



REGULAR LIBRARY COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA

August 6, 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 May 7, 2026

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION

2. Discuss Library Commission Event

3. Discuss Library Closure Preparations

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

STAFF REPORTS

4. Receive report from Santa Clara County Library District
5. Receive report from Main Library Staff

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

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LIBRARY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

6:30 PM – Thursday, May 7, 2026

Los Altos Community Center – Sequoia Room

ESTABLISH QUORUM

Vice Chair Fawcett called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

Present: Vice Chair Fawcett; Commissioner Valadez; Commissioner Bedard

Absent: Chair Morris & Commissioner Bhardwaj

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Public Comment: None

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. **Minutes:** Approve minutes of the regular meeting on March 5, 2026

Public Comment: None

Action: Commissioner Bedard moved that the Commission accept the minutes of the regular meeting of March 5, 2026 with adjustments as directed. Commissioner Valadez seconded the motion.

Approve: Fawcett, Valadez, Bedard

Oppose:

Abstain:

Absent: Morris, Bhardwaj

Motion passed: 3-0-0-2

2. **Minutes:** Approve minutes of the joint meeting on April 27, 2026

Public Comment: None

Action: Commissioner Valadez moved that the Commission accept the minutes of the joint meeting of April 27, 2026. Commissioner Bedard seconded the motion.

Approve: Fawcett, Valadez, Bedard

Oppose:

Abstain:

Absent: Morris, Bhardwaj
Motion passed: 3-0-0-2

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION

- 3. Receive Update on Main Library Improvement Project**
- 4. Discuss Library Commission Event**
- 5. Review Library Commission Workplan**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS ONLY

STAFF REPORTS

- 6. Receive report from Santa Clara County Library District**
- 7. Receive report from Main Library Staff**

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Fawcett adjourned the meeting at 7:24 pm.

Staff Report



Meeting Date: August 6, 2026
Prepared By:

Subject: Discuss Library Commission Event

RECOMMENDATION

BACKGROUND

The Library Commission established Commissioners Christine Fawcett and Jeanine Valadez as the Library Closure Preparations Ad-Hoc Subcommittee at its March 5, 2026 meeting.

DISCUSSION

Based on the availability of the Commission at the last meeting and performer availability, the subcommittee finalized plans for the Library Commission Event on Sunday, September 20, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Grand Oak Room of the Los Altos Community Center. The featured performer, Happy Birds, has been confirmed and booked.

The tentative event schedule includes book bag and bucket hat decorating activities, a brief introduction by Library Commissioners, and the Happy Birds presentation. Library staff, commissioners, and volunteers will assist with setup and cleanup.

Tentative Schedule

- 10:00 a.m. – Event setup
- 10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. – Book bag and bucket hat decorating
- 11:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. – Welcome remarks and introductions by Library Commissioners
- 11:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. – Happy Birds presentation
- 12:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. – Book bag and bucket hat decorating
- 12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. – Event cleanup and takedown

The City will purchase supplies for approximately 100 attendees, including book bags, bucket hats, decorating materials, and pre-packaged nut-free snacks. Staff are also exploring the possibility of providing a popsicle cart.

Library staff will prepare a draft flyer for review and distribution, while our CMO interns will assist with social media promotion.

The City is covering all event costs, including performers, supplies, and refreshments. Current plans remain well within the approved event budget.

ATTACHMENTS

None



Staff Report

Meeting Date: August 6, 2026

Prepared By:

Subject: Discuss Library Closure Preparations

RECOMMENDATION

BACKGROUND

The Library Commission established Commissioners Ambica Bhardwaj and Pierre Bedard as the Library Closure Preparations Ad-Hoc Subcommittee at its March 5, 2026 meeting.

DISCUSSION

Since that time, the Ad-Hoc Subcommittee have met with City and County Library staff, and created a draft document outlining their draft analysis and draft recommendations.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Draft Library Closure Preparations Report

DISCUSSION DRAFT



TO: Los Altos Library Commission
Vice Mayor Larry Lang
Vice Mayor Linda Swan

CC: Anthony Carnesecca, Assistant to the City Manager
Stephen Fitzgerald, Deputy County Librarian
Rose Baiza, Community Librarian

FROM: Commissioners Ambica Bhardwaj and Pierre Bedard

DATE: August 6, 2026

SUBJECT: Service Continuity Strategy: 2027 Main Library Renovation & Closure

Executive Summary

In 2027, the Los Altos Main Library is scheduled to undergo a comprehensive interior remodel and renovation requiring a closure of up to eighteen (18) months. The remodel aims to meet the needs and requirements identified by the Library Commission in its report to the Los Altos City Council during the study session held January 23, 2024.

The Service Continuity subcommittee believes that most of the community's needs can and should be mitigated.

The purpose of this document is to help the City and County of Santa Clara to mitigate interrupted services. To ensure continuity of services, this report outlines a fiscally responsible, highly coordinated strategy. At its core, the strategy relies extensively on our existing public infrastructure—specifically the Woodland Branch Library and the Los Altos Community Center, while leveraging other locations throughout the City of Los Altos, to mitigate the remodel closure.

The ultimate responsibility for the effective pursuit of the remodel is in the hands of the City of Los Altos and the County of Santa Clara. This document is advisory.

Goals

This report aims to, in general:

- Identify current library services offered at Main Library
- Determine if the remodel will impact services
- Identify how each service interruption can be mitigated to reduce the impact as best as reasonably possible.
- Communicate all gaps and mitigation strategy to the community at large

Current Library Services

This is a list of current services.

Services	Description	Recommended Actions
Exterior Book Dropoff	Allows for dropoff of due books from your vehicle.	Keep dropoff boxes in current locations. Is emptying the box an issue?
Passport services	Passport services in Los Altos.	Direct clients to passport services in Cupertino, Gilroy, Milpitas, or Saratoga.
Friends of the Library Operations	Friends Workspace, Storage sheds, Ongoing sales	Engage with the Friends of the Library to maintain operations and sales during main library shutdown.
Holds	Ability for patrons to pick up materials put on hold.	Identify alternative holds area, if possible, serving the Civic Center area.
Stacks	Ability to easily browse stacks and access reference materials (items that can't be checked out of the library).	Visit Woodland or other libraries.

Meeting and study rooms	Rooms to study, meet, interact. Including current teen room, children's room.	Designate spaces as being available for study. Promote the availability.
Program space	Orchard Room and Teen Room.	Program space in the Community Center or at other locations throughout greater Los Altos.
Teen services	Teen Room.	Teen Room services might be met in the Teen Center in the Community Center.
Book clubs	At least two book clubs meeting at the library.	Coordinate book club continuity and help find space for the books club.

Mitigation tactics (for discussion)

- **Prepare Woodland:** Increase operating hours, staffing, and holds-capacity at the Woodland Branch to absorb material circulation.
- **Activate the Civic Center:** Relocate signature youth and senior programming to the Los Altos Community Center and local parks. All city parks and facilities should be considered.
- **Deploy Decentralized Access Points:** Partner with SCCLD to position 24/7 automated holds lockers at high-traffic hubs and introduce targeted Bookmobile, GogoBiblio, and BookDash routing.
- **Safeguard Specialized Services:** Relocate Federal Passport Services to neighboring SCCLD branches and pivot the Friends of the Library (FOL) toward continuing operations.

Issues to consider

Past commission discussions, public feedback, and demographic data reveal distinct local constraints and priorities that should drive our interim service plan:

Seniors and Youths: Los Altos has an active senior population and a growing community of young families. Both groups rely heavily on the library for physical community spaces, early literacy programs, and tech help - as well as to just get out of the house. Digital alternatives cannot and do not duplicate in real life experiences. Engagement with both groups is key.

Geographic Equity: The closure of the Main Library impacts North Los Altos. While South Los Altos is served by the Woodland branch, its smaller physical footprint still limits the services it can offer. For instance, to set up a passport office, internal space would need to be allocated.

Traffic and Parking: Woodland is currently challenged by parking and will need to be closely watched to ensure minimal issues and mitigate acute problems quickly. Concentrating all holds pickups and drop-offs at a single location could create localized traffic friction. Distribution of access is crucial. It might be worthwhile to look at solutions to alleviate problems in this area. Consider parking automation solutions.

Staffing & Operational Considerations: Because SCCLD operates the libraries, any changes to hours or staff deployments must align with county union agreements and regional scheduling logistics. Anything suggested needs adhere to County work rules. Regardless, it is hoped that employees will be flexible enough to innovate “outside of the box” if needed to mitigate loss of services.

Potential Scenarios

Scenario 1: Leverage Existing Infrastructure Only

This option leverages existing infrastructure to absorb the absolute core elements of library usage: picking up requested books and attending community events.

- **Scale services at Woodland Branch:** Transition the Woodland Branch into the primary physical anchor for Los Altos.
- **Integrate with Community Center:** Shift high-attendance programs—such as children's storytimes, toddler playgroups, and senior tech clinics—to the Los Altos Community Center (97 Hillview Ave). This keeps programming within the immediate civic campus.
- **Events and Services Programming:** Use local parks (e.g., Shoup Park, Lincoln Park, or Hillview) for outdoor summer reading events, mitigating interior space limitations during peak months.

Scenario 2: Decentralized Pop-Up & Mobile Network (Enhanced Plan)

Draws from the "Express Library" model deployed during the recent Campbell Library renovation.

- **24/7 Smart Holds Lockers:** Install secure, weather-proof automated holds-pickup lockers at a prominent civic hub (e.g., outside the Los Altos Community Center or City Hall). Patrons scan their library cards to retrieve holds at their convenience.
- **Dedicated Bookmobile Routes:** Coordinate with SCCLD to establish weekly or bi-weekly "Los Altos Library Days" using the district's Bookmobile. The mobile unit can park at senior living facilities and high-visibility community centers, offering a rotating browsable collection.
- **"Mini-Library" Browsing Kiosks:** Place small, highly curated book-swap or browsable carts (bestsellers, children's picture books) inside the Senior Center and the Community Center lobby, utilizing a self-checkout mobile app or honor-system model.

Scenario 3: Interim Storefront/Modular Model (Higher Cost):

Lease a temporary commercial storefront in downtown Los Altos or place a modular library structure on civic land to maintain a dedicated, physical "Mini-Main" footprint.

Potential Scenarios Overview

	Scenario 1	Scenario 2	Scenario 3
Primary Tactic	Centralize services at existing facilities	Distribute services across the district.	Find dedicated temporary space
Potential Cost	Low	Medium	High
Browsing stacks (as an example)	Limited to Woodland and other county libraries	Enhanced via Bookmobile, DoorDash, and other local outreach.	Depends on size of temporary space
Holds	Centralized at Woodland Library	Woodland Library & holds lockers	Storefront downtown.

Pros: Lowest direct cost to the city; utilizes existing public assets; maintains familiar geographic footprints.

Cons: Increased traffic/parking strain at the Woodland facility; limited ability for casual browsing.

Special Issues

The Los Altos Main Library hosts auxiliary operations that cannot simply be paused without severely impacting community convenience and non-profit fundraising revenue.

Passport Services

The Main Library is a critical designated Federal Passport Acceptance Facility within Santa Clara County, operating five days a week (Sunday–Thursday). Passport processing dictates strict federal security compliance, dedicated computer networks, and certified agents.

- **Strategy:** Patrons will be actively directed via the online booking portal to the **Saratoga Library** (which established expanded passport services in late 2024), **Cupertino Library**, or **Milpitas Library**.

Friends of the Library (FOL) Operations

Since 1958, the Friends of the Library of Los Altos is a non-profit, volunteer organization of book enthusiasts that serves the Los Altos Libraries and local communities by processing reusable books and educational materials for resale to the public, and donating the funds raised to support the libraries and related public programs. The first book sale was held at Rancho Shopping Center, and grossed \$146. With support from the City of Los Altos quarterly sales happen at the Los Altos Community Center in cooperation with the City of Los Altos. The Friends also have an ongoing sale program at both libraries and sell books online on Amazon.

Over the years, the Friends have adapted. They moved from Hillview School to the current library. They survived Covid and came back stronger. The Friends intend to continue donation, processing, and sales operations. They have formed a committee to represent their needs and concerns.

Other Operations

As the process continues other operational needs may emerge and be identified.

Communications & Strategic Timeline

Community buy-in is key, and a robust communication campaign must launch in Late Fall 2026, aligning with the Library Commission's current Work Plan goal to educate the public on construction. A suggested phased approach follows.

Phase 1: Awareness (Early 2027): Launch an aggressive outreach campaign utilizing the *Los Altos Town Crier*, city newsletters, and physical banners. The core message must be: *"The Library building is closing for upgrades, but Los Altos Library services are simply moving."*

Phase 2: System Preparation (Spring 2027): Automatically transition the default holds-pickup location for all 94022 and 94024 zip code accounts to the Woodland Branch or the newly installed smart lockers.

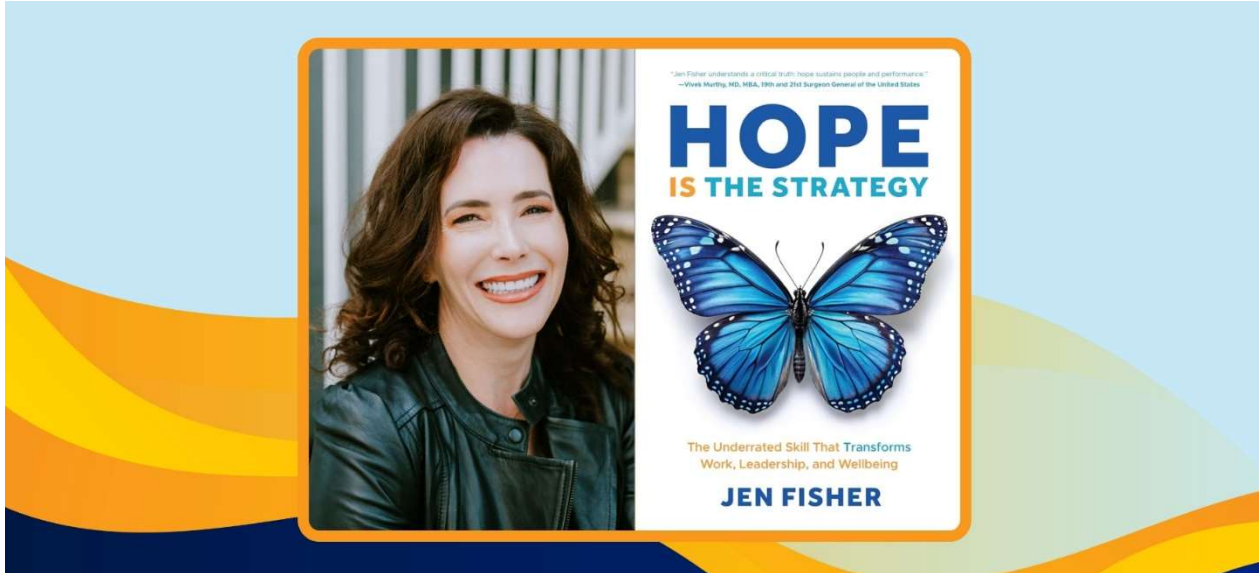
Phase 3: Launch & Maintenance (Early 2028): Deploy signage at the dark Main Library site directing foot traffic to the Community Center and Woodland. Provide regular construction milestone updates via social media to maintain community excitement for the grand reopening.

Recommendations

To achieve the highest level of service continuity while remaining strictly protective of city fiscal resources, it is recommended that the Library Commission approve a **Hybrid Framework combining Scenarios 1 & 2**.

By expanding the hours of the Woodland Branch, using the Los Altos Community Center for youth/senior programming, installing a 24/7 automated holds locker, and seamlessly shifting passport and FOL frameworks, Los Altos can successfully mitigate the renovation. This approach ensures our community remains deeply connected, literate, and engaged while preparing for a beautifully modernized Main Library.

August 2026 Library Report
Jennifer Weeks, County Librarian



Building Hope as a Daily Practice

Working adults spend much of their waking hours at their workplaces. How can we make this time more meaningful, positive, and, yes, productive for everyone? Workplace wellbeing expert Jen Fisher has some thoughts, which she will share in person at the Cupertino Library at 7 PM on [Monday, August 17](#).

In her first book, **Work Better Together**, Fisher focused on positive social interactions and relationships in the workplace. Her latest work is **Hope Is the Strategy**, she makes the case that hope is a practical, learnable skill, built on a sense of agency and the ability to see multiple paths forward. Optimism can shape how we lead teams, handle setbacks, and stay whole under pressure.

The first 50 people who attend the event will receive a free signed copy of the book. Hope to see you!

Giving Thanks for Summer Reading

Another Summer Reading program is in the books. Thank you to everyone who took part in one of our many wonderful programs, and/or signed up and logged five books. Pick up prizes for summer reading starting on Sat., Aug. 1 at your preferred library, or at any Bookmobile. We will share final statistics for number of books read and program attendance on [our website](#) soon.





Opioid Overdose Prevention Classes

Our libraries are partnering with the County Health Department to offer [one-hour trainings](#) during August and September on how to recognize an opioid overdose and safely administer the nasal spray Naloxone (Narcan). Those who attend the sessions will receive free doses of Naloxone.

Too many County residents continue to be hospitalized or die from drugs like hydrocodone, oxycodone, morphine and fentanyl. Come be part of the solution. You might even save a life!

Dates: Weds., Aug. 5 (Campbell), 12 (Cupertino) and 19 (Saratoga) at 2 PM. Weds., Sep. 2 (Los Altos) and 16 (Milpitas) at 3 PM.

Two Weeks Left to Apply for Poet Laureate

Local poets have until Fri., Aug. 14 to apply for the position of County Poet Laureate for 2027-28. SCCLD is teaming up with local partner arts agency **SVCREATES**, with support from Poetry Center San José, to identify candidates.

Eligibility Criteria and Core Duties for the Santa Clara County Poet Laureate can be found on our [news release](#), along with details about the application process. Those interested can apply at: [SVCREATES.org/Poet-Laureate](https://svcreates.org/Poet-Laureate)



The Poet Laureate is an honorary post that acts as an advocate for poetry, literature, and the arts. They take part in public readings and participate in civic events and receive a small stipend.



Keep an eye out for our Bookmobile at the Silicon Valley Pride Parade on Sun., Aug. 29.



A New Aquatic Adventure to Explore

The much-loved aquarium at the Cupertino Library has been under repair for the past few months to improve the quality of the natural habitat and also restock it with hundreds of new saltwater fish.

The wait is almost over. The revamped aquarium will be unveiled on [Sat., Aug. 8](#) at 10:15 AM.

This is the first [major rehab](#) of the space, with the original sand replaced and artificial reefs cleaned. To celebrate, the library will be holding a full day's worth of activities, including a storytime, a hands-on craft project, and a scavenger hunt. There will also be a photobooth. Come out and see how many fish species you can count! Special thanks to the Cupertino Library Foundation for funding this project.

Woodland Library Terrace Project

The Los Altos Library Endowment (LALE) is hosting a Ribbon Cutting Celebration for the Woodland Library Terrace and Native Habitat on Sat., Aug. 15 from 11 AM to 1 PM. This is a major reimagining of the space on the side of the library, which will now feature shared eating areas with tables and umbrellas, with surfaces for games and chalk activities.



GreenTown Los Altos has designed beautiful landscaping filled with native plants that will serve as an educational environment. Mayor Sally Meadows will give comments and cut the ribbon. SCCLD and Los Altos Library team members will also attend. Drink carts and food will be provided. Please join the fun. Read more about the project on [LALE's website](#).

**VIRTUAL
AUTHOR TALKS
AUGUST 2026**

REGISTER AT:
SCCLD.ORG/EVENTS

- Paula J. Johnson**
August 4 at 11 am - 12 pm
"Julia Child's Kitchen"
- Jane Chen**
August 5 at 9 am - 10 am
"Like a Wave We Break"
- G. Neri**
August 20 at 4 pm - 5 pm
"My Bicentennial Summer"
- Beronda Montgomery**
August 25 at 11 am - 12 pm
"When Trees Testify"
- Lucy Foley**
August 27 at 11 am - 12 pm
"Murder at the Grand Alpine Hotel"
- David O. Stewart**
September 1 at 11 am - 12 pm
"The Democracy We Must Keep"



August Virtual Author Talks

Five authors join us this month for [Virtual Author Talks](#).

Aug. 4 Smithsonian curator [Paula J. Johnson](#) takes us into the world of [Julia Child's Kitchen](#). [Please register](#).

Aug. 5 former CEO [Jane Chen](#) shares adventure toward healing in [Like a Wave We Break](#). [Please register](#).

Aug. 20 author [Greg Neri](#) relates his 8,000-mile road trip across 26 states in [My Bicentennial Summer](#). [Please register](#).

Aug. 25 award-winning biologist [Beronda L. Montgomery](#) explores the connection between Black history and culture and nature in [When Trees Testify](#). [Please register](#).

Sep. 1 American nonfiction and fiction writer David O. Stewart explores what some of the major ideas of the Founding Fathers mean for us today in [The Democracy we Keep](#). [Please register](#).



Freegal Music Online Demonstration

Get to know our [Freegal Music](#) service, which offers downloading or streaming access to more than 18 million songs from 200 different genres. The collection also features music videos and audiobooks. Enjoy your favorite music for free and listen to new artists.

Join us on Wed., Aug. 5 at 11 a.m. for an online demonstration where participants will learn how to access Freegal, use its features and get comfortable navigating both the website and app. [Register](#) to get the link for the event.

SANTA CLARA COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT

AUGUST 2026 EVENTS

Summer Reading programs are denoted in blue

CAMPBELL LIBRARY – 77 Harrison Avenue

Meet Your Community Outreach Specialist

Monday, August 3, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Tuesday & Wednesday, August 4 & 5, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

The Community Outreach Specialist can provide information, referrals, and brief support related to housing, food assistance, healthcare and other community resources. The COS is available at the Campbell Library on Mondays-Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Campbell Book Club

Monday, August 3, 7 – 8 p.m., Community Room

We will be discussing [*The Secret Book Society*](#) by Madeline Martin.

Summer Reading: Take a Crack at Geodes

Tuesday, August 4, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Community Room

Learn the various types of geode formation, colors, as well as the challenges and rewards of geode hunting. Stay for a live demonstration of breaking open geodes to reveal the hidden beauty of crystals.

Opioid Overdose Prevention Training

Wednesday, August 5, 2 – 3 p.m.

Get an introduction to harm reduction and an overview of fentanyl, learn the signs of an overdose and learn to administer Naloxone (Narcan). Participants will receive Naloxone dosages (while supplies last). Please register.

Summer Reading: DJ Workshop with Yuka Yu

Wednesday, August 5, 6 – 7 p.m.

Learn how to download and organize your music collection, use Rekordbox to prepare your playlists, and mix harmonically.

CUPERTINO LIBRARY – 10800 Torre Avenue

Family Storytime

Saturdays, August 1, 8, & 15, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Room 101

This storytime series is suitable for all ages and will feature stories, songs, rhymes and dance, all to encourage the development of crucial early literacy skills.

Composting Education Program

Saturday, August 1, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Room 201A

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

Baby Wearing Dance

Sundays, August 2, 9, & 16, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

This program is for pre-walking babies and adult caregivers. Participants must bring their own baby carrier.

Baby Sign and Sing

Sunday, August 2, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Room 101

Adult caregivers will learn basic signs to communicate with their babies aged 0-12 months.

Little Artisans

Monday, August 3, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Room 101

Adult caregivers and children ages 2-5 will use colored clay to create different shapes and numbers! All supplies are provided but space is limited.

ESL Conversation Club

Tuesdays, August 4, 11, 18, & 25, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Room 201A

Improve your English listening and speaking skills and learn about other cultures in a supportive environment. Please register.

Toddler Storytime

Tuesdays, August 4 & 11, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Room 101

This storytime features lots of movement, singing, and action and is geared towards 1–2-year-old toddlers who can no longer sit in laps.

LEGO Club

Tuesday, August 4, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Students in Kindergarten-8th grade can play and create with LEGOs. Space is limited.

The Plot Thickens Mystery Book Discussion

Wednesday, August 5, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Room 201B

We will be discussing [*The Decagon House Murders*](#) by Yukito Ayatsuji, translated by Ho-Ling Wong.

Qigong

Thursdays, August 6, 13, 20, & 27, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Room 201

Discover the restorative power of Qigong which combines gentle movements, deep rhythmic breathing, and mindful focus to help reduce stress and increase vital energy. The exercises are simple, safe, and suitable for participants of all ages and fitness levels.

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

Fridays, August 7 & 14, 7 – 8 p.m., Room 101

Join us for stories, songs, flannel board story, fingerplay and a craft project with a Children's Librarian in Mandarin and English. 兒童圖書館員將為小朋友讀圖畫故事書;唱兒歌;用絨布板講故事;手指謠和做美勞。

Aquarium Reopening

Saturday, August 8, events start at 10:15 a.m.

Join us for the grand unveiling and explore a refreshed underwater world filled with colorful fish, a newly refurbished artificial reef, and fun family-friendly activities. Activities include an ocean-themed storytime, craft, photobooth and scavenger hunt.

Draw Fantasy Characters with Oliver Chin

Saturday, August 8, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Room 201

Kids aged 11-18 will learn how to sketch fantastical figures. Whether a curious beginner or a seasoned sketcher, this session will help bring fantasy creations to life.

Nonfiction Book Discussion

Sunday, August 9, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Room 201B

We will discuss [*Rough Sleepers*](#) by Tracy Kidder.

Reading Buddies

Monday, August 10, 7 – 8 p.m., Room 101

Children who have completed K-5th grade can buddy up with a furry friend and practice reading skills to build self-confidence.

Children's Literature for Adults Book Club

Tuesday, August 11, 7 – 8 p.m.

Adults are invited to join us for our Children's Literature for Adults Book Club to discuss, reminisce, or discover a beloved children's classic. Registration is required at the Children's Reference Desk.

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Get an introduction to harm reduction and an overview of fentanyl, learn the signs of an overdose and learn to administer Naloxone (Narcan). Participants will receive Naloxone dosages (while supplies last). Please register.

Learn Animal Sounds (ages 6+)

Wednesday, August 12, 4 – 5 p.m., Room 101

We're guessing animal sounds today! Who made it? Can you tell us? Then let's make the sounds together!

Origami for School Age Kids

Thursday, August 13, 4 – 4:45 p.m., Room 101

Come and learn origami. There will be 3 projects demonstrated step-by-step.

Create CU: Intuitive Painting Inspired by Carl Jung

Friday, August 14, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Room 201

Using intuition and bilateral or spontaneous drawing, you will create a painting . Art materials will be provided. Registration required.

Author Talk: Jen Fisher

Monday, August 17, 7 – 8 p.m., Room 201

In the book, *Hope Is the Strategy*, Fisher makes the case that hope isn't naive optimism — it's a practical, learnable skill, built on a sense of agency and the ability to see multiple paths forward and stay whole under pressure. Fisher will read selections from the book and open the floor for a conversation about what it looks like to build hope. We will be giving away free signed copies of the book to the first 50 people at the event.

Bubble Show

Tuesday, August 18, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m., Room 201

Join us for a mesmerizing bubble show with Sterling Bubbles.

Book Discussion for Adults

Wednesday, August 19, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., and Thursday, August 20, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Room 201B

We will discuss the Pulitzer Prize-winning [*James: A Novel*](#) by Percival Everett.

Lotus Lantern Craft (ages 10+)

Wednesday, August 19, 4 – 5 p.m., Room 101

Through this activity, participants will learn about Korean culture, creativity, and the meaning of lanterns as symbols of light, hope, and good wishes.

Master Gardeners: Aquaponics

Wednesday, August 19, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Room 201

Join us for an exploration of aquaponics, a fascinating way to grow vegetables and fish together in a closed-loop system. Learn how this sustainable method recycles water, produces nutrient-rich food, and brings the science of ecosystems to life.

Summer Reading: NorCal Bats

Thursday, August 20, 4 – 5 p.m., Room 101

NorCal Bats educates the public about the environmental benefits of bats and to dispel fears and myths. Learn about these animals and their importance as insect control.

Knit-Alongs at Cupertino Library

Fridays, August 21 & 28, 2:30 – 4 p.m., Room 201A

Adult knitters and crocheters can make new friends, start new projects or finish an old one. There will be some supplies available, but everyone is encouraged to bring their own supplies.

Art Therapy for Tweens

Friday, August 21, 4 – 5 p.m., Room 101

Kids ages 10+ will create their own unique piece of art to take home. Materials will be provided while supplies last.

Comedy and Juggling Show

Saturday, August 22, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

Join us for an entertaining comedy and juggling show that the whole family can enjoy featuring the Clown Prince, Unique Derique.

Next Generation Seniors

Saturday, August 22, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Room 201

Please join us for a welcoming, easygoing introduction to cloud-based tools that help you access learning resources and store personal files online.

Family Bollywood Dance

Saturday, August 22, 3 – 4 p.m., Room 101

Learn easy, energetic Bollywood moves, play dance games and more. No experience needed.

Toddler Music with Megan Schoenbohm

Tuesday, August 25, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m., Room 101

Megan is a local, award-winning musician and music teacher!

Tuesday Travel Nights

Tuesday, August 25, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Room 201

Nestled between the Pacific Ocean and the Sea of Cortez, Mexico's Baja Peninsula is full of adventure. Its unique combination of cactus-filled desert and mountain landscapes bordering beautiful ocean waters offers new exploration with every visit.

Reading Program: Learner Orientation

Wednesday, August 26, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. and 1 – 2 p.m., Room 201

Adults who are interested in learning to read English can learn more about the Reading Program's structure, services and expectations. Learners must be adults, understand basic spoken English, can respond to basic questions in English, can read or write at an 8th grade level.

Flex Prep Seminar: Navigating School in the Age of AI

Wednesday, August 26, 7 – 8 p.m., Room 201A

Join us as we explore how AI is reshaping the student and teacher experience in today's classrooms.

Tummy Time Art (0-12 months)

Thursday, August 27, 10:30 – 11:45 a.m., Room 101

This craft is designed to be mess free and utilizes a Ziploc bag, a mini canvas and several dollops of paint. Registration is required.

Voices of Pasifika: Hula Show with Halau O' Pi'ilani

Saturday, August 29, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

Children and families are invited to join us for a hula show featuring a medley of songs.

GILROY LIBRARY – 350 W. Sixth Street**Seed Kits for Teens & Adults**

August 1 – August 31, Adult Information Desk

Each free kit contains a packet of seeds, a brochure about the plant and how to grow it, recommended book pairings and a recipe or craft. Cada kit contiene un paquete de semillas, un folleto con información sobre la planta, instrucciones para cultivarla, sugerencias de libros relacionados y una receta o manualidad.

Gilroy Library Teen Advisory Board Application Open Period

August 1 – August 31, Adult Information Desk

TAB members work on special projects throughout the year with guidance from the Teen Services Librarian.

Maracas and Movement

Saturdays, August 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., 1st Floor Burrow

Get ready to wiggle, giggle, and shout “¡Vamos a bailar!” as we explore music, movement, and children’s rhymes in English and Spanish. Prepárate para moverte, reír y gritar “Let’s Dance!” mientras exploramos música, movimiento y rimas infantiles en inglés y español.

End of Summer Reading Foam Party

Saturday, August 1, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Courtyard

Join the Foam Party and pick up your Summer Reading prize. Disfruta de la fiesta de espuma y recoge tu premio de Lectura de Verano.

Lunch at the Library

Monday, August 3 – Friday, August 7, 1 – 2 p.m., 1st Floor Burrow

Free lunches for kids 0-18 available while supplies last. No registration required.

Almuerzos gratuitos para niños de 0 a 18 años. No es necesario registrarse.

Summer Reading: Princess Ballet Fitness and Confidence

Monday, August 3, 6 – 7 p.m., Community Room

This is an inclusive program for any child who wants to move, dance, and feel like a princess, planting seeds of confident self-expression, coordination, social skills, and emotional regulation. Este es un programa inclusivo para niños que quiera moverse, bailar y sentirse como una princesa, sembrando semillas de expresión personal segura, coordinación, habilidades sociales y regulación emocional.

Pajama Storytime/Hora de Cuento en Pijama

Mondays, August 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., Children’s Area

We read stories, sing songs, play games, and wear our pajamas for children of all ages.

Leemos cuentos, cantamos canciones, y jugamos. No olviden traer sus pijamas puestos.

National Night Out

Tuesday, August 4, 4:30 – 8 p.m., Paseo

This annual event promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our city a safer and more caring place to live and work. El objetivo de este evento anual es promover las asociaciones entre la policía y la comunidad y la camaradería del vecindario para hacer de nuestra ciudad un lugar más seguro y afectuoso para vivir y trabajar.

Reading Program Tutor Orientation

Wednesday, August 5, 1 – 2 p.m. and 6 – 7 p.m., Reading Program Room

Give back to your community by becoming an adult literacy tutor for the Reading Program to support an adult learner improve their English reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills to achieve their lifelong goals. This orientation is a great opportunity to learn about how you can become a volunteer adult literacy tutor.

Summer Reading: Paper Wisteria for Teens

Wednesday, August 5, 2 – 4 p.m., Community Room

Teens are invited to make a beautiful hanging wisteria to decorate their room or locker. All materials and tools are provided. Teens must register themselves for the program.

Books and Boogie Storytime/Hora de Cuentos

Thursdays, August 6, 13, 20, & 27, 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. The August 6 storytime will feature Miss Gilroy Rodeo Haley Ludwig.

Knitting and Crochet Weekly Meetup/Tejido y Crochet

Thursdays, August 6, 13, 20, & 27, 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!

Book Discussion

Friday, August 7, 10:15 – 11 a.m., Quiet Study B

We will be discussing [*With the Fire on High*](#) by Elizabeth Acevedo.

Safe Space Meetup for LGBTQ+ Youth/Encuentro de Espacio Seguro Para Personas LGBTQ+

Fridays, August 7 & 21, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Quiet Study B

Our staff-led meetings offer a safe space for LGBTQ+ youth 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 jueguen, participen en actividades y debates grupales, y forjen una comunidad.

Open Poetry Readings

Saturday, August 8, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Downstairs Meeting Room

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

Summer Reading: Jr. Hip Hop Tumble with JMM Dance Co.

Monday, August 10, 6 – 7 p.m., Community Room

This is a program for any child who wants to move like a break dancer, planting seeds of confident self-expression, coordination, social skills, and emotional regulation. Este es un programa para niños que quieran moverse como un "break dancer", sembrando semillas de expresión personal segura, coordinación, habilidades sociales y regulación emocional.

Zumba Fitness Class/Clase de Zumba Fitness

Tuesdays, August 11, 18, & 25, 5:45– 6:45 p.m., Community Room

This Latin-inspired, easy-to-follow dance exhilarates your senses and works all major muscle groups in a high-energy cardio blast that leaves you invigorated, refreshed and full of life. Este baile de inspiración latina y fácil de seguir estimula tus sentidos y trabaja todos los grupos musculares principales en una explosión cardiovascular de alta energía que te deja vigorizado, renovado y lleno de vida.

End of Summer Party for Teens (ages 13-18)

Wednesday, August 12, 2 – 4 p.m., Community Room

Make a senior crown if you are graduating this coming school year, decorate a picture frame to show off your favorite summer memories, and sing karaoke! Please register.

Plant Giveaway/Entrega de Plantas Gratis

Friday, August 14, 1 – 2 p.m., Courtyard

Get a free plant, while supplies last. Entrega de plantas gratis, hasta agotar existencias.

Teen Volunteer Sign-ups for High School Seniors

August 17 – August 23, Adult Information Desk

Need community service hours for school? The next volunteer session at the Gilroy Library will be from September through December. Teens can sign up for a weekly 2-hour shift which they must attend for the whole semester-long session.

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

Mondays, August 17, 24, & 31, 1 – 5 p.m., Upstairs Computer Area

Our bilingual tech mentor volunteer will do their best to assist you with your technology needs. No registration or appointment required. Nuestro mentor técnico es un voluntario bilingüe que hará todo lo posible para ayudarle con sus necesidades tecnológicas. No es necesario registrarse ni hacer cita.

ESL Class Session/Clases de inglés

Mondays and Wednesdays, August 17 – November 18, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

This class session is for beginners. Join us to learn and improve your English listening and speaking skills. Space is limited so registration is recommended. Esta clase es para principiantes. Únase a nosotros para aprender y mejorar sus habilidades de comprensión auditiva y expresión oral en inglés. El cupo es limitado. Se recomienda inscribirse.

Reading Program Tutor Training

Tuesday & Wednesday, August 18 & 19, 6 – 8:30 p.m., Reading Program Room

This training is for those who have completed the orientation to become a tutor for the Library's Reading Program.

Free Snacks for Kids/Merienda Gratis Para Niños (ages 0-18)

Mondays – Fridays, starting August 19, 3 – 4 p.m., Lobby

Stop by the library and pick up a FREE after-school snack! ¡Pasa por la biblioteca y recoge una merienda GRATIS después de clases!

Beginner Acoustic Jam

Wednesday, August 19, 6 – 8 p.m., Community Room

Make music in a supportive group setting. No registration is needed. We welcome guitars, banjos, basses, and other acoustic instruments, and have a limited supply of ukes to use.

Summer Reading: Sewing for Beginners (Teens and Adults)

Saturday, August 22, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Community Room and Quiet Study B

Monday, August 24, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Community Room and Quiet Study B

Learn how to use a sewing machine and sew an apron or bring in your own project to work on. Register at the upstairs Information desk.

Teen Volunteer Sign-ups for 14-18 Year Olds

August 24 – August 31, Adult Information Desk

Need community service hours for school? The next volunteer session at the Gilroy Library will be from September through December. Teens can sign up for a weekly 2-hour shift which they must attend for the whole semester-long session.

Book Discussion

Tuesday, August 25, 7 – 8 p.m., Quiet Study B

We will be discussing [*Recursion*](#) by Blake Crouch.

Back to School Bingo/Juguemos Bingo

Wednesday, August 26, 3 – 4 p.m., 1st Floor Children's Area. Primer Piso, Área infantil

Join us for classic Bingo—complete with school supply prizes! Acompáñanos en Bingo clásico, ¡con premios que son Útiles escolares!

Bike Repair/ Reparación de Bicicletas

Friday, August 28, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Outside Parking Lot

Our basic repair ensures that each bike has at least one working brake and gear and flat tire repair. Space is limited. Nuestra reparación básica garantiza que cada bicicleta tenga al menos un freno y un cambio funcionando, además de la reparación de pinchazos. El cupo es limitado.

Summer Reading: Nature Journaling Workshop

Friday, August 28, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Community Room

Using simple playful sketching and writing prompts, you will slow down, notice more, and strengthen your observation skills as you explore the natural world in your own way.

DIY Bag Charms

Saturday, August 29, 2 – 3 p.m., Community Room

Make your own charms to personalize your backpack, school bag, belt, shoes, and more! Please register to reserve your spot.

LOS ALTOS LIBRARY – 13 S. San Antonio Road**Painting Exhibit**

August 1 – August 30, Art Wall

Jan Jensen's paintings will be on display.

ESL Class Placement

August 1 – September 2, Conference Room

Los Altos Library will host beginner and intermediate ESL classes in September. Placement tests are required prior to the class.

Baby Sign and Stay & Play

Saturday, August 1, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Orchard Room

This special storytime features American Sign Language, along with songs, stories and fun for babies 0-12 months! Please bring a blanket for your baby.

Monday Morning Meditation and Mindfulness

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

We will meditate for 20 minutes, then have 10 minutes to talk with the instructor.

Poetry Open Mic

Monday, August 3, 7 – 8 p.m., Pod D

Come share poetry and come hear poetry. You do not have to be a poet to attend.

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

Tuesdays, August 4, 11, 18, & 25, 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。歡迎兒童們與家長祿母一同前來參加

The Whodunit? Mystery Book Club

Wednesday, August 5, 10:15 – 11:30 a.m., Teen Room

We will discuss [*Wild Dark Shore*](#), by Charlotte McConaghy.

Toddler Storytime

Wed. and Thurs., August 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20, 26, & 27, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard Room

This interactive storytime will be filled with stories, music, and fun activities. Free tickets will be handed out starting at 10 a.m.

Baby Storytime & Stay and Play

Wednesdays, August 5, 12, 19, & 26, 1 – 2 p.m., Orchard Room

Babies will enjoy catchy songs and silly rhymes, gentle movement, baby sign language, and short books.

ESL Conversation Club

Thursdays, August 6, 13, 20, & 27, 1:30 – 3 p.m., Orchard Room

Practice speaking English in an informal and supportive group.

Preschool Storytime

Thursdays, August 6, 13, 20, & 27, 3:30 – 4 p.m., Orchard Room

Preschoolers aged 3-5 will enjoy stories, music and movement.

Teen Dungeons and Dragons Social Club

Thursdays, August 6, 13, 20, & 27, 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.

Board Game Sunday

Sunday, August 9, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Orchard Room

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

Classical Guitar Open Mic

Tuesday, August 11, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Sign up to perform for up to 10 minutes of fingerstyle guitar music and watch other performers during this open mic session.

Fabric Miniature Book Craft

Wednesday, August 12, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Join us for a relaxing hands-on craft perfect for slow-stitching, mini art collage, needle book, or a keepsake journal.

Creative Maker Studio

Friday, August 14, 3 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

We will provide a wide variety of arts, crafts, and DIY materials to inspire you — just bring your creativity. Design, build, and invent whatever you can imagine.

Bay Area Games Day

Saturday, August 15, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m., Orchard Room

We play mostly more recent hobbyist games, but also classic strategy games such as Catan or Pandemic, and family and party games.

Sunday CrafterNoon

Sunday, August 16, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Adults, teens, and kids -- join us for an afternoon of relaxed crafting. Supplies are provided for you to explore a surprise art activity.

Watercolor Workshop for Adults

Monday, August 17, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room

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

UC Master Gardeners: The Monarch Butterfly Crisis

Wednesday, August 19, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Discover why these beautiful butterflies are in peril and learn what you can plant in your garden to help them make a comeback.

Furry Friends Reading Buddies

Saturday, August 22, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Children in grades K-8 can practice their reading skills and read aloud to a friendly dog or cat. Please register.

Friendship Bracelets for Teens and Adults

Tuesday, August 25, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Participants will learn how to upcycle various types of everyday scrap paper, rolling and finishing them into exciting, durable beads. No registration necessary.

Book Discussion for Adults

Tuesday, August 25, 7 – 8:15 p.m., Orchard Room

Email Laura.Pasternack@lib.sccgov.org to learn the book title and get email reminders.

Wednesday Travel Nights

Wednesday, August 26, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Let's visit Norway by sea and by land, cruising the coastal fjords, punctuated with colorful encounters on rural drives and explorations of engaging coastal cities.

Now Read This Book Club

Monday, August 31, 12 – 1:30 p.m., Orchard Room

We will be discussing [*The Antidote*](#) by Karen Russell.

MILPITAS LIBRARY – 160 North Main Street**AI's Impact on College Admissions**

Saturday, August 1, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Program Room

Learn how AI is influencing college applications and admissions decisions, the advantages and disadvantages of AI for students, current admissions trends and what colleges are prioritizing.

Still Life Pastel Drawing

Saturday, August 1, 2 – 4 p.m., Program Room

Bring an object you would like to draw to contribute to our composition and create a pastel chalk masterpiece. No registration required, walk-in space while available.

LEGO Club for Grades K-8

Monday, August 3, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Program Room

Children will use their creativity and engineering skills to free-build anything with LEGOs.

ESL Conversation Club

Wednesdays, August 5, 12, 19, & 26, 2:45 – 3:45 p.m., Program Room

Improve your English listening and speaking skills and learn about other cultures in a supportive environment.

Summer Reading: Ventriloquist Marc Griffiths

Wednesday, August 5, 7 – 7:45 p.m., Auditorium

Join us for a hilarious show with lots of puppets, magic, and fun for the whole family! Free tickets will be given out 30 minutes before the performance.

Qi Gong Meditation

Fridays, August 7, 14, 21, & 28, 1 – 3 p.m., Auditorium

Relieve stress and anxiety, increase energy and vitality, and improve physical health.

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

緩解壓力和焦慮, 增加能量和活力, 改善身體健康

Knit & Crochet Circle

Fridays, August 7, 14, 21, & 28, 2 – 4 p.m., Conference Room

Meet other yarn lovers while working on your latest project, get help when you're stuck, and share ideas. Please note this is not a class.

Tween Time: Bullet Journal for Grades 4-8

Friday, August 7, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Program Room

Create a bullet journal while snacking and socializing. Registration required.

Board Game Day

Saturday, August 8, 10 a.m. – 6:30 p.m., Auditorium

Play favorite board games, learn about different board games, or get out of the house and do something fun. Bring your favorite game or show up to learn some new ones.

Mend with Friends

Saturday, August 8, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Conference Room

Bring your own items to mend, project to work on, or practice basic stitches with our fabric scraps! Limited mending supplies for hand sewing and casual instruction are available.

Dungeons & Dragons: Fall Mini Campaign

Saturdays, August 8 & 22, 2 – 4 p.m., Conference Room

Our DM will guide you through the process from character creation to basic rules. Make your own character and get lost in the world of Dungeons and Dragons. This program is for ages 13+, no registration required.

Knitting Club for Kids

Mondays, August 10 & 24, 4 – 5 p.m., Conference Room

Work on your knitting project, share ideas, and make new friends! Participants must have some knowledge of basic knitting, please note this is not a class.

Science Fiction and Fantasy Book Club

Monday, August 10, 7 – 8 p.m., Auditorium

We will discuss [*The Difference Engine*](#) by William Gibson.

Defense-ability Safety Presentation for Teens

Saturday, August 15, 2 – 3 p.m., Auditorium

This practical personal safety presentation teaches participants how to recognize warning signs, trust their instincts, and use simple strategies to avoid dangerous situations.

Adult and Teen Crafternoon (ages 13+)

Saturday, August 15, 3 – 4:30 p.m., Program Room

We will be decorating bookbags using stamps, stencils, and fabric paint. Make sure to dress for a bit of mess! No registration is required.

Stanford Blood Drive

Sunday, August 16, 10:30 a.m. – 4 p.m., Auditorium

Please schedule an appointment to donate blood.

Books & Bricks Book Club (Grades 4-6)

Monday, August 17, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Program Room

This month we are reading the graphic novel [*The Moth Keeper*](#) by Kay O'Neill.

Free Adult ESL Classes

Mondays & Wednesdays, August 17—November 18, 6 – 8 p.m., Program Room

This beginner-intermediate ESL class focuses on improving English speaking and listening skills. Please take an assessment beforehand.

Baby Bouncers Lapsit for Prewalkers

Tuesdays, August 18 & 25, 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.

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

Wednesdays, August 19 & 26, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., Activity Room

Come play chess and make new friends in a fun and relaxed environment! Attendees are expected to know the rules of chess and must be able to play independently.

Toddler Storytime (Ages 1-3 years)

Thursdays, August 20 & 27, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Children's Activity Room

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

Preschool Storytime (Ages 3-5)

Thursdays, August 20 & 27, 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.

Repair Cafe

Saturday, August 22, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., Auditorium

Repair Cafe will bring tools, materials, and volunteer experts to help you make any repairs you need on clothes, furniture, small appliances, bicycles, crockery, electronics, lamps, toys, and more.

Family Storytime

Saturdays, August 22 & 29, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Activity Room

This 30-minute story time features lots of movement, singing, and action.

Reading Buddies for Grades K-5

Saturday, August 22, 2 – 3 p.m., Activity Room

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

Book Discussion Group

Wednesday, August 26, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. and Thursday, August 27, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m., Program Room

We will be discussing [*The Last Cuentista*](#) by Donna Barbra Higuera.

The Peaceful Poets

Thursday, August 27, 5:30 – 8 p.m., Conference Room

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

Stay and Play Café (Ages 0-5)

Friday, August 28, 11 – 11:45 a.m., Activity Room

Enjoy stories, songs, and interactive play! Stay, play and learn with music and toys.

Animation Double Bill

Saturday, August 29, 2 – 5 p.m., Auditorium

Join us for a double feature: “Alice in Wonderland” and “Fantastic Planet.”

MORGAN HILL LIBRARY – 660 West Main Avenue**Special Exhibit—Mary Blair: Mid-Century Magic**

August 1 – August 31

Artist Mary Blair grew up in Morgan Hill. One of the most influential figures at The Walt Disney Studios from the 1940s-60s, Blair’s flair for color and concept art influenced numerous animated Disney films. Reproductions of selected artworks will be on display.

Bilingual & English Family Storytime

Saturdays, August 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m., Activity Room

Stories, music, movement, and more! ¡Cuentos, música, movimiento y más!

ESL Conversation Club

Saturdays, August 1 & 15, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room

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

Lunch at the Library

Monday – Friday through August 7, 12 – 1 p.m.

Free lunches for kids 0-18 available while supplies last. No registration required.

Almuerzos gratuitos para niños de 0 a 18 años. No es necesario registrarse.

Zumba Fitness Class/Clase de Zumba Fitness

Mondays, August 3 & 17, 6 – 7 p.m., Community Room

This Latin-inspired, easy-to-follow dance exhilarates your senses and works all major muscle groups in a high-energy cardio blast that leaves you invigorated, refreshed and full of life.

Evening Itty Bitty Jamboree (ages 0-12 months)

Tuesdays, August 4 & 18, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

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

After Dinner Book Club

Wednesday, August 5, 7 – 8 p.m., Community Room

We will be discussing [*The Things We Never Say*](#) by Elizabeth Strout.

Toddler Storytime (ages 2-3)

Thursdays, August 6, 13, 20, & 27, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Children's Activity Room

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

Meet Your Community Outreach Specialist

Thursday, August 6, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. and Friday, August 7, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

The Community Outreach Specialist can provide information, referrals, and brief support related to housing, food assistance, healthcare and other community resources. The COS is available at the Morgan Hill Library on Thursdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Preschool Storytime

Thursdays, August 6, 13, 20, & 27, 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!

Tiny Tot Jamboree (ages 1-2)

Fridays, August 7, 14, 21, & 28, 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, August 7, 14, 21, & 28, 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.

Kids Keva Club (Ages 5+)

Friday, August 7, 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!

Tai Chi Class for Adults

Saturdays, August 8 & 22, 10 – 11:30 a.m. and Tuesdays, August 11 & 25, 7 – 8 p.m., Community Room

Improve your mental focus, body structure and balance. Invest in yourself!

Summer Movie for Kids Ages 10-14

Saturday, August 8, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m., Children's Activity Room

Join us for popcorn and a PG movie. Bring a picnic blanket, we will be sitting on the floor.

Adult Craft Night

Monday, August 10, 6:30 – 8 p.m., Community Room

Discover the magic of shrink art! Make keychains, bookmarks, bracelet charms, and more.

Family Fun Night

Tuesday, August 11, 6:30 – 8 p.m., Children's Activity Room

Families with school-aged children will create art, crafts, or participate in STEM activities. This month we will decorate art inspired by Mary Blair.

Kids LEGO Club (ages 2+)

Wednesdays, August 12, 19, & 26, 1 – 2:30 p.m., Children's Activity Room

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

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

Fridays, August 14 & 28, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Program Room

Our staff-led meetings offer a safe space for LGBTQ+ youth and allies to play games, participate in group activities & discussions, and build community.

Dungeons and Dragons for Teens (ages 11-18)

Saturday, August 15, 2:30 – 5:30 p.m., Program Room

This eight-session program is for teens who want to learn to play Dungeons and Dragons or are looking for a group of teens to play with. Please note if you join the D&D Club, you are committing to play twice a month through December.

Teen-Led Passion Projects

August 17 – August 31

Morgan Hill Library is [accepting applications](#) for individual teens and teen clubs who want to lead a program or present a project for the community in October and November.

Library Ukulele Society

Tuesday, August 18, 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

Wednesday, August 19, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Children's Activity Room

We will create art inspired by Mary Blair. This is a drop-in program for children aged 5+ and their adults.

ESL Conversation Club: Chat & Craft

Monday, August 24, 6:30 – 8 p.m., Community Room

Improve your English listening and speaking skills while making a craft in a fun, supportive environment. Basic English knowledge recommended.

Planning Your Fall/Winter Vegetable Garden

Wednesday, August 26, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Community Room

Find out how many cool season vegetables are easy to grow and best for our climate. Soil preparation, watering, fertilizing, crop rotation, diseases and pest management will also be discussed.

Summer Movie for Kids

Thursday, August 27, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m., Children's Activity Room

Join us for popcorn and a movie. Bring a picnic blanket, we will be sitting on the floor.

Sensory Playtime (ages 4-10)

Friday, August 28, 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.

Summer Reading: Bouquet Making Class

Monday, August 31, 5:30 – 6:45 p.m. and 7:30 – 8:45 p.m., Community Room

Join us for a bouquet making class presented by local farmer florist -Blooms by Joella.

This program is for adults only. Registration required.

SARATOGA – 13650 Saratoga Avenue**A Whispering Shade: An Art Exhibit**

Through August 31, Main Lobby

One of Mijung Kim's primary art techniques is to apply layers of mixed pigments with glue on this paper. She also draws using acrylics and ink.

Dogs, Cats, and Backyard Acrobats: An Art Exhibit

August 1 – October 30, Group Study Room

Enjoy the delightful paintings of beloved family pets and natural critters by Carrie Skelly.

Meet the artist on August 1 from 12:30 – 1:30 in the Group Study Room.

Family Storytime

Thursdays & Saturdays, August 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, & 29, 11 – 11:30 a.m.,

Community Room

Join us for stories, rhymes, and songs.

Defense-ability Personal Safety Presentation

Sunday, August 2, 2 – 3 p.m., Community Room

This practical personal safety presentation teaches participants how to recognize warning signs, trust their instincts, and use simple strategies to avoid dangerous situations.

Mystery Monday Book Club

Monday, August 3, 7 – 8 p.m., Maple Room

We will discuss [*Not Quite Dead Yet*](#) by Holly Jackson. Drop by the Adult Reference Desk to sign up for the meeting and pick up a copy of the book.

Summer Reading: Sci-Fi & Fantasy Book Club

Tuesday, August 4, 7 – 8 p.m., Maple Room

We will discuss [*Uprooted*](#) by Naomi Novik. You can register and pick up a copy at the Adult Reference Desk.

Knit & Crochet Circle

Wednesday, August 5, 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, August 5, 12, 19, & 26, 11 – 11:15 a.m., Community Room

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

Summer Reading: Ricky Roo & Friends Puppet Show

Wednesday, August 5, 2 – 3 p.m., Community Room

Join us for a playful and imaginative puppet show.

Drop-in Tech Help

Thursdays, August 6, 13, 20, & 27, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., Oak Room

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

Summer Reading: Farmer Arann

Saturday, August 8, 11 – 11:45 a.m., Community Room

Farmer Arann will be here with his instruments, big voice, unique songs, and super fun personality.

Back to Bach: Make Way for Dumplings

Sunday, August 9, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room

Back to Bach is a local group of student leaders who hope to inspire music and arts education to children.

Introduction of Ikenobo, the Origin of Ikebana

Sunday, August 9, 3 – 4 p.m., Community Room

Join us to learn about Japanese style flower arrangements. Please register.

Board Game Night for Adults

Mondays, August 10 & 24, 6 – 8 p.m., Maple Room

Drop in and play a variety of board games.

Master Gardeners: Garden to Glass

Tuesday, August 11, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Community Room

Learn how to grow, care for, and use fragrant plants for crafting refreshing beverages, from infused water and teas to historically significant plant-based beverages.

Chinese Book Club/中文書友會

Thursday, August 13, 10:15 – 11:45 a.m., Orchard Room

The discussion is primarily in Mandarin. The selection is [軌道](#) (薩曼莎·哈維 著; 章晉唯 譯; English title: *Orbital* by Samatha Harvey). 參與者可選讀中文或英文版, 討論則將以中文為主。

Summer Reading: Indian Carnatic Music Concert

Saturday, August 15, 2 – 4:30 p.m., Community Room

The vocal concert will be presented by Prisha Balan accompanied by Aishwarya Anand on violin, and Bhargav Nemani on mrudangam.

Dungeons and Dragons Paint Party

Sunday, August 16, 2 – 4 p.m., Community Room

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

Band Jam: Guitar and Ukulele

Tuesdays, August 18 & 25, 10:15 – 11 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.

Mandarin Storytime

Tuesday, August 18, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Maple Room

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

Beginner Guitar and Ukulele Classes

Tuesdays, August 18 – September 22, 11:15 a.m. – 12 p.m., Community Room

Featuring popular music, learn how to build chords and build up finger strength all while meeting a community of music enthusiasts on the same journey. Please register only if you can commit to coming to all 6 classes.

Kids Craftapalooza Challenge

Tuesday, August 18, 4 – 5 p.m., Community Room

Use your imagination and create something with the materials provided.

Author Talk: Mike Huguener

Tuesday, August 18, 7 – 8 p.m., Community Room

Join us for an Author Talk with Mike Huguener to celebrate the release of his new book [*Elvis is Dead, I'm Still Alive! The Story of Asian Man Records*](#).

Opioid Overdose Prevention Training

Wednesday, August 19, 2 – 3 p.m.

Get an introduction to harm reduction and an overview of fentanyl, learn the signs of an overdose and learn to administer Naloxone (Narcan). Participants will receive Naloxone dosages (while supplies last). Please register.

Lego Club

Wednesday, August 19, 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.

Teatime Book Chatter

Thursday, August 20, 1 – 2 p.m., Maple Room

This month we will be sharing and recommending our favorite recent reads.

Retrodogs Jazz Performance

Saturday, August 22, 2 – 3 p.m., Community Room

Retrodogs performs original jazz music that features a unique blend of styles: Afro-Cuban, R&B, Brazilian, Blues and New Orleans.

The Tale of the Pink Panthers

Saturday, August 29, 1 – 2 p.m., Community Room

Come learn about the notorious gang known as the Pink Panthers, the group allegedly responsible for more than 200 audacious heists across the globe.

Open Mic

Sunday, August 30, 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.

Hidden Birdlife of Silicon Valley

Sunday, August 30, 2 – 3 p.m., Community Room

Through stories, images, and discussion, we'll learn about the variety of birds living around us and share practical ways to support coexistence.

Technology Class

Monday, August 31, 10 – 11 a.m., Community Room

Our tech help volunteer will do a deep dive on internet cookies, credit freezing, secure passwords, password managers, multi-factor authentication, and cell phone verification.

Multi-Level ESL Class Session

Mondays and Wednesdays, August 31 – November 4, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Maple Room

This class session is for beginner and intermediate ESL students (must have basic conversational skills.) You must be able to attend the entire class session.

SERVICES AND SUPPORT CENTER – 1370 Dell Avenue, Campbell

Joint Powers Authority Board Finance Committee Meeting

Wednesday, August 19, 1 – 2 p.m.

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

WOODLAND – 1975 Grant Road

Monday Meditation and Mindfulness

Mondays, August 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, 7 – 7:30 p.m.

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

Family Storytime: Sunshine Sketches

Sunday, August 9, 11:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Backyard

Join us for fun Sunshine Sketches, a special storytime filled with stories, songs, and fingerplays that spark giggles, wiggles and wonder.

ONLINE EVENTS (Please register online)

Virtual Author Talk: Paula J. Johnson

Tuesday, August 4, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Smithsonian curator Paula J. Johnson explores the legacy of culinary icon Julia Child in her book [*Julia Child's Kitchen: The Design, Tools, Stories, and Legacy of an Iconic Space*](#).

Virtual Author Talk: Jane Chen

Wednesday, August 5, 9 – 10 a.m.

Jane Chen's book [*Like a Wave We Break*](#) explores how to shift from fear-based performance to more balanced leadership.

Virtual Library Talks: Introduction to Freegal Music

Wednesday, August 5, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

In this demo, you'll learn how to access our free downloading/streaming music service Freegal, use its features including playlists, favorites, wishlists and find your way around the website and app.

Online English Conversation Club

Thursdays, August 6, 13, 20, & 27, 11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Meet new friends and practice English together.

College Admissions in the Age of AI

Tuesday, August 18, 5 – 6 p.m.

As generative AI becomes more prevalent in society, learn how college admissions departments are responding, the role AI plays in decision-making, and its appropriate uses in the application process.

Virtual Author Talk: G. Neri

Thursday, August 20, 4 – 5 p.m.

The year is 1976 and America is throwing its 200th birthday party. What better way to celebrate than with an 8,000-mile road trip across 26 states? G. Neri recalls his family's real-life trip in a station wagon from California to Washington, D.C. in the book [*My Bicentennial Summer*](#).

Virtual Author Talk: Beronda L. Montgomery

Tuesday, August 25, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Beronda Montgomery explores how several types of trees and the cotton shrub are connected to Black history and culture in the book [*When Trees Testify: Science, Wisdom, History, and America's Black Botanical Legacy*](#).

Virtual Author Talk: Lucy Foley

Thursday, August 27, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

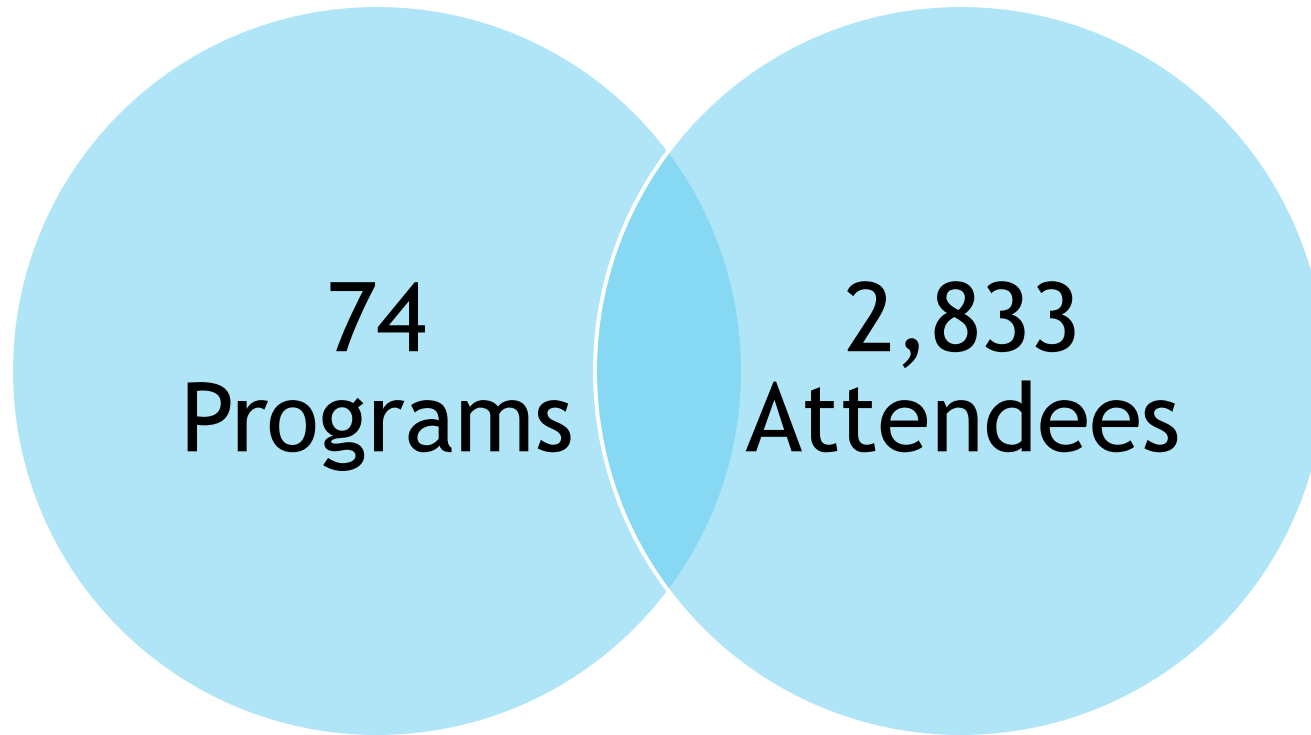
In Lucy Foley's new book, [*Murder at the Grand Alpine Hotel*](#), high in the Swiss Alps stands the Grand Alpine Hotel, reachable only by a single railway. When a body is found and a blizzard cuts off all escape, only Miss Marple can connect the clues before the killer strikes again.

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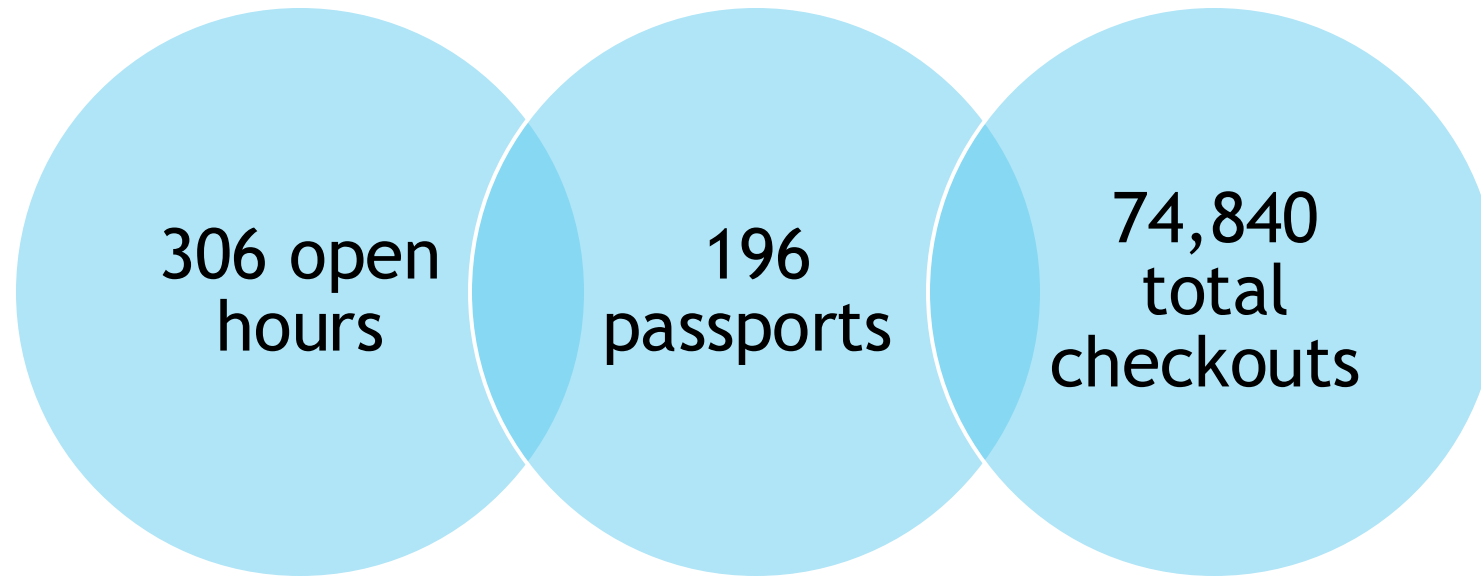


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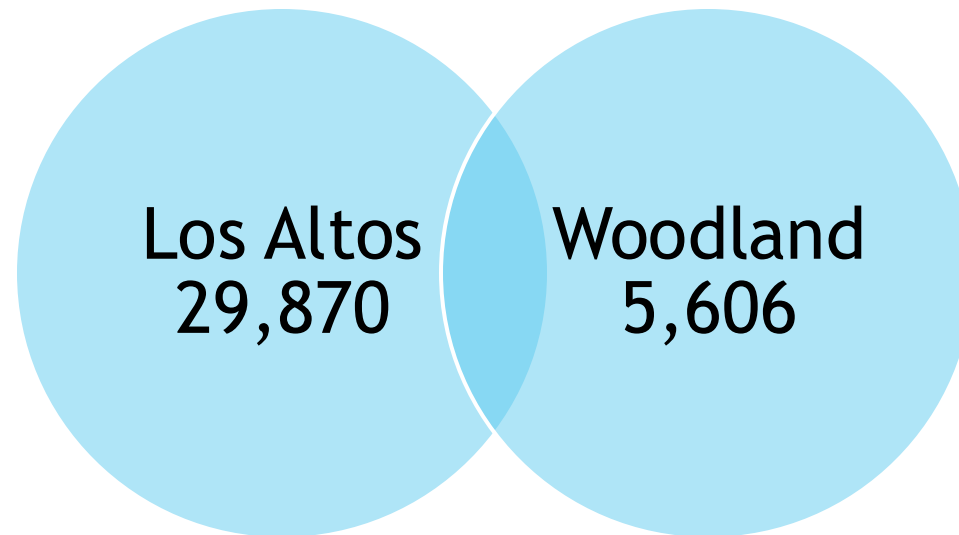
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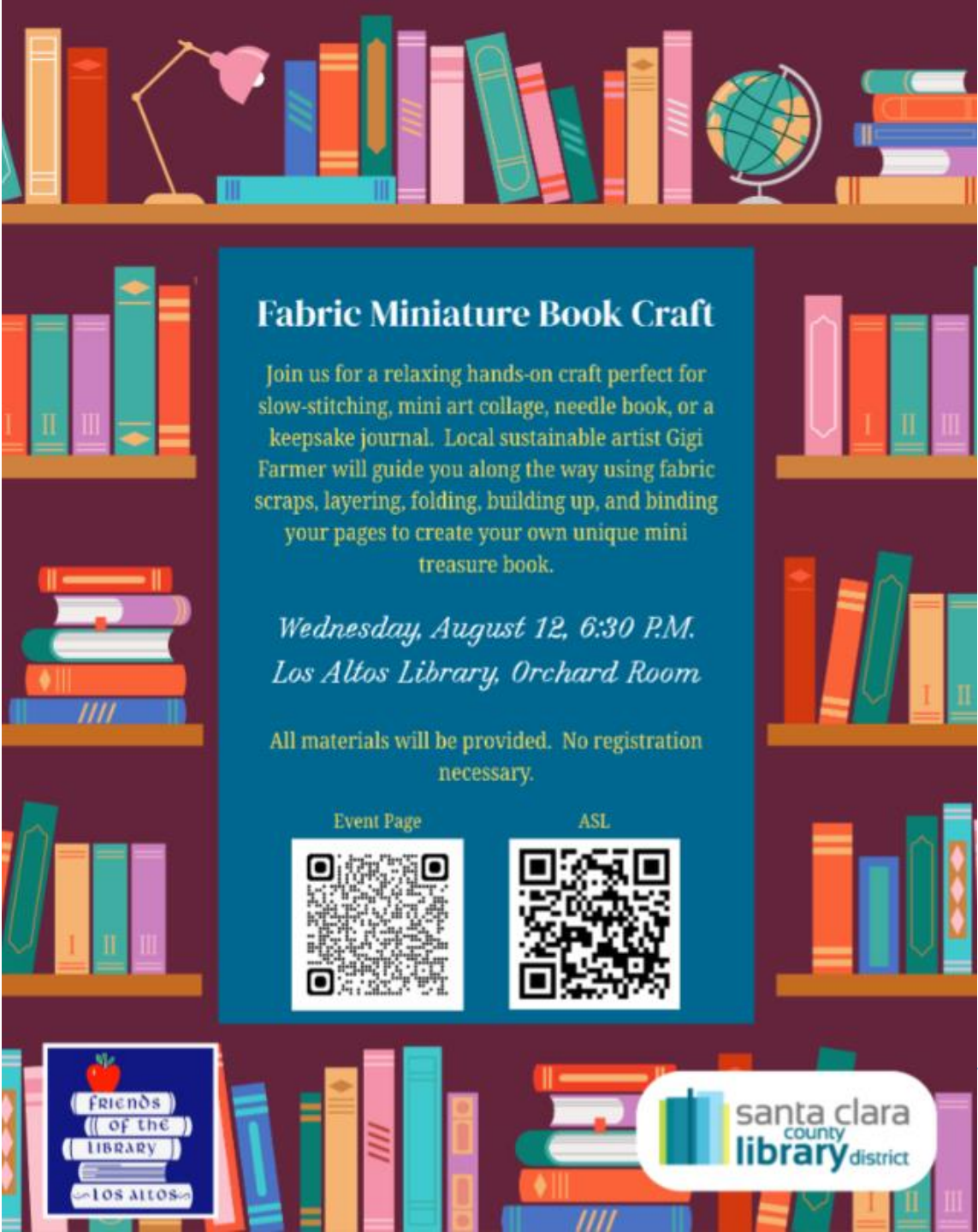


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June 2026 Visitors





Fabric Miniature Book Craft

Join us for a relaxing hands-on craft perfect for slow-stitching, mini art collage, needle book, or a keepsake journal. Local sustainable artist Gigi Farmer will guide you along the way using fabric scraps, layering, folding, building up, and binding your pages to create your own unique mini treasure book.

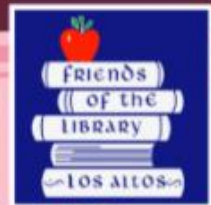
*Wednesday, August 12, 6:30 P.M.
Los Altos Library, Orchard Room*

All materials will be provided. No registration necessary.

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UC Master Gardeners

The Monarch Butterfly Crisis: What's Happening and How You Can Help



Monarch butterflies are disappearing, and their future is in our hands! Ready to be part of the solution? Join us for an inspiring workshop with Santa Clara County Master Gardener Rebecca Schoenenberger. You'll explore the secret life of monarchs, from their incredible migration to their fragile life cycle. Discover why these beautiful butterflies are in peril and learn exactly what you can plant in your garden to help them make a comeback.

Wednesday, August 19, 7 P.M.
Los Altos Library, Orchard Room

Program is free and open to the public. No registration necessary.

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MONDAY MEDITATION & MINDFULNESS

@ WOODLAND LIBRARY

MONDAYS 7PM

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



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Join the Los Altos Library for a

Classical Guitar

OPEN MIC

SECOND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

6:30 PM
UNTIL 8:30



in the Orchard Room

Sign up to perform up to 10 minutes of fingerstyle guitar music, and watch performers during this open mic session.



Event



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Bring Your Broken Things Back to Life

Free Repairs
at the
Los Altos Library
13 S. San Antonio Road

Saturday, July 11
11:00 am – 3:00 pm

What can you bring?

SMALL APPLIANCES • ELECTRONICS • CLOTHING • BIKES

If you can carry it, we'll help you fix it

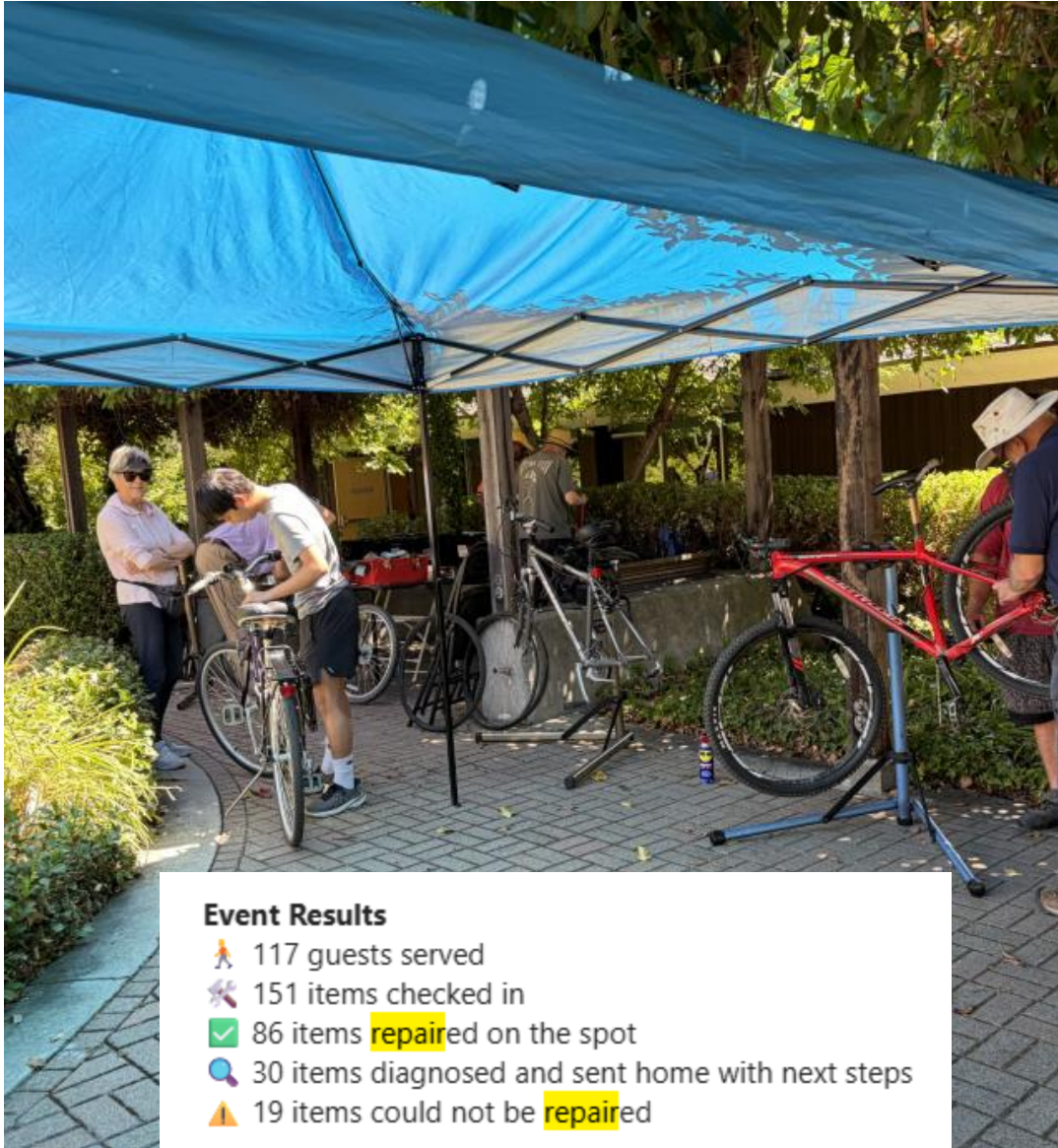
Scan for details & volunteer signup



Repair Café Silicon Valley is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, volunteer-run, and dedicated to encouraging the repair and reuse of goods rather than dumping them in landfill.



Scan to request accessibility services during this event.



Event Results

- 🧑 117 guests served
- 🔧 151 items checked in
- ✅ 86 items **repaired** on the spot
- 🔍 30 items diagnosed and sent home with next steps
- ⚠️ 19 items could not be **repaired**





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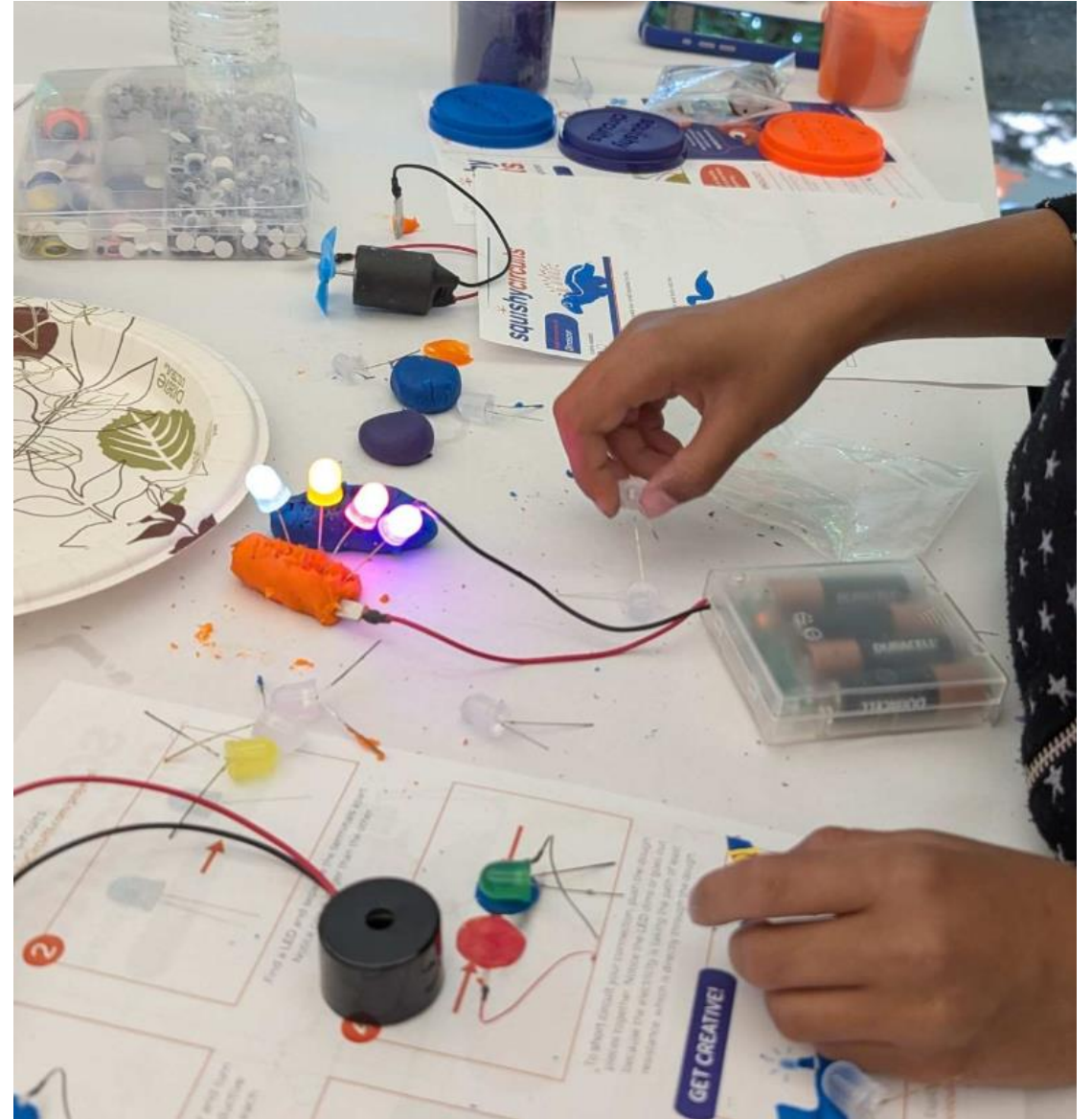


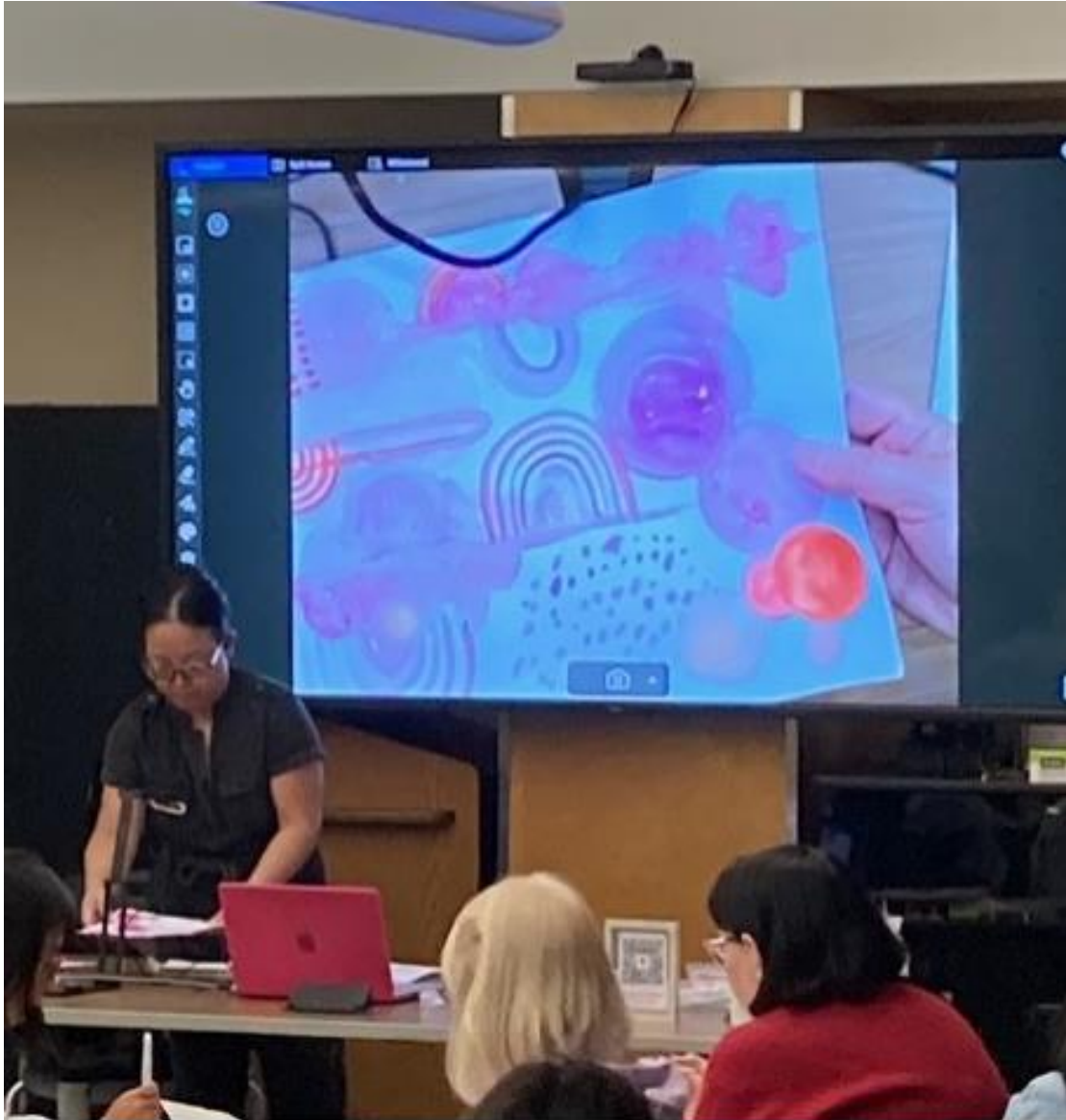


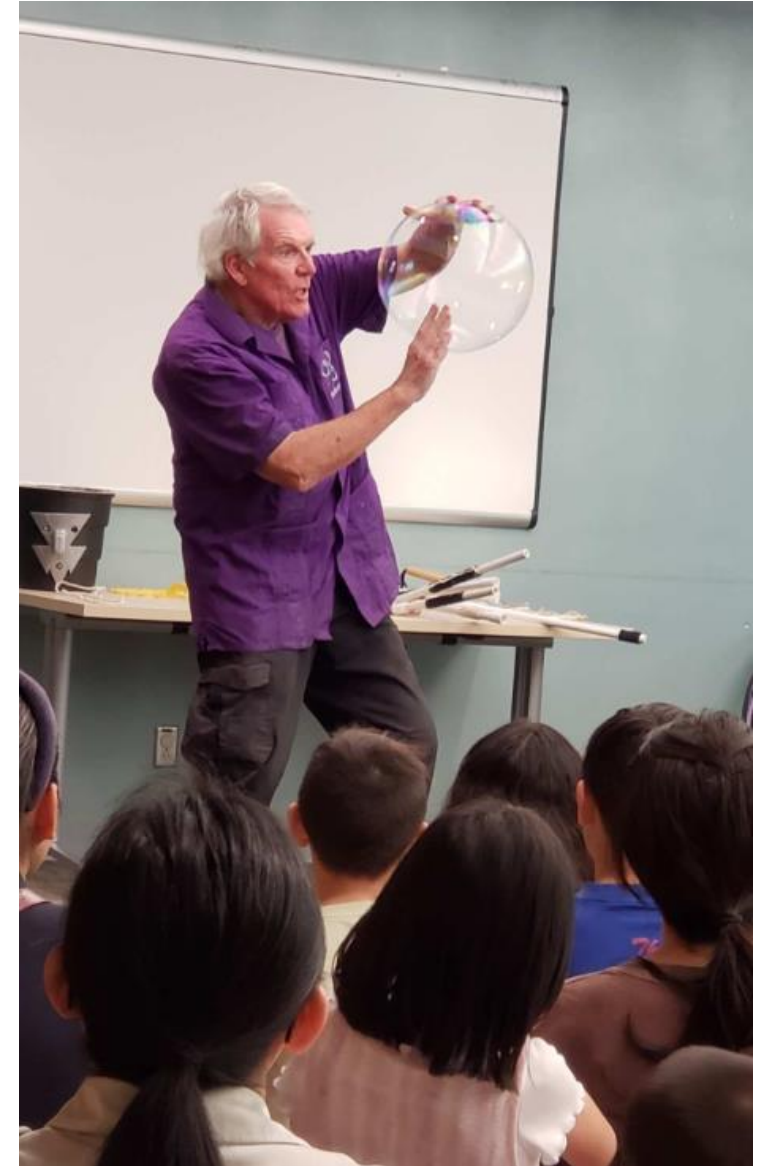
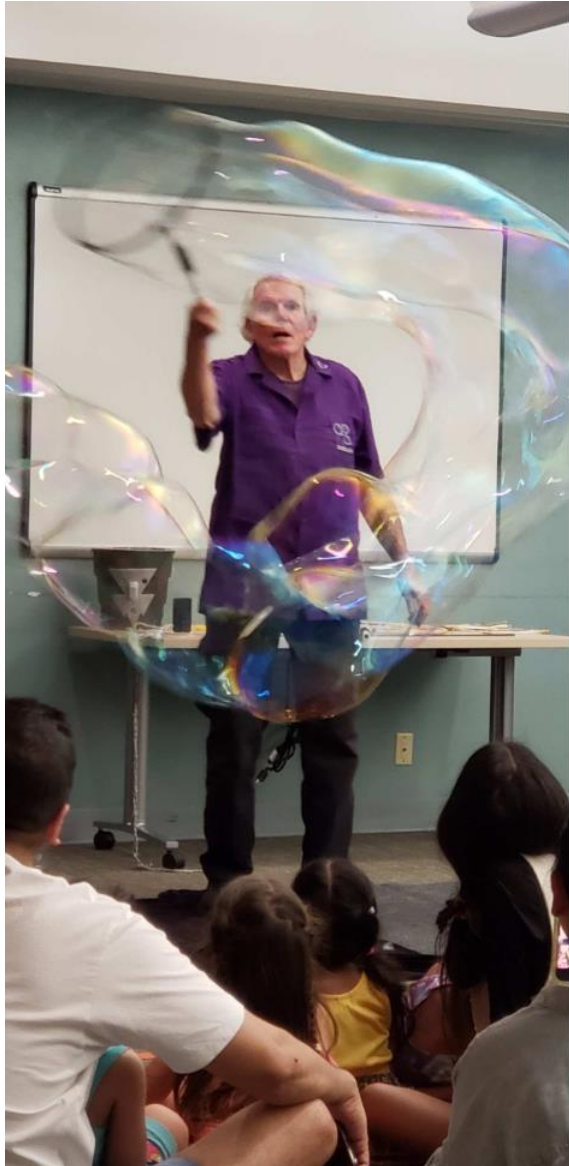












CONGRATULATIONS!

Staff Service Awards

- ▶ Tessie 30 years
- ▶ Christine 30 years
- ▶ Karen 25 years
- ▶ Todd 25 years
- ▶ Sarah 20 years
- ▶ Phyllis 10 years
- ▶ Sandy 5 years

