



## **LIBRARY COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA**

**6:30 PM - Thursday, February 02, 2023**

*Teleconference*

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**ESTABLISH QUORUM**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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### **SPECIAL ITEM**

1. **Introduction of New Library Commissioner:** Christine Fawcett

### **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION**

2. **Minutes:** Approve minutes of the regular meeting of January 5, 2023
3. **NCLA Future Spending:** Discussion with NCLA representative Cindy Hill about future spending of NCLA funds
4. **Special Meeting:** Discuss special meeting for March
5. **Work Plan Update:** Discuss updates to work plan
6. **Awareness Efforts:** Discuss Town Crier ad ideas and outreach efforts
7. **Library Commission Meeting:** Discuss one-way access to Library parking lot

### **COMMUNITY PARTNER UPDATES**

8. **Los Altos Library Endowment (LALE) Update:** Receive updates from LALE representative
9. **Friends of the Library Update:** Receive updates from Friends of the Library representative
10. **North County Library Authority (NCLA) Update:** Receive updates from NCLA representative

### **COMMISSION/SUBCOMMITTEE/STAFF ORAL REPORTS AND REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

11. **Santa Clara County Library District Presentations:** Receive information and updates from County Staff
12. **Main Library Staff Report:** Receive information and updates from Main Library Staff
13. **City Staff Update:** Receive updates from City Staff
14. **Subcommittee Reports:**
  - A. Awareness
  - B. Infrastructure
  - C. Futures
  - D. Services

## 15. Requests for Future Agenda Items

### ADJOURNMENT

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## LIBRARY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

6:30 PM - Thursday, January 05, 2023

### ESTABLISH QUORUM

Chair Crane called the meeting to order at 6:31pm

**Present:** Chair Crane, Vice Chair Wheeler, Commissioners Bedard, Carter, Dixit, and Gee

**Absent:** None

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None

### ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION

1. **Minutes:** Approve minutes of the regular meeting of December 1, 2022

**Public Comment:** None

**Action:** Commissioner Carter moved to approve the Minutes of December 1, 2022 with one correction. Vice Chair Wheeler seconded.

Approve: Crane, Wheeler, Bedard, Carter, Dixit, and Gee

Oppose: None

Abstain: None

Motion passes, unanimously: 6-0-0

2. **Work Plan Update:** Discuss updates to work plan

**Public Comment:** None

**Action:** Commissioner Bedard moved that the Library Commission accept the Draft Work Plan as revised during discussion. Vice Chair Wheeler seconded the motion.

Approve: Crane, Wheeler, Bedard, Carter, Dixit, and Gee

Oppose: None

Abstain: None

Motion passes, unanimously: 6-0-0

3. **NCLA Future Spending:** Discussion with NCLA representative Cindy Hill about future spending of NCLA funds

**Action:** This item was moved to a future meeting as NCLA representative Cindy Hill was unable to be present at the 1/5/2023 Library Commission Meeting.

4. **Special Meeting:** Discuss scheduling a special meeting in January or February

**Public Comment:** None

**Action:** The Library Commission will set a Special Meeting likely at the end of February.

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### 11. Requests for Future Agenda Items

- a. **Special meeting in February**
- b. **Library Parking**
- c. **Work Plan**

### ADJOURNMENT

Chair Crane adjourned the meeting at 7:46pm

## NCLA Ad Hoc Committee Report on Excess Parcel Tax Options

January 2023

At the October 2022 NCLA meeting, Commissioners Epstein and Hill were directed to provide a short summary of possibilities on how to use any excess funds from the parcel tax.

**Background:** In the last several years NCLA has not had to use the parcel tax revenue to fund the increased hours that both libraries enjoy. In addition, NCLA has not been asked to fund the acquisition of additional resources such as books, digital materials or projects.

Due to the annual ERAF funding (Educational Revenue Augmentation Fund, established in 1992) that the State of California has provided to the SCCLD and the reduced spending the SCCLD incurred due to the pandemic closing the libraries or providing minimal drop-by service for nearly two years, NCLA projects having approximately \$7.8 million at the end of the fiscal year 2029-2030.

There are myriad options to consider for these excess funds. Four options have been identified for consideration, in no order of preference or recommendation:

1. Stop collecting the parcel tax
2. Use the excess funds to extend open hours for both libraries
3. Continue to collect the parcel tax until 2029-2030 and use the funds for future years.
4. Use the excess funds to restore square footage and services to the Main Library

### **Option 1: Stop collecting the parcel tax**

The parcel tax could be stopped at a specified date. Each parcel is taxed \$76.00 per year through June 2030. County parcels within the Los Altos libraries service area but outside the boundaries of Los Altos and Los Altos Hills, such as the Country Club area, are exempt from paying this tax. Each year brings in approximately \$1,051,000.00 to NCLA, a total of approximately \$7,350,000.00 over the next seven years.

If the tax ended at the end of FY2023, there would be seven years of tax relief for the residents. Each parcel would realize a savings of \$532.00.

The advantage is a tax savings to residents of \$532.00

The disadvantage is that the funds would not be available if there was an unexpected or planned need.

### **Option 2: Use the excess funds to extend open hours for both libraries**

Explore the possibility of extending hours to the libraries. For instance, open at 9am, one hour earlier for the Main Library, and two hours earlier for the Woodland Library.

Thus, the Main Library would be opened

- Monday through Thursday from 9am – 9pm (current hours M-Th 10am-9pm)
- Friday through Sunday 9am – 7pm (current hours F-Su 10am-7pm)

Woodland would be opened:

- Monday through Wednesday from 9am – 8pm (current hours M-W 11am-8pm)
- Thursday through Sunday from 9am – 5pm (current hours Thu-Sun 11am-5pm)

The ultimate goal being to have our main library open 9AM – 9PM every day, and Woodland 9AM-8PM Mon-Wed, 9AM-6PM Thurs-Fri.

The benefit to this scenario is that residents would have increased access to their libraries, which was a primary purpose of the original NCLA JPA: *“...to the end that the hours of library service may be extended through additional funding to be raised via the levy of special taxes...”* (North County Library Authority Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement, August 1, 1985)

The disadvantage may be that the hours do not reflect the needs of the residents.

Another disadvantage is that this option would require significant time to implement as it requires significant changes to the current staffing; it’s not an quick ‘fix’ to add hours because it impacts staff hours and availability. Adding additional hours would require a major revamp of schedules, hiring of part-time and possibly full-time staff, and would require working with the labor union to make scheduling and staffing changes.

**NOTE: Open Access Pilot:** With the recent launch of Open Access, nine additional hours have been added to Woodland Library. Woodland has extended its hours on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday from 8am – 11am. If successful, this model could be extended to the Main Library.

*“Sign up for **Open Access** and enjoy exclusive, self-service access to browse books, check out library materials, relax and read, or use the WiFi or our computers, printers and copy machines.”*

### **Option 3: Continue to collect the parcel tax until end of FY2029-2030 and use the funds for future years**

Based on our current projected spend and parcel tax revenue, if ERAF funding was stopped and NCLA resumed full reimbursement for extra hours in the next fiscal year (2024-2025), NCLA would be able to fund SCCLD through most of FY2035-2036 (six years after NCLA's parcel tax expired).

If ERAF reimbursement continues through FY2025-2026 and/or if SCCLD increases general funding for additional open library hours at all the County libraries, NCLA would have enough reserves to continue reimbursing SCCLD for additional years.

The benefit to this scenario is that it allows for a several-year delay for a new parcel tax election, if a new parcel tax is a necessity in the future.

The disadvantage is that the funds would eventually run out, and if the parcel tax funds are still required to pay for extended open hours, it would be a new parcel tax, rather than a continuation of an existing parcel tax. There is also the possibility that all parcel taxes collected for a certain period and restricted use must be expended for that use within the time frame of the parcel tax period, in which case this option would not be possible.

#### **Option 4: Use excess funds to restore space and services to the Main Library**

As reviewed in the attached Proposal and in NCLA's Attorney's Opinion and Recommendation, the one-time option that is available to NCLA at this time, if NCLA moves quickly enough, is to use the excess funds to expand the square footage of the Los Altos Library. Normally the NCLA funds cannot be used for capital improvements. This is a rare set of circumstances that have made that opportunity available for fleeting time period.

As a review, in July 2022 the Friends of the Library operation moved into the main library. This resulted in significant loss of library space available to patrons, loss of a quiet zone for patrons, loss of 14,000 books from the collection, and loss of patron browsing opportunity. The primary use of NCLA funds is to pay for the library staffing needed to provide extended hours of operation for patron use. A second approved use is to purchase books. The final possible use of NCLA funds is for general library purposes to "uphold the level of services". It is this final use that has never been funded before but comes into play now.

Advantage: The Los Altos Library is remodeled and expanded to restore square footage to patrons, create quiet meeting areas and restore lost patron services. The opportunity presents itself to incorporate funds from all sources (LALE, Friends of the Library, City of Los Altos, Town of Los Altos Hills, County Library District, individual donations) to increase the pool of funds available to maximize the level of library expansion and improvement, kick-started by NCLA's initial investment of \$7,000,000. An additional advantage is the NCLA funds will be consumed for the approved restricted library purposes within the designated timeframe, as intended by the residents when they approved Ballot Measure L in 2010.

**Disadvantage:** The opportunity only exists now, the final design and beginning of construction has a start target date of July 2024, two years after services were lost at the Los Altos Library. A later start date loses the qualification to allow NCLA funds to be used “to uphold the level of service”.

**Recommendation:** That the NCLA may review the options, and if needed, continue researching options based on any requests for additional information and/or analysis with the intent to continue finalize the decision at the next NCLA meeting; or NCLA can make a decision on the use of excess parcel tax funds tonight. This has been the third NCLA meeting the issue has been discussed and a legal opinion has been requested and obtained regarding Option 4. A proposed motion follows for consideration.

**Motion:** Approve \$7,000,000 from NCLA funds for the purposes of capital expansion of the Los Altos Library to uphold library services lost in July 2022 when FOL moved into the library to be used by December 31, 2026.

CONDITIONED on the Friends of the Library, the Library Endowment (LALE) and Building Fund, the Santa Clara County Library District, the City of Los Altos, and the Town of Los Altos Hills all contributing to the Library Remodel and Improvement Project as well. A fundraising campaign through LALE to encourage new private donors will be encouraged. A Project Task Force made up of one member from each contributing entity as well as the Los Altos Librarian, the County Librarian, and City Facilities staff, will oversee design concept and report back regularly to their member entities.



TO: North County Library Authority (NCLA) Commission

FROM: Claire Lai, Commission Attorney

DATE: October 3, 2022

SUBJECT: Consideration of Use of NCLA Funds Relating to Los Altos Library

### Summary

At the July 18, 2022 meeting, the Commission considered a proposal for potential capital expenditures at the Los Altos Library to uphold services. The Commission attorney received direction to review the text of the Measure L Parcel Tax ballot measure to determine whether the proposed expenditure would be permitted pursuant to the spending limitations established by said measure.

### Discussion

In 2010, voters in the City of Los Altos and the Town of Los Altos Hills approved Measure L to levy a \$76 special parcel tax for 20 consecutive fiscal years. The North County Library Authority (“NCLA”) was formed through a joint powers agreement between the City of Los Altos and the Town of Los Altos Hills. The purpose of the NCLA is to create an agency which will plan, support, acquire, maintain and operate programs and facilities for the extension of public library services for the benefit of the inhabitants within the collective boundaries of the City of Los Altos and Town of Los Altos Hills.

NCLA’s expenditure of Measure L funds is subject to the parameters set forth by the ballot measure. Under California law, the revenue collected from Measure L parcel tax may only be spent for specific purposes as it is a “special tax”. The stated purposes under Measure L, for which tax proceeds may be used, are as follows:

- (1) **Maintain library hours.** Funds may be spent on maintaining specified number of hours at Los Altos and Woodland library locations.
- (2) **Purchase books and materials.** Funds may be used to supplement the Santa County Library system to purchase books and materials tailored to specific community needs and interests.
- (3) **Support library programs.** Money may also be used to support and maintain the level of programs that is currently provided for all age groups.

- (4) **General purposes.** Funds may be used for any other expenditure necessary to uphold the level of service, including expenses related to a future election when the parcel tax expires.

Tax proceeds may not be spent on items outside of the specified purposes above.

As presented to the Commission at its July 18 meeting, NCLA’s latest Fund Balance Project in 2018 has projected 2030 Fund Balance at \$4,546,582 and the Authority has continued to incur savings while collecting approximately \$1,051,500 per year. It has come to the Authority’s attention that the existing Los Altos Library has been experiencing certain changes due to the relocation of the Friends of the Los Altos library (“FLAL”) entity into the library building. As a result of this move, it was reported to the Commission that 14,000 books would be discarded, a quiet reading/study area would be eliminated, and the overall space for library patron usage would be diminished. In addition, the demand for certain services (such as bookings for private and small group meeting space) and the need for large spaces to maintain social distancing have increased since the COVID-19 pandemic. The issue presented before the Commission was whether NCLA funds could be used to address these issues and needs presented at the Los Altos Library, including a potential expansion of the library building, in light of the spending limitations imposed by Measure L. For ease of reference, the initial proposal is set forth under Attachment 1 to this report.

In reviewing the ballot language, we have concluded that NCLA would be permitted to use Measure L proceeds to fund said library improvements as such expenditures likely qualify as upholding the level of library service. As noted above, the text of Measure L sets forth several specific spending purposes and includes a “catch-all” provision allowing special tax proceeds to be used for “any other expenditure necessary to uphold the level of service.” This includes expenses to conduct a future election when the new parcel tax expires. Based on a plain reading of this language, it appears to us that the intent of the text is to maintain the current level of service and the status quo (i.e. services presently provided and the future opportunity to maintain a parcel tax funding source), rather than supporting new infrastructure or facilities that are intended to expand the level of service.

As the ballot measure text do not further define this phrase, it is appropriate to review each proposed expenditure to determine whether the purpose of the spending is to uphold existing services or to create new/different services or programs. In this case, the changes occurring at Los Altos Library would appear to decrease the level and quality of services provided to patrons and spending Measure L proceeds to address the decrease in level of service is within the intended purpose of the ballot measure.

To illustrate, we understand that due to the relocation of FLAL operations into the library’s physical space, patrons will not be able to utilize previously available browsing space or meeting rooms. The library’s collections also had to be reduced to accommodate the relocation and patrons would no longer be able to access the part of the collection that has been discarded. Additional books, materials, equipment (i.e. including display and/or book shelves), browsing spaces, and meeting rooms or areas would be required to be added in order to restore the level of service to previously existing level. This may include building an extension to the existing



library as necessary to restore said service level. Additionally, the purchase of books or materials in response to the change in circumstances would be another specifically permitted purpose under the ballot measure. Further, as the Commission is aware, Section 5 of the NCLA's Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement (JPA) grants the NCLA with the "power and authority to plan, support, acquire, construct, maintain and operate programs and facilities for augmentation of public library services", which provides NCLA with the authority to utilize funds upholding the level of service within the scope set by the ballot measure.

Therefore, in light of the changes in services and circumstances as we understand them, it appears that the proposed expenditure as presented to the Commission on July 18, 2022 would be appropriate under the ballot measure language. The Commission should be clear that capital expenditures, such as expanding the library's building or physical space, must be for the purpose of restoring the reduction in space and services that were previously available to library patrons in order to be considered justifiable based on the ballot measure text. Constructing new spaces or facilities which are not related to such purposes would unlikely qualify as "upholding" the level of services as their purpose is not to maintain the status quo as intended by the measure based on our reading of that language. If the Commission desires to proceed with the project through utilization of Measure L funds, the foregoing limitations should also be clearly described in the project's scope of work.

### **Recommendation**

It is recommended the Commission review the information presented in this report and provide direction to staff regarding next steps.

### **Attachments:**

- 1- Proposed Use of Funds as presented to Commission at the July 18, 2022 meeting
- 2- Parcel Tax Measure Language

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Proposed by Commissioner Suzanne Epstein

### **Proposal to use \$6-7 million of NCLA funds to uphold services at the Los Altos Library.**

The NCLA Board, consisting of five appointed Commissioners, is the citizen's oversight board established to provide oversight and accountability on the services funded by the Measure L Library parcel tax to ensure that said funds are spent for the specific purposes set forth in the parcel tax language approved by the voters. The amount of a parcel tax was established so as to cover the defined purposes for the stipulated duration. At the end of the period, the remaining funds should be close to zero. Our current parcel tax is for the twenty year period from 2010-2030. It is a set rate of \$78/year. Though the NCLA Board in 2009 engaged a financial consultant to calculate the annual amount necessary to be collected for twenty years in order to maintain the Library's extra hours until 2030, it now appears the annual \$76 fee was higher than necessary. In NCLA's latest Fund Balance Projection, dated March 7, 2018, the projected 2030 Ending Fund Balance was \$4,546,582. Since that date, NCLA has experienced further savings, yet has continued to collect approximately \$1,051,500/yr. The COVID shut down was the principal cause for lack of spending. That and the windfall ERAF funds, and other government credits, have resulted in virtually no NCLA library staffing expenditures for two years and again for an anticipated third year in FY23.

NCLA has previously looked at how excess funds could be used for library purposes. We are restricted by the parcel tax language, which does not allow for our supporting the goal of building a brand new library.

Measure L Parcel Tax money can be used for limited and specific purposes, namely to maintain library hours, to purchase books and materials, to support library programs, and for "**general purposes necessary to uphold the level of service**". We suddenly have been presented with a golden opportunity to utilize the excess NCLA funds. This month the Friends of the Los Altos Library moved into the existing Los Altos Library. To make possible the Library's accommodation of having the entire Friends of the Los Altos Library operation move inside the Library, valuable patron space was lost, 14,000 books were discarded, a quiet reading/study area will disappear, and spacious patron browsing opportunity was diminished. In addition, due to the lifestyle and work-life changes wrought from the COVID pandemic, the demand for certain services has increased (including more requests for private and small-group meeting areas) and the need for more 'roomy' program areas so attendees are not forced to sit close together. This presents a unique and immediate opportunity to use NCLA funds to expand the existing library to restore services, **if we can move fast enough for the expansion to qualify as "upholding services"** as specified in the ballot measure language.

Recommended conditions for authorization of this expenditure could include:

1. LALE contributes \$3-3.5 million, and the Friends of the Library contribute \$1 million in addition to the NCLA funds.
2. The City of Los Altos contributes by covering their own charges for permits, inspections and personnel. The City is the beneficiary of the newly expanded City building.
3. The County provides some funding toward initial architectural design.

4. A Committee is formed for oversight and planning. Suggested: The Committee consists of one member appointed by NCLA, one member appointed by Friends of the Library, one member appointed by LALE, one member appointed by the Library Commission, the Los Altos Librarian, \_\_\_ members appointed by the County, and \_\_\_ from the City of Los Altos.
5. The City of Los Altos has final approval over the architectural plan and oversight of construction.
6. Construction begins within two years to qualify for NCLA funds.

If NCLA wishes to proceed with this, time is of the essence.

# 2023 Work Plan

Los Altos Library Commission  
December 2022



# Library Commission Roster

Name	Term Expiration	Subcommittees
Pierre Bedard	9/2025	Services
Carolle Carter	9/2025	Infrastructure, Awareness
Julie Crane, Chair	9/2025	Services, Futures
Sharvari Dixit (Los Altos Hills)	9/2024	Awareness, Services
Nelvin Gee	9/2023	Infrastructure, Futures, Workplan
Freddie Wheeler, Vice Chair	9/2023	Infrastructure, Awareness
Vice Mayor Sally Meadows		
Staff Liaison Mary Jo Price		



# Goals thru September 2023

- Support 2022 – 2023 Council Strategic Goals and Objectives
- Support 2022 – 2023 Santa Clara County Library Strategic Plan
- Listen, Inspire, and Innovate

# Align with and support County Strategic Plan

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- Use innovative service models to connect community members with the library.
- Build on the service-oriented districtwide philosophy to provide a welcoming and positive library experience.
- Support local community needs with reflective services throughout the Library District.
- Actively innovate without fear of failure.
- Design and implement flexible public spaces that encourage library visits and elevate patron experiences.



# Infrastructure (Carter, Gee, Wheeler)

2021/2022 Projects	Assignments	Status
<b>Los Altos Main Library &amp; Woodland Branch Infrastructure</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>For both branches, assess:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Potential improvements</li> <li>– Safety, emergency &amp; hygiene features</li> <li>– Use and function of rooms &amp; areas</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>For Woodland Branch, look at:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Adding parking spaces</li> <li>– Potential for expansion opportunities</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Commission Approved:</b> Soundproof glass wall to mitigate noise at Woodland. Forwarded proposal to County Library staff</li> <li>• <b>Assessed but did not recommend:</b> Foldable partition wall to provide divided space for small parties in Orchard Room. Rationale--conflict with indoor/outdoor space project, disruption to Orchard Room without adding overall capacity</li> </ul>

2022/2023 Projects	Assignments	Status
<b>Los Altos Main Library &amp; Woodland Branch Infrastructure</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Same as for 2021/2022</li> <li>• <b>Specific addition:</b> consider an expanded outdoor patio area at the Woodland Branch Library to provide additional space for tutoring, studying &amp; work. Could also help alleviate noise issues inside</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working towards detailed proposal for outdoor patio project, including:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Buy-in obtained from City Manager, Commission Council Liaison, County Librarian, &amp; Community Librarian</li> <li>– Design, materials/labor costing for space, benches/picnic tables &amp; shade struc</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

# Services (Bedard, Crane)

2021/2022 Projects	Assignments	Status
<b>Services</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evaluate and assess the development of future services in line with new service commitments by County and Community Librarians</li> <li>• Identify, evaluate and advise on new services as needed.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rolled out Dropboxes at both libraries</li> <li>• Assisted in Covid reopening</li> <li>• Published paper on Library Tech Obsolescence and BookDash</li> </ul>
2022/2023 Projects	Assignments	Status
<b>Services</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to evaluate future services in line with County Library Strategic plan</li> <li>• Examples of new services include access to equipment and art banks, virtual and immersive reality, robotics, maker spaces, and 3D printing</li> <li>• Expand reach of potential services working with local businesses.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explore partnership with Chamber of Commerce to reach businesses to establish joint partnerships.</li> <li>• Evaluate new services as they are released</li> <li>• Continue to review services and publish findings</li> </ul>



# Awareness (Carter, Dixit, Wheeler)

2021/2022 Projects	Assignments	Status
<b>Public Outreach</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Continue to identify ways to increase awareness of library resources and events of particular interest to the general public, seniors, and youth. Explore in-person opportunities and events</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Monthly ads highlighting Library resources or events were created for the Town Crier. These ads are sponsored by LALE.</li><li>• Gunn High School, Homestead High School and Mountain View High School were contacted to investigate if they offered PSA opportunities for library resources/events.</li><li>• A Cultural Events Calendar was created for use by the Library Staff. The calendar lists interesting/fun cultural events in countries all over the world by month that the Library Staff can highlight to foster diversity, equity and inclusion.</li></ul>

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# Futures (Bedard, Crane, Gee)

2021/2022 Projects	Assignments	Status
<b>Futures Roadmap</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Investigate technologies that may dramatically improve library capabilities and patron experience</li><li>• Refine roadmap with new scenarios and projects</li><li>• Work with NCLA on redevelopment, as needed</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Published and Presented Library Commission-approved presentation to NCLA regarding continuing community need for redeveloped library. While well received, no action likely to be taken in near future (work ignored by NCLA)</li><li>• Open+ (SelfService) rolled out 20 November 2022</li></ul>
2022/2023 Projects	Assignments	Status
<b>Futures Roadmap</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Explore opportunities for a new main library.</li><li>• Continue to investigate technologies that may dramatically improve library capabilities and patron experience</li><li>• Refine and publish roadmap with new scenarios and projects</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Track SelfService rollout through next year</li><li>• Continue to publicize Library Commission</li><li>• Hold a Special Meeting to introduce library organizations and explore opportunities for a new main library.</li></ul>

# Workplan (Bedard, Crane, Gee)

2021/2022 Projects	Assignments	Status
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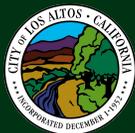
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# Questions?



February 2023  
 Library Stakeholder Report  
 Jennifer Weeks, County Librarian

## 2023-28 SCCLD Strategic Plan

SCCLD is rising to new heights in 2023 with a new Strategic Plan. The Plan, which sets out goals and priorities for the future, will span FY2023-2028, and was developed with input from library staff, stakeholders, commissioners, and most importantly, our communities. The community feedback was collected through in-person and virtual town hall meetings, interviews, community feedback boards, focus groups, and a multi-lingual survey that gathered thousands of responses from patrons and residents across the Library District about what types of services they most appreciate and need.



**NEW VISION: The Santa Clara County Library District aspires to be an inclusive space where everyone feels welcomed, supported in their lifelong learning, and energized to help us evolve as a community. We will work to create a world in which access to knowledge, resources, and opportunities is guaranteed to all.**

**NEW MISSION: At Santa Clara County Library District, YOU BELONG. CONNECT. DISCOVER.**

The [Strategic Planning page](#) on the library’s website has more details and a downloadable booklet will be available in early February in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, and Chinese. SCCLD’s plans for the next five fiscal years are outlined around the District-level priorities to Welcome, Inspire, Listen, and Innovate. There are 3-4 specific goals listed under each priority, which are direct reflections of the research and community feedback. These key priorities demonstrate the way that SCCLD libraries are integrated into their communities. Updates will be added to the website quarterly to capture and communicate our progress in the work.

### PRIORITIES:

**WELCOME:** We welcome all, providing inclusive and compassionate library service throughout the district.

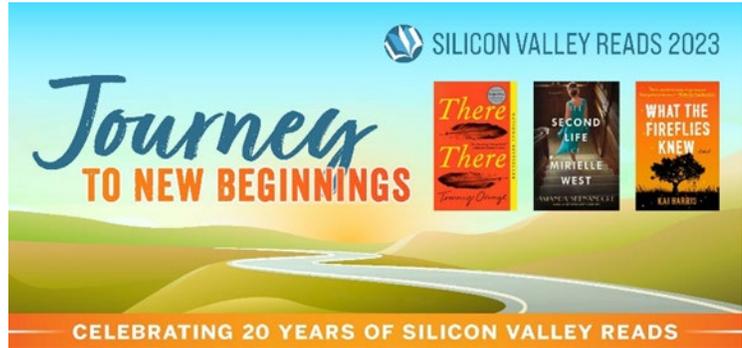
**LISTEN:** We listen, valuing the voices of our patrons, our communities, and our partners.

**INSPIRE:** We inspire, building the foundations of literacy with our community.

**INNOVATE:** We innovate, fostering a culture of curiosity and opportunity.

## Silicon Valley Reads in Full Gear

A capacity crowd attended the kickoff event for Silicon Valley Reads 2023 at De Anza College on January 26 hosting the three featured authors (Tommy Orange, Amanda Skenandore, and Kai Harris) in conversation with *Mercury News* columnist, Sal Pizarro. You can [stream it online](#) through February 10. February brings many more events for all ages which take place across the County, including at all SCCLD libraries.



These include a storywalk around children’s title *Coquí in the City* by Nomar Perez at multiple libraries, a visit by featured author Kai Harris (*What the Fireflies Knew*) at Morgan Hill Library, Lunar New Year Calligraphy Classes at several libraries, film screenings, special storytimes, and much more. Find the full list of events on our [Online Calendar](#). Many of the highlights are listed below in the Events Calendar.

If you have not already signed up, please register for our [SVR 2023 Reading Challenge](#), which enters participants who complete the requirements into a drawing for a \$25 gift certificate for each age group that participates. All you need to do is read any [2023 SVR title](#) and attend at least one library program.

Check out SVR’s [Calendar of Events](#) for an up to date list of the many upcoming SVR-related events. The majority take place in February and March at locations across the County, including libraries and schools. Library District events will be listed in [SCCLD’s own calendar](#).



## Get Ready for Kindergarten Program

A six-week, self-paced Get Ready for Kindergarten program kicks off at all SCCLD libraries on Wednesday, February 1. Children entering Transitional Kindergarten and/or Kindergarten in Fall 2023 who complete all activities can pick up their certificate of completion and a prize from their local SCCLD library. Registration for the program, which can be [done online](#) or at any of our libraries, ends on June 30. The last day to pick up a prize is August 31.

Caregivers and parents [can register](#) their incoming Transitional Kindergarten or Kindergarten student and pick up a free booklet at any of our libraries that includes readiness resources for caregivers and skill-building activities that they can work on together with their youngsters. The skill-set activities follows the six critical areas for preparing to be successful in Kindergarten laid out in SCCLD’s [Kinder Readiness program](#) of Health and Well-being, Early Literacy, Social and Emotional Development, Language and Communication Skills, Mathematical Thinking, and Science.

## Celebrating the African American Experience

The theme of this year is [Black Resistance](#), exploring how “African Americans have resisted historic and ongoing oppression in all forms.” Several of our libraries will have displays during February to feature some of the many important black voices in literature of today and from the past. Also keep an eye out for a Black History themed blogs and booklists on our website.

SCCLD will be hosting the following [events](#) in celebration of Black History Month:

Feb 4 @ 3pm - Morgan Hill Library  
Celebrate Black History Month and learn about Garrett Morgan, inventor of the traffic light. [Local author, Thomishia Booker](#) will lead a children’s storytime, craft and lesson on how to love yourself.

Feb 8 @ 7pm - Virtual Event  
A special one-woman [performance over Zoom](#) by author Betty Jewell Slater about the life of aviator Bessie Coleman. She was the first woman of African-American descent to earn an aviation license, overcoming many obstacles in the process.

Feb 22 @ 11am - Milpitas Library  
Join us for a fun and entertaining morning with children’s author, [Thomishia Booker](#), who will lead us in learning black history facts, arts and crafts, and more.

Feb 22 @ 7:30pm - Milpitas Library  
Please join us as we discuss the book [Between the World and Me](#) by Ta-Nehisi Coates.



## OverDrive App to be Phased out on May 1

The OverDrive app for eBooks and digital Audiobooks is being phased out by the end of April. The OverDrive app will be removed from the Apple App Store, Google Play, and Microsoft store on February 23 and the app disabled at the end of April.

Please download the [Libby app](#) if you have not done so already to continue to be able to browse, borrow and access digital content from OverDrive.

You will be able to retain all of your existing wish lists on Libby. Find answers to other questions you may have on the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) page.

## Staffing Announcements

Clare Varesio, who had previously served as Community Librarian for Cupertino Library since 2017, is now a Library Services Manager working out of the Services & Support Center. As part of her new responsibilities, Clare oversees the Bookmobile team and manages staff development, partnerships, strategies, and other programs.

Bryant Bao, who previously served as the Acting Community Librarian for the Los Altos and Woodland libraries, is currently serving in the same capacity for Cupertino Library. Saralyn Otter, the current Supervising Children's Librarian at Morgan Hill Library, is now the Acting Community Librarian at Saratoga Library as Nichole King moves from Saratoga to take on the role of Community Librarian in Campbell.



Clare Varesio, new  
Library Services Manager

## 2023 SCCLD Joint Powers Authority Board New Members

We are pleased to announce the new members on the Library District's [Joint Powers Authority Governing Board](#). This includes: a new Vice Chair, Evelyn Chua, Council member from Milpitas; a returning Board member Burton Craig, Council member from Monte Sereno; new Board member Tina Walia, Council member from Saratoga; new Board member Neysa Fligor, Council member from Los Altos; and new Board member from the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors, Cindy Chavez. Please note, the Board member from Morgan Hill had not been appointed and the Library JPA Chair was vacant at the time this report was issued.



*Celebrating the love of reading this Valentine's Day*

## SANTA CLARA COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT FEBRUARY 2023 EVENTS

\* All libraries will be closed and services unavailable on  
Monday, February 20 in observance of Presidents' Day \*

*SILICON VALLEY READS EVENTS HIGHLIGHTED IN BLUE.*

### **CAMPBELL EXPRESS LIBRARY – 1 West Campbell Avenue, Room 46**

#### **Indoor Storytime for Kids 0-5**

*Wednesdays, February 1, 8, 15 & 22, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard City Banquet Hall or Room Q84  
(The Mary Campbell Room)*

Join us for stories, songs, and more! Please bring a blanket or towel to sit on. No registration required.

#### **ESL Conversation Club**

*Tuesdays, February 7, 14, 21, & 28, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m., Room M-50*

Practice your English conversation skills with friends. This program is for adults who speak basic English. Please register online.

### **CUPERTINO -- 10800 Torre Avenue**

#### **Family Storytime**

*Wednesdays, February 1, 8, 15 & 22, 7 – 7:30 p.m., Room 101*

*Saturdays, February 4, 11, 18 & 25, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Room 101*

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.

#### **Preschool Storytime**

*Thursdays, February 2, 9, 16 & 23, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Room 101*

This storytime is suitable for kids ages 3-5 years old, and will feature stories, songs, rhymes and dances that encourage the development of early literacy skills. Limited to the first 100 families.

### **Knit-Alongs at Cupertino Library**

*Fridays, February 3, 10, 17, & 24, 3 – 4:30 p.m., Room 201B, Second Floor*

All knitters and crocheters are welcome to drop in. Meet new friends, start new projects, or finish old ones. Participants need to bring their own needles and/or crochet hooks and yarn. No personal instruction will be provided.

### **Teen Machine Learning Workshop (ages 14-17)**

*Saturdays, February 4 & 11, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Room 201A, Second Floor*

This course covers the essentials of Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence, ranging from thinking like an AI to implementing your own deep neural networks. This program is math-oriented and requires participants to have a knowledge of Algebra 2/Trigonometry. This is a two-part workshop. Please plan to attend both sessions.

### **SVR Movie Screening: Daughter of a Lost Bird**

*Sunday, February 5, 2 – 3 p.m., Room 201A*

Kendra, an adult Native adoptee, reconnects with her birth family, discovers her Lummi heritage and confronts issues of her own identity. Please register.

### **SVR Storywalk: Coquí in the City**

*Monday, February 6 – Thursday, March 30, Outside*

Visit Cupertino Library and go for a walk, all while reading the Silicon Valley Reads featured book, [\*Coquí in the City\*](#) by Nomar Perez.

### **Storytime for Babies (ages 0-1)**

*Mondays, February 6, 13, & 27, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Room 101A*

This storytime features stories and songs that encourage the development of early literacy skills. Storytime is limited to the first 25 babies with a maximum of two adults per family.

### **ESL Conversation Club**

*Tuesdays, February 7, 14, & 28, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Room 201A, Second Floor*

Practice your English conversation skills with friends. This program is for adults who speak basic English. Please register online.

### **Toddler Storytime at Cupertino Library**

*Tuesdays, February 7, 14, 21, & 28, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Room 101*

This storytime is suitable for kids ages 1-2 years old, and will feature stories, songs, rhymes and dances that encourage the development of early literacy skills. Limited to the first 100 families.

### **Non-Fiction Book Discussion**

*Sunday, February 12, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Room 201A, Second Floor*

Join us for our new monthly book discussion group. We will be discussing [Shadow Divers](#) by Robert Kurson. Copies are available at the Adult Reference Desk.

### **Beginning Birding and Migration**

*Tuesday, February 14, 4 – 5 p.m., Room 201A, Second Floor*

The Bay Area is an amazing area for birding! Get started on your birding adventure with the Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society, and learn the tools of birding, useful field marks and some of our more common species.

### **Adult Book Discussion**

*Thursday, February 16, 7 – 8:15 p.m., Room 201A, Second Floor*

We will be discussing [The Sentence](#) by Louise Erdrich.

### **Opera San Jose**

*Saturday, February 18, 2 – 3 p.m., Room 101*

Singers from Opera San Jose will perform dazzling arias from some of the greatest operatic works.

### **Lunar New Year Calligraphy Class**

*Saturday, February 18, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.*

Our instructor will be teaching the art of traditional Chinese calligraphy basics including holding a brush, writing basics, and learning New Year sayings. Please register.

## **GILROY -- 350 W. Sixth Street**

### **Snack Break for Kids**

*Mondays-Fridays through May, 3 – 4 p.m., Pick up near Accounts Desk*

Kids ages 18 and under are welcomed to pick up an afterschool snack, while supplies last. No registration necessary.

### **Resilient Families 6-Class Bilingual Session/Familias Resilientes Sesión Bilingüe de 6 Clases**

*Weds., February 1 to March 8, 6 – 8 p.m./los miércoles, 1 de febrero al 8 de marzo, 6 – 8 p.m.*

Do you have a child 0-3 years old? Do you want to learn how to handle stress and create a support network? Help your child feel safe, secure, and loved and better prepared to start school! Please register to reserve your spot. Walk-ins welcome as space allows.

¿Tiene un niño de 0 a 3 años? ¿Quieres aprender a manejar el estrés y crear una red de apoyo? ¡Ayude a su hijo a sentirse seguro, amado y mejor preparado para comenzar la escuela! Por favor regístrese para reservar su lugar. Todos sin reserva son bienvenidos según lo permita el espacio.

### **Storytime at Gilroy Library**

*Thursdays, February 2, 9, 16, & 23, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Ground Floor Children’s Activity Room*

Join us for stories, songs and more. Space is limited.

### **Knitting and Crochet Weekly Meetup**

*Thursdays, February 2, 9, 16, & 23, 1 – 4 p.m., Upstairs Quiet Study B*

Join us for an informal weekly drop-in knitting and crochet circle. Bring your projects, ask questions, get help, share ideas and meet new people!

### **Silicon Valley Reads Book Discussion**

*Friday, February 3, 10:15 – 11:15 a.m., Upstairs Quiet Study B*

We will discuss the Silicon Valley Reads selected title, [\*The Second Life of Mirielle West\*](#) by Amanda Skanandore.

### **Safe Space Meeting for LGBTQ+ Youth**

*Fridays, February 3 & 17, 4 – 6 p.m., First Floor Meeting Room*

This in-person support group is for youth and young adults (ages 13-25). Play games, participate in group activities and discussions and build community. No registration necessary.

### **Financial Planning Consultations and Workshop**

*Saturday, February 4, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., Community Room*

Sign up for a 30-minute personal consultation with a Certified Financial Planner from the FPA of Silicon Valley. Appointments are available from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. and the financial workshop is from 12 – 1 p.m. Registration is required for the personal consultation. Registration is not needed for the financial workshop.

### **Tales of a Local 19<sup>th</sup> Century Gunfighter**

*Saturday, February 11, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Upstairs Community Room*

Learn about John Hicks Adams, who was elected to 5 terms as Santa Clara County Sheriff. His career included the capture of the Ingram Partisan Rangers, Confederate sympathizers and stagecoach robbers.

**Nest Box Building (Kids Ages 8-12)**

*Saturday, February 11, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., the Nest in Children’s Area*

The Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society will help you build a nest box to provided needed nesting for birds. Please register. Parents are encouraged to help child put the nest kit together.

**Sun’s Kung Fu Academy: Lion Dance**

*Saturday, February 11, 1 – 1:30 p.m.*

Join us for a special performance. Lion dances are often performed during special occasions or celebrations, or a Grand Opening for good luck.

**Open Poetry Readings with Garlicky Group of Poets**

*Saturday, February 11, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Downstairs Meeting Room*

Read whatever poetry you want to and join in related discussions. No registration required.

**Farmacology Book Discussion with Sustainable Food Advocate**

*Sunday, February 12, 3 – 4 p.m., Outside Courtyard*

Rescheduled from the January date. Join us to talk about the book, [Farmacology](#), then hear from sustainable food advocate Peter Ruddock. Please register.

**Master Gardeners**

*Saturday, February 18, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Upstairs Quiet Study B*

Now is the time to start planning your tomato garden. Increase your success with the help of UCCE Master Gardener Joan Cloutier.

**Brain Exercises & Health Screenings**

*Saturday, February 18, 12 – 2 p.m.*

Learn the fundamentals of yoga breathing, or get health screenings such as blood pressure, pulse oximeter and pulmonary function testing.

**Beginning Birding with the Audubon Society**

*Saturday, February 18, 2 – 3 p.m., Quiet Room B*

The Bay Area is an amazing area for birding! Get started on your birding adventure with the Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society, and learn the tools of birding, useful field marks and some of our more common species.

**Principles of Modern Photography**

*Saturday, February 25, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Upstairs Community Room*

Learn the basics principles of photography including composition, rule of thirds, natural frames, light, color, timing and storytelling. Please register.

### **Lunar New Year Calligraphy Class**

*Saturday, February 25, 2 – 3 p.m.*

Our instructor will be teaching the art of traditional Chinese calligraphy basics including holding a brush, writing basics, and learning New Year sayings. Please register.

### **ESL Class Session**

*Mondays and Wednesdays, Feb. 27-May 17, 6 – 8 p.m., Upstairs Computer Training Lab*

*Los lunes y miércoles, del 27 de febrero al 17 de mayo, 6 a 8 p.m.*

Join us to learn and improve your English listening and speaking skills. This class is for high beginners to low intermediate. We will schedule testing to determine your level before and after the class session.

Únase a nosotros para aprender y mejorar sus habilidades para escuchar y hablar en inglés. Esta sesión de clase es para principiantes altos a intermedios bajos. Programaremos pruebas para determinar su nivel antes y después de la sesión de clase.

### **The Neutral Zone**

*Tuesday, February 28, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Upstairs Quiet Study Room B*

The Neutral Zone is a space for children ages 8-12 who have been impacted by divorce or separation. Join us to participate in games, activities and discussions. There are eight meetings. We encourage participants to attend all of them. Register online.

## **LOS ALTOS -- 13 S. San Antonio Road**

### **The Whodunit? Mystery Book Club**

*Wednesday, February 1, 10:15 – 11:30 a.m., Teen Room*

We will be discussing [\*The Searcher\*](#) by Tana French.

### **Bilingual Spanish Storytime**

*Fridays, February 3, 10, 17, & 24, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard Room*

Join us for stories, songs, and movement in Spanish and English.

### **Baby Sign Time**

*Saturday, February 4, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard Room*

Babies under a year old and their grownups are welcome to sing songs and learn signs to share with your baby. Please bring a blanket for your baby.

### **SVR Storywalk: Coquí in the City**

*Monday, February 6 – Thursday, March 30, Outside*

Go for a walk while reading the Silicon Valley Reads featured book, [\*Coquí in the City\*](#).

### **Bobbin Wranglers Sewing Club**

*Monday, February 6, 7 – 9 p.m.*

Every month we will learn new skills and create a simple project from start to finish. Please bring your own supplies. Each month we will discuss what will be needed for the next project.

### **Indoor Family Storytime**

*Tuesdays, February 7, 14, 21\*, & 28\*\*, 10:30 – 11 a.m. and 11 – 11:30 a.m., Orchard Room*

This interactive 20-minute storytime features songs, stories, fingerplays and more. Due to limited seating, we will begin handing out free tickets starting at 10 a.m. If you can't make the 10:30 storytime, we will have a second at 11 a.m.

\*Join our February 21 program at 10:30 a.m., celebrity storytime with Supervisor Joe Simitian.

\*\*Join our February 28 program at 10:30 a.m., celebrity storytime with Los Altos Councilmember Lynette Lee Eng.

### **Valentine Crafternoon Drop-In**

*Wednesday, February 8, 3 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room*

Children and their families are invited to have fun making Valentine cards.

### **Inspirational Moments with Joan Sparks**

*Wednesday, February 8, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard Room*

Wildlife photographer Joan Sparks will share inspirational moments with her camera.

### **Page Turners Book Club for Grades 4-6**

*Thursday, February 16, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room*

We are discussing [Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH](#) by Robert C. O'Brien. Please register then stop by the Children's Reference Desk to check out a copy of the book.

### **Bay Area Games Day**

*Saturday, February 18, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m., Orchard Room*

Stop by and learn how to play a new board game or bring an old favorite.

### **Book Bugs Club (Grades 2-3)**

*Tuesday, February 21, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room*

We will discuss [Mystery of the Gold Coin](#) by Harper Paris, then make a fun craft.

### **Book Talk for Kids (Grades 4-8)**

*Wednesday, February 22, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room*

Bring your favorite book that you can recommend to the group, and learn from each other!

### **A Glimpse at UNESCO World Heritage Sites**

*Wednesday, February 22, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard Room*

Veteran traveler David Couzens will narrate a photographic tour of more than 100 UNESCO World Heritage sites, such as the Taj Mahal to the Neolithic ruins on the Orkney Islands in Scotland.

### **Furry Friends Reading Buddies**

*Saturday, February 25, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m., Orchard Room*

Come practice your reading skills and read aloud to a friendly dog or cat. Please register.

### **Retiring: A New Beginning**

*Tuesday, February 28, 1 – 2 p.m.*

With retirement lasting an average of 30 years, retirement is a new beginning! Two aging experts will share the stages of retirement, latest research, and how lifestyle choices can help shape your best golden years. Please register.

### **Silicon Valley Reads Book Discussion**

*Tuesday, February 28, 7 – 8:15 p.m., Orchard Room*

We will discuss the Silicon Valley Reads selected title, [\*The Second Life of Mirielle West\*](#) by Amanda Skanandore.

## **MILPITAS -- 160 N. Main Street**

### **Fun with Art Presented by First5 Santa Clara County**

*Wednesday, February 1, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Activity Room*

This program is geared toward children ages 2-5 and their caregivers. Come make some art with us and learn about available resources at the resource center.

### **Internet Safety Class for Adults**

*Wednesday, February 1, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Computer Training Lab*

Professional instructors from Community Tech Network will go over password management and security. Use a library computer or bring your tablet or smartphone. This class is topic-focused; there will be no device usage training. Please register.

### **Qi Gong Meditation & Exercise Classes**

*Wednesdays, February 1, 8, 15 & 22, 2 – 4 p.m., Auditorium*

Relieve stress and anxiety, increase energy and vitality and improve physical health during these exercise sessions.

### **Toddler Storytime**

*Thursdays, February 2, 9, 16, & 23, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Activity Room*

This storytime is geared to 1-2 year olds, and features lots of movement, singing and action.

### **Crafts Around the World**

*Thursday, February 2, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Activity Room*

Let's craft around the world! This month will be a chalk drawing of the beautiful Northern Lights. Register online.

### **Knit & Crochet Circle**

*Fridays, February 3, 10, 17, & 24, 2 – 4 p.m., Conference Room*

Meet other yarn lovers while working on your latest project, get help when you're stuck and share ideas. Instruction available in English, Hindi, Punjabi and Gujarati. No registration required. Materials not provided.

### **LGBTQ Social Space**

*Friday, February 3, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m., Conference Room*

Enjoy good company, snacks, and fun as we socialize and make new friends.

### **Family Storytime**

*Saturdays, February 4, 11, 18, & 25, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Activity Room*

Early literacy focus is on picture books, flannel board stories, fingerplays and an early introduction to group dynamics and socialization.

### **STEM Building with LEGO**

*Mondays, February 6, 13, & 27, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Activity Room*

Kids in grades K-8 are invited to drop by and have fun building with LEGOs. No registration needed.

### **Baby Bouncers Lapsit**

*Tuesdays, February 7, 14, 21, & 28, 11:30 – 11:45 a.m., Activity Room*

This program has an early literacy focus on traditional nursery rhymes, lap bounces, body rhymes, songs, very short and simple picture books.

### **Ready, Set, Kindergarten! Storytime**

*Thursday, February 9, 16, & 23, 6 – 7 p.m., Activity Room*

This special storytime provides children and their caregivers activities and resources to get ready for kindergarten.

### **Valentine's Craft for Grades K-5**

*Friday, February 10, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Activity Room*

Join us at Cupid's workshop and make your very own Valentine craft. All supplies will be provided. Register online.

### **LGBTQ Movie Night**

*Friday, February 17, 4:30 – 7 p.m., Activity Room*

We are hosting a screening of Spoiler Alert. Bring a friend or family member to this free and inclusive event for all.

### **Celebrate Black History Month**

*Wednesday, February 22, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Activity Room*

Children's author Thomishia Booker will lead us in learning Black history facts, arts, crafts and more. Register online.

### **Book Discussion Group**

*Wednesday, February 22, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m., Auditorium*

We will discuss [\*Between the World and Me\*](#) by Ta-Nehisi Coates.

### **Gaming Tournament (Grades 4-8)**

*Thursday, February 23, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Computer Training Room*

Play various games on Roblox and participate in a tournament.

### **The Peaceful Poets**

*Thursday, February 23, 5:30 – 8 p.m., Conference Room*

Join this group of writers and appreciators of poetry.

### **Lunar New Year Calligraphy Class**

*Saturday, February 25, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.*

Our instructor will be teaching the art of traditional Chinese calligraphy basics including holding a brush, writing basics, and learning New Year sayings. Please register.

### **Reading Buddies for Grades K-5**

*Saturday, February 25, 2 – 3 p.m., Activity Room*

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

### **Bilingual Chinese Storytime**

*Tuesday, February 28, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Activity Room*

Children’s librarian Jennifer will read stories and lead children with songs, a flannel board story, finger play, games and a craft project. Jennifer 將為小朋友讀圖畫故事書,唱兒歌,用絨佈板講故事,手指謠,玩遊戲和做美勞。

## **MORGAN HILL -- 660 W. Main Avenue**

### **Snack Break**

*Mondays-Thursdays, 3 – 4 p.m.*

Free afterschool snacks available for kids ages 0-18, while supplies last. No registration necessary.

### **Family Storytime**

*Thursdays, February 2, 9, 16, & 23, 10:15 – 10:45 a.m., Children’s Activity Room*

Join us for stories, music, movement and more!

### **Bilingual Storytime**

*Saturdays, February 4, 11, 18, & 25, 10:15 – 10:45 a.m., Children’s Activity Room*

Join us for stories, music, movement and more in English and Spanish!

### **Shining Bright**

*Saturday, February 4, 3 – 4 p.m.*

Local author Thomishia Booker will lead us through a storytime, craft and lesson on how to love yourself.

### **SVR Storywalk: Coquí in the City**

*Monday, February 6 – Thursday, March 30, Outside*

Visit Morgan Hill Library and go for a walk, all while reading the Silicon Valley Reads featured book, [Coquí in the City](#).

### **LEGO Club**

*Tuesdays, February 7, 14, 21, & 28, 3 – 4 p.m.*

Use LEGOs to build whatever you want, or based on our weekly theme. Creations will be displayed until our next meeting. LEGOs available for ages 2+. No registration required.

### **First Tuesday Knit-In**

*Tuesday, February 7, 6:45 – 8:45 p.m., Community Room*

New knitters can get advice and assistance, while advanced knitters can provide assistance and meet new friends in the community.

### **Kindness Valentine's**

*Wednesday, February 8, 3 – 4:30 p.m.*

Children of all ages and their caregivers are invited to a card-making event. Bring your imagination and we will provide all the supplies.

### **Safe Space Meeting for LGBTQ+ Youth**

*Fridays, February 10 & 24, 4 – 5:30 p.m.*

This in-person support group is for youth and young adults (ages 13-25). Play games, participate in group activities and discussions and build community. No registration necessary.

### **Homemade Candles, Salts & Scrubs with Safe Space**

*Friday, February 10, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Program Room*

The LGBTQ+ Youth Space will be making beeswax candles, bath salts and body scrubs. For youth ages 13-25. Please register.

### **Sun's Kung Fu Academy: Lion Dance**

*Saturday, February 11, 11:15 – 11:45 a.m.*

Join us for a special performance. Lion dances are often performed during special occasions or celebrations, or a Grand Opening for good luck.

### **SVR Author Visit: Kai Harris**

*Sunday, February 12, 1 – 2 p.m.*

Join us for an author talk followed by Q & A with Kai Harris, author of the Silicon Valley Reads featured book, [What the Fireflies Knew](#). Register online.

### **Zumba**

*Mondays, February 13 & 27, 6 – 7 p.m.*

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, February 21, 5 – 7 p.m.*

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

### **Great Decisions**

*Tuesday, February 21, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., Program Room*

Join the Morgan Hill Library and the Great Decisions group to discuss, develop awareness, understanding and informed options of U.S. foreign policy and global issues.

### **WERC: Feathers, Fur & Scales**

*Saturday, February 25, 2 – 3 p.m.*

The Wildlife Education and Rehabilitation Center will introduce participants to the similarities and differences between mammals, birds, and reptiles.

### **Principles of Modern Photography**

*Sunday, February 26, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.*

Learn the basics principles of photography including composition, rule of thirds, natural frames, light, color, timing and storytelling. Please register.

## **SARATOGA -- 13650 Saratoga Avenue**

### **New Art in Saratoga Lobby**

*Through March 25*

Stop by the Saratoga Library lobby to enjoy our new art display, unique gourd art by Saratoga resident Christy Tsai.

### **Knit & Crochet Circle**

*Wednesday, February 1, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room*

Join us for our first ever, monthly event. Bring your own projects, ask questions, receive or give help, share ideas, and meet new people.

### **Baby Storytime**

*Fridays, February 3, 10, 17, & 24, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Orchard Room*

Join us for stories, rhymes, fingerplays and songs. Because seating is limited, please line up facing the “Stroller Parking” sign.

### **Family Storytime for All Ages**

*Tuesdays, February 7, 14, 21, & 28, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Orchard Room*

Join us for stories, rhymes, fingerplays and songs. Because seating is limited, please line up facing the “Stroller Parking” sign.

### **Chinese Book Club/中文書友會**

*Wednesday, February 8, 10:15 a.m. – 12 p.m.*

We will discuss [安靜, 就是力量: 內向者如何發揮積極的力量 \(Quiet\)](#) by Susan Cain. The discussion will be held in Mandarin. 參與者可選讀中文或英文版, 討論則將以中文為主.

### **Drop in Bridge Session**

*Fridays, February 10 & 24, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.*

Come play bridge with us! This is not an instructional class, it is a way to practice in a friendly environment.

### **Grow Your Business Safely Online**

*Monday, February 13, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Community Room*

Learn about cyber security for your business. Topics include phishing, identity safety, online scams and data bleed. Please register.

### **Mandarin/English Storytime**

*Thursday, February 16, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Orchard Room*

Introduce your child to Mandarin by joining us for fun Mandarin/English stories, rhymes, fingerplays and songs. No registration required.

### **Teatime Book Chatter**

*Thursday, February 16, 1 – 2 p.m.*

We will be reading and discussing [Homegoing](#) by Yaa Gyasi. Stop by the Adult Reference Desk to register and pick up a copy of the book.

### **Family Bingo**

*Friday, February 17, 4 – 5 p.m., Community Room*

Join us for bingo! There are fun prizes to be won and good times to be had!

### **Lunar New Year Calligraphy Class**

*Saturday, February 18, 2 – 3 p.m.*

Our instructor will be teaching the art of traditional Chinese calligraphy basics including holding a brush, writing basics, and learning New Year sayings. Please register.

### **Fall Colors, Hot Springs & a Foodie Tour of Japan**

*Tuesday, February 21, 7:15 – 8:30 p.m.*

November is a great time to visit Japan and see the fall colors. Join our guide on a tour of Kyushu, Shikoku and Honshu following the fall colors, stopping at hot springs and tasting the culinary delights.

### **Spanish/English Storytime**

*Thursday, February 23, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Orchard Room*

Introduce your child to Spanish by joining us for fun Spanish/English stories, rhymes, fingerplays and songs. No registration required.

### **Executive Order 9066 Film and Panel Discussion**

*Saturday, February 25, 2 – 3 p.m., Community Room*

Executive Order 9066 authorized the forced removal of all persons deemed a threat to national security from the West Coast to relocation centers. Join us to watch a film about E.O. 9066 and its impact on their families. Please register.

## **SERVICES & SUPPORT CENTER – 1370 Dell Avenue, Campbell**

### **Reading Program Orientation**

*Wednesday, February 15, 1 – 2 p.m. and 5 – 6 p.m.*

SCCLD's adult literacy program is looking for tutors to work one-on-one with adult learners who wish to improve their reading, writing, and speaking skills. Learn more at our orientation. Please register at [readingprogram@sccl.org](mailto:readingprogram@sccl.org).

## **WOODLAND – 1975 Grant Road**

### **Family Storytime**

*Sunday, February 12, 11:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.*

Join us in the backyard of the library or inside (depending on the weather) for Valentine stories, songs, fingerplays, and general fun.

## **ONLINE EVENTS (Please register online)**

### **Online English Conversation Club**

*Thursdays, February 2, 9, 16, & 23, 11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.*

Meet new friends and practice English together.

### **Virtual Yoga for Adults**

*Fridays, February 3 and 17, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.*

We will be doing vinyasa yoga, which seamlessly connects each yoga post to the next through a series of breaths. No experience necessary.

### **Black History Month: Aviation Pioneer Bessie Coleman**

*Wednesday, February 8, 7 – 8 p.m.*

Bessie Coleman was the first woman of African American descent and the first of Native American descent to hold a pilot's license. Learn about her life in a one-woman show performed by actress Betty Jewell Slater.

### **Bookshare: What Are YOU Reading?**

*Tuesday, February 14, 7 – 8 p.m.*

Come and share what titles you have been enjoying. No limit on genre.

### **Silicon Valley Reads Online Book Club**

*Wednesday, February 22, 6 – 7 p.m.*

We will discuss the Silicon Valley Reads selected title, [\*The Second Life of Mirielle West\*](#) by Amanda Skanandore.

# Los Altos and Woodland Libraries

February 2023



# Welcome Vicki Sheu!

We are very excited to welcome Vicki Sheu back to Los Altos and Woodland to work out of class as Supervising Librarian for adult and teen services. Vicki has worked as a children's services librarian at Cupertino, adult services librarian at Los Altos, and more recently as collection development librarian. Vicki lives in San Jose with her husband, two children, and two cats. She loves running, hiking, and yoga.

# Items Checked Out

	Los Altos Library	Woodland Branch Library
January 2022	42,750	7,220
February 2022	40,749	6,799
March 2022	43,485	7,031
April 2022	43,914	7,808
May 2022	41,928	7,304
June 2022	46,824	8,252
July 2022	48,862	8,609
August 2022	49,391	8,398
September 2022	46,112	8,205
October 2022	42,619	7,465
November 2022	40,725	7,818
<b>December 2022</b>	<b>43,018</b>	<b>7,708</b>

# Items Checked In

	Los Altos Library	Woodland Branch Library
January 2022	41,658	8,861
February 2022	37,522	7,870
March 2022	42,087	8,804
April 2022	40,453	8,822
May 2022	40,965	9,082
June 2022	44,494	9,614
July 2022	46,457	10,121
August 2022	46,207	9,935
September 2022	45,179	9,698
October 2022	42,343	9,880
November 2022	40,670	9,445
<b>December 2022</b>	<b>40,950</b>	<b>9,605</b>

# Patrons Served Online

	Los Altos Library	Woodland Branch Library
January 2022	9,282	1,606
February 2022	8,942	1,540
March 2022	9,174	1,569
April 2022	9,060	1,547
May 2022	9,185	1,589
June 2022	9,476	1,646
July 2022	9,677	1,640
August 2022	9,912	1,696
September 2022	9,757	1,653
October 2022	9,526	1,609
November 2022	9,936	1,649
<b>December 2022</b>	<b>9,875</b>	<b>1,646</b>

# Patrons Served In Person

	Los Altos Library	Woodland Branch Library
January 2022	7,981	1,812
February 2022	7,308	1,569
March 2022	8,373	1,788
April 2022	8,296	1,889
May 2022	8,201	1,780
June 2022	8,812	1,896
July 2022	9,008	1,994
August 2022	9,429	1,995
September 2022	8,648	1,910
October 2022	8,367	1,759
November 2022	7,739	1,766
<b>December 2022</b>	<b>8,145</b>	<b>1,877</b>



# Lion Dancers





# Open Access

## Sign up for free today!

Pick up holds, browse the collection, relax and read, or use the WiFi, computers, printers and copy machines.

Visit Woodland Branch Library to sign up

Los Altos Library  
13 S. San Antonio Road  
Los Altos, CA 94022

[www.sccl.d.org/losaltos](http://www.sccl.d.org/losaltos)

650.948.7683  
[lamngr@sccl.org](mailto:lamngr@sccl.org)



## Woodland Branch Library

Open Access privileges provide 3 additional hours of self-service access at Woodland Branch.

(8 am to 11 a.m)

Sundays, Tuesdays & Thursdays  
(excluding holidays)



Access the library early by simply scanning your library card.

Check out the online library 24/7:  
<https://sccl.d.org>

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Today and Tomorrow!*

PO Box 367 Los Altos, CA 94023-0367  
[www.lalendow.org](http://www.lalendow.org)

# Open Access Updates

- SCCLD Newsletter
- City Manager Newsletter
- Email to Los Altos and Woodland Patrons
- Publicity at both libraries
- Over 80 sign-ups since November 20
- So far patrons are using Open Access for work meetings, quiet time/reading, checking out holds, checking out holds, browsing the collection
- Thank you to LALE for funding the first year of the subscription service

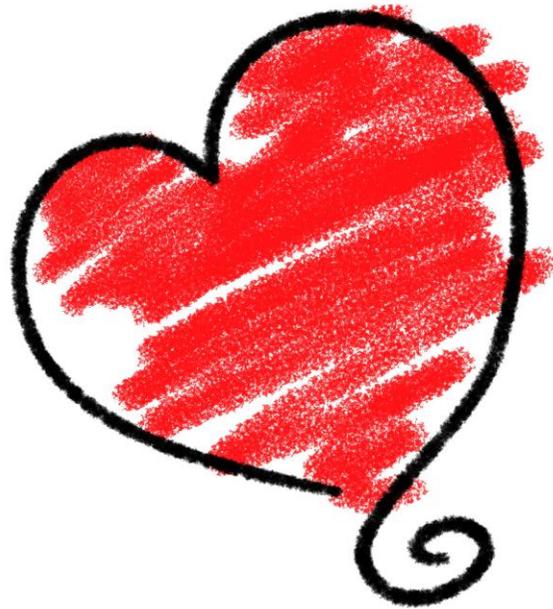
# ADULT & TEEN PROGRAMS



- Wednesday, Feb 8 at 7:00 pm - Photography: Inspirational Moments with Joan Sparks
- Saturday, February 11 at 3:00 pm - Artist Reception with Maddy McBirney
- Lunar Landing Sites- Past and Future - Thursday, February 16 at 7:00 pm
- Wednesday, Feb 22 at 7:00 pm- Wednesday Travel Nights: A Glimpse of UNESCO World Heritage Sites
- Tuesday, February 28 at 7:00 pm- Silicon Valley Reads Book Discussion- The Second Life of Miriella West by Amanda Skenandore

<https://scclld.org/events>

# Children's Programs

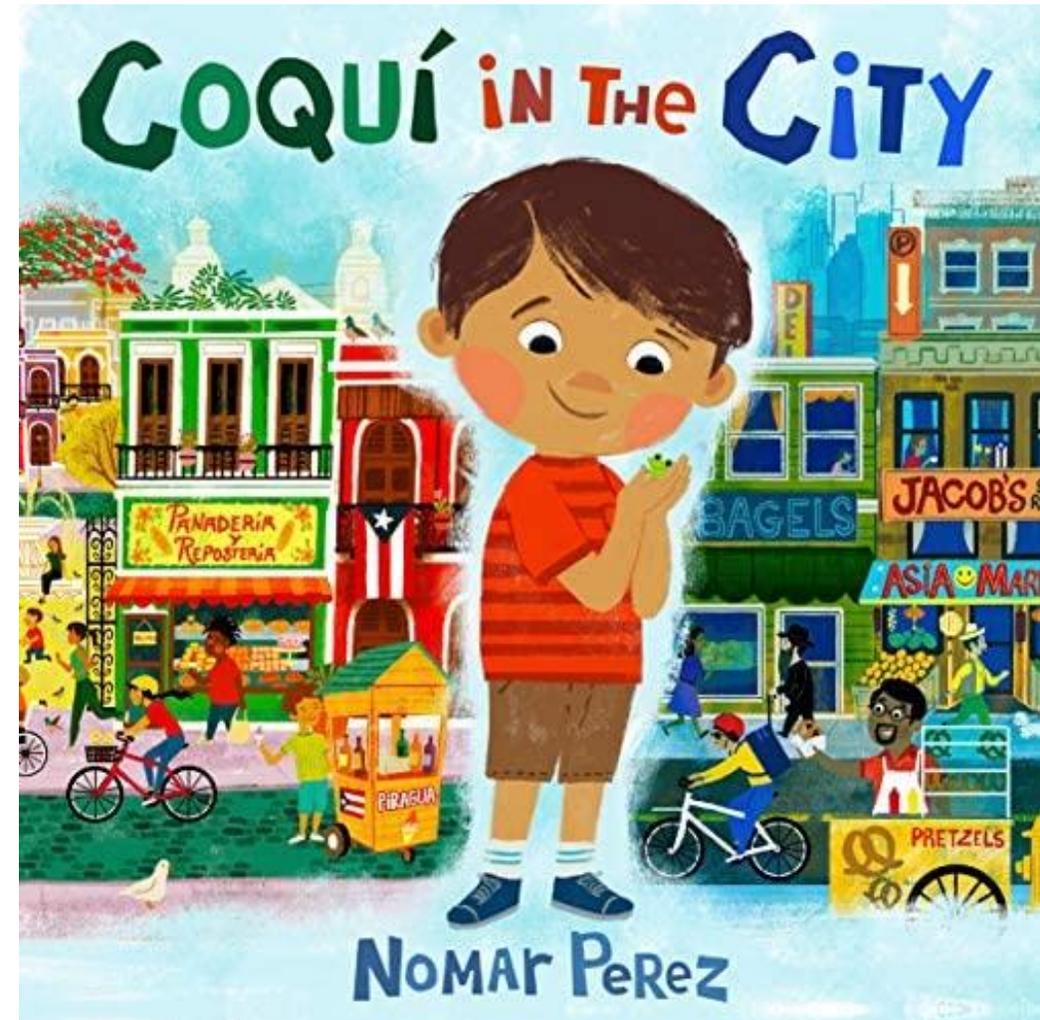


- ▶ **Baby Sign (2/4 at 10:30 am)**
- ▶ **Valentine Craft Afternoon Drop-In (2/8 at 3:00 pm)**
- ▶ **Page Turners Book Club for Grades 4-6 (2/16 at 4:00 pm)**
- ▶ **Book Bugs Club for 2nd and 3rd Graders (2/21 at 4:00 pm)**
- ▶ **Furry Friends Reading Buddies (2/25 at 2:30 pm)**

# Silicon Valley Reads Storytime Special guest Supervisor Joe Simitian

Tuesday, February 21 at 10:30 AM

► Join the Children's Librarians for a fun, interactive 20-minute family storytime indoors in the Orchard Room on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. We will sing songs, read stories, practice our fingerplays, and more! We will have a second family storytime at 11:00 a.m. to accommodate those who weren't able to attend our 10:30 storytime.



# Children's Storytimes

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Indoor Family Storytime - Tuesdays at  
10:30 and 11:00 at Los Altos Library

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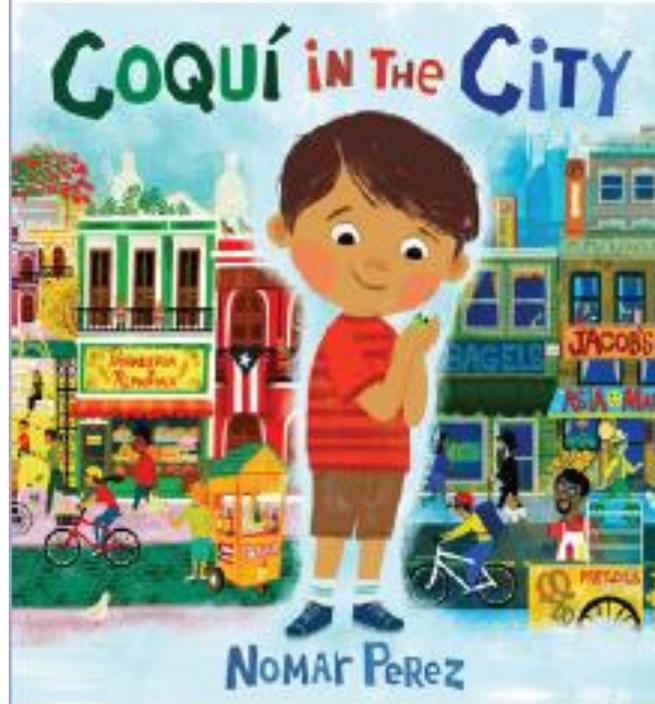
Bilingual Spanish Storytime Fridays at  
10:30 at Los Altos Library

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Sunday, Feb 12 at 11:30 - Valentines  
Storytime at Woodland Branch Library

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# StoryWalk® at Los Altos Library



February 6 - March 30

Silicon Valley Reads presents: A StoryWalk® with Coquí in the City! Come to the Los Altos Library and go for a walk, all while reading “Coquí in the City” page by page!

## Welcome to the Los Altos Library StoryWalk!™

Let's read **Coquí in the City!** Written and illustrated by Nomar Perez  
a 2023 Silicon Valley Reads Pick



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