



## **LIBRARY COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA**

**6:30 PM - Thursday, March 07, 2024**

***Los Altos Community Center Sequoia Room***

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Correspondence must be received by 2 PM on the day of the meeting to ensure distribution prior to the meeting. Comments provided after 2 PM will be distributed the following day and included with public comment in the packet.

### **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. Approve minutes of the regular meeting of January 4, 2024

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

2. Establish Ad-Hoc Subcommittee for Targeted Outreach
3. Discuss and approve the amended 2024 Library Commission Work Plan based upon feedback from the City Council during the Study Session on February 27, 2024
4. Discuss the proposed Night at the Library event hosted by the Library Commission
5. Discuss the possibility of tech-blending, noise cancelling headsets for the library.

## **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS ONLY**

### **STAFF REPORTS**

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

### **COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

### **POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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## LIBRARY COMMISSION MEETING

### MINUTES

6:30 PM - Thursday, January 4, 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, Crane, Morris

**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 October 5, 2023

**Public Comment:** None

**Action:** Vice Chair Bedard moved that the Commission accept the minutes of the regular meeting of October 5, 2023 as written. Commissioner Crane seconded the motion.

Approve: Fawcett, Bedard, Carter, Crane, Morris

Oppose:

Abstain:

Motion passed: 5-0-0

2. **Potential Improvements to Library Ad-Hoc Subcommittee:** Discuss and approve the presentation and associated recommendations from the Potential Improvements to Library Subcommittee that will be presented to City Council.

**Public Comment:** Rose Baiza, Freddie Wheeler

**Action:** Commissioner Carter moved to approve. Commissioner Crane seconded with a friendly amendment to approve the presentation and associated recommendations from the Potential Improvements to Library Subcommittee that will be presented to City Council.

Approve: Fawcett, Bedard, Carter, Crane, Morris

Oppose:  
Abstain:  
Motion passed: 5-0-0

- 3. Library Commission Work Plan:** Discuss and approve the 2024 Library Commission Work Plan that will be presented to City Council at a Joint Session with City Council and Commissions on February 27, 2024.

**Public Comment:** None

**Action:** Commissioner Crane moved to approve the edited version of the 2024 Library Commission Work Plan and direct City staff to make improvements to the document.  
Approve: Fawcett, Bedard, Carter, Crane, Morris  
Oppose:  
Abstain:  
Motion passed: 5-0-0

- 4. Library Parking Update:** Discuss the current library parking layout and provide direction for proposed parking improvements.

**Public Comment:** Freddie Wheeler

**Action:** None

## COMMUNITY PARTNER UPDATES

- 5. Los Altos Library Endowment (LALE) Update:** Receive updates from LALE representative

**Public Comment:** Freddie Wheeler

- 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

**Public Comment:** Freddie Wheeler

## INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

## STAFF REPORTS

- 8. County District Staff Update:** Receive information and updates from County Staff
- 9. Main Library Staff Update:** Receive information and updates from Main Library Staff

**10. City Staff Update:** Receive updates from City Staff

**AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**LIAISON REPORTS**

**11.** Receive update on the Library Patio Task Force and provide direction as needed.

**REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**12. Requests for Future Agenda Items**

- a. Night at the Library event
- b. Library Commission Web Presence
- c. Commission Picture in Libraries
- d. Create Ad-Hoc Subcommittee for Targeted Outreach
- e. Work Plan Assignments
- f. Tech-Blending, Noise-Cancelling Headsets Discussion
- g. Add Section on “REPORT OUT FROM COMMISSIONERS” to end of future meetings

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Fawcett adjourned the meeting at 8:33 pm.



**LIBRARY COMMISSION  
AGENDA REPORT SUMMARY**

**Meeting Date:** March 7, 2024

**Subject** Establish Ad-Hoc Subcommittee for Targeted Outreach

**Prepared by:** Anthony Carnesecca, Assistant to the City Manager

**Attachment(s):**  
None

**Purpose**  
Establish Ad-Hoc Subcommittee for Targeted Outreach

**Discussion**

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.

Commission members currently serving on a Ad-Hoc Subcommittee are not eligible to serve on another Ad-Hoc Subcommittee simultaneously.

The motion of establishment must include that the Ad-Hoc Subcommittee:

- Is comprised solely of members of the Commission establishing the Ad-Hoc Subcommittee,
- Consists of less than a quorum of the Commission,
- Includes a defined purpose and the timeframe to accomplish that purpose and is less than one year in duration,
- Will automatically terminate when a final report is given to the Commission, or when the timeframe established by the Commission is met, unless extended by the Commission at a public meeting,
- Will not be re-established or renewed in multiple years, and
- Is advisory in nature and is not established to work on an item where continuing jurisdiction exists.



**Subject:** Establish Ad-Hoc Subcommittee for Targeted Outreach

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In accordance with the Brown Act, Ad-Hoc Subcommittees do not need to post notice of their meetings or hold meetings in public, unless directed to do so by the City Council.”

Currently, the Library Commission has one Ad-Hoc Subcommittee for Potential Library Improvements consisting of Vice Chair Bedard and Commissioner Crane. The commission may establish one more Ad-Hoc Subcommittee while remaining in compliance with the above guidelines.



**LIBRARY COMMISSION  
AGENDA REPORT SUMMARY**

**Meeting Date:** March 7, 2024

**Subject** Library Commission Work Plan

**Prepared by:** Anthony Carnesecca, Assistant to the City Manager

**Attachment(s):**

1. 2024 Library Commission Work Plan

**Purpose**

Discuss and approve the amended 2024 Library Commission Work Plan based upon feedback from the City Council during the Study Session on February 27, 2024.

**Discussion**

In June 2023, the City Council updated the powers and duties for the Library Commission. Per LAMC 2.08.080, “the Library Commission shall:

- A. Serve as the principal liaison between the City Council of Los Altos and Los Altos Hills and the Santa Clara County Library District, and the various community entities that help to fund the library branches, including, but not limited to, the North County Library Authority, the Los Altos Library Endowment and the Friends of the Los Altos Library;
- B. Review the Los Altos Library programs, services and facilities, and make recommendations to the Council, the City Manager and/or County and Community Librarians as appropriate, for additions or modifications thereof;
- C. Conduct community outreach regarding the library facilities, programs and services, and report back to the Council and/or the County and Community Librarians as appropriate;
- D. Perform such other tasks as may be expressly requested of it by the City Council;
- E. Serve as a forum for community input and engagement;
- F. Submit an annual report to the Council; and
- G. Perform other tasks and duties as assigned by the Council.”

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.

The City Council expressed great excitement about several projects and initiatives mentioned in the work plan, such as the library improvements and analysis of programs and services.





**Subject:** Library Commission Work Plan

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The City Council did express concern regarding the Commission evaluating parking as this has not been provided by City Council direction and has previously been limited by City Council liaisons. As such, City staff recommends removing this item from the 2024 Library Commission Work Plan.

## 2024 Los Altos Library Commission Work Plan

Goal	Projects	Priority Source	Status
Improve infrastructure	Improvements to main library building (Existing Ad-Hoc Subcommittee)*	City Council - Asset Management	1st Phase Complete
Improve services	Research new services, programs, and events for library*	Powers and Duties	In Progress
Increase awareness	Explore targeted outreach to seniors, youth, and general public (Future Ad-Hoc Subcommittee)*	Powers and Duties	In Progress
	Improve the Commission's presence		Beginning
	Host community events at library		In Progress
Enhance partnerships	Attend meetings for external community organizations	Powers and Duties	In Progress
	Identify liaisons for all external community organizations		Completed

\*Aligns with County Library Strategic Plan

March 2024  
Library Stakeholder Report  
Jennifer Weeks, County Librarian



## Sign up for New Text Notifications

SCCLD is offering a new way for patrons to receive library notifications including when their holds are available, due dates reminders, when an item successfully auto-renews, and more. For those who don't want to bother with emails to check the status of their library requests, texting/SMS messaging offers a convenient way to receive notifications.

There are three easy ways to enroll to receive text notices:

- Call the accounts team Monday to Saturday 10 am - 6 pm at (408) 540-3945
- Visit your local library accounts desk
- Use the online [form](#) to update your notification preference

Patrons who opt into this service will receive a text message containing a link to open their account and see which specific item(s) are available or due. Standard message and data rates apply.

As the library system for the heart of Silicon Valley, we are delighted to offer this technological upgrade. We hope that this new method will be more convenient for our patrons.

**FYI- SCCLD Libraries will be closed on Sunday, March 31 for Easter and Monday, April 1 for César Chávez Day (observed). You can learn more about Chávez's life and work through his [Foundation](#). Our [Online Library](#) is available 24/7 at [scclid.org/](http://scclid.org/).**

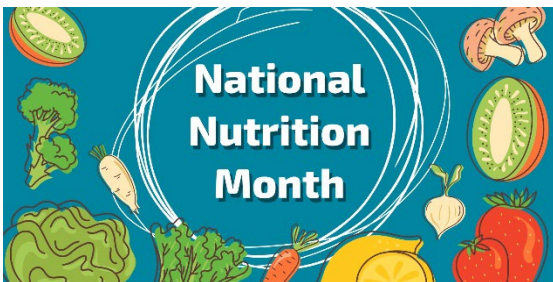
## Silicon Valley Reads Finishing Strong

We're at the mid-point of Silicon Valley Reads 2024, with over [40 events](#) still to come this month at SCCLD libraries. In case you missed it, the video of our January 31 [kickoff event](#) at De Anza College is online. Pictured to the right are the featured authors who participated in the panel.



March is a perfect month for SVR's theme of ***A Greener Tomorrow Starts Today***, as it's when we don green apparel on St. Patrick's Day (17<sup>th</sup>) and mark the start of spring (21<sup>st</sup>). Our hills are also green, providing a welcome invitation to explore our local County Parks. SCCLD offers free [County Park passes](#) to borrow at each of our libraries.

All March long a diverse range of free virtual and in-person public programs suitable for all ages will be offered touching on topics around environmental sustainability. These include author talks, educational events, demonstrations, outdoor events like hikes and a clean-up, activities for students, storytimes, and more. Find the complete schedule of events at [Siliconvalleyreads.org/calendar](https://siliconvalleyreads.org/calendar). You can also find a list of March Silicon Valley Reads events in our monthly events calendar that follows this report.



## National Nutrition Month Health Resources

Thanks to science, we are learning more and more about the human body, the food we consume, and how they interact. As we enter [National Nutrition Month](#) some things remain the same. Healthy living, including exercise and a good diet, are key to being physically fit.

Our collection features a number of titles about nutrition related topics. Check out some of our booklists, like our staff picks for [Health & Fitness](#) selections. Another list from our [Sports and Games](#) group looks at how to reach peak sports performance with the help of the best available nutrition. Under [Science & Technology](#), find nonfictional books that explain things such as why we enjoy the foods we do and why some bacteria can be helpful.

SCCLD offers a variety of digital resources through our 24/7 Online Library. Check out our [Health & Wellness](#) section, which offers useful and accurate information about topics including nutrition. There you will find Health Library by StayWell, PlaneTree Health Library and MedlinePlus, which is produced by the National Institutes of Health. There are also a variety of on-demand online courses about a wide range of health topics, plus several reference eBooks and videos that include nutrition-related topics.

The County of Santa Clara's Social Service Agency offers [free meals for seniors](#) over 60 and at low cost for others who qualify. The Santa Clara County Office of Education offers [nutrition lesson plans](#) and tips for kids and their families. Those who are looking to find free groceries can find assistance from [Second Harvest of Silicon Valley](#) or by calling 211 to find a food pantry near them.

## Make a Mark with Women's History Month

This year's theme for [Women's History Month](#) underlines the importance of equity, diversity and inclusion efforts in levelling the playing field in all of society's institutions. Just a little over a century ago, women in the U.S. could not vote. Today there are more women enrolled in colleges and universities than men, though a double digit [gender wage gap](#) at work still exists. As Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. once said, "the arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice."



Our Children's librarians have put together a [new reading list](#) with recent titles for kids and teens that profile dozens of fascinating women across history and the globe who have done great and amazing things. These include a Mesopotamian poet and priestess, the first woman to reach Mount Everest's summit, the first woman and African American to lead the Library of Congress, an actress who invented the technique that would lead to WiFi, Bluetooth and GPS technologies, and the first Native American woman to earn a medical degree. Our librarians have also compiled a selection of [new titles](#) for adults.

Our libraries have several events planned in connection with the month. Saratoga Library's Sci-Fi and Fantasy Book Club is discussing *Herland* by Charlotte Perkins Gilman, about a feminist utopia, on [Tuesday, March 5](#). Milpitas Library invites kids in grades K-8 to create a small guitar, in honor of music legend Joni Mitchell on [Tuesday, March 12](#). Morgan Hill Library screens the film Hidden Figures, a true story about the three female black women mathematicians who were crucial to NASA's early space mission successes, on [Wednesday, March 13](#). Milpitas Library is offering two craft programs for children in grades K-8. Create De Stijl-style artwork inspired by artist Marlow Moss on [Tuesday, March 19](#). Paint a Georgia O'Keefe style landscape on [Tuesday, March 26](#). All supplies will be provided. Find more details about these events and others on our online [Event Calendar](#).

**YOUR****COUNTS**

## Libraries Taking Part in Primary Election

All SCCLD libraries have ballot drop-sites available 24/7 through Election Day, Tuesday, March 5 (Cupertino's is next to their City Hall). A full list of ballot drop-off sites and in-person Voting Centers, including hours, is available on the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters' [website](#).

Several libraries are also serving as in-person voting sites:

- Early Voting Centers: daily from 10 am – 6 pm at Cupertino, Milpitas, and Saratoga from now until Monday, March 4, and Gilroy and Morgan Hill from Saturday, March 2 to Monday, March 4.
- Election Day Sites: Tuesday, March 5, 7 am – 8 pm at Cupertino, Gilroy, Milpitas, Morgan Hill, and Saratoga.

## SANTA CLARA COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT MARCH 2024 EVENTS

**\*All SCCLD libraries are closed and services unavailable on Sunday, March 31 for Easter and Monday, April 1 for Cesar Chavez Day (observed)\***

*Silicon Valley Reads programs are highlighted in blue.*

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

#### **ESL Conversation Club**

*Tuesdays, March 5, 12, 19, & 26, 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.

#### **Family Storytime**

*Wednesdays, March 6, 13, 20, & 27, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard City Banquet Hall*

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

#### **SVR: Santa Clara County Office of Sustainability's Green Initiatives**

*Tuesday, March 19, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard City Banquet Hall*

Join us for an informative presentation showcasing the impactful initiatives led by the Office of Sustainability's three key areas: urban forestry, energy efficiency and electrification, and climate action planning.

#### **SVR Adult Book Club**

*Wednesday, March 20, 7 – 8 p.m., Room E44*

We will discuss Silicon Valley Reads featured book, [\*The Light Pirate\*](#) by Lily Brooks-Dalton.

#### **Guitar Night**

*Tuesday, March 26, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., Orchard City Banquet Hall*

Enjoy performances by professionals and students in various genres including rock, jazz and classical.

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

#### **Primary Election Voting**

*Friday – Monday, March 1 – 4, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. & Tuesday, March 5, 7 a.m. – 8 p.m., Room 201*

Cupertino Library is a voting site for early and Election Day voting.



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

*Fridays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 2:30 – 4 p.m., March 1 meetup will be in 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Think Tank, all other meetups in Room 201A*

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

### **Mandarin/English Bilingual Family Storytime**

*Fridays, March 1 & 15, 7 – 8 p.m.*

Join us for stories, songs, flannel board story, fingerplay, and a craft with Children's Librarian Jennifer in Mandarin and English. Children and their caretakers are welcome to join. 兒童圖書館員Jennifer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 for All Ages**

*Saturdays, March 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 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.

### **Family Storytime for 3s-5s**

*Mondays, March 4, 11, 18, & 25, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Program Room*

This storytime is suitable for children ages 3-5 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.

### **Homework Help**

*Mondays and Thursdays, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Children's Study Room*

*Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 6 – 7:30 p.m., Children's 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.

### **ESL Conversation Club**

*Tuesdays, March 5, 12, 19, & 26, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., March 5 meetup will be in the Cupertino Community Hall next door. All others will be at Room 201A*

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

### **Toddler Storytime (ages 1-2)**

*Tuesdays, March 5, 12, 19, & 26, 10:30 – 11 a.m.*

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

### **Baby Wearing Dance Program**

*Wednesdays, March 6, 13, 20, & 27, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.*

Babies must be held or worn in a carrier while the caregiver learns dance moves.

### **Bedtime Storytime**

*Wednesdays, March 6, 13, 20, & 27, 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, March 7, 14, 21, & 28, 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.

### **Create CU: Etegami**

*Friday, March 8, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Room 201B*

Learn the Japanese art of the picture letter. All materials and instruction will be provided. This program is intended for adults 18+. Register online.

### **Silicon Valley Reads Teen Craft**

*Saturday, March 9, 2 – 3 p.m. and 3 – 4 p.m., Room 201B*

We will be recycling plastic bottles and turning them into seed sprouters. All materials will be provided. Please register online.

### **Nonfiction Book Discussion Group**

*Sunday, March 10, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Room 201A*

We will discuss [\*Fragile Cargo\*](#) by Adam Brookes.

### **Zero Waste Chef Cooking Demonstration**

*Sunday, March 10, 3 – 4 p.m.*

Zero Waste Chef Anne-Marie Bonneau will show us how to use materials and veggies around the kitchen to make soup.

### **Travel Program: Sri Lanka**

*Monday, March 11, 7 – 8:15 p.m., Room 201A*

Photographer David Couzens takes us on a trip to Sri Lanka, home to bountiful wildlife including elephants, buffalo, monkeys, leopards, and various birds and reptile species.

### **LEGO Club**

*Tuesday, March 12, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Children's Meeting Room*

Children in grades K-8 are invited to build and create using LEGOs.



### **Easy to Grow Native Plants**

*Thursday, March 14, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Room 201*

The California Native Plant Society will explain the benefits of growing native plants, and how to plant and water to ensure success.

### **Shred It and Forget It**

*Saturday, March 16, 10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., Outside*

Families are allowed to bring up to 3 boxes of paper waste to shred for free.

### **Let's Write Limericks**

*Saturday, March 16, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Room 201*

Cupertino Poet Laureate Keiko O'Leary will lead a workshop at creating fun, short poems.

### **AI Bridge Program for Teens**

*Saturdays, March 16 & 23, 2 – 6 p.m., Room 201*

We will get a brief overview of Python basics and the Pandas library, and then introduce supervised machine learning. Learn classification models and unsupervised machine learning. Participants should have prior Python coding experience. Register online.

### **VITA Volunteer Tax Assistance**

*Sunday, March 17, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., and Saturday, March 30, 1 – 6 p.m., Room 201*

Get free help with simple tax returns. Please bring all W2, 1098 and 1099 forms, social security cards or ITIN numbers, and your 2023 tax return. An email address is needed. People will be helped on a first come, first served basis.

### **Cupertino Adult Book Discussion**

*Wednesday, March 20, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and Thursday, March 21, 7 – 8 p.m., Room 201B*

We will be discussing featured book, [Stay True: A Memoir](#) by Hua Hsu.

### **Bay Area Hummingbirds**

*Wednesday, March 20, 7 – 8 p.m., Room 201*

Wildlife photographer Joan Sparks will share photographs of these birds, and share tips to encourage hummingbirds to permanently reside on your property.

### **Cupertino Sunday Line Dance Program**

*Sunday, March 24, 2 – 3 p.m., Room 201*

Get started with step-by-step instruction of dance movements choreographed to the rhythms of Waltz, Rumba, Cha-Cha, Salsa, Pop and more. This class is for anyone. No partner needed. Online registration required.

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

### **Black History Month: Book Discussion**

*Friday, March 1, 10:15 – 11:15 a.m., Quiet Study B*

We will be discussing [The Moor's Account](#) by Laila Lalami in recognition of Black History Month.

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

*Mondays-Fridays, 3 – 4 p.m./lunes-viernes, 3 – 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.

### **Safe Space Meet-Up for LGBTQ+ Youth**

*Fridays, March 1 & 15, 4 – 5:30 p.m., First Floor Meeting Room*

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.

### **Primary Election Voting**

*Saturday – Monday, March 2 – 4, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., Tuesday, March 5, 7 a.m. – 8 p.m., Ground Floor Meeting Room*

Gilroy Library is a voting site for early and Election Day Voting.

### **Citizenship Classes/Clases de Ciudadanía**

*Saturdays, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., upstairs Computer Training Lab*

This 4-class session will teach you the path to U.S. citizenship, available resources, and instruction on how to pass the test. Please register. Walk-ins welcome as space allows. Asista personalmente a esta sesión de 4 clases en la Biblioteca Gilroy. Conozca el camino hacia la ciudadanía estadounidense, los recursos disponibles y las instrucciones sobre cómo aprobar el examen. Se admiten visitas sin cita previa según lo permita el espacio. Regístrate para reservar tu plaza.

### **Saturday Storytime**

*Saturdays, March 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., The Nest*

Enjoy stories and songs with your family and librarian Cameron. Disfrute de cuentos y canciones con tu familia con el bibliotecario Cameron.

### **Zero Waste Chef Cooking Demonstration**

*Sunday, March 2, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.*

Zero Waste Chef Anne-Marie Bonneau will show us how to practice fermentation with materials found around the kitchen to create sauerkraut and kombucha. Register online.

### **One Green Edible Thing Talk & Discussion**

*Monday, March 4, 7 – 8 p.m., Upstairs Community Room*

Sustainable food advocate Peter Ruddock will talk about what farmers, producers, and you can do to grow, make and eat in tune with the environment.

### **Pajama Storytime**

*Mondays, March 4, 11, 18, & 25, 7 – 7:30 p.m., the Nest*

Join us for stories, sing songs, and wear your pajamas! Lee cuentos, canta canciones y ponte los pijamas para una hora de cuentos para niños de todas las edades con la bibliotecaria Gwyn.

### **Spanish Storytime/Hora de Cuentos Español**

*Tuesdays, March 5, 12, 19, & 26, 4 – 5 p.m., the Nest*

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

### **Family Storytime**

*Thursdays, March 7, 14, 21, & 28, 10:30 – 11 a.m., the Nest*

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

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

*Thursdays, March 7, 14, 21, & 28, 1 – 4 p.m., Upstairs Quiet Study B*

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

### **Master Gardeners: Plan Your Tomato Garden**

*Saturday, March 9, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Upstairs Community Room*

Learn how to increase your success with correct planting methods, pest control, irrigation, soil management, and fertilizer to produce healthy and productive plants.

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

*Saturday, March 9, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Downstairs Meeting Room*

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

### **Improve Your Public Speaking with Gilroy Toastmasters**

*Mondays, March 11 & 25, 6 – 7 p.m., Quiet Room B*

The typical meetings consist of 1 or 2 prepared speeches lasting 4-10 minutes. A round robin of “off the cuff” questions follow the prepared speeches. Please register.

### **LEGO Club**

*Wednesday, March 13, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m., the Nest*

We provide Legos, children build fun creations! Nosotros proporcionamos los Legos, los niños construyen creaciones divertidas!

### **Driver Safety for Teens & Parents**

*Wednesday, March 13, 6 –8 p.m., Upstairs Community Room*

This program is aimed at helping newly licensed teen drivers to become more aware of the responsibilities that accompany the privilege of being a licensed driver.

### **National Quilting Day**

*Saturday, March 16, 2 –3 p.m., Community Room*

Local quilters will speak about their experiences quilting. Some works will also be on display.

### **SVR Teen Craft: DIY Terrarium**

*Monday, March 18, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.*

Terrariums are small glass containers that house slow-growing plants and are easy to maintain. Put together your own at this program. All supplies will be provided. Please register online.

### **Senior Driver Education Class**

*Thursday, March 21, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m., Community Room*

This curriculum addresses topics of aging and its effects on safe driving, maintaining good physical health and self-assessment.

### **SVR Book Discussion**

*Tuesday, March 26, 7 – 8 p.m., Upstairs Quiet Study B*

We will discuss one of the Silicon Valley Reads Recommended Titles, [\*Burnt: A Memoir of Fighting Fire\*](#) by Clare Frank.

### **Upcycle Wreath Making for Adults and Teens**

*Wednesday, March 27, 6 – 8 p.m., Upstairs Quiet Study B*

We will take trimmed egg cartons and shape and decorate them so they can resemble flowers that we will create into a spring wreath.

### **SVR Craft: DIY Terrarium for Kids**

*Saturday, March 30, 11:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Courtyard*

Terrariums are small glass or plastic containers that house slow-growing plants and are easy to maintain. All supplies will be provided. Please register online.

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

### **Falls Prevention**

*Friday, March 1, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Orchard Room*

Learn about risk fall factors and tips to prevent a fall. Register online.

### **Baby Sign and Stay & Play**

*Saturday, March 2, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.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. After storytime, stay and play with age-appropriate toys.

### **Books and Ballet**

*Sundays, March 3, 10, 17, & 24, 10:15 – 11 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m., Orchard Room*

This storytime is a fun introduction to ballet and the joy of movement for boys and girls ages 3-5. No experience necessary. Participants should commit to attending each of the four weeks of the session. Register online.

### **Bilingual Spanish Storytime**

*Tuesdays, March 5, 12, 19, & 26, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard Room*

Join us for stories, songs, and movement in Spanish and English. ¡Únase a nosotros para escuchar cuentos, canciones y movimiento en español e inglés!

### **Homework Help**

*Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 3 – 5:30 p.m., Children’s 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.

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

*Wednesday, March 6, 10:15 – 11:30 a.m., Teen Room*

We will discuss [Harlem Shuffle](#) by Colson Whitehead.

### **Toddler Storytime**

*Wednesdays & Thursdays, March 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21, 27, & 28, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard Room*

This interactive storytime is for 1 and 2 year olds, and will feature stories, music and fun activities. Due to limited space, free tickets will be handed out starting at 10 a.m.

### **Baby Storytime and Stay & Play**

*Wednesdays, March 6, 13, 20, & 27, 1 – 2 p.m., Orchard Room*

Babies up to age 1 and their caregivers are invited to enjoy songs, rhymes, gentle movements, short books and other fun. This storytime lasts 20 minutes, then enjoy a stay & play.

### **World Affairs**

*Wednesday, March 6, 7 – 8:30 p.m.*

World Affairs will discuss a different global issue each month. This month is “The Changing Face of Authoritarian Politics in Egypt.”

### **ESL Conversation Club**

*Thursdays, March 7, 14, 21, & 28, 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, March 7, 14, 21, & 28, 3:30 – 4 p.m., Orchard Room*

Join us for stories, music, movement and more. Preschool storytime is suitable for children ages 3-5 and their caregivers. Storytimes from March 14 – April 18 will focus on kindergarten readiness skillsets.

### **Teen Dungeons and Dragons Social Club**

*Thursdays, March 7, 14, 21, & 28, 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.

### **Friday Fun: Sing & Sign**

*Friday, March 8, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard Room*

This storytime will help you grow your sign language vocabulary while enjoying stories, songs, and smiles. This storytime is designed for families with children ages 0-5.

### **New Library Courtyard Community Event**

*Saturday, March 9, 3 – 4:15 p.m., Orchard Room*

Learn about this exciting project and how it will benefit the library.

### **Board Game Sunday**

*Sunday, March 10, 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!

### **Monday Morning Meditation and Mindfulness**

*Mondays, March 11 & 18, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard Room*

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

### **Bel Canto Flutes**

*Tuesday, March 12, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard Room*

Join the Bel Canto Flutes for a performance featuring music on flutes of all shapes and sizes.

### **Poetry Community Hour**

*Wednesday, March 13, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room*

Share your poetry and come hear poems by local and national poets. You do not have to be a poet to attend.

### **Friday Fun: Music & Movement**

*Friday, March 15, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard Room*

We will sing, dance and groove to music in this energetic exploration of music and rhythm. This storytime is designed for families with children ages 0-5.

### **Solo Guitar Concert**

*Friday, March 15, 3 – 4 p.m., Orchard Room*

Join Carlos Alonzo Rivera from the South Bay Guitar Society for a concert.

### **Bay Area Games Day**

*Saturday, March 16, 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, March 17, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Orchard Room*

It's a time to relax with the community and let your creativity shine.

### **Book Bugs Club for 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders**

*Tuesday, March 19, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room*

We will read and discuss [Humphrey's Really Wheely Racing Day](#) by Betty G. Birney. Space is limited. Please register and pick up a copy of the book at the Children's Desk at Los Altos or Woodland Library.

### **Page Turners Book Club for 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Graders**

*Wednesday, March 20, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room*

We will be discussing [The War That Saved My Life](#) by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley, then we will do a fun activity related to the book. Please register.

### **Planning a Simple Native Garden for Beginners**

*Wednesday, March 20, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room*

California's native plants can be easy to grow, bloom year-round and bring birds and butterflies to your yard. Join us to learn each step for a successful, thriving native garden.

### **Friday Fun: Once Upon a Time**

*Friday, March 22, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard Room*

Explore known and new stories and learn how to retell them in different ways. This is for families with children ages 0-5.

### **Composting Workshop**

*Saturday, March 23, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Orchard Room*

Reduce your carbon footprint and recycle your waste by composting your organic waste.

### **Furry Friends Reading Buddies**

*Saturday, March 23, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m., Orchard Room*

Children in grades K-8 can practice their reading skills and read aloud to a friendly dog or cat. Please register for this program.

### **Piggy Bank Pioneers**

*Sunday, March 24, 2 – 2:30 p.m., Orchard Room*

Children ages 5-8 can be invited to hone in counting skills with hands-on games like money bingo and memory match and discover hidden treasures. Register online.

### **Now Read This! Book Club**

*Monday, March 25, 12 – 1:30 p.m., Orchard Room*

We will discuss the featured Silicon Valley Reads book [\*One Green Thing\*](#) by Heather White.

### **Mandarin/English Storytime**

*Tuesday, March 26, 11:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Orchard Room*

Join us for stories, songs, and movement in Mandarin and English! This program is for children up to age 5 and their caregivers, and will be held in the Orchard Room. 從一月三十日起,每個月最後一個星期二,早上11:30開始,我們有中英文雙語說故事、唱兒歌和玩遊戲。這個節目是專為五歲以下的兒童設計的,將會在圖書館的 Orchard Room舉行。歡迎兒童們和家長,保姆一同前來參加。

### **6-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Book Club**

*Tuesday, March 26, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room*

We will discuss [\*The Thief\*](#) by Megan Whalen Turner. Snacks will be provided. Register online then pick up your copy of the book at the Children's Reference Desk.

### **Book Talk for Grades 4 – 8**

*Wednesday, March 27, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room*

Bring a favorite book or recent read that you would recommend to other readers. After that, we'll do a fun activity. Register online, drop-ins are welcome.

### **Wednesday Travel Nights**

*Wednesday, March 27, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room*

John Trudeau takes on an expedition to southern Patagonia, including parts of the Argentine pampas, the Andes Mountains, the Chilean fjords and all the way south to the tip of Cape Horn.

### **Watching the Scientific Process Unfold**

*Thursday, March 28, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room*

An interstellar visitor, Oumuamua, was discovered in 2017 and provided sparse data over 2 and a half months. This presentation outlines the observations and the potential explanations that have been raised.



### **Friday Fun: Parachute Party**

*Friday, March 29, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard Room*

Parachute play is a great way to learn cooperation and listening skills while having fun with your little ones. This is for families with children ages 0-5.

### **Special Performance: San Francisco Shakespeare Festival**

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

Enjoy a one-hour performance of *As You Like It*. There will be a Q&A with the cast after the show.

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

### **Knit & Crochet Circle**

*Fridays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 2 – 4 p.m., Conference Room*

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

### **Family Storytime**

*Saturday, March 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Activity Room*

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

### **Homework Help**

*Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Conference 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.

### **Free Adult ESL Classes**

*Mondays & Wednesdays, March 4 – June 5, 6 – 8 p.m., Computer Training Center*

This class focuses on improving English speaking and listening skills, and taught at a beginner to intermediate level. Regular attendance is required. All potential participants must take an assessment before securing a spot.

### **Baby Bouncers Lapsit for Pre-walkers**

*Tuesdays, March 5, 12, 19, & 26, 11:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Activity Room*

This program focuses on traditional nursery rhymes, lap bounces, body rhymes, songs, very short and simple picture books.

### **Bilingual Mandarin/English Storytime**

*Tuesdays, March 5, 12, 19, & 26, 6:30 – 7 p.m., Children’s 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, March 6, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.*

Come make some art with us and learn about the resources provided at the resource center. This program is for children ages 3 – 5.

### **ESL Conversation Club**

*Wednesdays, March 6, 13, 20, & 27, 3 – 4 p.m., Group Study Room A*

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

### **Tween Time: Book Art**

*Wednesday, March 6, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Activity Room*

Tweens will use old books to create art. All supplies will be provided. Space is limited, so please register at the Children’s Help Desk. This program is for children in grades 4-8.

### **Toddler Storytime: 1s and 2s Together**

*Thursdays, March 7, 14, 21, & 28, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Activity Room*

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

### **Preschool Storytime**

*Thursdays, March 7, 14, 21, & 28, 6:30 – 7 p.m., Activity Room*

This storytime, aimed at preschoolers aged 3 – 5 focuses on picture books, flannel board stories and other storytelling activities. Librarians will also share kindergarten readiness resources.

### **Board Game Day**

*Saturday, March 9, 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.

### **Women’s History Month Craft**

*Tuesday, March 12, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Activity Room*

Join us and celebrate Joni Mitchell by creating your very own small guitar. This program is for grades K-8. All supplies provided. Register online.

### **Upcycled Crafts for Grades 3-8**

*Friday, March 15, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Children’s Activity Room*

Please register for this craft program. All supplies will be provided.

### **Teen Craft: Self-Watering Planters**

*Saturday, March 16, 2 – 3 p.m., Computer Training Room*

We will make and decorate Mason jar planters. This craft is for ages 12-18. Registration is encouraged.

### **LEGO Club for Grades K-8**

*Monday, March 18, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Activity Room*

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

### **Women’s History Month Craft**

*Tuesday, March 19, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Activity Room*

We will create De Stijl style artwork inspired by artist Marlow Moss. Supplies will be provided. This program is for grades K-8. Register online.

### **Crafts Around the World: Brazil**

*Wednesday, March 20, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Activity Room*

In honor of the annual festival, Carnival of Brazil, we will be masking masks to celebrate and learn more about the festivities. Supplies will be provided. This program is for all ages. Please register.

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

*Fridays, March 22 & 29, 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.

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

*Saturday, March 23, 2 – 3 p.m., Activity Room*

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

### **Zero Waste Chef Cooking Demonstration**

*Saturday, March 23, 2 – 3 p.m.*

Zero Waste Chef Anne-Marie Bonneau will show us how to practice fermentation with materials around our kitchens to create sauerkraut and kombucha. Please register.

### **Women’s History Month Craft**

*Tuesday, March 26, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Activity Room*

Come create a painting inspired by Georgia O’Keeffe’s landscape paintings. Bring a photo of what is outside your window or paint a photo of the Milpitas landscape. Art supplies will be provided. Please register.

### **The Peaceful Poets**

*Thursday, March 28, 5:30 – 8 p.m., Conference Room*

Join other poetry writers and appreciators of poetry.

### **AP Practice Exams**

*Saturday, March 30, 10 a.m. – 1:15 p.m., Auditorium*

Join us for some extra practice. Please register for this program. A staff member will then email you to ask which subject you want.

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

### **Tiny Tot Jamboree**

*Fridays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 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, March 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 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!

### **Bilingual Storytime for All Ages**

*Saturdays, March 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 10:15 – 10:45 a.m., Children’s Activity Room*

Join us in the Children's Activity Room for family fun with your little one! Stories, music, movement, and more! Storytimes are bilingual (Spanish/English). ¡Acompáñenos en la sala de actividades para niños para divertirse con familia y su niño/a! ¡Cuentos, música, movimiento y más! Las horas de cuentos son bilingües (español/inglés).

### **ESL Conversation Club**

*Saturdays, March 2, 9, 16, & 23, 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. Register register online. / ¡Únase a nosotros para tener conversaciones divertidas y practicar el inglés! Este programa es para adultos de 18 años y mayores que hablan inglés a nivel básico. El espacio es limitado y se requiere que se registre en línea.

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

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

*Mondays and Tuesdays, 4 – 6 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.

### **LEGO Club**

*Tuesdays, March 5, 12, 19, & 26, 3 – 4 p.m.*

Use LEGOs to build based on our weekly theme or build whatever you want.

### **Kids STEM Club**

*Wednesday, March 6, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.*

School-aged children will explore different STEM topics with hands-on activities.

### **After Dinner Book Club**

*Wednesday, March 6, 7 – 8 p.m., Program Room*

We will discuss [Cleopatra: Her Story](#) by Francine Prose.

### **Toddler Storytime**

*Thursdays, March 7, 14, 21, & 28, 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.

### **Drop-in Libby Help**

*Thursday, March 7, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Information Desk*

Drop in to get help with eBooks and Audiobooks on your kindles, tablets, and smartphones via the Libby app. Please bring your device with you.

### **Preschool Storytime**

*Thursdays, March 7, 14, 21, & 28, 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)**

*Fridays, March 8 & 22, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Program Room*

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

### **Zero Waste Chef Cooking Demonstration**

*Saturday, March 9, 2 – 3 p.m.*

Zero Waste Chef Anne-Marie Bonneau will show us how to use materials and veggies around the kitchen to stir-fry.

### **Zumba**

*Mondays, March 11 & 25, 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**

*Tuesday, March 12, 6:30 – 8 p.m., Children’s Activity Room*

Join us for an evening of exploration and fun for families with school-aged children. This month we will participate in a hands-on STEM activity.

### **Master Gardeners**

*Tuesday, March 12, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., Program Room*

Learn about citrus varieties for our climate, planting tips, soil preparation, nutrient requirements, irrigation, pruning and managing pests.

### **Tuesday Knit-In**

*Tuesday, March 12, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.*

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

### **Great Decisions: A Discussion**

*Tuesdays, March 12 & 19, 7 – 8:30 p.m.*

The program includes reading the Great Decisions Briefing Book, watching the video series, and engaging in discussions within a group to explore the most pressing global issues confronting American today.

### **Women’s History Month Film Screening**

*Wednesday, March 13, 5:30 – 8:45 p.m.*

Join us for a screening of the 2016 film, *Hidden Figures* (Rated PG). No registration is required.

### **Spring Cleaning Arts & Crafts**

*Saturday, March 16, 1 – 2 p.m., Program Room*

Patrons of all ages are encouraged to attend and bring home free art & craft supplies.

### **Harm Reduction Training**

*Monday, March 18, 1 – 2:30 p.m., Program Room*

Learn how and when to administer Narcan. You will leave with a supply of Narcan for your home. Register online.

### **Library Ukulele Society**

*Tuesday, March 19, 5 – 7 p.m.*

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

### **SVR Kids Art Club: Re-Used Material Hanging Sculpture**

*Wednesday, March 20, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Children’s Activity Room*

Inspired by Dale Chihuly’s glass chandeliers, we will create a colorful art piece from plastic bottles and discarded laminate materials colored with permanent markers. For ages 5+.

### **Stop the Bleed**

*Thursday, March 21, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m., Program Room*

Learn basic tools and information on the simple steps you can take in emergencies to stop life-threatening bleeding and save a life until additional help arrives.

### **Starting a Small Business for Kids & Teens**

*Saturday, March 23, 3 – 5 p.m., Program Space*

Kids ages 6-16 can learn how to turn their unique skills, passions and interest into a small business. Please register.

### **Meditation at the Library**

*Sunday, March 24, 2 – 3 p.m., Program Room*

Take a moment to pause, breathe and reconnect with yourself through meditation. No registration required.

### **Adult Craft Program: DIY Terrarium**

*Tuesday, March 26, 6 – 7 p.m.*

Terrariums are small glass containers that house slow-growing plants and are easy to maintain. Put together your own at this program. All supplies will be provided. Please register online.

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

### **Call for Teen Artists!**

*Through March 15*

Calling all teen AAPI artists: Submit your work for consideration in the second annual AAPI Teen Art Exhibition that will be displayed in April and May. All submissions should be ready to hang or display.

### **Classics in Scale Exhibit**

*March 1 – April 29 during open hours, Main Lobby*

Enjoy this unique collection of scale rods and mods from Kevin Mayes, who has collected and built classic cars to scale since he was 13 years old.

### **Baby Storytime (12 months or younger)**

*Fridays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room (March 1<sup>st</sup> storytime will be in the Orchard Room)*

Join us for stories, rhymes, fingerplays and songs.

### **Family Storytime**

*Saturdays, March 2\*, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room*

*Tuesdays, March 5, 12, 19, & 26, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Orchard Room*

Join us for stories, rhymes, and songs. \*The March 2 program will be in the Orchard Room.

### **Mystery Book Club**

*Monday, March 4, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard Room*

We will be discussing [\*Everyone in My Family Has Killed Someone\*](#) by Benjamin Stevenson. Stop by the Adult Reference Desk to sign up for the meeting and pick up a copy of the book.

### **Women's History Month: Sci-Fi & Fantasy Book Club**

*Tuesday, March 5, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard Room*

We will be discussing [\*Herland\*](#) by Charlotte Perkins Gilman. Visit the Adult Reference Desk to register and pick up a copy of the book.

### **Knit & Crochet Circle**

*Wednesday, March 6, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Orchard Room*

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

### **Indian Instrumental Duet Concert**

*Saturday, March 9, 2 – 4:30 p.m., Community Room*

The concert will be presented by violinists Aparna Thygarajan and Vignesh Thygarajan.

### **Young Investors Club: Financial Literacy for Teens**

*Wednesdays, March 13 & 27, 4 – 5 p.m., Learning Lab*

Teens ages 12-18 will learn the basics of saving and making money. Experience buying stocks through simulators and develop a deep understanding about how the stock market works.

### **Shamrock Sprint**

*Sunday, March 17, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.*

Teens ages 13-18 are invited to participate in the first Saratoga Fun Run. Please register.

### **Classical Guitar Concert with Carlos Rivera**

*Sunday, March 17, 3 – 4 p.m.*

Join us for a classical guitar concert.

### **Ukulele Jam Session**

*Tuesdays, March 19 & 26, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m., Community Room*

All players who know basic chords and are beginner to intermediate level are invited to learn new chords and rhythms. Please bring your own uke, other materials will be provided.



### **LEGOs**

*Wednesday, March 20, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room*

Children ages 5+ should join us for an hour of fun building LEGOs. Kids younger than 5 can have fun playing with Duplos.

### **Mandarin/English Storytime**

*Thursday, March 21, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Orchard Room*

Children up to age 5 are invited to enjoy fun stories, fingerplays, action rhymes and songs in Mandarin and English.

### **Silicon Valley Reads: Teatime Book Chatter**

*Thursday, March 21, 1 – 2 p.m.*

Visit the Adult Reference Desk to register and pick up a copy of this month's pick, [\*Burnt: A Memoir of Fighting Fire\*](#) by Clare Frank.

### **Learn About the San Jose Museum of Art**

*Saturday, March 23, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.*

Deputy Director Karen Rapp will share information about the San Jose Museum of Art.

### **Special Performance: San Francisco Shakespeare Festival**

*Saturday, March 23, 4 – 5:15 p.m., Community Room*

Enjoy a one-hour performance of *As You Like It*.

### **Meditation for Beginners**

*Sunday, March 24, 10:30 – 11:45 a.m., Community Room*

This meditation is for beginners who will be taught Isha Krya, a simple 12-18 minute practice. Register online.

### **Shop Your Closet and Discover the Latest Trends**

*Sunday, March 24, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Community Room*

Image consultant Alyce Parsons will show you how to make your closet new again. Topics include fashion trends, the waste associated with fast fashion and how to give your closet a makeover. Please register.

### **Spanish/English Storytime**

*Thursday, March 28, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Orchard Room*

Kids up to age 5 are invited to enjoy fun stories, fingerplays, action rhymes and songs in Spanish and English.

### **Falls Prevention Program**

*Thursday, March 28, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.*

Learn about risk fall factors and tips to prevent a fall.

### **Silicon Valley Reads: Worm Composting Workshop**

*Saturday, March 30, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.*

Learn the basics of backyard composting, composting with worms, compost application and environmental benefits. Please register.

### **SED Talks for Teens: Engineering the Future**

*Saturday, March 30, 1 – 3 p.m., Community Room*

Listen to engaging speakers, enjoy some activities and participate in our raffle. Registration is optional.

## **WOODLAND – 1975 Grant Road**

### **Woodland Library Garden Talk and Tour**

*Saturday, March 2, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Drought Tolerant Demonstration Garden*

Join a native plant consultant for a garden talk and tour. Register online.

### **Spring-Themed Family Storytime**

*Sunday, March 10, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Backyard Patio (weather permitting)*

Join us in the backyard of the library for stories, songs, fingerplays as we enjoy a spring-themed storytime. Dress for the weather!

### **Monday Meditation and Mindfulness**

*Mondays, March 11 & 18, 7 – 7:30 p.m.*

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

### **Duck-Themed Family Storytime**

*Sunday, March 24, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Backyard Patio (weather permitting)*

Join us in the backyard of the library for stories, songs, fingerplays as we enjoy a duck-themed storytime. Dress for the weather!

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

### **Silicon Valley Reads Storytime: Dial-a-Story**

*Monday, March 4 – Sunday, March 10*

Listen to the Silicon Valley Reads children's pick, [\*To Change a Planet\*](#) by Christina Soontornvat on our special storytime hotline. Call (408) 615-2909 and press 3.

### **Persia: Crossroads of Art and Culture**

*Tuesday, March 5, 7 – 8 p.m.*

This is the second installment of the Asian Art Museum Art Talk Series. Ancient Persia was at the axis of the trading world, simultaneously influencing and influenced by both Asia to the east and Europe to the west.

**Virtual Author Talk: Nina Totenberg**

*Wednesday, March 6, 1 – 2 p.m.*

Nina Totenberg will talk about her nearly 50-year friendship with Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg and her book, [\*Dinners with Ruth: A Memoir on the Power of Friendships.\*](#)

**Online English Conversation Club**

*Thursdays, March 7, 14, 21, & 28, 11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.*

Meet new friends and practice English together.

**Highlighting History: Billy DeFrank**

*Tuesday, March 12, 12 – 1 p.m.*

Join the Morgan Hill Library and the Morgan Hill Pride Social for a conversation on the enduring impact of LGBTQ+ activist Billy DeFrank. This is a virtual event but will be streamed at the Morgan Hill Library. Register to attend virtually.

**Virtual Author Talk: Christopher Paolini**

*Thursday, March 14, 1 – 2 p.m.*

Join us as we chat with master storyteller and international bestselling author Christopher Paolini about his return to the world of [\*Eragon\*](#) and [\*Murtaugh\*](#), a stunning continuation of the epic fantasy.

**Reading Program Tutor Orientation**

*Wednesday, March 20, 10 – 11 a.m. or 1 – 2 p.m.*

Give back to the Gilroy or Morgan Hill communities 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.

**Silicon Valley Reads Author Talk**

*Wednesday, March 20, 5 – 6 p.m.*

Join us for an author talk followed by Q&A with Ellen Hagan, author of [\*Don't Call Me a Hurricane.\*](#)

**Virtual Author Talk: Madeline Miller**

*Thursday, March 21, 4 – 5 p.m.*

You're invited to a fascinating exploratory conversation with Madeline Miller, bestselling author of [\*The Song of Achilles\*](#) and [\*Circe\*](#), as she chats with us about her body of work and her process in retelling Greek classics into modern epics in fiction.

**Personal Finance: Tax Guide 2024**

*Tuesday, March 26, 7 – 8 p.m.*

This workshop covers tax law changes and how it might affect your personal financial situation. Strategies for tax savings for this year and beyond will also be covered.

# Los Altos and Woodland Libraries

March 2024



# Preview the NEW Los Altos Library Courtyard

Get a first look at the new courtyard and learn more about how it will benefit the library. Light refreshments will be provided.



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Date	Saturday, March 9, 2024
Time	3:00pm - 4:00pm
Location	Los Altos Library Orchard Room 13 S San Antonio Rd.



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# Silicon Valley Reads Celebrity Storytime

## Join us for a special storytime with Mayor Jonathan Weinberg

Mayor Weinberg will read *To Change a Planet* by Christina Soontornvat.

Toddler storytime is 25 minutes full of stories, music, and interactive fun for early walkers, 1s, and 2s.

Due to limited space, we will begin handing out free tickets starting at 10 a.m. We look forward to seeing you there!



Los Altos Library  
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**March 7, 2024**  
**10:30 am**  
**Orchard Room**



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**Join us for a very special  
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An SVR story will be read by none other than  
Councilmember Sally Meadows.

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	Los Altos Library	Woodland
January 2023	47,717	8,862
February 2023	44,300	6,715
March 2023	44,615	8,982
April 2023	46,149	8,301
May 2023	43,370	7,909
June 2023	48,126	8,368
July 2023	50,526	8,564
August 2023	50,631	9,260
September 2023	42,013	7,459
October 2023	41,462	8,253
November 2023	40,236	7,612
December 2023	46,664	8,835

	Los Altos Library	Woodland
January 2024	48,824	8,999

+4.6% LA 12/23 to 1/24

+1.9% WO 12/23 to 1/24



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	Los Altos Library	Woodland Branch
January 2023	43,456	9,910
February 2023	40,759	9,339
March 2023	44,627	9,793
April 2023	44,064	10,134
May 2023	43,939	9,722
June 2023	44,970	10,697
July 2023	47,039	10,216
August 2023	47,266	10,704
September 2023	40,798	9,216
October 2023	42,531	10,255
November 2023	39,174	9,245
December 2023	44,202	10,295

+3.8% LA YTY  
+2.1% WO YTY

	Los Altos Library	Woodland Branch
January 2024	45,113	10,124

# Gate Count

LOS ALTOS	2023	2024	Change
January	24,638	28,491	+15.6%

WOODLAND	2023	2024	Change
January	5,078	5,266	+3.7%

# ADULT & TEEN PROGRAMS

- March 1 at 1:00 pm Watercolor Workshop for Adults
- March 2 at 11:00 am - Woodland Library Garden Talk & Tour
- March 6 at 10:15 am - The Whodunit? Mystery Book Club
- March 6 at 7:00 pm -World Affairs
- March 11 at 10:30 am- Monday Morning Meditation
- March 12 at 2:00 pm - Woodland Adult Book Discussion
- March 12 at 7:00 pm -Bel Canto Flutes
- March 27 at 7:00 pm - Wednesday Travel Nights- Patagonia: The Edge of the World

<https://scclld.org/events>

# Children's Programs

- ▶ **Friday Fun: Sing and Sign (3/8 10:30 am)**
- ▶ **Bridging the Gap: a STEM Workshop (3/9 at 10:30 am)**
- ▶ **Books and Ballet (3/10 at 11:30 am)**
- ▶ **Board Game Sunday (3/10 at 2:00 pm)**
- ▶ **Friday Fun: Music & Movement (3/15 at 10:30 am)**
- ▶ **Furry Friends Reading Buddies (3/23 at 2:30 pm)**
- ▶ **6th-8th Grade Book Club (3/26 at 4:00 pm)**

# PIGGY BANK **PIONEERS:**

A PLAYFUL PATH TO FINANCIAL LITERACY



Children ages 5-8 are invited to join members of Mountain View High School's Personal Finance Club for fun, games, and an interactive introduction to personal finance skills!

**SUNDAY, 3/3, 2:00-2:30 PM and/or**  
**SUNDAY, 3/24, 2:00-2:30 PM**  
**at the LOS ALTOS LIBRARY - ORCHARD ROOM**



# SUNDAY CRAFTER-NOON

All-ages crafting every 3rd Sunday!  
*sponsored by the Friends of the Los Altos Library*



**2 - 3:30 PM**

Adults, teens, and kids - join us on the 3rd Sunday of every month for an afternoon of relaxed crafting! Supplies are provided for you to explore a new surprise art style or activity every month.

*This craft is self-directed, so children, please come with your caretaker crafting-buddy.*



# BRIDGE THE GAP

A HANDS-ON STEM CHALLENGE TO BUILD RELIABLE BRIDGES, FEATURING THE FREMONT HIGH SCHOOL ROBOTICS TEAM, "THE FIREBOTS"

OPEN TO CHILDREN AGES 5-10; ADVANCE REGISTRATION REQUIRED

MARCH 9, 2024 @ LOS ALTOS LIBRARY  
10:30AM TO 11:30AM OR 11:45AM TO 12:45PM









