



LIBRARY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MEETING AGENDA

May 7, 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

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CONSENT CALENDAR

1. **Approve minutes of the regular meeting on March 5, 2026**
2. **Approve minutes of the joint meeting on April 27, 2026**

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION

3. **Receive Update on Main Library Improvement Project**
Receive update on Main Library Improvement Project

4. **Discuss Library Commission Event**
Provide direction on potential performer and date for Library Commission event
5. **Review Library Commission Work Plan**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

STAFF REPORTS

6. **Receive report from Santa Clara County Library District**
7. **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, March 5, 2026
Los Altos Community Center – Sequoia Room

ESTABLISH QUORUM

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

Present: Chair Morris; Vice Chair Fawcett; Commissioner Bhardwaj; Commissioner Valadez; Commissioner Bedard

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Public Comment: None

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. **Minutes:** Approve minutes of the special meeting of January 8, 2026

Public Comment: None

Action: Commissioner Bedard moved that the Commission accept the minutes of the regular meeting of October 2, 2025 as amended with special meeting notated. Commissioner Valadez seconded the motion.

Approve: Morris, Fawcett, Bhardwaj, Valadez, Bedard

Oppose:

Abstain:

Absent:

Motion passed: 5-0-0-0

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION

2. **Review 2026 Library Commission Workplan**

Public Comment: None

3. **Create Ad-Hoc Subcommittee for Library Closure Preparations if necessary**

Public Comment: None

Action: Vice Chair Fawcett moved that the Commission appoint Chair Morris as Liaison to the North County Library Authority with Commissioner Bhardwaj as Alternate Liaison.

Commissioner Bedard seconded the motion.

Approve: Morris, Fawcett, Bhardwaj, Valadez, Bedard

Oppose:

Abstain:

Absent:

Motion passed: 5-0-0-0

4. Discuss Library Commission Event

5. Appoint Liaison to North County Library Authority

Public Comment: None

Action: Chair Morris moved that the Commission create an Ad-Hoc Subcommittee for Library Closure Preparations consisting of Commissioner Bedard and Commissioner Bhardwaj. Vice Chair Fawcett seconded the motion.

Approve: Morris, Fawcett, Bhardwaj, Valadez, Bedard

Oppose:

Abstain:

Absent:

Motion passed: 5-0-0-0

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS ONLY

STAFF REPORTS

6. Receive Main Library Improvements Project Update

Public Comment: Cindy Hill

7. Receive report from Santa Clara County Library District

8. Receive report from Main Library Staff

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Morris adjourned the meeting at 7:53 pm.



**CITY OF LOS ALTOS
JOINT PARC, SENIOR, LIBRARY, AND
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 2026, 6:00 p.m.**

1 N. San Antonio Rd., Los Altos, CA

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Brittany Whitehill, Senior Planner, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

There was no public comment.

DISCUSSION

1. Study Session - Comprehensive General Plan Update – Community Visioning and Guiding Principles

Discuss the community vision and guiding principles associated with Phase 1 of the Los Altos Comprehensive General Plan Update.

Andrew Hill from Dyett and Bhatia gave a presentation.

PARC COMMISSION

ESTABLISH QUORUM: Five PARC Commissioners were present and in person during the meeting. Vice Chair Ngyuen was absent.

The PARC Commissioners discussed the item.

LIBRARY COMMISSION

ESTABLISH QUORUM: Four Library Commissioners were present and in person during the meeting. Chair Morris was absent.

The Library Commissioners discussed the item.

SENIOR COMMISSION

ESTABLISH QUORUM: Three Senior Commissioners were present and in person during the meeting. Commissioner Basiji and Vice Chair Trapnell was absent.

The Senior Commissioners discussed the item.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

ESTABLISH QUORUM: Four Environmental Commissioners were present and in person during the meeting. Commissioner Hecht and Vice Chair Nee were absent.

The Environmental Commissioners discussed the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Senior Planner Brittany Whitehill opened the public comment period.

Laura Fay and Maria Bautista from the public spoke.

Senior Planner Brittany Whitehill closed the public comment period.

POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – Senior Planner Brittany Whitehill shared methods for community members to share.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

The Meeting recording may be viewed via the following external website: <https://www.youtube.com/@CityofLosAltosCA>. The City of Los Altos does not own or operate YouTube. The video referenced on these minutes were live at the time the minutes were published.

Staff Report



Meeting Date: May 7, 2026
Prepared By: Anthony Carnesecca

Subject: Receive Update on Main Library Improvement Project

RECOMMENDATION

Receive update on Main Library Improvement Project

BACKGROUND

During the November 18, 2024 North County Library Authority meeting, their board unanimously approved the funding allocation to the City of Los Altos for Phase 1 of the Main Library Improvements Project.

During the December 10, 2024 City Council meeting, Council unanimously awarded a contract for ABA to execute the Main Library Improvements Project for Phase 1 with an option to amend for Phases 2 and 3.

Beginning in January 2025, ABA began their work to complete Phase 1 of the Main Library Improvements project focused on investigating the existing condition, creating design alternatives, evaluating cost estimates, and garnering consensus for a final preferred design.

Initially, ABA investigated the existing conditions of the Los Altos Main Library by evaluating the building, and reviewing the proposals presented by the Library Commission Ad-Hoc Subcommittee and previous Needs Assessments. This analysis helped inform their analysis of the building and proposed improvements to the space.

While evaluating the existing conditions, ABA moved forward with beginning to engage with the library community and beyond. As part of the initial design alternative process, ABA conducted three feedback workshops to review and discuss the proposed improvements into order to gain a shared understanding of project background, goals, and timeline; and, input for validation of prioritized improvements. These events were hosted on March 6, 2025 at a Library Commission meeting, March 12, 2025 3 – 5 pm, and March 22, 2025 10 am – 12 pm.

At the culmination of those meetings and the existing site investigation, ABA reviewed the current site analysis, the proposals from the Ad-Hoc Subcommittee, and community feedback.

Accordingly, ABA created two design concepts that were presented to the public for specific commentary. These two design concepts were presented at three public engagement opportunities, a Special Library Commission meeting on May 22, 2025 at 6:30 pm in the Orchard Room, and two workshops in the Library Open Space on May 24, 2025 from 10 am –

12 pm and May 28, 2025 from 3 – 5 pm.

After reviewing the feedback provided to the design team through those community feedback sessions and beyond, the design team made modifications to the design and identified a preferred design concept that met the prioritized proposals from the Library Commission Ad-Hoc Subcommittee.

The design proposal accomplishes three main objectives:

1. increases the ability of the Library to provide programs and services to the community,
2. improves the infrastructure of the Library as it stands today; and,
3. incorporates feedback received from the community through the engagement process.

This preferred design concept was presented to the Library Commission on August 7, 2025, where the Commission unanimously recommended that the project move forward to City Council.

During the August 26, 2025 City Council meeting, the City Council unanimously recommended bringing a funding request to NCLA for the next phases of the project.

During the September 15, 2025 NCLA meeting, the NCLA Board unanimously approved releasing the requested funds for the next phases of the project.

During the September 30, 2025 City Council meeting, the City Council unanimously approved a resolution to amend the existing contract with ABA to continue their work on the Main Library Improvements Project.

DISCUSSION

Over the past several months, the design team has been working to complete the Schematic Design Drawings and Cost Estimate based upon the design concept. They have refined the Cost Estimate to reflect the scope of work outlined in the Schematic Design drawings and identify any outstanding issues that need to be addressed or considered on the project.

The design team is planning to present this same presentation to NCLA with updated cost estimates and the tentative timeline at their meeting on Monday, May 4, 2026.

Looking forward, the design team plans to share more substantive updates to the Library Commission on the design process at the regular meeting in August.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Library Commission Meeting Presentation



Project Update - Library Commission
May 7, 2026

CITY OF LOS ALTOS
Main Library Improvements



Introduction / Agenda

Project Context

The design team has finalized Schematic Design (30% Design) and corresponding cost estimate based on the work done in the feasibility study and further discussions with the Technical Advisory Committee and key stakeholders.

Purpose & Intended Results

- Review the schematic design costs
- Obtain feedback and direction

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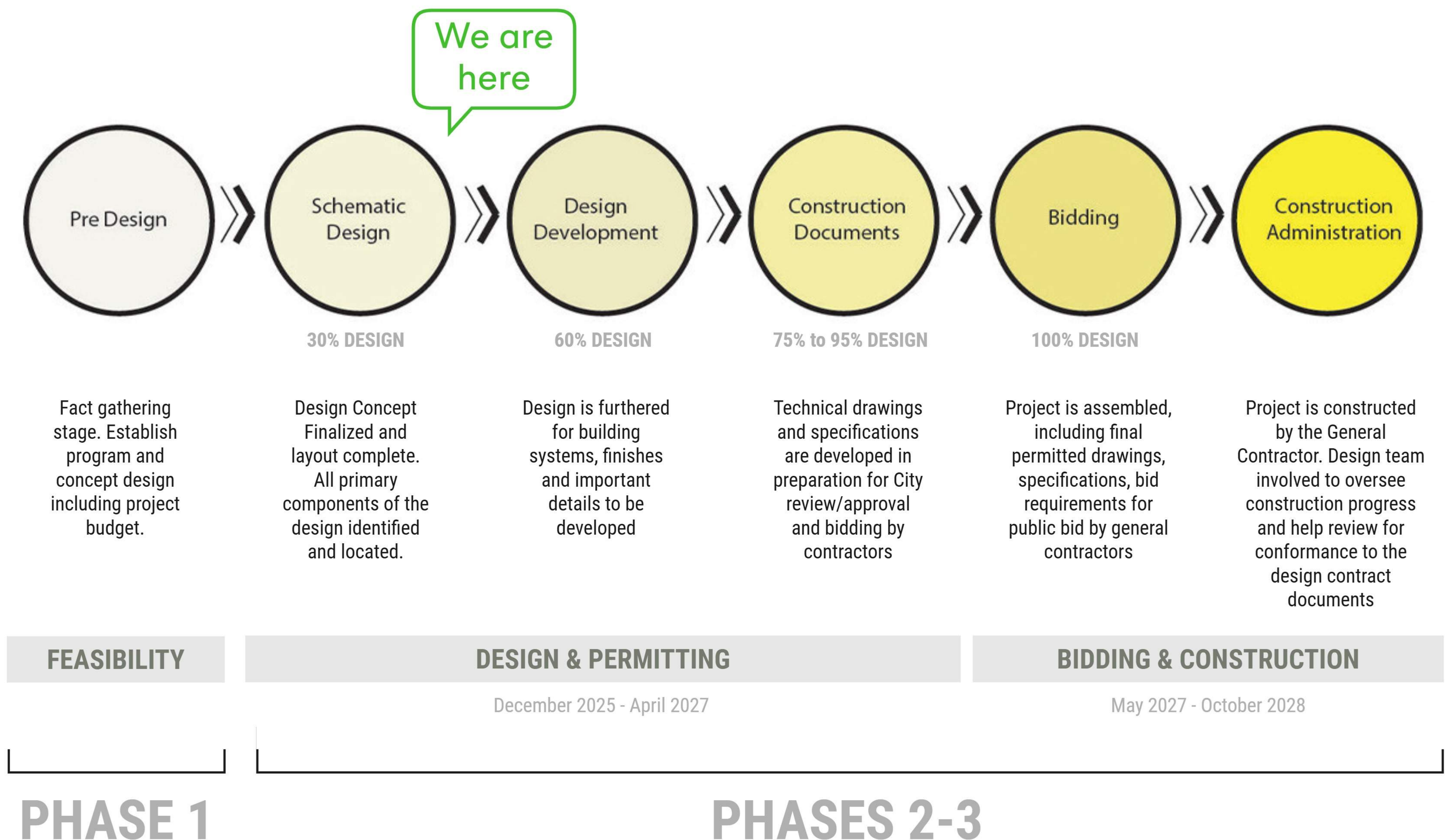
Project Status Update

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Project Cost Update

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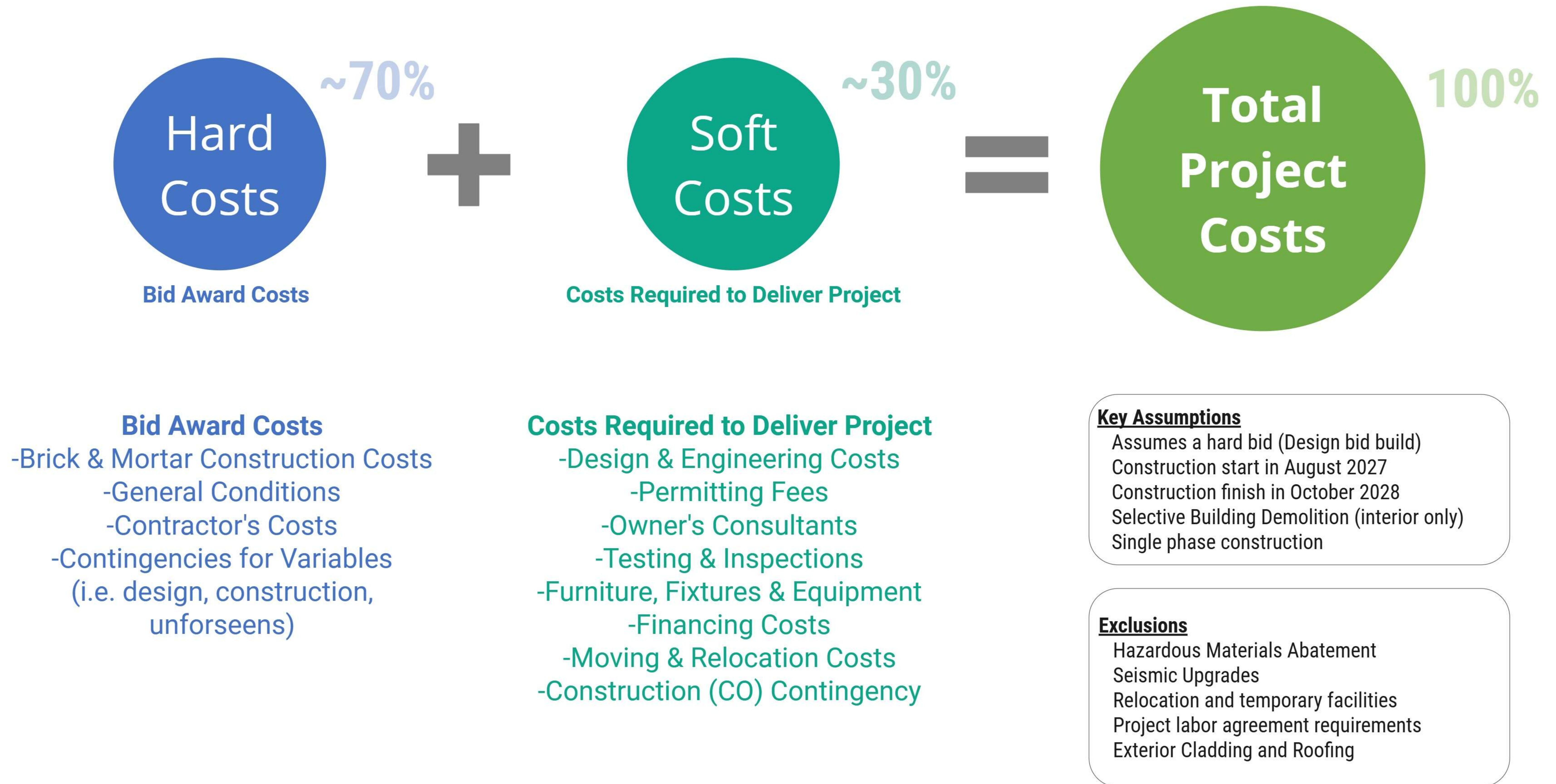
Conclusion & Next Steps



1.1 Schematic Design Phase (30% Design)

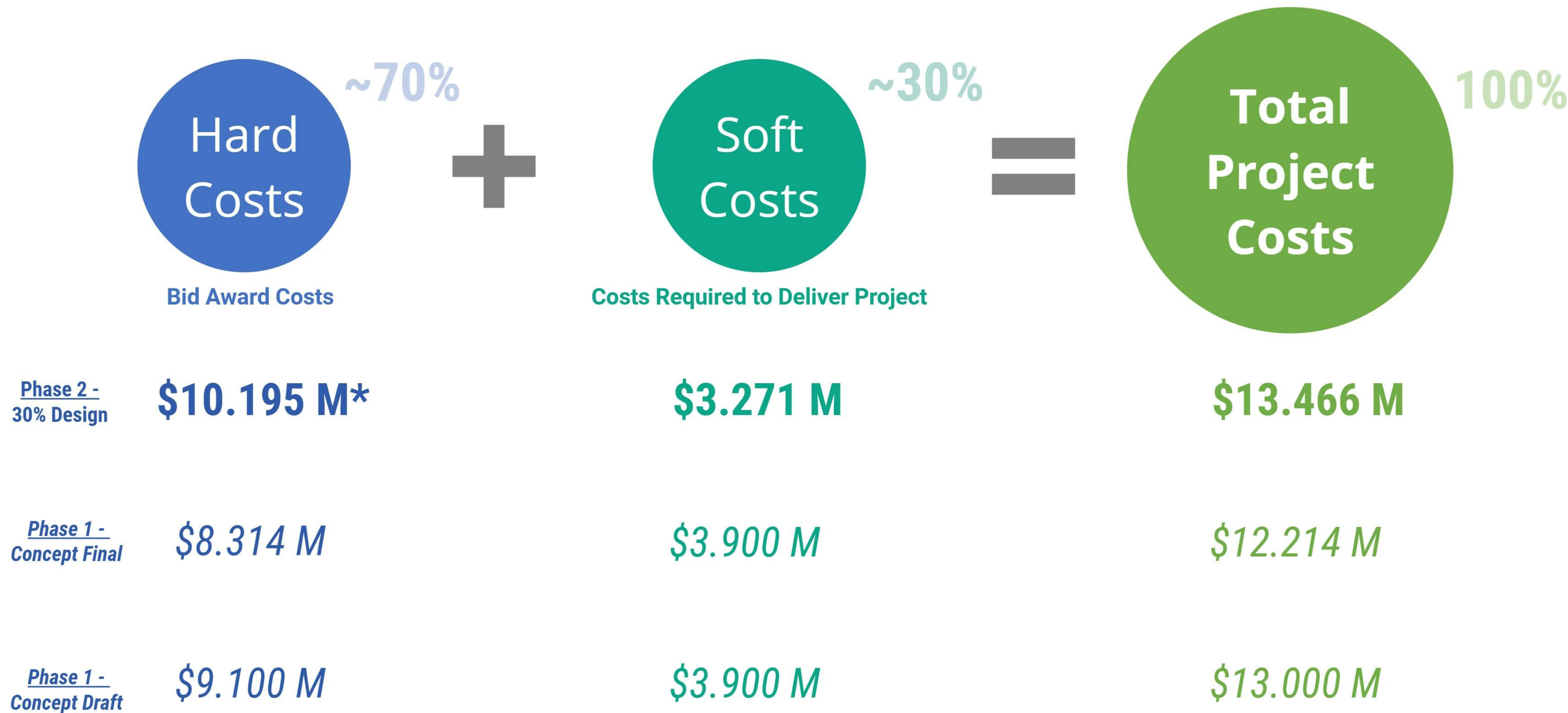
02 Project Cost Update

FACTOR OF TIME (ESCALATION)



2.1 Schematic Design Cost Estimating

FACTOR OF TIME (ESCALATION)



* Of the \$10.195M in construction costs, approximately \$1.3M is related to electrification

2.2 Schematic Design Cost Summary

HARD COSTS

- \$7,003,250 - Direct Costs of Construction
- \$210,997 - General Requirements
- \$724,425 - General Conditions
- \$215,154 - Bonds & Insurance
- \$245,515 - Contractor's Fee
- \$842,934 - Design Contingency
- \$922,736 - Escalation

\$10,195,011 TOTAL HARD COSTS

SOFT COSTS*

- \$1,140,000 - Design & Engineering Fees
- \$160,725 - City Plan Review & Permitting Fees
- \$113,080 - Owners Consultants
- \$6,920 - Haz Mat Testing Fees
- \$100,000 - Testing & Inspections
- \$400,000 - Construction Contingency
- \$400,000 - Owner Contingency
- \$200,000 - Audio Visual Equipment
- \$750,000 - Furniture Fixtures & Equipment

\$3,270,725 TOTAL SOFT COSTS

** Draft anticipated soft costs based on information available to date.
Subject to change through coordination with the City.*

2.3 Schematic Design Cost Summary

VARIANCE MATRIX

		Conceptual (21,250 sf) 7/11/2025	Schematic Design (23,613 sf) 4/8/2026	Variance	Notes
Element		Total	Total		
02 Existing Conditions		\$204,800	\$200,089	(\$4,711)	
03 Concrete		\$39,728	\$72,627	\$32,898	
05 Metals		\$58,438	\$76,337	\$17,899	
06 Wood, Plastics, And Composites		\$83,475	\$158,931	\$75,456	
07 Thermal And Moisture Protection		\$10,775	\$24,226	\$13,451	Variance driven by addition of PV panel scope,resulting in roof patching and repairs
08 Openings		\$611,133	\$436,370	(\$174,763)	
09 Finishes		\$982,261	\$931,997	(\$50,264)	
10 Specialties		\$166,588	\$140,300	(\$26,287)	
12 Furnishings			\$36,980	\$36,980	Mechoshades Sope added
21 Fire Suppression		\$106,250	\$94,452	(\$11,798)	
22 Plumbing		\$372,088	\$317,328	(\$54,759)	
23 HVAC		\$648,125	\$1,012,430	\$364,305	Scope Addedd - Heat Pump
25 Integrated Automation		\$53,125	\$99,555	\$46,430	Variance driven by increase in area from 21,250 SF (Conceptual) to 23,613 SF (SD)
26 Electrical		\$1,326,000	\$2,652,949	\$1,326,949	Variance driven by increase in project area Variance driven by addition of PV panels and BESS, including new switchboard/panel and PG&E upgrade scope
27 Communications		\$205,063	\$271,550	\$66,487	Variance driven by increase in project area
28 Electrical Safety And Security		\$384,625	\$489,970	\$105,345	Variance driven by increase in project area
Subtotal Cost		\$5,252,472	\$7,033,250	\$1,780,778	
General Requirements	3.0%	\$262,624	\$210,997	(\$51,626)	
General Conditions	10.0%	\$551,510	\$724,425	\$172,915	
Bonds & Insurance	2.7%	\$163,798	\$215,154	\$51,356	
Contractor's Fee	3.00%	\$311,520	\$245,515	(\$66,005)	
Design Contingency	10.0%	\$1,177,546	\$842,934	(\$334,612)	
Escalation to MOC, 03/16/28	Varies	\$594,543	\$922,736	\$328,193	MOC Conceptual 01/15/2027 vs SD 03/16/2028
Total Estimated Construction Cost		\$8,314,013	\$10,195,011	\$1,880,998	

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Cost Summary & Comparison

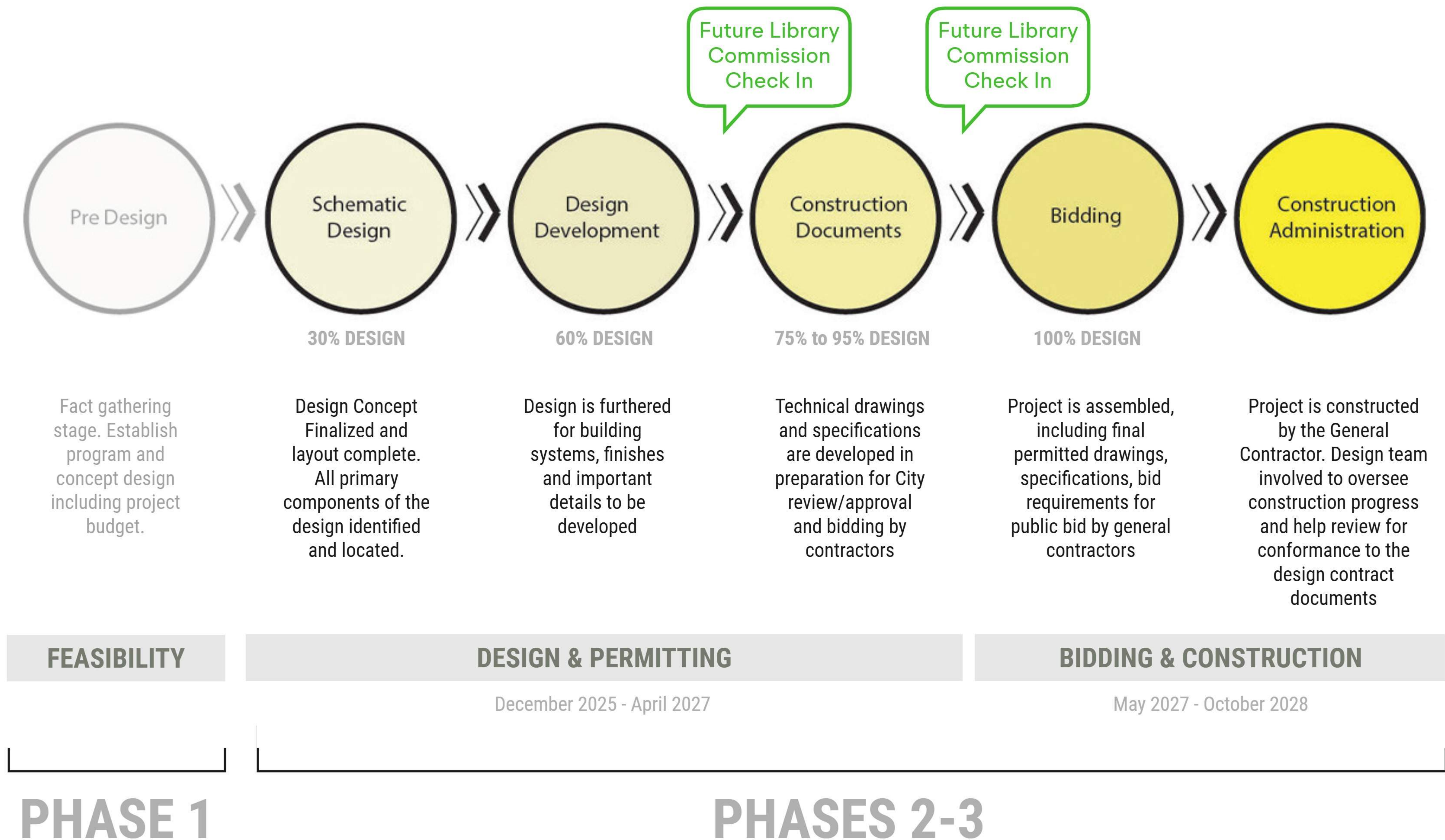


MECHANICAL / HVAC		
HVAC Demolition		\$12,397
Existing boilers, water piping, gas piping		
Air Source Heat Pump Equipment		\$116,000
Piping, Pump, Storage Tank		
Mechanical Yard Improvements & Expansion		\$35,000
ELECTRICAL		
Service and Distribution		\$247,937
Main Switchboard, Distribution & Panel Boards, Transformer, Conduit & Wire		
PV Roof Mount System, 20kW		\$79,250
PV Panels, Mounting/Racking, Hardware		
Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)		\$68,000
Battery, enclosure, pad		
Main Switchboard		\$158,460
2000 am, 480/277v, 3ph, 4w N3R		
HVAC Equipment Connections		\$90,320
Conduit, wire, and connections individual equipment		
Electrical Requirements		\$36,102
Startup, Commissioning, 3rd party testing, supports and penetrations, labeling, firestopping		
Electrical General Conditions		\$122,228
Tools, Office/Staffing, Indirect Labor, Equipment Rentals		
Subtotal:		\$965,693
Project General Requirements	3.00%	\$28,971
Project General Conditions	10.00%	\$99,466
Bonds & Insurance	2.70%	\$29,542
Contractor's Fee	3.00%	\$33,710
Design Contingency	10.00%	\$115,738
Escalation	9.95%	\$126,675
TOTAL:		\$1,399,796

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Cost for Electrification and Photovoltaics

03 Conclusion & Next Steps



3.1 Next Steps

Staff Report



Meeting Date: May 7, 2026
Prepared By: Anthony Carnesecca

Subject: Discuss Library Commission Event

RECOMMENDATION

Provide direction on potential performer and date for Library Commission event

BACKGROUND

At the January 8, 2026 Library Commission meeting, the Library Commission created an Ad-Hoc Subcommittee for the Library Event consisting of Vice Chair Fawcett and Commissioner Valadez.

DISCUSSION

As part of the Library Commission Workplan, the Commission aims to host an event focused on families in the library, ideally to celebrate the opening of the new Children's Area. The Ad-Hoc Subcommittee is planning to host the event in late September or October to hopefully have the new Children's Area open, but this event should proceed if this area is not open yet.

The Community Librarian recommended that the event should have entertainment that will draw in families and the community to participate along with significant participation by the Library Commission adjacent to the entertainment. The Library Commission is expected to attend and participate by introducing themselves before the entertainment, leading an activity or activities coordinated by the Ad-Hoc Subcommittee, and connecting with the community regarding the library.

There are three options currently presented for consideration by the Community Librarian, but the Commission can suggest additional entertainment options for consideration:

1. Cascada de Flores - Original stories told in Spanish & English, using song, a variety of musical instruments, dance, theater and sweet characters of traditional Mexican & Latin American cultures. Musical storytelling for children and families.
2. Puppet Art Theater - Puppet shows. 3 Billy Goats Gruff, Cinderella, Hansel and Gretel, The Boy Who Cried Wolf, and many more on website.
3. Happy Birds - Educational show with parrots that talk, sing, ride a bike, play basketball and more.

The Ad-Hoc Subcommittee, in coordination with the Community Librarian, has identified that 10:30 - 11:30 am on a Sunday would be the ideal time for a community event. The three options for Sunday dates that the Orchard room is available are:

- Sunday, September 20
- Sunday, September 27
- Sunday, October 4

The Library Commission should select a date that works best for all of them and provide some direction on potential entertainment for the event that will allow the Ad-Hoc Subcommittee and Community Librarian to continue planning the event through the summer.

ATTACHMENTS

None



Staff Report

Meeting Date: May 7, 2026

Prepared By:

Subject: Review Library Commission Work Plan

RECOMMENDATION

BACKGROUND

DISCUSSION

ATTACHMENTS

1. 2026 Library Commission Work Plan

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*	Summer 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	Winter 2026		In Progress	Ad-Hoc Subcommittee (Bedard & Bhardwaj)	Explore ways to educate community and increase awareness on pending main library improvements.
	Host community events at library	Fall 2026		In Progress	Ad-Hoc Subcommittee (Fawcett & Valadez)	Begin planning an event to celebrate the opening of the new Children's Area.
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 3/5/26

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		

May 2026 Library Report
Jennifer Weeks, County Librarian



Asian American, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander Heritage Month

This year's AANHPI Heritage Month theme is "[Power in Unity: Strengthening Communities Together](#)", which touches on the many different cultures that are encompassed. Here in the Bay Area we have a significant portion of the population whose family heritage is from Asia, Hawaii or the Pacific Islands.

Some of our libraries have recurring AANHPI-related events, such as bilingual [Mandarin Family Storytimes](#). The Saratoga Library has a [Chinese Book Club](#), while the Milpitas Library offers [Qi Gong Meditation](#) and Exercise classes on Fridays.

Some events taking place only in May include:

- A series on [Chinese Medicine for Chronic Pain](#)
- Polynesian music and dance [performances from RAHITI](#)
- Movie screenings on [Kintsukuroi](#), the Japanese art of repairing pottery
- Local [Hula Halau 'O Pi'iana](#) will delight audiences Sun., May 3
- Historian Connie Young Yu traces the paper trail of [Chinese exclusion](#) on Sun., May 3
- [Asian Art Museum](#) of SF docent John shares about featured Asian artists on Tue., May 5
- [Popontia Japanese Storytime](#) with traditional kamishibai puppets on Wed., May 6
- Science Fiction and Fantasy Book Club discussion at the Milpitas Library on May 10 on [Contemporary Chinese Science Fiction](#)
- Learn the [art of origami](#) at a craft event on Wed., May 13
- [Fabric sculpture workshop](#) focusing on Japanese cranes on Thu., May 14

Those who are interested in exploring their Chinese ancestry have access to a powerful new tool, [My China Roots](#). Collections include records in both English and Chinese such as Census, immigration, Chinese Exclusion Act, community directories, burial and genealogy records. My China Roots also has many family books, which are detailed collections of family histories from across the country. Learn more about this resource at an online training session at 11 AM on Wed., May 20. [Please register](#).

Another resource worth exploring is [CultureGrams](#), which includes maps, statistics, history, images, and infographics from over 200 countries. This is a great homework resource for students. Those who are interested in learning a new language should check out [Mango Languages](#), which has 70 languages to choose from. Download lessons to the app and access them later from your device.

Campbell Library Grand Opening May 9!

The much-anticipated reopening of the Campbell Library is almost here. Please join us on [Sat., May 9](#) starting at 10 AM for a memorable day of activities for all ages. This includes the unveiling of our sixth [Storybook SCCLD](#) early learning play space, which we call Dreamy Downtown. Kids 0-10 years old and their families are certain to love it and its mascot, TowerBot.

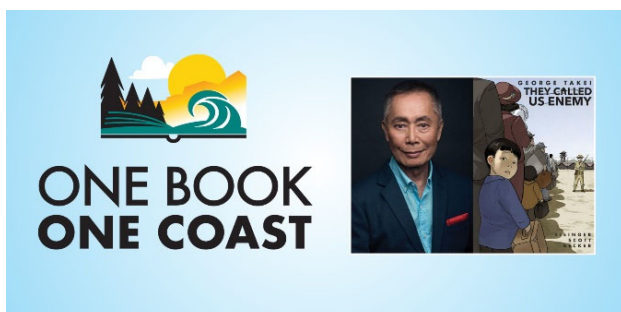


The new library is immediately welcoming, with bright white surfaces and floor to ceiling windows that let in plenty of natural light. Long-time patrons will especially appreciate the new design and features. The library is two floors, with an Overlook space that offers comfortable seating to meet, read, and relax with great views of the Orchard City Green. Three reservable small meeting rooms and a flexible Community Room that can be divided into two rooms ensures that the community can fully utilize the new space.

We are so excited to share this beautiful new space with you. Check out our website for the latest details on the opening. Here are some of the highlights.

- 9:45 AM: A group of lion dancers will welcome the crowd
- 10:00 AM: Brief welcome, then the doors open!
- 11:00 AM: Special storytime with Elephant and Piggie, followed by photos with the characters
- 11:30 AM: Artist Sheri Simons talks about her public art in the library
- 12:00 PM: Paper pinwheel craft event with Silicon Valley Clean Energy
- 1:00 PM: Bubble show
- 2:00 PM: Musical performance of jazz, soul, funk, and R&B selections
- 4:00 PM: Library tour begins at the Overlook.

That is what we call a full day! The Library will close at 6 PM, part of its new 7-day [regular schedule](#).



Special Live Stream with George Takei

Reminder that on [Sun., May 31](#) libraries across the West Coast (including all of SCCLD's community libraries) will live stream an interview with actor, activist and author George Takei about his book, [They Called Us Enemy](#), which tells the story of his being sent as a child to an internment camp for Japanese Americans during WWII. [One Book, One Coast](#)

unites library systems and patrons from the northernmost region of Washington State to the southern tip of California in a shared celebration of literacy, learning, community, and civil discourse.

Summer Reading 2026 Sign-Up Starts

When we teach children to read, we plant a seed that will sprout, grow, and benefit them for a lifetime. Reading is beneficial for all ages. When a child can read at grade level by the end of third grade, this is a strong measure if they graduate from high school, go on to higher learning, and it can impact their lifetime earning potential. For adults, reading keeps the mind active, which helps with memory.



This year's Summer Reading program, which lasts from June 1 through July 31, focuses on the importance of reading as a way to prevent the summer slide with students in K-12, entertain and educate, and open up new worlds through the pages of a book. You can register at scclld.org/summer starting May 1. Check out our website for details about the rewards for taking part. Happy reading!

VIRTUAL Author Talks MAY 2026

- Marjan Kamali**
May 7 at 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm
- Dr. Vivienne Ming**
May 12 at 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
- Dr. Patrick K. Porter & Ruchika Sikri**
May 14 at 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
- Nir Eyal**
May 19 at 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
- Elizabeth Lim**
May 20 at 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

May Virtual Author Talks

Six authors join us this month for Virtual Author Talks.

May 7 NYT bestselling novelist [Marjan Kamali](#) speaks about [The Lion Women of Tehran](#), a story about friendship and betrayal. [Please register.](#)

May 12 [Dr. Vivienne Ming](#) examines what it means to remain fully human in a world increasingly shaped by artificial intelligence. [Please register.](#)

May 14 [Dr. Patrick Porter](#) and [Ruchika Sikri](#) will share their 30-day plan to restore cognitive clarity, emotional balance and overall vitality. [Please register.](#)

May 19 [Nir Eyal](#) offers a science-based system for replacing limited beliefs with ones that support growth, persistence and well-being. [Please register.](#)

May 20 [Elizabeth Lim](#) takes readers into a world of gangsters and a dragon lord as the mortal and immortal realms clash, taken from her novel [Forgery of Fate](#). [Please register.](#)



EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS

- Cupertino Library
- Gilroy Library
- Milpitas Library
- Morgan Hill Library
- Saratoga Library

**Saturday to Monday
May 30 – June 1
10 AM TO 6 PM**

- Service and Support Center (Campbell)

**May 30 – June 1
9 AM TO 5 PM**

**ELECTION DAY: TUE., JUNE 2
ALL SIX OPEN 7 AM TO 8 PM**

Find full information about where to vote in the June 2 State Election on the [Registrar of Voter's page](#).

SANTA CLARA COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT MAY 2026 EVENTS

SCCLD libraries will be closed on Monday, May 25 for Memorial Day. Our Online Library is always available at scclld.org/Online-Library

CAMPBELL – 77 Harrison Avenue

Campbell Library Grand Reopening!

Saturday, May 9, 10 am – 6:00 p.m., Entire Library

Come join us as we unveil the completely revamped Campbell Library. The day of fun will start at 9:45 a.m. with a visit from lion dancers, followed by a brief welcome before the doors of the library spring open. Enjoy a special storytime at 11 a.m., followed by library tours and a public art presentation. There is also a musical performance at 2 p.m.

Making a Superhero Comic Workshop

Wednesday, May 13, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m., Community Room

Learn how to draw superheroes with Marvel Entertainment comic artist Jerry Decaire. For teens 13 to 18. Registration required.

Supervisor Ellenberg Community Town Hall

Wednesday, May 27, 6 – 7:30 p.m., Community Room

Supervisor Susan Ellenberg invites those interested in learning more about the County budgeting process to attend a town hall about its finances.

Kintsukuroi Movie Screening

Saturday, May 30, 11 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Community Room

Come enjoy a screening of Kintsukuroi, a film about the Japanese art of repairing pottering using urushi lacquer and gold. The practice serves as a metaphor for the destruction and eventual reconstruction of the lives of 120,000 Japanese Americans during WWII who are forced into internment camps.

Live Stream Author Talk: George Takei

Sunday, May 31, 2 – 4:00 p.m., Community Room

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CUPERTINO – 10800 Torre Avenue

Knit-Alongs at Cupertino Library (ages 18+)

Fridays, May 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29, 2:30 – 4 p.m., Room 201A

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

Family Storytime

Saturdays, May 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30, 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.

RAHITI Polynesian Dance Performance

Saturday, May 2, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Room 201

Immerse yourself in the vibrant cultural tapestry of Polynesia with a live song and dance performance by RAHITI.

Baby Wearing Dance

Sundays, May 3, 10, 17 & 24, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Participants must bring their own baby carrier.

Baby Sign and Sing

Sunday, May 3, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Room 101

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

ESL Parent & Caregiver Conversation Club

Mondays, May 4 & 18, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Room 101

This program is designed to support families and spark conversations about children and parenting. Learn practical tips and insights from special guest speakers. Connect with other parents and caregivers in the community.

Making a Superhero Comic Workshop

Monday, May 4, 4 – 6:00 p.m., Community Room

Learn how to draw superheroes with Marvel Entertainment comic artist Jerry Decaire. For ages 10+. Please register.

ESL Conversation Club

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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, May 5, 12, 19, & 26, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Room 101

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

LEGO Club

Tuesday, May 5, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Students in Kindergarten to 8th grade are welcome to play and create with LEGOs.

Homework Help for Grades K-6

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

Students can get free homework help. No registration is required.

Poponta Japanese Storytime

Wednesday, May 6, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Room 101

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

Bedtime Storytime

Wednesdays, May 6, 13, 20, & 27, 7 – 7:30 p.m., Program Room

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

Baby Storytime (ages 0-1)

Thursdays, May 7, 14, 21, & 28, 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. Bring a yoga mat or blanket to sit on.

Reading Buddies (completed Grades K-5)

Thursday, May 7, and Monday, May 11, 7 – 8 p.m., Room 101

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

Chinese Medicine for Chronic Pain

Thursday, May 7, 7 – 8 p.m., Room 201

Dr. Julia Lee will discuss natural reasons why the body manifests pain, what the healing process for pain may look like, strategies to cope with pain during the healing process, and beneficial attitudes that support pain relief.

Knit-Alongs

Fridays, May 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29, 2:30 – 4:00 p.m., Room 201A

All adult knitters and crocheters are welcome to join and work on their projects.

Nonfiction Book Discussion

Sunday, May 10, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Room 201B

We'll discuss *The War Below* (2024) by Ernest Scheyder.

Poetry Open Mic

Saturday, May 10, 3 – 4 p.m., Room 201

This open mic celebrates poetry in all its forms, spoken, read, sung, remembered, or improvised. This will be hosted by Cupertino Poet Laureate Thomas Célérier.

Children's Literature for Adults Book Club

Tuesday, May 12, 7 – 8 p.m.

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

Police Read Along

Wednesday, May 13, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Room 201

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

CompostGal Talk: Garden Pests and Non-toxic Ways to Control Them

Thursday, May 14, 6 – 8:30 p.m., Room 101

Learn easy and budget-friendly non-toxic pest control techniques to help tackle and prevent typical garden pests.

Play, Sing and Learn with Golden Acorn Music!

Monday, May 18, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Room 101

Join us for a special ESL Parent and Caregiver Conversation Club featuring a special music and movement program with Golden Acorn.

Adult Book Discussion

Wednesday, May 20, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., and Thu., May 21, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m., Room 201B

Join us as we discuss *Hard by a Great Forest* (2024) by Leo Vardiashvili.

Origami for School Age Kids

Thursday, May 21, 4 – 4:45 p.m., Room 101

Learn the art of origami. There will be 3 projects demonstrated step-by-step. Parents are welcome to join. Paper provided. For kids in grades K-Middle School.

Cupertino High School Robotics Demonstration

Friday, May 22, 6 – 8 p.m., Room 201

Hands-on showcase featuring live demonstrations of 2026 competition robot. Play a simulation of this season's real game at interactive tables. Speak to the team.

Lucky Diaz and the Family Jam Band

Saturday, May 23, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Room 101

Get ready to dance, sing, read and celebrate Dia de los libros with this fun and energetic Grammy-winning band, made up of a husband-and-wife duo.

Freedom Readers Book Club (Grades 5-8)

Tuesday, May 26, 4 – 5 p.m., Room 101

Participants will engage with their peers in conversations and do a book related craft. For Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, we will be reading *Wish I Was a Baller* by Amar Shah.

Tuesday Travel Nights: The Kingdom of Morocco

Tuesday, May 26, 7 – 8 p.m., Room 201

Get to know the oceanside, the modern city of Rabat, and Roman antiquities of Volubilis.

Celebrating AANHPI Month: Changemakers Book Club for Grades 1 and 2

Wednesday, May 27, 4 – 5 p.m., Room 101

Join our fun early chapter book club that celebrates diverse voices and stories. For Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, we will be reading *The Mailbox* by Kyoko Hara. Please sign up at the Children's Reference Desk.

Voyagers Book Club Grades 3 and 4

Thursday, May 28, 4 – 5 p.m.

A book club for kids enrolled in Grades 3 or 4. Please register at the Children's Reference Desk.

Live Stream Author Talk: George Takei

Sunday, May 31, 2 – 4:00 p.m., Community Room

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GILROY – 350 W. Sixth Street

Seed Kits for Adults Teens

All Month

Stop by the upstairs Information Desk and pick up a kit. This month's variety is cucumbers.

AP Exam Study Zone

All Day Friday, May 1 to Thursday, May 14

Head to the Teen Area and the Teen Group Study Room and hit the books. And when you're ready for a study break, check in at the second-floor Information Desk to pick up a free mental health kit, courtesy of Mind4Youth, plus other study essentials. For ages 13-18.

Book Discussion

Friday, May 1, 10:15 – 11:15 a.m., Quiet Study B

In honor of AANHPI Heritage Month, we will discuss *The Matchmaker's Gift* by Lydia Loigman.

ESL Conversation Club / Club de Conversación en inglés

Fridays, May 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Quiet Study B

Improve your English listening and speaking skills and learn about other cultures in a supportive environment. No registration is needed. Basic English knowledge is recommended.

Safe Space Meetup for LBGTQ+ / Encuentro de Espacio Seguro para Personas LBGTQ+

Fridays, May 1 & 15, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Quiet Study Room B

Our staff-led meetings offer a safe space for youth (ages 13-25) to play games, participate in group activities & discussions, and build community. Nuestras reuniones, dirigidas por nuestro personal, ofrecen un espacio seguro para que los jóvenes (13-25) jueguen, participen en actividades y debates grupales, y forjen una comunidad.

Basic Computer Skills Class / Curso Básico de Computación (for adults)

Fridays, May 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Reading Program Room

Identify and use basic parts of a computer, operating systems basics, use common computer programs, manage files and folders, Internet and email use, and computer safety. Call 408-848-5366 to register and schedule your initial assessment.

Identificación y uso de los componentes básicos de una computadora, conceptos básicos de sistemas operativos, uso de programas de computadoras, gestión de archivos y carpetas, uso de Internet y correo electrónico y seguridad informática. Llame al 408-848-5366 para registrarse y programar su evaluación inicial.

Free Snacks for Kids! / ¡Meriendas Gratis Para Niños!

Mondays-Fridays, 3 – 4 p.m. (except during holidays and school breaks), Lobby Area
Children ages 0-18 can stop by for a snack while supplies last. No registration required.
¡Pasa por la biblioteca y recoge una merienda gratis después de la escuela! No es necesario registrarse.

Free Comic Book Day / Día del cómic gratis | Comic Fun Fest

Saturday, May 2, 10:30 a.m. – 2 p.m., Upstairs

The first Saturday in May is Free Comic Book Day! Dress up as your favorite cosplay character for a chance to win prizes. Stop by the Gilroy Library to pick up 2 free small comic books that you can take home and keep. No registration required. Comic book distribution will begin at 10:30AM and will end at 2PM, while supplies last. Comics are available for all ages; please refer to age ratings on individual titles.

Manga Drawing Workshop with Illustrator Oliver Chin (Comic Fun Fest)

Saturday, May 2, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Upstairs Community Room

Illustrator Oliver Chin will present a drawing workshop with a focus on Manga. For ages 10+.

Live Music Performance by the South Bay Trombone Choir (Comic Fun Fest)

Saturday, May 2, 1 – 2 p.m., Upstairs Community Room

The South Bay Trombone Choir will interpret pop culture melodies in a live performance.

Making a Superhero Comic (Comic Fun Fest)

Saturday, May 2, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Upstairs Community Room

Marvel Entertainment comic artist Jerry Decaire will present about how to draw superheroes. He'll explain the process and then conduct a live drawing.

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

Mondays, May 4, 11, 18, & 25, 1 – 5 p.m., Computer Area

Volunteers can help you open an email account, connect to Wi-Fi/hotspots, use laptops and Chromebooks, and use Microsoft Office.

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

Pajama Storytime / Hora de Cuentos en Pijama

Mondays, May 4, 11, 18, & 25, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., Children's area/1st floor Zona infantil

We read stories, sing songs, play games, and wear our pajamas.

Leemos cuentos, cantamos canciones, y jugamos.

Homework Help / Ayuda con la Tarea

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 4 – 5:30 p.m., 1st Floor Meeting Room / 1º piso, Salon de juntas
Kids in grades K-6 can come in and receive homework help. Homework Help not offered during school breaks. Tenemos tutores disponibles para ayudarte con tus tareas.

Zumba Fitness Class / Clase de Zumba Fitness

Tuesdays, May 5, 12, 17, 24 & 31, 5:45 – 6:45 p.m., Community Room

This Latin-inspired, easy-to-follow dance exhilarates your senses and works all major muscle groups. Este baile de inspiración latina y fácil de seguir estimula tus sentidos y trabaja todos los grupos musculares principales.

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

Tuesday, May 5, 6 – 7 p.m., 1st Floor, Burrow 1º piso, Madriguera

Practice your reading skills and read aloud 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.

Play & Talk: Building Language Through Play

Wednesday, May 6, 10 – 10:30 a.m., 1st Floor, Burrow 1º piso, Madriguera

Local speech therapist Kristen White will share practical speech development tips for your little one. She'll also highlight the early literacy graphics in our Earthen Excursion Play Space and discuss how parents and caregivers can use them to support engagement and speech development. Children are welcome to attend with their parents and caregivers.

Joe Serna, Jr. Farmworker Housing Grant Program- Workshop for Stakeholders

Wednesday, May 6, 2 – 3 p.m., Upstairs Community Room

As part of Affordable Housing Month, Santa Clara County Office of Supportive Housing Presents: Joe Serna, Jr. Farmworker Housing Grant Program- Workshop for Stakeholders.

Play, Sing & Learn with Golden Acorn Music

Thursday, May 7, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m., 1st Floor, Burrow 1º piso, Madriguera

Children and their families are invited to dance, sing and learn together as Golden Acorn brings the joy of music to life with songs inspired by our Earthen Excursion play space.

Knitting and Crochet Weekly Meetup / Tejido y Crochet

Thursdays, May 7, 14, 21, & 28, 1 – 4 p.m., Quiet Study B

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

LEGO Club

Friday, May 8, 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.

RAHITI Polynesian Dance Performance

Saturday, May 9, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Community Room

Immerse yourself in the vibrant cultural tapestry of Polynesia with a live dance performance by RAHITI. It will showcase the beautiful songs, fast-paced and rhythmic drumbeats of Tahiti, alongside the graceful hula dances of Hawai'i, the strength and elegance of Samoa, and the skillful precision of the Māori people from Aotearoa (New Zealand).

Open Poetry Readings

Saturday, May 9, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Downstairs Meeting Room

Everyone is welcome to attend and listen or read poetry and join in related discussions.

Reading Program: Learner Orientation

Wednesday, May 13, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. and 6 – 7 p.m., Reading Program Room- 1st Floor

Adult residents of the County District area who speak basic English and read/write at an 8th grade level or lower are eligible to be learners in our Reading Program. This session will be led by a Literacy Specialist and will cover the services provided by the Reading Program.

Playdough Playtime / Hora de Juego con Plastilina (Ages 2-7)

Wednesday, May 13, 3 – 4 p.m., Community Room

Children can shape, roll, and squish playdoh using cutters in different shapes.

Los niños podrán amasar, moldear y aplastar plastilina usando divertidos cortadores en formas diferentes.

Housing Authority Section 8 Landlord Information

Wednesday, May 13, 6 – 8 p.m., Upstairs Community Room

Santa Clara County Housing Authority and the City of Gilroy host a session for interested property owners to learn about the Section 8 program and requirements to take part in it.

Books and Boogie Storytime / Hora de Cuentos

Thursdays, May 14, 21, & 28, 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.

Demystifying the Bot: A Senior's Guide to Artificial Intelligence (AI)

Thursday, May 14, 1 – 3 p.m., Upstairs Community Room

This session focuses on using AI as a text-based analytical tool. We will dive into choosing the "right" platform, the logic of effective prompting, and crucial safety steps like identifying "hallucinations" and avoiding scams.

Aging with Dignity in the Digital Age: A Guide to Voice Artificial Intelligence (AI)

Friday, May 15, 10 – 11 a.m., Upstairs Community Room

Learn to harness technology to live more independently and stay connected. This interactive workshop will show how to use Artificial Intelligence and natural conversation with ChatGPT Live, Gemini Live, and other voice-first accessibility tools.

Beautify Your Garden and Attract Pollinators

Saturday, May 16, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Community Room, 2nd Floor

Adults & teens are welcome to receive a free jagua temporary tattoo from artist Tinali. Space is limited and tattoos will be on a first come, first serve basis until we stop at 12:30pm.

Community Picnic

Sunday, May 17, 1 – 2:30 p.m., Outside paseo area in between Library and City Hall

Bring a lunch and a blanket to enjoy an outdoor picnic. Kids will love Miss Molly Bubbles' Bubble Play Stations, which will let them create bubbles of multiple shapes and sizes.

Teen Volunteer Sign-Ups for Rising High School Seniors (Current 11th Graders)

Monday, May 18 – Sunday, May 24, Second Floor Information Desk

Need community service hours for school? Teens can sign up for 2-hour shifts from June through August (must attend for entire period). Bring a completed application or fill one out [here](#) to take part.

Beginner Acoustic Jam

Wednesday, May 20, 6 – 8 p.m., Community Room

This event is designed specifically for beginners, "rusty" musicians, and anyone who wants to make music in a supportive group setting. No registration needed.

Bike Repair / Reparación de Bicicletas

Friday, May 22, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Outside in the Parking Lot

Community cycles will be offering free bicycle repair! Service is provided on a first-come, first-served basis, and space is limited. ¡Community Cycles ofrecerá reparación gratuita de bicicletas! El servicio se ofrece por orden de llegada y el cupo es limitado.

Seed Exchange & Giveaway

Saturday, May 23, 10 – 11:30 a.m., Upstairs Community Room

Drop-in event full of sharing, learning and cultivating connections.

Paying for College with Scholarships

Saturday, May 23, 1 – 2 p.m., Upstairs

Rebecca Lippman, Center for Scholarships and Scholarly Enrichment, walks students and parents through the 3-step-process for online searches to find scholarships. Get a better sense of how public institutions, private donors and large organizations advertise.

Mix & Matcha for Teens

Saturday, May 23, 2:30 – 5 p.m., Community Room

Join us for a match par-tea. Brew your own match to enjoy while you hang out, play games, and watch a movie. Register to reserve your spot. For teens 12-18.

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Teen Volunteer Sign-Ups for Ages 14 to 18

Tuesday, May 26 – Sunday, May 31, Second Floor Information Desk

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Transit-Oriented Communities Grant Pre-Application Workshops

Tuesday, May 26, 2 – 3 p.m., Upstairs Community Room

The Santa Clara County Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) is releasing the Transit-Oriented Communities Grant to seek proposals from Santa Clara municipalities, jurisdictions, arts, cultural, education, nonprofit, and other community organizations. Staff will review the guidelines and demonstrate the online application system at workshop.

Book Discussion: Banyan Moon

Tuesday, May 26, 7 – 8 p.m., Quiet Study B

We will be discussing Banyan Moon by Thao Thai.

Ooey Gooley Animal Guts / Tripas de animales viscosas y pegajosas

Wednesday, May 27, 4 – 5 p.m., 1st Floor, The Burrow

Come learn about the eating habits of ocean-dwelling animals. Participants will get to “dissect” a model stomach and create a food web for marine creatures that live in the Monterey Bay. For children in grades 3-5.

Ven a aprender sobre los hábitos alimenticios de los animales que viven en el océano en la Bahía de Monterey “diseccionando” un estómago modelo. Para los grados 3.º a 5.º

Mer-MAY Party / Fiesta de mar y serenitas

Friday, May 29, 4 – 5 p.m., 1st Floor Burrow / Madriguera

Dive into a magical undersea celebration as part of this hands-on crafts and activities program inspired by shimmering mermaids and fascinating ocean animals. Imaginative art projects, sensory play and interactive stations await. For children 4-8 years old.

Sumérgete en una celebración mágica bajo el mar en un programa de manualidades y actividades inspirado en brillantes sirenas y fascinantes criaturas del océano. Los niños explorarán las maravillas del mundo marino a través de proyectos artísticos creativos, juegos sensoriales y estaciones interactivas diseñadas para despertar la imaginación y la curiosidad. Este programa es perfecto para pequeños exploradores entre 4 a 8 años.

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LOS ALTOS – 13 S. San Antonio Road**Baby Storytime & Stay and Play (ages 0-1)**

Wednesdays, May 2, 10, 17, 24, & 31, 1 – 2 p.m., Orchard Room

We invite non-walking babies and their caregivers to 20 minutes of catchy songs and rhymes, gentle movement and baby sign language, and short books. Stay for our "Stay & Play" session, where babies can explore fun, age-appropriate toys.

Coexisting with Wildlife

Saturday, May 2, 2 – 3 p.m., Orchard Room

Silicon Valley Wildlife Group will discuss their ongoing research on local wildlife.

Creative Collective- A Club for Teens

Saturdays, May 2, 16 & 30, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Teen Room

Meet other teens with creative talents. The initial meeting will open with an introductory social collage project.

Monday Morning Meditation and Mindfulness

Mondays, May 4, 11, 18, & 25, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard Room

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

Poetry Open Mic

Monday, May 4, 7 – 8 p.m., Pod D

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

Bilingual Spanish Family Storytime / Hora de cuentos bilingüe para familias

Tuesdays, May 5, 12, 19, & 26, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard Room

Join us for stories, songs, and movement in Spanish and English.

Venga a la biblioteca para cuentos, canciones y movimiento.

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

Tuesdays, May 5, 12, 19, & 26, 1 – 1:30 p.m., Orchard Room

These 30-minute sessions focus on early literacy by sharing stories and songs in both English and Mandarin Chinese. 這是以半小時的雙中英語故事書, 兒歌, 手指謠, 玩遊戲為特色的內容。

The Whodunit? Mystery Book Club

Wednesday, May 6, 10:15 – 11:30 a.m., Teen Room

We will discuss [*To Die For*](#) by David Baldacci.

Toddler Storytime (ages 1-2)

Wednesdays, May 6, 14, 21, & 28, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard Room

Thursdays, May 7, 14, 21, & 28, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard Room

Storytimes will be filled with stories, music, and fun activities! Due to limited space, we will begin handing out free tickets starting at 10 a.m.

ESL Conversation Club

Thursdays, May 7, 14, 21, & 28, 1:30 – 3 p.m., Orchard Room

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

Preschool Storytime (ages 3-5)

Thursdays, May 7, 14, 21 & 28, 3:30 – 4 p.m., Orchard Room

Join us for stories, music, movement and more at our preschool storytime.

Teen Dungeons and Dragons Social Club

Thursdays, May 7, 14, 21, & 28, 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.

Patterned Flower Drawing for Adults and Teens

Thursday, May 7, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Local artist Kenneth Tan leads this beginner-friendly workshop where you will learn to draw a flower using simple line patterns inspired by traditional Filipino weavings and tattoos.

Ekphrastic Creative Writing Poetry Workshop

Saturday, May 9, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Participants will be invited to respond creatively to Masuma Ahmed's Celebration of Women artwork on display at the library.

Board Game Sunday

Sunday, May 10, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Orchard Room

We have board games for adults, teens, and children.

Creating a Pollinator's Paradise: How to Attract Diverse Species to Your Yard

Tuesday, May 12, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Join us for the third presentation in our Go Green Series to learn how to turn your yard into a vibrant pollinator garden.

Origami Craft for Adults and Trees

Wednesday, May 13, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Come celebrate AANHPI Heritage Month with sustainable artist Gigi Farmer. Create a lotus origami flower and a kimono origami card. All materials provided.

Jewish Heritage Month: My Grandmother's Magic Recipes Book

Thursday, May 14, 4 – 4:45 p.m., Orchard Room

This charming puppet show brings Jewish traditions to life through a magical cookbook filled with stories, songs, and cultural discoveries.

The Messenger of Peace: A Fabric Sculpture Workshop

Thursday, May 14, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Celebrate AANHPI Month with sustainable artist Leila Ghasempour. Participants will explore the cultural semiotics of the Japanese crane, a timeless symbol of hope and longevity. For teens and adults.

Bay Area Games Day

Saturday, May 16, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m., Orchard Room

Learn how to play a new board game or enjoy an old favorite.

Sunday CrafterNoon

Sunday, May 17, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Orchard Room

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

Now Read This Book Club

Monday, May 18, 12 – 1 p.m., Orchard Room

We will be discussing [A Marriage at Sea: A True Story of Love, Obsession and Shipwreck](#), by Jane Goodall.

Adult Watercolor Workshop

Monday, May 18, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room

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

Book Bugs Club (Grades 2-3)

Tuesday, May 19, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

Our May book selection is *Dragons and Marshmallows* by Asia Citro. Please pick up a copy of the book at the Children's Desk at Los Altos or Woodland Library.

Chinese Medicine for Chronic Pain

Tuesday, May 19, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard Room

Licensed acupuncturist Dr. Julia Lee will discuss natural reasons why the body manifests pain, what the healing process for pain may look like, strategies to cope with pain during the healing process and beneficial attitudes that support pain relief.

Teaching Machines to Learn the Universe: Galaxy Science in the Rubin Era

Thursday, May 21, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Explore how deep learning is reshaping galaxy science in the era of the new Vera C. Rubin Observatory. Lecture by Michell Park, MA student at Stanford's Computational and Mathematics Engineering.

Squishy Circuits STEAM Program for Grades 3-6

Friday, May 22, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

Learn about electrical circuitry by creating imaginative projects with playdough using LED lights, motors and fans.

Making a Superhero Comic

Saturday, May 23, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Orchard Room

Marvel Entertainment comic artist Jerry Decaire will present about how to draw superheroes. He'll explain the process and then conduct a live drawing.

Furry Friends Reading Buddies (Grades K-8)

Sunday, May 23, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Come practice your reading skills and read aloud to a friendly dog or cat -- your very own furry audience. You may register for a 10-minute session online two days before the event.

To Be Read Book Club (Grades 6-8)

Tuesday, May 26, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

This month we are reading *The False Prince* by Jennifer Nielsen. Pick up a copy of the book at the Children's Desk at Los Altos or Woodland Library.

Book Discussion for Adults

Tuesday, May 26, 7 – 8:15 p.m., Orchard Room

Email Laura.Pasternack@lib.sccgov.org to join the monthly email reminders.

Story Explorers Book Club (TK – 1st Graders)

Wednesday, May 27, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

We'll enjoy stories and activities featuring the Rocket early reader series by Tad Hills. We'll read together, talk about the book, move to music, and do a fun craft!

Wednesday Travel Nights: Hiking the French Alps

Wednesday, May 27, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room

John Trudeau will take us on a virtual four-day hike in the French Alps in Vanoise National Park, near the Italian border.

Summer 2026 Plant a Seed, Read: Gardening for Biodiversity

Thursday, May 28, 7 – 9 p.m., Orchard Room

Naturalist John Kehoe will share which native plants to add to a garden or restoration plot to make a significant difference in the overall population of beneficial insects and animals.

Live Stream Author Talk: George Takei

Sunday, May 31, 2 – 4:00 p.m., Community Room

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

Fridays, May 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29, 1 – 3 p.m., Auditorium

Relieve stress and anxiety, increase energy and vitality and improve physical health during these exercise sessions.

Giảm căng thẳng và lo lắng, tăng năng lượng và sức sống, Cải thiện sức khỏe thể chất.

Knit & Crochet Circle

Fridays, May 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29, 2 – 4 p.m., Conference Room

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

Music & Movement (ages 3-8)

Friday, May 1, 3:30 – 4:15 p.m., Activity Room

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

Paying for College with Scholarships

Saturday, May 2, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Activity Room

Rebecca Lippman, Center for Scholarships and Scholarly Enrichment, walks students and parents through the 3-step-process for online searches to find scholarships. Get a better sense of how public institutions, private donors and large organizations advertise.

Family Storytime

Saturdays, May 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30, 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.

Barnaby & The Dragon's Treasure Puppet Family Show

Saturday, May 2, 2 – 2:45 p.m., Activity Room

Celebrate Día del Niño (Day of the Child) with us! Join us for a magical family program featuring the Wylding Woods-Barnaby & the Dragon's Treasure puppet show.

Japanese Paper Arts Workshop

Saturday, May 2, 2 – 4 p.m., Activity Room

Create your very own washi collage card using handmade artisan papers from Japan. All supplies will be provided. Please register to attend.

Teen Rubik's Cube Club

Saturday, May 2, 4 – 5 p.m., Conference Room

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

Stanford Blood Drive

Sunday, May 3, 10:30 a.m. – 3 p.m., Auditorium

The Stanford Blood Center is collecting blood to try to save lives. To sign up email Aprille Walsh at: aprillew@stanford.edu.

LEGO Club for Grades K-8

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

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

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. Parents are asked to stay nearby. Homework Help will not be offered May 25.

Baby Bouncers Lapsit (12 months and younger)

Tuesdays, May 5, 12, 19, & 26, 11:30 – 11:45 a.m., Activity Room

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

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

Tuesdays, May 5, 12, 19, & 26, 6:30 – 7 p.m., Children's Activity Room

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

Fun with Art Presented by First5 Santa Clara County

Wednesday, May 6, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Auditorium

Staff from the Guerrero Family Resource Center will read a book, lead a craft activity based on the book, and then share resources provided at the resource center.

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

Wednesdays, May 6, 13, 20, & 27, 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 1-3)

Thursdays, May 7, 14, 21, & 28, 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, May 7, 14, 21, & 28, 6:30 – 7 p.m., Children's Activity Room

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

Stay and Play Café for Kids 0-5

Friday, May 8, 11:15 a.m. – 12 p.m., Activity Room

Stay, play and learn with music, toys, and snacks.

Gaming Club (Grades 4-8)

Friday, May 8, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Activity Room

We will play video games like Super Smash Bros, Mario Kart, and more. Plus, we will also have various board games for fun! Please register.

Board Game Day

Saturday, May 9, 10 a.m. – 6:30 p.m., Auditorium

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

Mend with Friends

Saturday, May 9, 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.

Gentle Flow Yoga (ages 13+)

Sunday, May 10, 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.

Color Analysis Workshop

Sunday, May 10, 3 – 4 p.m., Auditorium

Join us on Mother's Day for a relaxed discussion about the basics of color analysis, including a color draping demonstration and how different shades can bring out your features. Identify your seasonal color palette.

ESL Conversation Club

Wednesdays, May 6, 13, 20, & 27, 2:45 – 3:45 p.m., Program Room

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

Science Fiction and Fantasy Book Club

Monday, May 11, 7 – 8 p.m., Auditorium

Sign up and pick up a copy of **Doomsday Book** by Connie Willis.

Little Learners STEAM (Ages 3-5)

Tuesday, May 12, 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.

Personal Emergency Preparedness: How to Prepare Your Family for a Disaster!

Thursday, May 14, 7 – 8 p.m., Program Room

The City of Milpitas' Office of Emergency Management will review key strategies for making emergency plans, building disaster supplies, and ensuring your family is safe in the immediate aftermath of a disaster event. For adults and teens. Free gift for attendees.

Play & Talk: Building Language Through Play

Friday, May 15, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Children's Area

Local speech therapist Kristen White will share practical speech development tips for your little one. She'll also highlight the early literacy graphics in our Railway Rollick Play Space and discuss how parents and caregivers can use them to support engagement and speech development. Children are welcome to attend with their parents and caregivers.

Master Gardeners Presents: Summer Vegetable Success

Saturday, May 16, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Program Room

This session covers everything you need to transform a patch of dirt into a backyard bounty. Learn the secrets to perfect soil preparation, timing your planting for peak harvest, and keeping common pests at bay. Ensure your summer vegetables thrive all season long.

Lego Day

Saturday, May 16, 2 – 4 p.m., Auditorium

Whether you're a seasoned pro or just love to build, there is something for everyone to enjoy: Build a futuristic invention or an out-of-this-world spacecraft in the LEGO Creative Zone. Give old instruction manuals a second life and create your own wearable LEGO Instruction Buttons. Get inspired by "My Own Creations" (MOCs) and custom LEGO displays designed by pros at Brick Blast. Take home a Master Builder Certificate to showcase your skills. Visit the Sensory Play Area for younger siblings hosted by Otto Family Club. Enter to win a LEGO Creator 3-in-1 Space Astronaut set! Registration is required.

Adult and Teen Crafternoon: Polk Dot Sculpture (Ages 13+)

Saturday, May 16, 3 – 4:30 p.m., Program Room

Patrons aged 13+ are invited to take part in a different craft or art project each month. No registration is required; walk-in while supplies last.

RAHITI Polynesian Dance Performance

Sunday, May 17, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Program Room

Immerse yourself in the vibrant cultural tapestry of Polynesia with a live song and dance performance by RAHITI, showcasing the beautiful songs, fast-paced and rhythmic drumbeats of Tahiti, alongside the graceful hula dances of Hawai'i, the strength and elegance of Samoa, and the skillful precision of the Māori people from New Zealand.

Books & Bricks Book Club (Grades 4-6)

Tuesday, May 19, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Activity Room

Join our book and Lego building club for 4th-6th graders! This month we are reading the graphic novel *Invisible* by Christina Diaz Gonzales. Register online.

Lil Athletes (ages 18 months-4 Years)

Wednesday, May 20, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Auditorium

Stories, stretches, and sports-themed activities for tots on the move! Parents/caregivers must stay and participate with their children.

Reading Buddies (Grades K-5)

Saturday, May 23, 2 – 3 p.m., Children's Activity Room

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

Making a Superhero Comic Workshop

Saturday, May 23, 2:30 – 4 p.m., Program Room

Learn how to draw superheroes with Marvel Entertainment comic artist Jerry Decaire. For teens 12 to 18. Registration required.

Grow for Monarchs

Saturday, May 30, 2 – 3:15 p.m., Program Room

Local Milpitas teens will lead a hands-on conversation event around environmental conservation and ecosystems. Following the presentation participants will paint and decorate their own ceramic clay pots, plant seeds and take home their creations.

Live Stream Author Talk: George Takei

Sunday, May 31, 2 – 4:00 p.m., Community Room

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MORGAN HILL – 660 W. Main Avenue**Teen-Led Passion Projects**

All Day, All Month, Program Room

Individual teens and teen clubs who want to lead a program or present a project for the community at the end of July 2026 can apply by filling out an application form and returning it to teen librarian, Hannah Clement, at hannah.clement@lib.sccgov.org, or the information desk by JUNE 10th. Take the lead on designing the program, executing your ideas, creating marketing materials, and working with library staff to bring it all together.

Tiny Tot Jamboree (ages 1-2)

Fridays, May 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Children's Activity Room

Parents and toddlers: Join us for short stories, rhymes, fingerplays, activities, and songs.

Itty Bitty Jamboree (ages 0-12 months)

Fridays, May 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29, 12 – 1 p.m., Children's Activity Room

Adults and their babies: Join us for short, fun stories, rhymes, fingerplays, and songs. Itty-Bitty Jamboree is 30 minutes followed by Stay & Play time.

Free Snacks for Kids! / ¡Meriendas Gratis Para Niños!

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

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

¡Los niños de 0 a 18 años pueden pasar por la biblioteca para recoger una merienda gratis después de la escuela! No es necesario registrarse.

Kids Keva Club (Ages 5+)

Friday, May 1, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Children's Activity Room

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

ESL Conversation Club

Saturday, May 2, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Come to improve your English speaking and listening skills, while learning about other cultures in a safe and supportive environment.

Bilingual Spanish & English Family Storytime

Saturdays, May 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m., Children's Activity Room

Storytimes are bilingual (Spanish/English) and all ages are welcome to attend.

La hora de cuentos es bilingüe (español/inglés) y todas las edades son bienvenidas.

Student-Led Paper Rocket Program

Saturday, May 2, 2 – 3 p.m., Children's Activity Room

Participants will learn the science behind air pressure and gravity, while gaining engineering and design experience as they create their own paper rocket. By the end of the program, all participants will get to launch their own rockets!

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. Homework Help will not be offered May 25.

Zumba Fitness Class / Clase de Zumba Fitness

Monday, May 4, 6 – 7 p.m., Community Room

This Latin-inspired, easy-to-follow dance exhilarates your senses and works all major muscle groups. Este baile de inspiración latina y fácil de seguir estimula tus sentidos y trabaja todos los grupos musculares principales.

AP Study Lounge

Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, May 4 to 13, 6 – 8:45 p.m., Program Room

The AP Study Lounge, an extra space for high schoolers studying for exams and finals, will include snacks, drinks, study materials and goodies for all teens! No sign-ups required.

Reading Buddies for Grades K-6

Mondays, May 4 and 18, 6 – 7 p.m., Children's Activity Room

Kids can practice their reading skills while reading aloud to a furry friend. 15-minute sessions.

Evening Itty Bitty Jamboree (ages 0-12 months)

Tuesdays, May 5 & 19, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., Activity Room

Adults and babies are invited to short, fun stories, rhymes, fingerplays, and songs.

Kids LEGO Club

Wednesdays, May 6, 13, 20, & 27, 1 – 2:30 p.m., Children’s Activity Room

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

After Dinner Book Club

Wednesday, May 6, 7 – 8 p.m., Meeting Room

We will discuss Before **The Coffee Gets Cold** by Virginia Evans.

Toddler Storytime (ages 2-3)

Thursdays, May 7, 14, 21 & 28, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Children’s Activity Room

Join us for a fun-filled storytime featuring stories, songs, rhymes, and lots of movement!

Preschool Storytime

Thursdays, May 7, 14, 21, & 28, 11:15 a.m. – 12 p.m., Children’s Activity Room

Join us for a fun-filled storytime featuring stories, songs, rhymes, and lots of interactive movement!

Mother’s Day Craft

Friday, May 8, 3 – 4 p.m., Program Room

Join us and craft a gift card for someone special.

Air Dry Clay Creations with Safe Space

Friday, May 8, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Program Room

Join us for in-person support group meetings for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning and ally (LGBTQ+) youth and young adults, ages 13-25. This afternoon we will be making air dry clay creations and watching movies!

Tai Chi Class for Adults

Saturdays, May 9 and 23, 10 – 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 26, 7 – 8 p.m. Community Room

Find balance and calm through Tai Chi. Join Tai Chi instructor, Lawrence Kwok, in a fun and welcoming environment. Focus your mind, visualize movement and connect within. All levels welcome.

Lucky Diaz and the Family Jam Band

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Get ready to dance, sing, read and celebrate Dia de los libros with this fun and energetic Grammy-winning band, made up of a husband-and-wife duo.

Play & Talk: Building Language Through Play

Monday, May 11, 6:30 – 7 p.m., Children's Area

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Craft Night for Adults

Monday, May 11, 6:30 – 8 p.m.

Transform your favorite garden blooms into vibrant art. We'll be hammering fresh flowers into fabric to create stunning, one-of-a-kind print. Materials will be provided.

Family Fun Night: Superflat Drawing

Tuesday, May 12, 6:30 – 8 p.m., Children's Activity Room

Families with school-aged children will create art, crafts, or participate in STEM activities. We will create Superflat Drawings inspired by Takashi Murakami for AANHPIHM.

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Library Ukulele Society

Tuesday, May 19, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m., Community Room

Bring your uke and music stand or come to listen and sing along. Learn some songs and play together.

Kids Art Club (Ages 5+)

Wednesday, May 20, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Children’s Activity Room

Join us for an afternoon of creativity with the Kids Art Club. We will explore Brushstroke Painting inspired by Dinh Q. Le.

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

Friday, May 22, 4 – 5 p.m., Children’s Activity Room

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

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

Friday, May 22, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Program Room

Our staff-led meetings offer a safe space for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning and ally (LGBTQ+) youth to play games, participate in group activities and discussions and build community. Four our final meeting of the current school year we will be painting our air-dry creations, playing game and celebrating the end of the term.

Japanese Paper Arts Workshop

Saturday, May 23, 4 – 6 p.m., Community Room

Create your very own washi collage card using handmade artisan papers from Japan. All supplies will be provided. Please register to attend.

Making a Superhero Comic Workshop

Sunday, May 24, 2 – 4 p.m., Community Room

Learn how to draw superheroes with Marvel Entertainment comic artist Jerry Decaire. For ages 10+. Registration required.

Play, Sing, & Learn with Golden Acorn Music

Saturday, May 30, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m., Children’s Area

Children and their families are invited to dance, sing and learn together as Golden Acorn brings the joy of music to life with songs inspired by our Trusty Trails play space.

Live Stream Author Talk: George Takei

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SARATOGA – 13650 Saratoga Avenue

Free Comic Book Day

Saturday, May 2, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Front Lobby

Comics are available for all ages, while they last.

Asian American Pacific Islander Teen Art Exhibit 2026

All Month in the Group Study Room

This is an exhibit by student artists highlighting the diversity of the AAPI community

Whimsical Garden Art Exhibit

All Month in Lobby

This exhibit by artist Megan Wu features watercolors of natural scenes.

Family Storytime

Tuesdays & Saturdays, May 2, 5, 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, 26 & 30, 11 – 11:30 am, Community Room

Join us for stories, rhymes, and songs.

Indian Classical Concert

Saturday, May 2, 2 – 4 p.m., Community Room

The Carnatic vocal concert will be presented by Rasika Murali Mohan accompanied by Venkatadhri Giridhari on Violin, Akshay Venkatesan on Mrudangam and Anirudh Bharadwaj on Kanjira.

Hula Halau 'O Pi'ilani Performance

Sunday, May 3, 2 – 4 p.m., Community Room

Join us for a hula show featuring live music and dance from local group Hula Halau 'O Pi'ilani. Hula Halau 'O Pi'ilani prides itself on bringing Aloha and the Hawaiian cultural experience to all walks of life across the globe.

The Geary Art Project: AANHPI Heritage Month

Sunday, May 3, 2 – 4 p.m., Community Room

This presentation by local historian Connie Young Yu addresses the "paper trail" of Chinese exclusion and the documentation of Chinese American history. Connie will speak about the historic implications of The Geary Act of 1892 that extended the Chinese Exclusion Act and required photo-identification for all Chinese in America.

Mystery Book Club

Monday, May 4, 7 – 8 p.m., Maple Room

Drop by the Adult Reference Desk at Saratoga Library to sign up for the meeting and pick up *We Solve Murders* by Richard Osman.

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. No Homework Help May 25.

Band Jam: Guitar and Ukulele

Tuesdays, May 5 & 12, 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, May 5, 7 – 8 p.m., Maple Room

Join in the discussion of **Light From Uncommon Stars** by Ryka Aoki. You can sign up and get a copy of the book from the adult reference desk.

Knit & Crochet Circle

Wednesday, May 6, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Orchard 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, May 6, 13, 20, & 27, 11 – 11:15 a.m., Maple Room

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

Drop-in Tech Help

Thursdays, May 7, 14, 21, & 28, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., Oak Room

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

Play & Talk: Building Language Through Play

Friday, May 8, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Orchard Room

Local speech therapist Kristen White will share practical speech development tips for your little one. She'll also highlight the early literacy graphics in our Redwood Romp Play Space and discuss how parents and caregivers can use them to support engagement and speech development. Children are welcome to attend with their parents and caregivers.

Furry Reading Buddies (Grades K-5)

Fridays, May 8 & 22, 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.

Lucky Diaz and the Family Jam Band

Saturday, May 9, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Orchard Room

Get ready to dance, sing, read and celebrate Dia de los libros with this fun and energetic Grammy-winning band, made up of a husband-and-wife duo.

Kintsukuroi Movie Screening

Saturday, May 9, 1 – 4 p.m., Orchard Room

Come enjoy a screening of Kintsukuroi, a film about the Japanese art of repairing pottering using urushi lacquer and gold. The practice serves as a metaphor for the destruction and eventual reconstruction of the lives of 120,000 Japanese Americans during WWI who are forced into internment camps.

Creative Collective – A Club for Teens

Saturdays, May 9 & 23, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Teen Area

Attendees should be interested in creative projects and be comfortable working with various materials. The initial meeting will open with an introductory social collage project. Later the group will vote between two projects at the first meeting.

Board Game Night for Adults

Monday, May 11, 6 – 8 p.m., Maple Room

Drop in and play a variety of board games.

Craft Club for Adults

Thursday, May 14, 1 – 2 p.m., Maple Room

Create your own flowers with fuzzy chenille pipe cleaners. Supplies provided.

Play, Sing, & Learn with Golden Acorn Music

Friday, May 15, 11 – 11:45 a.m., Children's Area

Children and their families are invited to dance, sing and learn together as Golden Acorn brings the joy of music to life with songs inspired by our Redwood Romp play space.

Teen Coffeehouse

Friday, May 15, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Community Room

Calling all teen artists: are you a singer, musician, dancer, poet, or any other type of performing artist? Sign up to perform at Coffeehouse, the bi-annual event organized by the Saratoga Library Teen Advisory Board and the Saratoga Youth Commission.

Saratoga Historical Foundation Presents Saratoga Before 1900

Saturday, May 16, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m., Community Room

Linda Hagelin of the Saratoga Historical Foundation will present a program on early Saratoga History. A time of growth. A time of change. A Time of Community.

Tech Class

Monday, May 18, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., Maple Room

Join us for the third class in a new series offered to teach you about technology. Our tech help volunteer will give a deeper dive on computers and internet usage.

Travel Program: Australia

Tuesday, May 19, 7:15 – 8:30 p.m., Community Room

Presenter Ann Resch invites you to journey Down Under and relive two trips she has taken to Australia. One trip was in 2022 with Overseas Adventure Travel and covered Melbourne, Alice Springs, Uluru, Cairns, the Great Barrier Reef, and Sydney.

Lego Club

Wednesday, May 20, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

Kids ages 5 + can use their building skills and imaginations to have fun with LEGOs! There are also Duplos for younger kids.

Mandarin Storytime

Thursday, May 21, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Maple Room

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

Teatime Book Chatter

Thursday, May 21, 1 – 2 p.m., Maple Room

Visit the Adult Reference Desk to register and pick up *They Called Us Enemy* by George Takei. This title is also part of the One Book, One Coast Initiative.

Open Mic

Sunday, May 24, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room

This is your opportunity to share your musical talents in a safe, inviting community of teens of all levels and ages 13+. Bring your guitar, ukulele, voice, or any fun instruments you have been practicing to perform in an open mic setting.

Paying for College with Scholarships

Saturday, May 30, 2 – 3 p.m., Program Room

Rebecca Lippman, Center for Scholarships and Scholarly Enrichment, walks students and parents through the 3-step-process for online searches to find scholarships. Get a better sense of how public institutions, private donors and large organizations advertise.

Live Stream Author Talk: George Takei

Sunday, May 31, 2 – 4:00 p.m., Community Room

The Los Angeles County Public Library is hosting a sit down interview with actor, author and human rights advocate George Takei on Sunday, May 31 as part of the One Book, One

Coast reading event. Takei will speak about [They Called Us Enemy](#), the graphic memoir recounting his childhood imprisoned in U.S. internment camps during WWII and how that experience helped lead him on the path he has navigated in life.

WOODLAND – 1975 Grant Road

Monday Meditation and Mindfulness

Mondays, May 4, 11, & 18, 7 – 7:30 p.m.

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

Adult Book Discussion

Tuesday, May 12, 2 – 3:15 p.m.

Email laura.pasternack@lib.sccgov.org to join. We read fiction and nonfiction titles.

Bookie Boogie

Sunday, May 17, 11:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Backyard Patio (dress for weather!)

This fun and engaging storytime supports early literacy through music, movement, and interactive play. Perfect for children 0-5 and families.

SERVICES & SUPPORT CENTER – 1370 Dell Avenue, Campbell

Joint Powers Authority Board Finance Committee Meeting

Wednesday, May 20, 1 – 2 p.m.

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ONLINE EVENTS (Please register online)

Asian Art Museum – Reimagining Traditions: AANHPI Heritage Month

Tuesday, May 5, 7 – 8 p.m.

Many contemporary Asian and Asian American artists reach into the past, creating works that reimagine traditional subjects or techniques in new and unexpected contexts or combinations. Whether these traditions merge or collide, the process often yields unusual and thought-provoking works of extraordinary beauty and skill.

Online English Conversation Club

Thursdays, May 7, 21, & 28, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Meet new friends and practice English together.

Virtual Author Talk: Marjan Kamali

Thursday, May 7, 4 – 5 p.m.

Join us for an engaging conversation with internationally acclaimed author [Marjan Kamali](#) as we explore the enduring beauty of her New York Times bestselling novel [The Lion Women of Tehran](#). The story follows Ellie, a young girl whose life is upended when she and her mother are forced to leave their comfortable home in 1950s Tehran.

Virtual Author Talk: Dr. Vivienne Ming

Tuesday, May 12, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Join us for a timely conversation with [Dr. Vivienne Ming](#), scientist, entrepreneur, and author of [Robot-Proof: When Machines Have All the Answers, Build Better People](#), as she examines what it means to remain fully human in a world increasingly shaped by artificial intelligence.

Virtual Author Talk: Dr. Patrick K. Porter & Ruchika Sikri

Thursday, May 14, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Join us for a conversation with [Ruchika Sikri](#) and [Dr. Patrick Porter](#) as they discuss [Brain Fitness Blueprint](#), a guide that offers a 30-day plan to restore cognitive clarity, emotional balance, and overall vitality.

Virtual Author Talk: Nir Eyal

Tuesday, May 19, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

[Nir Eyal's Beyond Belief](#) explores how the limits people experience are often psychological rather than physical, revealing how hidden assumptions shape perception, emotion, and action. Eyal shows that many limits are learned and with the right beliefs, they can be rewritten.

Reading Program: Adult Learner Orientation

Wednesday, May 20, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. and 6 – 7 p.m.

Adult residents of the County District area who speak basic English and read/write at an 8th grade level or lower are eligible to be learners in our Reading Program. This session will be led by a Literacy Specialist and will cover the services provided by the Reading Program.

Research Chinese Ancestors with My China Roots

Wednesday, May 20, 11 – 11:30 a.m.

Learn how to use [My China Roots](#), a genealogy database available at the Santa Clara County Library District, to search for records of Chinese ancestors in the USA, China and more. This session will be of interest to any individuals of Chinese heritage, including non-native Chinese speakers, and individuals with no prior experience researching their Chinese ancestry.

Virtual Author Talk: Elizabeth Lim

Wednesday, May 20, 4 – 5 p.m.

[Elizabeth Lim's *Forgery of Fate*](#) reimagines [*Beauty and the Beast*](#) through the story of Truyan Saigas, a gifted art forger who can paint the future.

Los Altos and Woodland Libraries



May 2026

Upcoming Programs

Join us for BOARD GAME SUNDAYS!



Everyone's invited to play board games
at the library on Sunday, May 10th

We have board games for children, teens,
and adults + LEGOs & DUPLOS

Drop-in games are from 2:00 to 3:30 PM.

(we close up at 3:30, so come early
enough to have time to play)

Come with friends & family!



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SUNDAY CRAFTERNOON

All-ages crafting on the third Sunday of the month.
sponsored by the Friends of the Los Altos Library

Sunday, May 17th
from 2:00 to 3:30 PM
(DROP-IN)

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

Our crafts are self-directed; children must come
with their participating adult crafting-buddy.

Come early enough to finish up by 3:30 PM

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MAKE A NEW FRIEND (OR TWO!)
READ A FAVORITE BOOK
TO A THERAPY ANIMAL



FURRY FRIENDS
LOS ALTOS LIBRARY
ORCHARD ROOM
MAY 23TH, 2:30-3:30 PM

ONLINE PRE-REGISTRATION OPENS
TWO DAYS BEFORE THE PROGRAM



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BILINGUAL STORYTIME

HORA DE CUENTOS BILINGÜE

TUESDAYS / LOS MARTES

10:30-11:00 AM

LOS ALTOS LIBRARY

JOIN US FOR STORIES, SONGS, AND MOVEMENT IN SPANISH AND ENGLISH! THIS PROGRAM IS DESIGNED FOR CHILDREN UP TO AGE 5 AND THEIR CAREGIVERS, AND WILL BE HELD INDOORS IN THE ORCHARD ROOM.

¡VENGA A LA BIBLIOTECA PARA CUENTOS, CANCIONES Y MOVIMIENTO EN INGLÉS Y ESPAÑOL! ESTE PROGRAMA ESTÁ DISEÑADO PARA NIÑOS HASTA 5 AÑOS DE EDAD Y SUS CUIDADORES, Y SE LLEVARÁ A CABO DENTRO DEL ORCHARD ROOM.

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JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH



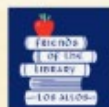
Celebrate Jewish Heritage Month with "My Grandmother's Magic Recipes Book"!

This charming puppet show brings Jewish traditions to life through a magical cookbook filled with stories, songs, and cultural discoveries. A joyful and inspiring way to celebrate and share Jewish heritage — perfect for ages 3 to 9!



Thursday, May 14
4:00 pm

Space is limited. Free tickets available starting 30 minutes before the program at the children's reference desk.



Los Altos Library
13 S. San Antonio Rd.
650-948-7683 x3526

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WEDNESDAY TRAVEL NIGHTS

HIKING THE FRENCH ALPS



JOHN TRUDEAU will take us on a four-day hike in the French Alps in the Vanoise National Park, near the Italian border.

We'll encounter spectacular mountain vistas and some historical relics along the way, while observing unique plants and animals and experiencing a variety of remote and varied geological environments.



Wednesday May 27, 7 pm
Los Altos Library Orchard Room

Sponsored by the Friends of the Los Altos Library
Admission is FREE

Watch the preview here:





GO GREEN SERIES

March 17 - Zero Waste | April 21 - Pollinators | May 12 - Electrification

Creating a Pollinator's Paradise How to Attract Diverse Species to Your Yard

May 12, 2026 | 7-8:30pm
Los Altos Library Orchard Room

Want to create beauty and support the environment? Join us for the third presentation in our Go Green Series and discover how to transform your landscape into a haven for pollinators. You'll hear about:

- The ecological benefits of native landscapes from Grassroots Ecology
- A Woodland Park Library project creating a thriving pollinator habitat
- A local pilot program where 10 homes turned their yards into vibrant pollinator gardens

Get inspired — and leave with ideas you can put into action at home.

Questions?

Email info@greentownlosaltos.org

Event Info

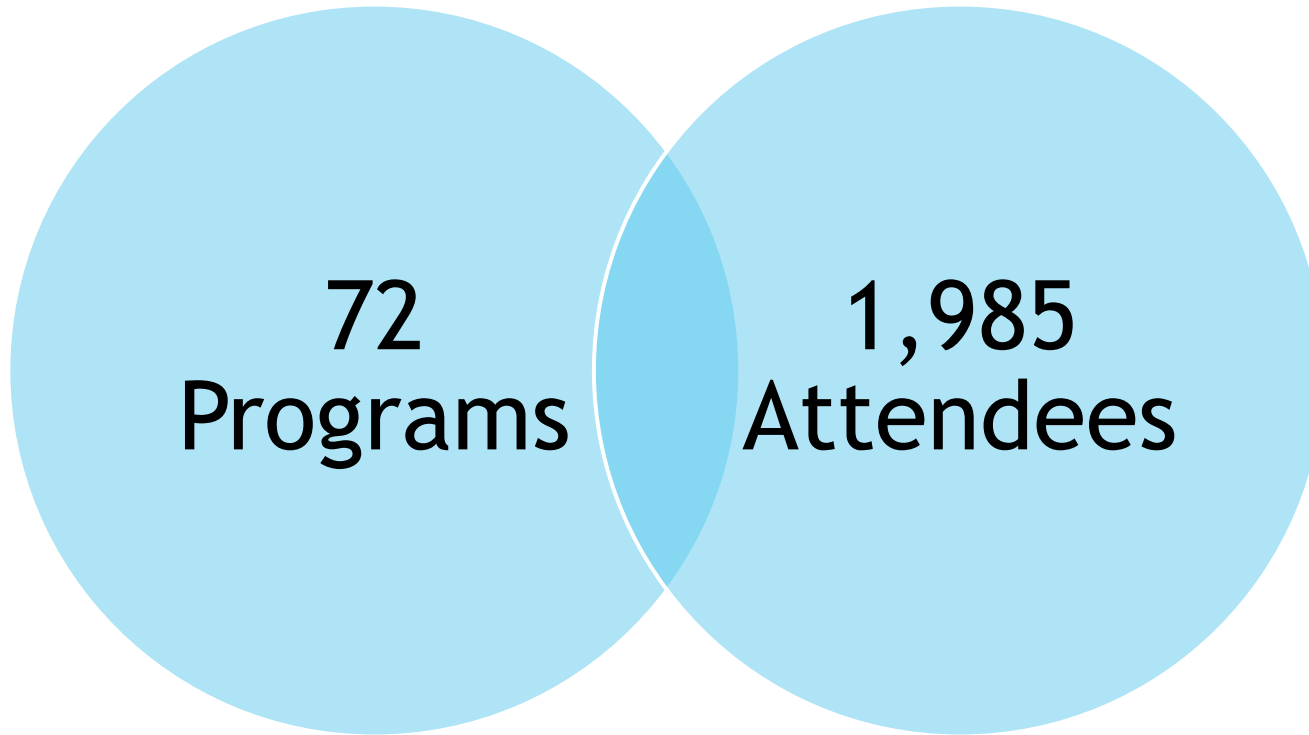


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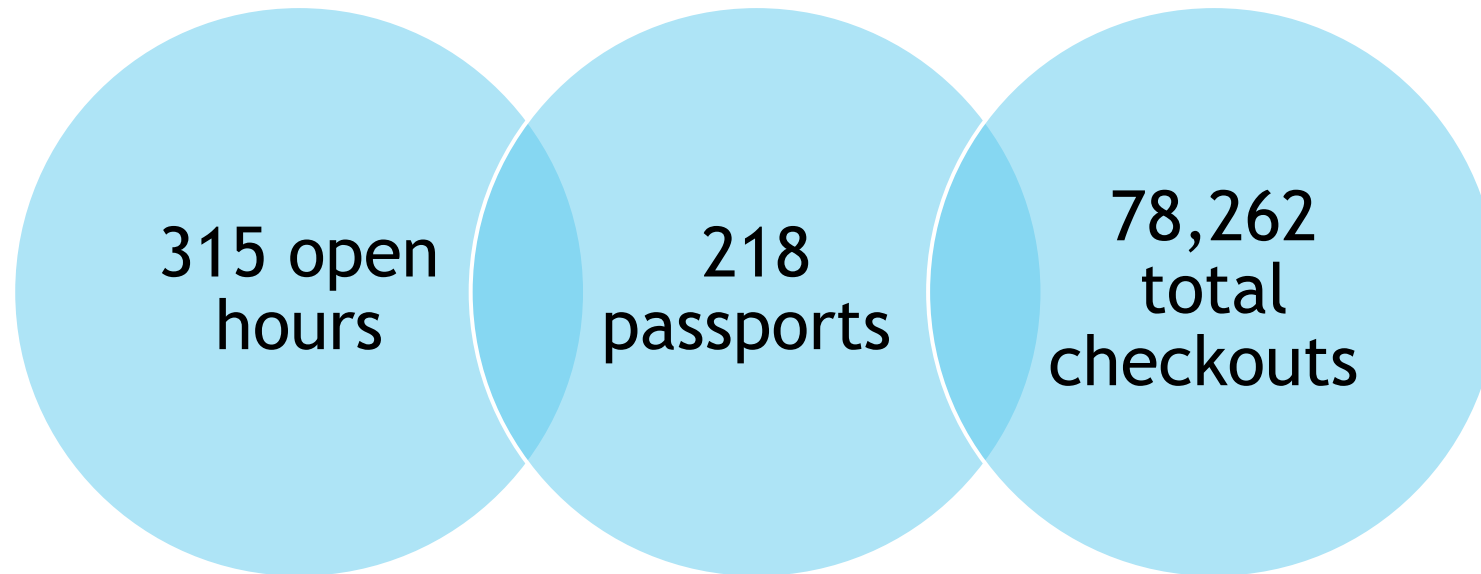


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