



## **LIBRARY COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA**

**6:30 PM - Thursday, January 05, 2023**

*Teleconference*

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### ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION

1. **Minutes:** Approve minutes of the regular meeting of December 1, 2022
2. **Work Plan Update:** Discuss updates to work plan
3. **NCLA Future Spending:** Discussion with NCLA representative Cindy Hill about future spending of NCLA funds
4. **Special Meeting:** Discuss scheduling a special meeting in January or February

### COMMUNITY PARTNER UPDATES

5. **Los Altos Library Endowment (LALE) Update:** Receive updates from LALE representative
6. **Friends of the Library Update:** Receive updates from Friends of the Library representative
7. **North County Library Authority (NCLA) Update:** Receive updates from NCLA representative

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

8. **Santa Clara County Library District Presentations:** Receive information and updates from County Staff
9. **Main Library Staff Report:** Receive information and updates from Main Library Staff
10. **City Staff Update:** Receive updates from City Staff
11. **Subcommittee Reports:**
  - A. Awareness
  - B. Infrastructure
  - C. Futures
  - D. Services
12. **Requests for Future Agenda Items**

### ADJOURNMENT

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## LIBRARY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

6:30 PM - Thursday, July 07, 2022

*Teleconference*

### ESTABLISH QUORUM

Meeting called to order by Chair Crane at 6:30pm

**Present:** Chair Crane, Vice Chair Wheeler, Commissioners Carter, Dixit, Bedard, 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 November 3, 2022

**Public Comment:** None.

**Action:** Upon a motion by Vice Chair Wheeler and a second by Commissioner Carter, the minutes of the regular meeting of November 3, 2022, were accepted as written.

Approve: Crane, Wheeler, Carter, Dixit, Bedard, 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:** By unanimous agreement, this item was postponed to the January 2023 meeting.

3. **Subcommittees:** Discuss current subcommittees and subcommittee assignments

**Public Comment:** None

**Action:** Current subcommittee assignments and future wishes were discussed.

4. **Woodland Library Patio:** Discuss expanded Woodland Library patio project

**Public Comment:** None

**Action:** Chair Wheeler moved to approve the Woodland Expanded Patio Project as presented. Commissioner carter seconded that motion.

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

Oppose: None

Abstain: None

Motion passes, unanimously: 6-0-0

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  - D. Services

**11. Requests for Future Agenda Items**

- a. Work plan
- b. NCLA Update
- c. Discussion of January Special Meeting

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commission Bedard adjourned the meeting at 7:46pm

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# 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
<b>Workplan</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assist Subcommittees and Staff Liaison with Workplan as needed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Workplan has been updated and will be submitted to Council</li> </ul>

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<b>Workplan</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue to assist Subcommittees and Staff Liaison with Workplan as needed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In progress</li> </ul>

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# Questions?







## **LIBRARY COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING**

**MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2020 - 4:30 P.M.**

Grant Community Center, Room 3  
1575 Holt Avenue, Los Altos, California

A majority of the North County Library Authority (NCLA) Commission and/or the North County Library Authority Library Redevelopment Task Force may be in attendance. No action by either legislative body will be taken at this meeting.

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### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

1. Roundtable Introductions
2. Comments from NCLA
3. Presentation by NCLA Library Redevelopment Task Force
4. Presentation by Consultant – TBWB
5. Discussion of roadmap for the next 9 months
6. Discussion and definition of each organization's role and budget

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January 2023  
Library Stakeholder Report  
Jennifer Weeks, County Librarian

## SCCLD Rated #2 Large Library System in Country

For the fifteenth year in a row SCCLD was named a Star Library by *Library Journal Index of Public Library Service 2022*, earning a top ranking of five stars. SCCLD was further honored with the [second highest ranking](#) of any library system in the U.S. with a budget of over \$30 million. SCCLD moved from 5th in 2021 to 2nd in 2022.



This is a wonderful way to wrap up the year and recognize the hard work and dedication of the entire SCCLD team. SCCLD brings their “A” game every day and this declaration is recognition of that. We are extremely proud of the tremendous effort that went into improving upon our already excellent service and we thank you, our stakeholders for your continued support.

The factors going into the rankings were library item circulation rates (both physical and eMaterials), library visits and program attendance, public computer users and Wi-Fi sessions, electronic retrievals and website visits, plus service populations.

## Health Topic Focus for Library Events

January is traditionally a time when many people commit to new healthy habits, be that around their diet, exercise, or other lifestyle changes. The Library is here to help, with a number of events that you will find in our



monthly Calendar on such topics as planning healthy meals, preventing diabetes, managing arthritis, and detecting cancer early among our online course options. Our libraries are also offering in-person programming, like Gilroy Library’s Alzheimer’s warning signs class and sustainable food book discussion, Los Altos Library’s sessions on low-waste living and eating healthy for all, and Milpitas Library’s meditation and exercise class. You can also check out our monthly [Health & Fitness booklists for adults](#), which includes the latest in titles that might be of interest to you in your journey.

## New Way to Explore our Libraries Virtually

SCCLD has a new [Virtual Library Tours page](#) where patrons can view short videos about each library and Bookmobile describing their basic services and special features. There are also separate videos highlighting services for children and teens. A unique feature of the page are 360-degree videos of the main spaces at each of SCCLD's libraries, which give viewers an interactive 3D perspective that's the next best thing to going in person.

**VIRTUAL LIBRARY TOURS**

[Video Tours](#) | [Children's Areas](#) | [Teen Areas](#) | [360° Virtual Tours](#) | [About the Library](#)

In an effort to better familiarize our patrons with our libraries and Bookmobile service, we have produced short videos that offer virtual tours of our seven community libraries, one branch library, and the services provided by our Bookmobile team. Strap into our libraries virtually with 360° tours. We also offer videos about our children and teen areas across our libraries, which include a description of some of the many resources and services available to these groups. Find them all below.

**Video Tours**

Please note: To view the videos in full screen mode, first click the play button, then click the square brackets icon in the bottom right corner. To exit full screen mode, click the inverted square brackets icon in the bottom right corner.

**Campbell Library**  
Campbell Express Library StoryWalks

**Cupertino Library**  
Cupertino Library Video Tour 2022

**Gilroy Library**  
Gilroy Library Video Tour

## Gilroy Librarian Honored as a Top 10 County Employee of the Year



Gilroy Library's Elizabeth Muñoz-Rosas was recognized as one of ten top County Employee Excellence Award Winners for 2022. Shown here with County Executive Dr. Jeff Smith and four County supervisors, including outgoing President of the Library Joint Powers Authority Board, Mike Wasserman, Muñoz-Rosas played a key role in bringing the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition [Dolores Huerta: Revolution in the Fields display](#) to Gilroy Library, open through January 23. In addition, she was instrumental in

creating a complementary speaker panel event featuring Dolores Huerta herself, along with film director and actor Luis Valdez, educator and author Francisco Jiménez, moderated by KRON4 reporter Damian Trujillo. This was a highly prized, highly successful in-person event with an attendance that topped 500.

**Please note: Our libraries will be closed on Monday, January 16 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Holiday**

## Silicon Valley Reads Kicks off

The [kickoff event for Silicon Valley Reads 2023](#), which will take place on January 26 at De Anza College's Vision and Performing Arts Center from 7 to 8:30 p.m. will mark two decades of celebrating reading in Santa Clara County. All three of this year's featured authors will be in attendance at the event, which will also be live streamed by the Commonwealth Club of Silicon Valley. Hear from Tommy Orange (*There There*), Amanda Skenandore (*The Second Life of Mirielle West*) and Kai Harris (*What the Fireflies Knew*). Special guest Sal Pizarro of the *Mercury News* will moderate the panel. Please register if you are interested in attending this one of its kind panel event or view the live stream.



Those attending the kickoff event in person are invited to enjoy a related exhibit at the adjacent [Euphrat Museum of Art](#). "*Spaces of Belonging*" features art and poetry by local artists and organizations who have been instrumental in creating spaces of belonging and inspiring new journeys. The museum will be open 6 - 7 p.m. before the program, and after the program until 9 p.m.

In addition to the kickoff event, SCCLD will also be celebrating Silicon Valley Reads (SVR) with a special Reading Challenge that will enter participants who complete the requirements into a drawing for a \$25 prize for each age group that participates. To participate, all you need to do is [register for SVR](#) and then 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 and they include locations across the County, including libraries, schools and more. Library District events will be listed in [SCCLD's own calendar](#).

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## Celebrating the Year of the Water Rabbit

As numerous Asian American communities across Santa Clara County get ready to ring in the Lunar New Year, SCCLD is hosting several events to mark the occasion. Find full details in our [Events Calendar](#). Here are some highlights. Keep an eye out at our libraries for special displays.

- Cupertino Library: Rising Phoenix Lion Dancers. Saturday, January 14, 1:15 – 2:15 p.m.
- Los Altos Library: Rising Phoenix Lion Dancers. Saturday, January 14, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- Saratoga Library: Guzheng performance. Saturday, January 14, 11:15 a.m. – 12 p.m.  
Firebird Youth Chinese Orchestra, Saturday, January 14, 1 – 2 p.m.  
Rising Phoenix Lion Dancers. Saturday, January 14, 2 – 2:30 p.m.  
The Beauty of Chinese Calligraphy. Sunday, January 15, 2 – 3 p.m.
- Online: Virtual Taichi. All levels welcome. Saturday, January 14, 10 – 11 a.m.



## SANTA CLARA COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT JANUARY 2023 EVENTS

\* All libraries will be closed and services unavailable on Sunday and Monday, January 1 & 2 for New Year's, and on Monday, January 16 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day \*

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

#### **ESL Conversation Club**

*Tuesdays, January 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, 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.

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

*Wednesdays, January 11, 18 & 25, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard City Banquet Hall*

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

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

#### **Herstory2: The Legal History of Chinese American Women Exhibit**

*On Display through January 31, Room 201*

Learn about the fight for rights by Chinese American women before the U.S. Supreme Court and state supreme courts. Based on the book by Dr. Chang C. Chen, the exhibit is made up on panels cover the major events between 1912 and 2020 in the struggle for full equality.

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

*Fridays, January 6, 13, 20, & 27, 3 – 4:30 p.m., Room 201B, Second Floor*

All knitters and crocheters are welcome. 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.

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

*Mondays, January 9, 23, & 30, 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 2 adults per family.

### **ESL Conversation Club**

*Tuesdays, January 10, 24 & 31, 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, January 10, 17, 24, & 31, 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.

### **Chamber Music by the Bay**

*Wednesday, January 11, 4 – 5 p.m., Room 101*

Enjoy music from a string quartet, then visit the instrument petting zoo, and try a hand at the violin, viola and cello. While all ages are welcome, this program is geared to young audience members ages 10 and under.

### **Family Storytime**

*Wednesdays, January 11, 18, & 25, 7 – 7:30 p.m., Room 101*

*Saturdays, January 14, 21, & 28, 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.

### **Preschool Storytime**

*Thursdays, January 12, 19, & 26, 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.

### **CreateCU: Learn Suminagashi**

*Friday, January 13, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Room 201A*

Learn the Japanese paper marbling technique Suminagashi. All materials will be provided. This event is for adults. Register online.

### **Lion Dancing for Lunar New Year**

*Saturday, January 14, 1:15 – 2:15 p.m., Room 101*

Rising Phoenix Lion Dancing is coming to the library to help celebrate the Lunar New Year. Join us for a festive show of music, colorful costumes and playful, joyous dance.

### **Cupertino Library Adult Book Discussion**

*Thursday, January 19, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Room 201A*

We will discuss [Cloud Cuckoo Land](#) by Anthony Duerr.

### **Girls Who Code**

*Starting Tuesday, January 24, 7 – 8:45 p.m., Room 201A*

This class series is for middle and high school girls who love computers and coding. This program runs every Tuesday for the next five months. Due to the high interest for this program, there will be a drawing for participants, who will be expected to attend all of the courses.

### **Superfest Showcase**

*Saturday, January 28, 2 – 4 p.m., Room 201*

Join us for an afternoon on disability and film. All films will be shown with open captions and audio descriptions. We will be watching *Bebe A.I.*, *In the Upper Room* and *Here not Here*. Please register.

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

### **Dolores Huerta: Revolution in the Fields/Revolución en los Campos Exhibit**

*On Display through January 23, Second Floor*

Explore the life of civil rights and labor activist Dolores Huerta with this bilingual collection of historic images from the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service. See how the UFW was able to win important workplace concessions from grape-growing producers.

### **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.

### **Storytime**

*Thursdays, January 5, 12, 19, & 26, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Ground Floor Children’s Activity Room*

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

### **The 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer’s**

*Saturday, January 7, 2 – 3 p.m., Quiet Study Room B (Second Floor)*

Join us to learn about 10 common warning signs and what to watch for in yourself and others, and more. Please register. Walk-ins welcome as space allows.



### **Farmacology Book Discussion with Sustainable Food Advocate**

*Sunday, January 8, 3 – 4 p.m., Outside Courtyard*

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

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

*Tuesday, January 10, 4 – 6 p.m., Downstairs 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.

### **Immediate Guitar Workshop**

*Saturday, January 14, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Upstairs Quiet Study B*

We will review and learn the guitar notes in the first position with standard music notation. Register to attend all four sessions. This is for people ages 12+.

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

*Saturday, January 14, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Downstairs Meeting Room*

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

### **Become a Literacy Tutor for Adults**

*Wednesday, January 18, 1 – 2 p.m. and 5 – 6 p.m., Quiet Study B, Second Floor*

Learn how to help adult learners who wish to improve their reading, writing and speaking skills. Please register.

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

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

*Wednesday, January 4, 10:15 – 11:30 a.m., Teen Room*

We will be discussing [A Test of Wills](#) by Charles Todd.

### **Winter Break Movie and Craft**

*Wednesday, January 4, 2 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room*

We will watch [Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile](#), a modern twist on the classic picture book. Stay after the film to make crocodile puppets. Please arrive 30 minutes early to get your tickets for the show.

**World Affairs: NATO Expansion, the Russia-Ukraine War and the Future of European Security**

*Wednesday, January 4, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard Room*

Join us for an evening discussion on world affairs with James Goldgeier, a visiting scholar at Stanford University's Center for International Security and Cooperation, and Professor of International Relations at American University.

**ESL Conversation Club**

*Thursdays, January 5, 12, 19, & 26, 1:30 – 3 p.m.*

Practice your English conversation skills with friends. This program is for adults who speak basic English. No registration needed.

**Bilingual Spanish Storytime**

*Fridays, January 6, 13, 20, & 27, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard Room*

Join us for stories, songs and movements in Spanish and English. Due to limited space, free tickets will be handed out 30 minutes before the program. Tickets are first come, first served.

**Baby Sign Time**

*Saturday, January 7, 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.

**Towards Low-Waste Living**

*Tuesday, January 10, 7 – 9 p.m., Orchard Room*

Author Anne-Marie Bonneau, the [Zero-Waste Chef](#), will speak about her journey to low-waste living and her obsession with all things fermented.

**Lunar New Year 2023 – Rising Phoenix Lion Dancers and Crafting**

*Saturday, January 14, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., Orchard Room*

Join us at 11:30 to work on a Lunar new Year craft and stay to watch the Rising Phoenix Lion Dancers bring prosperity and good fortune to attendees at noon. This exciting performance will last for around 20 minutes. No registration is required, but come early as supplies are limited.

**Eating Healthy for All**

*Wednesday, January 18, 6 – 7 p.m., Orchard Room*

Learn how to read and understand the nutrition facts label. Get tips for making meals that are both healthy and taste great.

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

*Thursday, January 19, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room*

We are discussing [Escape From Mr. Lemoncello's Library](#) by Chris Grabenstein. Please register then stop by the Children's Reference Desk to check out a copy of the book.

**Bay Area Games Day**

*Saturday, January 21, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m., Orchard Room*

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

**Mock Newbery Discussion and Voting**

*Wednesday, January 25, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room*

Reading fans in grades 4-8 are invited to join in a book discussion of potential Mock Newbery winners for 2023. Please register.

**Now Read This! Book Club**

*Monday, January 30, 12 – 1:30 p.m., Register for Zoom link*

We will discuss [Dinners with Ruth: a Memoir on the Power of Friendships](#) by Nina Totenberg.

**Winter Writing Workshop**

*Tuesday, January 31, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard Room*

Learn the basics and create your own bullet journal. Journals will be provided, as well as decorating supplies. This is a drop-in event, and no registration is required.

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

**We Are Not Stranger Here Exhibit**

*On Display through January 4, Courtyard*

Learn the untold stories of Black farmers, ranchers and rural residents who have helped shape California's history.

**Baby Bouncers Lapsit**

*Tuesdays, January 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, 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.

**Qi Gong Meditation & Exercise Classes**

*Wednesdays, January 4 & 11, 2 – 4 p.m., Auditorium*

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

### **Toddler Storytime**

*Thursdays, January 5, 12, 19, & 26, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Activity Room*

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

### **Family Storytime**

*Saturday, January 7, 14, 21, & 28, 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.

### **Teen Craft: Glass Mug Etching**

*Saturday, January 14, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Conference Room*

We will use vinyl stickers to etch designs on glass mugs. Please wear protective clothing with long sleeves to prevent slips or nicks. Gloves and other supplies will be provided. Registration required.

### **Book Discussion Group**

*Wednesday, January 18, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m., Auditorium off the Courtyard*

We will discuss [\*Yellow Bird: Oil, Murder, and a Woman's Search for Justice in Indian Country\*](#) by Sierra Crane Murdoch.

### **Bilingual Chinese Storytime**

*Tuesday, January 24, 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.

### **The Peaceful Poets**

*Thursday, January 26, 5:30 – 8 p.m., Conference Room*

Join this group of writers and appreciators of poetry.

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

### **LEGO Club**

*Tuesdays, January 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, 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.

### **Bullet Journaling for Teens**

*Friday, January 6, 4 – 5:30 p.m.*

Learn techniques and customized journal spreads to help with organizing around homework and other activities. All supplies provided and you get to take a journal home with you!

### **Snack Break**

*Mondays-Thursdays, 3 – 4 p.m.*

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

### **Baby Sign Language**

*Fridays, January 13, 20 & 27, 11:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Children’s Activity Room*

Learning to sign provides you with the opportunity to understand your baby’s wants and needs before they are able to speak.

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

*Tuesdays, January 13 & 27, 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.

### **Library Ukulele Society**

*Tuesday, January 17, 5 – 7 p.m.*

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

### **Zumba**

*Mondays, January 23 & 30, 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.

### **Mexican Tin Art**

*Sunday, January 29, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.*

After a brief history and presentation on the art of Mexican Tin you will be able to make a *milagro* with artist Rachel-Anne Palacios, whose work reflects the respect she has for culture.

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

### **Forging a New Community Exhibit**

*All month during regular open hours*

Developed by the Saratoga History Museum, this exhibit uses photos and artifacts to trace the history of blacksmithing, a key position in the growing communities of Northern California in the 1880s. Learn about how they used a forge and anvil to bend metal and create key tools.

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

*Tuesdays & Fridays, January 3, 6, 10, 13, 17, 20, 24, 27 & 31, 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.

### **Knit & Crochet Circle**

*Wednesday, January 4, 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.

### **Snowflakapalooza**

*Tuesday, January 10, 4 – 5 p.m., Community Room*

Let’s make snowflakes! We’ll use popsicle sticks, coffee filters, pipe cleaners and paper. All ages are welcome. We encourage everyone to wear a mask.

### **Photography Program: Inspirational Moments**

*Thursday, January 12, 10:30 – 11:30 p.m., Community Room*

Join wildlife photographer Joan Sparks on her adventure capturing inspirational moments with her camera from the top of the Golden Gate Bridge to soaring vistas of Canada and the swamps of the Amazon jungle.

### **Lunar New Year 2023 - Taichi**

*Saturday, January 14, 10 – 11 a.m., Parking lot or Community Room (if it rains)*

Martial artist Master Yang Li will teach the basic postures, breathing techniques and forms of Taichi. Great way to start the Year of the Rabbit! No previous martial arts or Taichi experience necessary. Please register.

### **Lunar New Year 2023 - Guzheng**

*Saturday, January 14, 11:15 a.m. – 12 p.m., Community Room*

Enjoy a stirring classical *guzheng* performance by musician Hong Tai. The guzheng is a plucked zither instrument with 15 or 25 strings.

**Lunar New Year 2023 – Firebird Youth Chinese Orchestra**

*Saturday, January 14, 1 – 2 p.m., Community Room*

Celebrate the Year of the Rabbit while listening to traditional Chinese instruments like the Dizi, Erhu, Guzheng, Pipa and Ruan. Face masks strongly encouraged.

**Lunar New Year 2023 – Rising Phoenix Lion Dance**

*Saturday, January 14, 2 – 2:30 p.m., Community Room*

Come watch the Rising Phoenix Lion Dancers bring prosperity and good fortune to attendees. This exciting performance will last 12-15 minutes. No registration is required.

**Lunar New Year 2023 – Sticky Note Craft for Adults**

*Saturday, January 14, 3 – 4 p.m., Community Room*

Make a large rabbit mural for the library and smaller sticky rabbit notes to take home. Please register.

**Lunar New Year 2023 – The Beauty of Chinese Calligraphy**

*Sunday, January 15, 2 – 3 p.m., Community Room*

Calligrapher Yufan Lu will discuss the art of Chinese calligraphy, including formats, stroke styles and meanings. Yufan will show how the art has evolved over thousands of years.

**STEM: DIY Snow**

*Tuesday, January 17, 4 – 5 p.m., Community Room*

Let's make fake snow together using baking soda and hair conditioner. Family friendly event. We strongly encourage mask wearing.

**Silicon Valley Reads: Teatime Book Chatter**

*Thursday, January 19, 1 – 2 p.m., Register for Room Info*

Drop by the Adult Reference Desk to pick up a copy of this month's SVR selection *The Second Life of Mirielle West* by Amanda Skenandore and then join us for our discussion about it.

**Family Bingo**

*Friday, January 20, 4 – 5 p.m., Community Room*

Bring the whole family for our monthly program for a fun times, as well as prizes.

**Silicon Valley Reads: Author Talk with Amanda Skenandore**

*Friday, January 27, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Community Room*

Registered nurse and SVR featured author Amanda Skenandore, author of *The Second Life of Mirielle West*, talks about her work and participates in a Q&A. Please register to attend.

### **Intro to Chess for Adults**

*Friday, January 27, 2 – 3 p.m., Community Room*

USCF official National Master Chess Expert Colin Albert will teach you the fundamentals for half an hour, then participants will play. Learn about openings, strategies, tactics, and game-play.

### **Lunar New Year 2023 – Chinese Calligraphy Workshop**

*Saturday, January 28, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Community Room*

Welcome the Lunar New Year and new beginnings with this interactive workshop taught by calligrapher Woanyu Yu. Try your hand with a brush and learn to draw some basic characters.

### **Lunar New Year 2023 – Paper Lantern Craft**

*Saturday, January 28, 3 – 4 p.m., Community Room*

Get ready for the Lantern Festival by making paper lanterns you can keep. While supplies last.

## **WOODLAND – 1975 Grant Road**

### **Let it Snow! Family Storytime**

*Sunday, January 15, 11:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.*

Join us in the backyard of the library or inside (depending on the weather) for snowy, wintry stories, songs, fingerplays, and general fun. Please dress warmly in case we are outside.

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

### **Online English Conversation Club**

*Wednesday, January 4, and Thursdays, January 12, 19, & 26, 11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.*

Meet new friends and practice English together.

### **Girls Who Code Online Lottery Registration (Grades 6-11)**

*Saturday, January 7 - 16, Lottery to determine participants January 17*

Due to the popularity of this program, those interested need to enter into a drawing to see who will attend. Classes will be held for five months at Cupertino Library from 7 – 8:50 p.m. so please do not enter the lottery unless you can commit to attending all meetings at that time.

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

*Tuesday, January 10, 7 – 8 p.m.*

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



**Lunar New Year 2023 – Virtual Taichi**

*Saturday, January 14, 10 – 11 a.m.*

Martial Artist Master Yang Li will teach basic postures, breathing techniques and forms of Taichi. No previous Taichi or martial arts experience is necessary.

**Reference, Britannica! Articles and More for All Ages**

*Friday, January 20, 3 – 3:45 p.m.*

Learn the ins-and-outs of this great online resource for school and beyond.

**Planning Healthy Meals**

*Saturday, January 21, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.*

Join us on Zoom to learn tips for making meals that are both healthy and taste great.

**Introduction to the Arthritis Foundation**

*Wednesday, January 25, 6 – 7 p.m.*

Learn more about a condition that affects 1 in 4 adults, as well as how to manage it.

**El Camino Health Presents: What You Should Know About Cancer**

*Thursday, January 26, 2 – 8 p.m.*

Learn the basics about risk factors, early detection, diagnosis, and treatment options. Sign up to receive a Zoom link for the event.

**Silicon Valley Reads: Reading Challenge**

*Thursday, January 26, All day*

Celebrate the kickoff of Silicon Valley Reads 2023, the Countywide reading engagement program, with a new challenge. Just attend a SVR event and read one of the official companion books from this year's featured authors.

**Ask a Dietician: Diet for Diabetes Prevention (English and Mandarin sessions)**

*Friday, January 27, 1:30 – 2:15 p.m. (Mandarin) & 2:15 – 3 p.m. (English)*

Learn how to prevent diabetes through positive lifestyle changes. Bring your questions.

**SCCLD JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY MEETINGS**

**Finance Committee**

*Wednesday, January 11, 1 p.m. start, Virtual teleconference*

**Governing Board**

*Thursday, January 26, 12 p.m. start, Virtual teleconference*

# Los Altos and Woodland Libraries

January 2023





Welcome  
Mariann  
Bradley!

# 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
<b>November 2022</b>	<b>40,725</b>	<b>7,818</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
<b>November 2022</b>	<b>40,670</b>	<b>9,445</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
<b>November 2022</b>	<b>9,936</b>	<b>1,649</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
<b>November 2022</b>	<b>7,739</b>	<b>1,766</b>





# Wreath Making





# Fratello Marionettes



# Floral Centerpiece



# ADULT & TEEN PROGRAMS

- Wednesday, Jan 4 at 7:00 pm - World Affairs- NATO Expansion, the Russia-Ukraine War and the Future of European Security
- Tuesday, Jan 10 at 7:00 pm - Towards Low-Waste Living at Los Altos Library
- Wednesday, Jan 18 at 6:00 pm - Eating Healthy For All
- Tuesday, Jan 31 at 7:00 pm- Winter Writing Workshop: Bullet Journaling

<https://scclld.org/events>

# Children's Programs



- ▶ Homework Help (Monday - Thursday 3:30-5:00 pm)
- ▶ Baby Sign Time with Miss Stefanie (1/7 at 10:30 am)
- ▶ Rising Phoenix Lion Dancers and Lunar New Year Craft (1/14 11:30 am)
- ▶ Book Bugs Club for 2nd and 3rd Grade Readers (1/17 at 4:00 pm)
- ▶ Page Turners Book Club for Grades 4-6 (1/19 at 4:00 pm)
- ▶ Furry Friends Reading Buddies (1/28 at 2:30 pm)



# 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, Jan 15 at 11:30 - Let It Snow!  
Storytime at Woodland Branch Library

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# Outreach

- ▶ 12/7 Los Altos Chinese School (30 participants)
- ▶ 12/10 Family Fun day (Community Center) (150 participants)
- ▶ January 4- Los Altos Chinese School



# Patron Praise

*" I have started working at Middle school as an Intervention aide for English Learners about for two months. 😊*

*It wouldn't be possible if there were library classes hosted by you and devoted volunteers. I greatly appreciate all of your work and volunteers' help. Thank you. "*

*-ESL Conversation Club patron*





Happy New Year!



Report of the Awareness Subcommittee  
 which met December 20, 2022 for the  
 1-5-2023 Library Commission Meeting

The Awareness Subcommittee met on Tuesday, December 20, 2022. We discussed the LALE ads, request by LALE re GoGoBiblio, and mechanisms for determining new projects.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

1. Upcoming Resources to highlight in LALE ads
  - January – Discover & Go
  - February – Open Plus Self Service at Woodland Branch
  - March – Resources to help navigate the looming financial crisis  
 Business, Morningstar, Standard & Poor, Value Line
2. Poll other Library Commissioners regarding resources/services/events that they think should be publicized via LALE sponsored ads prepared by the subcommittee.
3. Submit question to Town Crier for their weekly Poll that would ask the community for input regarding what new services, facilities, resources, or events they would like to see at either one of the Los Altos libraries.
4. Prepare request to LALE for 2023 funding for LALE Town Crier Ads Highlighting Library Services and Resources

The next meeting of the Awareness Subcommittee is scheduled for Tuesday, January 17, at 4:00pm.

## Infrastructure Subcommittee Report

### January 5, 2023 Library Commission Meeting

1. The subcommittee discussed plans to meet with Gabe Engeland and Sally Meadows for next steps for Woodland Patio project.
  - A. We need to update the project proposal to include the benefits the patio will provide with respect to programming and events that cannot currently be held at Woodland due to lack of space. What programs Rose will provide this information.
  - B. In addition, after meeting with Jennifer Weeks about this issue, we will incorporate information she provided in the report.
  - C. We will also make plans to meet with Cindy Hill, LALE president, to discuss how best to make a proposal to LALE that it fund a feasibility study of this project. The study would provide a professional vision of the space and an estimate of the costs.
  
2. We discussed gathering input regarding the infrastructure unmet needs/requirements of the Main and Woodland Branch libraries.
  - A. Rose provided us with an overview of the budgeting process for the individual libraries and how the district determines which requests will be granted.
  - B. We discussed formulating a question for the community about what services/resources/events it would like to see at both Los Altos libraries and asking the Town Crier to use the question for its Weekly Poll that it publicized a few issues ago.
  - C. We discussed asking the Library Commissioners for their ideas about what infrastructure resources/facilities they would like to see at either branch.

Our next Infrastructure Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 18, at 4:00pm.