



LIBRARY COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA

6:30 PM - Thursday, March 06, 2025

Los Altos Main Library - Orchard Room

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CALL MEETING TO ORDER

ESTABLISH QUORUM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

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- 1.** Written Public Comments 3-6-25

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.** Minutes: Approve minutes of the special meeting of January 9, 2025

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION

3. Discuss and Provide Feedback on Main Library Improvements with ABA
4. Disband Commission Presence Ad-Hoc Subcommittee
5. Discuss Night at the Library Event
6. Discuss Potential Targeted Outreach for Youth

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**STAFF REPORTS**

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

COMMISSIONER REPORTS**POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS****ADJOURNMENT****SPECIAL NOTICES TO PUBLIC**

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From: [Bill Hough](#)
To: [Anthony Carnesecca](#)
Cc: [Public Comment - LC](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT Library Commission ITEM #2 MARCH 6, 2025
Date: Wednesday, March 5, 2025 2:44:14 PM

In a conflict between the Los Altos Library and the Historic Apricot Orchard (that only involves 8,265 square feet of land), you must give priority to the solution that will benefit the most people.

The proposed Library Outdoor Patio will benefit more people than the orchard, and the orchard will still cover the entire Civic Center after the patio is built. Therefore, please recommend approval of the patio.

Bill Hough
Resident and taxpayer



LIBRARY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

6:30 PM – Thursday, January 9, 2025
Los Altos Community Center Sequoia Room

ESTABLISH QUORUM

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

Present: Chair Bedard; Vice Chair Morris; Commissioners Carter, Crane, and Fawcett

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 October 3, 2024

Public Comment: None

Action: Chair Bedard moved that the Commission accept the minutes of the regular meeting of October 3, 2024 as written. Commissioner Carter seconded the motion.

Approve: Bedard, Fawcett, Carter, Morris

Oppose:

Abstain:

Absent: Crane

Motion passed: 4-0-1-0

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION

Chair Bedard moved that the Commission consider Item #5 before Item #2.

Approve: Bedard, Fawcett, Carter, Morris

Oppose:

Abstain:

Absent: Crane

Motion passed: 4-0-1-0

5. Review Preliminary Woodland Library Patio Drawings

Public Comment: Alice Mansell

Action: None

2. Recognize Outgoing NCLA Board Member Cindy Hill

Public Comment: Freddie Wheeler

Action: None

3. Discuss Joint Meeting with City Council and Commission Work Plan

Public Comment: Alice Mansell

Action: Chair Bedard moved that the Commission amend the 2025 Commission Work Plan based upon Commission direction at the meeting. Vice Chair Morris seconded the motion.

Approve: Bedard, Fawcett, Carter, Crane, Morris

Oppose:

Abstain:

Absent:

Motion passed: 5-0-0-0

4. Discuss Commission Presence

Public Comment: None

Action: None

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS ONLY

STAFF REPORTS

6. Receive annual Commissioner training from Library Commission Liaison

7. Receive report from Santa Clara County Library District

8. Receive report from Main Library Staff

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Bedard adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm.



LIBRARY COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT SUMMARY

Meeting Date: March 6, 2025

Subject Discuss and Provide Feedback on Main Library Improvements with ABA

Prepared by: Anthony Carnesecca, Assistant to the City Manager

Purpose

Discuss and Provide Feedback on Main Library Improvements with ABA

Background

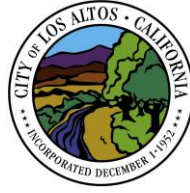
During the Future Agenda Items Discussion section of the Los Altos City Council meeting on September 26, 2023, Councilmember Dailey requested the Library Commission to bring forward to Council at a Study Session the status of the library and options they have considered for improving the library for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

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

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

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

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



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

The City issued the RFP - Design Services for Los Altos Main Library Improvements on Wednesday, July 17, 2024. The RFP closed on Thursday, August 22, 2024 at 3 pm.

The RFP divided the improvements into three distinct phases. Phase 1 is a Design Alternative Analysis that will investigate the existing condition, create design alternatives, evaluate cost estimates, and garner consensus for a final preferred design. Phase 2 is 65% drawings that will include technical specifications for the building with a more detailed cost breakdown. Phase 3 is bid-ready construction documents and construction transition.

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

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

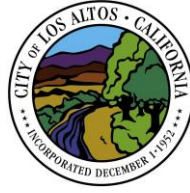
During the October 3, 2024 Library Commission meeting, City staff provided an update on the process and next steps, including a request for funds from the North County Library Authority and a contract award from the Los Altos City Council. The Library Commission unanimously recommended approval to move forward in this process.

ABA proposed an initial bid of \$128,765 for the base services of Phase 1 and an additional 3% for reimbursable expenses at \$3,863, totaling \$132,628. City staff recommended an additional 10% contingency. In total, City staff requested \$145,891 in funding from the North County Library Authority for Phase 1 of the RFP.

Their RFP proposed the amount above for Phase 1 and 10% of construction bid award budget determined in Phase 1 for Phases 2 and 3. When Phase 1 is completed, the City will request the additional necessary funds for Phases 2 and 3 from the North County Library Authority. This is anticipated to occur in Summer 2025.

During the November 18, 2024 North County Library Authority meeting, their board unanimously approved the funding allocation to the City of Los Altos for Phase 1 of the Main Library Improvements Project.

During the December 10, 2024 meeting, the Los Altos City Council unanimously awarded a contract for ABA to execute Phase 1 of the Main Library Improvements Project.



Discussion

ABA has kicked off the Design Alternatives Analysis phase of the project as they review the proposals presented by the Library Commission Ad-Hoc Subcommittee and previous Needs Assessments.

As part of this process, ABA are conducting various feedback workshops to review and discuss the proposed improvements into order to gain a shared understanding of project background, goals, and timeline; and, input for validation of prioritized improvements. The March 6, 2025 Library Commission meeting will be the first of three public workshops all hosted in the Library. The other two will be on March 12, 2025 3 – 5 pm and March 22, 2025 10 am – 12 pm.

After those, ABA will take the proposals and feedback that will build design proposals to be presented at additional public workshops at the Library Commission and to the public for specific commentary on the options created by the architectural team.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Presentation
2. Proposal Details
3. Flyer for Additional Workshops



Library Commission Meeting
March 6, 2025

LOS ALTOS LIBRARY
Library Renovation



01 Project and Team
Introduction

03 Public Comments
& Commission
Discussion

02 Areas for
Improvement Review

04 Conclusion & Next
Steps



Project Context

- The Main Library Improvements Project (Phase 1) was approved by the City Council.
- This Library Commission meeting is part of the first round of stakeholder engagement to **gather input on the identified library needs and improvements**. It will build on previous reports and engagement efforts.

Purpose

Review and discuss the proposed improvements to **gather stakeholder input for the next steps.**

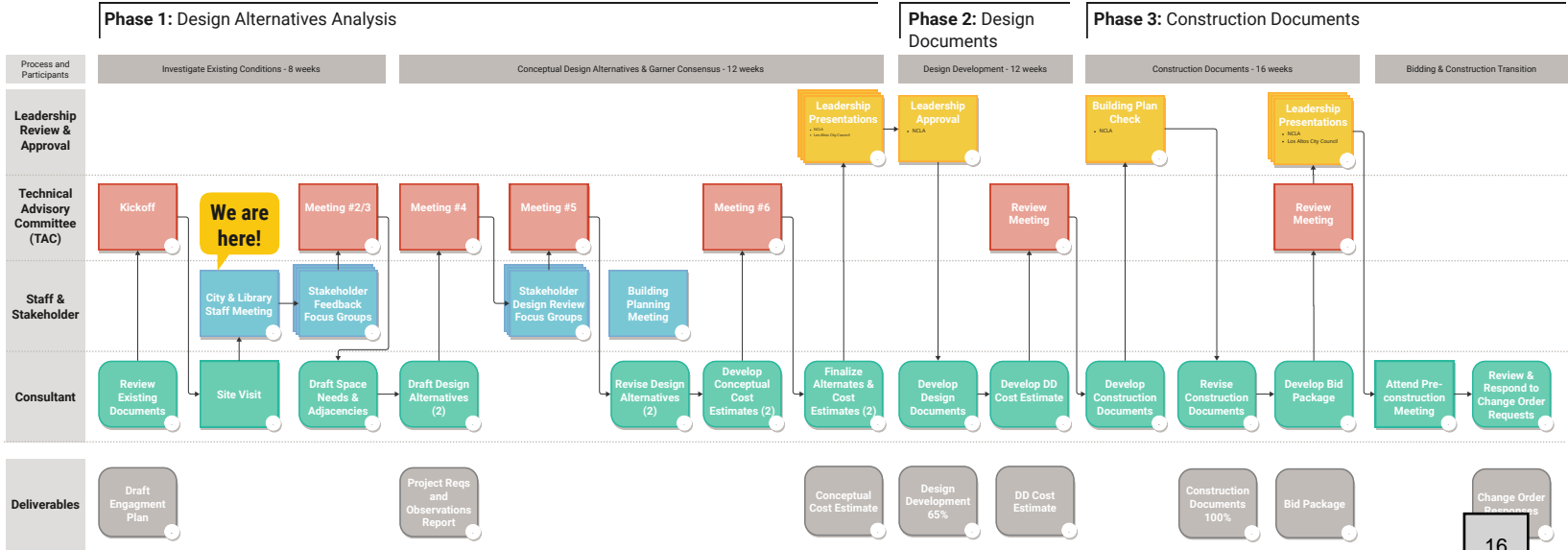
Intended Results

- Shared understanding of project background, goals, and timeline
- Input for validation of prioritized improvements

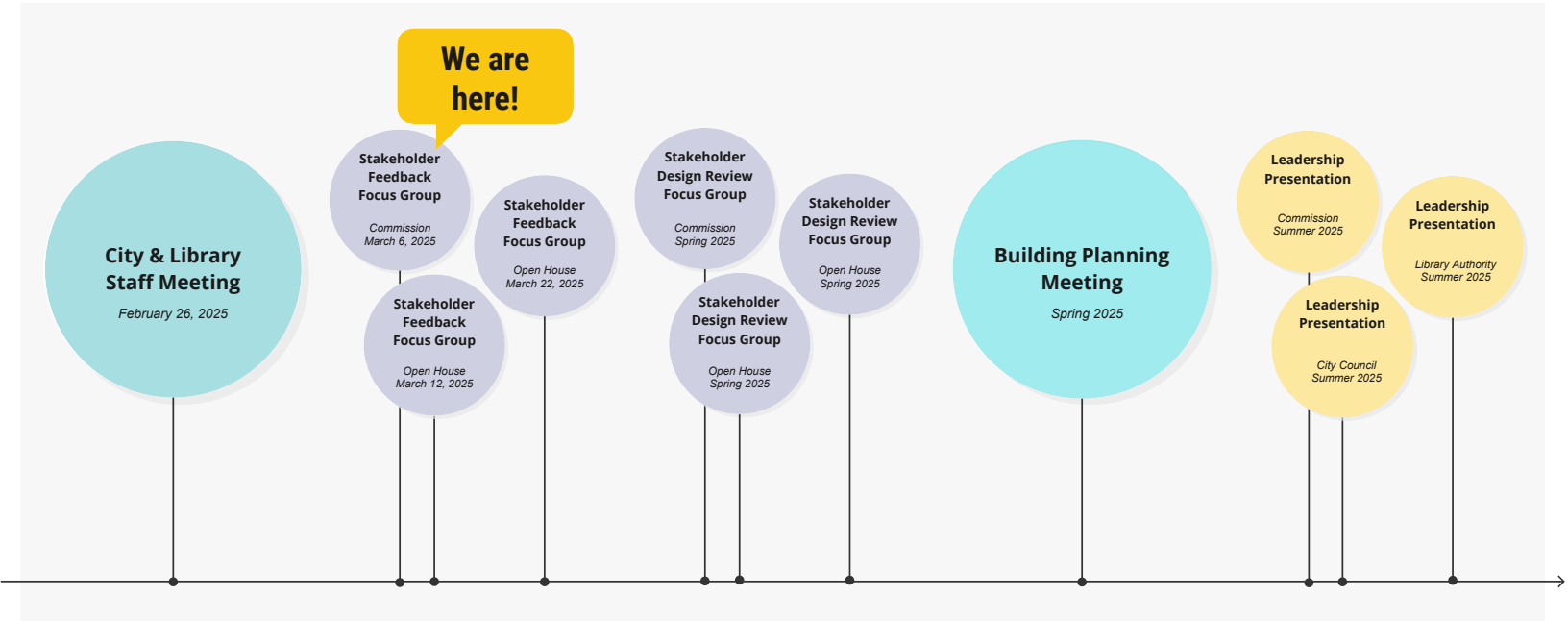
City of Los Altos - Main Library Improvements

Process Map

Agenda Item 3.



PHASE 1: Design Alternatives Analysis





The ABA Team



Core Values

- *The Library values the individual library user and provides service in a non-judgmental way.*
- *The Library is committed to intellectual freedom and the privacy rights of each of its users.*
- *Library staff is a valuable system-wide resource.*
- *The library provides one collection electronically connected to meet the needs of the entire community.*
- *The Library introduces children, young adults, and new readers to the pleasure of books and reading, as well as to information.*
- *The Library develops and maintains partnerships throughout the community and private sector.*
- *The contribution of volunteer time and talents is encouraged.*
- *Buildings are to be welcoming, safe, clean and easy to use.*

Source: Library Services and Space Need Assessment, May 2008

Recommendations for Improvement

Organized in three groups based on priority

- Proposal 1
- Proposal 2
- Proposal 3

Proposal 1

- Reconfigure and enlarge the lobby
- Install family bathrooms
- Address circulation and reference desk service
- Move children's area entrance to enable direct access
- Find suitable alternative for holds
- Improve Friends' sales space
- Remediate inadequate wiring
- Address any accessibility concerns as discovered



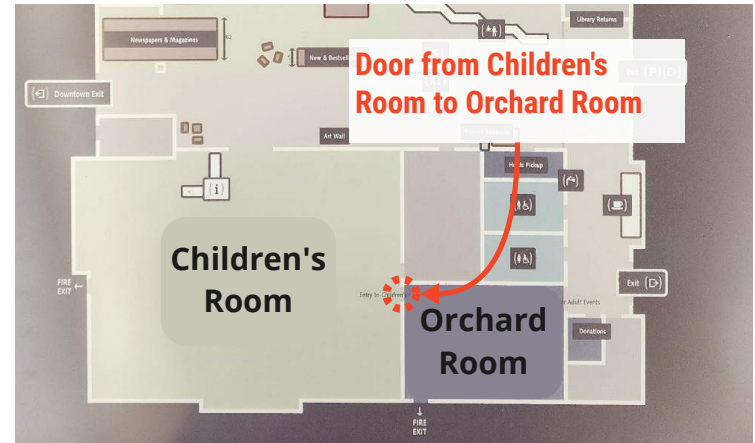
Proposal 2

- Remodel to support limited Extended Hours Space
- Evaluate and consolidate staff areas and Friends' space to improve efficiency
- Create acoustic quiet zone
- Evaluate and redeploy library digital needs in computing, printing, and scanning



Proposal 3

- Remodel to support full Extended Hours space
- Create opening between children's space and Orchard Room to expand useable space





Public Comments

- Speak during public comment period
- Submit written comment to the project team
- Submit email comment to
Anthony Carnesecca <aCarnesecca@losaltosca.gov>

Commission Discussion

1- Validate Identified Needs

- a) Are any critical needs missing from the list?
- b) Is there anything that should be reprioritized?

2- Success Criteria:

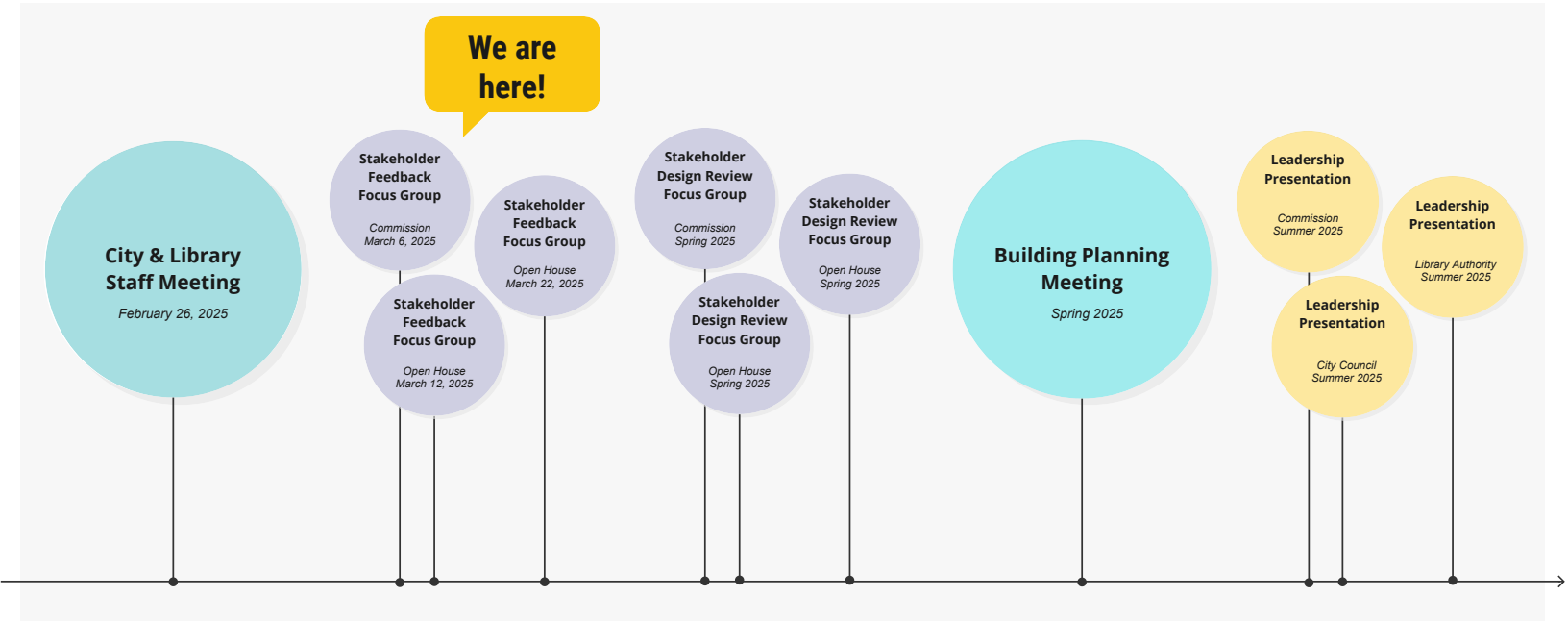
As we explore solutions for improvements, do you have any input on key considerations or success criteria for the improvement list?

- a) Proposal 1
- b) Proposal 2
- c) Proposal 3



PHASE 1: Design Alternatives Analysis

We are here!



Reconfigure and enlarge the lobby and core circulation space

Goal:

Accommodate the traffic flow, activities and services that occur in these areas, including self-checkout equipment, holds shelving and Friends ongoing book sale.

Existing Space Limitations:

- The public space adjacent to the service desks contains **furniture and shelving items blocking traffic flow.**
- The **queuing space for checkout is not apparent** – people often inadvertently jump the queue.
- The **checkout queue** can be substantial at times, **blocking the pathway** in and out of the main public area.



Existing Lobby



Existing Lobby



Existing Circulation Path to Lobby



Lobby, Inspiration Concept

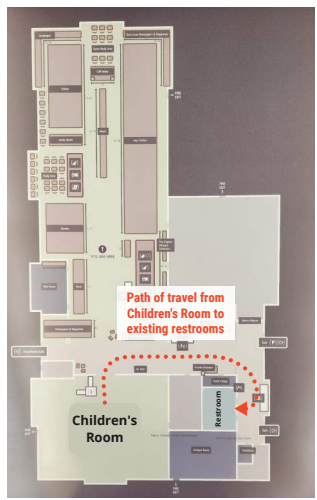
Install family bathrooms

Goal:

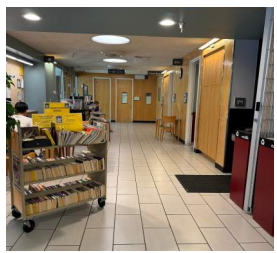
Having family bathrooms within the children's area adjacent to the children's programming space.

Existing Space Limitations:

- A family restroom is needed **within the children's space** to provide parents and caregivers with **immediate access** to restroom facilities, emergency diaper changing space and other necessities.



Existing Library Floor Plan



Existing Restroom



Direct Access to Family Restroom, Inspiration Concept

Address circulation and reference desk service

Goal:

Reconfigure, reorient and reduce the footprints of circulation and reference desks to accommodate the Library's changing service delivery model.

Existing Space Limitations:

- The circulation desk and reference desk are too large.
- The reference desk is away from the primary public entrance, with no line of sight from the entrance or circulation desk. A combined Circulation/Information Desk should be considered.
- The staff counter positions at these desks can be reduced to a total of five (2 for circulation, 2 for reference, and 1 for either function). Staff will become more mobile, moving through the area to assist customers using self checkout stations and with online catalog look-up stations scattered through the stack area.
- The Library should explore the use of mobile telecommunications technology to further "untether" staff from the service desk.
- The circulation desk has only one outlet to the public space. Staff, therefore, must walk all the way around the desk to work with someone who needs help checking out materials.



Existing Reference desk



Existing Reference desk



Existing Circulation desk



Inspiration Concept

Move children's area entrance to enable direct access

Goal:

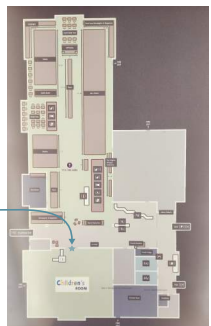
Reconfigure path between the entrance and the children's area to enable direct access

Existing Space Limitations:

- The children's area is acoustically separate, with access through a pair of doors located directly off the central public space.
- Audiences attending children's programs, however, enter and exit the program through the children's space, generating considerable noise, which spills into the adult area. Access to the children's space from the public entrance needs to be reconfigured to avoid this situation.



Existing Entrance



Existing Library Floor Plan



Children's Area Entrance, Inspiration Concept

Find suitable alternative for holds

Goal:

Increase shelving for holds from the current 11 sections to 18 and move holds to open area.

Existing Space Limitations:

- Shelving for self-service holds has been created opposite the circulation desk, in a former copy room. This shelving is at capacity.
- The number of holds for Los Altos customers is projected to increase, since the Library has begun allowing more DVDs to be reserved.
- **An increase in holds shelving is recommended**, from the current 11 sections to 18 sections.
- In addition, **the holds shelving needs to be moved to an open area**, to provide more circulation space at this busy location.



Existing Holds Shelves



Existing Holds Shelves



Holds, Inspiration Concept

Improve Friends' sales space

Goal:

Reconfigure Friend's spaces (sales and processing) to support needs

Existing Space Limitations:

- **Space is needed for an ongoing book sale that is highly visible** and associated with the Library, designed and laid out to be self service.
- **Space is also needed for an efficient, ergonomically sensible book sorting and processing operation** that includes an adequately sized and designed book drop-off and initial storage point, a well-designed book sorting space and appropriate computer workstations for the growing online book sale operation. The book sorting and storage space should be adjacent to the ongoing book sale to allow efficient restocking of shelves and inventory management. A larger ongoing book sale will reduce the amount of material that needs to be stored.



Ongoing Book Sale



Donation Sorting



Online Sales Workstation



Existing Book Sale Area



Sale Area, Inspiration Concept

Remediate inadequate wiring

Goal:

Increase the quantity of outlets in the public areas.

Existing Wiring Space Limitations:

- Electrical outlet access is needed at most, if not all, public seats, for laptop computer use. Currently, electrical outlets are available along the north wall of the adult space.
- The remodeled teen space will provide a work counter for laptop users along its west wall, as well as a possible venue for video gaming tournaments. The new teen space will be able to accommodate Wii gaming equipment.



Existing Wiring



Wiring, Inspiration Concept



Wiring, Inspiration Concept



Work Counter w/ integrated power for Laptop Users, Inspiration Concept

Consolidate staff areas and Friends' space

Goal:

Evaluate and consolidate staff areas and Friends' space to improve efficiency.

Existing Space Limitations:

- Some portions of the staff work room could be reconfigured to support the sorting and returns operation.
- Library staff not assigned a desk in the staff work space need access to a shared workstation to check email.
- Staff work room storage is, for the most part, on open shelves or otherwise exposed, adding to a crowded, cluttered appearance.
- Designated space is needed for temporary storage and staging of incoming and outgoing supply shipments, new equipment, collection discards being sent to Library Headquarters and similar materials that are delivered or picked up on an almost daily basis.



Staff Area: Automated Sorting Equipment



Staff Area: Book Cart Queue



Staff Area: Work Space



Staff Area: Return Drop Interior View

Offer limited Extended Hours Space

Goal:

Remodel to support limited Extended Hours Space. This would allow patrons to access a portion of the library outside of normal, staffed operating hours.

Existing Space Limitations:

- There is no after hour entrance or a card system for after hours access.
- The current set-up requires the library to be fully staffed when open.



Existing Library Main Entrance



Existing Library Secondary Entrance



Card System for After Hours Entrance, Inspiration Concept



Regular Hours and After Hours Entrance, Inspiration Concept

Create acoustic quiet zone

Goal:

Accommodate needs for quiet activities with acoustically insulated spaces.

Existing Space Limitations:

- Movable wall partitions should be considered to subdivide the space and support maximum utility of the space.



Open study area



Acoustically separate and enclosed group study area



Acoustic Quiet Zones, Inspiration Concept



Acoustic Quiet Zones, Inspiration Concept

Redeploy library digital needs

Goal:

Evaluate and redeploy library digital needs in computing, printing, and scanning

Existing Space Limitations:

- **More computers are needed to meet public demand**, especially in the adult area (*the number of public access computers at Los Altos is approximately one-half the number typically planned for in new libraries in the South Bay*).
- **The facility's electrical and data cable conduit is at capacity**, and cannot support additional workstations. Space and electrical distribution is needed to increase the number of computers from 31 to 66.



Limited quantity of computers

Offer full Extended Hours Space

Goal:

Remodel to support full Extended Hours Space. This would allow patrons to access the entire library outside of normal, staffed operating hours.

Existing Space Limitations:

- There is no after hour entrance or a card system for after hours access.
- The current set-up requires the library to be fully staffed when open.



Existing Library Main Entrance



Existing Library Secondary Entrance



Card System for After Hours Entrance, Inspiration Concept



Regular Hours and After Hours Entrance, Inspiration Concept

Agenda Item 3.

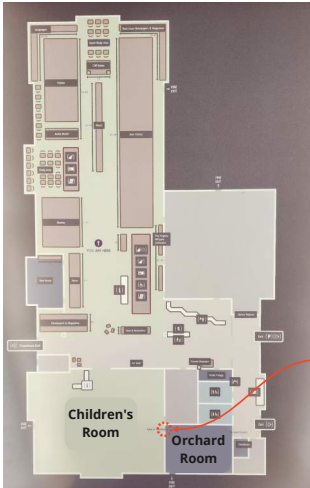
Create opening between children's space and Orchard Room

Goal:

Create opening between children's space and Orchard Room to expand useable space

Existing Space Limitations:

- Movable wall partitions should be considered to subdivide the space and support maximum utility of the space.



Door from Children's Room to Orchard Room

Existing Library Floor Plan

Los Altos Main Library Renovation Feedback

Come review and discuss the proposed improvements to the interior of the Los Altos Main Library. The project team will present the project background, goals, and timeline, and gather feedback on the proposed prioritized improvements and criteria for success before beginning design.



Meeting	Date	Time	Location
Library Commission Meeting Presentation	March 6	6:30 pm	Library Orchard Room
Workshop	March 12	3 - 5 pm	Library Orchard Room
Workshop	March 22	10 am - 12 pm	Library Orchard Room



March 2025 Library Report
Jennifer Weeks, County Librarian



Storybook SCCLD Reaches Key Milestones at a Trio of Libraries

March is an important month for the Storybook SCCLD project, with the Grand Opening event at the Saratoga Library around mid-month and two more beginning installation at the Morgan Hill and Gilroy Libraries.

Children and their adults will have so much fun exploring the Redwood Romp at the Saratoga Library that they will not even notice that they are practicing the essential skills they need to become good readers.

The schedules for each library’s project are listed on our [Storybook SCCLD webpage](#) and are subject to change. You’ll also find a brief description of the theme and unique aspects of each Storybook site. During the installation period (which is just under two months), the children’s collections will be available in other parts of the libraries. Patrons are encouraged to place items on hold, or check out other [SCCLD locations](#) if they wish to browse a wider variety of titles. We promise that the brief inconvenience during construction will be well worth it once the Storybook SCCLD children’s spaces open in each location.

The Library Can Help You Eat Right

March is [National Nutrition Month](#), which is put on by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics as a way to promote healthy eating practices and physical activity. This year’s theme is “Food Connects Us,” which speaks to the positive aspects of cooking, culture and eating together.



In addition to a large variety of cookbooks and recommended booklists from our [Food & Beverages](#) and [Health & Fitness](#) groups our librarians compile each month, we also have a number of online resources that can help you plan for your ideal meal plan. Check out the [Health & Wellness](#) section of our 24/7 Online Library, which features several fact-based databases of information compiled by scientists and public health experts. This includes [Health Library by StayWell](#), [MedlinePlus](#), Reference eBooks from EBSCO, Gale, and others, and Learning Resources like The Great Courses.

Four of our libraries are also hosting events this month around maintaining a healthy gut through a proper diet and lifestyle. The [“Food as Medicine”](#) talks are presented by an advance practice nurse. We host many other [health-related events](#), including Zumba classes, guided meditations, and group hikes.



Marking Women's History Month

This year's Women's History Month celebration of the contributions of women across our society [has the theme](#) of "Moving Forward Together! Women Educating and Inspiring Generations." There are many events taking place at [our libraries](#), online and across the County this month.

We have a great virtual author talk featuring journalist [Clara Bingham](#) on Thursday, March 20 about some of the leading figures involved in the women's liberation movement of the 1960s and 1970s. Using her investigative skills, Bingham brings to life the stories of several key figures of second-wave U.S. feminism using oral histories.

Also of note is [Women's Heritage Day](#), which is happening at History Park in San José on Saturday, March 22. The free event will feature talks by local authors and book discussions, plus much more. A history walk to learn about the pioneering women of [Rancho Santa Teresa](#) follows that same night.

Check out our Monthly Calendar of Events for other programming, including a Silicon Valley Reads virtual author talk on Wednesday, March 12 with [Amy Wu](#) on her book [From Farms to Incubators: Women Innovators Revolutionizing How Our Food is Grown](#). Author [Meridith Jaeger](#) will visit the Milpitas Library on Saturday, March 22 to talk about her latest novel [The Incurribles](#), which tells the story of women immigrants during the Gilded Age.

Our 24/7 Online Library offers resources to learn more about women across history include [Biography \(Gale in Context\)](#) for biographical materials, [Library Reference Center Plus](#) for author overviews of influential figures, and [U.S. History \(Gale in Context\)](#) for audio clips, news and magazine resources.

March Virtual Author Talks

We kick things off on Wednesday, March 12 with an inspirational talk by Dan Heath, author of [Reset: How to Change What's Not Working](#). In this wide-ranging discussion, he will walk attendees through a variety of examples of how leaders have been able to make major change by thinking out of the box. [Register here](#).

Tune in Thursday, March 20 for a timely discussion on the role of the women's movement in transforming America during the crucial decade between 1963 and 1973. Award-winning journalist Clara Bingham will share highlights of [her book](#), which features the oral histories of several of the key women from this era. [Please register](#).

New York Times bestselling author Jennifer Weiner closes out this month's series on Tuesday, March 26 with a talk about her novels, including her latest, [The Griffin Sisters' Greatest Hits](#). Weiner writes insightful and entertaining stories about women navigating life's challenges. [Please register](#).



Silicon Valley Reads March Events

Silicon Valley Reads 2025 is half finished, with [many great events](#) still to come. SCCLD alone has dozens of book discussions, author talks and presentations scheduled on numerous tech-related topics. Our Monthly Calendar, which follows, has a full list of events. Please check our [Online Calendar](#) for the latest list of events, and to register for any that request it.

AI remains a main theme, with [16 events](#) on the topic, including an [AI petting zoo](#) and [navigating college admissions](#). [SED Talks for Teens](#) are being organized by the Saratoga Youth Commission and the Saratoga Library's Teen Advisory Board on Saturday, March 22. Three top AI industry leaders will take part in the annual speakers series, which is focused on exploring the implications and social benefits of AI. Activities and prizes will be offered.

Talks include a final appearance by Featured Author [Ray Nayler](#) ([The Mountain in the Sea](#)) and a discussion with Companion Book author [Peter Brown](#) ([The Wild Robot](#)). Both of those are virtual events. Another event of note is the [Retro Roadshow](#), which offers the opportunity to view and use some of the most iconic Apple computers following a presentation about the history of the company. The [RAFT Maker Mobile](#) will also make its final appearances, this time at our South County libraries.

SANTA CLARA COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT MARCH 2025 EVENTS

****All SCCLD libraries will be closed and services unavailable on Monday, March 31 for Cesar Chavez Day****

Silicon Valley Reads Programs are highlighted in blue.

CAMPBELL EXPRESS LIBRARY – 1 West Campbell Ave., Room 46

ESL Conversation Club

Tuesdays, March 4, 11, 18, & 25, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m., Room M-50

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

Family Storytime

Wednesdays, March 5, 12, & 19, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard City Banquet Hall

Join us for stories, songs, and more. Please bring a blanket or towel to sit on.

Navigating College Admissions in the AI Era

Tuesday, March 11, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Room Q-80

Gain insight into AI's role in college admissions, the future of college applications, ethical considerations in AI-driven admissions, preparing for the AI era, and the broader impact of AI on higher education. Please register.

CUPERTINO -- 10800 Torre Avenue

Family Storytime

Saturdays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 10:30 – 11:30 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.

Writing Family History with AI

Saturday, March 1, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Room 201

Learn storytelling fundamentals, from traditional tales to AI-generated narratives. Discover how AI enhances writing, delve into movie-making techniques, and craft personalized family stories. Please register.

Baby Sign and Sing

Sunday, March 2, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Room 101

This program is for infants and pre-walking babies under 12 months. Adult caregivers will learn basic signs to communicate with their babies.

Babywearing Dance

Sundays, March 2, 9, 16, & 23, 11 a.m. – 11:30 p.m.

Join us for babywearing dance.

VITA: Volunteer Tax Preparation

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Toddler Storytime (ages 1-2)

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LEGO Club (Grades K-8)

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

Children are invited to build and create using LEGOs. Please leave your own LEGOs at home.

Homework Help

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4:30 – 6 p.m.

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.

Wednesday Afternoon Meditation and Mindfulness

Wednesdays, March 5, 12, 19, & 26, 4:30 – 5 p.m., Room 201A

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

Trust Mental Health Workshop for Teens

Wednesday, March 5, 6 – 7 p.m., Room 201

This workshop, led by Trust Mental Health, will show you how to stay calm, focused and confident, explore ways to manage stress, build a positive mindset and turn anxious energy into success. Please register.

Bedtime Storytime

Wednesdays, March 5, 12, 19, & 26, 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 6, 13, 20, & 27, 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, March 6 and Monday, March 10, 7 – 8 p.m.

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

Knit-Alongs at Cupertino Library

Fridays, March 7, 14, 21, & 28, 2:30 – 4 p.m., Room 201A

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

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

Fridays, March 7 & 14, 7 – 8 p.m., Room 101

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

Musical Yoga with JAMaROO Kids (ages 3+)

Saturday, March 8, 4 – 4:30 p.m., Room 101

Children will go on a yoga adventure using their imaginations and the art of storytelling to help navigate through yoga poses. In this class we'll travel to all seven continents and the oceans, too, with an energetic yoga sequence set to an irresistible original song.

Nonfiction Book Discussion Group

Sunday, March 9, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Room 201A

We will discuss *The Sisterhood: The Secret History of Women at the CIA* by Liz Mundy.

Food as Medicine: Gut Health Basics

Monday, March 10, 7–8 p.m.

Discover how food can be used as medicine to support digestive health, reduce inflammation, and improve vitality.

Children’s Literature for Adults Book Club

Tuesday, March 11, 7–8 p.m.

We will be discussing the Silicon Valley Reads pick, *The Wild Robot* by Peter Brown. Please register. This program is for adults only.

Art and Wellness Hour: Process-Based Art (ages 3+)

Wednesday, March 12, 4–5 p.m., Room 101

Process art focuses on the “process” of making art rather than any predetermined composition or plan. It is art that celebrates the joy of creativity and experimenting. Materials will be supplied, but examples and directions will not be given.

Santa Clara Valley Bird Alliance Talk

Wednesday, March 12, 7–8:30 p.m., Room 201A

Advances in technology have drastically changed how we view the world, including the birds in the sky. Join us for a discussion on some of the latest tech trends in birding, ornithology, and conservation.

California Native Plant Society: Design and Maintain Native Plants

Thursday, March 13, 7–8:30 p.m., Community Room 201

Learn how to set functional, aesthetic, and ecological goals for your yard and draw a simple plan. We will discuss the selection of native plants for year-round blooms and how to group them for pleasing design aesthetics, especially during our dry summers.

Art Therapy for Tweens (Kids 10+)

Friday, March 14, 4–5 p.m., Room 101

We will explore different techniques and art materials each month. Materials will be provided, while supplies last.

Retro Roadshow: Tales from the Orchard

Saturday, March 15, 2–5 p.m., Room 101

Join us for an exploration of Apple’s history and its far-reaching influence, presented by the Retro Roadshow Pop-Up Museum of Vintage Technology.

Woven Paper Plate Craft (Grades 3+)

Saturday, March 15, 2 – 3 p.m.

Learn how to turn an ordinary paper plate into a colorful woven bowl. Craft available while supplies last.

Line Dancing for Beginners

Mondays, March 17 & 24, 1:30 – 3 p.m., Room 201

Have fun, meet new friends while you learn and master shuffles, sweeps, and turns to the tunes of Waltz, Rumba, Cha-Cha, Country and other music. No experience needed, no partner needed, and please wear comfortable (no open toe) shoes.

Book Discussion for Adults

Wed., March 19, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., and Thur., March 20, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Room 201B

We will discuss the Silicon Valley Reads book, *Loneliness & Company* by Charlee Dyroff.

Composting Education

Wednesday, March 19, 6 – 8 p.m., Room 201

Learn how to reduce waste and build healthy soils by composting at home. This workshop will cover both backyard composting and composting with worms.

SVR: Laptop Repair Workshop

Saturday, March 22, 2 – 6 p.m., Room 201

Participants will learn essential laptop repairs and the fundamentals of computer electronics. Each attendee will be provided with a laptop to disassemble and reassemble, while learning how to perform various repairs. Please register.

Science of Airplanes (ages 6+)

Saturday, March 22, 3 – 4 p.m., Room 101

We'll cover such topics like how airplanes can stay in the sky when they weigh so much, when the first airplane was invented, and how different they are today. Then, we will all make paper airplanes to see whose can fly the furthest! No registration required.

Tuesday Travel Nights

Tuesday, March 25, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Room 201

Photographer Pam Perkins will take us on a vibrant journey through India.

Police Read Along

Wednesday, March 26, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Room 101

A sheriff's deputy will read books and share safety tips. Please arrive on time as seating is limited.

AI for Everyone

Saturday, March 29, 1 – 2 p.m., Room 201

This friendly, hands-on workshop is designed for those who want to learn how to use AI in simple, practical ways! From writing emails to organizing recipes or planning your next trip, you'll discover how AI can save you time and energy.

GILROY -- 350 W. Sixth Street

RAFT Maker Mobile/Creaciones Inovadoras STEAM

Saturday, March 1, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. and 2 – 5 p.m.

This innovative mobile makerspace brings hands-on, immersive STEAM learning. Suitable for patrons 5+. Este innovador espacio de creación móvil ofrece aprendizaje STEAM práctico e inmersivo. Más adecuado para edades de 5 años en adelante.

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

Saturdays, March 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., the Nest

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

Artificial Intelligence: Progressing NASA's Missions

Sunday, March 2, 2 – 3 p.m., Community Room

Learn how NASA utilizes AI to revolutionize missions to further advance technology and scientific knowledge.

1-on-1 Tech Help/Ayuda con la Tecnología

Mondays, March 3, 10, 17, & 24, 1 – 5 p.m., Computer Area Upstairs

Drop by to get help with opening an email account, connect to Wi-Fi/hotspots, use laptops/Chromebooks, and use Microsoft Office. Ellos pueden ayudarte: abrir una cuenta de correo electrónico, conéctese a Wi-Fi/puntos de acceso, Utilice computadoras portátiles/Chromebooks y utilice Microsoft Office.

Homework & Reading Help/Ayuda con la Tarea y Lectura

Monday – Fridays, 4:30 – 6 p.m., Children's Area

Students in grades K-8 can visit the library for help with reading and homework. Ayuda con las tareas y lectura gratis. Algunos tutores hablan español.

Create N Play/Crear Y Jugar

Mondays, March 3, 10, 17, & 24, 6:15 – 7 p.m., Children's Area

Each session is different; we will feature a variety of art materials, crafts, or even a touch of engineering and science. Cada sesión es diferente; presentaremos una variedad de materiales de arte, manualidades, e incluso un toque de ingeniería y ciencia.

Pajama Storytime/Cuentas en Pijama

Mondays, March 3, 10, 17, & 24, 7–8 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.

Zumba at the Library

Tuesdays, March 4, 11, 18, & 25, 5:45–6:45 p.m., Community Room

Join us for an easy-to-follow dance that works all major muscle groups in a high-energy cardio blast. No registration required. Wear comfortable clothes and shoes and bring your own water and towel.

Wednesday Teen Crafternoon

Wednesdays, March 5, 12, 19, & 26, 4–5 p.m., Teen Area

Hang out, build community and learn new crafts and skills.

Bilingual Storytime in English and Vietnamese/Độc Truyện Song Ngữ Anh Việt

Wednesdays, March 5, 12, 19, & 26, 4:30–5 p.m., The Nest

Let's read stories, sing songs, dance, and play games with Miss Như Ý. Chúng ta cùng đọc sách, ca múa, và vui chơi cùng cô Như Ý nhé.

Family Storytime/Hora de Cuentos

Thursdays, March 6, 13, 20, & 27, 10:30–11:30 a.m., Children's Area

Join us for fun stories, rhymes, fingerplays, and songs to nurture early literacy skills.

Knitting and Crochet Weekly Meetup/Tejido Semanal

Thursdays, March 6, 13, 20, & 27, 1–4 p.m., Upstairs Quiet Study B

Bring your projects, ask questions, get help, share ideas and meet new people. ¡Trae tus proyectos, haz preguntas, recibe ayuda, comparte ideas y conoce gente nueva!

Switched On: Teen Gaming Drop In

Thursdays, March 6, 13, 20, & 27, 4–5 p.m., Teen Area

Gamers ages 12-18 can come by and play games on the Nintendo Switch. Console, controllers and games will be provided, but you can bring your own controllers if you want.

Intercambio: Practice English & Spanish Conversation/Practica la conversación en inglés & español

Thursdays, March 6, 13, 20, & 27, 5–5:45 p.m., Quiet Study B

Adults are invited to join us to practice English or Spanish listening and speaking skills and learn about other cultures in a supportive environment. Los adultos están invitados a unirse a nosotros para practicar habilidades de comprensión auditiva y expresión oral en inglés o español y aprender sobre otras culturas en un ambiente de apoyo.

Book Discussion

Friday, March 7, 10:15 – 11:15 a.m., Quiet Study B

We will be discussing [*Washington Black*](#) by Esi Edugyan.

Adaptive Adventures for Teens & Adults

Friday, March 7, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m., Community Room

Join us for accessible activities for teens and adults with disabilities, and their family, friends, and caregivers. No registration is required.

Baby Bounce and Lapsit Storytime

Fridays, March 7, 14, 21, & 28, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m., 1st Floor Meeting Room

Baby bounce shares short stories, nursery rhymes, fingerplays and songs that reinforce early literacy skills.

Safe Space Meet-Up for LGBTQ+ Youth

Fridays, March 7 & 21, 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.

Plan Your Tomato Garden

Saturday, March 8, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., 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.

Happy Holi: Festival of Colors for Children

Saturday, March 8, 2 – 3 p.m., Outside Plaza

We will be throwing brightly colored powders in the library plaza. We will also be playing Bollywood music, so come prepared to dance and have fun! Please wear appropriate clothing, preferably white, and expect to be covered in colors.

Lanzaremos polvos de colores brillantes en la plaza de la biblioteca y disfrutaremos de música de Bollywood, ¡así que ven listo para bailar y divertirse! Se recomienda usar ropa adecuada, preferiblemente blanca, y estar preparado para cubrirse de colores.

Open Poetry Readings

Saturday, March 8, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Downstairs Meeting Room

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

Beginning Painting/Empezando a pintar

Sundays, March 9 & 16, 2 – 3 p.m., Community Room

Wednesdays, March 19 & 26, 6 – 7 p.m., Community Room

Come explore beginning painting techniques. No experience necessary. All materials provided. Registration required. Ven a explorar técnicas básicas de pintura, incluyendo mezcla de colores, difuminado y composición. No se requiere experiencia. Todos los materiales están incluidos. Se requiere registraci3n.

Emergency Preparedness for Kids (ages 10+)

Tuesday, March 11, 5 – 6 p.m., First Floor Nest

Kids will learn about making an emergency plan and family communication plan with a fun and interactive lesson and game. Attendees will leave with an Emergency Kit backpack to take home! Aprenderán a hacer un plan de emergencia y un plan de comunicaci3n familiar con una lecci3n divertida e interactiva. ¡Al final, los participantes se llevarán a casa una mochila con un kit de emergencia!

LEGO Club

Friday, March 14, 3 – 4:30 p.m., the Nest

We provide LEGOs, children build fun creations that will be displayed in the library. Nosotros proporcionamos los Legos, los ni1os construyen creaciones divertidas! Estas serán exhibidas en la biblioteca.

The Science of Chocolate: Molecular Gastronomy and Tempering

Saturday, March 15, 10 – 11 a.m., Community Room

Embark on a delectable journey into the world of chocolate, where science and gastronomy intertwine. Learn about the different types of cocoa beans, their flavor profiles, and how to identify high-quality chocolate.

AI Toy Petting Zoo (ages 5+)

Saturday, March 15, 1 – 3 p.m.

The AI Toy Petting Zoo is an exciting event where children can explore and interact with friendly AI creatures and technology. Experience hands-on adventures with interactive robots and engage with exciting technologies like Loona PETBOT and Merge Cubes.

Food Smarts: Cooking & Nutrition Classes/Inteligencia Alimentaria: Clases de Cocina y Nutrici3n

Fridays, March 21 & 28, April 4, 11, & 18, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

Register to attend this 5-class session of Food Smarts, a cooking and nutrition series to help you learn how to make healthy food choices. Regístrese para participar en Food Smarts, una serie de clases gratuitas de cocina y nutrici3n que le ayudarán a aprender cómo elegir alimentos saludables.

Food as Medicine: Gut Health Basics

Saturday, March 22, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Community Room

Discover how food can be used as medicine to support digestive health, reduce inflammation, and improve vitality.

Book Discussion: From Farms to Incubators

Sunday, March 23, 3 – 4:30 p.m., Quiet Study B

Join us for a lively discussion of [*From Farms to Incubators*](#) by Amy Wu.

Reading Buddies

Monday, March 24, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m., the Nest

Come practice your reading skills and read aloud one on one with a furry friend! ¡Ven a practicar tus habilidades de lectura y lee en voz alta uno a uno con un amigo peludo!

Book Discussion

Tuesday, March 25, 7 – 8 p.m., Quiet Study B

We will be discussing [*Small Pleasures*](#) by Clare Chambers.

Citizenship Presentation/Presentación sobre la ciudadanía

Tuesday, March 25, 7 – 8 p.m., Community Room

During this informational session, you will learn: How to apply, mock interviews, how to study for the civics exam. Durante esta sesión informativa, aprenderá: Como aplicar, entrevistas simuladas, como estudiar para el examen civil.

Pastel & Charcoal Drawing Class

Friday, March 28, 3 – 4:30 p.m., Community Room

All adult & teen artists are welcome. No experience necessary! All supplies will be provided. Register to reserve your spot. Walk-ins welcome as space allows.

Medicinal Mushrooms: Traditional Uses & Modern Science

Saturday, March 29, 12 – 1 p.m., Community Room

You may have noticed medicinal mushrooms popping up on social media, making its way into coffee, creamer, protein bars and supplements. Find out how they can boost immunity, energy, brain health and more.

DIY Fashionable Fascinator

Saturday, March 29, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Community Room

Craft your own fascinator, a headpiece often worn to formal events. Supplies are limited to one fascinator per person. Please register.

LOS ALTOS -- 13 S. San Antonio Road

Baby Sign and Stay & Play

Saturday, March 1, 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.

Monday Morning Meditation and Mindfulness

Mondays, March 3, 10, 17, & 24, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard Room

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

Poetry Open Mic

Monday, March 3, 7–8 p.m., Pod D

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

Bilingual Mandarin/English Storytime

Tuesdays, March 4, 11, & 18, 1 – 1:30 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。歡迎兒童們與家長褓母一同前來參加

The Whodunit? Mystery Book Club

Wednesday, March 5, 10:15 – 11:30 a.m., Teen Room

We will discuss [*The Whistler*](#) by John Grisham.

Toddler Storytime

Wed. & Thu., March 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20, 26 & 27, 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, March 5, 12, 19, & 26, 1 – 2 p.m.

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

ESL Conversation Club

Thursdays, March 6, 13, 20, & 27, 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.

Teen Dungeons and Dragons Social Club

Thursdays, March 6, 13, 20, & 27, 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.

Board Game Sunday

Sunday, March 9, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Orchard Room

We have board games for adults, teens, and children – plus LEGOs and DUPLOs.

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

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Watercolor Workshop for Adults

Friday, March 14, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Join us for a watercolor workshop. All supplies will be provided. Seating is first come, first served.

Bay Area Games Day

Saturday, March 15, 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 16, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Orchard Room

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

Book Bugs Club (Grades 2 – 3)

Tuesday, March 18, 4 – 5 p.m.,

We will discuss [*Rise of the Earth Dragon*](#) by Tracey West. We will talk about the book and make a fun craft. Pick up a copy of the book at the Children’s Desk at Los Altos or Woodland Library.

Page Turners Book Club (Grades 4 – 5)

Wednesday, March 19, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

We will discuss [*Inside Out & Back Again*](#) by Thanhha Lai. We will talk about the book and do a fun activity. Please register online then pick up a copy of the book at the Children’s Desk at Los Altos or Woodland Library.

Growing Great Tomatoes

Wednesday, March 19, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room

This talk covers cover soil, seeding, watering, varieties, growing in containers and basic tomato culture.

Now Read This Book Club

Monday, March 24, 12 – 1 p.m., Conference Room

We will discuss [*Nothing Like it in the World: The Men who Build the Transcontinental Railroad 1863-1869*](#) by Stephen E. Ambrose.

To Be Read Book Club (Grades 6 – 8)

Tuesday, March 25, 4 – 5 p.m., Conference Room

We will discuss [*The Witch Boy*](#) by Molly Knox Ostertag. After our discussion we will do a fun activity. Please register then pick up your copy of the book at the Children’s Reference Desk at Los Altos or Woodland Library.

Los Altos Book Discussion for Adults

Tuesday, March 25, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard Room

Please email lpasternack@sccl.org to join the group.

Mask Craft with Dei

Tuesday, March 25, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Make a mask with Dei. All materials will be provided. No registration required. Seating is first come, first served.

Story Explorers Book Club (TK—Grade 1)

Wednesday, March 26, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

We will do a read-aloud and discussion of two books, then move to music and do a fun craft.

Bay Area Hummingbirds

Wednesday, March 26, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Wildlife photographer Joan Sparks will share the different Bay Area hummingbird species and types of blooms they enjoy. Learn tips on how to attract hummingbirds into your yard.

The Wild Robot Movie Screening

Sunday, March 30, 1 – 3 p.m., Los Altos Community Center

We will watch the film *The Wild Robot* (rated PG), based on the Silicon Valley Reads selected book, [The Wild Robot](#).

Virtual Author Talk: Peter Brown

Sunday, March 30, 3 – 3:45 p.m., Los Altos Community Center

Hear from the author behind Silicon Valley Reads selected book, [The Wild Robot](#).

MILPITAS -- 160 N. Main Street

Family Storytime

Saturdays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Activity Room

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

Food as Medicine: Gut Health Basics

Saturday, March 1, 3 – 4 p.m.

Discover how food can be used as medicine to support digestive health, reduce inflammation, and improve vitality.

Teen Rubik's Cube Club

Saturday, March 1, 4 – 5 p.m., Conference Room

Kids 12+ are invited to meet other cubers, learn new techniques and have fun.

VITA: Volunteer Tax Preparation

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Homework Help

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

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

Baby Bouncers Lapsit

Tuesdays, March 4, 11, 18, & 25, 11:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Activity Room

This is a baby and caregivers program with an early literacy focus on traditional nursery rhymes, lap bounces, body rhymes, songs, very short and simple picture books. Caregivers are encouraged to bring a blanket for their babies to lay on.

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

Tuesdays, March 4, 11, 18, & 25, 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, March 5, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Auditorium

Join us as we read a book, do a craft activity based on the book, and then learn about resources provided at the Guerrero Family Resource Center in Milpitas.

ESL Conversation Club

Wednesdays, March 5, 12, 19, & 26, 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, March 5, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., Children's Activity Room

Children's Librarians Emilie will read storybooks and lead children with songs and fingerplays in English and Cantonese. 每月第一個周三晚上6:30 兒童圖書館員 Emilie 將為小朋友讀圖畫故事書，唱兒歌，手指謠，玩遊戲。歡迎兒童們與家長祿母一同前來參加。

Toddler Storytime: 1s and 2s Together

Thursdays, March 6, 13, 20, & 27, 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, March 6, 13, 20, & 27, 6:30 – 7 p.m., Activity Room

This storytime, aimed at 3 – 5-year-olds, features longer picture books and flannel board stories and other storytelling activities and fingerplays.

Qi Gong Meditation & Exercise Classes

Fridays, March 7, 14, 21, & 28, 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, March 7, 14, 21, & 28, 2 – 4 p.m., Conference Room

Meet other yarn lovers, get help or share ideas. Limited instruction available in Hindi, Punjabi and Gujarati, but note this is not a class. No registration required. Materials not provided.

Teen Safe Space

Fridays, March 7 & 21, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Program Room

Join us for in-person LGBTQIA+ support. Teens and young adults are invited to games, crafts, discussion and community. No registration necessary.

Board Game Day

Saturday, March 8, 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, March 10, 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. Space is limited.

Little Learners STEAM (ages 3-5)

Tuesday, March 11, 3:30 – 4:15 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.

Hands-Only CPR and AED Training

Thursday, March 13, 7 – 8 p.m., Auditorium

Members of the Milpitas Fire Department will share how to learn life-saving skills such as providing CPR and demystifying AEDs. No registration required.

Zine Workshop with Author Wendy Xu (Grades 6+)

Saturday, March 15, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Silicon Valley Reads featured author Wendy Xu will lead a workshop exploring the fundamentals of comics, then create your own!

Adult & Teen Crafternoon (ages 13+)

Saturday, March 15, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Program Room

Create a simple felt journal. No registration is required. Walk-ins while supplies last.

San Francisco Shakespeare Presents: Romeo and Juliet

Sunday, March 16, 2 – 3 p.m., Auditorium

Experience the passion and tragedy of two star-crossed lovers as they navigate a world of bitter feuds and forbidden romance.

Is it Time to Quit Tech?

Tuesday, March 18, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Auditorium

The tech industry is known for its salaries, perks, and the promise of long-term financial security. However, recent layoffs have forced many to reevaluate their career paths. Learn the realities of transitioning to a non-tech career, essential educational credentials and transferable tech skills, and current opportunities/strategies for success.

Crafts Around the World

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

In honor of the Jewish holiday, Purim, we will be decorating face masks and crowns. All supplies will be provided. Registration required.

Tween Time (Grades 4-8)

Friday, March 21, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Activity Room

We will create animal pom-poms while having snacks and socializing. All supplies will be provided. Registration is required.

LGBTQ Movie Night

Friday, March 21, 4:30 – 7 p.m., Auditorium

Join the Avenidas Rainbow Collective and Milpitas Library to screen LGBTQ films. Bring a friend, family member or a date. Please RSVP.

Milpitas Book Discussion and Author Visit

Saturday, March 22, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Auditorium

Author Meredith Jaeger will discuss her latest novel, [*The Incurrigibles*](#). Audience Q&A will follow, as well as a book signing.

Reading Buddies for Grades K-5

Saturday, March 22, 2 – 3 p.m., Activity Room

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

Tabletop Dungeon

Saturday, March 22, 2 – 4 p.m., Program Room

Kids 13+ are invited to learn Dungeon World with us. Similar to Dungeons and Dragons but more narrative based, it's perfect for beginners and experts. Please register.

The Peaceful Poets

Thursday, March 27, 5:30 – 8 p.m., Conference Room

Spend time with a Milpitas-based group of writers and appreciators of poetry.

Music and Movement for Ages 3-8

Friday, March 28, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Activity Room

Join us as we focus on early literacy through movement, songs and dance. Children and their caregivers will have fun exploring music and dance together!

Retro Roadshow: Tales from the Orchard

Sunday, March 30, 2 – 5 p.m.

Join us for an exploration of Apple's history and its far-reaching influence, presented by the Retro Roadshow Pop-Up Museum of Vintage Technology.

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Bilingual Storytime for All Ages

Saturdays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 10:15 – 11 a.m., Children's Activity Room

Join us for 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, March 1, 8, 15, & 22, 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.

The Science of Chocolate: Molecular Gastronomy and Tempering

Saturday, March 1, 2 – 3 p.m.

Embark on a delectable journey into the world of chocolate, where science and gastronomy intertwine. Learn about the different types of cocoa beans, their flavor profiles, and how to identify high-quality chocolate. Please register.

Snack Break: Free Snacks for Kids/Meriendas Gratis Para Niños

Mondays-Fridays except during school breaks, 3 – 4 p.m.

Snacks provided by the YMCA, for kids 18 years old and under. Meriendas proporcionadas por la YMCA, para niños de 18 años y menores.

Homework Help

Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays except during school breaks, 4 – 5:30 p.m.

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.

Zumba

Monday, March 3, 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.

Planning for the End

Tuesday, March 4, 6 – 7 p.m., Program Room

The American Association of University Women is hosting a four-part series about Planning for the End. This third installment focuses on decluttering. Discover the benefits of organizing your home now, along with tips on where to donate items.

First Tuesday Knit-In

Tuesday, March 4, 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.

Kids LEGO Club

Wednesdays, March 5, 12, 19, & 26, 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.

AI Toy Petting Zoo (ages 5+)

Wednesday, March 5, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.

The AI Toy Petting Zoo is an exciting event where children can explore and interact with friendly AI creatures and technology. Experience hands-on adventures with interactive robots and engage with exciting technologies like Loona PETBOT and Merge Cubes.

Teen Advisory Board

Wednesday, March 5, 6 – 7 p.m.

The Teen Advisory Board meets once a month to provide ideas and input about library programs and services for teens. Please register.

After Dinner Book Club

Wednesday, March 5, 7 – 8 p.m., Program Room

We will discuss [*A Rome of One’s Own*](#) by Emma Southon.

Toddler Storytime

Thursdays, February 6, 13, 20, & 27, 10:15 – 10:45 a.m., Children’s Activity Room
Join us for stories, music, movement and more.

Ready Together: Information Booth

Friday, March 7, 10:15 a.m. – 1 p.m., Library Lobby
Learn how to create an emergency plan, what emergency supplies may be needed and find out about future programs.

Tiny Tot Jamboree

Fridays, March 7, 14, 21, & 28, 10:30 – 11 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 7, 14, 21, & 28, 12 – 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!

Drop-in Libby, eBook and eAudiobook Help

Sundays, March 9 & 23, 3 – 4 p.m., Information Desk
Drop in to receive help with using the Libby app. You will need to bring your smart-phone, kindle or tablet. No registration needed.

Preparación Para Emergencias (En español)

Tuesday, March 11, 4 – 5 p.m., Program Room
Aprender sobre seguridad contra incendios domésticos y forestales, seguridad en el hogar, planificación de emergencias familiares y sistemas de alerta de emergencia. Los asistentes recibirán una bolsa de viaje gratuita para la preparación para emergencias (hasta agotar existencias).

Plan Your Tomato Garden

Tuesday, March 11, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m., Program Room
Learn how to increase your success with correct planting methods, pest control, irrigation, soil management, and fertilizer to produce healthy and productive plants.

Family Fun Night

Tuesday, March 11, 6:30 – 8 p.m., Children’s Activity Room
Families with school-aged children will create art or do a STEM activity. This month’s project is a robot collage, in the style of artist Nam June Paik.

Literary Lounge Book Club

Wednesday, March 12, 7 – 8:15 p.m., Program Room

The Literary Lounge is a book club for sharing and discovering books. Connect with fellow readers in a casual and friendly setting.

Movie Night: The Creator

Thursday, March 13, 3:30 – 6:30 p.m., Program Room

Join us for the thrilling sci-fi adventure, *The Creator* (rated PG-13).

Safe Space Meet-Up for LGBTQ+ Youth

Fridays, March 14 & 28, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Community 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.

RAFT Maker Mobile/Creaciones Inovadoras STEAM

Saturday, March 15, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. and 2 – 5 p.m.

This innovative mobile makerspace brings hands-on, immersive STEAM learning. Suitable for patrons 5+. Este innovador espacio de creación móvil ofrece aprendizaje STEAM práctico e inmersivo. Más adecuado para edades de 5 años en adelante.

Level Up Cooking with AI (Tweens & Teens)

Saturday, March 15, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

This program empowers you to discover exciting new recipes, unleash your creativity in the kitchen, and become a culinary whiz. Learn how to use AI to find the perfect ingredients, plan delicious meals, and even invent your own unique dishes! This program is for tweens and teens in grades 6-12. Please register.

4-Panel Comic Workshop with Author Wendy Xu (Ages 13+)

Saturday, March 15, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Program Room

Silicon Valley Reads featured author Wendy Xu will lead a workshop exploring the fundamentals of comics, then create your own!

Ready Together: Emergency Preparedness Series

Monday, March 17, 5 – 6:15 p.m., Program Room

This is the third of a four-part series based on the City of Morgan Hill's Do 1 Thing initiative. This workshop will cover getting involved and being informed.

Library Ukulele Society

Tuesday, March 18, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m., Program Room

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

The Moon and Mars: Amazing Places for Humans to Soon Explore

Tuesday, March 18, 5 – 6 p.m.

Dr. Pascal Lee is a leading planetary scientist working on planning future exploration of the Moon and Mars. He will explain why and how we will explore these worlds, when we will go, where we would land, what we would see, what would we do, and who would go.

Kids Art Club (ages 5+)

Wednesday, March 19, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Children’s Activity Room

Join us for an afternoon of creativity. Drop in and create value and tone drawings inspired by Tamara de Lempicka.

Friendship Bracelets for Adults

Wednesday, March 19, 5:30 – 8 p.m., Program Room

Channel your creativity and nostalgia with a relaxing evening of friendship bracelet making! All materials and supplies provided while supplies last. This is for adults and seniors only.

Retro Roadshow: Mario Through the Ages

Saturday, March 22, 2 – 5 p.m.

Go on an exploration of video game art history. Explore a range of classic video game consoles featuring nearly five decades of Mario-centric games.

Sensory Playtime (ages 4-10 with a parent/caregiver)

Friday, March 28, 4 – 5 p.m., Children’s Activity Room

Sensory playtime is a hands-on, interactive experience designed to engage children through a variety of activities. Designed for kids with sensory processing differences, autism, or who have other special needs. Please register.

SARATOGA -- 13650 Saratoga Avenue

Family Storytime

Saturdays, March 1 & 8, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Maple Room

Tuesdays, March 4, 11, 18, & 25, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Maple Room

Join us for stories, rhymes, and songs.

Mystery Book Club

Monday, March 3, 7 – 8 p.m., Maple Room

We will be discussing [*The Frozen River*](#) by Ariel Lawhon. Stop by the Adult Reference Desk to sign up for the meeting and pick up a copy of the book.

Band Jam: Guitar and Ukulele

Tuesdays, March 4, 11, 18, & 25, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m., Maple Room

Bring your instrument and meet people who are also working on their musical journey. Please attend one session per day.

Music Theory for Beginners

Tuesdays, March 4, 11, 18, & 25, 1:30 – 2 p.m., Maple Room

In this 4-week course, you will learn fundamentals in music theory with emphasis on chord structure, progressions, and harmony accompaniments in modern pop songs.

Sci-Fi & Fantasy Book Club

Tuesday, March 4, 7 – 8 p.m., Maple Room

In observance of Women’s History Month, we will be discussing [*Parable of the Talents*](#) by Octavia E. Butler. Stop by the Adult Reference Desk to sign up for the meeting and pick up a copy of the book.

Knit & Crochet Circle

Wednesday, March 5, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Maple Room

Bring your own projects and yarn, ask questions, receive help, give help, share ideas, and meet new people! Patterns from past workshops and a limited number of circular knitting needles and crochet hooks will be available to borrow.

Drop-in Tech Help

Thursdays, March 6, 13, 20, & 27, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Oak Room

Get help using your laptop, tablet or cell phone. Help is given on a first come, first-served basis.

Baby Storytime (12 months or younger)

Fridays, March 7, 14, 21, & 28, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Maple Room

Join us for stories, rhymes, fingerplays and songs.

Navigating College Admissions in the AI Era

Monday, March 10, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Maple Room

Gain insight into AI’s role in college admissions, the future of college applications, ethical considerations in AI-driven admissions, preparing for the AI era, and the broader impact of AI on higher education. Please register.

Comic Workshop with Author Wendy Xu (Grades 6+)

Sunday, March 16, 2 – 3 p.m., Maple Room

Silicon Valley Reads featured author Wendy Xu will lead a workshop exploring the fundamentals of comics, then create your own!

Children’s Craft (PreK-Grade 3)

Tuesday, March 18, 4 – 5 p.m., Maple Room

Children are invited to make a ladybug headband. All materials provided.

Teatime Book Chatter

Thursday, March 20, 1 – 2 p.m.

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

Introduction to Generative AI (Grades 6+)

Tuesday, March 25, 6 – 7 p.m., Maple Room

Learn the basics of AI, applications of generative AI, and ethical issues that surround the use of Artificial Intelligence. Please register.

Digital Literacy Class

Thursday, March 27, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Maple Room

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

WOODLAND – 1975 Grant Road

Monday Meditation and Mindfulness

Mondays, March 3, 10, 17, & 24, 7 – 7:30 p.m.

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

Family Storytime: Spring

Sunday, March 9, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Families are invited to join us for a spring-themed storytime with songs, fingerplays, and fun. Dress for the weather!

Book Discussion for Adults

Tuesday, March 11, 2 – 3:15 p.m.

In honor of Women’s History Month, we will discuss [What the Wind Knows](#) by Amy Harmon. Email lpasternack@sccl.org to join the monthly email reminders.

Family Storytime: Weather

Sunday, March 23, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Families are invited to join us for a weather-themed storytime with songs, fingerplays, and fun. Dress for the weather!

ONLINE EVENTS (Please register online)

Online English Conversation Club

Thursdays, March 6, 13, 20, & 27, 11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Meet new friends and practice English together.

Virtual Author Talk and Sci-Fi/Fantasy Book Club

Monday, March 10, 6 – 7 p.m.

Register now to attend a virtual author talk with Ray Nayler, author of the Silicon Valley Reads book, [The Mountain in the Sea](#).

Virtual Author Talk: Dan Heath

Wednesday, March 12, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

In his book, [Reset](#), Dan Heath explores a framework for getting unstuck and making the changes that matter.

Virtual Author Talk: Amy Wu

Wednesday, March 12, 6 – 7:15 p.m.

Join us for a lively discussion of [From Farms to Incubators](#) with author Amy Wu.

Financial Planning: The Most Tax Effective Withdrawal Strategy in Retirement

Tuesday, March 18, 7 – 8 p.m.

A certified financial planner will review important decisions retirees face that may have tax consequences as they spend down their assets, and how to minimize the impact of taxes on a portfolio to extend the life of assets.

Virtual Author Talk: Clara Bingham

Thursday, March 20, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Journalist Clara Bingham will discuss her book, [The Movement: How Women's Liberation Transformed America, 1963-1973](#). This comprehensive oral history brings to life the vibrant and transformative decade of the women's liberation movement.

Asian Art Museum Talk: Facing Mecca

Tuesday, March 25, 7 – 8 p.m.

Islam has inspired a variety of sacred art, but the scope of its influence also extends into the secular realm and to cultures across the globe. Experience the complexity and breadth of Islamic art through objects from the collection of the Asian Art Museum.

Virtual Author Talk: Jennifer Weiner

Wednesday, March 26, 4 – 5 p.m.

Join bestselling author Jennifer Weiner for a conversation about her captivating novels, including her latest, [The Griffin Sisters' Greatest Hits](#).

AI: The Companion

Wednesday, March 26, 6 – 7 p.m.

This presentation will include what Artificial intelligence (AI) is, how it works, and discuss the present and the future of AI. We will discuss about how learners can leverage ChatGPT in learning, along with how to explore entrepreneurship with AI.

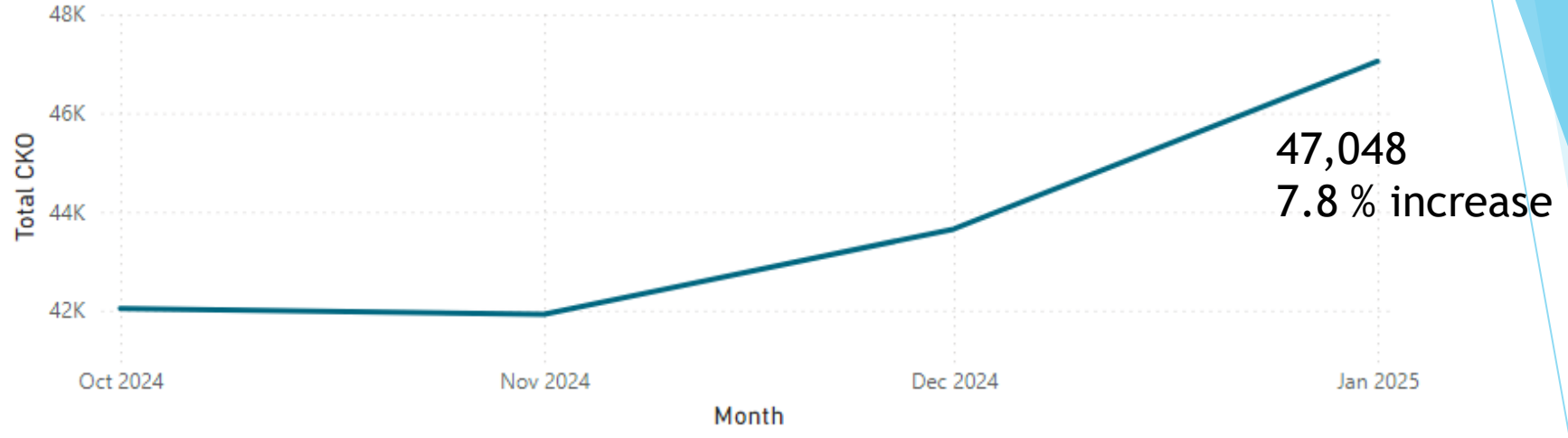
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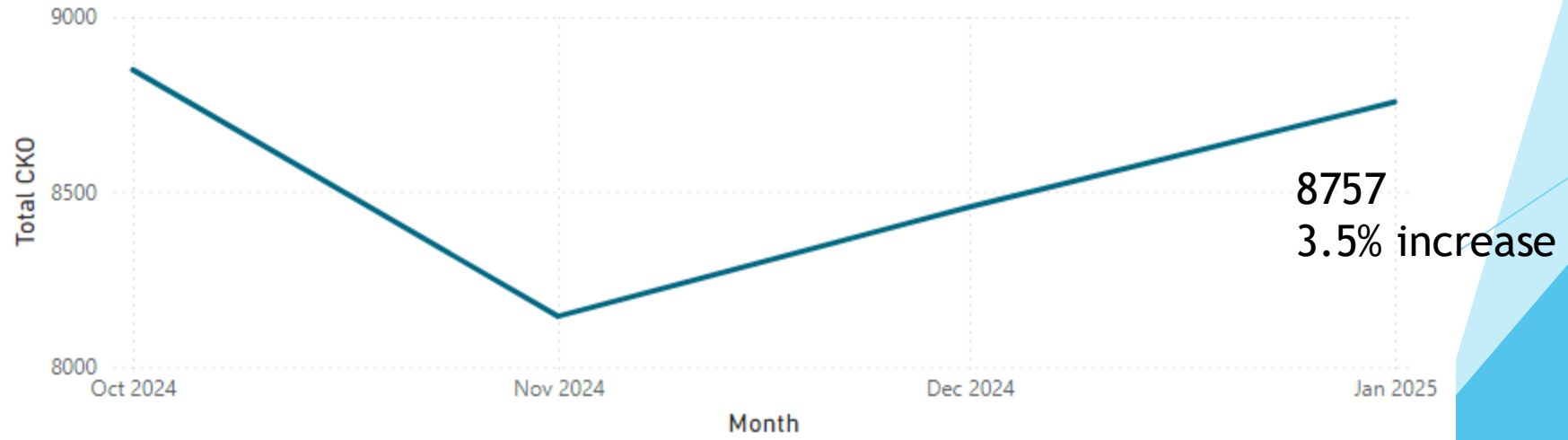
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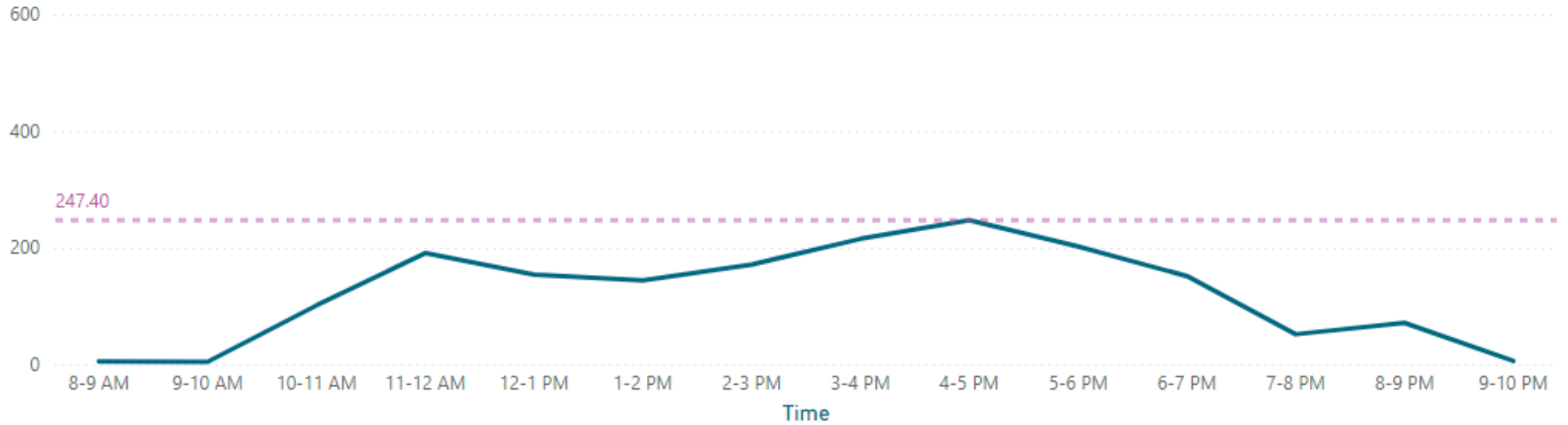
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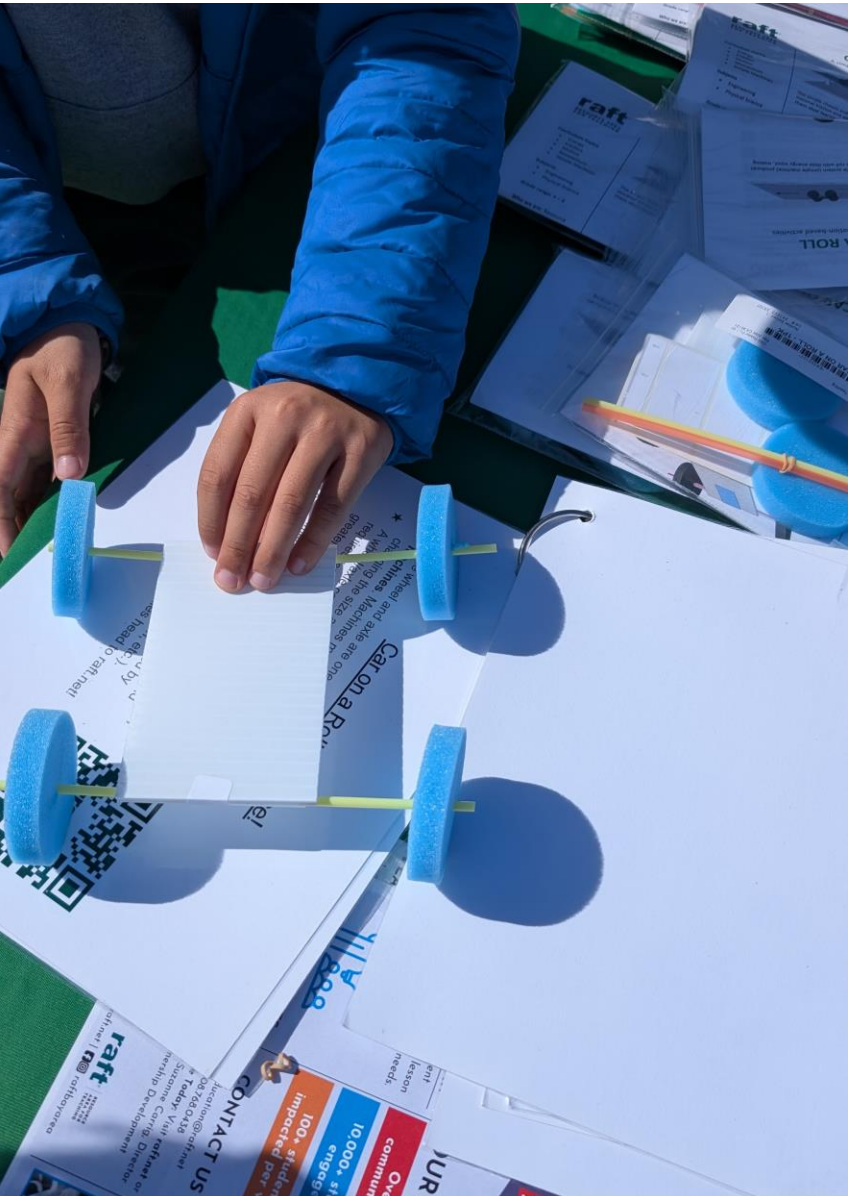
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Children's Programs

- ▶ **Piggy Bank Pioneers (3/1 10:30 am)**
- ▶ **Bilingual Mandarin Storytime (3/4 at 1:00 pm)**
- ▶ **Board Game Sunday (3/9 at 2:00 pm)**
- ▶ **Baby Storytime and Stay and Play (3/12 at 1:00 pm)**
- ▶ **Toddler Storytime (3/13 at 10:30 am)**
- ▶ **Sunday CrafterNoon (3/16 at 2:00 pm)**
- ▶ **Book Bugs Club for 2nd and 3rd Graders (3/18 at 4:00 pm)**
- ▶ **Page Turners Book Club for grades 4-5 (3/19 at 4:00 pm)**



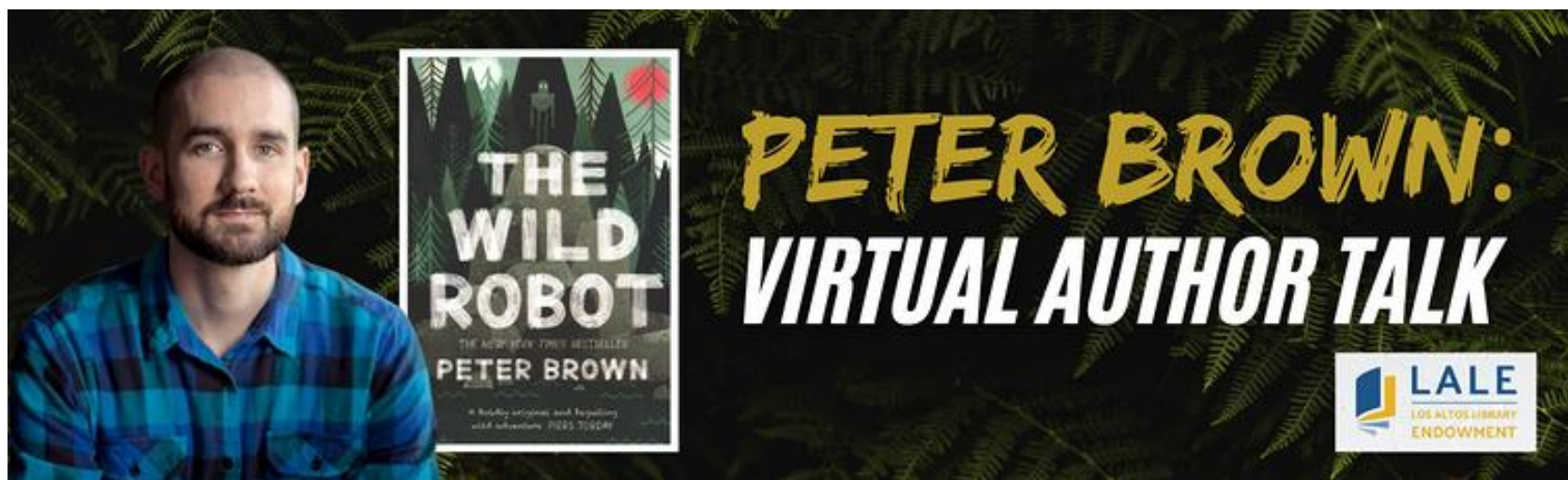
ADULT & TEEN PROGRAMS

- March 3 at 10:30 am Monday Morning Meditation
- March 6 at 1:30 pm - ESL Conversation Club
- March 11 at 2:00 pm - Woodland Adult Book Discussion
- March 11 at 7:00 pm - Food as Medicine
- March 12 at 7:00 pm - The Science of Chocolate
- March 15 at 10:00 am - Bay Area Games Day
- March 19 at 7:00 pm - Growing Great Tomatoes with UC Master Gardeners

<https://scclld.org/events>



Sunday, March 30
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Los Altos Community Center



Sunday, March 30
3:00 pm - 3:45 pm
Los Altos Community Center
and Zoom

A Love Letter to the Librarians



We wanted to send a small note of great appreciation for the staff, particularly the librarians in the children's section.

Your story times are WONDERFUL. We don't know how you do it: they are fun, informative and entertaining, and each of you can keep your cool no matter what else (... cries, spit-ups, toddlers toddling ... you name it) is going on around you.

You've given us a sense of warmth, welcome and community -- not to mention fabulous book recommendations, an early enthusiasm for reading, new songs, a bandaid (!), a place to play, a reason to leave the house with an infant and friends.

Our daughter is 16 months old and has been visiting for about a year. **We are so, so grateful for all you've taught us and that she is growing up with your influence.**

You are all truly amazing at what you do, and we hope you feel appreciated every day!