

Library Commission
Meeting

December 3, 2025

Presentations

Item #3

Monthly Update Reports



December 2025

Cupertino Library Report



Numbers

	2025	June	July	August	September	October	November
Check Outs		108,467	104,032	111,461	91,140	92,319	106,298
Borrowers		16,681	16,587	17,893	15,536	15,883	16,502
Average Requests		13,281	13,502	14,374	14,686	15,012	14,375
Borrowers Online		93,964	99,158	101,736	95,702	98,822	94,142
Gate Count		64,323	64,335	72,320	63,747	68,506	69,710
Room bookings		696	715	608	513	559	679
Programs Offered		112	118	55	60	87	67
Program Attendance		4,195	5,095	2328	1970	5010	2,204
Community Room Rentals		8	9	14	11	6	10



DECEMBER 2025 Children's Programs at Cupertino Library!

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
*Registration required for these programs.	1 10:30 a.m. ESL Parent and Caregiver Conversation Club	2 10:30 a.m. Stories for 1-2 year olds. 3:30 p.m. LEGO Club 4:30 p.m. - 6 p.m. Homework Help	3 7 p.m. Bedtime Storytime	4 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	5 7 p.m. Mandarin Family Storytime ages 0-5	6 10:30 a.m. Family Storytime for All Ages
7 11 a.m. Baby Sign and Sing 11 a.m. Baby Wearing Dance for infants and caregivers	8 *7:00 p.m. Reading Buddies Children K-5th grade	9 10:30 a.m. Stories for 1-2 year olds. *7 p.m. Children's Literature for Adults Bookclub	10 10:30 a.m. Police Read Along 7 p.m. Bedtime Storytime	11 10:30 a.m. Baby Storytime Non-walking babies.	12 4 p.m. Art Therapy for Tweens Kids 10 and up.	13 10:30 a.m. Jack and the Beanstalk Holiday Puppet Show 2 p.m. - 3 p.m. Santa Visit
14 11 a.m. Baby Wearing Dance for infants and caregivers	15 10:30 a.m. ESL Parent and Caregiver Conversation Club	16 10:30 a.m. Stories for 1-2 year olds.	17 10:30 a.m. Mandarin Family Storytime ages 0-5 7 p.m. Winter Storytime	18 10:30 a.m. Baby Storytime Non-walking babies. 4 p.m. Origami school age	19 4 p.m. The Science of Fun	20
21	22	23	24 2 p.m. Movie: Home Alone Library Closed at 5 p.m.	25 Library Closed	26	27
28	29 *2 p.m. Freedom Readers Bookclub 5th-8th	30 *2 p.m. Voyagers Bookclub grades 3-4	31 Noon Years Eve Party 11:30 a.m. Library Closed at 5 p.m.	Cupertino Library 10800 Torre Ave. Cupertino, CA 95014 408.446.1677 www.sccld.org santa clara county library district Thank you to the Friends of the Cupertino Library for their generous support of our children's programs!		

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS AT CUPERTINO LIBRARY

Jack and the Beanstalk Holiday Puppet Show-Saturday, December 13th at 10:30 a.m.: This holiday season, climb into a world of wonder with Jack and the Beanstalk. For children ages 0-10. Please arrive on time and seating is limited.

Police Read Along - Wednesday, December 10th at 10:30 a.m. Join us for this special storytime with the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office! A Sheriff's Deputy will read books and share safety tips. Please arrive on time and seating is limited.

Santa Visit - Wednesday, December 13th at 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.: Calling all kids, families and those young at heart, Santa is coming to town! This will be a chance to meet and take a photo with Santa! For children of all ages. Please arrive on time. Attendance will be limited and doors will be closed at capacity.

STEM - Friday, December 19th at 4 p.m. - Come join us as we learn about why having fun is important for so many aspects of life, and then stick around as we have some of it! For ages 6+.

Afternoon Holiday Movie: Home Alone - Tuesday, December 24th at 2 p.m.: Join us for a viewing of a holiday classic! Rated PG. For children and their families. Please arrive on time. Seating is limited.

5th-8th grade Freedom Readers Book Club - Monday, December 29th at 2 p.m. Join us as we discuss the graphic novel "Borders" by Thomas King. Registration required and opens Monday, December 8.

3rd/4th grade Voyager Book Club - Tuesday, December 30th at 2 p.m. - Third and Fourth graders join us for a fun-filled book club! We'll discuss the book "Legendarios; The Beginning of All Things" by Karla Arenas Valentina. Registration required and opens Monday, December 8.

Noon Years Eve Dance Party- Tuesday, December 31st at 11:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. - Join us as we countdown to the new year with a fun dance party! For children of all ages.

Cupertino Library Adult and Teen Programs
Cupertino Library 10800 Torre Ave., Cupertino, Ca.
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DECEMBER 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
 Happy 250th Birthday Jane Austen	1	ESL Conversation Club 10:30am--1pm, Room 201A	Mindfulness and Meditation 4:30pm, Room 201A	4	Knit-Along 2:30-4:00 pm, Room 201A Poetry in the Dark 6:30pm Room 201	6
7	8	ESL Conversation Club 10:30am--1pm, Room 201A	Mindfulness and Meditation 4:30pm, Room 201A	11	Knit-Along 2:30-4:00 pm, Room 201A Create CU: Etegami 7pm, Room 201	Fire Wise: From Fire Maps to Community Action 11am--1:30pm
Non-Fiction Book Discussion 11am, Room 201B Sunday Line Dancing 2-3:30pm, Room 201	15	There are three events scheduled today. Please see back page for details	Adult Book Discussion 11am, Room 201B Mindfulness and Meditation 4:30pm, Room 201A	Adult Book Discussion 7-8:30pm, Room 201B	Knit-Along 2:30-4:00 pm, Room 201A	Teen Craft Program: Decorate Holiday Tote Bags 3pm, Room 201
21	22	23	Christmas Eve Library Closes at 5pm	 Christmas Day Library Closed	26	27
28	29	30	New Year's Eve Library Closes at 5pm			

All library programs are open to the public free of charge. Many of our programs are generously funded by The Friends of the Cupertino Library.

Adult Programs

Poetry in the Dark Friday, December 5, 6:30pm, Room 201A

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*****This event is full.*****

Fire Wise Cupertino: From Fire Maps to Community Action

Saturday, December 13, 11:30am, Room 201.

**Non-Fiction Book Discussion: *The Fear of Too Much Justice*
by Stephen B. Bright and James Kwak**

Sunday, December 14, 11am, Room 201B

Sunday Line Dancing. Sunday, December 14,
2-3:30pm, Room 201

Letter Locking Program. Tuesday, December 16, 4:30pm.
Room 201 *****This event is full*****

Movie Night: *Pride and Prejudice* (2005) Tuesday, December
16, 6:30pm Room 201

Adult Book Discussion: *Persuasion* by Jane Austen

I: Wednesday, December 17, 11am

II Thursday, December 18, 7pm Room 201B

Teen Programs

Holiday Tote Bag Decorating Craft Program. 3-5pm, Room 201
18 participants first come, first served.

Ongoing Programs

ESL Conversation Club. Tuesdays 10:30 am—12:00pm
Room 201 Register Online:
[Tinyurl.com/CUESLConversation2025](https://tinyurl.com/CUESLConversation2025)

Mindfulness and Meditation Wednesday afternoons, 4:30pm
Room 201A.

Knit Alongs: Fridays, 2:30-4pm Room 201A



Saturday, December 6 at 10 a.m.
Cupertino Community Hall
10350 Torre Avenue, Cupertino

Bestselling author Steven Rowley writes LGBTQ+ fiction that explores modern relationships and life, weaving together emotional depth that is poignant but at times humorous. His most recent book, **The Dogs of Venice**, was released in October.

Poet and performer Devorah Major explores themes of being, family, community and the Black Experience. A former San Francisco Poet Laureate, Major shares her knowledge and teaches poetry craft, short story writing and composition. Major's latest work is **word time**.

Tech executive, attorney and activist Bärí A. Williams has worked on initiatives geared towards diversity in the workplace. Her recent book **Seen Yet Unseen: A Black Woman Crashes the Tech Fraternity** is her story about a Black woman from Oakland working in Silicon Valley for companies like Facebook (now Meta).

Register To Attend: <https://sccl.bibliocommons.com/events>



EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS

**Gilroy Library
Milpitas Library
Saratoga Library**

**December 27 – 29
10 AM TO 6 PM**

**ELECTION DAY
December 30
7 AM TO 8 PM**

SCCLD Newsletter

Want to keep up to date on all the great things happening at all SCCLD locations? Get the bimonthly highlight by signing up for our email newsletter! You can also see past newsletters here:

<https://scclcd.org/news/>



Library Closed



Date	Day	Hours	Holiday
December 24, 2025	Wednesday	10am – 5pm	Christmas Eve
December 25, 2025	Thursday	Closed	Christmas Day
December 31, 2025	Wednesday	10am - 5pm	New Year's Eve
January 1, 2026	Thursday	Closed	New Year's Day

December 2025 Library Report
Jennifer Weeks, County Librarian

CELEBRATING CALIFORNIA AUTHORS



A Trio of California Writers

Following the success of our Distinguished Authors talk with Mitch Albom, which was attended by over 500 people, SCCLD has one more big event in store this year, a visit by three very unique California based authors.

On [Saturday, December 6](#) [Steven Rowley](#), [Devorah Major](#) and [Bari A. Williams](#) will

share about their works and approaches to writing. Rowley, a *New York Times* bestselling author will talk about his most recent work [The Dogs of Venice](#), a heartwarming story about love, loss, and finding oneself in one of the most unlikely places.

Major is a poet and performer who explores themes of being, family, community and the Black experience. A former San Francisco Poet Laureate, she teaches poetry craft, short story writing and composition. Major's latest work is [word time](#). Williams is an attorney and activist as well as a former tech executive. She writes about her experience as a Black woman working in Silicon Valley for large tech firms in [Seen Yet Unseen: A Black Woman Crashes the Tech Fraternity](#).

Celebrate the Holiday Season

Visit the library to get in the holiday spirit. Children will love our Jack and the Beanstalk Holiday Puppet Shows, taking place at the Cupertino Library on [Sat., Dec. 13](#), Milpitas Library on [Tue., Dec. 23](#), and Morgan Hill Library on [Sat., Dec 27](#).

Get ready for the holidays with seasonal [arts and craft events](#). Enjoy a concert, make an ornament or DIY item. We also offer resources like [Creativebug](#), with over 1,000 video classes on painting, knitting, crafting, sewing and more. Need a good recipe? Check out [New York Times: Cooking](#) or a booklist all about [gingerbread houses](#). Keep an eye on our website for other holiday blogs and best of 2025 lists. Wishing you happy holidays!





Silicon Valley Reads 2026 Theme and Companion Books Announced

The county's premiere reading event, Silicon Valley Reads, returns in early 2026 with a theme of *Bridges to Belonging*, a timely topic in this era where too often we feel disconnected from each other.

It all kicks off on Thursday, January 15 at De Anza College in Cupertino, where Sal Pizarro of the *Mercury News* will lead a panel featuring the authors of the three featured books. Throughout February and March, SCCLD will host dozens of events including author talks, engaging classes and workshops, kids crafts, and other programs for all ages. The Silicon Valley Reads official [website](#) will have all event information in the new year.

Featured Titles:

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

Children's Companion Books:

- [*Thank You, Neighbor*](#), Ruth Chan (PreK – New Readers)
- [*Together, A Forest*](#), Roz MacLean (Elementary)
- [*Front Desk*](#), Kelly Yang (Middle Grades)
- [*Give Me a Sign*](#), Anna Sortino (High School/Young Adult)

FYI- All SCCLD libraries will close at 5 PM on Wed., Dec. 24 (Christmas Eve) and Dec. 31 (New Year's Eve). They will be closed Thu., Dec. 25 (Christmas Day) and Jan. 1, 2026 (New Years Day). Find us 24/7 at our [Online Library](#).

New Resource: ConnectWell to Better Health

[ConnectWell](#) is a comprehensive consumer health information portal featuring content from leading health information providers available now in our 24/7 Online Library. It replaces the MedLine Health resource.

Find articles and videos on common diseases and conditions, surgeries and procedures, drugs and supplements, nutrition, fitness, parenting, safety, and workplace issues. ConnectWell can help you to adopt healthy lifestyle practices, including ideas for healthy recipes using organic ingredients.



December Virtual Author Talks

We have just one online discussion planned for this month.

On Tue., Dec. 2 Sue Hincenbergs will discuss her debut crime novel, [The Retirement Plan](#), where murder is the name of the game when it comes to husbands, wives and a struggle for financial safety. [Please register.](#)



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Saratoga Library

December 27 – 29
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December 30
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SANTA CLARA COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT DECEMBER 2025 EVENTS

**SCCLD libraries will close at 5 p.m. on Wednesdays,
December 24 and 31 and be closed on Thursday, December 25.
Our digital library is always available at scclld.org/Online-Library**

CUPERTINO -- 10800 Torre Avenue

ESL Parent and Caregiver Conversation Club

Mondays, December 1 & 15, 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, December 2, 9, 16, 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, December 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Room 101

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

LEGO Club (Grades K-8)

Tuesday, December 2, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Children's Meeting Room

We provide LEGOs, children build creations! Please leave your LEGOs at home.

Wednesday Afternoon Meditation and Mindfulness

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

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

Bedtime Storytime

Wednesdays, December 3, 10, & 17, 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, December 4, 11, & 18, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., First Floor Program Room

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

Reading Buddies (completed Grades K-5)

Thursday, December 4, 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, December 5, 12, & 19, 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.

Poetry in the Dark

Friday, December 5, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Room 201

We will turn off the lights and speak poems to each other. This is an intimate conversation, not a performance. Please bring inside you a poem you know by heart.

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

Friday, December 5, 7 – 8 p.m., Room 101

Wednesday, December 17, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Room 101

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

Celebrating California Authors Panel

Saturday, December 6, 10 – 11 a.m., Cupertino Community Hall

The Santa Clara County Library District brings together acclaimed writers from different backgrounds whose compelling works engage audiences and spark thoughtful conversations. We will hear from Steven Rowley, Devorah Major and Bärí A. Williams.

Family Storytime

Saturdays, December 6, 13, & 20, 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.

Babywearing Dance

Sundays, December 7 & 14, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Join us for babywearing dancing.

Baby Sign and Sing

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

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

Adult Literacy Roundtable for Volunteers

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

Reading Program tutors are incited to share tutoring tips, resources, and experiences.

Children's Literature for Adults Book Club

Tuesday, December 9, 7 – 8 p.m.

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

Police Read Along

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

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

Flex Prep: Common Application, Common Mistakes

Wednesday, December 10, 7 – 8 p.m., Room 201

The Common App is an undergraduate college application that students may use to apply to more than 840 different colleges and universities. Learn how your student can rise to the top of the applicant pool by avoiding common mistakes.

Art Therapy for Tweens (ages 10+ and caregiver)

Friday, December 12, 4 – 5 p.m., Room 101

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

Jack and the Beanstalk Holiday Puppet Show

Saturday, December 13, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

This holiday season, climb into a world of wonder with Jack and the Beanstalk. Join us for a heartwarming adventure filled with festive magic, laughter, and timeless lessons.

Fire Wise Cupertino

Saturday, December 13, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., Room 201

Learn how fire maps are made and what they mean for your safety. Discover actionable steps to prepare before wildfires start, and how to respond when they do.

Nonfiction Book Discussion

Sunday, December 14, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Room 201B

We will discuss [*The Fear of Too Much Justice*](#) by Stephen B. Bright and James Kwak.

Sunday Line Dance

Sunday, December 14, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Room 201

Learn and master shuffles, sweeps, and turns while improving your balance, coordination, stamina, footwork, and arm styling. Wear comfortable shoes.

Movie Screening: Pride and Prejudice

Tuesday, December 16, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Room 201

In honor of Jane Austen's 250th birth anniversary, join us for a showing of *Pride and Prejudice* (2005).

Book Discussion for Adults

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

In honor of Jane Austen's 250th birth anniversary, we will discuss [*Persuasion*](#).

The Science of Fun (ages 6+)

Friday, December 19, 4 – 5 p.m., Room 101

Learn why having fun is important in life and then stay as we have some of it!

Freedom Readers (Grades 5-8)

Monday, December 29, 2 – 3 p.m., Room 101

We will be reading [*Borders*](#) by Thomas King. Get a copy at the children's desk.

Voyagers Book Club (Grades 3-4)

Tuesday, December 30, 2 – 3 p.m., Room 101

We will discuss [*Legendarios: The Beginning of All Things*](#) by Karla Arenas Valenti. Register in-person at the Children's Desk to pick up the book.

GILROY -- 350 W. Sixth Street**1-on-1 Tech Help/Ayuda con la Tecnología**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Create N Play/Crear Y Jugar (Kids 12 and under)

Mondays, December 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m., Children's Area

Join us for a crafty exploration of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math. No registration needed. Acompáñenos para explorar todo lo relacionado con Ciencia, Tecnología, Ingeniería, Arte y Matemáticas. ¡Inscripción no es necesaria!

Pajama Storytime/Hora de Cuentas en Pijama

Mondays, December 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 6:30 – 7 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.

Homework Help/Ayuda con la Tarea

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

Kids in grades K-6 can come in and receive homework help.

¿Eres un estudiante de 1.º a 6.º grado y necesitas ayuda con la tarea? Tenemos tutores disponibles para ayudarte con tus tareas.

Zumba at the Library/Clase de Zumba Fitness

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

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

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

Tuesday, December 2, 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.

Reading Program Orientation

Wednesday, December 3, 1 – 2 p.m. and 6 – 7 p.m., Reading Program Room

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

Teen Unity Through Arts & Crafts/Jóvenes unidos creando arte y manualidades

Wednesdays, December 3 & 17, 4 – 6 p.m., Ground floor Meeting Room

Join us to work on art projects together. All supplies will be provided. Earn community service hours for school. Enjoy snacks and make new friends. No registration needed. Ven a crear regalos hechos a mano, gana horas de servicio comunitario y pásala con amigos disfrutando snacks!

Books and Boogie Storytime/Hora de Cuentos

Thursdays, December 4, 11, & 18, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Children's Area

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

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

Knitting and Crochet Weekly Meetup/Tejido Semanal

Thursdays, December 4, 11, & 18, 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, December 5, 10:15 – 11:15 a.m., Quiet Study B

We will be discussing [*The One Hundred Years of Lenni and Margot*](#) by Marianne Cronin.

Baby Bounce Storytime (12 months and younger)

Fridays, December 5, 12, & 19, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room

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

Safe Space Meet-Up for LGBTQ+ Youth (ages 13-25) / Encuentro de espacio seguro para personas LGBTQ+ (de 13 a 25 años)

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

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

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. No es necesario registrarse; ¡pásate y saluda!

Gingerbread Housing Making/Haz Una Casita de Jengibre

Friday, December 5, 4 – 5 p.m., Community Room

Saturday, December 13, 2 – 3 p.m., Community Room

Families can create and decorate their very own gingerbread (1) house to take home. This one-hour workshop includes all materials. Las familias podrán crear y decorar su propia casita de jengibre para llevar a casa. Este taller de una hora incluye todos los materiales.

Family Storytime/Hora de Cuentos

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

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

Compartiremos historias divertidas, rimas, y canciones.

Repair Cafe

Saturday, December 6, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., Community Room

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.

Teen and Adult Watercolor Workshop (Ages 13+)

Sunday, December 7, 2 – 3:30 p.m.

Celebrate the season with a cozy watercolor session featuring charming winter animals in snowy landscapes. Registration is not required. Seating is limited to the first 30 attendees and is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

LEGO Club

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

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

Christmas Music Celebration

Saturday, December 13, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room

Enjoy a performance featuring a vibrant mix of holiday songs by KC & the Dukes of Ukes.

Reading Program Tutor Training

Saturday, December 13, 12:30 – 5:30 p.m., Reading Program Room

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

Open Poetry Readings

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

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

Playdoh Playtime/Hora de juego con plastilina (ages 2-7)

Wednesday, December 17, 3 – 4 p.m., Community Room

Children can shape, roll, and squish playdoh using cutters in the shape of igloos.

Los niños podrán amasar, moldear y aplastar plastilina usando divertidos cortadores en forma de iglús.

Crafts and a Movie (Teens and Adults)

Wednesday, December 17, 6 – 8 p.m., Community Room

Learn some simple techniques to create ornaments and decorations to make your home look extra special this year. No registration is needed. Craft is available while supplies last.

Sensory-Friendly Library Playtime/Tiempo de Juego Sensorial Amigable

Tuesday, December 23, 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.

Family Board Games

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

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

LOS ALTOS -- 13 S. San Antonio Road**Art Brings Us Together Exhibit**

Monday, December – Tuesday, December 30, Art Wall

The pieces for this exhibit are from Drawn2Art's 20th Anniversary Art Show and are all original artwork from students.

Monday Morning Meditation and Mindfulness

Mondays, December 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Teen Room

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

Poetry Open Mic

Monday, December 1, 7 – 8 p.m., Pod D

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

ESL Class Placement Test

Wednesday, December 3 – Friday, December 19, Conference Room

Our next ESL Class series is January 6 – March 10. If you want to learn and improve your English listening and speaking skills, take an ESL placement test.

The Whodunit? Mystery Book Club

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

We will discuss [*The Judge's List*](#) by John Grisham.

ESL Conversation Club

Thursdays, December 4, 11, & 18, 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, December 4, 11, & 18, 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.

Ishika's Backyard: Pollinators

Saturday, December 6, 2 – 3 p.m.

Through her business, Ishika's Backyard Honey, Ishika blends her love for bees with community education and sustainability. Learn fun facts about pollinators, why they matter, and simple ways to help protect them.

Story Explorers: TK-1st Grade Book Club

Wednesday, December 10, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

We'll enjoy stories and activities featuring characters from [*The Bad Seed*](#) series by Jory John. We'll do a short discussion of each book, move to music, and end with a fun craft!

Adult Watercolor Workshop

Friday, December 12, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and 1 – 2:30 p.m.

Celebrate the season with a cozy watercolor session featuring charming winter animals in snowy landscapes. Registration is not required. Seating is limited to the first 20 attendees and is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Board Game Sunday

Sunday, December 14, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Orchard Room

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

Book Bugs Club (Grades 2-3)

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

We will discuss [*The Lost Stone*](#) by Jordan Quinn, then make a craft. Please pick up a copy of the book at the Children's Desk at Los Altos or Woodland Library.

Page Turners Book Club (Grades 4-5)

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

We will discuss [*From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler*](#) by E.L. Konigsburg. Please pick up a copy of the book at the Children's Desk at Los Altos or Woodland Library.

Scandinavian Fabric Star Workshop

Wednesday, December 17, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Teen Room

Learn a new skill and create an elegant handmade ornament — just in time for the holidays. This program is designed for adults and teens, and all materials will be provided. No registration necessary.

Sunday CrafterNoon

Sunday, December 21, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Orchard Room

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

To Be Read Book Club (Grades 6-8)

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

We will discuss [*The Giver*](#) by Lois Lowry. Please pick up a copy of the book at the Children's Desk at Los Altos or Woodland Library.

Now Read This Book Club

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

We will discuss both fiction and non-fiction books that help us make sense of today's world.

MILPITAS -- 160 N. Main Street**Homework Help for Grades K-6**

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

Students can get free homework help. No registration is required. Basic school supplies will be provided. Parents are asked to stay nearby. Homework Help will not be offered December 22 – January 5.

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

Wednesday, December 3, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., Activity Room

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

ESL Conversation Club

Wednesdays, December 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, 2:45 – 3:45 p.m., Program Room

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

Milpitas Children's Chess Club (Grades 1-8)

Wednesdays, December 3, 10, & 17, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., Activity Room

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

Knit & Crochet Circle

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

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

Mend with Friends

Saturday, December 6, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Conference Room

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

Teen Rubik's Cube Club

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

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

LEGO Club for Grades K-8

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

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

Science Fiction and Fantasy Book Club

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

Sign up and pick up a copy of [*Red Sister*](#) by Mark Lawrence.

Little Learners STEAM (Ages 3-5)

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

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

Winter Paper Crafts for Teens and Adults

Tuesday, December 9, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Program Room

We will make DIY holiday cards, gift bags, gift tags, and wrapping supplies!

Tiny Toots Concert

Wednesday, December 10, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Auditorium

Toddlers and preschools will enjoy a performance with Bingo Schmingo. Get ready to dance and sing along to favorite children's songs.

Qi Gong Meditation & Exercise Classes

Fridays, December 12, 19, & 26, 1 – 3 p.m., Auditorium

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

Board Game Day

Saturday, December 13, 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.

Gentle Flow Yoga (ages 13+)

Sundays, December 14 & 21, 10:15 – 11:15 a.m., Auditorium

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

Jane Austen Movie Double Feature

Sunday, December 14, 1 – 6 p.m., Auditorium

In celebration of Jane Austen's 250th birth anniversary, we are showing two film adaptations of Austen's novels: *Persuasion* and *Sense and Sensibility*.

Teen Study Space

Tuesday - Thursday, December 16 – 18, 4 – 8:30 p.m., Auditorium

High school students can come in and focus on studying with snacks and drinks to keep them fueled up.

Tiny Toots Concert

Wednesday, December 17, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Auditorium

Soul4Kidz is a musical trio bursting with energy and music that will have kids and families grooving and singing to a mix of fresh beats and timeless tunes.

Special Performance: Fratello Marionettes

Wednesday, December 17, 7 – 8 p.m., Auditorium

Fratello Marionettes presents their classic, *The North Pole Review*.

Holiday Hullabaloo

Saturday, December 20, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Auditorium

Celebrate the holidays with fun crafts, holiday music, and Santa. Wear your favorite holiday sweater and get ready to have some family fun!

Adult and Teen Paint Workshop (Ages 13+)

Saturday, December 20, 2 – 4 p.m., Program Room

Paul Loughridge will be leading and instructing you on how to paint that perfect holiday-themed masterpiece. No registration but arrive early to ensure a seat!

Jack and the Beanstalk Holiday Puppet Show

Tuesday, December 23, 7 – 7:45 p.m.

This holiday season, climb into a world of wonder with Jack and the Beanstalk. Join us for a heartwarming adventure filled with festive magic, laughter, and timeless lessons.

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.

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. Help will not be available December 22 – January 1.

Evening Itty Bitty Jamboree

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

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

Kids LEGO Club

Wednesdays, December 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, 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.

Toddler Storytime

Thursdays, December 4, 11, & 18, 10:30 – 11 a.m.

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, December 4, 11, & 18, 11:15 – 11:45 a.m.

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.

Tiny Tot Jamboree

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

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

Itty Bitty Jamboree

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

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

Kids Keva Club (Ages 5+)

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

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

Bilingual Family Storytime for All Ages

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

Stories, music, movement, and more! Storytimes are bilingual (Spanish/English).

¡Cuentos, música, movimiento y más! Las horas de cuentos son bilingües (español/inglés).

Festive Favorites with Simon Santiago

Saturday, December 6, 2 – 3 p.m.

Simon will be performing a variety of holiday music and popular hits.

Zumba

Monday, December 8, 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.

Family Fun Night

Tuesday, December 9, 6:30 – 8 p.m.

Families with school-aged children will create art, crafts, or participate in STEM activities. This month we will be making holiday cards.

Teen and Adult Watercolor Workshop (Ages 13+)

Wednesday, December 10, 6 – 7:30 p.m.

Create your own winter watercolor scene, capturing the beauty of snowy trees, seasonal accents, and frosted landscapes beneath glass. Registration is not required. Seating is limited to the first 35 attendees and is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

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

Friday, December 12, 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. Join us to make your own ornaments, enjoy hot cocoa and winter treats, while watching your favorite holiday movies with friends!

An Afternoon of Jazz

Sunday, December 14, 3 – 4 p.m.

Enjoy Jazz with Nate Pruitt & Rick Vandivier, featuring Miles Pruitt on drums.

Library Ukulele Society

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

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

Kids Art Club (Ages 5+)

Wednesday, December 17, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Children's Activity Room

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

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

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

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

Jack and the Beanstalk Holiday Puppet Show

Saturday, December 27, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

This holiday season, climb into a world of wonder with Jack and the Beanstalk. Join us for a heartwarming adventure filled with festive magic, laughter, and timeless lessons.

SARATOGA -- 13650 Saratoga Avenue**Sun and Sea Art Exhibit**

Through December 30, Library Lobby

Anil Sawe's exhibit consists of oil paintings depicting sunsets and the power of the ocean.

Art Beyond the Obvious Exhibit

Through December 30, Group Study Room

This exhibit is from the art group - Art Beyond the Obvious.

Crochet Exhibit: An Autumn Picnic

Through December 31, Library Lobby

Feast your eyes on delicious-looking delights including fruit, cookies, sandwiches, sushi and fast food!

Homework Help for Grades K-6

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

Students can drop-in for free homework help. No registration is required. Basic school supplies will be provided. Caregivers of children under 10 years old must stay with their child. Homework Help will not be offered December 22 – January 8.

Mystery Book Club

Monday, December 1, 7 – 8 p.m.

We will discuss [*The Body in the Library*](#) by Agatha Christie. Stop by the Adult Reference Desk to sign up and get a copy of the book.

Band Jam: Guitar and Ukulele

Tuesdays, December 2, 9, & 16, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room

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

Family Storytime

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

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

Join us for stories, rhymes, and songs.

Sci-Fi & Fantasy Book Club

Tuesday, December 2, 7 – 8 p.m., Maple Room

We will discuss [*Fevered Star*](#) by Rebecca Roanhorse. Register and pick up a copy of the book at the adult reference desk.

Knit & Crochet Circle

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

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

Baby Storytime (12 months or younger)

Wednesdays, December 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, 11 – 11:15 a.m., Community Room

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

Drop-in Tech Help

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

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

STEM Electrical Circuits (Grades 3-7)

Saturday, December 6, 1 – 2 p.m., Community Room

Drop in to learn about electrical circuits and create your own electrical circuit! No registration required, first come, first served.

Teen Study Hall

Sundays, December 7 & 14, 10 a.m. – 5:45 p.m., Community Room

Teens preparing for finals can study together in a friendly atmosphere.

Kids Sock Snowman

Tuesday, December 9, 4 – 5 p.m., Community Room

Create your own sock snow person. All materials will be provided, while supplies last.

Aquaponics: Growing Fish and Food in Harmony

Tuesday, December 9, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Community Room

Master Gardeners present a fascinating way to grow vegetables and fish together. Learn how this sustainable method recycles water, produces nutrient-rich food, and brings the science of ecosystems to life.

Chinese Book Club - 中文書友會

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

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。

Furry Reading Buddies (completed Grades K-5)

Friday, December 12, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

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

STEM Slime and Volcano (Grades 2-7)

Saturday, December 13, 2 – 3 p.m., Community Room

Stop by and make slime, a volcano and more. All materials will be provided while supplies last. No registration required.

Board Game Night for Adults

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

Drop in and play a variety of board games.

Children's Ornament Decorating

Tuesday, December 16, 4 – 5 p.m., Community Room

Decorate premade apple cinnamon ornaments and take them home. We will provide the ornaments and decorating supplies while supplies last.

LEGOs

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

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

Teatime Book Chatter

Thursday, December 18, 1 – 2 p.m.

Stop by the Adult Reference Desk to register and get a copy of the selected book.

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

Mondays, December 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 7 – 7:30 p.m.

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

Winter Wonderland Words

Sunday, December 14, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Backyard Patio (dress for weather!)

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

ONLINE EVENTS (Please register online)**Virtual Author Talk: Sue Hincenbergs**

Tuesday, December 2, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Join us for an online chat with debut author Sue Hincenbergs as she discusses [*The Retirement Plan*](#), a darkly humorous novel where murder becomes the path to paradise.

Online English Conversation Club

Thursdays, December 4 & 11, 11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Meet new friends and practice English together.

Asian Art Museum Talk

Tuesday, December 9, 7 – 8 p.m.

Ten countries, diverse cultures, thousands of years. Explore the varied and intriguing art of Southeast Asian as reflected in the religious and secular art of this fascinating region.