

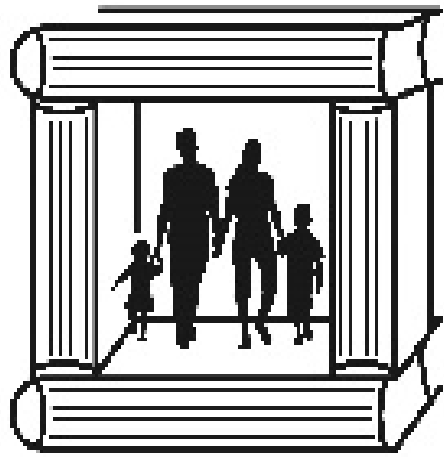
Library Commission  
Meeting

October 1, 2025

Presentations

Item #3

Friends of the Cupertino  
Library



FRIENDS  
OF THE CUPERTINO  
LIBRARY

Bruce Parsons, President October 1, 2025

# Introduction to the Friends of the Cupertino Library:

Who We Are  
What We Do

Supporting library and community through  
missions and activities

# What We Do :

## **Volunteer Support**

**Volunteers collect, sort, and organize donated books, CDs, DVDs**

**Staff our tri-annual Used Book Sales**

## **FOCL Fundraising Activities**

**Used Book Sales three times a year**

**Ongoing Lobby Sales of pristine books.**

**On – Line sales of expensive books.**

## **Fund Library Programs and Events**

## **Book Donations**

**Traveling Bookmobile, Better World, Selected Non-Profits**



# Brief History & Mission of the Friends

**Founded by Community Members ~ 1980**

**Received IRS ID July 25, 1990**

**Incorporated March 9, 1998**

**Purpose :**

- **To maintain a broad-based community organization of persons interested in high quality library services;**
- **To raise funds to enhance and improve the overall operation of the library;**
- **To focus public attention in a positive manner on library services, facilities, and needs;**
- **To help promote the use and enjoyment of the library;**
- **To encourage the enjoyment of reading among young people.**



# Location and Facilities

- The Friends of the Cupertino Library occupy two rooms on the second floor of the Cupertino Library (rent free) : the Sorting Room ( approx. 1,000 sq. ft) and the Storage Room ( approx. 100 sq. ft.)

## • Membership

- FOCL has 45 members
- All members are unpaid volunteers
- No paid positions

## Non-Profit Organization

FOCL is a 501©3 non-profit organization

Tax ID # 23-7418223

# How Funds Support the Library



## **Enhancing Library Collections**

Funds help expand and update book collections to meet diverse community interests and needs.

## **Upgrading Technology**

Investment in new technology improves access to digital resources and facilitates learning.

## **Supporting Programs**

Funding supports educational and recreational programs for both children and adults.

## **Facility Improvements**

Funds enable upgrades to library facilities, enhancing comfort and accessibility for visitors.

# Examples of Programs and Services Funded



## **Literacy Programs**

Literacy programs improve reading and writing skills, enhancing community education and empowerment.

## **Cultural Events**

Cultural events celebrate heritage and diversity, fostering community pride and connection.

## **Educational Workshops**

Workshops provide practical skills and knowledge to support lifelong learning and development.

## **Community Resources**

Resources such as libraries and information centers increase access to knowledge and cultural materials.





- **Some Specific Examples of Library Programs Funded recently by FOCL :**

- California Native Plants
- Meditation & Mindfulness
- Children's Art & Wellness
- Children's Freedom Reader & Police Read Along
- Children's Jamaroo Musical Yoga
- Adult Line Dancing
- Chinese Teen Brush Painting
- Children's Pressed Flower Lanterns
- Black History Month
- Chinese Book Club
- \* Summer Reading Program
- \* Baby Sign & Sing
- \* STEAM Challenge-Earth Day
- \* Silicon Valley Shakespeare
- \* Art Therapy for Teens
- \* Faux Stained Glass

- **The Friends of the Cupertino Library**
  - **Recent Donations to the Cupertino Library**

• Fiscal Year	Donation
• 2025 – 2026	\$ 60,900 Budgeted; Actual thru Aug. 2025 = \$21,943
• 2025 - 2026	\$ 15,000 Pledged to the Fish Tank Upgrade project **
• 2024 – 2025	\$ 43,333
• 2023 – 2024	\$ 40,237 Plus \$ 8,000 for the Bookmobile
• 2022 – 2023	\$ 28,642 Plus \$ 7,500 for the Bookmobile
• 2021 – 2022	\$ 19,457
• 2020 – 2021	\$ 2,401 Pandemic
• 2019 – 2020	\$ 78,474
• 2018 - 2019	\$ 58,304
• 2017 - 2018	\$ 54,036
• 2016 - 2017	\$ 49,328

\*\* Cupertino Library Foundation has asked for additional financial help on the Fish Tank Upgrade.

# How to Find and Contact Us



## Contact via Website

**[Friends of cupertino library.org](http://Friendsofcupertinolibrary.org)**

## Email Communication

**[Cupertinoofol@gmail.com](mailto:Cupertinoofol@gmail.com)**

## Phone Contact

**Messages for FOL can be left with the library staff at 408 – 466 - 1677**

## In-Person Visits

**Visitors are welcome Tuesday & Thursdays afternoons.**



# Conclusion

## **Support Through Volunteerism**

Dedicated volunteers help maintain library programs and services that benefit the community.

## **Fundraising Impact**

Fundraising efforts by Friends of the Library sustain valuable library resources and community services.



# Special Events and Community Engagement

## **Author Talks**

Hosting author talks connects readers directly with writers, inspiring engagement and deeper interest in books.

## **Book Fairs**

Book fairs provide opportunities for the community to explore diverse books and support local authors.

## **Community Gatherings**

Community gatherings foster social interaction and promote a shared love for reading and learning.





# Overview of Regular Book Sales

## **Variety of Donated Books**

Regular book sales feature a wide range of donated books catering to different interests and ages.

## **Affordable Reading Options**

These sales provide affordable book options to the community, promoting literacy and reading.

## **Support for Library Programs**

Funds raised from book sales support library programs and community services.

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Monthly Update Reports



# October 2025

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Cupertino Library Report





# Numbers



2025	April	May	June	July	August	September
Check Outs	100,778	104,788	108,467	104,032	111,461	91,140
Borrowers	15,307	16,145	16,681	16,587	17,893	15,536
Average Requests	11,804	13,674	13,281	13,502	14,374	n/a
Borrowers Online	82,789	91,364	93,964	99,158	101,736	95,702
Gate Count	63,130	68,814	64,323	64,335	72,320	63,747
Room bookings	771	717	696	715	608	513
Programs Offered	62	67	112	118	55	60
Program Attendance	2,374	3,464	4,195	5,095	2328	1970
Community Room Rentals	7	5	8	9	14	11





Photos



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>Thank you to the Friends of Cupertino Library for their generous support of our children's programs!</p>	<p><b>Cupertino Library</b> 10800 Torre Ave. Cupertino, CA 95014 408.446.1677 www.sccld.org</p> 		<p>1 7 p.m. Bedtime Storytime</p>	<p>2 10:30 a.m. Baby Storytime Non-walking babies. 4:30 p.m. - 6 p.m. Homework Help *7:00 p.m. Reading Buddies Children K-5th grade</p>	<p>3 7 p.m. Mandarin Family Storytime ages 0-5</p>	<p>4 10:30 a.m. Family Storytime for All Ages</p>
<p>5 11 a.m. Sign and Sing for Babies 0-12 months</p>	<p>6 10:30 a.m. ESL Parent and Caregiver Conversation Club</p>	<p>7 10:30 a.m. Stories for 1-2 year olds. 4:30 p.m. - 6 p.m. Homework Help</p>	<p>8 7 p.m. Bedtime Storytime</p>	<p>9 10:30 a.m. Baby Storytime Non-walking babies. 4:30 p.m. - 6 p.m. Homework Help</p>	<p>10 4 p.m. Art Therapy for Twins Kids 10 and up.</p>	<p>11 10:30 a.m. Family Storytime for All Ages</p>
<p>12 11 a.m. Baby Wearing Dancing for infants and caregivers</p>	<p>13 <b>Library Closed</b></p>	<p>14 10:30 a.m. Stories for 1-2 year olds. 4:30 p.m. - 6 p.m. Homework Help *7 p.m. Children's Literature for Adults Bookclub</p>	<p>15 7 p.m. Bedtime Storytime</p>	<p>16 10:30 a.m. Baby Storytime Non-walking babies. 4:30 p.m. - 6 p.m. Homework Help 4 p.m. Halloween Origami school age</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 <b>Aquarium Adventure Grand Opening!</b> 10:30 a.m. Ocean Storytime with Bri Reads 2 p.m. Comedy Show Unique Derique</p>
<p>19 11 a.m. Baby Wearing Dancing for infants and caregivers</p>	<p>20 10:30 a.m. ESL Parent and Caregiver Conversation Club *7:00 p.m. Reading Buddies Children K-5th grade</p>	<p>21 10:30 a.m. Stories for 1-2 year olds. 4:30 p.m. - 6 p.m. Homework Help</p>	<p>22 10:30 a.m. Music and Movement with JamaRoo Kids 7 p.m. Bluey Halloween Bash</p>	<p>23 10:30 a.m. Baby Storytime Non-walking babies. 4:30 p.m. - 6 p.m. Homework Help</p>	<p>24 3:00 p.m. Spooky STEM Season ages 6+ 7 p.m. Mandarin Family Storytime ages 0-5</p>	<p>25 10:30 am <b>Halloween Storytime</b> and Costume parade All Ages</p>
<p>26 11 a.m. Baby Wearing Dancing for infants and caregivers</p>	<p>27 10:30 a.m. ESL Parent and Caregiver Conversation Club</p>	<p>28 10:30 a.m. Stories for 1-2 year olds. 4:30 p.m. - 6 p.m. Homework Help</p>	<p>29 7 p.m. Bedtime Storytime</p>	<p>30 10:30 a.m. Baby Storytime Non-walking babies. 4:00 pm Sugar Skulls K-8th grade 4:30 p.m. - 6 p.m. Homework Help</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>*Registration required for these programs.</p>

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS AT CUPERTINO LIBRARY

**Ocean Storytime with Bri Reads, Saturday October 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.** - Join us for a special ocean themed storytime featuring Bri Reads. For ages 0-5.

**Family Comedy Show featuring Clown Prince Unique Derique, Saturday October 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.** - Join us for an unforgettable comedic performance with juggling.

**Music and Movement with JamaRoo Kids, Wednesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:30 a.m.** - Come clap your hands, stomp your feet, and shake your hips to the rhythm and the beat with JAMaROO Kids! For ages 2 and up.

**Bluey Halloween Bash, Wednesday October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** Get into the Halloween spirit by dressing in your favorite costume and make a Bluey craft. Ages 2-10.

**Spooky STEM Season, Friday October 24<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.** - Come and find a little fear as well as a little flair while we increase our mind's capacity this Halloween season. For ages 6+.

**Halloween Storytime and Costume Parade, Saturday October 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.** - Join us for not so scary Halloween storytime and a parade around the library to show off your Halloween costume. Costume is optional, come join the fun!

**Sugar Skulls -Thursday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.** - Decorate a sugar skull in celebration of Día de los Muertos. Sugar skulls are for decorating purposes only. All materials will be provided. For grades K and up. Space is limited.

## MONTHLY RECURRING PROGRAMS

**Baby Wearing Dance Program: Sundays at 11 a.m.**  
For adult caregivers and pre-walking babies.  
Participants must bring their own baby carrier.

**ESL Parent and Caregiver Conversation Club: Mondays at 10:30 a.m.** Join us for an engaging series designed to support families and spark meaningful conversations about children and parenting. Little ones welcome.





**Reading Buddies - Thursday, October 2nd and Monday, October 20th:** First Thursday and Second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. For grades Kindergarten - 5th grade.  
*Registration always opens on the 3rd Monday of the month prior to the session.*

**Children's Literature for Adults Bookclub - Tuesday, October 14th at 7 p.m.:** Adults are invited to join us for our Children's Literature for Adults Bookclub. Registration required at the Children's Reference Desk. Adults only please.

**Art Therapy for Tweens - Friday, October 10th at 4 p.m.:** Explore different techniques, styles, and art materials. For kids ages 10 and up and their adult caregiver. Materials will be provided. Supplies limited.

**Origami for Kids - Thursday, October 16th at 4 p.m.:**  
Learn how to fold origami. For school age children.  
Please arrive on time. Supplies limited.



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			<b>Mindfulness and Meditation</b> 4:30pm, Room 201	2	3	4
<b>Legacy Filipino Martial Arts</b> 5 3pm, Room 201	6	<b>ESL Conversation Club</b> 7 10:30am-1pm, Room 201A	<b>Mindfulness and Meditation</b> 8 4:30pm, Room 201	9	<b>Knit-Along</b> 10 2:30-4:00 pm Room 201A <hr/> <b>CreateCU: Tetra Pak Prints</b> 7pm, Room 201B	11
<b>Adult Non-Fiction Book Discussion.</b> 12 11am, Room 201B <hr/> <b>Teen Poetry: Revising Your Work</b> 4-6pm, Room 201A	<b>Indigenous Peoples Day Holiday</b> 13 Library Closed	14	<b>There are three events Sheduled today. Please Check sidebar for details.</b> 15	<b>Adult Book Discussion</b> 16 7-8:30pm, Room 201B	<b>Knit-Along</b> 17 2:30-4:00 pm Room 201A	<b>Friends Used Book Sale</b> 18 Community Hall 9am-3pm
<b>Meditative Banig Drawing</b> 19 11am, Room 201 <hr/> <b>Friends Used Book Sale</b> Community Hall 12-3pm	20	<b>ESL Conversation Club</b> 21 10:30am--1pm, Room 201A	<b>Mindfulness and Meditation</b> 22 4:30pm, Room 201	23	<b>Knit-Along</b> 24 2:30-4:00 pm Room 201A	<b>Composting Education</b> 25 10:30am-12:30pm Room 201 <hr/> <b>Teen Creepy Cupcakes</b> 4pm, Room 201
26	27	<b>ESL Conversation Club</b> 28 10:30am--1pm, Room 201A <hr/> <b>Tuesday Travel Nights: Wee bit of Scotland</b> 7pm, Room 201	<b>Mindfulness and Meditation</b> 29 4:30pm, Room 201	<b>Teen Craft Program Halloween Tote Bags</b> 30 4-5pm, Room 201B	<b>Knit-Along</b> 31 2:30-4:00 pm Room 201A	

### **Adult Events**

**Legacy Filipino Martial Arts**, 3pm, Room 201

**CreateCU: Tetra Pak Prints** Friday, October 10, 7pm.

Register online: [tinyurl.com/CREATETETRAPAK101025](https://tinyurl.com/CREATETETRAPAK101025)

**Adult Non-Fiction Book Discussion: *The Wager* by David Grann.**

Sunday, October 12, 11am, Room 201B

**Adult Book Discussion: *North Woods: A Novel* by Daniel Mason**

I: Wednesday, October 15, 11am

II: Thursday October 16, 7pm Room 201B

**Master Gardeners: TBA**

Wednesday, October 15, 7pm Room 201

**Friends Used Book Sale** October 18, 9am-3pm, October 19, 12-3pm  
Cupertino Community Hall

**Meditative Banig Drawing:** Sunday, October 19, 11am, Room 201

**Composting Education Program**

Saturday, October 25, 10:30am. Room 201

**Tuesday Travel Nights: A Wee Bit of Scotland.** Tuesday, October 28, 7pm Room 201

### **Teen Events**

**Teen Poetry Workshop: Revising Your Work with Keiko O'Leary.**

Sunday, October 12, 4-6pm, Room 201

**Creepy Cupcake Decorating** Saturday, October 25, 4pm, Room 201  
**First come, first served**

**Teen Craft Program: Decorate Halloween Totebags:** 4pm, Room 201B  
**First come, first served**

### **Ongoing Events**

**ESL Conversation Club. Tuesdays 10:30 am—12:00pm Room 201**

**Register Online:** [tinyurl.com/CUESLConversation2025](https://tinyurl.com/CUESLConversation2025)

**Knit Alongs:** Fridays, 2:30pm Room 201

**Mindfulness and Meditation** Wednesday Afternoons, Room 201A, 4:30pm

# Play Space Grand Opening

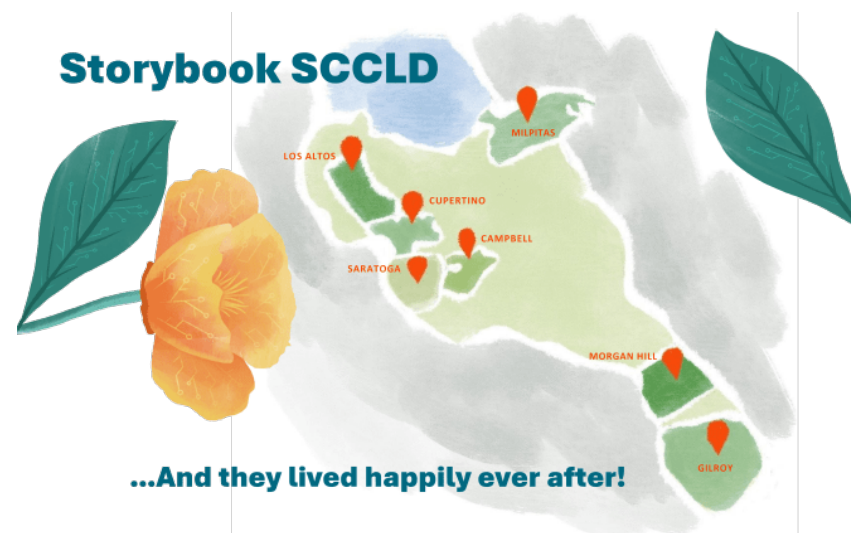
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**Saturday, October 18, 2025!**

Families with children 0-10 years old are invited to the grand opening festivities including a ribbon cutting ceremony, performers, crafts, and games. Come celebrate the newest addition to the Cupertino Library as we invite children to use their imaginations to play in our new environment.

Aquarium Adventure Grand Opening programs and activities are generously sponsored by the Friends of Cupertino Library, Cupertino Library Foundation and Santa Clara County Library District.

[Storybook SCCLD: Children's Spaces | Santa Clara County Library District](#)







# **Diwali: A Festival of Light and Learning**

Celebrating Diwali at Cupertino Library with:

- **October 19, 2025** - Local artist Pooja Virkar will be creating a rangoli in Cupertino Library's courtyard
- **October 10, 2025**- Art Therapy for Tweens: Diwali Diya Painting



# Filipino American History Month 2025

Celebrating Filipino American History Month with:

- **October 5, 2025** – Introduction to Filipino Martial Arts
- **October 19, 2025** - Meditative Banig Drawing



# Banned Books Week

## Oct 5 - Oct 11, 2025

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Below are the Top 10 Most Challenged Books of 2024:

- ***All Boys Aren't Blue*** by George M. Johnson
- ***Gender Queer*** by Maia Kobabe
- ***The Bluest Eye*** by Toni Morrison
- ***The Perks of Being a Wallflower*** by Stephen Chbosky
- ***Tricks*** by Ellen Hopkins
- ***Looking for Alaska*** by John Green
- ***Me and Earl and the Dying Girl*** by Jesse Andrews
- ***Crank*** by Ellen Hopkins
- ***Sold*** by Patricia McCormick
- ***Flamer*** by Mike Curato



# Distinguished Author: Mitch Albom

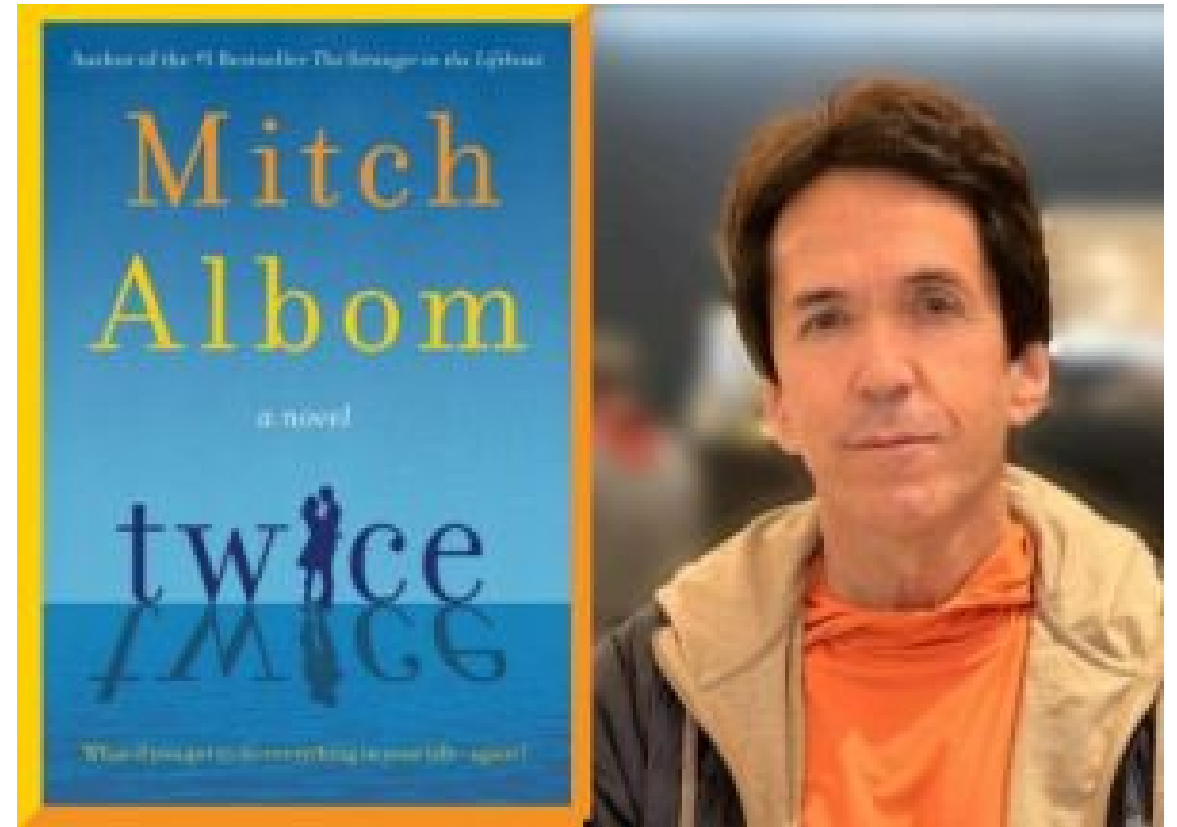
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The Distinguished Author Series brings together acclaimed writers whose compelling works consistently captivate audiences.

We hope you will join us on **Thursday, November 13 at 7 p.m.** for *Twice the Wisdom: Mitch Albom Returns*.

1 West Campbell Avenue  
Campbell CA 95008

**Register:** <https://scclld.org/das/>



# Connect Well

ConnectWell selectively curates health content from trusted sources to provide the latest standard of care guidelines and scientific findings on health, wellness, disease management, and nutrition

<https://scclid.org/resource/connectwell/>



Health Information  
Library



Wellness  
Initiatives



Healthy Recipe  
Collection



## Healthy Recipe Collection

The Healthy Recipe Collection promotes better living through healthier eating. Each recipe educates on healthy eating, food-sourcing options, and highlights the hero ingredients. Recipes incorporate current nutrition science and are tasty, easy to make, and focus on using a variety of whole foods and healthy cooking methods.

You can browse a category by clicking on an icon below or search using keywords. To use the search box, begin by typing your search term and select one of the keywords from the drop-down menu.



### Browse By Category



Appetizers



Breads



Soups



Vegetarian  
Salads



Meatless Main  
Dishes



Poultry



Meat



Vegetables and  
Legumes



Seafood



Grains



Condiments

# Library Closed

October 13 - Indigenous Peoples' Day

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Jennifer Weeks, County Librarian



## Second Chance to Hear from Celebrated Author Mitch Albom

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

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

## Bringing Books to Young Children

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



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

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

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





## Filipino American History Month

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

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

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

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

## New StoryBook SCCLD and StoryWalk® Sites

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



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



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

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

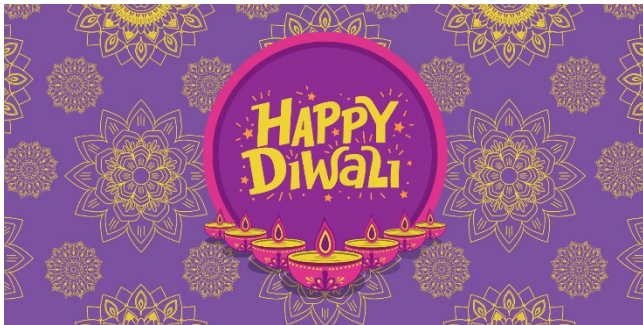
## Passport Services Come to Saratoga

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

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



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



## Marking the Festival of Lights

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

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

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

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

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

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



## Freedom to Read What you Wish

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



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

# VIRTUAL

## Author Talks

### October 2025

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

## October Virtual Author Talks

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

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

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

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

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

## **SANTA CLARA COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT OCTOBER 2025 EVENTS**

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

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

#### **Family Storytime**

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

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

### **CUPERTINO -- 10800 Torre Avenue**

#### **Wednesday Afternoon Meditation and Mindfulness**

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

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

#### **Bedtime Storytime**

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

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

#### **Storytime for Babies (ages 0-1)**

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

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

#### **Homework Help for Grades K-5**

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

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

**Reading Buddies (completed Grades K-5)**

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

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

**Knit-Alongs at Cupertino Library**

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

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

**Family Storytime**

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

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

**Reading Program Tutor Training**

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

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

**Baby Sign and Sing**

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

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

**Introduction to Filipino Martial Arts**

*Sunday, October 5, 3 – 4 p.m.*

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

**ESL Parent and Caregiver Conversation Club**

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

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

**ESL Conversation Club**

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

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

**Toddler Storytime (ages 1-2)**

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

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

**Create CU: Tetra Pack Prints**

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

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

**Art Therapy for Tweens – Diwali Diya Painting**

*Friday, October 10, 4 – 5 p.m.*

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

**Babywearing Dance**

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

Join us for babywearing dancing.

**Nonfiction Book Discussion**

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

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

**Teen Poetry Workshop**

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

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

**Children's Literature for Adults Book Club**

*Tuesday, October 14, 7 – 8 p.m.*

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

**Book Discussion for Adults**

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

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

**Aquarium Adventure Play Space Grand Opening**

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

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

**Diwali Rangoli**

*Saturday, October 18, Courtyard*

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

**Meditative Banig Drawing**

*Sunday, October 19, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.*

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

**Music and Movement with JamaRoo Kids (ages 2+)**

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

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

**Spooky STEM Season (ages 6+)**

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

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

**Composting Education Program**

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

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

**Teen Halloween Cupcake Decorating**

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

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

**Tuesday Travel Nights**

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

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

**Decorate a Sugar Skull for Día de los Muertos**

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

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

**Halloween Tote Bag Craft for Teens**

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

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

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

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

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

**Horror Flash Fiction Contest (ages 12-18)**

*Wednesday, October 1 – Friday, October 31*

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

**Reading Program Orientation**

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

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

**Homework Help/Ayuda con la Tarea**

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

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

**Start Smart: Driver Safety for Teens & Parents**

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

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

**Books and Boogie Storytime/Hora de Cuentos**

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

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

**Knitting and Crochet Weekly Meetup/Tejido Semanal**

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

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

**Book Discussion for Adults**

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

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

**Baby Bounce Storytime (12 months and younger)**

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

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

**Clases de Emprendimiento en español**

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

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

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

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

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

**Family Storytime/Hora de Cuentos**

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

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

**Improve Your Garden Soil**

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

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



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

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

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

**Ukulele Class for Beginners (Ages 9+)**

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

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

**Zumba at the Library**

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

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

**Reading Buddies/Compañeros de Lectura**

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

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

**Resilient Families Series (English)**

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

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

**Familias Resilientes (español)**

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

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



**LEGO Club**

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

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

**Ofrenda Crafts/Manualidades para la Ofrenda**

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

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

**Coronas de Flores for Teens (ages 12-18)**

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

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

**Open Poetry Readings**

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

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

**Discover Ilocano Traditional Weaving**

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

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

**Playdoh Playtime/Hora de juego con plastilina**

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

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

**Wizardry Classes/Clases de Magia**

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

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

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

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

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

**Spooky Movie Night for Teens**

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

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

**Meditative Banig Drawing**

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

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

**Adaptive Friendly Halloween Crafts**

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

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

**Family Board Games / Juegos de mesa familiares**

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

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

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

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

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

**Victorian Gothic Tea Party**

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

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

**Murder Mystery Escape Room for Teens**

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

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

**Book Discussion**

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

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

**Sensory-Friendly Library Playtime/Tiempo de Juego Sensorial Amigable**

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

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

**Book Discussion for Adults**

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

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

**Bookworms Book Club (Grades 2-3)**

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

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

**Bookdragons Book Club (Grades 4-5)**

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

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

**Trick or Treat at the Library**

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

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

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

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

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

**ESL Conversation Club**

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

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

**Teen Dungeons and Dragons Social Club**

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

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

**Meditative Banig Drawing**

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

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

**Monday Morning Meditation and Mindfulness**

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

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

**Poetry Open Mic**

*Monday, October 6, 7 – 8 p.m., Pod D*

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



**Tween Dungeons and Dragons (Grades 5-8)**

*Tuesday, October 7, 4 – 6 p.m.*

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

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

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

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

**Watercolor Workshop for Adults**

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

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

**Page Turners Book Club (Grades 4-5)**

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

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

**Stained Glass Painting Workshop**

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

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

**Book Bugs Club (Grades 2-3)**

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

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

**Story Explorers Book Club (TK-Grade 1)**

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

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

**Now Read This Book Club**

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

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

**To Be Read Book Club (Grades 6-8)**

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

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

**Los Altos Book Discussion for Adults**

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

Please email [lpasternack@sccl.org](mailto:lpasternack@sccl.org) to join the group.

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

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

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

**Book Discussion Group for Adults**

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

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

**ESL Conversation Club**

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

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

**Mid-Autumn Moon Festival Craft**

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

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

**Homework Help for Grades K-6**

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

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

**Toddler Storytime**

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

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

**Preschool Storytime: 3s & 4s Budding Bookworms**

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

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

**Qi Gong Meditation & Exercise Classes**

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

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

**Knit & Crochet Circle**

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

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

**Music & Movement (ages 3-8)**

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

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

**Mend with Friends**

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

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

**Family Storytime**

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

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

**Youth Essay Writing Contest**

*Saturday, October 4, 1 – 4:45 p.m.*

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

**Teen Rubik's Cube Club**

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

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

**Gentle Flow Yoga (ages 13+)**

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

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

**The 582<sup>nd</sup> Korean Alphabet Day**

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

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

**LEGO Club for Grades K-8**

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

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

**Science Fiction and Fantasy Book Club**

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

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

**Baby Bouncers Lapsit**

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

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

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

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

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

**Board Game Day**

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

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

**Dungeons and Dragons Mini Campaign (ages 13+)**

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

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



**Foundations of Resilient Health**

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

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

**Horror Film Festival**

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

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

**Little Learners STEAM (Ages 3-5)**

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

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

**Master Gardeners**

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

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

**Introduction to Filipino Martial Arts**

*Sunday, October 18, 2 – 3 p.m.*

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

**Diwali Celebration**

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

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

**Puppet Art Theater Company**

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

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

**Adult and Teen Paint Workshop**

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

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

**Reading Buddies (Grades K-5)**

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

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

**The Peaceful Poets**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Financial Aid 101**

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

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

**After Dinner Book Club**

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

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

**Toddler Storytime**

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

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

**Preschool Storytime**

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

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

**Fiber Arts Club**

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

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

This program is for adults 18+.

**Homework Help for Grades K-6**

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

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

**Tiny Tot Jamboree**

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

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

**Itty Bitty Jamboree**

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

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

**Kids Keva Club (Ages 5+)**

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

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

**Bilingual Family Storytime for All Ages**

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

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

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

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

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

**Evening Itty Bitty Jamboree**

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

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

**Kids LEGO Club**

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

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

**Novel-Teas (ages 12+)**

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

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

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

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

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

**Family Fun Night**

*Tuesday, October 14, 6:30 – 8 p.m.*

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

**Kids Art Club**

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

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

**Zumba**

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

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

**Library Ukulele Society**

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

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

**Meditative Banig Drawing**

*Tuesday, October 21, 7 – 8 p.m.*

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

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

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

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

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

*Through October 30, Library Lobby*

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

**Knit & Crochet Circle**

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

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

**Baby Storytime (12 months or younger)**

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

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

**Homework Help for Grades K-6**

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

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

**Drop-in Tech Help**

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

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

**Teen Coffeehouse**

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

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

**Family Storytime**

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

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

Join us for stories, rhymes, and songs.

**Diya Painting for Diwali**

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

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

**Henna Art for Diwali**

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

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

**Indian Classical Dance for Diwali**

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

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



**The Exceptional Life of Tye Leung Schulze**

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

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

**Mystery Book Club**

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

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

**Sci-Fi & Fantasy Book Club**

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

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

**Chinese Book Club/ 中文書友會**

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

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

**Meditative Banig Drawing**

*Thursday, October 9, 2 – 3 p.m.*

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

**Reading Buddies (completed Grades K-5)**

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

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

**Not So Scary Halloween Magic Show**

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

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

**Band Jam: Guitar and Ukulele**

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

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

**Children's STEM-tober Party**

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

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

**LEGOs**

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

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

**Teatime Book Chatter**

*Thursday, October 16, 1 – 2 p.m.*

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

**Board Game Night for Adults**

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

Drop in and play a variety of board games.

**Kids Halloween Craft (PreK-Grade 7)**

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

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

**Travel Program: Newfoundland**

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

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

**Spanish Storytime**

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

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

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

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

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

## **WOODLAND – 1975 Grant Road**

### **Monday Meditation and Mindfulness**

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

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

### **Book Discussion for Adults**

*Tuesday, October 14, 2 – 3:15 p.m.*

Email [lpasternack@sccl.org](mailto:lpasternack@sccl.org) to join the monthly email reminders.

## **ONLINE EVENTS (Please register online)**

### **Online English Conversation Club**

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

Meet new friends and practice English together.

### **Virtual Author Talk: Smithsonian Educators**

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

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

### **Virtual Author Talk: Leigh Bardugo**

*Thursday, October 9, 4 – 5 p.m.*

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

### **Asian Art Museum Talk: Afterlife Beliefs and Burial Rites**

*Tuesday, October 28, 7 – 8 p.m.*

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

### **Virtual Author Talk: Philippa Gregory**

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

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