

Library Commission  
Meeting

October 6, 2021

Written Communications

## Kevin Khuu

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**From:** Liana Crabtree <lianacrabtree@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 30, 2021 5:31 PM  
**To:** City of Cupertino Library Commission Group  
**Cc:** Joanne Magrini; Clare Varesio  
**Subject:** Fwd: Details about this year's Superfest Disability Film Festival and Crip Camp the film (2020)

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Dear Library Commission Chair Pan, Vice Chair Vasanth, and Commissioners Panda, Sreekanth, and Zhao:

The Paul K Longmore Institute on Disability has announced its film lineup for the 2021 Superfest Disability Film Festival, October 15-17, 2021.

For details regarding registration and films to be screened, please see the forwarded message from the Paul K Longmore Institute on Disability.

The 2020 Superfest Disability Film Festival featured a showcase of outstanding films. This year, Superfest attendees are invited to view the films regardless of ability to pay.

***In 2022, it would be wonderful if the City and Library District could work in partnership to bring a Superfest Film Showcase to the Cupertino Library.***

Also, if you haven't seen it yet, please check out 2020 Oscar Nominee for Best Documentary Feature, Crip Camp. Crip Camp's themes are adult and important. Parental discretion advised. Barack and Michelle Obama, through their Higher Ground Production Company, are executive producers of Crip Camp. Crip Camp is available for streaming on YouTube.

Please feel free to share this message with anyone who might be interested in knowing more about the 2021 Superfest Disability Film Festival or Crip Camp (2020).

Sincerely,

Liana Crabtree  
Cupertino resident

### REFERENCES

Film Selections, 2021 Superfest Disability Film Festival: <http://www.superfestfilm.com/2021-films>

Registration (buy or access passes), 2021 Superfest Disability Film Festival: <http://www.superfestfilm.com/2021-films>

Overview, Superfest Showcases:  
<http://www.superfestfilm.com/showcases>

Support Superfest: <http://www.superfestfilm.com/support>

Wikipedia, Crip Camp (2020):

[https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Crip\\_Camp](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Crip_Camp)

YouTube, trailer, Crip Camp (2020):

<https://youtu.be/XRrIs22plz0>

YouTube, complete film, Crip Camp (2020):

<https://youtu.be/OFS8SpwioZ4>

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Paul K. Longmore Institute on Disability" <pklinst@sfsu.edu>

**Date:** September 30, 2021 at 4:13:16 PM PDT

**To:** Superfest Supporters

**Subject:** Details about this year's Superfest Disability Film Festival

**Reply-To:** "Paul K. Longmore Institute on Disability" <pklinst@sfsu.edu>



# Join Us for #Superfest35!

October 15th-17th

Free passes available



Text reads: Superfest Disability Film Festival. Celebrating 35 years. Get your virtual tickets at [superfestfilm.com](https://superfestfilm.com). October 15, 16, 17. ASL, captioning, and audio description provided. Free tickets available. On the image there are multiple circles of various film stills. One features an illustration of a white woman with Down syndrome

wearing a multicolor shirt, one features a drawing of a blind Japanese woman, and another features a Black woman dancing.

## SUPERFEST DISABILITY FILM FESTIVAL 2021

Due to the ongoing pandemic, our festival will be solely virtual and hosted on a platform called Eventive. Instead of watching the films synchronously, they will be available on-demand for the whole weekend (October 15-17th) for you to watch when it is convenient for you.

Starting at 12:01 am PT on Friday, October 15th, you can begin viewing films until the clock strikes midnight on Sunday, October 17th. Once you access the screening, you will then have 72 hours to watch and rewatch the films. So don't worry if you haven't gotten to the films until late Sunday night - so long as you push play before midnight, the 72 hours will be honored.

To access the festival, we will be issuing **"passes"** instead of "tickets." Regardless of what price you pay for your pass, you will receive full access to all aspects of the festival: **21 films, two pre-recorded and one live filmmaker panel, and a "Community Conversation" event** to hangout on Zoom with other attendees and share your thoughts on the films.

This past year has thrown challenges at all of us, and we understand if purchasing a ticket isn't within your budget so **passes are available free** with no need to send a special request or justify hardship. We feel strongly about this year's lineup and encourage you and your friends to join us whether or not you can purchase a pass! For more information on how the festival is going to

work this year, visit [superfestfilm.com/superfest-2021](https://superfestfilm.com/superfest-2021).

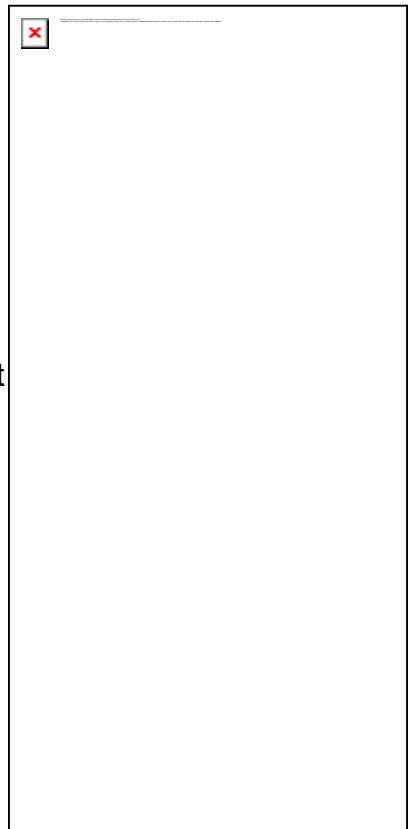
**Get your pass for Superfest now**

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## 2021 LINEUP

We are thrilled to showcase 21 diverse films at the 35th Superfest Film Festival. This year's lineup is filled with exciting new projects that encompass many different genres including, drama, musical theater, thriller, animation, and even horror.

When we say there is a film for everyone, we aren't kidding! Get all your family and friends to buy passes and enjoy chatting about the films afterward. Join us and other Superfest audience members on [our Facebook event page](#) where we will engage in conversation and form community.



**Check out the 2021 lineup here**

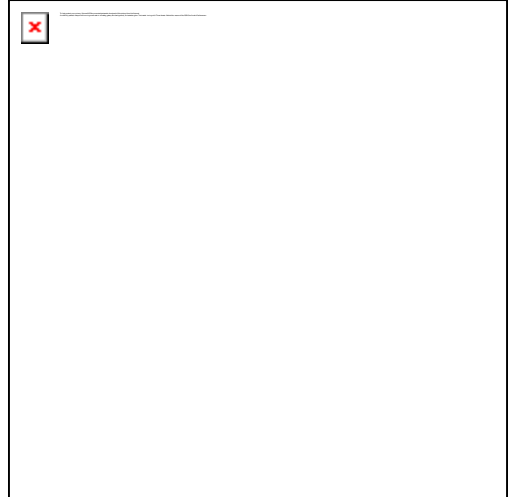
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## BONUS PROGRAMS

Join us during our bonus programs for more fun and live activities!

**FRIDAY, Oct. 15th @ 6-7:15 pm PT / 9-10:15 ET**

Don't miss this live program with Sins Invalid discussing their new documentary, **Loving with Three Hearts**, with performers Antoine Hunter, Nomy Lamm, and Maria Palacios, and Director/Performer Patty Berne, including ASL, English and Spanish captioning, and Spanish translation.



**Sunday, Oct. 17th @ 2-3:30 pm PT / 5-6:30pm ET**

Superfest Community Conversation:

Once you've watched some of the films from Superfest 2021, join us for a chance to chat with other Superfest attendees and share your reactions with the disability community. What did you love? Which film gave you that moment of joy, seeing your story told without stereotypes or pity? What was your best laugh? What film went over your head? We'll organize a community chat and also have some jurors present to respond to questions that might come up. ASL and captioning provided.

Plus two pre-recorded filmmaker conversations in our bonus content!

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## FAQS

### For frequently asked questions...

We know adjusting to a new platform can be challenging. Check out our FAQ document to learn all the details about this event. Access it at the link below.

[Superfest FAQs](#)

## MANY THANKS TO OUR 2021 FUNDERS

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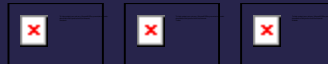
Gold Sponsor: Austin Law Group

Foundation support: the Ford Foundation

In Kind support: IDC NY and the College of Liberal and Creative Arts at SF State

**Your generosity provides a platform for disabled filmmakers, actors, creators and visionaries to share their stories with the world. Join our community of supporters and help us continue to bring stories about disability to light.**

**Support Superfest**



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**From:** Santosh Rao <santo\_a\_rao@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 4, 2021 5:33 AM  
**To:** City of Cupertino Library Commission Group; Cupertino City Manager's Office  
**Subject:** Reopen our library on Sundays and on weekdays upto 9pm.

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Hello,

I request and appeal to the library commission and city to please exert your influence on the Santa Clara county to reopen the library on Sundays and on weekdays upto 9pm returning to pre-covid hours.

I have written multiple times into the county Librarian and get the same response each time talking about library workers being dispatched to covid disaster work. Our libraries are not to be sacrificed for other work. Please restore and reopen our library to pre-covid hours at the earliest.

The library is a crown jewel of Cupertino. Our kids learn the joys of reading and learning there. Students collaborate and learn to work in teams. Young readers learn their reading skills and listen to story telling. It maintains the reading habit among residents.

Working families cannot visit the library before 6pm on weekdays. Closing at 6pm is denying library service to those that work. Closing on Sundays takes away one of two days that people can enjoy the library for extended weekend hours.

I appeal to you to kindly liase with the county and exert your influence to get them to reopen on Sundays and upto 9pm on weekdays.

Thanks,  
Santosh Rao

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**From:** mingrui bao <purple11777@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 25, 2021 4:30 PM  
**To:** City of Cupertino Library Commission Group  
**Subject:** concerns for library book

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Dear Library commission members,

I recently saw a twitter online recording a parent speech at a school district meeting in Virginia. This parent found out a few books which contain porn + pedophilia are available at school library.

Link is here.

<https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftwitter.com%2FAsraNomani%2Fstatus%2F1441356537163706378%3Fs%3D20&data=04%7C01%7CKevinK%40cupertino.org%7C0fa636b7d9b445d10e6d08d9807ca9f1%7C19e13f83dce947c3ae6712c6a63e2ed6%7C0%7C0%7C637682095191490179%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjojMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=F%2BkibU2wFIQgF8gGRw9yfNziE%2FGZyKr24OgqqjIEBuU%3D&reserved=0>

The book "Gender Queer" contains graph of sex between boys and men and so many other contents which are inappropriate to display in public. We have checked out and found out this book is available in local libraries and labeled for "Young Adult". I feel those books should be removed immediately and need further check. How those books are available in public library? How did they pass the check?

i am expressing my concerns here and wish someone could take a look.

Thanks,  
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**From:** jason tu <imfuraisoth@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 25, 2021 4:00 PM  
**To:** City of Cupertino Library Commission Group  
**Subject:** Petition to remove explicit material for children out of libraries

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Please get these books containing pornographic materials out of public libraries thank you.

Gender Queer," an illustrated memoir, contains explicit illustrations of oral sex and masturbation. The novel "Lawn Boy" contains graphic descriptions of sex between men and children. Both books were previous winners of the American Library Association's Alex Awards, which each year recognize "ten books written for adults that have special appeal to young adults ages 12 through 18."

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**From:** N S <nsx2051@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 29, 2021 5:22 PM  
**To:** City of Cupertino Library Commission Group  
**Subject:** Please do not waste Tax payer money

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Hello,

I am requesting that tax payers' money be not used for purchase of pornographic material for any public libraries or any school libraries. We find it disgusting that books like Gender queer, Lawn boy etc. promoting pedophilia in graphic images with sex between men and young boy, are available in our libraries. We are a long time patrons and feel that our trust was betrayed and our donations and money was most inappropriately spent.

We request material of such dubious nature and explicit sex content be removed from any section of public libraries. There is no porn section in public libraries for a reason. If people are so inclined to read such material, let them use personal funds to do so.

Thanks

Very disgusted longtime library patrons

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**From:** Jun Ma <junma16@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 25, 2021 2:56 PM  
**To:** City of Cupertino Library Commission Group  
**Subject:** Remove those two books from library

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Please remove those two books from library! Thanks

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