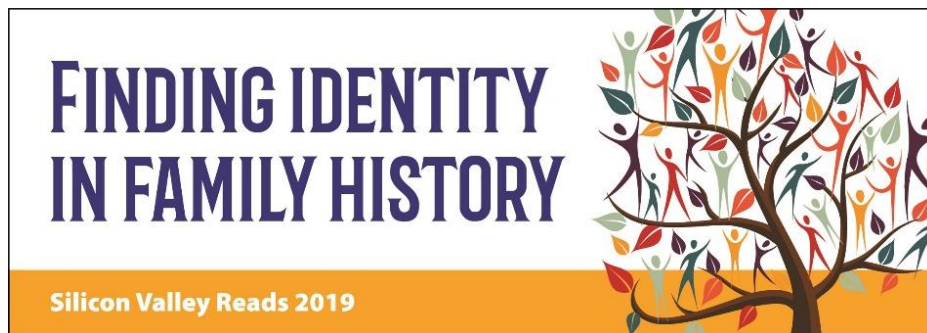
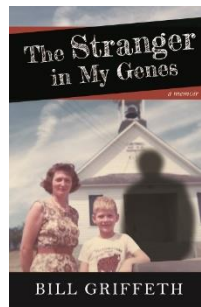
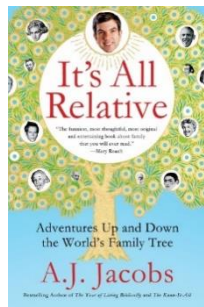
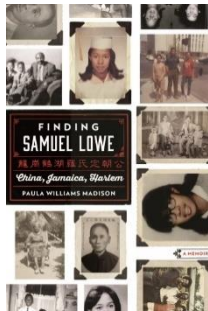


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## Silicon Valley Reads 2019



Silicon Valley Reads is a collaborative, county-wide program designed to engage entire communities in conversation around a single theme. The journey of discovery about one's own family history and heritage is the focus of Silicon Valley Reads 2019.



*Finding Samuel Lowe* by Paula Madison, *It's All Relative* by A.J. Jacobs, and *The Stranger in my Genes* by Bill Griffeth are the selected titles and featured authors.

Madison is a nationally honored journalist and retired NBC executive. In her book *Finding Samuel Lowe*, she describes growing up in Harlem and feeling that her family was somehow different from the African-American families around her. Her quest to learn more about her mother's roots in Jamaica leads to the discovery of a Chinese grandfather and eventually reconnection with 300 long-lost relatives in China.

Jacobs is a best-selling author and immersion journalist who chronicles his three-year adventure to help build the biggest family tree in history, starting with his own 80,000+ "cousins" identified in a genealogy database.

Griffeth is the co-anchor of "Nightly Business Report" produced by CNBC and writes about how he was shaken to the core when he discovered through a DNA test that the family tree he had spent years researching was not his own.

## Morgan Hill Library Expands Hours Starting December

Responding to community requests to be open on weekends, Morgan Hill Library will be expanding their hours from 51 to 55 hours per week including Sunday hours. Effective the week of Monday, December 3, Morgan Hill Library will be opening at 12 pm Monday through Wednesday and will offer Sunday hours for the first time, from 1 to 5 pm.

SCCLD has initiated these changes in response to a customer satisfaction survey on library hours. The additional open hours of service reflect the preferences expressed by the Morgan Hill community and will provide residents more opportunities to visit the library and access services at times that are convenient to them.

Morgan Hill Library will celebrate the additional hours of service with a special performance by Germar the magician on Sunday, December 9 at 2 pm. We hope you will be able to join us.

### Morgan Hill Library \* New Hours Celebration \*

Sunday, December 9th: 1 – 5 pm

- ◆ Starting December 9<sup>th</sup> we will be open every Sunday 1–5 pm
- ◆ Join us for a special event to celebrate Morgan Hill Library's expanded hours!
- ◆ Germar The Magician (pictured) will be performing a family magic show at 2pm.
- ◆ Find yourself a good book at the Friends of the Library Book Sale
- ◆ Free and open to the public
- ◆ All ages are welcome



## SCCLD Provides Student Support Across the Library District



SCCLD is helping local students excel in school through a combined effort with school districts to offer every student a digital library card, or “eAccount.” The eAccounts provide students with access from home, school, or anywhere with an internet connection to resources for studying, research, reports, homework help, test preparation, and of course, relaxing.

During the last fiscal year, over 20,000 student eAccounts were created for Campbell Union, Saratoga

Union, Saratoga High and Milpitas Unified (K-12) school districts. Since then, SCCLD has added Cupertino Union, Gilroy Unified and Morgan Hill Unified, as well as an update for Saratoga Union School District. In the next two months, SCCLD will add Los Altos School District (K-8).

The student eAccounts provide anytime access to the online library for 8 out of the 13 school districts we serve, with more coming soon!

## **Joint Powers Authority Board Meeting Update**

The October JPA Library Board meeting was bittersweet as it was the last meeting for three of our longest serving representatives: Burton Craig, Monte Sereno; Emily Lo, Saratoga; and Steve Tate, Morgan Hill. Each of the three is leaving their respective city councils and hence the JPA Board. Steve Tate has served on the library's JPA for over 20 years and chaired two of our special tax campaigns.

At the meeting, the JPA accepted the end of year financial and service reports, re-elected Supervisor Wasserman and Council member Corrigan as Chair and Vice Chair for 2019, and approved the addition of \$1.9 million annualized for additional staff at Campbell, Gilroy, Morgan Hill, and Saratoga for the purpose of offering more open hours to the public. The intent is to allow Campbell and Gilroy to open 1-5 pm on Sundays in early 2019. In April, the JPA had asked that SCCLD open all locations on Sundays if possible and given increased revenue, we believe that we will be able to do so for a minimum of two years. Due to the funding formula in the JPA agreement, every library will receive an increase in revenue that must be used for staffing. Specific plans and schedules will be developed to determine how the incremental funds will be used to support each location.

## **SCCLD Nancy Howe Receives Intellectual Freedom Award**

The California Library Association is honoring SCCLD County Librarian Nancy Howe at its annual [awards gala](#) on Saturday, November 10. Howe is receiving the Zoia Horn Award for Intellectual Freedom, which goes to individuals who have made significant contributions to advance intellectual freedom and help preserve free speech in an open society.

In 2017, when the grant qualification changed requiring English as a Second Language (ESL) participants to provide social security information, Howe declined to renew the grant and enforce the requirement, concerned about the effect on an already vulnerable population. Upon learning of the loss of funding and recognizing the importance of ESL programs, the Santa Clara County Executive and Board of Supervisors stepped in to provide funding through the year 2020. The Library was able to offer the free classes without interruption in addition to informal conversation clubs and individual reading tutors at every SCCLD library.

## Coming Soon: Early Learning Readiness in Morgan Hill



Currently, Santa Clara County has a shortage of 1,400 spots in critical early learning programs. Whether a child is Kindergarten ready can have an affect if they are more or less likely to graduate from high school and go on to college.

SCCLD is partnering with YMCA to offer an Early Learning Readiness (ELR) program in the Morgan Hill Library to help children develop the social, emotional and literacy skills they need to be prepared for Kindergarten. ELR is a relationship and play based program for informal caregivers caring for young children ages 0-5. The program provides caregivers and children experiences and knowledge necessary to ensure children are prepared for Kindergarten. The Early Learning Readiness program will be available soon at the Morgan Hill Library.

WHAT: Early Learning Readiness Program

WHERE: Morgan Hill Library

WHEN: Tue/Thur from 9-11am

Opening in Nov/Dec (date TBD)

WHO: SCCLD and YMCA

DETAILS:

- 20 spots for child participants (space is still available)
- Interested families should contact the YMCA
- Intake process for participant evaluation is conducted by the YMCA
- Free- no cost to the participant
- This is not a drop in program. Interested families must register and be admitted as a participant.

## Library Trends:

### California Library Association Conference:

The 2018 California Library Association conference will be held November 9-11 in Santa Clara. For registration details and more information see <https://conference.cla-net.org/2018/>

You are invited to a reception on November 9 from 3:30pm – 5:30pm. Please [RSVP](#) by November 5, 2018, <https://tinyurl.com/y8ksmt4s>

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“We Are Stronger Together,” is sponsored by Pacific Library Partnership, Silicon Valley Library System. The guest speakers are Joe Simitian, President, Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors and Joint Powers Authority Board member for SCCLD, and Lisa M. Gillmor, Mayor, City of Santa Clara. The event will take place at the Santa Clara Convention Center, Great America Room 2, 5001 Great America Parkway, Santa Clara, CA 95054.

Following the reception there will also be two events of interest. The

Exhibit Hall will open at 6:30 and admission is free. Browsing the exhibit area is an engaging way to learn about library trends and view the latest products from library vendors. SCCLD staff will be available to accompany you through the exhibits if you prefer. In addition, the California Public Library Advocates will be holding an awards dinner <https://www.cpladvocates.org/>