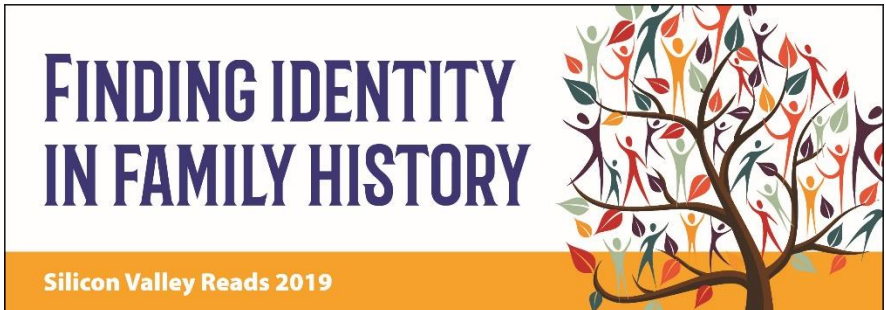


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## Silicon Valley Reads

Our SVR programs continue through the end of March with author visits, films, guest speakers and more. Below are some of the highlights to add to your calendar. For a full list of events, please visit [www.sccl.org/svr](http://www.sccl.org/svr)



### Campbell Library:

- Teen Journaling Workshop- Sat, 3/23 4pm
- Paula Madison: Finding Samuel Lowe- Sun, 3/24 1:30pm
- Film: Three Identical Strangers- Tue, 3/25 6:30pm

### Cupertino Library:

- Bill Griffeth- Sun, 3/3 4pm
- Teen Writing Workshop with Kelly Loy Gilbert- Wed, 3/13 7pm
- Science & Technology of DNA- Wed, 3/27 7pm

### Gilroy Library:

- Storytime Featuring Supervisor Wasserman, Thur, 3/7 10:30am
- Film: Finding Samuel Lowe- Mon, 3/18 6:30pm
- Paula Madison: Finding Samuel Lowe- Sun, 3/24 3:30pm

### Los Altos Library:

- Brenda Woods-*The Blossoming Universe of Violet Diamond*- Thur, 3/7 4pm
- Mandarin/English Storytime Featuring Supervisor Simitian- Thur, 3/14 11am
- Preserving Family Photos, Photo Stories, and Documents- Wed, 3/20 7pm

### Milpitas Library:

- Brenda Woods-*The Blossoming Universe of Violet Diamond*- Wed, 3/6 4pm
- Genealogy for Asian Americans- Thur, 3/7 7pm

- Ethics of DNA- Thur, 3/14 7pm
- Paula Madison: Finding Samuel Lowe- Sun, 3/16 1:30pm

### **Morgan Hill Library:**

- Tell Your Family Story (bilingual family event)- Wed, 3/6 3:30pm
- Film: Finding Samuel Lowe- Sat, 3/9 3pm
- Introduction to Genealogy, Part 1- Mon, 3/18 7pm; Part 2-Mon, 3/25 7pm

### **Saratoga Library:**

- Journaling for Teens- Sat, 3/2 2pm
- Kelly Loy Gilbert-*Picture Us in the Light*- Mon, 3/4 7:30pm
- UNAFF in Libraries Film: Facing the Dead, Mon, 3/11 7pm
- Family Stories: A Workshop in Ancestral Writing- Mon, 3/18 7pm

## **Family Concert Series**

In the first 3 years of a child's life, 80% of their brain develops. This increases to 90% by the age of 5. Building pre-reading skills through talking, singing, reading, writing and playing are essential to help prepare children for kindergarten. Our early literacy concerts engage the entire family in early learning.



Lucky Diaz and the Family Jam Band will be performing at all of our libraries in March. They have been described as a “bilingual B-52’s for kids”, won a Latin Grammy Award and have been delighting audiences for close to a decade with their infectious mix of indie rock and catchy children’s music.

Lucky Diaz is performing at the following:

**Campbell Library-** Wed, 3/20 10:30am

**Los Altos Library-** Wed, 3/20 4pm  
**Cupertino Library-** Thur, 3/21 10:30am  
**Milpitas Library-** Thur, 3/21 4pm  
**Morgan Hill Library-** Fri, 3/22 3:30pm  
**Saratoga Library-** Sat, 3/23 11am  
**Gilroy Library-** Sat, 3/23 3:30pm

## County Cooperation—Bringing Literacy to Social Services Families



Santa Clara County Library District is actively working with the SCC Social Services Agency to bring literacy to the families they assist. The mission of the Santa Clara County Social Services Agency is to provide resources and opportunities in a culturally responsive manner to enhance the quality of life in our community by protecting, educating and empowering individuals and families.

Through cooperative efforts, starting in March, we are bringing dedicated book shelves and children's books for children and their caregivers who receive assistance from Social Services. In addition, posters in multiple languages will be in all 13 Social Services Agency offices throughout Santa Clara County encouraging them to visit their public library.

## Food for Fines- Come back for Seconds!

For our second year, SCCLD will offer the Food for Fines amnesty program during the month of April. Patrons can donate any amount of non-perishable food in exchange for having up to \$100 in outstanding fines/fees removed from their account.

Started as a pilot program in April 2018 to bring people back to the library, we had almost 8,000 patrons participate at an average of \$18/account waived, experienced a 26% increase in new card holders, and raised over 36,000 pounds of food for Second Harvest Food Bank. Food for Fines generated an immeasurable amount of good will with generous food donations provided by patrons with or without outstanding fines. It's another testament how libraries help build community.

In 2019, we will continue to offer the \$100 fine/fee amnesty, but we will also proactively welcome new people to join the library through our good will campaign. We will begin promoting the program to the public towards the end of March and hope you'll help us spread the word in April by sharing flyers and social media posts.



## Headspace- Treat your head right

SCCLD is the first public library in the nation to offer the Headspace app to patrons. Headspace is meditation made simple - an app designed for busy, modern lives to learn the essentials of meditation and mindfulness in just a few minutes a day. The app offers hundreds of guided meditations on a variety of topics - from stress and sleep, to focus and performance. Members will have access to Headspace on mobile or web, and can choose from sessions that fit their schedule, including short 1-3 minute breaks, 10-minute sessions, and advanced deeper-dive sessions.

Headspace will launch in March.





## Bookmobile Delivering Library Services Across the County

SCCLD has two Bookmobiles that make almost 50 stops and cover almost 1,000 sq miles throughout Santa Clara County. In March, the Bookmobile will visit senior facilities, showing off all the great things we provide: books (available in large type and audio), book club kits, materials in other languages, media and eResources, with the option of setting up an appointment for device help.



There are two big programs in March: Lucky Diaz Family Band and Happy Birds. Lucky Diaz will be performing at Chandler Tripp School. Chandler Tripp School is a special education school with children of many abilities. They will have a rocking good time! Happy Birds will be visiting the Alzheimer's Activity Center and Rosa Elena Childcare, a dual facility.

They are working on providing preschool storytimes at our affordable housing sites and inclusive storytimes at the specialized medical sites they visit.

3/5/19	Chateau Cupertino Presentation for Seniors
3/7/19	Westmont Living Presentation for Seniors
3/22/19	Lucky Diaz Family Band at Chandler Tripp School
3/26/19	Sedgewick School Discovery Days
3/27/19	Happy Birds at the Alzheimer's Activity Center/Rosa Elena Childcare

For more information about the SCCLD Bookmobile service, [www.sccl.org/bookmobile](http://www.sccl.org/bookmobile).