



LIBRARY COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

6:30 PM - Monday, September 16, 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.

REMOTE MEETING OBSERVATION: Members of the public may view the meeting via the link below but will not be permitted to provide public comment via Zoom. Public comment will be taken in-person, and members of the public may provide written public comment by following the instructions below.

Telephone: 1-669-444-9171 | Zoom Webinar ID: 837 7949 5664 | Passcode: 756920

<https://losaltosca-gov.zoom.us/j/83779495664?pwd=NluWPZtwbEEeTfdGOGGtT39Tj0o4Bw.1>

SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS: Verbal comments can be made in-person at the public hearing or submitted in writing prior to the meeting. Written comments can be mailed or delivered in person to the City Clerk's Office or emailed to LCpubliccomment@losaltosca.gov.

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

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION

2. Disband Potential Library Improvements Ad-Hoc Subcommittee
- [3.](#) Library Commission Work Plan
- [4.](#) Discuss Commission Visibility
5. Discuss Potential Future Ad-Hoc Subcommittees

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

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

SPECIAL NOTICES TO PUBLIC

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Los Altos will make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting. If you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the City Clerk 72 hours prior to the meeting at (650) 947-2720.

If you wish to provide written materials, please provide the Commission Staff Liaison with 10 copies of any document that you would like to submit to the Commissioners in order for it to become part of the public record.



LIBRARY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

6:30 PM - Thursday, August 1, 2024
Los Altos Community Center Apricot 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

Public Comment: Alice Mansell

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. **Minutes:** Approve minutes of the regular meeting of May 2, 2024

Public Comment: None

Action: Commissioner Carter moved that the Commission accept the minutes of the regular meeting of January 4, 2023 as written. Chair Fawcett seconded the motion.

Approve: Fawcett, Bedard, Carter, Morris

Oppose:

Abstain: Crane

Absent:

Motion passed: 4-0-1-0

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION

2. **Discuss Night at the Library Event**

Public Comment: None

Action: None

3. **Discuss Commission Visibility**

Public Comment: None

Action: None

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS ONLY

4. Receive disbursement letter from Los Altos Library Endowment

Public Comment: Alice Mansell

Action: None

STAFF REPORTS

5. Update on Requests for Proposals for Design Services for Los Altos Main Library Improvements

Public Comment: Alice Mansell

Action: None

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 7:25 pm.



**LIBRARY COMMISSION
AGENDA REPORT SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: September 16, 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 2024 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.

2024 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.
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.
Increase awareness	Explore targeted outreach to seniors, youth, and general public*	Powers and Duties	Completed	Received final report that was presented to Commission and County Library staff.
	Improve the Commission's presence		In Progress	Discussed on 8/1 with follow-up scheduled for 9/16.
	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.
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.
	Identify liaisons for all external community organizations		Completed	

*Aligns with County Library Strategic Plan

Updated: 9/12/24



LIBRARY COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT SUMMARY

Meeting Date: September 16, 2024

Subject Library Commission Visibility

Prepared by: Anthony Carnesecca, Assistant to the City Manager

Purpose

Discuss how Commission can increase visibility in library and community

Discussion

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.

Some of the concepts discussed were the following:

- Reach out to newspaper with commission information and updates as they occur
- Locate commission pictures within the lobby so people will recognize library
- Create informational social media posts that can be shared by Library and City accounts

Below is a picture of an example from another jurisdiction’s library of a display showcasing their volunteers, from Commission Morris.



September 2024
Library Monthly Report
Jennifer Weeks, County Librarian



SCCLD and Bay FC Team up for Library Card Sign-Up Month in September

What better way to kick off [National Library Card Sign-up Month](#) than with an assist from the Bay Area's new National Women's Soccer League team, Bay FC! SCCLD will be offering two original library card designs featuring the team's logo, available at all libraries and Bookmobile stops. These exclusive cards are available to all residents starting on September 1, while supplies last. Find more details [here](#).

[Bay Football Club](#), Bay FC for short, was founded by four icons of the U.S. Women's National Soccer Team – Brandi Chastain, Ally Wagner, Danielle Slaton, and Leslie Osborne. They are the first and only NWSL team in the Bay Area and 2024 is their inaugural season. Coming off an Olympic Gold Medal for Women's Soccer, we are very excited about this exclusive partnership for National Library Card Sign Up Month. SCCLD has also created booklists for [adults](#) and [kids](#) to share the love of the “beautiful game” with patrons of all ages.



Wall Street Journal Online now Available

Patrons who enjoy their daily access to The Wall Street Journal, one of the nation's premiere financial newspapers, have a new, more visually engaging way to view the publication. New and back issues from the past four year of the Journal are now available in an [online edition](#). Find full digital views of the pages of the newspaper, including images. For those interested in archival copies of issues more than four years old, our original [text only version](#) of the Journal is available, dating back to 1984.

Hispanic Heritage Month

Celebrating the languages and cultures of Latin America, the Caribbean and Spain is the focus of [Hispanic Heritage Month](#), which starts on September 15 and runs through October 15. Our libraries are planning a variety of [activities](#) to mark the occasion, including concerts, dance performances, arts and crafts, book discussions, film screenings and themed book and art displays.



Returning this year to several of our libraries is beloved musical group [Cascada de Flores](#). Their bilingual performances of traditional Mexican and Caribbean songs incorporate storytelling and dance. They will be appearing at Milpitas Library on [Saturday, September 14](#); Gilroy Library on [Saturday, September 21](#); Morgan Hill Library on [Thursday, October 3](#); Cupertino Library on [Wednesday, October 9](#); Los Altos Library on [Friday, October 11](#); and Saratoga Library on [Saturday, October 19](#).

Are you interested in learning more about Hispanic language and culture? Check out the Hispanic Heritage Month blog on our website, which will be posted in early September and include booklists. SCCLD has a [large selection](#) of titles *en español*. Our online library's [Spanish offerings](#) include OverDrive's Libby eBook and Audiobook selections for [adults](#) and [kids](#), the [New York Times](#), encyclopedias, and other resources. [Magzter](#) has issues of many other magazines and newspapers from across the world. More of a cinema buff? Then you'll love the [Hispanic Heritage Collection](#) on Kapopy. We also offer a variety of ways to [learn Spanish](#), including [Rosetta Stone Library Edition](#).



Labor Day, Staff Development Day

A national holiday since 1894, [Labor Day](#) honors the men and women who literally built America through their efforts. This year, Labor Day falls on Monday, September 2. While our industries have changed over the years, especially here in Silicon Valley, the spirit of the day is the same.

We are grateful for the more than 400 individuals who work seven days a week to deliver you high levels of library service that makes SCCLD one of the top library systems in the nation. We hope that everyone enjoys the well-deserved day off and invite them to explore our [online offerings](#), including films on [Hoopla](#) and [Kanopy](#), finding inner peace using the [Headspace](#) mindfulness and meditation app, or curling up with a good [eBook](#) or digital Audiobook.

SCCLD Libraries and Bookmobile Service will be unavailable on Labor Day, Monday, September 2, but our [Online Library](#) is open 24/7. Our libraries will also be closed on Friday, September 27 for Staff Development Day, which was last held in 2019. Every two years, SCCLD brings together all library staff to provide training, share best practices with colleagues, build connections, and improve our services.

Banned Books Week

Each year the American Library Association draws attention to the harm caused by censorship. This year's [Banned Books Week](#) theme is "Freed Between the Lines," which states that choosing what books you want to read is a fundamental right. 2023 saw a 65% increase in titles targeted for censorship, the highest level documented by ALA's Office for Intellectual Freedom in 20 years. SCCLD [offers a collection of materials](#) with diverse viewpoints to represent our communities and supports the [Library Bill of Rights](#).



International Literacy Day

[International Literacy Day](#), an initiative of UNESCO, is observed on Sunday, September 8 with a goal of informing policy-makers, educators and the public about the critical importance of literacy for creating a more informed, just, peaceful and sustainable society. Here at SCCLD our [Reading Program](#) is of crucial importance as a way to help welcome adults into the world of reading through one-on-one tutoring. We also are devoted to helping parents prepare this children for success with our [1,000](#)

[Books Before 6](#) early literacy skill building program, storytimes and wide variety of books for readers of every age. Our libraries have Literacy Day themed bookmarks at their Reference Desks for you to enjoy.

Voter Registration Day, Constitution Day

The U.S. Constitution, our nation's governing document, was signed by the delegates to the Constitutional Convention on September 17, 1787 in Philadelphia. This day is now known as [Constitution Day](#). One of the most basic and important rights contained in the constitution is the right to vote. On September 17, we are also recognizing [National Voter Registration Day](#) at our libraries.



Come by the library for voter registration forms, or they can be found online at the County Registrar of Voters' [website](#). There you will also find [information](#) about in-person voting center locations or drop-off box sites for mail-in ballots, which includes most of our libraries. The deadline to register to vote is Monday, October 21 and in-person voting starts on Monday, October 7. More information about voting is available on our [website blog](#), as well as our online [Voting Resources](#) page.

VIRTUAL Author Talks

September Virtual Author Talks

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

Tuesday, September 10 at 11 am: *New York Times* bestselling nonfiction writer [Garret Graff](#) will speak about his body of work with an emphasis on his oral histories of [9/11](#) and [D-Day](#). [Please register.](#)

Wednesday, September 18 at 11 am: Bestselling author and philosopher [Nate Klemp](#) shares his journey to [Open: Living with an Expansive Mind in a Distracted World](#). He helps us to chart a path back to a way of living that is expansive, creative and filled with wonder. [Register now!](#)

Saturday, September 21 at 4 pm: Novelist [Liane Moriarty](#) will talk about her latest page turner, [Here One Moment](#). A brilliantly constructed talk that looks at free will and destiny, grief and love, and the endless struggle to maintain certainty and control in an uncertain world. [Register here.](#)

Homework Help Program Starting Soon

SCCLD libraries are offering homework help for students in grades K-6 in the subjects of Math, Science and English after Labor Day. Please check with your local library for specific dates and times when their programs will start.

Libraries, particularly Gilroy and Morgan Hill, are looking for [volunteers](#) 14 years and older to provide drop-in homework help after school at least once a week. Students can earn community service hours. Tutors must attend trainings and be background checked.



SEPTEMBER IS

NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH



National Preparedness Month

After enduring the hottest July on record in the Bay Area, the need to prepare for emergencies is very clear. September is [National Preparedness Month](#), when we encourage everyone to prepare for all possibilities.

Here in California, in addition to heat we should also be prepared for earthquakes, floods, and fires. The County's [Office of Emergency Management](#) has a number of helpful suggestions for how to prepare for these different potential challenges, as well [4-step plan](#) to protect yourself and your loved ones. Several of our libraries are [holding events](#) this month and in upcoming months to help you get ready.

SANTA CLARA COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT SEPTEMBER 2024 EVENTS

*** All SCCLD libraries will be closed and services unavailable on Mon., Sep. 2 for Labor Day and Fri., Sep. 27 for Staff Development Day ***

CAMPBELL EXPRESS LIBRARY – 1 West Campbell Avenue, Room 46

Family Storytime

Wednesdays, September 4, 18, & 25, 10:30 – 11 a.m., 9/4 in Orchard City Banquet Hall & 9/18 and 9/25 will be in the Roosevelt Room/Room Q-80

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

Estate Planning

Tuesday, September 10, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard City Banquet Hall

This workshop covers wills, trusts, powers of attorney, and strategies for protecting your property from risks and liabilities.

CUPERTINO -- 10800 Torre Avenue

Babywearing Dance

Sundays, September 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Room 101

Join us for babywearing dance.

Toddler Storytime (ages 1-2)

Tuesdays, September 3, 10, 17, & 24, 10:30 – 11 a.m.

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

Bedtime Storytime

Wednesdays, September 4, 11, 18, & 25, 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, September 5, 12, 19, & 26, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., First Floor Program Room

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

Reading Buddies

Thursday, September 5, and Monday, September 9, 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.

Electrification of Homes

Thursday, September 5, 7 – 8 p.m., Room 201

This three-person panel will provide valuable insights into the benefits of electrification, available rebates, and the latest updates on local building codes.

Knit-Alongs at Cupertino Library

Fridays, September 6, 13, & 20, 2:30 – 4 p.m., 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.

Poetry Workshop: Beyond Rhyme

Saturday, September 7, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Room 201

Learn techniques to make your poems more meaningful using vowel sounds and try out these techniques in a welcoming environment. Register online.

Family Storytime

Saturday, September 7, 14, 21, & 28, 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.

Teen Program: Learn to DJ

Saturday, September 7, 3 – 5 p.m., Room 201

Learn how to download and organize your music collection and use Rekordbox to prepare your playlists and mix harmonically. This program is for kids in grades 6-12. Attendees must bring their own laptops to this workshop. Please register.

Nonfiction Book Discussion Group

Sunday, September 8, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Room 201A

We will discuss [*Bicycling with Butterflies: My 10,201 Mile Journey Following the Monarch Migration*](#) by Sara Dykman.

Baby Sign and Sing

Sunday, September 8, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Room 101

Adult caregivers will learn basic signs to communicate with their babies ages 0-12 months.

Police Read Along

Monday, September 9, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Room 101

Join us for a special storytime with the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office. Please arrive on time, seating is limited.

ESL Conversation Club

Tuesdays, September 10, 17, & 24, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Room 201A

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

LEGO Club

Tuesday, September 10, 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.

Create CU: Suminagashi

Friday, September 13, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Room 201B

Come learn how to do the art of Suminagashi, a Japanese paper marbling technique. All instruction and materials will be provided. This program is for adults 18+. Please register to save your spot.

America's Presidents: All Too Human

Saturday, September 14, 1 – 2 p.m., Room 201

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

Meet a Master Model LEGO Builder

Sunday, September 15, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Room 101

Master Model Builder Sam Suksiri teaches creative thinking skills to LEGO builders of all ages. Learn about his journey and get a hands-on LEGO demonstration. Please register.

Book Discussion for Adults

Wednesday, September 18, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., and Thursday, September 19, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Room 201B

We will be discussing [Now You See Us](#) by Balli Kaur Jaswal.

Flex Prep Seminar: Market Yourself as a Business Candidate

Wednesday, September 18, 6 – 7 p.m., Room 201

This program is designed to empower aspiring business leaders with the tools and insights needed to stand out in the competitive admissions landscape. Please register.

Poetry Workshop: Captivating Consonants

Saturday, September 21, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Room 201

Learn techniques to make your poems more meaningful using consonant sounds and try out these techniques in a welcoming environment. Register online.

Sunday Line Dance Program (no reservation needed)

Sunday, September 22, 2 p.m. – 3:15 p.m., Room 201

Learn and master shuffles, sweeps, and turns while improving your balance, footwork and arm styling. For adult beginners to improver levels. No partner needed. Wear comfortable shoes.

581st Korean Alphabet Day Celebration

Sunday, September 29, 3 – 5 p.m., Room 101

Enjoy Korean cultural performances and ceremonies, plus booths to learn more about Korean culture, including wearing costumes, writing Korean letters with brushes and making rice cakes.

Internet Safety Workshop for Parents

Monday, September 21, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Room 201

Help your children use the internet responsibly, including limiting screen time. Learn tips for how to keep them safe while they are online. Intended for children in grades 3 to 5.

GILROY -- 350 W. Sixth Street

Spice Up Your Life Kit

Sunday, September 1 – Monday, September 30, Upstairs Information Desk

Spice up your September and pick up a sample of Aleppo Pepper. Also known as the Halaby pepper, it has a mild, slightly sweet and tangy heat that can be found in Mediterranean, Middle Eastern, and Turkish cuisine.

Butterfly Explorers/Exploradores de Mariposas

Tuesday, September 3 – Saturday, September 28, Children's Area

Starting September 3, watch caterpillars grow into butterflies. Then join us on Saturday, September 28 to enjoy a presentation by a special guest speaker and help us launch the butterflies.

A partir del 2 de septiembre, visita la Biblioteca de Gilroy para ver cómo las orugas se convierten en mariposas. Únete a nosotros el sábado 28 de septiembre para asistir a una presentación educativa de un invitado especial y para ayudarnos a lanzar las mariposas.

Free Snacks for Kids / Merienda gratis para niños

Tuesday, September 3 – Tuesday, September 30, 3 – 4 p.m., First Floor

Kids 18 and younger can stop by the library for a free after-school snack!

¡Pasa por la biblioteca y recoge una merienda GRATIS después de la escuela!

Zumba

Tuesdays, September 3, 10, 17, & 24, 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.

Book Discussion

Tuesday, September 3, 7 – 8 p.m., and Friday, September 6, 10:15 – 11:15 a.m., Quiet Study B

We will discuss [*Have You Seen Luis Velez?*](#) by Catherine Ryan Hyde.

Disaster Preparedness Workshop

Wednesday, September 4, 2 – 3 p.m., Quiet Study B

Learn how to prepare and plan for a disaster by creating a disaster kit, making a plan with your family and reconnecting with family and friends. All are welcome, no registration necessary.

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

Wednesdays, September 4, 11, 18, & 25, 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.

Clases de computación para principiantes en español

Wednesdays, September 4 and 18, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., Community Room

Únase a esta clase gratuita de computación básica y aprenda habilidades básicas de computación, incluyendo cómo encender y usar una computadora, cómo crear una cuenta de correo electrónico, cómo navegar el Internet, ¡y más! Favor de registrarse.

Family Storytime

Thursdays, September 5, 12, 19, & 26, 10:30 – 11 a.m., First Floor Children's Area

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

Digitalize Para Emprender Clases en español

Thursdays, September 5, 12, 19, & 26, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Community Room

Este curso está diseñado para ayudar a los emprendedores a mejorar sus habilidades digitales y utilizar herramientas tecnológicas para impulsar sus negocios. Durante 6 semanas, los participantes aprenderán sobre marketing digital, comercio electrónico y gestión de redes sociales, entre otros temas clave para el éxito empresarial en la era digital. Se admiten visitas sin cita previa según lo permita el espacio. Regístrese para reservar su plaza.

Knitting and Crochet Weekly Meetup

Thursdays, September 5, 12, 19, & 26, 1 – 4 p.m., Upstairs Quiet Study B

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

Safe Space Meet-Up for LGBTQ+ Youth

Fridays, September 6 & 20, 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.

Growing Vegetables in Fall and Winter

Saturday, September 7, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room

Find out how many cool season vegetables are easy to grow and best for our climate.

Bilingual Storytime: English & Spanish / Hora de Cuentos Bilingüe: ingles y español

Saturdays, September 7, 14, 21, & 28, 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 ingles y español, seguido por música y tiempo para jugar con los Bibliotecarios Patty y Cameron.

Citizenship Classes/Clases de Ciudadanía

Saturdays, September 7 – October 26, 10:30 – 11:45 a.m., Ground Floor Meeting Room

Learn about the path to U.S. Citizenship, available resources, and instruction on how to pass the test. Walk-ins welcome as space allows. Register to reserve your place.

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. Regístrese para reservar su plaza.

The Greatest Showman Circus Magic Show

Saturday, September 7, 1 – 2 p.m., Community Room

Come celebrate Library Card Sign-Up Month with us as we enjoy a fun-filled family friendly magic show! ¡Ven a celebrar con nosotros el Mes de Inscripción de Tarjetas de Biblioteca mientras disfrutamos de un espectáculo de magia familiar lleno de diversión!

Create-N-Play /Crear y jugar

Mondays, September 9, 16, 23 & 30, 6:15 – 7 p.m., Children's Activity Room

Dive into your creativity with our weekly craft program. Each session is different, with new mediums, creative challenges. Come have fun while learning!

Explora tu creatividad con nuestro programa semanal de manualidades. Cada sesión es diferente, con nuevos medios, desafíos creativos. ¡Ven a divertirte mientras aprendes!

Pajama Storytime

Mondays, September 9, 16, 23, & 30, 7 – 7:30 p.m., the Nest

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

Community Automotive Education Series

Mondays, September 9, and Wednesday, September 11, 7 – 8 p.m., Community Room

Join us for this two-part Automotive Education Series program brought to you by the De Anza College Automotive Technology Department: Get Family with Your Vehicle and What's Under the Hood. No experience necessary. Be sure to register so you receive a reminder email and don't miss out!

Únase a nosotros en este programa de dos partes de la Serie de Educación Automotriz, presentado por el Departamento de Tecnología Automotriz del Colegio De Anza: Familiarícese con Su Vehículo y Qué Hay Bajo el Capó. No se necesita experiencia. ¡Asegúrese de registrarse para recibir un correo electrónico de recordatorio y no se lo pierda!

Inteligencia Alimentaria: Clases de Cocina y Nutrición

Tuesdays, September 10 – October 8, 7 – 8 p.m., Community Room

Regístrese para participar en Food Smarts, una serie de clases gratuitas de cocina y nutrición que le ayudarán a aprender cómo elegir alimentos saludables. Vea demostraciones de cocina y disfrute de comida y refrigerios de cortesía.

Public Benefits/Beneficios Públicos

Thursday, September 12, 2 – 3 p.m. Community Room

Join us for a presentation to learn how to access public benefits and how to respond to denials of public assistance. They will cover information on the types of programs available including: CalWORKs, CalFresh, Medi-Cal/Medicaid, Covered California and more!

¡Únase a nosotros y aprenda cómo puede acceder a beneficios públicos y cómo responder a negaciones de asistencia pública! Cubriremos información sobre los tipos de programas disponibles, incluyendo: CalWORKs, CalFresh, Medi-Cal/Medicaid, Covered California y más!

Moon Festival/Festival de la Luna

Thursday, September 12, 4 – 5 p.m., the Nest

Come by the library to make paper lanterns, enjoy mooncake, and learn more about the festival.

Ven a hacer faroles de papel, disfruta pastelitos de luna, y aprende más sobre el festival.

LEGO Club

Friday, September 13, 3 – 4:30 p.m., the Nest

We provide LEGOs, children build fun creation that will be displayed in the library.

¡Nosotros proporcionamos los legos, los niños construyen creaciones divertidas! Estas serán exhibidas en la biblioteca.

Poetry Readings with Garlicky Group of Poets

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

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

National Voter Registration Day

Tuesday, September 17, 1 – 9 p.m., Lobby

Stop by the volunteer-staff table in the library lobby to fill out your voter registration form.

Pastel and Charcoal Drawing Class

Tuesday, September 17, 2 – 4 p.m., Upstairs Community Room

Adult and teen artists welcome. Supplies provided. Reserve to guarantee spot.

Special Performance: Cascada de Flores

Saturday, September 21, 11 – 11:45 a.m., Courtyard

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.

Financial Planning: Social Security

Saturday, September 21, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Community Room

Learn all about Social Security and the factors you need to take into account to make the best decisions for your family. No registration needed.

Financial Planning: One on One Consultations

Saturday, September 21, 12 – 2 p.m., Community Room

Sign up for a free 25-minute personal consultation with a Certified Financial Planner from the Financial Planning Association of Silicon Valley. You can ask about budgeting, retirement, tax planning, estate planning and more. One registration per person or couple. Register online.

Author Talk & Book Signing

Sunday, September 22, 2 – 3 p.m., Community Room

Author Sonia Gomez will give an overview of her book, [*Picture Bride, War Bride: The Role of Marriage in Shaping Japanese America*](#), and how she came to write it, followed by Q&A and a book signing. Please register.

Book Discussion

Tuesday, September 24, 7 – 8 p.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.

Internet Safety Workshop for Parents

Thursday, September 26, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., First Floor Meeting Room

Help your children use the internet responsibly, including limiting screen time. Learn tips for how to keep them safe while they are online. Intended for children in grades 3 to 5.

Introduction to Gluten Free Baking

Saturday, September 28, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Community Room

Chef Amy Fothergill will discuss the basics of gluten-free baking, the different flours available, as well as how to make your own healthy blend. Please register.

Butterfly Explorers: Launch Day

Saturday, September 28, 1 – 2 p.m., Children’s Area

Join us for an educational presentation and help us launch our new butterflies into the environment. Únete a nosotros para una presentación educativa de un orador invitado y ayúdanos a liberar nuestras nuevas mariposas en el medio ambiente.

Gilroy City Council Election Forum

Saturday, September 28, 2 – 4 p.m., Upstairs Community Room

Hear from the candidates in the November 5 election about issues of important to you like jobs, neighborhood quality of life, and infrastructure. Presented by the Gilroy AAUW.

Book Discussion

Sunday, September 29, 3 – 4:30 p.m., Library Courtyard

Join local sustainable food advocate Peter Ruddock for a lively discussion of the book, [*Feeding Each Other: Shaping Change in Food Systems Through Relationship*](#) by Nicole Civita and Michelle Auerbach.

LOS ALTOS -- 13 S. San Antonio Road

Let’s Make Origami (grades K-8)

Sunday, September 1, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

Learn how to create origami designs from origami paper. All materials provided, no registration required.

Vibrant Velocity Exhibit

September 3 – 29, Art Wall

Renata Aryanti’s Vibrant Velocity art exhibition will be on display.

Bilingual Spanish Family Storytime/Hora de cuentos bilingüe para familias

Tuesdays, September 3, 10, 17, & 24, 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.

¡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.

ESL Class Session

Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays, September 3 – October 29, 2 – 4 p.m., Mondays and Fridays in the Orchard Room, Tuesdays in the Conference Room

This class session is for beginner and intermediate students to learn and improve English listening and speaking skills. Registration for a placement test is required.

Poetry Open Mic

Tuesday, September 3, 7 – 8 p.m., Pod D

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

The Whodunit? Mystery Book Club

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

We will discuss [Moscow Exile](#) by John Larston.

Toddler Storytime

Wednesdays & Thursdays, Sept. 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19, 25, & 26, 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.

Baby Storytime & Stay and Play

Wednesdays, September 4, 11, 18, & 25, 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.

World Affairs

Wednesday, September 4, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

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

ESL Conversation Club

Thursdays, September 5, 12, 19, & 26, 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, September 5, 12, 19, & 26, 3:30 – 4 p.m., Orchard Room

Children 3-5 and their caregivers will enjoy stories, music, movement and more!

Teen Dungeons and Dragons Social Club

Thursdays, September 5, 12, 19, & 26, 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, September 7, 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.

Board Game Sunday

Sunday, September 8, 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, September 9, 16, 23, & 30, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard Room

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

Author Talk & Book Signing

Tuesday, September 10, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Author Sonia Gomez will give an overview of her book, [*Picture Bride, War Bride: The Role of Marriage in Shaping Japanese America*](#), and how she came to write it, followed by Q&A and a book signing. Please register.

3D Printing for Kids

Saturday, September 14, 2 – 4 p.m., Children's Room

Learn the basics of how a 3D printer works, choose an object to print, and watch your creation come to life. This is a drop-in program with a limited number of spots.

Sunday CrafterNoon (all ages)

Sunday, September 15, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Orchard Room

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

National Voter Registration Day

Tuesday, September 17, 12 – 4 p.m., Lobby

Stop by the volunteer-staff table in the library lobby to fill out your voter registration form.

Book Bugs Book Club (Grade 2 & 3)

Tuesday, September 17, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

We will discuss [Let's Mooove](#) by Courtney Sheinmel. We will discuss the book and make a fun craft. Please register.

America's Presidents: All Too Human

Tuesday, September 17, 7 – 8 p.m.

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

Page Turners Book Club (Grade 4 & 5)

Wednesday, September 18, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

We will discuss [The Report Card](#) by Andrew Clements and then do a fun activity. Please register.

Drink What You Grow

Wednesday, September 18, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room

The Garden-to-Glass team will introduce you to six of their favorite plants that impact desirable flavors and aromas, ideal for crafting teas, infusions, syrup and other homemade beverages.

Watercolor Workshop for Adults

Friday, September 20, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and 1 – 2:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Work of Heart Studio will lead this workshop. All supplies will be provided. Space is limited, and content will be the same for both sessions. Please attend one session per month.

Bay Area Games Day

Saturday, September 21, 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.

AIBridge

Sundays, September 22 & 29, 1 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

Learn Python-based AI development from scratch. Participants must attend both sessions, have prior Python experience, a laptop and a Google account.

Bilingual Mandarin/English Storytime

Tuesday, September 24, 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

To Be Read Book Club (Grades 6-8)

Tuesday, September 24, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

We are kicking off our new book club by reading [Stargirl](#) by Jerry Spinelli. We will discuss the book and do a fun activity. Snacks will be provided. Please register.

Los Altos Adult Book Discussion

Tuesday, September 24, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard Room

We discuss mostly contemporary fiction titles. Space is limited. Email lpasternack@sccl.org to get monthly reminders.

Card-Making with Dei

Tuesday, September 24, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Have you found yourself needing to grab a quick card to send to someone? Join us and make a card that is uniquely yours. All tools will be provided. No registration necessary.

Elephant & Piggie Party

Wednesday, September 25, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

We'll read some books together, play Gerald & Piggie-inspired games, and make crafts celebrating friendship and fun. Recommended for ages 4+.

Wednesday Travel Nights

Wednesday, September 25, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Let's go on a stunning journey of Guatemala.

Furry Friends Reading Buddies

Saturday, September 28, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m., Orchard Room

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

Now Read This Book Club

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

We will discuss [The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store](#) by James McBride.

MILPITAS -- 160 N. Main Street

Baby Bouncers Lapsit for Pre-walkers

Tuesdays, September 3, 10, 17, & 24, 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. This program is designed for babies up to 12 months.

Homework Help

*Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays starting September 3, 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, September 3, 10, 17, & 24, 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, September 4, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Auditorium

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

ESL Conversation Club

Wednesdays, September 4, 11, 18, & 25, 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, September 4, 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。

ESL Class Session

Mondays and Wednesdays, September 4 – December 4, 6 – 8 p.m., Program Room

This class session is for beginner and intermediate students to learn and improve English listening and speaking skills. Registration for a placement test is required.

Toddler Storytime: 1s and 2s Together

Thursdays, September 5, 12, 19, & 26, 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: 3s & 4s Budding Bookworms

Thursdays, September 5, 12, 19, & 26, 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, September 6 & 20, 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, September 6, 13, & 20, 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. Instruction available in Hindi, Punjabi and Gujarati. No registration required. Materials not provided.

Board Game Day

Saturday, September 7, 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.

LEGO Club (Grades K-8)

Monday, September 9, 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, September 10, 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, September 10, 7 – 8 p.m., Auditorium

We will discuss [*The Curse of Chalion*](#) by Lois McMaster Bujold.

Crafts Around the World (Grades K-8)

Wednesday, September 11, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Activity Room

We will be making Filipino Parols. No registration required. All materials will be provided.

Special Performance: Cascada de Flores

Saturday, September 14, 11 – 11:45 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.

Tiny Dungeon

Saturday, September 14, 2 – 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+.

Mid-Autumn Moon Festival Greeting Card Craft for All Ages

Tuesday, September 17, 5 – 5:30 p.m., Activity Room

Join us as we make colorful greeting cards in honor of the Moon Festival.

ICAN Read!

Wednesday, September 18, 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.

The Peaceful Poets

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

Join other poetry writers and appreciators of poetry.

Disaster Preparedness Workshop

Thursday, September 26, 7 – 8 p.m., Auditorium

A certified Emergency Manager will walk participants through the steps they need to take to help their families mitigate loss and survive a disaster. A Personal Emergency Preparedness book will be provided.

Reading Buddies for Grades K-5

Saturday, September 28, 2 – 3 p.m., Activity Room

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

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 PM.

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.

First Tuesday Knit-In

Tuesday, September 3, 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.

LEGO Club

Wednesdays, September 4, 11, 18, & 25, 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, September 4, 7 – 8 p.m., Program Room

We will discuss [Solito](#) by Javier Zamora.

Toddler Storytime

Thursdays, September 5, 12, 19, & 26, 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, September 5, 12, 19, & 26, 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.

Teen Advisory Board (TAB)

Thursday, September 5, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Program Room

The Teen Advisory Board helps to provide ideas and input about library programs and services for teens. Time spent in meetings and projects may be claimed as community service hours. Please fill out an application form online.

Tiny Tot Jamboree

Fridays, September 6, 13, & 20, 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, September 6, 13, & 20, 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, September 6, 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 Spanish and English Storytime for All Ages

Saturdays, September 7, 14, 21, & 28, 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, September 7, 14, 21, & 28, 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.

Zumba

Mondays, September 9 & 23, 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, September 10, 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 watercolor pointillist paintings.

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

Friday, September 13, 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.

Bollywood Dance Class for Teens and Adults (ages 12+)

Monday, September 16, 7 – 8 p.m., Program Room

Not only will you get to groove to energetic Bollywood beats, but you’ll have the chance to explore a bit of South Asian culture and heritage. No registration required.

Library Ukulele Society

Tuesday, September 17, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

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

Growing Vegetables in Fall and Winter

Tuesday, September 17, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., Children’s Program Room

Find out how many cool season vegetables are easy to grow and best for our climate.

Kids Art Club

Wednesday, September 18, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Children’s Program Room

Join us for an afternoon of creativity as we explore shadow art.

Tradiciones Folklorico Academy

Saturday, September 21, 12 – 12:45 p.m., Outside

Tradiciones Folklorico Academy will showcase a beautiful performance to celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month.

Tote Paint Party

Tuesday, September 24, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m., Program Room

Grab your brushes and get creative as you paint your very own tote bag. This program is for adults 18+. No registration needed.

Cathartic Piñatas for Teens

Wednesday, September 25, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Program Room

Make a piñata symbolizing the letting go of whatever is holding you back. Please register.

America’s Presidents: All Too Human

Saturday, September 28, 1 – 2 p.m.

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

Introduction to Gluten Free Baking

Saturday, September 28, 3 – 4 p.m., Program Room

Chef Amy Fothergill will discuss the basics of gluten-free baking, the different flours available, as well as how to make your own healthy blend. Please register.

Drawtober Kickoff

Sundays, September 29, October 6, 13, & 20, 3 – 4 p.m., Program Room

Drawtober is a fun challenge to draw, doodle or sketch. Join us for a kickoff and get a prompt sheet and free sketchpad (while supplies last). Join us in October for some drawing fun.

Hispanic Heritage Month Film Screening

Monday, September 30, 5:30 – 8:30 p.m., Program Room

In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, join us for a screening of the 1997 film Selena (PG).

SARATOGA -- 13650 Saratoga Avenue

Inspired by Famous Artists Exhibits

Through September in the Main Lobby

Enjoy an exhibit of paintings by members of the Santa Clara Valley Watercolor Society.

ESL Class Session

Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays, September 3 – October 29, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Maple Room

This class session is for beginner and intermediate students to learn and improve English listening and speaking skills. Registration for a placement test is required. You must be able to attend the entire class session. Attendees must be at least 18 years old.

Band Jam Session

Tuesdays, September 3, 10, 17, & 24, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m., Community Room

Grab your guitar or ukulele and let's jam!

Family Storytime

Tuesdays, September 3, 10, 17, & 24, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Orchard Room

Saturdays, September 7, 14, 21, & 28, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room

Join us for stories, rhymes, and songs.

Sci-Fi & Fantasy Book Club

Tuesday, September 3, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard Room

We will be discussing [Jurassic Park](#) by Michael Crichton. Stop by the Adult Reference Desk to sign up for the meeting and pick up a copy of the book.

Knit & Crochet Circle

Wednesday, September 4, 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.

Drop-in Tech Help

Thursdays, September 5, 12, & 19, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Oak 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, September 6, 13, & 20, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room

Join us for stories, rhymes, fingerplays and songs.

Indian Carnatic Vocal Concert

Saturday, September 7, 2 – 4:30 p.m., Community Room

Saratoga Library, in collaboration with SR Fine Arts, invites you to an Indian classical concert by Bay Area musicians from the Indian community.

Tales of Textiles from India

Sunday, September 8, 3 – 5 p.m., Community Room

Join an enthralling expedition delving into the enchanted realm of handcrafted textiles.

Mystery Book Club

Monday, September 9, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard Room

We will be discussing [*The Art Thief: A True Story of Love, Crime, and a Dangerous Obsession*](#) by Michael Finkel. Stop by the Adult Reference Desk to sign up for the meeting and pick up a copy of the book.

Adventures with the @ThruHikers

Tuesday, September 10, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Community Room

Renee Miller and Tim Beissinger document and share videos of their backpacking adventures on Facebook, Instagram and TikTok. They have just released a book with tips and recipes. Join us to hear from them.

Family Bingo

Friday, September 13, 4 – 5 p.m., Community Room

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

Easy Breezy Chamber Music for Families

Saturday, September 14, 2 – 3 p.m., Community Room

Enjoy a chamber music concert presented by the Los Gatos Chamber Music Society. In addition to a performance there will be storytelling about the composers, music and musicians.

Board Game Night for Adults

Monday, September 16, 6 – 8 p.m.

Drop in and enjoy a variety of board games.

LEGOs

Wednesday, September 18, 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, September 19, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Orchard Room

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

Teatime Book Chatter

Thursday, September 19, 1 – 2 p.m., Orchard Room

In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, we will discuss [*The Great Divide*](#) by Cristina Henríquez. Stop by the Adult Reference Desk to register and pick up a copy of the book.

Practical Introduction to Mindfulness

Sunday, September 22, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Community Room

We will discuss and practice highly relevant ways that mindfulness of our body, breath and mind can help us make better decisions, improve our health, and more successfully navigate stress and conflict.

Wong Chin Foo: the First Asian American Civil Rights Leader

Sunday, September 22, 2 – 3 p.m., Community Room

Join us as Richard Chang presents a theatrical solo piece as Wong Chin Foo, a Chinese American activist, journalist and lecturer during the Gilded Age (1847-1898). Please register.

Digital Literacy Class

Thursday, September 26, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Maple Room

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

Spanish Storyline

Thursday, September 26, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Orchard Room

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

Understanding Medicare: A Comprehensive Guide

Thursday, September 26, 2 – 3 p.m., Maple Room

This session will provide a thorough overview of Medicare, covering essential topics such as enrollment, premiums, the different parts of Medicare (A, B, C, and D), Medica policies, and how to protect yourself from Medicare fraud. Register online.

America's Presidents: All Too Human

Sunday, September 29, 2 – 3 p.m.

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

WOODLAND – 1975 Grant Road

Monday Meditation and Mindfulness

Mondays, September 9, 16, 23, & 30, 7 – 7:30 p.m.

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

Woodland Adult Book Discussion

Tuesday, September 10, 2 – 3:15 p.m.

We discuss mostly contemporary fiction and nonfiction titles. Space is limited. Email lpasternack@sccl.org to get monthly reminders.

ONLINE EVENTS (Please register online)

The New Digital SAT

Tuesday, September 3, 6 – 7 p.m.

Discover essential tips, strategies, and insights on how to excel in this digital format, ensuring you're fully prepared to conquer the test.

Online English Conversation Club

Thursdays, September 5, 12, 19, & 26, 11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Meet new friends and practice English together.

Virtual Author Talk: Garrett Graff

Tuesday, September 10, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

An expert at capturing the human drama, [Garrett Graff](#) will speak about his body of work with particular focus on the oral histories, [The Only Plane in the Sky: An Oral History of 9/11](#) and [When the Sea Came Alive: An Oral History of D-Day](#).

Virtual Author Talk: Justin Lee

Tuesday, September 17, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

Justin Lee will discuss his two books, [Torn: Rescuing the Gospel from the Gays vs. Christians Debate](#) and [Talking Across the Divide: How to Communicate with People you Disagree with and Maybe Even Change the World](#).

American Beauty: An Art Talk

Tuesday, September 17, 7 – 8 p.m.

The collection, assembled by Bernard and Barbro Osher, spans the years of 1848 to 1960 and reflects an exceptionally dynamic and complicated period in American culture.

Virtual Author Talk: Nate Klemp, PhD

Wednesday, September 18, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Author and philosopher [Nate Klemp](#) will help us explore pathways back to open-minded living when he talks about the core tenets in his new book, [Open: Living with an Expansive Mind in a Distracted World](#).

Virtual Author Talk: Liane Moriarty

Saturday, September 21, 4 – 5 p.m.

Mega bestselling author [Liane Moriarty](#) will discuss her new novel, [Here One Moment](#), a brilliantly constructed tale that looks at free will and destiny, and grief and love.

Estate Planning Before and After the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act

Tuesday, September 24, 7 – 8 p.m.

The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 will sunset at the end of 2025. Learn how estate taxes will change and how to prepare.

Los Altos and Woodland Libraries

September 2024



The background of the flyer is white with several colorful donuts and yellow flowers scattered around. The donuts have various toppings like chocolate, pink, and orange. The flowers are simple five-petaled shapes.

YOU DONUT KNOW HOW MUCH
WE APPRECIATE YOU!

YOU'RE INVITED TO THE LOS ALTOS
LIBRARY AND WOODLAND LIBRARY

VOLUNTEER

APPRECIATION
BRUNCH

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

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Adventure At Your Library

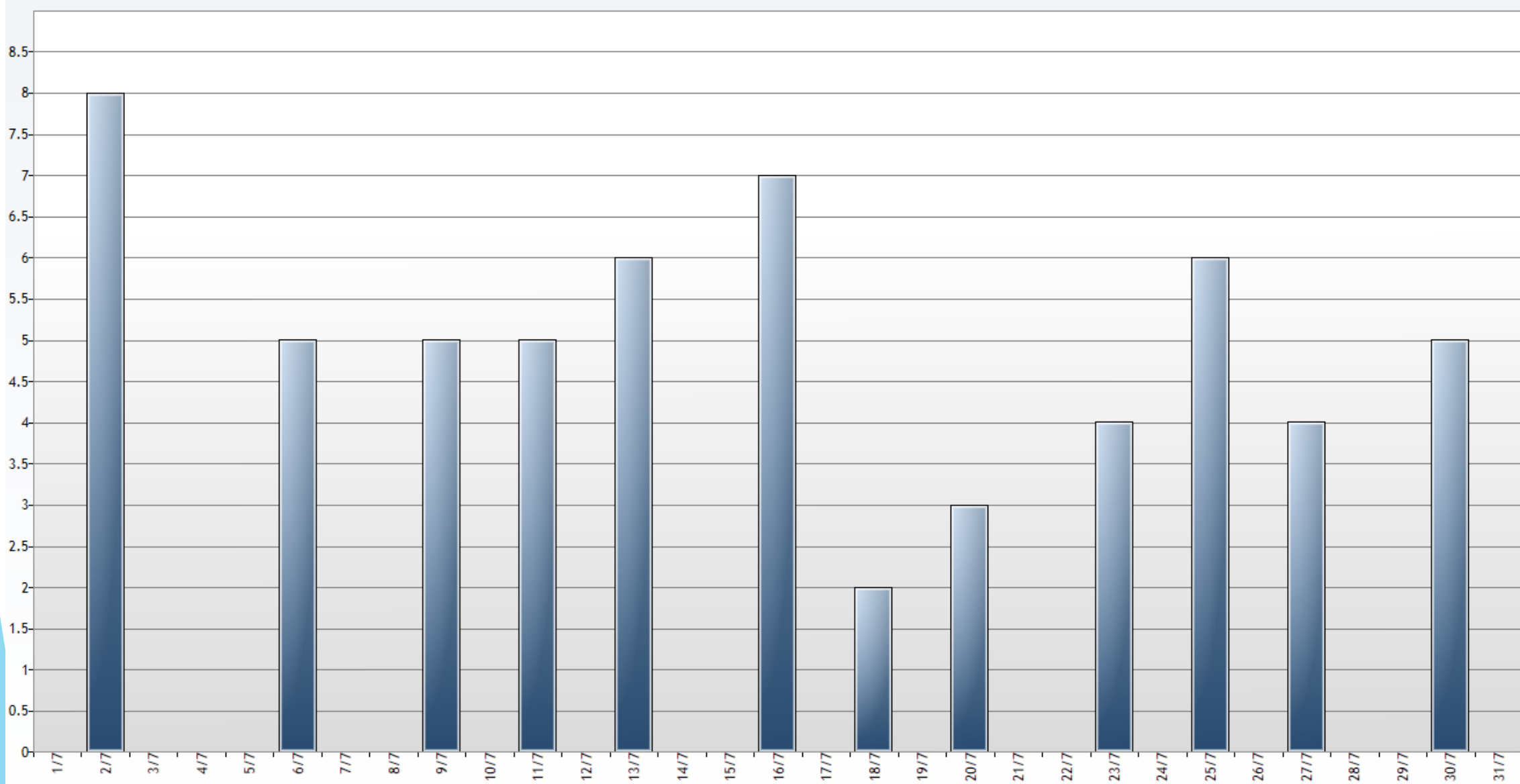
June 1 - July 31, 2024

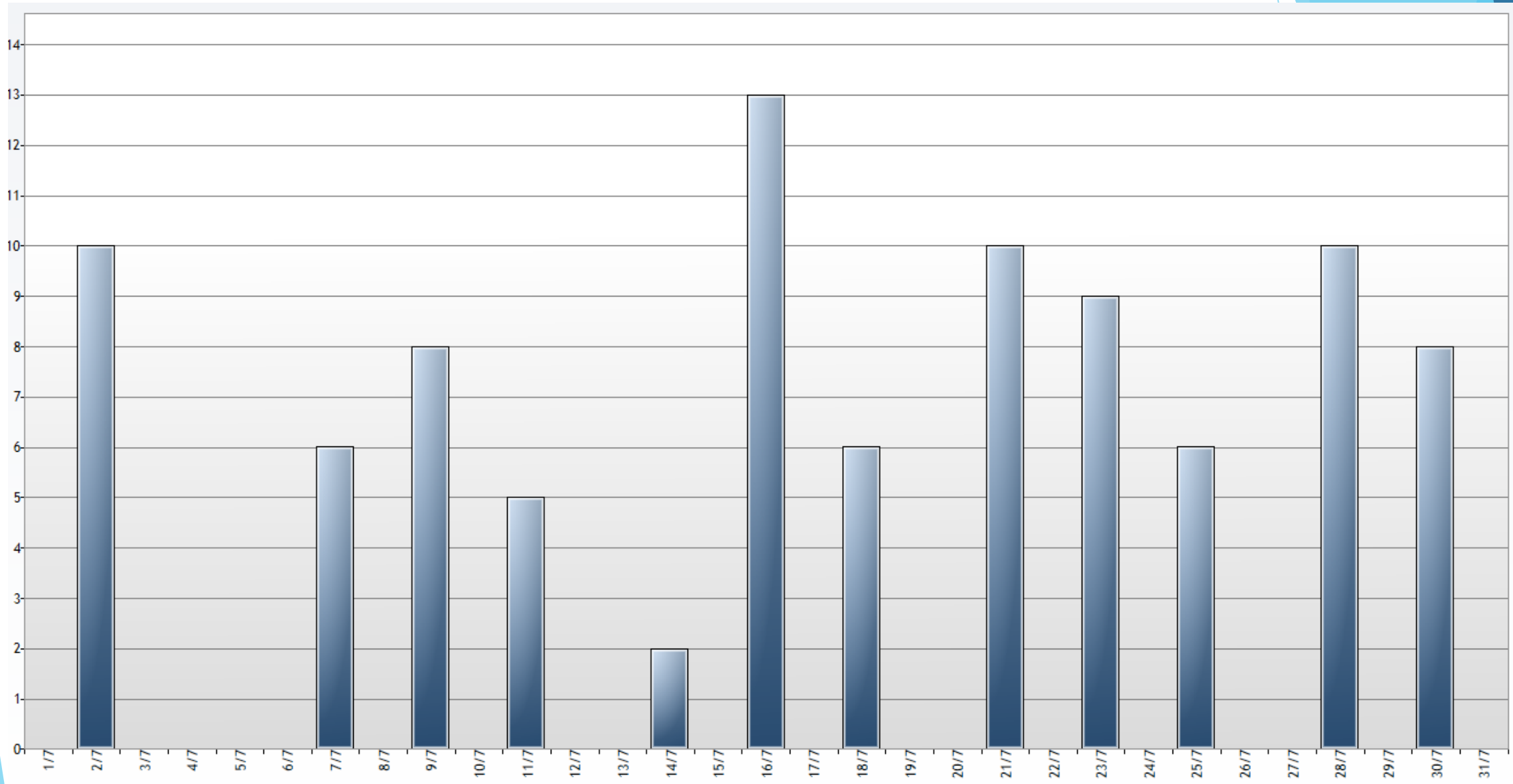
1948
children

140
teens

441
adults

2529
total
sign-ups





GGB Visits



- ❑ August 5 - Covington Summer School (11)
- ❑ August 6 - National Night Out (30)
- ❑ August 7 - Almond Summer School (33)
- ❑ August 8 - Almond YMCA Camp (27)
- ❑ August 13 - Montclair Back to School (103)
- ❑ August 27 - Avant (12)

Gate Count

LOS ALTOS	2023	2024	Change
January	24,638	28,491	+15.6%
February	24,611	28,313	+15%
March	24,890	31,382	+26%
April	26,076	29,280	+12.2%
May	25,343	29,356	+15.8%
June	26,468	30,221	+14.2%
July	28,241	31,487	+11.5%
August	30,042	31,780	+5.8%

WOODLAND	2023	2024	Change
January	5,078	5,266	+3.7%
February	4,150	5,307	+28%
March	5,449	5,536	+1.6%
April	4,604	5,104	+10.9%
May	4,563	5,261	+15.2%
June	4,579	5,523	+20.6%
July	4,557	5,601	+23%
August	5,126	5,650	+10.2%

Items Checked Out

	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
February 2024	42,639	8,402
March 2024	49,335	9,051
April 2024	45,640	8,366
May 2024	43,217	8,781
June 2024	50,444	9,146
July 2024	48,039	9,133
August 2024	51,455	9,209
	+1.6% LA	
	-0.5% WO	

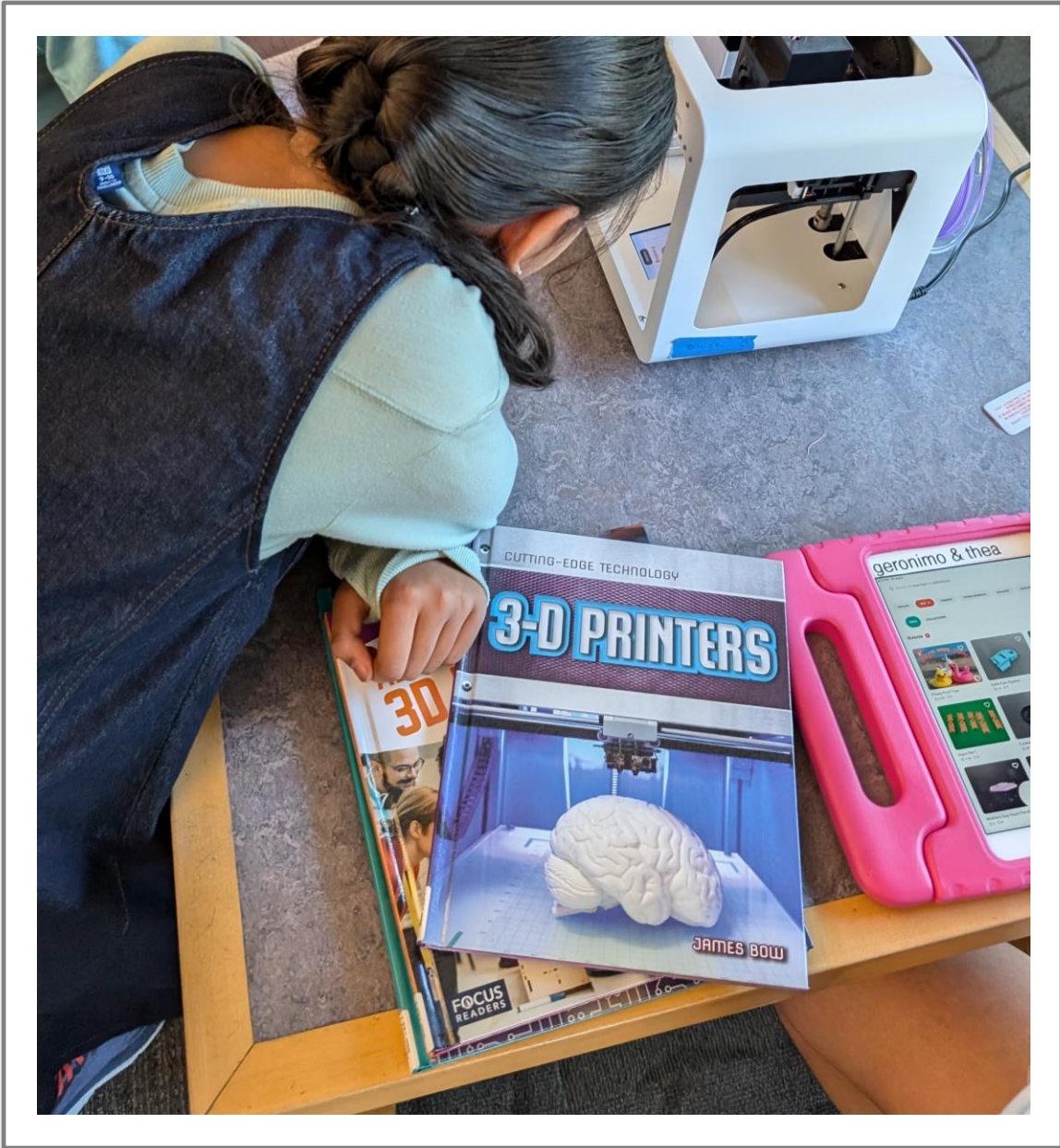


Book Club



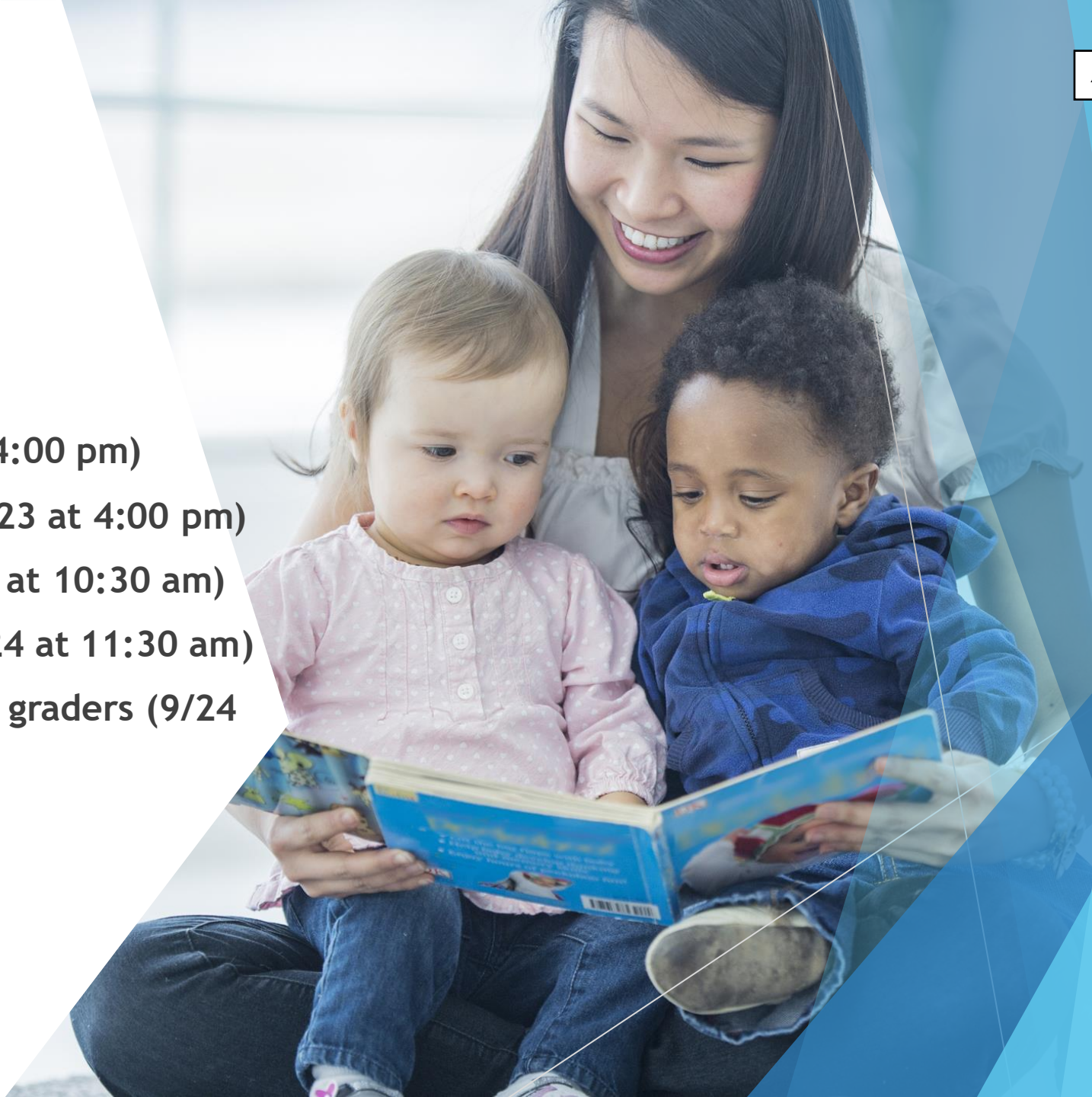
Antarctica Program





Children's Programs

- ▶ **Book Bugs Club (9/17 4:00 pm)**
- ▶ **Page Turners Book Club (9/18 at 4:00 pm)**
- ▶ **Tween Dungeons and Dragons (9/23 at 4:00 pm)**
- ▶ **Bilingual Spanish Storytime (9/24 at 10:30 am)**
- ▶ **Bilingual Mandarin Storytime (9/24 at 11:30 am)**
- ▶ **To Be Read Book Club for 6th-8th graders (9/24 at 4:00 pm)**



ADULT & TEEN PROGRAMS

- September 17 at 12:00 pm National Voter Registration Day
- September 17 at 7:00 pm - America's Presidents: All Too Human
- September 18 at 7:00 pm - Drink What You Grow
- September 20 at 11:00 am -Watercolor Workshop
- September 22 at 1:00 pm - AlBridge

<https://scclld.org/events>

LOS ALTOS
COMPASSION WEEK

MONDAY, SEPT. 23

TWEEN
D&D



FROM
4:00
PM

TIL
6:00
PM

GRADES 5-8

REGISTER ONLINE AT
SCCLD.ORG



13 S. SAN ANTONIO RD, LOS ALTOS CA 94022
650-948-7683
WWW.SCCLD.ORG

