy Book Club

Tuesday, January 6, 7 – 8 p.m., Maple Room

We will discuss [*Aurora*](#) by Kim Stanley Robinson. Register and pick up a copy of the book at the adult reference desk.

Knit & Crochet Circle

Wednesday, January 7, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Maple Room

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

Baby Storytime (12 months or younger)

Wednesdays, January 7, 14, 21, & 28, 11 – 11:15 a.m., Community Room

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

Drop-in Tech Help

Thursdays, January 8, 15, 22, & 29, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Oak Room

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

Watercolor Class for Adults

Thursday, January 8, 1 – 2:30 p.m., Community Room

You'll learn easy and enjoyable watercolor techniques to create your own unique piece of art. Please register.

Furry Reading Buddies (completed Grades K-5)

Fridays, January 9 & 23, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

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

Photography Program: Purrfect Cats

Saturday, January 10, 1 – 2 p.m., Community Room

Take this opportunity to see and learn about some of the largest cats alive today walking the planet: lions, servals, tigers and fluffy snow leopards. Please register.

Chinese Ink Painting

Sunday, January 11, 3:30 – 5 p.m.

Participants will be introduced to the foundational principles of Chinese brush painting and will create their own artwork. No prior painting experience is required. Adults, please register to attend.

Board Game Night for Adults

Monday, January 12, 6 – 8 p.m., Maple Room

Drop in and play a variety of board games.

Mandarin Storytime

Thursday, January 15, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Maple Room

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

Teatime Book Chatter

Thursday, January 15, 1 – 2 p.m.

We will discuss Silicon Valley Reads recommended book, [*Iona Iverson's Rules for Commuting*](#) by Clare Pooley.

Intro to Business for Teens

Saturdays, January 17 & 31, 2 – 4 p.m., Maple Room

These interactive classes dive into key topics like entrepreneurship and budgeting, marketing and product creation, finance, investing, and career paths, and graphic and web design. Please register.

Travel Program

Tuesday, January 20, 7:15 – 8:30 p.m., Community Room

From the harmonious rituals of daily life to the juxtaposition of centuries-old temples alongside contemporary innovations, we'll discover how Japan's past continuously shapes its present, capturing moments that reveal the subtle connections binding tradition to modernity.

Type In: All About Typewriters

Sunday, January 25, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., Community Room

Meet other typewriter enthusiasts, learn about and try some typewriters, and see some examples of similar models that produced amazing pieces of literature.

SERVICES & SUPPORT CENTER – 1370 Dell Avenue, Campbell**Joint Powers Authority (JPA) Board Meeting**

Wednesday, January 28, 1 – 2 p.m., Campbell Conference Room

For information about the meetings, agendas, and packets, please visit scclld.org/jpa/.

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

Mondays, January 5, 12, & 26, 7 – 7:30 p.m.

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

Pop, Fizz, and Read at Woodland Library

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

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

ONLINE EVENTS (Please register online)**Virtual Author Talk: David Brooks**

Tuesday, January 13, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

David Brooks explores how we pay attention, listen, and engage in conversations that reveal the deeper stories of those around us in the book, [*How to Know a Person*](#).

Extracurricular Activities for High School Students

Tuesday, January 13, 5 – 6 p.m.

Learn what an extracurricular activities profile is, the relevance of extracurricular and summer activities, and how to build them seamlessly into a robust and cohesive application profile.

Clay & Culture: A Journey Through Asian Ceramics

Tuesday, January 13, 7 – 8 p.m.

Hosted by the Asian Art Museum, this program traces the development of ceramic art from its ancient origins, revealing the wide-ranging influence of Chinese ceramics on ceramic traditions across Asia and worldwide.

Online English Conversation Club

Thursdays, January 15, 22, & 29, 11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Meet new friends and practice English together.

Virtual Author Talk: Julia Hotz

Tuesday, January 20, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Journalist and author Julia Hotz about her book, [*The Connection Cure: The Prescriptive Power of Movement, Nature, Art, Service, and Belonging*](#).

Silicon Valley Reads Online Author Visit

Thursday, January 22, 4 – 5 p.m.

Join us for an online author visit with Silicon Valley Reads author Kelly Yang, who wrote [*Front Desk*](#).

Virtual Author Talk: Liz Moore

Wednesday, January 28, 4 – 5 p.m.

We are thrilled to welcome Liz Moore to discuss her latest novel, [*The God of the Woods*](#), an instant *New York Times* bestseller.

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The Natural History
of Bumble Bees



Temporary Exhibit
Jan 18 - Mar 15

Learn about the critical role
bumble bees play in our native
ecosystems and why it is more
important than ever that we
know and protect bumble bees
and their habitats.

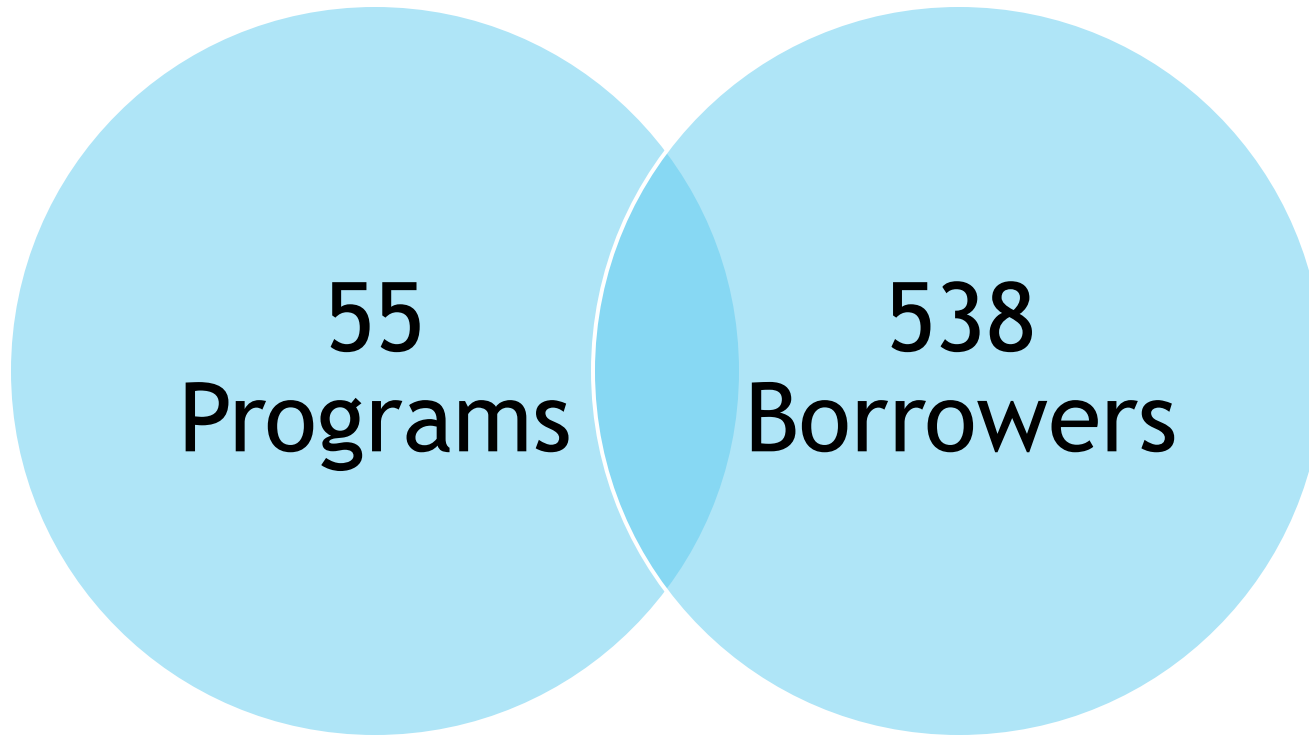


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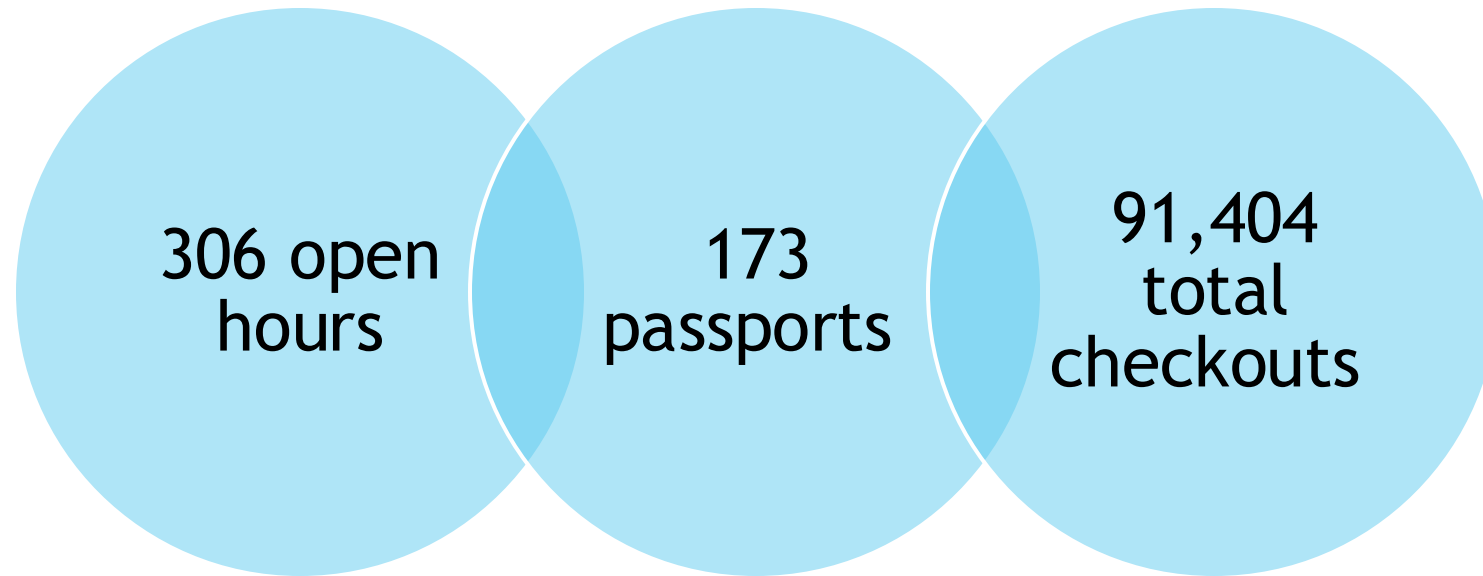
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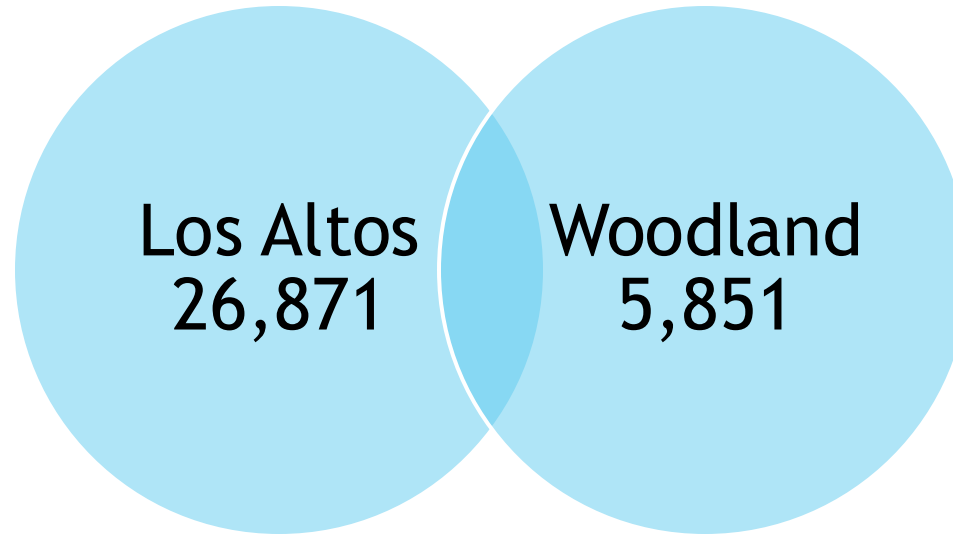
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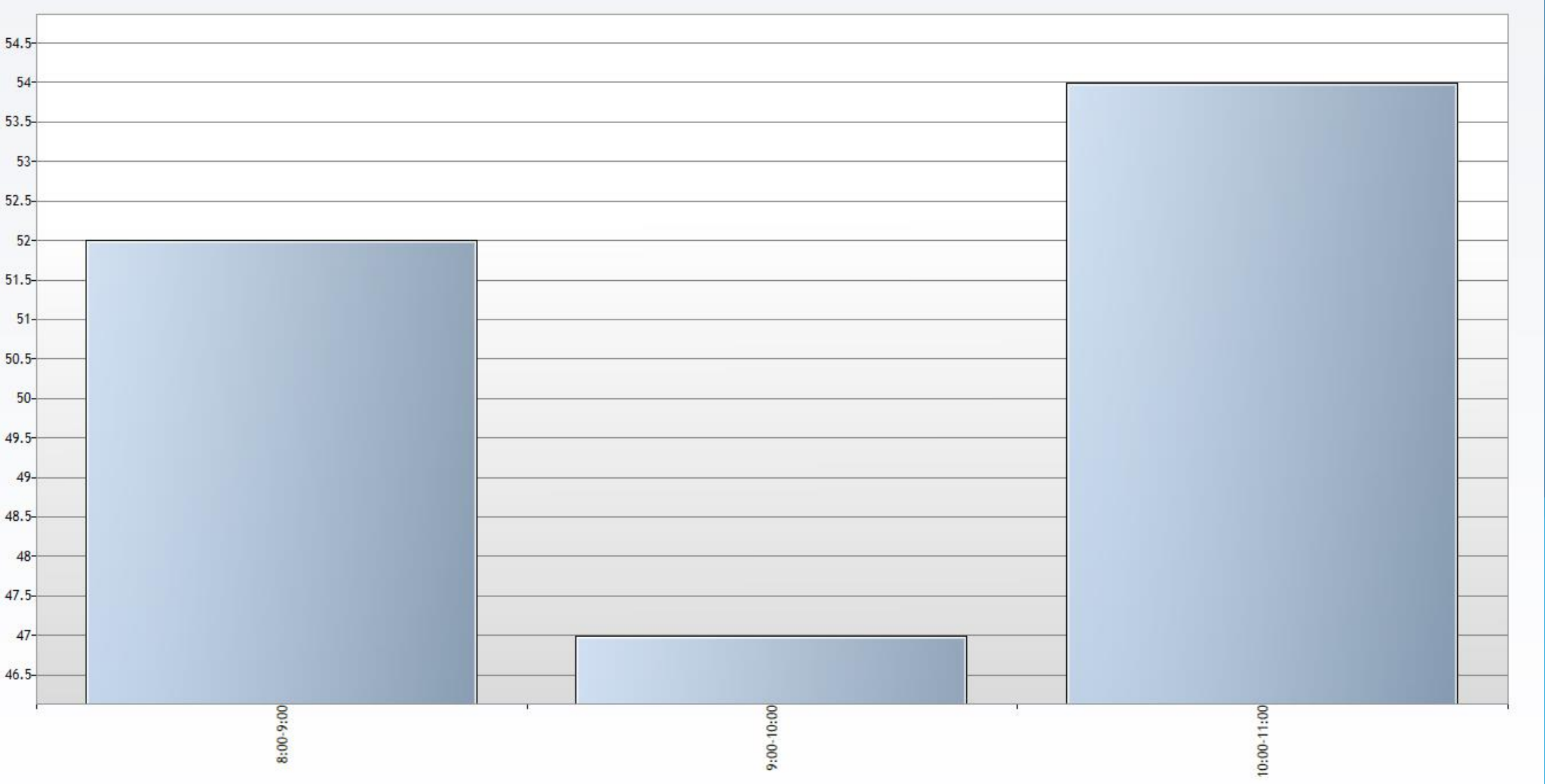
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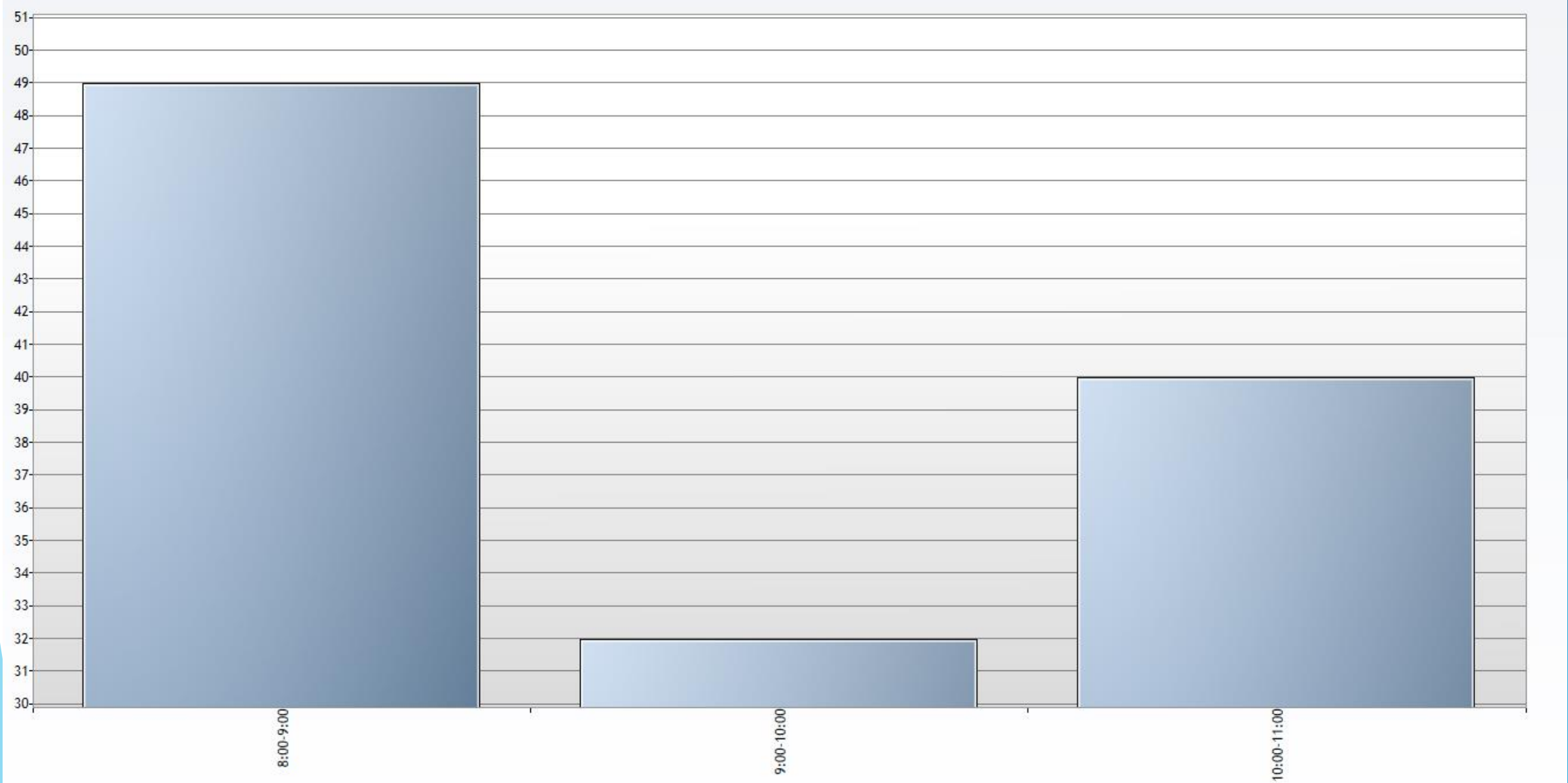
November 2025 Visitors



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Scandinavian Fabric Star



SUNDAY CRAFTERNOON

Sunday, November 23rd
from 2:00 to 3:30 PM
(DROP-IN)

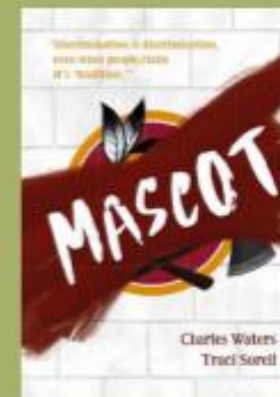
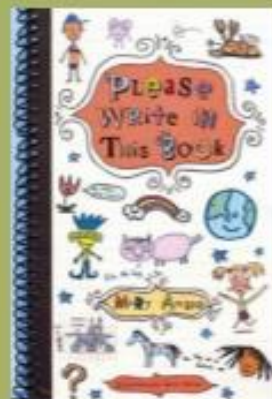
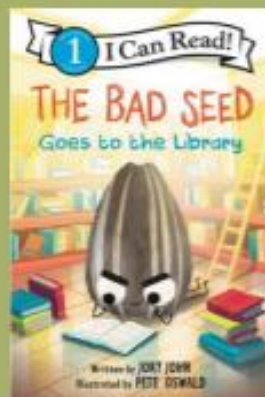
Adults, teens, and kids - join us for an afternoon of relaxed crafting.

This month's CrafterNoon will be held at the Los Altos Community Center, in the Grand Oak room.

Our crafts are self-directed; children must come with their participating adult crafting-buddy.
(this is not a drop-off event)



JOIN OUR FALL BOOK CLUBS



TK-1ST GRADE STORY EXPLORERS

Wednesday,
December 10th,
4pm - 5pm

The Bad Seed Goes
to the Library
by Jory John

2ND-3RD GRADE BOOK BUGS

Tuesday,
November 18th,*
4pm - 5pm

Please Write in This Book
by Mary Amato

4TH-5TH GRADE PAGE TURNERS

Wednesday,
November 19th,
4pm - 5pm

Save Me A Seat
by Sarah Weeks and
Gita Varadarajan

6TH-8TH GRADE TO BE READ

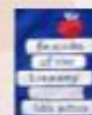
Tuesday,
November 25th,
4pm - 5pm

Mascot
by Charles Waters and
Traci Sorell

* Los Altos Community Center, Apricot Room



Los Altos Library
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For accessibility accommodations (ex. ASL), please fill out the online form at sccld.org/accessibility 7+days prior to the event. If you need assistance with the form, speak with a staff member at your local library, call (408) 540-3945, or email us at ask@lib.sccgov.org.

IN HONOR OF NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

**7PM NATIVE AMERICAN
SONG AND DANCE
CELEBRATION**

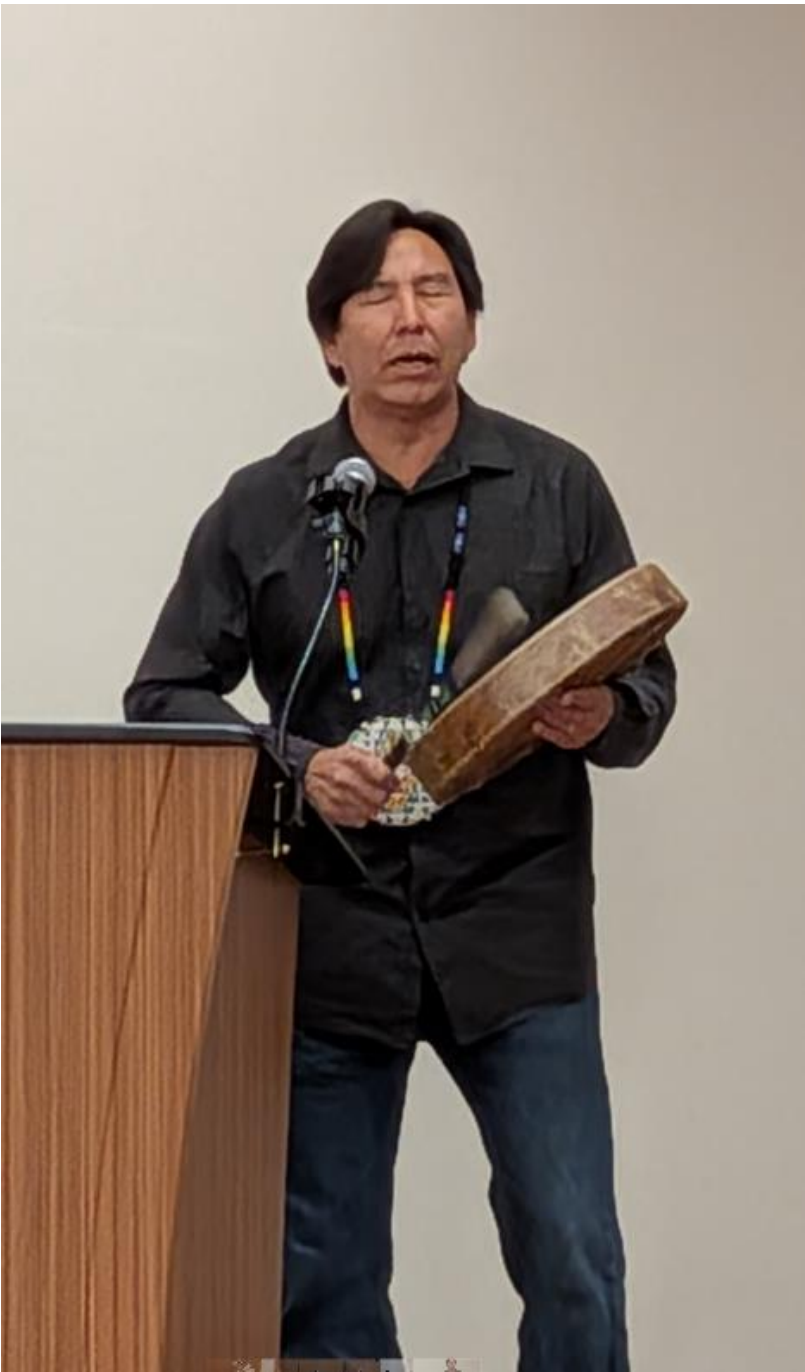
Future Generations is a cultural collaboration of local Native American singers, dancers, and artists. They are guided by a mission to honor their ancestors by sharing the songs, dances, art, food, and traditions of the Indigenous Peoples of America.



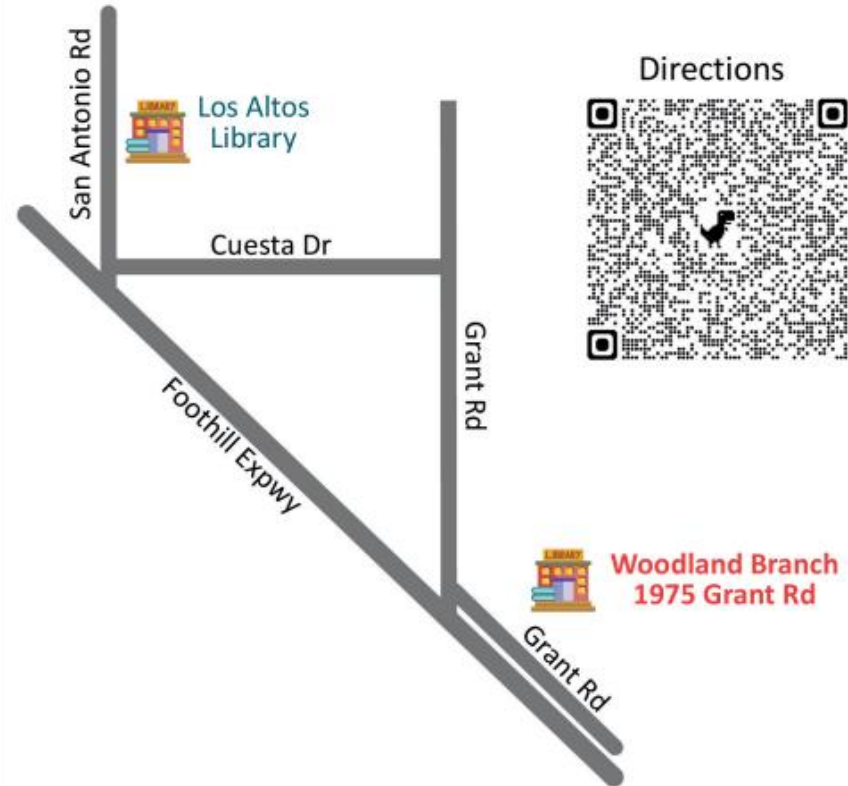
EVENT LISTING



ACCESSIBILITY REQUEST



Woodland Branch Library 1975 Grant Rd, Los Altos



Woodland Branch Hours

Monday - Thursday
11:00AM - 8:00PM

Friday - Sunday
11:00AM - 5:00PM

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