



LIBRARY COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA

6:30 PM - Thursday, May 01, 2025

Los Altos Community Center - Apricot Room

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CALL MEETING TO ORDER

ESTABLISH QUORUM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

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CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approve minutes of the regular meeting of March 6, 2025

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION

- [2.](#) Discuss Commission Work Plan
- [3.](#) Receive Update on Main Library Renovation Process from City Staff

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- [4.](#) Receive Los Altos Library Endowment Distribution Letter

STAFF REPORTS

- [5.](#) Receive report from Santa Clara County Library District
- [6.](#) Receive report from Main Library Staff

COMMISSIONER REPORTS**POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS****ADJOURNMENT****SPECIAL NOTICES TO PUBLIC**

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LIBRARY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

6:30 PM – Thursday, March 6, 2025
Los Altos Main Library Orchard Room

ESTABLISH QUORUM

Chair Bedard called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm

Present: Chair Bedard; Vice Chair Morris; Commissioners Carter and Fawcett

Absent: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Public Comment: Alice Mansell

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1. Minutes:** Approve minutes of the regular meeting of January 9, 2025

Public Comment: None

Action: Commissioner Carter moved that the Commission accept the minutes of the regular meeting of January 9, 2025 as written. Chair Bedard seconded the motion.

Approve: Bedard, Fawcett, Carter, Morris

Oppose:

Abstain:

Absent:

Motion passed: 4-0-0-0

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION

- 2. Discuss and Provide Feedback on Main Library Improvements with ABA**

Public Comment: Suzanne Epstein, Allan Epstein, Maddy McBirney, Darwin Poulus, and Duncan MacMillan

Action: None

3. Disband Commission Presence Ad-Hoc Subcommittee

Public Comment: None

Action: Commissioner Carter moved to disband the Commission Presence Ad-Hoc Subcommittee. Commissioner Fawcett seconded the motion.

Approve: Bedard, Fawcett, Carter, Morris

Oppose:

Abstain:

Absent:

Motion passed: 4-0-0-0

4. Discuss Night at the Library Event

Public Comment: None

Action: None

5. Discuss Potential Targeted Outreach for Youth

Public Comment: Cindy Hill

Action: None

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS ONLY**STAFF REPORTS****6. Receive report from Santa Clara County Library District**

Public Comment: Cindy Hill and Freddie Wheeler

7. Receive report from Main Library Staff**COMMISSIONER REPORTS****REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS****ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Bedard adjourned the meeting at 8:02 pm.



LIBRARY COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT SUMMARY

Meeting Date: May 1, 2025

Subject Discuss Commission Work Plan

Prepared by: Anthony Carnesecca, Assistant to the City Manager

Attachment(s):

1. Approved 2025 Library Commission Work Plan

Purpose

Discuss Commission Work Plan

Discussion

At the October 3, 2024 meeting, the Library Commission adopted the attached work plan. This work plan includes a detailed calendar outlining the planned topics for discussion based upon priorities in the work plan.

The Library Commission met with the City Council to review their work plan on February 11, 2025, which went very well.

2025 Los Altos Library Commission Work Plan

Goal	Projects	Anticipated Completion	Priority Source	Status	Assignment	Notes
Improve infrastructure	Improvements to main library building*	TBD	City Council - Asset Management	In Progress	Commission	ABA is completing design options that will be presented to Library Commission and public at 5/22/25 special meeting.
Improve services	Research new services, programs, and events for library*	Summer 2025	Powers and Duties	In Progress		Through Commission work, County purchased six sensory headsets for pilot program that will be evaluated in Spring 2025. Explore other opportunities to create new services and programs.
Increase awareness	Explore targeted outreach to seniors, youth, and/or general public*	Fall 2025	Powers and Duties	In Progress		Explore other ways that the library can provide targeted services for key population groups in collaboration with partner organizations.
	Improve the Commission's presence	Spring 2025		In Progress	Commission	Ad-Hoc Subcommittee provided report. Commission Chair was featured in Minute with Gabe video, Commission pictures will be taken soon, and Commission meetings are community forums for improvements.
	Host community events at library	Fall 2025		In Progress	Ad-Hoc Subcommittee	Night at the Library Ad-Hoc Subcommittee is working with Library staff to coordinate event in new year. Providing feedback on Santa Clara County Library District Event Policy.
Enhance partnerships	Attend meetings for external community organizations	Ongoing	Powers and Duties	In Progress		Commission liaisons are regularly attending external organization meetings and reporting back to Commission.

*Aligns with County Library Strategic Plan

2025 Los Altos Library Commission Calendar

January 9	February	March 6	April	May 1	June
Joint Meeting	No meeting	Night at the Library	No meeting	Work Plan	No meeting
Commission Update		Main Library Improvements		Main Library Improvements	
Woodland Library Patio		Sensory Headsets Pilot Next Steps			
Commission Presence		Targeted Outreach for Youth			
Work Plan					
Cindy Hill Recognition					

July	August 7	September 4	October 2	November	December
No meeting	Commission Presence	Work Plan	Election of Chair/ Vice Chair	No meeting	No meeting
	Main Library Improvements	Future Event Planning	Main Library Improvements		
		Targeted Outreach for Youth	Targeted Outreach		
			Work Plan		



LIBRARY COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT SUMMARY

Meeting Date: May 1, 2025

Subject Receive Update on Main Library Renovation Process from City Staff

Prepared by: Anthony Carnesecca, Assistant to the City Manager

Purpose

Receive Update on Main Library Renovation Process from City Staff

Background

ABA has kicked off the Design Alternatives Analysis phase of the Main Library Interior Renovations project as they review the proposals presented by the Library Commission Ad-Hoc Subcommittee and previous Needs Assessments.

As part of this process, ABA conducted various feedback workshops to review and discuss the proposed improvements into order to gain a shared understanding of project background, goals, and timeline; and, input for validation of prioritized improvements. These events were hosted on March 6, 2025 at the Library Commission meeting, March 12, 2025 3 – 5 pm, and March 22, 2025 10 am – 12 pm.

Currently, ABA is reviewing the current site analysis, the proposals from the Ad-Hoc Subcommittee, and community feedback that will build two design proposals to be presented at the Library Commission and additional public workshops to the public for specific commentary on the options created by the architectural team.

Discussion

The next phase will be public feedback on two design options that are currently being created by the consultant. The three public engagement opportunities are a Special Library Commission meeting on May 22, 2025 at 6:30 pm in the Orchard Room and two workshops in the Library Open Space on May 24, 2025 from 10 am – 12 pm and May 28, 2025 from 3 – 5 pm.

The attached flyer will be distributed to the community in the coming weeks.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Flyer

Los Altos Main Library Renovation Feedback

Come review and discuss the proposed improvements to the interior of the Los Altos Main Library. The project team will present two design options and welcome feedback on any of the proposed improvements.



Meeting	Date	Time	Location
Special Library Commission Meeting	May 22	6:30 pm	Library Orchard Room
Workshop	May 24	10 am - 12 pm	Library Open Space
Workshop	May 28	3 - 5 pm	Library Open Space





January 19, 2025

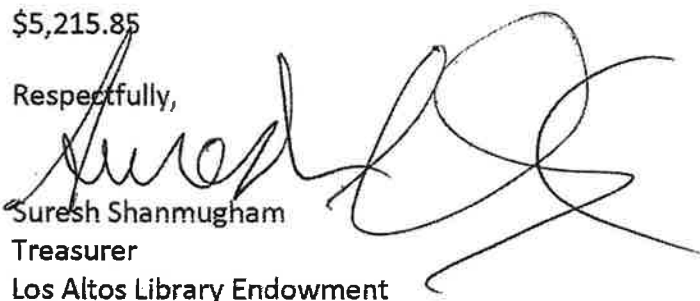
Santa Clara County Library Joint Powers Authority (JPA)
Los Altos Library Commission

Dear Sir and/or Madam:

Los Altos Library Endowment (LALE) reports the following distribution of funds in 2024:

\$5,215.85

Respectfully,


Suresh Shanmugham

Treasurer

Los Altos Library Endowment

May 2025 Library Report
Jennifer Weeks, County Librarian



Many Cultures, One Community

May is [Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month](#). This year's [theme](#) is "A Legacy of Leadership and Resilience," which calls to mind the centuries of struggle and hard work that have been undertaken to advance the rights of modern day people of AANHPI heritage.

Our libraries have [different types of programs](#) scheduled around the month, including book discussions, arts and crafts, and a movie screening. Highlights include a talk by author Marie Silva Vallejo about the efforts of the 1st and 2nd Filipino Infantry Regiments to free the Philippines during World War II on [Thu., May 15](#), an introduction to the vibrant world of Japanese taiko drumming at two libraries on [Sat., May 17](#), hula performances on [Sun., May 18](#) and [Sun., May 31](#), and talks on traditional Chinese Medicine on [Fri., May 23](#) and the role of Chinese immigrants in the West Coast salmon industry on [Sun., May 25](#).

Keep an eye on our website for a blog post about AANHPI, including booklists. Our 24/7 Online Library also has resources around [Arts & Culture](#), [History](#), and [Biography](#) to learn more.

Taking Some Time for Self Care

May is [Mental Health Awareness Month](#), where we focus on our psychological well-being, which if not in balance can negatively affect one's physical health. Our libraries host events to soothe the soul, and we have many useful [digital resources](#) to explore including the mindfulness app, [Headspace](#).



Learn about befriending your mind using the practice of mindfulness at one of three presentations at Morgan Hill ([Sat., May 3](#)), Los Altos ([Wed., May 14](#)), and Gilroy ([Sat., May 24](#)) libraries. Several of our libraries also offer morning and afternoon [meditation sessions](#). Another event of interest is an appearance at the Los Altos Library on [Tue., May 6](#) by JJ Elliot, author of [There Are No Rules for This](#). Her novel explores the consequences on a tight knit group of women when their friend commits suicide. The County's [Behavioral Health Department](#) urges those experiencing mental health crises to call 988.



Summer Reading, Time to Level Up!

Get an early start on Summer Reading 2025 by registering starting on May 1 on [Beanstack](#). This year's theme is Level Up, which you will do by taking part in our excellent programming and enjoying some great reads, wherever you are.

Those who read at least 5 books (reminder that Audiobooks count) and complete one activity between June 1 and July 31 will earn badges for

logging their progress and children can then pick up a reward at their local library during the month of August, while supplies last. Keep an eye on our website for information on Summer Reading, which will include recommended booklists for each age and event highlights. Summer Reading is a fun activity encouraged for all ages!

Two New Storybook SCCLD Play Spaces

Families visiting Morgan Hill Library have an exciting new way for their little ones to play and learn. They can now check out the Trusty Trails Play Space, with its trusty guide HikerBot. Each of our Storybook SCCLD play spaces incorporate the five principles of [Every Child Ready to Read](#): talking, singing, reading, writing and playing!



Children ages 0 – 10 will explore different types of play in Trusty Trails that will help them develop skills they need to be successful learners. **Imaginative play** with the playhouse and observatory is crucial in helping to develop social and emotional skills and enhance cognitive abilities. **Active play** in the climbing and balancing activities help young children to develop focus and spatial awareness which is critical for letter recognition and tracking text. **Interactive play** with the observatory telescope helps little hands develop the motor skills they'll need to learn to write, while **quiet play** in the reading nooks provides an opportunity for kids to relax with a good book.

Mark your calendar for [Sat., May 17](#) at 10 AM for the Grand Opening event of the Gilroy Library Earthen Excursion Play Space! Enter an underground world where MoleBot will lead families to discover hidden gems, while also working to explore colors, letters, numbers and words in both English and Spanish. Kids can also explore the drill car to find hidden treasures. [Read more online](#) about each space's theme, construction news, and where to find children's books while work is underway.

FYI- All SCCLD Libraries will be closed on Monday, May 26 for Memorial Day. Our [Online Library](#) is available 24/7 at [scclld.org](#)

THE SANTA CLARA COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT PRESENTS

VIRTUAL *May* Author Talks 2025

- **Dr. David Rosmarin**
Wed., May 7 at 11:00 AM
Discover how to transform anxiety from a burden into a strength and thrive.
- **Liann Zhang**
Wed., May 14 at 4:00 PM
Hear about her debut thriller about a murdered twin's search for a killer.
- **Rachelle Bergstein**
Wed., May 21 at 11:00 AM
Explore Judy Blume's life and cultural impact and groundbreaking YA novels.

May Virtual Author Talks

How to harness the power of anxiety to help us accomplish what we want in life is the focus of the talk by Dr. David H. Rosmarin on Wednesday, May 7. His book [Thriving with Anxiety](#) offers a series of constructive, compassionate, and evidence-based suggestions for turning everyone's natural anxiety into a new power. [Please register.](#)

Liann Zhang will talk about her debut novel, [Julie Chan is Dead](#), which tells the story of a twin who assumes the identity of her slain influencer sister. This talk is on Wednesday, May 14. [Please register.](#)

Bestselling author Rachelle Bergstein closes out this month's offerings on Wednesday May 21 with a discussion around her new work, [The Genius of Judy](#), a close look at the life and work of young adult novelist Judy Bloom. [Please register.](#)

Honoring Those Who Gave Everything

Monday, May 26 is Memorial Day, a federal holiday established to honor the many brave men and women who have died in the service of their country, from the time of the Revolutionary War up to today. May is also [Military Appreciation Month](#), which celebrates those who have served in the past and currently. There are several [commemorations](#) during the month, including Victory in Europe Day and Armed Forces Day.



Active duty military service members, veterans, and their families can find help with VA benefits or transitioning from military to civilian careers with [VetNow](#). The County also has a [Department of Veterans Services](#), which offers drop-in in-person assistance once a week and by appointment.



Don't forget about Mother's Day on Sunday, May 11! We have many things she is sure to enjoy, from [New Fiction](#) and [Nonfiction](#), to films streaming on [Kanopy](#) and [Hoopla](#). Feel like making something special to eat? Check out [New York Times Cooking](#) or one of our [cookbook lists](#). How about a work of art that expresses how you feel about your mother or mom-like figure in your life? We [have ideas](#) for that too! All of these resources are of course free. So are your hugs!

SANTA CLARA COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT MAY 2025 EVENTS

****All SCCLD libraries will be closed and services unavailable
on Monday, May 26 for Memorial Day****

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

ESL Conversation Club

Tuesdays, May 6, 13, 20, & 27, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m., Room Q-80

Practice your English conversation skills with friends. Registration is required.

Family Storytime (ages 0-5)

Wednesdays, May 7, 14, 21, & 28, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Room Q-80

Join us for stories, songs, and more. Please bring a blanket or towel to sit on.

Basket Weaving Workshop

Friday, May 23, 1 – 2:30 p.m.

Spend some time with us and create your very own handmade basket to take home. All materials and tools to create a basket will be provided in this workshop. Please register.

Digitize Your Memorable Moments

Thursday, May 29, 7 – 8 p.m., Room Q-80

Explore free ways to digitize and share your memories online by creating a journal or website. All are welcome. Skills and experiences of programming are not required.

CUPERTINO -- 10800 Torre Avenue

Storytime for Babies (ages 0-1)

Thursdays, May 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 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

Tuesdays and Thursdays, May 1, 6, 8, 13, & 15, 4:30 – 6 p.m.

Students in grades K-5 who need homework help can stop by for free tutoring. No registration is required. Basic school supplies will be provided.

Reading Buddies (Grades K-5)

Thursday, May 1, and Monday, May 12, 7 – 8 p.m.

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, May 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 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.

中/英文雙語說故事時間/Mandarin-English Bilingual Family Storytime

Fridays, May 2 & 16, 7 – 8 p.m., Room 101

Join us for stories, songs, a flannel board story, fingerplay, and a craft project in Mandarin and English. Children and their caretakers are welcome to join. 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;手指謠和做美勞。歡迎幼兒們 和家長, 祿母一同前來參加。

Family Storytime

Saturdays, May 3, 10, 24, & 31, 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. Please bring a yoga mat or blanket to sit on.

Babywearing Dance

Sundays, May 4, 11, 18, & 25, 11 – 11:30 a.m.

Join us for babywearing dance.

Baby Sign and Sing

Sunday, May 4, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Room 101

This program is for infants and pre-walking babies under 12 months. Adult caregivers will learn basic signs to communicate with their babies.

ESL Conversation Club

Tuesdays, May 6, 13, 20, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Room 201A

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

Toddler Storytime (ages 1-2)

Tuesdays, May 6, 13, 20, & 27, 10:30 – 11 a.m.

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

LEGO Club (Grades K-8)

Tuesday, May 6, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Children’s Meeting Room

Children can build and create using LEGOs. Please leave your own LEGOs at home.

Writing Family History with AI

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

This workshop will help you craft a meaningful family story using AI-powered writing tools. Please register.

Wednesday Afternoon Meditation and Mindfulness

Wednesdays, May 7, 14, 21, & 28, 3:30 – 4 p.m., Think Tank Meeting Room

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

Bedtime Storytime

Wednesdays, May 7, 14, 21, & 28, 7 – 7:30 p.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. Please bring a yoga mat or blanket to sit on.

How to Install Native Plants

Thursday, May 8, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Community Room 201A

This program will cover an overview of the process, lawn removal options, sheet mulching, and step-by-step photos of planting California natives.

Art Therapy for Tweens (Kids 10+)

Friday, May 9, 4 – 5 p.m.

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

Pop Up Bug Museum

Saturday, May 10, 1 – 4 p.m., Room 101

This Pop-Up Bug Museum includes displays of arthropods from around the world, live bug terrariums, and activities for all ages. No registration is required.

Be Red Cross Ready for Teens

Saturday, May 10, 4 – 5 p.m., Room 201

Join us for a workshop designed to teach teens essential skills for preparing and responding to emergencies like building a disaster kit, creating an emergency plan, and staying informed during a crisis.

Nonfiction Book Discussion Group

Sunday, May 11, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Room 201A

We will discuss [*The Mapmaker's Wife: A True Tale of Love, Murder, and Survival in the Amazon*](#) by Robert Whitaker.

Live Jazz Music: Charged Particles

Sunday, May 11, 3 – 4 p.m., Room 201

Charged Particles delivers a unique blend of traditional and contemporary jazz, igniting audiences with their passion and virtuosity.

Opioid Overdose Prevention Training

Monday, May 12, 7 – 8 p.m., Community Room 201

Learn how to recognize an opioid overdose and administer NARCAN Nasal Spray. Registration is not necessary, but you can RSVP to get an email reminder.

Children's Literature for Adults Book Club

Tuesday, May 13, 7 – 8 p.m.

Adults can join us to discuss, reminisce, or discover for the first time a beloved children's classic. Please register at the Children's Reference Desk. This program is for adults only.

Book Discussion for Adults

Wednesday, May 14, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., and Thursday, May 15, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Room 201B

We will discuss [*The Housekeeper and the Professor*](#) by Yoko Ogawa.

Polynesian Stamping Craft (Grades K+)

Wednesday, May 14, 4 – 5 p.m., Room 101

Learn about the Polynesian stamping process, then create your own stamp. Supplies are limited. This program is presented in celebration of Asian American Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

Origami for School Aged Children

Thursday, May 15, 4 – 5 p.m.

Learn to fold three different projects from easy to hard. Origami paper will be provided.

Queer Taiko

Saturday, May 17, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

Immerse yourself in the vibrant world of Japanese taiko drumming, bamboo flute music, and captivating folk tales.

Japanese Bilingual Storytime

Sunday, May 18, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Room 101

This bilingual Japanese storytelling session will include traditional kamishibai (paper theater), puppets and books!

Basket Weaving Workshop

Monday, May 19, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Room 201

Create your very own handmade basket to take home. All materials and tools to create a basket will be provided in this workshop. Please register.

Changemakers Book Club (Grades 1 & 2)

Tuesday, May 20, 4 – 5 p.m., Room 101

We will discuss [*Geraldine Pu and Her Lunchbox, Too!*](#) by Maggie P. Chang. Sign up and pick up a copy of the book at the Children's Reference Desk.

Freedom Readers Book Club (Grades 5-8)

Wednesday, May 21, 4 – 5 p.m., Room 101

Freedom Riders is a graphic novel book club that celebrates the freedom to read through diverse characters and experiences. For May we will read and discuss [*Mabuhay!*](#) by Zachary Sterling. Please register at the Children's Desk starting May 1.

Ceramic Coil Snake Pots

Thursdays, May 22 & 29, 6 – 7 p.m., Room 101

Kids in grades 3-8 will learn how to roll clay coils and build ceramic pots in this hands-on pottery class. This is a two-part class. On day 1, we will roll and shape the clay. On day 2, you will glaze and decorate your creations.

Teen Study Hall

Saturdays and Sunday, May 24, 25, & 31, all day, Room 201

This is a space for students to study for finals.

Tuesday Travel Nights

Tuesday, May 27, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Room 201

We will experience the Easter processions in colonial Antigua, explore the Mayan villages around Lake Atitlán by boat, and travel to the isolated Petén to visit Tikal through David Couzens' stories, photography, and music.

Adult Watercolor Workshop

Friday, May 30, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Discover the vibrant world of tropical botanicals in our upcoming watercolor workshop designed for adults. All necessary supplies will be provided. Registration is not required, and seating is limited.

GILROY -- 350 W. Sixth Street**Family Storytime/Hora de Cuentos**

Thursdays, May 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

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, May 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 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!

Homework & Reading Help/Ayuda con la Tarea y Lectura

Mondays – Fridays, 4:30 – 6:15 p.m., Children’s Area/ Area de Niños

Students in grades K-8 can visit the library for help with reading and homework. Ayuda con las tareas y lectura gratis. Algunos tutores hablan español.

Intercambio: Practice English & Spanish Conversation/Practica la conversación en inglés y español

Thursdays, May 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 5 – 5:45 p.m., Quiet Study B

Adults are invited to join us to practice English and Spanish listening and speaking skills and learn about other cultures in a supportive environment. Los adultos están invitados a unirse a nosotros para practicar habilidades de comprensión auditiva y expresión oral en inglés o español y conocer mejor otras culturas en un ambiente de apoyo.

Book Discussion

Friday, May 2, 10:15 – 11:15 a.m., Quiet Study B

We will be discussing [*The Feather Thief: Beauty, Obsession, and the Natural History Heist of the Century*](#) by Kirk Wallace Johnson.

Adaptive Adventures for Teens & Adults

Friday, May 2, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m., Community Room

Join us for accessible activities for teens and adults with disabilities, and their family, friends, and caregivers. Enjoy socializing, finding new friends, storytelling and having fun with art, games, music, and more. No registration is required.

Safe Space Meet-Up for LGBTQ+ Youth

Fridays, May 2 & 16, 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.

Free Comic Book Day/Día de historieta cómica gratis

Saturday, May 3, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Adult Information Desk

Pick up two free small comic books (while supplies last) that you can take home and keep. Comics are available for all ages; please refer to age ratings on individual titles.

Bilingual Storytime: English & Spanish/Hora de Cuentos Bilingüe: Inglés y Español

Saturdays, May 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Join us for stories and songs in English and Spanish, followed by music and playtime with Librarian Patty. Acompáñenos a escuchar cuentos y canciones en inglés y español, seguido por música y tiempo para jugar con los Bibliotecaria Patty.

Growing Culinary Herbs in Your Garden

Saturday, May 3, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room

Culinary herbs are easy to grow and add beauty and interest to your garden as well as attracting pollinators and other beneficial insects. Learn the basic requirements of popular annual and perennial herbs.

Exploring the History of the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band

Saturday, May 3, 1 – 2:30 p.m., Community Room

Chairman Valentin Lopez will share the pre-contact history of the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band, the cultural significance of the sacred landscape known as Juristac, and current efforts to protect Juristac.

1-on-1 Tech Help/Ayuda con la Tecnología

Mondays, May 5, 12, & 19, 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, conectar a Wi-Fi/puntos de acceso, utilizar computadoras portátiles/Chromebooks y utilizar Microsoft Office.

Digital Literacy Classes in Spanish/Clases de Alfabetización Digital en español

Mondays and Tuesdays, March 5, 6, 12, & 13, 6 – 8 p.m., Quiet Study B

Learn basic computer skills, practice accessing the internet, and learn about staying safe online. Please register and plan to attend all four classes. Aprenda habilidades informáticas básicas, practique el acceso a Internet y aprenda a mantenerse seguro en línea. Se recomienda registrarse y planee asistir a las cuatro clases.

Pajama Storytime/Cuentas en Pijama

Mondays, May 5, 12, & 19, 7 – 8 p.m.

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.

Zumba at the Library

Tuesdays, May 6, 13, 20, & 27, 5:45 – 6:45 p.m., Community Room

Join us for an easy-to-follow dance that works all major muscle groups in a high-energy cardio blast. No registration required. Wear comfortable clothes and shoes and bring your own water and towel. Únase a nosotros para un entrenamiento gratuito basado en baile y ritmo. No es necesario registrarse.

Bilingual Storytime in English and Vietnamese/Độc Truyện Song Ngữ Anh Việt

Wednesdays, May 7, 14, 21, & 28, 4:30 – 5 p.m.

Let's read stories, sing songs, dance, and play games with Miss Như Ý. Chúng ta cùng đọc sách, ca múa, và vui chơi cùng cô Như Ý nhé.

LEGO Club

Friday, May 9, 3 – 4:30 p.m.

We provide LEGOs, children build fun creations that will be displayed in the library. Nosotros proporcionamos los legos, los niños construyen creaciones divertidas! Estas serán exhibidas en la biblioteca.

Sound Bath Meditation / Meditación en baño de sonido

Saturday, May 10, 1 – 2 p.m.

The consistent vibration of sound healing instruments creates a deeply meditative experience. Crystal bowls emit a relaxing frequency that puts the body and mind at ease. La vibración constante de los instrumentos de sanación sonora crea una experiencia profundamente meditativa. Los cuencos de cristal emiten una frecuencia relajante que tranquiliza el cuerpo y la mente.

Open Poetry Readings

Saturday, May 10, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Downstairs Meeting Room

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

Housing & Homeless in Gilroy: The Facts, Challenges & Solutions

Wednesday, May 14, 6 – 8 p.m., Community Room

Explore the latest data, root causes driving homelessness, and the critical role affordable housing plays in ending it. Featuring insights from a panel of local leaders and experts, attendees will gain a deeper understanding of the challenges our community faces, and leave equipped with the knowledge and tools to advocate for real, long-term solutions.

Author Talk with Marie Silva Vallejo

Thursday, May 15, 4 – 5 p.m., Community Room

Author Marie Silva Vallejo will present from her recent book [*Dauntless*](#), about the 1st & 2nd Filipino Infantry Regiments and their covert operations to free the Philippines during World War II.

The Importance of Bees

Saturday, May 17, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room

Pollinators play a vital role in the ecosystem and food production. Learn which plants are pollinator-friendly and how to make a safe bee water station.

Children's Play Space Grand Opening

Saturday, May 17, 10:30 – 12:30 p.m., Children's Area and Library Courtyard

Families with children 0-10 years old are invited to a ribbon cutting ceremony at the Earthen Excursion play space followed by a bubble show. Celebrate the newest addition to the Gilroy Library as we invite children to use their imaginations to play in our new environment. Vengan a celebrar la más reciente adición a la Biblioteca de Gilroy, donde los niños podrán usar su imaginación para jugar en este nuevo espacio.

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

Saturday, May 17, 2 – 4 p.m., Community Room

All adult & teen artists are welcome. No experience necessary! All supplies will be provided. Register to reserve your spot. Arrive early or your spot may be given away to a walk-in. Todos los artistas, adultos y adolescentes, son bienvenidos. ¡No se requiere experiencia! Se proporcionarán todos los materiales. Se aceptan visitas sin cita previa, siempre que haya espacio. Regístrese para reservar su lugar.

Bike Repair / Reparación de Bicicletas

Sunday, May 18, 2 – 5 p.m.

Bike Repair Mobile is a free bicycle repair clinic offered on a drop-in basis. We address a wide range of common bicycle malfunctions, including flat tires, brake issues, and shifter problems. Please note that bicycles must be equipped with gears and wheels. Primero en llegar, primero en ser atendido. Trae tu bici y llega temprano. ¡Reparamos casi cualquier cosa! Imprescindible tener ruedas y engranajes. Prioridad para niños de 0 a 17 años.

Book Discussion: Into the Weeds

Sunday, May 18, 3 – 4:30 p.m., Library Courtyard

Sustainable food advocate Peter Ruddock will lead a discussion about the book [*Into the Weeds: How to Garden Like a Forager*](#) by Tama Matsuoka Wong.

Family Paint Your Own Pottery Workshop (ages 10+)

Friday, May 23, 4 – 5 p.m., Community Room

We will provide a curated selection of pre-formed pottery and a diverse palette of paints, allowing you to design a unique masterpiece. Please note that this program is offered on a first-come, first-served basis, and space is limited to a maximum of 20 participants. Proporcionaremos una selección curada de cerámica preformada y una diversa paleta de pinturas, permitiéndote diseñar una obra única. Ten en cuenta que este programa se ofrece por orden de llegada y el espacio está limitado a un máximo de 20 participantes.

Befriending Our Minds: A Mindfulness Presentation

Saturday, May 24, 2 – 3 p.m., Community Room

We will discuss ways to gently connect with our bodies, breath, and internal thoughts and feelings. Over time, the practice of mindfulness can help reduce stress, improve our relationships, and facilitate a greater sense of meaning and purpose in our lives.

Book Discussion

Tuesday, May 27, 7 – 8 p.m., Quiet Study B

In honor of Asian American, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander Heritage Month, we will be discussing [*Miracle Creek*](#) by Angie Kim.

Paint a Pretty Tea Towel / Pintar un bonito paño de cocina

Saturday, May 31, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Community Room

Enjoy a simple craft that is welcoming to all skill levels. Bonus, you get to keep your creative masterpiece! Please register to ensure that we have enough supplies for all attendees. En este evento "Pinta un Paño de Cocina Bonito", disfrutarán de una manualidad sencilla, apta para todos los niveles. ¡Además, podrán conservar su obra maestra creativa! Por favor, regístrense para asegurarnos de tener suficientes materiales para todos los asistentes.

LOS ALTOS -- 13 S. San Antonio Road**Children's Concert with Marylee Sunseri**

Thursday, May 1, 10:30 – 11 a.m. and 11 – 11:30 a.m.

MaryLee Sunseri is a singer/songwriter/performer of traditional and original songs for young children.

ESL Conversation Club

Thursdays, May 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 1:30 – 3 p.m., Orchard 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, May 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 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.

Kindergarten Readiness

Thursday, May 1, 5:30 – 6 p.m., Orchard Room

Join local teachers to learn how to get ready and make it a joyful transition. Topics include emotional preparation, physical skills that enhance reading and school success, and games and play that build fine and gross motor skills.

Community Playdate

Saturday, May 3, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., Hillview Park, near the Library

There will be activities for all ages in an effort to promote play as an essential literacy component.

Baby Sign and Stay & Play

Saturday, May 3, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Orchard Room

Babies ages 0-12 months and their grownups are welcome to sing songs and learn signs to share with your baby. Please bring a blanket for your baby. After storytime, stay and play with age-appropriate toys.

Sunday Movie Matinee

Sunday, May 4, 2 – 4:15 p.m., Orchard Room

Celebrate Star Wars Day with a showing of [*Star Wars Episode IV: A New Hope*](#) (Rated PG).

Monday Morning Meditation and Mindfulness

Mondays, May 5, 12, & 19, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard Room

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

Poetry Open Mic

Monday, May 5, 7 – 8 p.m., Pod D

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

Jewish-American Heritage Month Celebration

Monday, May 5, 7 – 9 p.m., Orchard Room

Everyone is welcome for a celebration of Jewish-American Heritage Month, featuring talks by local Rabbis and community scholars, plus an educational table of Jewish artifacts/Judaica. No registration required.

Author Talk: JJ Elliott

Tuesday, May 6, 7 – 8:15 p.m., Orchard Room

Author JJ Elliot will read from her book, [*There Are No Rules for This*](#), then talk about the writing and publishing process, mental health and suicide prevention, and take questions. Register for an email reminder.

The Whodunit? Mystery Book Club

Wednesday, May 7, 10:15 – 11:30 a.m., Teen Room

We will discuss [*Everyone in my Family has Killed Someone*](#) by Benjamin Stevenson.

World Affairs

Wednesday, May 7, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Every month we will discuss a different global issue.

Toddler Storytime

Thursday, May 8, 15, 22, & 29, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard Room

This interactive storytime is for early walkers, 1s and 2s. Free tickets will be handed out 30 minutes before storytime.

Watercolor Workshop for Adults

Friday, May 9, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Join us for a watercolor workshop. All supplies will be provided. Seating is first come, first served.

Bay Area Games Day

Saturday, May 10, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m., Orchard Room

Learn how to play a new board game or bring an old favorite. We welcome newcomers to hobby gaming and families with kids.

Board Game Sunday

Sunday, May 11, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Orchard Room

We have board games for adults, teens, and children – plus LEGOs and DUPLOs.

Children's Concert with Sean Mendelson

Tuesday, May 13, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Orchard Room

Get ready for a unique high energy, interactive show for children of all ages and their caregivers with singer/songwriter Sean Mendelson! Due to limited space, we will begin handing out free tickets 30 minutes before the performance.

Befriending Our Minds: A Mindfulness Presentation

Wednesday, May 14, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard Room

We will discuss ways to gently connect with our bodies, breath, and internal thoughts and feelings. Over time, the practice of mindfulness can help reduce stress, improve our relationships, and facilitate a greater sense of meaning and purpose in our lives.

Miss Molly Bubbles

Saturday, May 17, 3 – 4 p.m.

Witness incredible feats of bubble artistry, from giant bubbles to intricate formations. This captivating performance with Miss Molly Bubbles will fill your eyes with wonder and laughter, creating a magical experience for all ages.

Piggy Bank Pioneers

Sunday, May 18, 11 – 11:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Orchard Room

This month's game will be "Currency Conga", designed for children ages 5-10. Players will vie for space on a vinyl mat as they attempt to touch the correct coins and bills (similar to Twister). Please note that space is limited, and advance registration is required.

Sunday CrafterNoon (all ages)

Sunday, May 18, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Orchard Room

This is a time to relax with the community and let your creativity shine. Children must come with their responsible adult crafting-buddy (this is not a drop-off program).

Now Read This Book Club

Monday, May 19, 12 – 1:30 p.m., Orchard Room

We will discuss [*James*](#) by Percival L. Everett.

Kids' Paint Your Own Pottery Workshop (ages 10-12)

Monday, May 19, 4 – 5 p.m.

We will provide a curated selection of pre-formed pottery and a diverse palette of paints, allowing you to design a unique masterpiece. Please note that this program is offered on a first-come, first-served basis, and space is limited to a maximum of 20 participants.

Malinky Music

Tuesday, May 20, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m., Orchard Room

Come enjoy a concert of bilingual music and movement in English and Spanish for young children by Emilia Lopez-Yanez, founder of Malinky Music!

Book Bugs Club (Grades 2 – 3)

Tuesday, May 20, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

We will discuss [*Mr. Wolf's Class*](#) by Aron Nels Steinke. Please read the book at home so we can discuss, then make a fun craft. Pick up a copy of the book at the Children's Desk at Los Altos or Woodland Library. Please register.

Page Turners Book Club (Grades 4 – 5)

Wednesday, May 21, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

We will discuss [*Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH*](#) by Robert C. O'Brien. Please read the book at home so we can discuss, then do a fun activity. Please register online then pick up a copy of the book at the Children's Desk at Los Altos or Woodland Library.

Plant with Purpose: Grow Your Own Beverage Ingredients

Wednesday, May 21, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Learn how easy it is to grow a variety of plants that will elevate your beverages—whether crafting cocktails or simply infusing your water.

Destress the TCM Way: Ancient Solutions for Modern Tension

Friday, May 23, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Orchard Room

Learn how Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) views stress, root causes of it, and how acupuncture, herbal medicine, and lifestyle changes can bring relief. Register for a reminder. Walk-ins welcome.

The Essential Guide to Mushroom Foraging

Saturday, May 24, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

This program provides a comprehensive introduction to recognizing edible varieties like chanterelles, morels, and porcini, while emphasizing the critical importance of distinguishing them from poisonous species.

Furry Friends Reading Buddies

Saturday, May 24, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Bring a book from home or borrow one. Children in grades K-8 are welcome to participate. You may register for a 10-minute session online two days before the event.

To Be Read Book Club (Grades 6 – 8)

Tuesday, May 27, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

We will discuss [*The Schwa Was Here*](#) by Neal Shusterman. After our discussion we will do a fun activity. Please register then pick up your copy of the book at the Children's Reference Desk at Los Altos or Woodland Library.

Los Altos Book Discussion for Adults

Tuesday, May 27, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard Room

Please email lpasternack@sccl.org to join the group.

Story Explorers Book Club (TK—Grade 1)

Wednesday, May 28, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

We will do a read-aloud and discuss a book, then move to music and do a craft.

Wednesday Travel Nights

From the streets of Havana, with its mix of grandeur and decay, to the old southern colonial town of Trinidad, and to the eastern port town of Baracoa, we will capture the essence of the Cuban people and their culture.

Bike Repair

Friday, May 30, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Bike Repair Mobile is a free bicycle repair clinic offered on a drop-in basis. We address a wide range of common bicycle malfunctions, including flat tires, brake issues, and shifter problems. Please note that bicycles must be equipped with gears and wheels.

MILPITAS -- 160 N. Main Street**Toddler Storytime: 1s and 2s Together**

Thursdays, May 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Activity Room

This storytime, aimed at 1- and 2-year-olds, features lots of movement, singing and action.

Homework Help

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

Students in grades K-6 who need homework help are encouraged to stop by for free tutoring. No registration is required. Basic school supplies will be provided.

Preschool Storytime: 3s & 4s Budding Bookworms

Thursdays, May 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 6:30 – 7 p.m., Activity Room

This storytime, aimed at 3 – 5-year-olds, features longer picture books and flannel board stories and other storytelling activities and fingerplays.

Qi Gong Meditation & Exercise Classes

Fridays, May 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 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, May 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 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.

Teen Safe Space

Fridays, May 2 & 16, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Program Room

Join us for in-person LGBTQIA+ support. Teens and young adults are invited to games, crafts, discussion and community. No registration necessary.

Mend with Friends

Saturday, May 3, 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, and experience to share is always appreciated. No registration required.

Family Storytime

Saturdays, May 3, 17, 24, & 31, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Activity Room

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

Homebuying Seminar

Saturday, May 3, 2 – 4 p.m., Computer Training Center

Topics covered will include preparing to buy a home, buying vs. renting, down payments, credit checks, mortgage terms, first-time homebuyer credits, and much more.

Teen Rubik's Cube Club

Saturday, May 3, 4 – 5 p.m., Conference Room

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

Stanford Blood Drive

Sunday, May 4, 10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., Auditorium

Please [register](#) to make an appointment to give blood.

Baby Bouncers Lapsit

Tuesday, May 6, 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, 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, May 6, 13, 20, & 27, 6:30 – 7 p.m., Activity Room

This 30-minute storytime features movement, sing, 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。歡迎兒童們與家長祿母一同前來參加。

Fun with Art Presented by First5 Santa Clara County

Wednesday, May 7, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Auditorium

Join us as we read a book, do a craft activity based on the book, and then learn about resources provided at the Guerrero Family Resource Center in Milpitas.

ESL Conversation Club

Wednesdays, May 7, 14, 21, & 28, 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.

Bilingual Cantonese Family Storytime/ 粵語雙語故事時間

Wednesday, May 7, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., Children's Activity Room

Children's Librarian Emilie will read storybooks and lead children with songs and fingerplays in English and Cantonese. 每月第一個周三晚上6:30 兒童圖書館員 Emilie 將為小朋友讀圖畫故事書，唱兒歌，手指謠，玩遊戲。歡迎兒童們與家長祿母一同前來參加。

Board Game Day

Saturday, May 10, 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.

StoryWalk & Puppets in the Park

Saturday, May 10, starts at 11 a.m., Murphy Park

Please join us at Murphy Park to enjoy StoryWalk in the Park. After a short storytime, there will be a puppet show for the kids. Please bring a blanket to sit on.

LEGO Club (Grades K-8)

Monday, May 12, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Activity Room

Children will use their creativity and engineering skills to free build anything they can imagine. This is a drop-in program. Space is limited.

Science Fiction and Fantasy Book Club

Monday, May 12, 7 – 8 p.m., Auditorium

Sign up and pick up a copy of [*Under Heaven*](#) by Guy Gavriel Kay to read before we meet.

Little Learners STEAM (ages 3-5)

Tuesday, May 13, 3:30 – 4:15 p.m., Activity Room

Each month we will learn, nurture curiosity and discover new things through engaging and fun activities. Registration is required. Parents must participate with their child.

LGBTQ Movie Night

Friday, May 16, 4:30 – 7 p.m., Auditorium

Join the Avenidas Rainbow Collective and Milpitas Library to screen LGBTQ films. Bring a friend, family member or a date. Please RSVP.

Adult & Teen Crafternoon (ages 13+)

Saturday, May 17, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Program Room

Learn to draw a cat.

Music and Movement for Ages 3-8

Friday, May 23, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Activity Room

Join us as we focus on early literacy through movement, songs and dance. Children and their caregivers will have fun exploring music and dance together!

Reading Buddies for Grades K-5

Saturday, May 24, 2 – 3 p.m., Activity Room

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

Dungeons and Dragons Lite (ages 13+)

Saturday, May 24, 2 – 4 p.m., Conference Room

Interested in Dungeons and Dragons but want to start slow? Try Dungeon World! It's a story driven table-top role-playing game with easy to remember rules.

The Peaceful Poets

Thursday, May 29, 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 except during school breaks, 3 – 4 p.m.

Snacks provided by the YMCA, for kids 18 years old and under. Meriendas proporcionadas por la YMCA, para niños de 18 años y menores.

Ready Together: Information Booth

Friday, May 2, 10:15 a.m. – 1 p.m., Lobby

Visit this information booth and learn how to create an emergency plan, what emergency supplies are really needed, and resources in Morgan Hill to keep you safe and prepared.

Tiny Tot Jamboree (1-2 years old)

Fridays, May 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Children's Activity Room

Toddlers and caregivers are invited to stories, rhymes, fingerplays and songs.

Itty Bitty Jamboree (12 months and younger)

Fridays, May 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 12 – 12:30 p.m., Children's Activity Room

Babies and caregivers are invited to join us for stories, music, movement and more!

Kids Keva Club (ages 5+)

Friday, May 2, 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, May 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, 10:15 – 11 a.m., Children's Activity Room

Join us for fun with your little one! Stories, music, movement, and more! Storytimes are bilingual (Spanish/English). ¡Acompáñenos para divertirse en familia con su pequeño! ¡Cuentos, música, movimiento y más! Las horas de cuentos son bilingües (español e inglés).

ESL Conversation Club

Saturdays, May 3, 10, 17, & 31, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Adult Program Room

Practice your English conversation skills with friends. This program is for adults who speak basic English. ¡Únase a nosotros para tener conversaciones divertidas y practicar el inglés! Este programa es para adultos de 18 años y mayores que hablan inglés básico.

Befriending Our Minds: A Mindfulness Presentation

Saturday, May 3, 2 – 3 p.m.

We will discuss ways to gently connect with our bodies, breath, and internal thoughts and feelings. Over time, the practice of mindfulness can help reduce stress, improve our relationships, and facilitate a greater sense of meaning and purpose in our lives.

Homework Help

Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays, 4 – 5:30 p.m.

Students in grades K-6 who need homework help are encouraged to stop by for free tutoring. No registration is required. Basic school supplies will be provided.

AP Study Lounge

Monday – Wednesday, May 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 5:30 – 8:30 p.m., Community Room

The library offers an extra study space for all high schoolers studying for their AP exams and finals. Snacks, drinks, games and goodies for all teens available! No sign-ups required.

First Tuesday Knit-In

Tuesday, May 6, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

New knitters can show off projects, get advice and assistance while advanced knitters can make friends and provide help.

Kids LEGO Club

Wednesdays, May 7, 14, 21, & 28, 1 – 2:30 p.m., Children’s Activity Room

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

After Dinner Book Club

Wednesday, May 7, 7 – 8 p.m., Program Room

In honor of Asian American, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander Heritage Month, we will discuss [*Pachinko*](#) by Min Jin Lee.

Safe Space for LGBTQ+ Teens and Young Adults

Fridays, May 9 & 23, 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.

Drop-in Libby, eBook and eAudiobook Help

Sundays, May 11 & 18, 3 – 4 p.m., Information Desk

Drop in to receive help with using the Libby app. You will need to bring your smart-phone, kindle or tablet. No registration needed.

Family Fun Night

Tuesday, May 13, 6:30 – 8 p.m., Children’s Activity Room

Families with school-aged children will create art or do a STEM activity. This month’s project is making paper leis.

Queer Taiko

Saturday, May 17, 2 – 2:45 p.m.

Immerse yourself in the vibrant world of Japanese taiko drumming, bamboo flute music, and captivating folk tales.

Sound Bath Meditation

Saturday, May 18, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

The consistent vibration of sound healing instruments creates a deeply meditative experience. Crystal bowls emit a relaxing frequency that puts the body and mind at ease.

Zumba

Monday, May 19, 6 – 7 p.m., Program Room

Join us for a free dance and rhythm-based workout. This Latin-inspired, easy-to-follow, fitness party exhilarates your senses and works all major muscle groups in a high-energy cardio blast.

Library Ukulele Society

Tuesday, May 20, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m., Program Room

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

Flowers for Your Summer Garden

Tuesday, May 20, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Find out what flowers that can tolerate hot sun or require full shade. Emphasis will be put on those that attract pollinators and beneficial insects.

Kids Art Club (ages 5+)

Wednesday, May 21, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Children’s Activity Room

Drop in and create wire sculptures inspired by Ruth Asawa.

Movie Night

Thursday, May 22, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m., Program Room

In honor of Asian American, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander Heritage Month, we will host a special screening of *Our America: Asian Voices* (Rated TV-14)

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

Friday, May 23, 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.

Kids’ Paint Your Own Pottery Workshop (ages 10-12)

Saturday, May 24, 2 – 3 p.m., Community Room

We will provide a curated selection of pre-formed pottery and a diverse palette of paints, allowing you to design a unique masterpiece. Please note that this program is offered on a first-come, first-served basis, and space is limited to a maximum of 20 participants.

Origami for Adults

Tuesday, May 27, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m., Program Room

Whether you're a seasoned pro or a first timer, come share your folding skills and discover new techniques with fellow paper crafting enthusiasts. No registration necessary.

Safe Space: Minute to Win It Game Day

Friday, May 30, 4 – 5:45 p.m., Community Room

Join other local teens and members of Safe Space to compete in a series of games to test your skills. Safe Space is an in-person support group meetings for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning and ally (LGBTQ+) youth and young adults, ages 13-25.

Hula Halau ‘O Pi’ilani

Saturday, May 31, 2 – 3 p.m., Program Room

In honor of Asian American, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander Heritage Month, enjoy the beautiful traditions of Hawaiian and Polynesian culture through the art of dance.

SARATOGA -- 13650 Saratoga Avenue**Drop-in Tech Help**

Thursdays, May 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Oak Room

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

Baby Storytime (12 months or younger)

Fridays, May 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room

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

Family Storytime

Saturdays, May 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room

Tuesdays, May 6, 13, 20, & 27, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Maple Room

Join us for stories, rhymes, and songs.

Easy Breezy Chamber Music

Saturday, May 3, 2 – 3 p.m.

The program will feature live performances of easy-listening chamber music repertoire, along with storytelling about the composers, music, and musicians, creating a fun and interactive gathering for everyone.

Mystery Book Club

Monday, May 5, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard Room

We will be discussing [*The Devotion of Suspect X*](#) by Keigo Higashino. Stop by the Adult Reference Desk to sign up for the meeting and pick up a copy of the book.

Band Jam: Guitar and Ukulele

Tuesdays, May 6 & 13, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room

Bring your instrument and meet people who are also working on their musical journey.

Music Theory Class

Tuesdays, May 6 & 13, 11:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Community Room

Explore the world of music theory and how it connects to the foundation of modern music. Identify chord progressions, find the key of the song, and create harmonies to take your music to the next level.

Sci-Fi & Fantasy Book Club

Tuesday, May 6, 7 – 8 p.m., Maple Room

In honor of Asian American, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander Heritage Month we will be discussing [*How High We Go in the Dark*](#) by Sequoia Nagamatsu. Stop by the Adult Reference Desk to sign up for the meeting and pick up a copy of the book.

Knit & Crochet Circle

Wednesday, May 7, 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.

The Art of Chinese Seal Carving

Saturday, May 10, 2 – 4 p.m.

What is a seal? What secrets does it contain? Learn about the history of this unique artform in China, and its current development in Silicon Valley.

Mandarin Storytime

Thursday, May 15, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Maple Room

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

Teatime Book Chatter

Thursday, May 15, 1 – 2 p.m.

Stop by the Adult Reference Desk to register and pick up a copy of the book.

Film Screening: Hakone

Saturday, May 17, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Maple Room

As part of the Saratoga Blossom Festival, the Saratoga Historical Society will be screening the film *Hakone: A Century of Beauty and Endurance*.

Film Screening: Heart's Delight

Saturday, May 17, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m., Maple Room

Join us for a film screening with Marilyn Messina who describes 20th century life on her family's orchards in the "Valley of Heart's Delight," Santa Clara Valley, CA.

Hula Halau 'O Pi'ilani

Sunday, May 18, 1 – 1:30 p.m., Community Room

In honor of Asian American, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander Heritage Month, enjoy the beautiful traditions of Hawaiian and Polynesian culture through the art of dance.

Origami for Adults and Teens

Sunday, May 18, 2 – 3 p.m., Community Room

In honor of Asian American, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander Heritage Month, make some origami with us! This free event is open to high school students and adults. All levels are welcome, and materials will be provided. Registration required.

Board Game Night for Adults

Monday, May 19, 6 – 8 p.m.

Drop in at any time between 6 – 8 p.m. and play from one of the variety of board games.

Strengthening Family Foundations & Relationships

Monday, May 19, 7 – 8 p.m.

Join a family relationship expert for an impactful and enjoyable conversation that offers a fresh approach to deepening family bonds and strengthening those relationships.

Travel Program: Ohenro Pilgrimage

Tuesday, May 20, 7:15 – 8:30 p.m.

Join Seiji Kawamura on a 740-mile Buddhist pilgrimage visiting 88 temples around the island of Shikoku, Japan.

LEGOs

Wednesday, May 21, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

Kids ages 5+ can come play with LEGOs, while kids under 5 can play with Duplos.

Spanish Storytime

Thursday, May 22, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Maple Room

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

Two Waves of Chinese Immigrants and the Salmon Canning Industry

Sunday, May 25, 2 – 3 p.m., Community Room

Learn about the two waves of Chinese immigrants that worked in the salmon canneries of the Pacific Northwest. This program is presented in celebration of Asian American Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

Digital Literacy Class

Thursday, May 29, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Maple Room

Learn basic computer skills, practice accessing the internet and how to stay safe online.

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

Mondays, May 5, 12, & 19, 7 – 7:30 p.m.

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

Homework Help

Tuesdays, except during school breaks, 4 – 5 p.m.

Students in grades K-6 who need homework help are encouraged to stop by for free tutoring. No registration is required.

Book Discussion for Adults

Tuesday, May 13, 2 – 3:15 p.m.

Email lpasternack@sccl.org to join the monthly email reminders.

ONLINE EVENTS (Please register online)**Online English Conversation Club**

Thursdays, May 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Meet new friends and practice English together.

Virtual Author Talk: Dr. David H. Rosmarin

Wednesday, May 7, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Dr. David H. Rosmarin, author of [*Thriving with Anxiety*](#), talks about how to become more self-accepting, connected with others, and resilient.

Virtual Author Talk: Liann Zhang

Wednesday, May 14, 4 – 5 p.m.

Join author Liann Zhang for an engaging online discussion about her thrilling debut novel, [*Julie Chan is Dead*](#).

Virtual Author Talk: Rachelle Bergstein

Wednesday, May 21, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Join author Rachelle Bergstein for a deep dive into Judy Blume’s life and enduring cultural impact featured in [*The Genius of Judy*](#).

The Language of Flowers in Asian Art

Tuesday, May 27, 7 – 8 p.m.

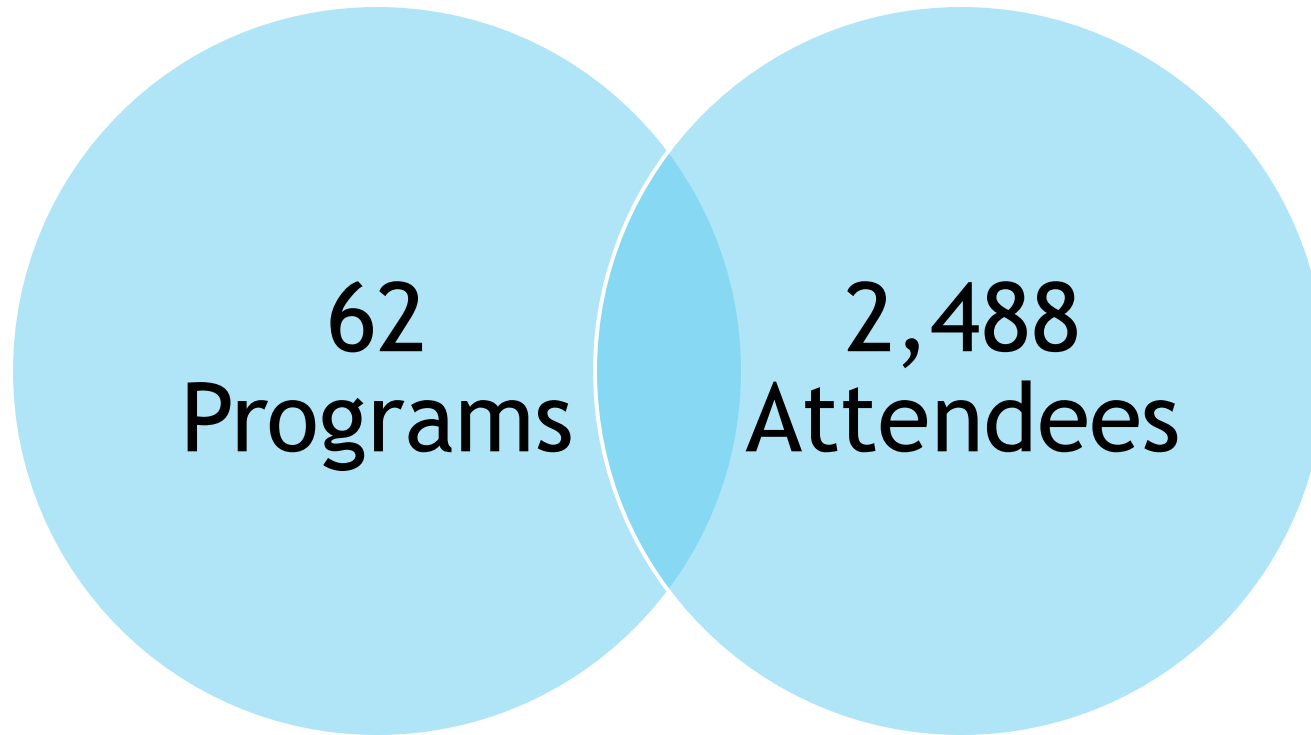
Discover the expressive power of flowers in the arts and cultures of Asia through objects from the Asian Art Museum’s permanent collection. This program is in celebration of Asian American Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

Los Altos and Woodland Libraries



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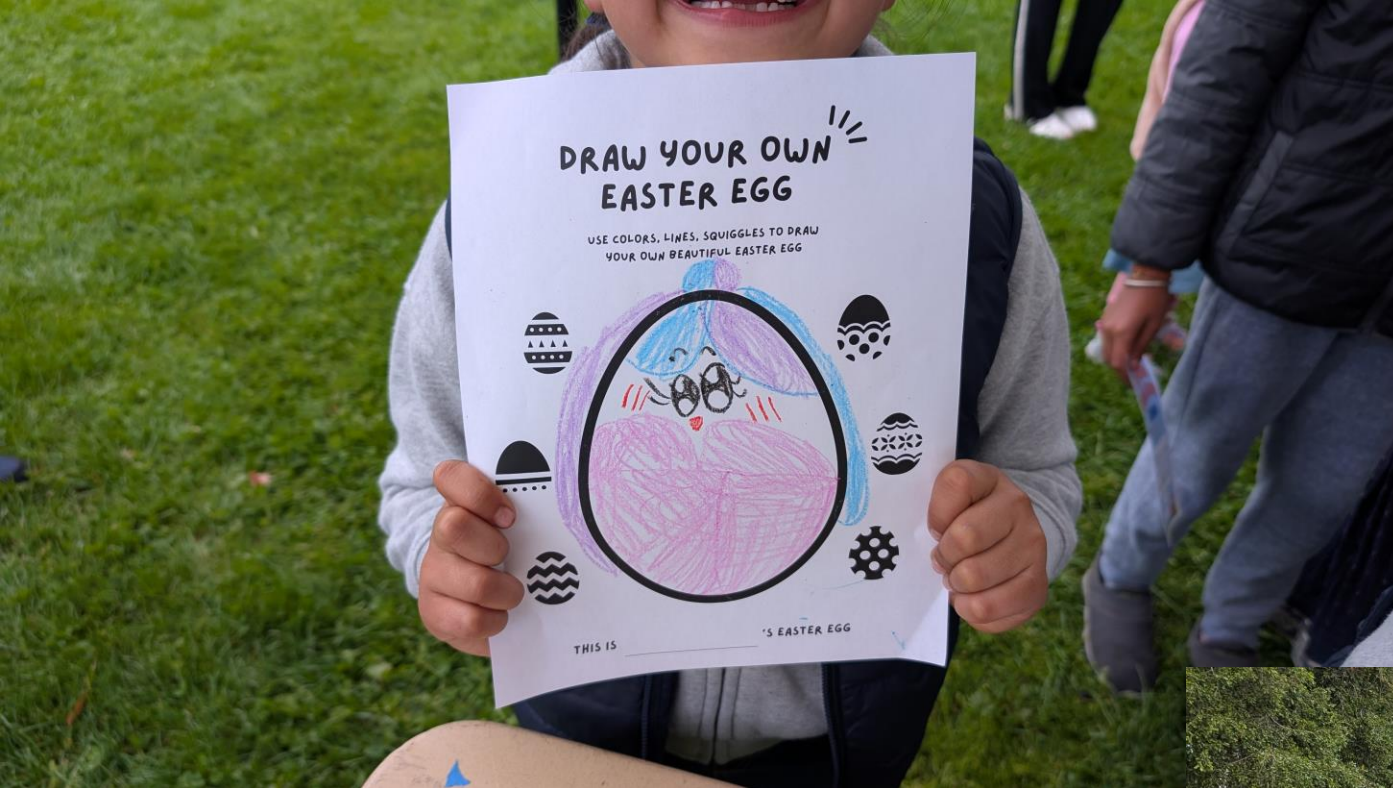


31,609 Visitors
at Los Altos

- 12.5% increase from February 2025

5,777 Visitors
at Woodland

- 16.2% increase from February 2025









HEALING ART WORKSHOP



Creative Expression

Relaxation & Connection

Immersive Sound & Visual Art meditation

APR 08

7:00 PM



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COMMUNITY PLAY DATE

Come and join us!

Join us for games and activities hosted by Little Heroes and library staff. There will be activities for all ages in an effort to promote play as an essential literacy component.

Saturday, May 3rd
10am–1pm
Los Altos Library
Hillview Park
(soccer field near the library)



HEROES

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Celebrate Jewish-American Heritage Month



Discussion with local scholars + cultural
artifacts/Judaica table

Co-sponsored by Los Altos Chabad

**Monday,
May 5th
7:30pm**



Event Listing



Miss Molly Bubbles

Join us for a mesmerizing bubble show! Witness incredible feats of bubble artistry, from giant bubbles to intricate formations. This captivating performance will fill your eyes with wonder and laughter, creating a magical experience for all ages.

Saturday, May 17. 3pm
Orchard Room
Los Altos Library

Space is limited. Free Tickets starting 30 mins prior.

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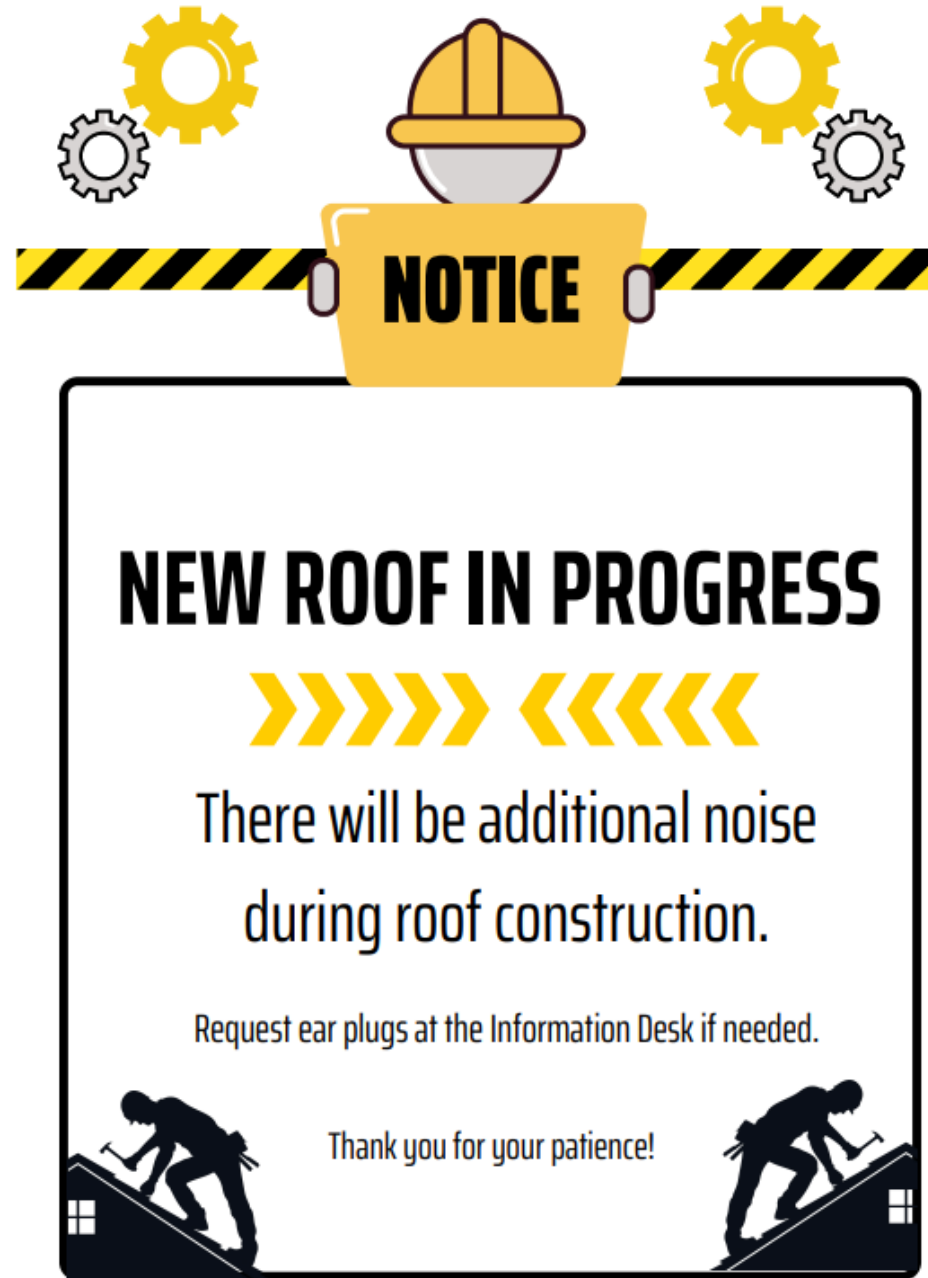
SUNDAY, 5/18, 11:00-11:30 & 11:30-12:00
at the LOS ALTOS LIBRARY - ORCHARD ROOM



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ADULT & TEEN PROGRAMS

- May 4 at 2:00 pm Cult Classics: Sunday Matinee Movies (Star Wars Episode IV)
- May 5 at 7:00 pm - Poetry Open Mic (Pod D)
- May 5 at 7:30 pm - Jewish-American Heritage Month Celebration
- May 6 at 7:00 pm -Author Talk with JJ Elliot
- May 8 at 4:30 pm - Teen Dungeons and Dragons Social Club
- May 21 at 7:00 pm - UC Master Gardeners
- May 24 at 11:00 am - The Essential Guide to Mushroom Foraging

<https://scclld.org/events>

Children's Programs

- ▶ Kindergarten Readiness (5/1 5:30 pm)
- ▶ Board Game Sunday (family) (5/11 at 2:00 pm)
- ▶ Family Concert (5/13 at 10:30 am)
- ▶ Miss Molly Bubbles (5/17 at 3:00 pm)
- ▶ Piggy Bank Pioneers (5/18 at 11:30 am)
- ▶ Paint Your Own Pottery Workshop (ages 10-12) (5/19 at 4:00 pm)
- ▶ Malinky Music (5/20 at 10:30 am)

