



LIBRARY COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA

6:30 PM - Thursday, October 03, 2024

Los Altos Community Center Sequoia Room

PARTICIPATION: Members of the public may participate by being present at the Los Altos Community Center Sequoia Room located at 97 Hillview Avenue Los Altos, CA 94022 during the meeting. Public comment is accepted in person at the physical meeting location, or via email to **LCpubliccomment@losaltosca.gov**.

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CALL MEETING TO ORDER

ESTABLISH QUORUM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Members of the audience may bring to the Commission's attention any item that is not on the agenda. Please complete a "Request to Speak" form and submit it to the Staff Liaison. Speakers are generally given two or three minutes, at the discretion of the Chair. Please be advised that, by law, the Commission is unable to discuss or take action on issues presented during the Public Comment Period. According to State Law (also known as "the Brown Act") items must first be noticed on the agenda before any discussion or action.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Minutes: Approved minutes of the special meeting of September 16, 2024

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION

2. Commission Reorganization: Reorganize to select a Chair and Vice Chair to serve through September 2025
3. Recommend North County Library Authority approve initial funding of \$128,765 to City of Los Altos for Main Library Design Improvements and recommend Los Altos City Council award contract to Anderson Brule Architects in amount of \$128,765 for Main Library Design Improvements
4. Review 2025 Library Commission Work Plan
5. Discuss Commission Presence and establish Ad-Hoc Subcommittee if necessary
6. Discuss Woodland Library Patio and establish Ad-Hoc Subcommittee if necessary
7. Discuss Library Commission Representative on North County Library Authority
8. Review Draft Santa Clara County Library District Library Programs and Events Policy

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

STAFF REPORTS

9. Receive report from Santa Clara County Library District
10. Receive report from Main Library Staff

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

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LIBRARY COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING

MINUTES

6:30 PM – Monday, September 16, 2024
Los Altos Community Center Sequoia Room

ESTABLISH QUORUM

Chair Fawcett called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

Present: Chair Fawcett, Vice Chair Bedard, Commissioners Carter, Morris

Absent: Commissioner Crane

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Public Comment: None

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. **Minutes:** Approve minutes of the regular meeting of August 1, 2024

Public Comment: None

Action: Commissioner Carter moved that the Commission accept the minutes of the regular meeting of August 1, 2024 as written. Vice Chair Bedard seconded the motion.

Approve: Fawcett, Bedard, Carter, Morris

Oppose:

Abstain:

Absent: Crane

Motion passed: 4-0-1-0

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION

2. **Disband Potential Library Improvements Ad-Hoc Subcommittee**

Public Comment: None

Action: Chair Fawcett moved that the Commission disband the Potential Library Improvements Ad-Hoc Subcommittee. Vice Chair Bedard seconded the motion.

Approve: Fawcett, Bedard, Carter, Morris

Oppose:

Abstain:
Absent: Crane
Motion passed: 4-0-1-0

3. Library Commission Work Plan

Public Comment: Freddie Wheeler

Action: None

4. Discuss Commission Visibility

Public Comment: None

Action: None

5. Discuss Potential Ad-Hoc Subcommittees

Public Comment: None

Action: Commissioner Morris recommended a Commission Presence Ad-Hoc Subcommittee with a second from Vice Chair Bedard. Vice Chair Bedard recommended a Woodland Library Patio Project Ad-Hoc Subcommittee with a second from Commissioner Carter.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS ONLY

STAFF REPORTS

- 6. Receive report from Santa Clara County Library District**
- 7. Receive report from Main Library Staff**

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Fawcett adjourned the meeting at 7:26 pm.



**LIBRARY COMMISSION
AGENDA REPORT SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: October 3, 2024

Subject Recommend North County Library Authority approve initial funding of \$128,765 to City of Los Altos for Main Library Design Improvements and recommend Los Altos City Council award contract to Anderson Brule Architects in amount of \$128,765 for Main Library Design Improvements

Prepared by: Anthony Carnesecca, Assistant to the City Manager

Purpose

Recommend North County Library Authority approve initial funding of \$128,765 to City of Los Altos for Main Library Design Improvements and recommend Los Altos City Council award contract to Anderson Brule Architects in amount of \$128,765 for Main Library Design Improvements

Discussion

During the Future Agenda Items Discussion section of the Los Altos City Council meeting on September 26, 2023, Councilmember Dailey requested the Library Commission to bring forward to Council at a Study Session the status of the library and options they have considered for improving the library for consideration of Council, including, but not limited to the potential use of parcel tax funds. Mayor Meadows and Vice Mayor Weinberg supported the future agenda topic.

During the October 5, 2023 Library Commission meeting, Chair Fawcett moved that the Commission form an Ad Hoc Committee consisting of Vice Chair Bedard and Commissioner Crane to work on documents in preparation for the Study Session with City Council focused on possible library improvements as directed at the September 26, 2023 City Council meeting that will terminate upon receipt of the Final Report to the Commission. Commissioner Crane seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

During the January 4, 2024 Library Commission meeting, the final proposal was unanimously approved by the Commission to move onto the City Council.

During the January 23, 2024 City Council Study Session, the Potential Improvements to Library Ad-Hoc Subcommittee presented their recommendations for improvements to the City Council. City Council directed the ad-hoc subcommittee to continue with the process by presenting the information to the North County Library Authority and requesting that the NCLA approve funding an RFP to be issued by the City of Los Altos based on their recommendations.



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During the January 29, 2024 NCLA Meeting, the ad-hoc subcommittee presented the same information as presented to the City Council one week prior. NCLA board member Dailey made a motion to authorize the City of Los Altos to issue an RFP, jointly by the City and the County Library System with NCLA to cover the costs associated with the issuance of the RFP. Secretary Hill seconded the motion. The motion passed in a unanimous vote.

At the June 25, 2024 City Council meeting, City Council unanimously authorized the City Manager to issue a Request for Proposals for Design Services for Los Altos Main Library Improvements.

The City issued the RFP - Design Services for Los Altos Main Library Improvements on our Bids and Requests for Proposals website at <https://bids.losaltosca.gov/rfp/rfp-design-services-los-altos-main-library-improvements> on Wednesday, July 17, 2024. The RFP closed on Thursday, August 22, 2024 at 3 pm.

The City received nine proposals for the project. The review committee reviewed all the proposals and invited the highest-ranking proposers to a final interview.

The review committee conducted interviews with the finalists and has selected Anderson Brule Architects as the consultant to complete the design work for the Los Altos Main Library Improvements.

City staff recommends that the Library Commission recommend the North County Library Authority approve initial funding of \$128,765 to City of Los Altos for Main Library Design Improvements and recommend Los Altos City Council award contract to Anderson Brule Architects in amount of \$128,765 for Main Library Design Improvements.



**LIBRARY COMMISSION
AGENDA REPORT SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: October 3, 2024

Subject Review 2025 Library Commission Work Plan

Prepared by: Anthony Carnesecca, Assistant to the City Manager

Attachment(s):

1. Proposed 2025 Library Commission Work Plan

Purpose

Review 2025 Library Commission Work Plan

Discussion

At the January 4, 2024 meeting, the Library Commission approved an edited version of the 2024 Library Commission Work Plan.

On February 27, 2024, the Library Commission discussed their goals and assignments for the 2024 calendar year in a Joint Session with City Council and Commissions.

At the March 7, 2024 meeting, the Library Commission approved an edited version of the 2024 Library Commission Work Plan based upon feedback from the City Council during the Joint Session.

Since then, the Library Commission has made significant progress in completing their 2024 Work Plan and the attached Work Plan shows updates across all projects.

City staff has updated the 2024 Work Plan to reflect potential future projects that may occur in 2025.

2025 Los Altos Library Commission Work Plan

Goal	Projects	Priority Source	Status	Commissioner
Improve infrastructure	Improvements to main library building*	City Council - Asset Management	In Progress	City closed RFP in August and now staff is evaluating RFP responses. Library Commission will provide feedback as necessary.
Improve services	Research new services, programs, and events for library*	Powers and Duties	In Progress	Through Commission work, County purchased six sensory headsets for pilot program that are currently available at Los Altos Main Library. Explore other opportunities to create new services and programs.
Increase awareness	Explore targeted outreach to seniors, youth, and general public*	Powers and Duties	Completed	Explore other ways that the library can provide targeted services for key population groups.
	Improve the Commission's presence		In Progress	Potentially creating an Ad-Hoc Subcommittee on topic.
	Host community events at library		In Progress	Night at the Library Ad-Hoc Subcommittee is working with Library staff to coordinate event in new year. Provide feedback on Santa Clara County Library District Event Policy.
Enhance partnerships	Attend meetings for external community organizations	Powers and Duties	In Progress	Commission liaisons are regularly attending external organization meetings and reporting back to Commission.

*Aligns with County Library Strategic Plan



**LIBRARY COMMISSION
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Meeting Date: October 3, 2024

Subject Discuss Commission Presence and establish Ad-Hoc Subcommittee if necessary

Prepared by: Anthony Carnesecca, Assistant to the City Manager

Purpose

Discuss Commission Presence and establish Ad-Hoc Subcommittee if necessary

Discussion

Commission Presence has been discussed previously at the Library Commission on August 1, 2024 and September 16, 2024. This is a project area within the approved 2024 and proposed 2025 Commission Work Plans.

At the August 1 meeting, the Library Commission discussed the visibility of the commission and its duties within the community. The goal was to create excitement about the commission and generate interest from community to encourage individuals to replace current commissioners one day.

At the September 16 meeting, the Library Commission discussed the commission’s presence with various concepts and ideas. One idea was to create an Ad-Hoc Subcommittee focused on this topic that can evaluate potential concepts proposed by the Commission moving forward.

Per the new Commission Handbook, “A Commission may appoint Ad-Hoc subcommittees, consisting of less than a majority of the body, to work on specific tasks. Ad-Hoc subcommittees should be focused on one specific topic and shall not last more than one year. These Ad-Hoc subcommittees are working bodies and may be responsible for generation of reports and analyses, which are reviewed by staff prior to distribution to the full Commission. Commissions shall not create standing committees.

In order to establish an Ad-Hoc Subcommittee, the topic of the formation of the Ad-Hoc Subcommittee must be posted and noticed on the regular agenda.

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Subject: Discuss Commission Presence and establish Ad-Hoc Subcommittee if necessary

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- Is comprised solely of members of the Commission establishing the Ad-Hoc Subcommittee,
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**LIBRARY COMMISSION
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Subject Discuss Woodland Library Patio and establish Ad-Hoc Subcommittee if necessary

Prepared by: Anthony Carnesecca, Assistant to the City Manager

Purpose

Discuss Woodland Library Patio and establish Ad-Hoc Subcommittee if necessary

Discussion

At the September 16 meeting, the Library Commission received a report from Chair Fawcett regarding recent progress on the Woodland Library Patio project.

In March 2022, the Library Commission Infrastructure Subcommittee presented a report on the Woodland Library Patio Project that had a conceptual framework of proposed programs and amenities for the outdoor space at Woodland Library. The Infrastructure Subcommittee was directed to continue working on the project.

In December 2022, the Library Commission unanimously approved the Woodland Expanded Patio Project as presented.

After that approval, the Infrastructure Subcommittee provided the general proposal for a Woodland Expanded Patio Project to the Los Altos Library Endowment to explore funding opportunities. It was determined that this project would wait until after a Main Library Patio project.

In August 2024, the Los Altos Library Endowment was made aware of a native plant garden project in the proposed area for the Woodland Library Patio so the Los Altos Library Endowment team gathered that group and key library stakeholders to discuss how the two projects could work together moving forward. There have only been preliminary discussions, and no formal proposals have been made.

At the September 16 meeting, the Library Commission received an update on the project from Chair Fawcett who provided a summary of actions to date. Vice Chair Bedard recommended, with a second from Commissioner Carter, to have this as a potential Ad-Hoc Subcommittee discussion for the October 3 meeting.



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Subject Discuss Library Commission Representative on North County Library Authority

Prepared by: Anthony Carnesecca, Assistant to the City Manager

Purpose

Discuss Library Commission Representative on North County Library Authority

Discussion

The North County Library Authority has five representatives, including two Los Altos City Council members, one Los Altos Hills Council member, one Los Altos appointee, and one at-large commissioner appointed by the Los Altos Library Commission. This at-large representative may be a representative within or outside the commission but must be appointed by the commission.

The current Library Commission appointee on the board is Cindy Hill. Secretary Hill's term will end on December 31, 2024.

The Commission will need to identify a representative to the North County Library Authority Board and then the Commission can hold a special meeting to appoint the representative at a future date before the end of the year.

SANTA CLARA COUNTY LIBRARY POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL

SUBJECT: LIBRARY PROGRAMS AND EVENTS POLICY

PURPOSE

Library programs and events are organized activities offered by libraries to engage the community, provide educational opportunities, promote literacy, and encourage cultural and social interaction.

STATEMENT

In keeping with our mission that patrons belong, connect, and discover, the Santa Clara County Library District (SCCLD) staff develops and presents programs and events that provide information, education, and entertainment. Programs and events are free, open to the public, and designed to meet the diverse interests and needs of library users. SCCLD may create and offer programs by staff or in collaboration with community partners or presenters. Programming is an integral component of library service that:

- Promotes literacy and reading
- Attracts and engages community members with SCCLD libraries, services, and resources
- Encourages lifelong learning, cultural enrichment, and civic engagement
- Strengthens SCCLD's role as a community resource in line with its Strategic Plan
- Provides entertainment and recreation

Sponsorship of a program does not imply endorsement of its content, or the views expressed by participants, and topics, speakers, and resources are not excluded because of possible controversy. The County Librarian has ultimate responsibility for SCCLD programming and delegates program management authority as deemed appropriate.

Selection Criteria

SCCLD staff uses various criteria in making decisions about program topics, speakers, and accompanying resources, including:

- Relevance to community needs and interests, including connections to library collections, resources, exhibits, and other local programs
- Suitability and age appropriateness of content for the intended audience
- Quality of presentation and credentials of the presenter
- Availability of library resources, including staff time, budget, and program space

Non-Commercial Use of Library Space

Library programs must be non-commercial, and presenters may not promote products or services. The library will not collect personal information about attendees unless the nature of the program requires it, in which case it will not be shared. Attendees may opt to provide contact information to external organizations, but this cannot be required or intended for future solicitation.

Registration using library resources or sites may be required for planning purposes or when space is limited. Presenters cannot use third-party registration sites to collect attendee information.

Individuals or organizations interested in presenting programs should fill out an application (scclld.org/library-sponsored-events) available on SCCLD's website.

Fundraising at SCCLD-Sponsored Events

At some SCCLD-sponsored events, such as author talks and musical performances, relevant items (books, musical recordings, etc.) may be sold. Friends of the Library, the Library Foundation, and other SCCLD support groups may also conduct fundraisers, including book sales.

Form:

Next update:
1/1/2026

Index Term:

Reference:

Policy Author:
Deputy County
Librarian

October 2024
Library Monthly Report
Jennifer Weeks, County Librarian



SCCLD Has Treats for Everyone this Spooky Season!

The library is a great place to explore the world of make believe. Come in to enjoy our special displays that will get you in the Halloween spirit. Our [blog post](#) has fun book suggestions with ideas for making your own costumes, carving the best jack-o-lantern on the block, and Halloween-themed recipes. We also have a selection of the best new [horror novels](#), if you dare. Our online library has many resources that may be of interest, from DIY projects using [Creativebug](#) to special Halloween movie and TV show offerings from [Kanopy](#) and [Hoopla](#). [Freegal](#) has special music playlists too.

And of course we have lots of [fun events](#) for all ages to take part in. They range from arts and crafts, movie nights, special family storytimes, and costume parades! So good you will be left shivering.

The Library Makes it Even Easier to Vote

Election Day (November 5) is fast approaching. In addition to the presidential election, there are many important state and local issues on the ballot. Anyone who has not registered to vote yet can do so [online](#) until Monday, October 21. Our libraries also have printed voter registration forms.



Ballots in Santa Clara County will be mailed beginning the week of October 7. SCCLD libraries are once again [early voting](#) sites as well as [drop box](#) sites for mail-in ballots (most sites). Cupertino, Milpitas and Saratoga Libraries will serve as 11-day Vote Centers from 10 am to 6 pm starting on Saturday, October 26. Gilroy and Morgan Hill Libraries will be 4-day Vote Centers from 10 am to 6 pm starting on Saturday, November 2. All five sites will be open from 7 am to 8 pm on Election Day (Tuesday, November 5).



Finding Where you Came From

Trace your family roots this October during [Family History Month](#), when individuals are encouraged to research their heritage. With DNA tools, in addition to the use of records and other traditional methods of determining one's genealogy, it is easier than ever to trace all of the branches of one's family tree.

SCCLD offers access to [AncestryLibrary](#) as an in-library service. Come into one of our libraries and use your own device or one of our computers to delve back in time and comb through past birth, marriage, and immigration records of your family members. Find information from the U.S. Census, military records and other vital documents to uncover forgotten histories.

Our [collection](#) also includes hundreds of titles around genealogy, including How To books, eBooks, and Audiobooks. Use [Rosetta Stone](#) to learn a new language to better connect to a newfound identity.

More of Hispanic Heritage Month

SCCLD's celebration of [Hispanic Heritage Month](#), which runs through October 15, continues. Several [events are planned](#), including a [flamenco performance](#) in the courtyard of Gilroy Library on Saturday, October 5 and four shows by musical duo [Cascada de Flores](#). Morgan Hill Library on ; Cupertino Library on [Wednesday, October 9](#); Los Altos Library on [Friday, October 11](#); and Saratoga Library on [Saturday, October 19, Thursday, October 3](#); Cupertino Library on [Wednesday, October 9](#); Los Altos Library on [Friday, October 11](#); and Saratoga Library on [Saturday, October 19](#).



Our website has blogs [for kids](#) and [teens/adults](#) with lots of great information about the month, as well as library resources for those interested in learning more about Hispanic culture and the many countries that are connected through language and traditions. Our librarians have also compiled several booklists. For children we have [nonfiction](#), [picture book/easy reader fiction](#), and [middle grade fiction](#). Teens have their own [selections](#). Adults have both [English](#) and [Spanish](#) language suggested reading lists.



At the end of the month starts another event with great importance to those of Mexican ancestry, the [Day of the Dead](#), or el Día de los Muertos (November 1 and 2). A combination of the Catholic tradition of All Saints Day brought by the Spanish and native customs of the people of Central Mexico, this is a time when ancestors are honored and remembered. *Ofrendas*, tables with food, flowers and photos of loved ones, are common. Many of our libraries put up decorations and [host events](#) like bilingual storytimes and sugar skull decorating crafts.



Read for the Record

Jumpstart, a national education organization, sponsors an annual worldwide reading event called **Read for the Record** to promote early literacy for children preparing for kindergarten. This year's book selection is **Piper Chen Sings**, the story of a young girl who has to overcome stage fright to perform in front of an audience. County Librarian Jennifer Weeks will be the guest reader at a special preschool **storytime event** at Los Altos Library on Thursday, October 24. SCCLD promotes **early learning** in many ways, including **1000 Books Before 6**, storytime, and other **events**.

Make Sure to Fill Up the Piggy Bank

As the weather grows colder we are reminded of Aesop's fable about the ant and the grasshopper. When times are good it's important to save for the future, when times may be leaner. That is the idea behind **Financial Planning Month**.



A good **financial plan** involves figuring out how to pay for current expenses, or reduce them, and start saving for short, medium and long-term goals, like retirement and paying for a child's education. The library has many resources to help with these tasks, found in our **Smart Investing** and **Business and Investing** sections in our Online Library. There you will find **Consumer Reports** and finance-related publications like *Bloomberg Businessweek* and *Money* magazine, available through **Flipster**. We also have personalized pages for kids, teens, women, veterans, and planning for retirement. Our libraries also hold finance-related **events**, including ones for kids and with certified financial planners.

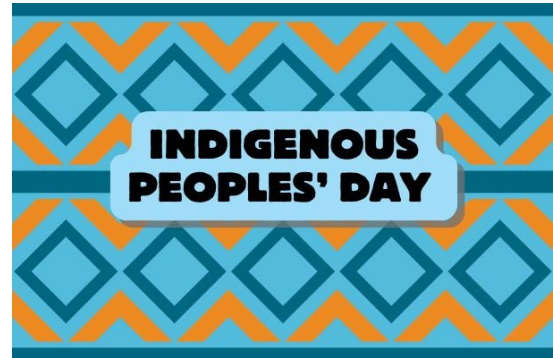


Diwali: the Festival of Lights

This year Diwali, the Hindu celebration of lights, takes place from October 31 to November 1. Many of our libraries are holding **events** around the holiday. As a special treat for children, four libraries will host The Puppet Company's performance of **The King's Problem**, based on the tales of **The Panchatantra**, a book of moralistic fairy tales from India. Milpitas' event takes place on Monday, October 21, followed by Los Altos on November 2, and both Gilroy and Morgan Hill on November 3. Keep an eye on our website for a blog post.

Honoring Native Peoples of the Americas

Monday, October 14 is [Indigenous Peoples' Day](#), which honors the contributions and history of Native American communities across North America. Taking the place of the former Columbus Day, the holiday is an important reminder that the "New World" had long been populated before any Europeans landed here. While many of the languages and histories of native peoples have been lost, [several tribes](#) maintain their traditions and keep their cultures thriving.



Enjoy works of indigenous authors with our recommended [fiction](#) and [nonfiction](#) booklists.

Please note that SCCLD Libraries and Bookmobile Service will be unavailable on Indigenous Peoples' Day, Monday, October 14. Our [Online Library](#) is open 24/7.



October Virtual Author Talks

Each month we bring talks with top authors to you virtually. September's schedule features a trio of authors.

Wednesday, October 2 at 11 am: Join us as Smithsonian-affiliated scientists teach us about the remarkable world of tropical bats! Scientists at the

Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute have studied the biodiversity of bats on Barro Colorado Island in Panama, where an astonishing 76 species coexist. These scientists' expertise is captured in [Bat Island: A Rare Journey into the Hidden World of Tropical Bats](#). [Please register.](#)

Wednesday, October 9 at 4 pm: free your mind with the highly acclaimed Silvia Moreno-Garcia. A 2022 Distinguished Author, Moreno-Garcia is best known for her novels, [Mexican Gothic](#) and [The Daughter of Doctor Moreau](#). She is back with [The Seventh Veil of Salome](#), which follows two actresses, both determined to make it to the top in Golden Age Hollywood. But this is the tale of three women, for it is also the story of the princess Salome herself, consumed with desire for the fiery prophet who foretells the doom of her stepfather, Herod. [Register now!](#)

Tuesday, October 22 at 11 am: Bestselling author, psychotherapist, and national advice columnist Lori Gottlieb's [Maybe You Should Talk to Someone](#) is a hilarious, thought-provoking, and surprising book that takes us behind the scenes of a therapist's world--where her patients are looking for answers (and so is she). She offers a personal yet universal tour of our hearts and minds, providing the rarest of gifts: a revealing portrait of what it means to be human, and a funny and illuminating account of our own mysterious lives and our power to transform them. [Register here.](#)

SANTA CLARA COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT OCTOBER 2024 EVENTS

****All SCCLD libraries will be closed and services unavailable on Monday, October 14 for Indigenous Peoples' Day****

CAMPBELL EXPRESS LIBRARY – 1 West Campbell Avenue, Room 46

ESL Conversation Club

Tuesdays, October 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m., Room M-50

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

Family Storytime

Wednesdays, October 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 10:30 – 11 a.m., 10/2, 10/9, 10/16 in the Orchard City Banquet Hall, 10/23 in Q-80 (Roosevelt Room) and 10/30 in Q-84 (Mary Campbell Room)

Kids ages 0-5 are invited to join us for stories, songs, and more. Please bring a blanket or towel to sit on.

America's Presidents: All Too Human

Tuesday, October 22, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard City Banquet Hall

Learn compelling and surprising stories about the factors which distinguish truly great presidents from their less impactful counterparts.

Learn Hangeul (Korean Alphabet) in One Hour!

Tuesday, October 29, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard City Banquet Hall

Hangeul is not just any writing system. It is the epitome of scientific reasoning applied to language design. This logical and intuitive script allows you to read and write efficiently and effectively.

CUPERTINO -- 10800 Torre Avenue

ESL Conversation Club

Tuesdays, October 1, 8, 22, & 29, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Room 201A

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

Toddler Storytime (ages 1-2)

Tuesdays, October 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 10:30 – 11 a.m.

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

Homework Help

*Mondays & Thursdays, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 6 – 7:30 p.m., Children’s Room
Small Study Room*

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

Bedtime Storytime

Wednesdays, October 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 7 – 7:30 p.m., Program Room

This storytime is suitable for all ages and will feature stories, songs, rhymes and dances that encourage the development of early literacy skills. Storytime is limited to the first 100 families. Please bring a yoga mat or blanket to sit on.

Storytime for Babies (ages 0-1)

Thursdays, October 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, 10:30 – 11 a.m., First Floor Program Room

This storytime features stories and songs that encourage the development of early literacy skills. Storytime is limited to the first 30 babies with a maximum of 2 adults per family.

Reading Buddies

Thursday, October 3 and Monday, October 14, 7 – 8 p.m.

Children can buddy up with a furry friend and read one-on-one from a favorite book. Children must register themselves in-person at the Children’s Reference Desk. This is for students who have completed kindergarten through 5th grade.

Knit-Alongs at Cupertino Library

Fridays, October 4, 11, 18, & 25, 2:30 – 4 p.m., Room 201A

All knitters and crocheters are welcome to drop in and socialize while starting new projects or finishing old ones. Participants need to bring their own needles and/or crochet hooks and yarn. No personal instruction will be provided.

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

Fridays, October 4 & 18, 7 – 8 p.m., Room 101

Join us for stories, songs, a flannel board story, fingerplay, and a craft project in Mandarin and English. Children and their caretakers are welcome to join. 兒童圖書館員將為小朋友讀圖畫故事書; 唱兒歌; 用絨布板講故事; 手指謠和做美勞。歡迎幼兒們 和家長, 祿母一同前來參加。

Family Storytime

Saturday, October 5, 12, 19, & 26, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Program Room

This storytime is suitable for all ages and will feature stories, songs, rhymes and dances that encourage the development of early literacy skills. Storytime is limited to the first 100 families. Please bring a yoga mat or blanket to sit on.

Poetry Workshop: Rhythm & Rhyme

Saturday, October 5, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Room 201

Cupertino Poet Laureate Keiko O’Leary will share techniques to make your poems more meaningful using rhythm and rhyme, and try these techniques in a welcoming environment. Register online.

3D Printing for Teens

Saturdays, October 5 & 19, 3 – 5 p.m., Community Room 201

Student-led organization 3D Collectives is hosting two beginner workshops on 3D printing. The first session will learn the printing software Cura, the second session is on 3D printing hardware. By registering, you agree to attend both workshops. All participants must bring their own computers and install the required software before the workshops.

Babywearing Dance

Sundays, October 6, 13, 20, & 27, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Room 101

Join us for babywearing dance.

California Ballot Propositions Pros and Cons

Sunday, October 6, 3 – 5 p.m., Room 201A

The League of Women Voters will present non-partisan explanations of the California ballot propositions.

LEGO Club

Tuesday, October 8, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Children’s Meeting Room

Children in grades K-8 are invited to build and create using LEGOs. Please leave your own LEGOs at home.

Special Performance: Cascada de Flores

Wednesday, October 9, 7 – 7:45 p.m.

Through playful melodies, heartfelt lyrics, and infectious energy, Cascada de Flores invites everyone to tap your feet, sing along, and immerse yourself in the vibrant tapestry of Latin American culture.

A través de melodías divertidas, letras sinceras y energía contagiosa, Cascada de Flores invita a todos a dar golpecitos con los pies, cantar y sumergirse en el vibrante tapiz de la cultura latinoamericana.

Water: How Do We Make It Cheaper To Use

Wednesday, October 9, 7 – 8 p.m., Room 201

A Valley Water expert will discuss a wide range of topics including gray water systems, water rebates, lawn buster programs, cistern rebates and recharge ponds.

Art Therapy for Tweens

Friday, October 11, 4 – 5 p.m., Room 101

We will explore different techniques and art materials each month. For kids ages 10+ and their adult caregiver. Materials will be provided, while supplies last.

Create CU: Monoprints with Watercolor

Friday, October 11, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Room 201B

All instruction and materials will be provided. This program is for adults 18+. Please register to save your spot.

Nonfiction Book Discussion Group

Sunday, October 13, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Room 201A

We will discuss [*Fear: Essential Wisdom for Getting Through the Storm*](#) by Thich Nhat Hanh.

Community Poetry and Prose Night: The Ghosts We Carry

Tuesday, October 15, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Room 201

Join former Cupertino Poet Laureate Kaecey McCormick as we explore poetry and prose that reveal echoes of the past, both metaphorical and literal, and how they linger after the moment has passed.

Book Discussion for Adults

Wednesday, October 16, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Think Tank

Thursday, October 17, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Room 201B

We will be discussing [*If Beale Street Could Talk*](#) by James Baldwin.

Beginner Basket Weaving Workshop

Wednesday, October 16, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Room 201A

This workshop is perfect for anyone looking to learn the art of basket weaving. All materials and tools to create a small reed basket will be provided. Space is limited, please register online.

Master Gardeners: Sustainable Gardening

Wednesday, October 16, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Room 201

This discussion provides an overview of the key components of sustainable gardening practices, aimed at fostering environmental stewardship and boosting the well-being of your garden.

Poetry Workshop: Rhythm without Rhyme

Saturday, October 19, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Room 201

Cupertino Poet Laureate Keiko O’Leary will share techniques to make your poems more meaningful using rhythm, then try these techniques in a welcoming environment. Register online.

Police Read Along

Monday, October 21, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Room 101

Join us for a special storytime with the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office, followed by a tour of the police car and pictures with the officer. Please arrive on time, seating is limited.

General Election Voting

Saturday, October 26 – Monday, November 4, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., and Tuesday, November 5, 7 a.m. – 8 p.m., Room 201

Cupertino Library will be an official polling site for the 2024 General Election. Voters can also drop off their completed Vote by Mail and Absentee Ballots at this site during the listed hours.

GILROY -- 350 W. Sixth Street

Zumba

Tuesdays, October 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 5:45 – 6:45 p.m., Community Room

Zumba features rhythms like salsa, merengue, cumbia, and samba set to Latin and international beats. Wear comfortable workout clothes and shoes. No registration is required.

Zumba presenta ritmos como salsa, merengue, cumbia y samba con ritmos latinos e internacionales. Use ropa y zapatos deportivos cómodos. No es necesario registrarse.

Bilingual English and Vietnamese Storytime/Đọc Truyện Song Ngữ Anh Việt

Wednesdays, October 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m., the Nest

Come read, sing, dance, and play with Miss Như Ý. Mời bé đến đọc sách, ca múa, và vui chơi cùng cô Như Ý.

Resilient Families in English/Familias Resilientes en español

Wednesdays, October 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 6 – 8 p.m., Community Room & Quiet Study B

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.

¡Ayude a su hijo a sentirse seguro, amado y mejor preparado para comenzar la escuela! Por favor regístrese para reservar su lugar. Todos bienvenidos según lo permita el espacio.

Family Storytime

Thursdays, October 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, 10:30 – 11 a.m., First Floor Children's Area

Join Miss Elizabeth for stories, rhymes, fingerplays and songs.

Knitting and Crochet Weekly Meetup

Thursdays, October 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, 1 – 4 p.m., Upstairs Quiet Study B

Bring your projects, ask questions, get help, share ideas and meet new people.

Book Discussion

Friday, October 4, 10:15 – 11:15 a.m., Quiet Study B

We will be discussing [*The Honey Bus: A Memoir of Loss, Courage, and a Girl Saved by Bees*](#) by Meredith May.

Safe Space Meet-Up for LGBTQ+ Youth

Fridays, October 4 & 18, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Quiet Study B

Our staff-led meetings offer a safe space for youth to play games, participate in group activities and discussions, and build community. No registration necessary.

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

Saturdays, October 5, 12, 19, & 26, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., the Nest

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

Hispanic Heritage Month: Flamenco Performance

Saturday, October 5, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., First Floor Courtyard

Enjoy watching the fury and passion of the dance that originated in Andalusia, Spain.

Cinema Sunday/Domingo de Cinema

Sunday, October 6, 13, 20, & 27, 1:30 – 4 p.m., The Nest/el Nido

Join us at the Gilroy Library for family movies. Únase a nosotros para películas familiares.

Create N Play/Crear Y Jugar

Mondays, October 7, 21, & 28, 6:15 – 7 p.m., Children's Activity Room

Each session is different; we will feature a variety of art materials, crafts, or even a touch of engineering and science. Join us to explore new mediums, solve creative challenges, and have fun while learning! Cada sesión es diferente. Presentaremos una variedad de materiales de arte, manualidades, e incluso un toque de ingeniería y ciencia. ¡Únase a nosotros para explorar nuevos medios, resolver desafíos creativos y divertirse mientras aprendes!

Pajama Storytime

Mondays, October 7, 21, & 28, 7 – 7:30 p.m., the Nest

Join us for stories, sing songs, and wear your pajamas! Lea cuentos, canta canciones y póngase el pijama para una hora de cuentos para niños de todas las edades.

LEGO Club

Friday, October 11, 3 – 4:30 p.m., the Nest

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

Master Gardeners: Flowers & Herbs for Late Fall and Winter

Saturday, October 12, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room

Many flowers and herbs grow well in cool soil and cool air temperatures. Planting them in containers is an easy way to avoid the winter dormant look. Learn more tips in this program.

STEAM: Mad Scientist Experiments for Ages 8 – 13

Saturday, October 12, 2 – 3 p.m., the Nest

Young minds will engage in hands-on experiments and learn about chemical reactions. Las mentes jóvenes participarán en experimentos prácticos y aprenderán sobre reacciones químicas.

Poetry Readings with Garlicky Group of Poets

Saturday, October 12, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Downstairs Meeting Room

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

Volunteer to Teach an Adult How to Read

Wednesday, October 16, 10 – 11 a.m. and 6 – 7 p.m., Reading Program Room

Give back to your community by becoming an adult literacy tutor to support an adult learner improve their English reading, writing, listening and speaking skills to achieve their lifelong goals. Register online to attend a tutor orientation.

America's Presidents: All Too Human

Saturday, October 19, 1 – 2 p.m.

Learn compelling and surprising stories about the factors which distinguish truly great presidents from their less impactful counterparts.

Sugar Skull and Altar Decorating/Decorando Altares y Calaveras de Azúcar

Sunday, October 20, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m., Community Room

Children and their families are welcome to decorate premade sugar skulls as well as miniature altars. One skull and altar per child. Niños y sus familias están invitados a decorar calaveras de azúcar y altares en miniatura. Una calavera y un altar por niño.

Taller de Preparación para Emergencias/Emergency Preparedness Workshop

Monday, October 21, 6 – 7:30 p.m., Community Room

Asista a este taller gratuito para aprender sobre seguridad contra incendios domésticos y forestales, seguridad en el hogar, planificación de emergencias familiares y sistemas de alerta de emergencia. Los asistentes recibirán una bolsa de viaje gratuita con artículos de preparación para emergencias (hasta agotar existencias).

Glow in the Dark Party/Fiesta de Neon

Tuesday, October 22, 6 – 7 p.m., the Nest

Get ready for an evening of glowing fun: we'll have glow sticks, painting, glow-in-the-dark games, and more! Don't forget to wear white or neon clothes to shine bright in the dark! Prepárense para una tarde de diversión brillante. Tendremos barras luminosas, pintura, juegos que brillan en la oscuridad, ¡y mucho más! ¡No olviden de vestirse con ropa blanca o neón para brillar en la oscuridad!

Polymer Clay Halloween Jewelry Making

Saturday, October 26, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Community Room

Adults and teens are invited to make festive fall and Halloween inspired jewelry. No experience necessary, please register.

Reading Buddies/Compañeros de Lectura

Monday, October 28, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m., the Nest

Children PreK-6th grade can buddy up with a furry friend and read one-on-one from a favorite book. Children must register themselves in-person at the Children's Reference Desk. ¡Ven a practicar tus habilidades de lectura y lee en voz alta uno a uno con un amigo peludo! Pasa por el Escritorio de Niños cada mes para registrarte para una sesión de lectura de 15 minutos. Para niños desde Prekínder hasta 6to grado.

Emergency Preparedness Workshop

Monday, October 28, 6 – 7:30 p.m., Community Room

Learn about house fire and wildfire safety, home safety, family emergency planning and emergency alert systems. Attendees will receive a free go-bag with emergency preparedness items (while supplies last). Register online.

Trick or Treat

Thursday, October 31, 4 – 6 p.m., Service Desks

Come in your costume and Trick-or-Treat at the Library. Stop by all 3 of our service desks for a candy and fun surprises! Ven en tu disfraz y haz Trick-or-Treat en la Biblioteca. ¡Pasa por nuestros tres escritorios de servicio para recibir un dulce y una sorpresa!

LOS ALTOS -- 13 S. San Antonio Road

Bilingual Spanish Family Storytime/Hora de cuentos bilingüe para familias

Tuesdays, October 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard Room

Join us for stories, songs, and movement in Spanish and English. This program is designed for children up to age 5 and their caregivers. The Oct. 29 storytime is a special Day of the Dead-themed storytime. ¡Venga a la biblioteca para cuentos, canciones y movimiento en inglés y español! Este programa está diseñado para niños hasta 5 años de edad y sus cuidadores. En martes, el 29 de octubre, será una hora de cuentos especial con tema del Día de los Muertos.

Paint the Night Sky Watercolor Workshop

Tuesday, October 1, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

Artist Viviana Leija-Sysak will share painting techniques while leading the group to create a one-of-a-kind night sky.

Turning the Tide: Community Actions Against Plastic Pollution

Tuesday, October 1, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard Room

Just about everything in our lives includes plastics and a lot of the plastics we put in recycle bins are not actually recycled. Learn about a community initiative to redirect plastic packaging away from our landfills, and towards the production of decking material that lasts decades.

The Whodunit? Mystery Book Club

Wednesday, October 2, 10:15 – 11:30 a.m., Teen Room

We will discuss [*The Mother-in-Law*](#) by Sally Hepworth.

Toddler Storytime

Wed. & Thurs., Oct. 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24, 30 & 31, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard Room

This interactive storytime is for early walkers, 1s and 2s. Free tickets will be handed out 30 minutes before storytime. The Oct. 31 storytime will be Halloween-themed so wear your costume! There will be a parade following storytime where you can trick or treat at service desks!

Baby Storytime & Stay and Play

Wednesdays, October 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 1 – 2 p.m., Orchard Room

Non-walking babies and their caregivers will enjoy songs, rhymes, gentle movement, short books and other fun. After storytime, enjoy the Stay & Play. Please bring a blanket to lay your babies on when they are not cuddling in your lap.

World Affairs

Wednesday, October 2, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

World Affairs will discuss a different global issue each month. Doors open at 6:30.

Poetry Open Mic

Tuesday, October 2, 7 – 8 p.m., Pod D

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

ESL Conversation Club

Thursdays, October 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, 1:30 – 3 p.m., Orchard Room

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

Preschool Storytime

Thursdays, October 3, 17, 24, & 31, 3:30 – 4 p.m., Orchard Room

Children 3-5 and their caregivers will enjoy stories, music, movement and more! The Oct. 31 storytime will be Halloween-themed so wear your costume! There will be a parade following storytime where you can trick or treat at service desks!

Teen Dungeons and Dragons Social Club

Thursdays, October 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m., Conference Room

Teens are welcome to drop in and watch the game. Right now the game is full, but we will occasionally have openings for new players. Please check in at the Adult Reference Desk.

Baby Sign and Stay & Play

Saturday, October 5, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Orchard Room

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

Piggy Bank Pioneers

Sunday, October 6, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Orchard Room

Children ages 5-10 are invited to join members of Mountain View High School's Personal Finance Club to improve your financial literacy skills through fun, interactive games! Be prepared to practice making spending choices and identifying currency. Please register.

Monday Morning Meditation and Mindfulness

Mondays, October 7, 21, & 28, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard Room

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

Mixed Media Bullet/Junk Journal for Creativity

Tuesday, October 8, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Participants will be guided through a meditative demonstration to create their own mini journals that can be used as a single booklet or bind multiple journals together to create a collection of their ideas, goals, and sketches. Seating is first come, first served.

Special Performance: Cascada de Flores

Friday, October 11, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

Through playful melodies, heartfelt lyrics, and infectious energy, Cascada de Flores invites to everyone tap your feet, sing along, and immerse yourself in the vibrant tapestry of Latin American culture.

A través de melodías divertidas, letras sinceras y energía contagiosa, Cascada de Flores invita a todos a dar golpecitos con los pies, cantar y sumergirse en el vibrante tapiz de la cultura latinoamericana.

Halloween Crafts for Kids

Saturday, October 12, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Orchard Room

Children and their families are invited to drop-in and decorate scary or silly art pieces. Supplies and space are limited.

Kira Hooks and Jeff Goodkind Concert

Saturday, October 12, 3 – 4 p.m., Orchard Room

Filipina-American singer/songwriter Kira Hooks and Jeff Goodkind will perform original songs.

Board Game Sunday

Sunday, October 13, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Come with family and friends for an afternoon of fun and games. We have board games for children, teens, and adults – plus LEGOs!

Book Bugs Club (Grades 2 – 3)

Tuesday, October 15, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

We will discuss [The Haunted Library](#) by Dori Hillestad Butler, then do a fun craft.

Page Turners Book Club (Grades 4 – 5)

Wednesday, October 16, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

We will discuss [Front Desk](#) by Kelly Yang then do a fun activity. Register online then pick up your copy of the book at the Children's Reference Desk at Los Altos or Woodland Library.

Bad Art Night: Halloween Edition

Wednesday, October 16, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Teens and adults are invited to compete against others to create the most hideous Halloween mask possible. Then vote on a winner!

Tarot Art for Teens and Adults

Thursday, October 17, 6:45 – 8:15 p.m.

Join us for Tarot-inspired art and a short reading. Please register. Please note: readings are for entertainment purposes only.

Bay Area Games Day

Saturday, October 19, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m., Orchard Room

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

Sunday CrafterNoon (all ages)

Sunday, October 20, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Orchard Room

This is a time to relax with the community and let your creativity shine.

Happier Aging

Monday, October 21, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Our workshop will share local resources including senior transportation and home safety tips. Please register.

To Be Read Book Club (6th – 8th grade)

Tuesday, October 22, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

We will be reading [Skellig](#) by David Almond. Please read the book before the meeting. We will discuss it and do a fun activity. Snacks will be provided. Register online and pick up your copy at the Children's Reference Desk.

NorCal Bats

Tuesday, October 22, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard Room

This is a unique and exciting opportunity to learn about bats and to see some bats up close, as well! Due to limited space, free tickets will be handed out at 6:30 p.m.

Pete the Cat's Book Party

Wednesday, October 23, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

Beginner readers are invited to a groovy celebration of Pete the Cat! We'll read some of our favorites and do some fun activities. For kids in TK – 1st grades.

Wednesday Travel Nights

Wednesday, October 23, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Travel photographer Pam Perkins will take us on a vibrant tour of India.

Special Preschool Storytime: Read for the Record

Thursday, October 24, 3:30 – 4 p.m., Orchard Room

Join us for a special Read for the Record storytime with County Librarian Jennifer Weeks. She will read [Piper Chen Sings](#) by Phillipa Soo and Maris Masquale Doran.

Paint Party for Adults and Teens

Thursday, October 24, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Learn to paint with Paul Loughridge. No registration is necessary. All materials will be provided.

Watercolor Workshop for Adults

Friday, October 25, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and 1 – 2:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Join us for a watercolor workshop. All supplies will be provided. Content will be the same for both sessions. Seating is first come, first served.

Furry Friends Reading Buddies

Saturday, October 26, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Children can buddy up with a furry friend and read from a favorite book. Register online.

Ballot Measure Pros and Cons

Saturday, October 26, 5 – 6 p.m., Orchard Room

The League of Women Voters will present an explanation of the California ballot measures.

Reviving Memories: Photo Digitization and Restoration Workshop

Sunday, October 27, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Orchard Room

Learn best practices for efficiently scanning your photos using an automated scanner. You'll then learn how to remove creases, tears and dust spots. Please bring a laptop and mouse with three scanned photos loaded. Please register.

Decorate a Sugar Skull

Sunday, October 27, 3 – 4:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Decorate a sugar skull in celebration of Día de los Muertos, also known as the Day of the Dead. This drop-in craft is self-directed. Children must be accompanied by their adult craft-buddy.

Now Read This Book Club

Monday, October 28, 12 – 1:30 p.m., Orchard Room

We will discuss [*Paved Paradise: How Parking Explains the World*](#) by Henry Grabar.

Bilingual Mandarin/English Storytime

Tuesday, October 29, 11:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Orchard Room

This 30-minute storytime features movement, sing, and action! The early literacy focus is on sharing stories and songs in English and Mandarin Chinese. 歡迎小朋友來到故事時間，這是以半小時的雙中英語故事書，兒歌，手指謠，玩遊戲為特色的內容。歡迎兒童們與家長裸母一同前來參加

Women on Creativity Through Life Stages

Wednesday, October 30, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard Room

Salt and Poetry, a group of Bay Area poets, all women over 50, will share their poetry, discuss the writing life, age and creativity and offer a guided writing activity. Register for a reminder, walk-ins are welcome.

MILPITAS -- 160 N. Main Street

Baby Bouncers Lapsit for Pre-walkers

Tuesdays, October 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 11:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Activity Room

This program focuses on traditional nursery rhymes, lap bounces, body rhymes, songs, and very short and simple picture books. This program is designed for babies up to 12 months.

Homework Help

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

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

Bilingual English/Mandarin Storytime/中英雙語故事時間

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

This 30-minute storytime features movement, sing, and action! The early literacy focus is on sharing stories and songs in English and Mandarin Chinese. 歡迎小朋友來到故事時間，這是以半小時的雙中英語故事書，兒歌，手指謠，玩遊戲為特色的內容。歡迎兒童們與家長祿母一同前來參加

Fun with Art Presented by First5 Santa Clara County

Wednesday, October 2, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Auditorium

Come make art with us and learn about the resources provided at the resource center.

ESL Conversation Club

Wednesdays, October 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 3 – 4 p.m., Conference Room

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

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

Wednesday, October 2, 5 – 5:30 p.m., Activity Room

Children’s librarians Maggie and Emilie will read storybooks and lead children with songs and fingerplays in English and Cantonese. 每月第一個周三下午 5 點 兒童圖書館員 Maggie 和 Emilie 將為小朋友讀圖畫故事書，唱兒歌，手指謠，玩遊戲。歡迎兒童們與家長祿母一同前來參加。

Toddler Storytime: 1s and 2s Together

Thursdays, October 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Activity Room

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

Basic Composting Workshop

Thursday, October 3, 6 – 8 p.m., Auditorium

Learn the basics of composting at home.

Preschool Storytime: 3s & 4s Budding Bookworms

Thursdays, October 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, 6:30 – 7 p.m., Activity Room

This storytime, aimed at 3 and 4 year olds, features longer picture books and flannel board stories and other storytelling activities and fingerplays.

Qi Gong Meditation & Exercise Classes

Fridays, October 4, 11, & 18, 1 – 3 p.m., Auditorium

Relieve stress and anxiety, increase energy and vitality and improve physical health during these exercise sessions. Giảm căng thẳng và lo lắng, tăng năng lượng và sức sống, Cải thiện sức khỏe thể chất.

Knit & Crochet Circle

Fridays, October 4, 11, 18, & 25, 2 – 4 p.m., Conference Room

Meet other yarn lovers while working on your latest project, get help when you are stuck and share ideas. Limited instruction available in Hindi, Punjabi and Gujarati, but please note this is not a class. No registration required. Materials not provided.

Family Storytime

Saturdays, October 5, 12, 19, & 26, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Activity Room

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

A Festival of Cat Films

Sundays, October 6, 13, & 20, 10 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., Auditorium

Join us for an epic and fun-filled celebration of cats! We are running both classic and contemporary movies. Each day is divided into a general theme of cats: Adventure films, family movies, and spooky movies.

LEGO Club (Grades K-8)

Monday, October 7, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Activity Room

Children will use their creativity and engineering skills to free build. This is a drop-in program. Space is limited. Younger siblings and parents are asked to wait outside.

Little Learners STEAM (ages 3-5)

Tuesday, October 8, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Activity Room

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

Speculative Fiction Book Club

Tuesday, October 8, 7 – 8 p.m., Auditorium

We will discuss [*Necromancer*](#) by William Gibson.

Board Game Day

Saturday, October 12, 10 a.m. – 6:30 p.m., Auditorium

Learn different board games or play your favorite one. This program is open to ages 18+. Online registration is encouraged but not required.

Tiny Dungeon

Saturday, October 12, 1:30 – 3 p.m., Program Room

Tiny Dungeon is a simplified table-top role-playing game with easy-to-remember rules. We welcome players of all experience levels, ages 13+.

Tarot Art for Teens and Adults

Sunday, October 13, 2 – 4 p.m., Auditorium

Join us for Tarot-inspired art and a short reading. A signup list will be available on a first come, first served basis. Please note: readings are for entertainment purposes only.

ICAN Read!

Wednesday, October 16, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Activity Room

Join us for children's stories in Vietnamese and English that nurture imagination, and inspire a love for learning! Furthermore, children will be able to showcase and practice their creative abilities with a variety of crafts activities. Chương trình ICAN Read! mở ra một thế giới đầy màu sắc cùng nhiều câu chuyện khơi dậy niềm yêu thích đọc sách ở trẻ. Ngoài ra, các bé có cơ hội thể hiện khả năng sáng tạo của mình thông qua các hoạt động thủ công.

Crafts Around the World

Wednesday, October 16, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Children's Activity Room

Long ago, Jewish farmers would build a special type of hut called a sukkah near their crops to maximize the time they had for harvesting. Build your own mini sukkah out of yummy materials. Registration required. All materials will be provided.

Special Performance: Fratello Marionettes

Wednesday, October 16, 7 – 8 p.m., Auditorium

Fratello Marionettes presents Spooktacular, which features happy ghosts, Frankenstein, the Purple People Eater, and a not-so-scary spider. Tickets are not required but space is limited.

America's Presidents: All Too Human

Thursday, October 17, 7 – 8 p.m.

Learn compelling and surprising stories about the factors which distinguish truly great presidents from their less impactful counterparts.

Spooky Crafts for Grades K-5

Friday, October 18, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Activity Room

Celebrate October with us! All materials will be provided. Please register.

Diwali Celebration (ages 13+)

Saturday, October 19, 2 – 4 p.m., Auditorium

Henna artists will be ready to give you a personalized design along with a craft, while supplies last.

Special Performance: The King's Problem

Monday, October 21, 7 – 7:45 p.m., Auditorium

Join us for a puppet show based on the tales of the Panchatantra, a book of fairy tales from India.

Tween Time (Grades 4 – 8)

Wednesday, October 23, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Activity Room

Comic book lovers and crafters can transform their favorite comic book pages and characters into bookmarks, keychains or picture frames. Registration is required. All supplies provided.

Reading Buddies for Grades K-5

Saturday, October 26, 2 – 3 p.m., Activity Room

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

Itty Bitty Halloween S’Booktacular (ages 0 – 6)

Thursday, October 31, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Activity Room

Wear your spookiest costume and join the fun! There will be not-so-scary activities, a costume parade, and trick-or-treating in the library.

MORGAN HILL -- 660 W. Main Avenue

Snack Break – Free Snacks for Kids/Pausa de Merienda – Merienda Gratis Para Niños

Mondays-Thursdays, 3 – 4 p.m./lunes a jueves, 3 a 4 p.m.

Stop by the library and pick up a free after-school snack. For kids 18 years old and under, while supplies last. ¡Pasa por la biblioteca y recoge una merienda gratis después de la escuela! Para niños de 18 años y menores, mientras duren las reservas.

Homework Help

Tuesdays, October 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 4 – 5:45 p.m., Children’s Activity Room

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

First Tuesday Knit-In

Tuesday, October 1, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., Program Room

Knitters are welcome to come and work together. New knitters can get advice and assistance while advanced knitters can meet new friends.

Induction Cooktop Demo

Tuesday, October 1, 7 – 8 p.m., Children’s Program Room

Meet a local “chefluencer” who will cook a gourmet recipe using an Induction cooktop stove, followed by free samples. Please register.

LEGO Club

Wednesdays, October 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 1 – 2:30 p.m., Children’s Activity Room

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

After Dinner Book Club

Wednesday, October 2, 7 – 8 p.m., Program Room

We will discuss [*Their Eyes Were Watching God*](#) by Zora Neale Hurston.

Special Performance: Cascada de Flores

Thursday, October 3, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

Through playful melodies, heartfelt lyrics, and infectious energy, Cascada de Flores invites to everyone tap your feet, sing along, and immerse yourself in the vibrant tapestry of Latin American culture. A través de melodías divertidas, letras sinceras y energía contagiosa, Cascada de Flores invita a todos a dar golpecitos con los pies, cantar y sumergirse en el vibrante tapiz de la cultura latinoamericana.

Drop-in Libby, eBook and Audiobook Help

Thursday, October 3, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Program Room

Bring your device in and get help navigating the Libby app.

Tiny Tot Jamboree

Fridays, October 4, 11, 18, & 25, 11 – 11:45 a.m., Children’s Activity Room

Toddlers (1-2 years old) and caregivers are invited to join us for short fun stories, rhymes, fingerplays and songs.

Itty Bitty Jamboree

Fridays, October 4, 11, 18, & 25, 11:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Children’s Activity Room

Babies (12 months and younger) and their caregivers are invited to join us for stories, music, movement and more!

Kids Keva Club (ages 5+)

Friday, October 4, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Children’s Activity Room

Create structures, sculptures, and ball-runs out of wooden planks. Practice your artistic and architectural skills without tools, glue, nails or tape.

Bilingual Storytime for All Ages

Saturdays, October 5, 12, 19, & 26, 10:15 – 10:45 a.m., Children’s Activity Room

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

ESL Conversation Club

Saturdays, October 5, 19, & 26, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Adult Program Room

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

Drawtober

Sundays, October 6, 13, & 20, 3 – 4 p.m., Program Room

Drawtober is a fun challenge to draw, doodle or sketch. We invite teens 13+ and adults to come by and use our self-guide workshop space. We will provide studio-quality tools, tea, and snacks. All skill levels and art styles are welcome. Registration is not required.

Zumba

Mondays, October 7 & 21, 6 – 7 p.m., Program Room

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

Family Fun Night: Día de los Muertos

Tuesday, October 8, 6:30 – 8 p.m., Children's Activity Room

Families with school-aged children will create art or participate in hands-on STEM activities. This program will focus on decorating sugar skulls.

Toddler Storytime

Thursdays, October 10, 17, 24, & 31, 10:15 – 10:45 a.m., Children's Activity Room

Join us for stories, music, movement and more. This program is geared towards children ages 2-3 and their caregivers.

Preschool Storytime

Thursdays, October 10, 17, 24, & 31, 11 – 11:45 a.m., Children's Activity Room

Children ages 4-5 and caregivers are invited to join us for stories, music, movement and more.

Safe Space Meeting for LGBTQ+ Youth (ages 13-25)

Friday, October 11, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Community Room

LGBTQ+ youth are invited to play games, participate in group activities and discussions, and build community. No registration necessary.

Dungeons & Dragons Spooky and Silly Session for Teens (ages 12-18)

Saturday, October 12, 2:30 – 5:30 p.m., Program Room

Join us for a one-shot D&D adventure. You can choose a silly or spooky storyline. Previous experience is required. Snacks and supplies will be provided. Please register online.

Library Ukulele Society

Tuesday, October 15, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

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

Kids Art Club

Wednesday, October 16, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Children's Activity Room

Join us for an afternoon of creativity as we explore amate painting. This is a drop-in program.

Morgan Hill Movie Night

Thursday, October 17, 4:30 – 5:45 p.m., Program Room

We will watch *The Nightmare Before Christmas* (Rated PG).

AAUW Showcase

Tuesday, October 22, 7 – 8 p.m., In Person and via Zoom

The South County American Association of University Women will dive into important topics like gender equality, diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) and climate issues. Registration is only required to receive Zoom link.

Teal Pumpkin Painting Party

Sunday, October 27, 1 – 3 p.m., Children’s Activity Room

Decorate pumpkins, enjoy a scavenger hunt, and photo booth in the spirit of inclusive fun. Mini pumpkins, paint and decorations will be provided, while supplies last. All ages welcome.

Diwali Craft for Adults

Wednesday, October 30, 5:30 – 7 p.m., Program Room

Decorate your own diya for Diwali. Supplies are limited and crafts will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. No registration is required.

SARATOGA -- 13650 Saratoga Avenue

Family Storytime

Tuesdays, October 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Orchard Room

Saturdays, October 5, 12, & 26, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room

Join us for stories, rhymes, and songs.

Sci-Fi & Fantasy Book Club

Tuesday, October 1, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard Room

We will be discussing [*The Tiger’s Daughter*](#) by K. Arsenault Rivera. Stop by the Adult Reference Desk to sign up for the meeting and pick up a copy of the book.

Knit & Crochet Circle

Wednesday, October 2, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Maple or Orchard Room

Bring your own projects, ask questions, receive or give help, share ideas, and meet new people.

Drop In Tech Help

Thursdays, October 3, 10, & 17, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Oak or Maple Room

Our volunteer can provide one-on-one help with using laptops, tablets, or cell phones. Help is on a first-come, first served basis.

Baby Storytime (12 months or younger)

Fridays, October 4, 11, 18, & 25, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room

Join us for stories, rhymes, fingerplays and songs.

The Latest Happenings in K-8 Education

Saturday, October 5, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Topics discussed include social/emotional learning, transitional kindergarten, COVID-19 recovery, timely help for struggling students and the implications of declining enrollment.

Make a Toy for a Dog in Need

Sunday, October 6, 2 – 3 p.m., Maple Room

This is a family-friendly program where participants will learn how to braid or sew dog toys from used, machine-washed clothing for local shelter dogs. Please register.

Family Bingo

Friday, October 7, 4 – 5 p.m., Community Room

Bring the whole family for bingo. Play and possibly win prizes.

Mystery Book Club

Monday, October 7, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard Room

We will be discussing [The Golden Gate](#) by Amy Chua. Stop by the Adult Reference Desk to sign up for the meeting and pick up a copy of the book.

Planning a Simple Native Garden for Beginners

Tuesday, October 8, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Community Room

Join us to learn each step of a plan to create a successful, thriving native garden. Come away with an easy checklist and all the resources you need to get started on your own yard.

Chinese Book Club - 中文書友會

Thursday, October 10, 10:15 a.m. – 12 p.m., Orchard Room

We will be discussing [Sea of Poppies](#)/[罌粟海](#) by Amitav Ghosh. The discussion is primarily in Mandarin. 參與者可選讀中文或英文版，討論則將以中文為主。

Kids Candy Experiments

Tuesday, October 15, 4 – 5 p.m., Community Room

Join us for experiments with popular candy. All ages welcome, no registration necessary.

Travel Program

Tuesday, October 15, 7:15 – 8:30 p.m.

We are taking a photographic excursion to Cambodia and Vietnam.

LEGOs

Wednesday, October 16, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

Kids 5+ are invited to join us for an hour of fun. Kids younger than 5 can enjoy Duplos.

Mandarin Storyline

Thursday, October 17, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Orchard Room

Enjoy fun stories, action rhymes, fingerplays and songs in Mandarin and English.

Teatime Book Chatter

Thursday, October 17, 1 – 2 p.m.

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

Special Performance: Cascada de Flores

Saturday, October 19, 11 – 11:45 a.m., Community Room

Through playful melodies, heartfelt lyrics, and infectious energy, Cascada de Flores invites to everyone tap your feet, sing along, and immerse yourself in the vibrant tapestry of Latin American culture. A través de melodías divertidas, letras sinceras y energía contagiosa, Cascada de Flores invita a todos a dar golpecitos con los pies, cantar y sumergirse en el vibrante tapiz de la cultura latinoamericana.

Board Game Night for Adults

Monday, October 21, 6 – 8 p.m.,

We have a variety of board games to choose from.

Spanish Storyline

Thursday, October 24, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Orchard Room

Enjoy fun stories, action rhymes, fingerplays and songs in Spanish and English.

General Election Voting

Saturday, October 26 – Monday, November 4, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., and Tuesday, November 5, 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Saratoga Library will be an official polling site for the 2024 General Election. Voters can also drop off their completed Vote by Mail and Absentee Ballots at this site during the listed hours.

Halloween Trivia Night for Adults

Monday, October 28, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., Maple Room

Compete with a group or individually and put your Halloween knowledge to the test. You will be using Mentimeter, so make sure at least one person has internet access from a device.

Digital Literacy Class

Thursday, October 31, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Maple Room

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

WOODLAND – 1975 Grant Road

Homework Help

Tuesdays, October 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 4:30 – 6 p.m., Children’s Area

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

Family Storytime: Breakfast

Sunday, October 6, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Patio

Join us for a breakfast-themed storytime filled with stories, songs, fingerplays, and fun. Dress for the weather!

Monday Meditation and Mindfulness

Mondays, October 7, 21, & 28, 7 – 7:30 p.m.

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

Family Storytime: Halloween

Sunday, October 20, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Patio

Join us for a Halloween-themed storytime filled with stories, songs, fingerplays, and fun. Dress for the weather!

ONLINE EVENTS (Please register online)

Understanding the College Admission Rubric

Tuesday, October 1, 6 – 7:30 p.m.

Once you're admitted into a university, you can read your admissions file to find out what got you into that school. Learn from successful college students who have seen their own files, to find out about who reads your application and the specific rubric it's graded against before you're admitted.

Demons, Creatures, and Monsters, Oh My!

Tuesday, October 1, 7 – 8 p.m.

Meet the mythical creatures, legendary beasts, and terrifying monsters that have populated Asian art for centuries. Today, they continue to thrill, terrify, entertain, and inspire.

Virtual Author Talk: Smithsonian Scientists

Wednesday, October 2, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

For decades, scientists at the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute have studied the biodiversity of bats on Barro Colorado Island in Panama, where an astonishing seventy-six species coexist. [Bat Island](#) is a captivating visual journey into the fascinating world of these elusive night creatures.

Online English Conversation Club

Thursdays, October 3, 10, 17, & 31, 11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Meet new friends and practice English together.

Virtual Author Talk: Silvia Moreno-Garcia

Wednesday, October 9, 4 – 5 p.m.

New York Times bestselling and award-winning author Silvia Moreno-Garcia will discuss her new novel, [*The Seventh Veil of Salome*](#).

College Essays: The Common App

Wednesday, October 9, 5 – 6 p.m.

A great college essay highlights a student’s personal attributes, how they are unique from their peers, and the kind of impact they can contribute to their community. Join us for a presentation with Q&A by a college counselor to learn how to make your essay stand out.

Virtual Author Talk: Lori Gottlieb

Tuesday, October 22, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

[*Maybe You Should Talk to Someone*](#) by Lori Gottlieb offers a deeply personal yet universal tour of our hearts and minds and providing the rarest of gifts: a boldly revealing portrait of what it means to be human, and a disarmingly funny and illuminating account of our own mysterious lives and our power to transform them.

Timeless Traditions: Expressions of the Divine in Indian Art

Tuesday, October 29, 7 – 8 p.m.

Explore the vast collection of South Asian art through the prism of four belief systems founded there: Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism, and Sikhism. Discover how deities and the divine have been depicted for thousands of years by the artists of India and neighboring cultures.

Los Altos and Woodland Libraries

October 2024



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FRIDAY,
OCTOBER 4, 2024

10:30 AM -12:30 PM

LOS ALTOS LIBRARY
ORCHARD ROOM

RSVP TO JOHN (JLUE@SCCL.ORG)

BY SEPTEMBER 20, 2024

Los Altos Library
July-2024

In July, 3527 unique patrons used your library WiFi. On average, these patrons visited to use the WiFi on just under 3 individual days.



Change from prior month
8534 ↑ 2.01%

Monthly Sessions



7450 ↓ -0.12%

Total Visits



3527 ↓ -1.32%

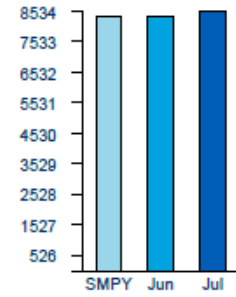
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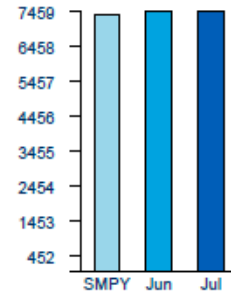
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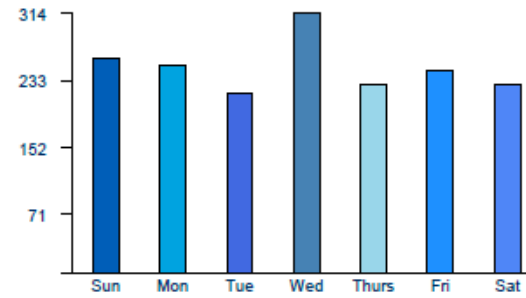


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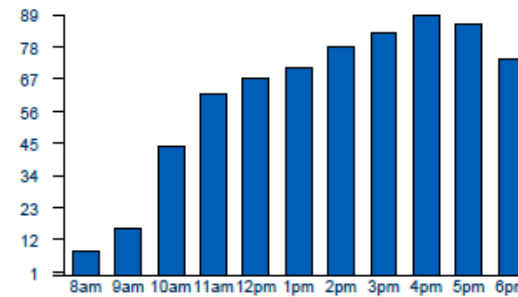


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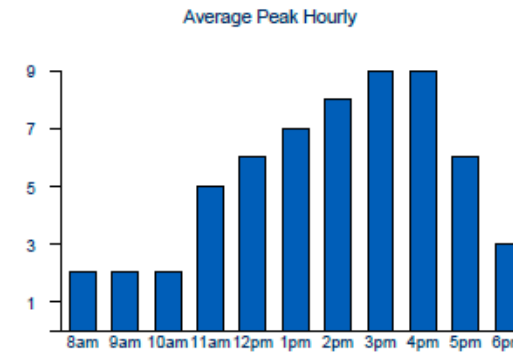
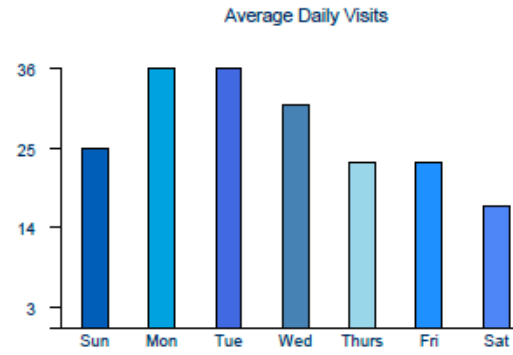
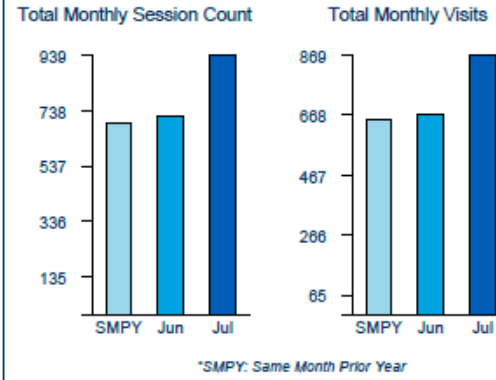
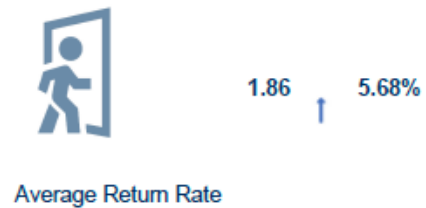
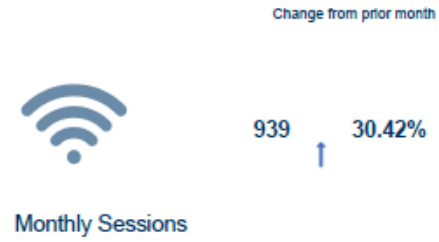


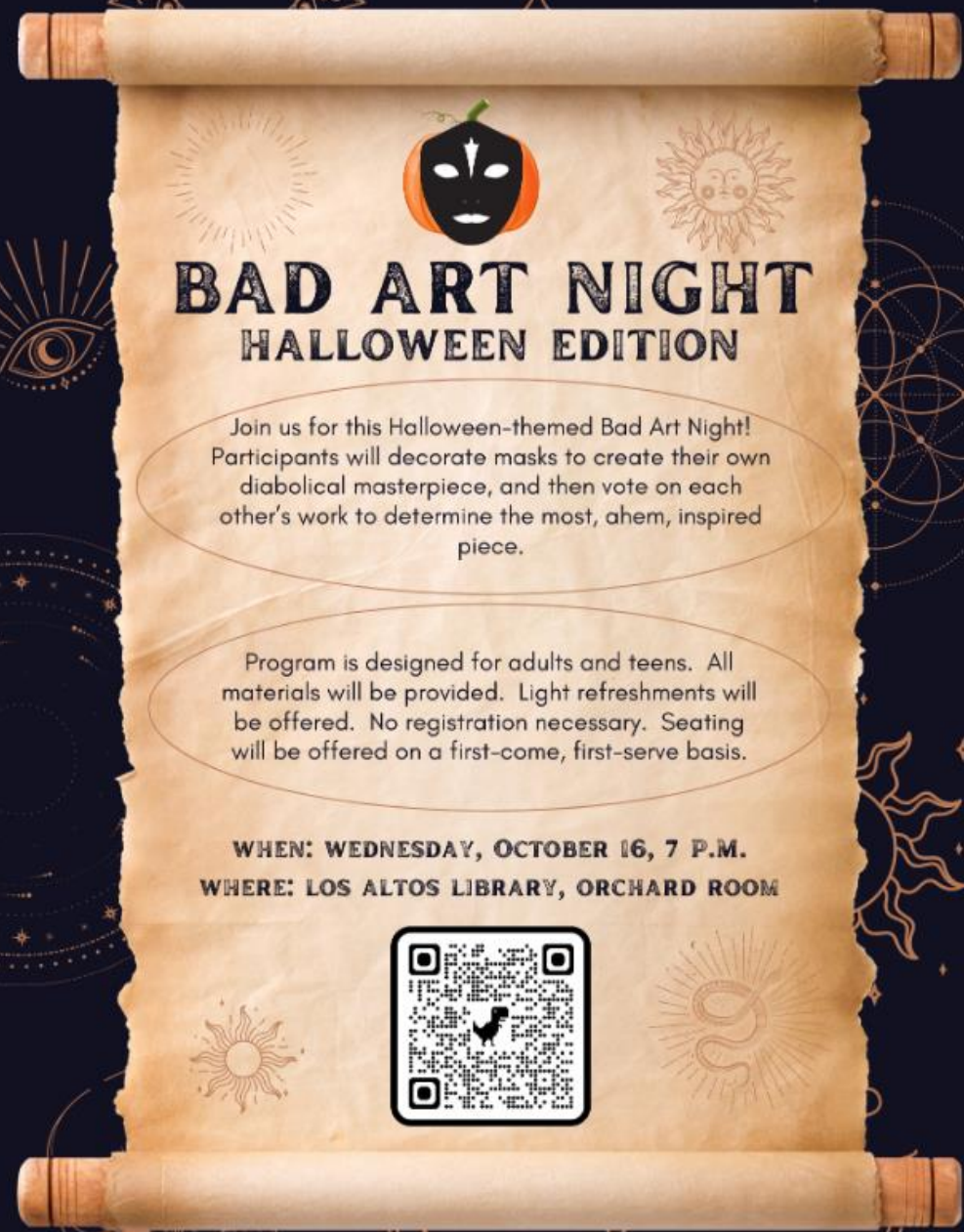
Average Peak Hourly



Woodland Branch Library
July-2024

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BAD ART NIGHT HALLOWEEN EDITION

Join us for this Halloween-themed Bad Art Night! Participants will decorate masks to create their own diabolical masterpiece, and then vote on each other's work to determine the most, ahem, inspired piece.

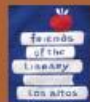
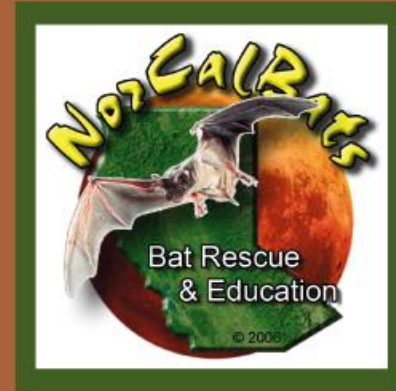
Program is designed for adults and teens. All materials will be provided. Light refreshments will be offered. No registration necessary. Seating will be offered on a first-come, first-serve basis.

WHEN: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 7 P.M.
WHERE: LOS ALTOS LIBRARY, ORCHARD ROOM



Meet the NorCal Bats!

Tuesday, October 22
7 PM
Los Altos Library
Orchard Room

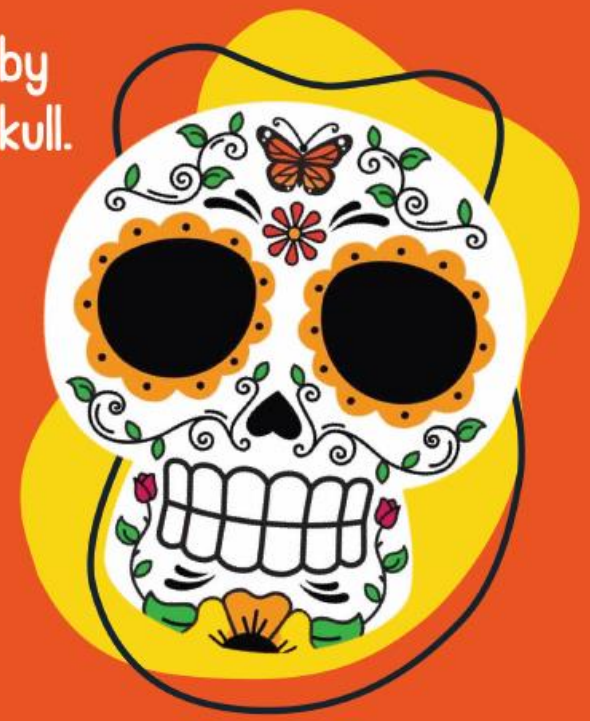


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DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS

Celebrate
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decorating a sugar skull.

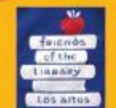


Sunday, October 27th
Drop-in from
3:00 to 4:30 PM
Orchard Room
[While supplies last.]

This drop-in craft is self-directed.
Children must come with an adult crafting-buddy.



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FIND NEW FRIENDS! READ TO THERAPY ANIMALS AT THE LOS ALTOS LIBRARY



For children
grades K-8

FURRY FRIENDS
LOS ALTOS LIBRARY
ORCHARD ROOM
OCTOBER 28, 2:30-3:30 PM

ONLINE PRE-REGISTRATION
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HALLOWEEN storytimes

WED., OCT. 30 AT 10:30 PM
WED., OCT. 30 AT 1 PM
THURS., OCT. 31 AT 10:30 AM
THURS., OCT. 31 AT 3:30 PM

With parade and trick-or-treating after
both storytimes on **October 31**

You are welcome to dress up!



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Outreach Visits



- September 10- Canterbury School (42)
- September 11 - Los Altos Chinese School (17)
- September 23 - Ventana Third Grade
- September 25 - Twinkle Child

Children's Programs

- ▶ **Baby Sign and Stay and Play (10/5 10:30 am)**
- ▶ **Cascada de Flores (10/11 at 10:30 am)**
- ▶ **Halloween Crafts for Kids (10/12 at 11:00 am)**
- ▶ **Book Bugs Club (10/15 at 4:00 pm)**
- ▶ **Page Turners Book Club (10/16 at 4:00 pm)**
- ▶ **To Be Read Book Club for 6th-8th graders (10/22 at 4:00 pm)**
- ▶ **Preschool Storytime: Read for the Record with County Librarian Jennifer Weeks (10/24 at 3:30 pm)**

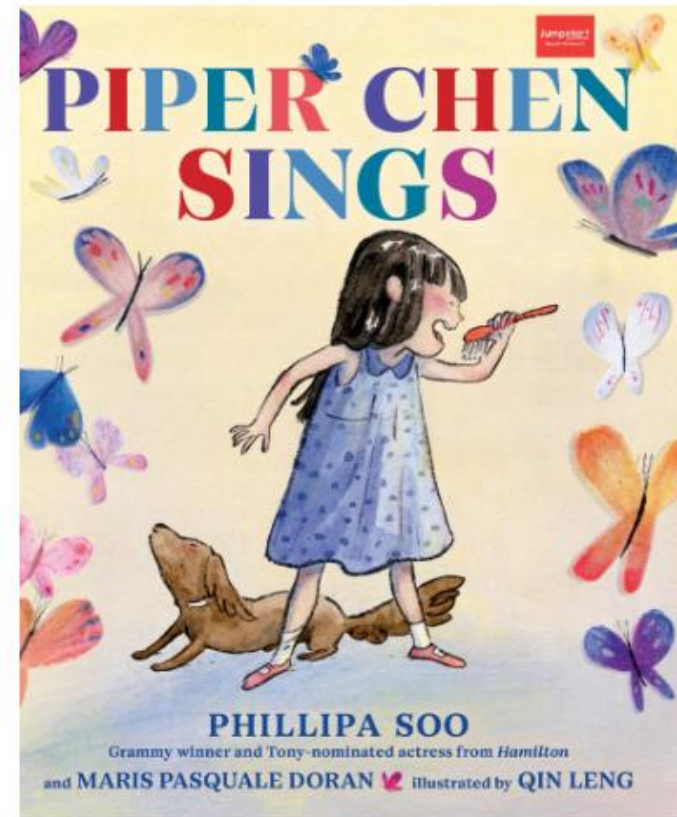


2024 Read for the Record Book

▶ Join us on October 24 at Los Altos Library with special guest County Librarian, Jennifer Weeks.

▶ 3:30 PM

▶ Orchard Room



ADULT & TEEN PROGRAMS

- October 7 at 10:30 am Monday Morning Meditation and Mindfulness
- October 8 at 7:00 pm - Mixed Media Bullet/Junk Journal for Creativity
- October 13 at 2:00 pm - Board Game Sunday!
- October 16 at 7:00 pm -Bad Art Night: Halloween Edition
- October 17 at 6:45 pm - Tarot Art
- October 21 at 11:30 am - Happier Aging
- October 24 at 6:30 pm - Paint Party for Adults and Teens

<https://scclld.org/events>

