



LIBRARY COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA

6:30 PM - Thursday, December 01, 2022

Teleconference

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ESTABLISH QUORUM

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ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION

1. **Minutes:** Approve minutes of the regular meeting of November 3, 2022
2. **Work Plan Update:** Discuss updates to work plan
3. **Subcommittees:** Discuss current subcommittees and subcommittee assignments
4. **Woodland Library Patio:** Discuss expanded Woodland Library patio project

COMMUNITY PARTNER UPDATES

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

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

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

ADJOURNMENT

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LIBRARY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

6:30 PM - Thursday, November 03, 2022

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ESTABLISH QUORUM

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

Present: Chair Crane, Vice Chair Wheeler, Commissioners Bedard, Gee, and Carter

Absent: Commissioner Dixit

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None.

Commissioner Carter arrived at 6:34pm

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION

1. **Minutes:** Approve minutes of the regular meeting of October 6, 2022

Public Comment: None

Action: Based on a motion by Vice Chair Wheeler, that was seconded by Chair Crane, the Minutes of the regular meeting of October 6, 2022, passed as written.

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

Oppose: None.

Abstain: None.

Motion passes, unanimously: 5-0-0.

2. **Work Plan Update:** Discuss updates to work plan

Public Comment: None

Action: None

3. **Recruitment:** Discuss options for recruiting new commissioner to fill open Los Altos Hills seat

Public Comment: None

Action: None

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

Public Comment: None

Action: None

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 - A. **Subcommittee Assignments**
 - B. **Woodland Project**
 - C. **Workplan Subcommittee Update**

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Crane adjourned the meeting at 7:45pm

Woodland Branch Expanded Patio

Infrastructure Subcommittee
December 1, 2022



Freddie Wheeler
Nelvin Gee
Carolle Carter

BACKGROUND

- **The Infrastructure Subcommittee has researched the possibility of expanding the existing patio area of the Woodland Branch library. This will provide more space for the patrons including the St. Simons students who make up a large fraction of the library's patrons during after school hours. This additional outdoor space with tables and benches could be used by tutors and by study groups as well as anyone who would prefer sunshine and fresh air while having access to the library's resources including wi-fi.**
- **This project has the support of Jennifer Weeks, County Librarian, and Gabe Engeland, Los Altos City Manager. Vice Mayor Sally Meadows has also been briefed and she advised that the project most likely would not require a vote by the City Council for approval. Interviews of Woodland Branch patrons revealed support for the project and several St. Simon's students were very enthusiastic – they reported that they all rush to the library to try to get the only picnic table on the existing patio. All the St. Simon students said they would love to have more patio space with picnic tables and benches at the library.**

Existing patio



- The existing patio is located at the rear of the library building and has one picnic table and one bench

LOCATION OF PROPOSED EXPANDED PATIO AREA



- The area on the south side of the library building is unutilized and an eyesore.
- Access to the proposed expanded patio would be from the existing patio and could potentially also be from the side door pictured in the photo on the right.

AERIAL VIEW OF LOCATION OF PROPOSED EXPANDED PATIO



The Expanded Patio Concept

- **Concept is to clear a 30ft X 30ft square area (900 square feet) of the existing land cover (weeds) and create a sand patio with picnic tables and benches. This new outdoor seating area will provide the patrons with more seating for tutoring, studying, reading, working at the Woodland Branch.**
- **The City Manager, Gabe Engeland, advised that the City's Maintenance Crew would clear the existing weeds. We will explore whether they could also excavate the 5 inches of dirt required to prepare a bed for the patio materials.**

SCOPE OF WORK

- a. Clear/scrape lot to remove all existing vegetation – City of Los Altos crew**
- b. Excavate 5 inches of dirt to prepare base for patio – City crew?**
- c. Lay down 3 inches of base rock**
- d. Compact the base rock**
- e. Lay down 2 inches of sand (special sand + glue)**
- f. Compact the sand**
- g. Install poles for shade sails and stabilize with concrete**
- h. Acquire picnic tables (3 each) and benches (3 each) (arbitrary number)**
- i. Provide a Wi-Fi Access Point to extend wi-fi service to patio area (Library to provide)**

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Total ESTIMATED COSTS

- The estimated cost of preparing the patio is \$13/square foot per a contractor who specializes in creating hardscape. (contractor information available)
- Proposed new patio is 900 square feet @ \$13/sq ft = \$11,700
- Estimated cost of landscaping (potted trees, flowers, shrubs) = \$10,000
- Estimated cost of 3 picnic tables @ \$1210 per table = \$3,630
- Estimated cost of 3 benches @ \$1020 per bench = \$3,060
- Estimated cost of 2 shade sails @ \$8,461/sail = \$16,922
- Estimated cost of installing picnic tables, benches, and shade sails = \$7,000
- **Estimated total cost = \$52,312**

ILLUSTRATION OF PROPOSED Concept for expanded patio

Agenda Item 4.



QUESTIONS?

Once again, I'm sorry, I won't be able to attend the library commission meeting. Please accept my written report.

Elayne Dauber

We had another successful sale the second weekend in November at the new community center. Our patrons seem to love the spaciousness and excellent lighting. Sales were slightly less than in August, probably because a couple of the big buyers did not attend. We earned close to \$14,000, about \$1000 less than August. The big difference came on Sunday with fewer bag sales. This was also evidenced by the number of unsold bins of books. In August there were about 12 bins left over, in November closer to 18 bins. The unsold books are picked up by St. Vincent dePaul for their thrift shop sales.

Part of the sales total included \$1700 of books that were purchased by teachers and paid for by the Books4Schools Fund. There were 19 teachers, school librarians, and even a tutor attending the sale covering grades k-12,. We received one thank you letter that really touched me. It was a card where individual students wrote personal comments.

"Thank you so much for the great books! I can't wait to read them all!" "I love your warrior cats books!" The teacher wrote, "Dear Friends of Los Altos Library, Thank you so much for donating these incredible books to my class from the Books4Schools Program. I am a first year teacher so currently trying to expand my library. My kids were beyond thrilled! Thanks again, Emma Clark. (Ohlone School)

The sale receives funds for these books from the Books4Schools Fund. This is money donated by the community so that teachers can get free books for their classrooms. We are hoping to schedule our next sale for early February.

We are entering a period now of special sales in the library Ongoing area. The Thanksgiving sale is currently on, followed by Christmas and Chanuka books and then, in January, the extremely popular sale of discarded library magazines. This is an incredibly exhausting time for the whole Ongoing team led by Suzanne Epstein.

In addition to funding the programs in the library, we have started funding some of the family programs at the community center. These programs are run in the community center with funding from the Friends and participation by library staff. I believe they are well attended and very much appreciated.

Our donations continue to keep us very busy. We receive about 150 boxes of books every week. We are filling our space in the library to capacity and are using all the volunteers that come to us. It's rewarding and exhausting! The coffee shop is still on hold, waiting for both the mask mandate to end, and for me to find some time to be able to restart it.

December 2022
Library Stakeholder Report
Jennifer Weeks, County Librarian

Looking Back on 2022

Life in the library has moved ahead to a new normal in 2022 after the challenges of the previous years caused by COVID-19. It is wonderful to see children once again enjoying in-person storytime, groups gathering for Conversation Clubs, and major exhibits happening at our libraries for patrons of every age.



We kicked off the year with Silicon Valley Reads, where we celebrated “***The Power of Kindness, Resilience & Hope***” that featured inspiring stories and lots of virtual options, reaching over 10,000 people countywide.

SCCLD Libraries helped to keep everyone healthy. Every community library, in partnership with Santa Clara County Supervisor Joe Simitian, distributed thousands of Rapid Antigen tests and masks in February to help keep COVID-19 transmission rates down. We also expanded our [BookDash program](#) to all of our service area so that those who are unable to make it to one of our libraries due to health or disability issues can obtain the items they wish delivered to their door.

This summer many of us chose to “[Read Beyond the Beaten Path](#).” Wonderful events took place at our libraries, ranging from magic shows and animal encounters, to museum talks and author talks.

In an effort to better connect Library patrons with key County and other services, a Community Outreach Specialist now works out of the Milpitas Library and Ochoa Migrant Center in Gilroy. This role supports our goal that modern libraries be an active partner in local communities.

Our [Distinguished Authors Series](#) speakers captivated their audiences with personal stories about their experiences and inspirations for their major works. Starting with Emmy-Award journalist Emily Chang and the discussion of sexism in Silicon Valley, to the limitless genre writing of author Silvia Moreno-Garcia, and finally the physically and intellectually nourishing insights from Dr. Daphne Miller about how to build a healthier and more resilient food system, our special guests did not disappoint.

The Panel Discussion with labor pioneer [Dolores Huerta](#) (more on event below) was a huge success, with a capacity crowd at the Wheeler Center in Gilroy. The associated Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibitions Services exhibit at Gilroy Library will be open through Monday, January 23, 2023. If you had not had a chance yet to see it, consider making plans.

2023 is shaping up to be a busy year, with the Library District set to share its vision for the next half-decade. More to come on that soon! Wishing everyone a happy and safe holiday season.

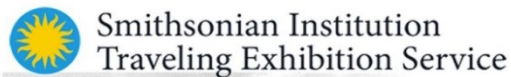


New Reading Challenge

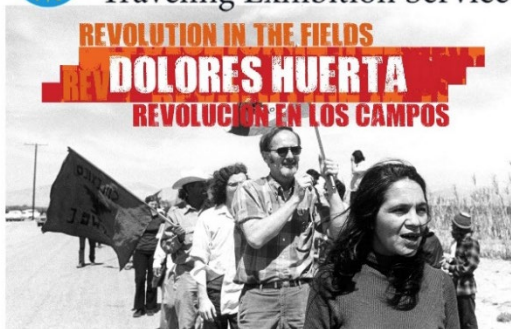
Winter is a great time to cozy up with a good book. Throughout December and January, explore booklists and activities all based around the frostiest time of year. Check out our booklists for adults, teens, and children, and find a winter read that speaks to you! Then, explore activities related to various services the library has to offer. Sign up starting on [December 1 here](#).

Woodland Library Offers Patrons Extra Service Hours with New Pilot Program

Woodland Library patrons who sign up for a new self-service program will be able to access the library a full three hours earlier on Sundays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. All they need to do is sign up at the Woodland Library front desk. Then, on their next visit scan their library card on a new security panel (on far right of photo) and they can enter to browse Woodland's collection as early as 8 am. This idea came from feedback from library users.



Smithsonian Institution
Traveling Exhibition Service



Huerta Panel Event & Gilroy Library Exhibit

Approximately 600 people attended a one of its kind event on Saturday, November 12 put on by Gilroy Library with help from the South County Youth Task Force, City of Gilroy Parks and Rec, and Latino Family Fund. A panel featuring labor icon Dolores Huerta as well as Santa Clara University instructor and author Francisco Jiménez (**The Circuit: Stories from the Life of a Migrant Child**) and actor and film director Luis Valdez (Teatro Campesino, *La Bamba*) discussed their roles in the fight for equality for farmworkers and the Latino community more broadly.

The accompanying exhibit, [Dolores Huerta: Revolution in the Fields/Revolución en los Campos](#), is at Gilroy Library **through Monday, January 23, 2023**. The exhibit was organized by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service in collaboration with the Smithsonian's National Portrait Gallery and received federal support from the Latino Initiatives Pool, administered by the Smithsonian Latino Center. For those who missed the panel discussion, a recording is available [on our website](#).

We Are Not Strangers Exhibit at Milpitas Library

While many Californians know about the history of migration by African Americans from the South to cities in the state, fewer are aware about the many black farmers, ranchers and rural residents who came to the state since the 1949 Gold Rush.

A new traveling exhibit at Milpitas Library titled [**We Are Not Strangers Here: African American Histories in Rural California**](#) seeks to share stories about some of these families. Patrons can find it in the Milpitas Library Courtyard through Wednesday, January 4, 2023.



We Are Not Strangers Here is a collaboration between the Cal Ag Roots Project at the California Institute for Rural Studies, Susan Anderson of the California African American Museum, the California Historical Society, Exhibit Envoy, and Dr. Caroline Collins of UC San Diego. The exhibit is supported by a series of [podcasts available on SoundCloud](#).



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Also check out the [Bay Area Consumers' Checkbook](#) for additional help.

SANTA CLARA COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT DECEMBER 2022 EVENTS

Note: All libraries will be closed and services unavailable on Sunday and Monday, December 25 & 26 for Christmas. Libraries will close at 5 p.m. on Saturdays, December 24 & 31.

CAMPBELL EXPRESS LIBRARY – 1 West Campbell Avenue, Room 46

Adult Christmas Crafts

Tuesday, December 6, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., Orchard City Banquet Hall

Join us for this craft program to use affordable or recycled materials to make cool Christmas stuff. Materials will be provided but you are welcome to bring some also, like origami paper, scraps of cotton fabric and wrapping ribbon. Please register.

Indoor Storytime for Kids 0-5

Wednesdays, December 7 & 14, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard City Banquet Hall

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

CUPERTINO -- 10800 Torre Avenue

Storytime for 3-5s

Thursdays, December 1, 8, & 15, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Room 101

This storytime is suitable kids ages 3-5 years old, and will feature stories, songs, rhymes and dances that encourage the development of early literacy skills. Storytime is limited to the first 100 families.

Homework Help for K-9th Grade

Monday-Thursday through December 15, 3:30 – 5 p.m.

Academic coaches from the Bay Area Tutoring Association can provide help in English, history, math and science. No registration required. Walk-ins welcome as space allows.

Family Storytime

Saturdays, December 3, 10, & 17, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Room 101

This storytime is suitable for all ages and will feature stories, songs, rhymes and dances that encourage the development of early literacy skills. Storytime is limited to the first 100 families.

Teen Holiday Craft (Ages 12-18)

Saturday, December 3, 2 – 3 p.m., Room 201 A

Decorate your own tote bag to use or give as a gift. Register online.

Storytime for Babies

Mondays, December 5, 12, & 19, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Room 101A

This storytime features stories and songs that encourage the development of early literacy skills. Storytime is limited to the first 25 babies with a maximum of 2 adults per family.

Storytime for 1s and 2s

Tuesdays, December 6 & 13, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Room 101

This storytime is suitable kids ages 1-2 years old, and will feature stories, songs, rhymes and dances that encourage the development of early literacy skills. Storytime is limited to the first 100 families.

ESL Conversation Club

Tuesdays, December 6 & 13, 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.

Baby Wearing Dance

Wednesdays, December 7 & 14, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Room 101

New and expectant moms are invited to learn fun dances while wearing or holding your baby and take care of yourself while bonding with your little one. Bring a water bottle.

Evening Storytime

Wednesdays, December 7 & 14, 7 – 7:30 p.m., Room 101

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

Cupertino Library Adult Book Discussion

Thursday, December 15, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Room 201 A

We will discuss [Matrix](#) by Lauren Groff.

GILROY -- 350 W. Sixth Street

Storytime

Thursdays, December 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Ground Floor Children's Activity Room

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

Knitting & Crochet Weekly Meetup

Thursdays, December 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 1 – 4 p.m., Upstairs Quiet Study B

Bring your projects, ask questions, receive help and meet new people! No registration necessary.

Snack Break for Kids

Mondays-Fridays through December 16, 3 -4 p.m., Pick up near Accounts Desk

Kids ages 18 and under are welcomed to pick up an afterschool snack, while supplies last. No registration necessary.

Homework Help for K-9th Grade

Monday-Thursday through December 15, 3:30 – 5 p.m.

Academic coaches from the Bay Area Tutoring Association can provide help in English, history, math and science. No registration required. Walk-ins welcome as space allows.

Book Discussion

Friday, December 2, 10:15 – 11:15 a.m., Upstairs Quiet Study B

We will be discussing [*The House in the Cerulean Sea*](#) by T.J. Klune. Registration is encouraged in case we need to contact you with any updates.

Medi-Cal Workshop and Enrollment Help

Wednesdays, December 7 & 14, 3 – 5 p.m., Upstairs Computer Training Lab

Learn about Medi-Cal and enroll with your driver's license or ID, paystub, and federal income tax return. Help available in English and Spanish. Register online.

Open Poetry Readings with Garlicky Group of Poets

Saturday, December 10, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Downstairs Meeting Room

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

Safe Space Meeting for LGBTQ+ Youth

Tuesday, December 13, 4 – 6 p.m., Downstairs Meeting Room

This in-person support group is for youth and young adults (ages 13-25). Play games, participate in group activities and discussions and build community. No registration necessary.

LOS ALTOS -- 13 S. San Antonio Road

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Bilingual Spanish Storytime

Fridays, December 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard Room

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

Baby Sign Time with Miss Stefanie

Saturday, December 3, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard Room

Babies under a year old and their grownups are welcome to sing songs and learn signs to share with your baby. Please bring a blanket for your baby.

Indoor Family Storytime

Tuesdays, December 6, 13, 20, & 27, 10:30 – 11 a.m., and 11 – 11:30 a.m., Orchard Room

Join us for an interactive storytime featuring songs, stories and fingerplays. Free tickets will be given out 30 minutes prior to the event. A second storytime will be held at 11 a.m. to accommodate those who weren't able to attend the 10:30 storytime.

Winter Writer's Night

Tuesday, December 6, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room

This is a casual space for adults and teens to work on their own writing projects. We may have some musical ambience, writing prompts available and time for sharing.

The Whodunit? Mystery Book Club

Wednesday, December 7, 10:15 – 11:30 a.m., Teen Room

We will be discussing [*Extraordinary People*](#) by Peter May.

Teen Game Day

Wednesdays, December 7, 14, 21, & 28, 3 – 4:30 p.m., Teen Room

Hang out and enjoy board games and puzzles with friends. We will also have a TV available for gaming.

World Affairs: Climate Change

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

Join us for an evening discussion with Mark Z. Jacobsen, Director of the Atmosphere/Energy Program and Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering at Stanford University.

Meet the Artist Reception

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

Are you enjoying the December Art Show in the Los Altos Library? Meet the artist at our opening reception for a Solo Exhibition of New Works by Matthew Harris.

DIY Wreath Making Workshop

Friday, December 9, 1 – 2 p.m., Orchard Room

We will provide greenery and basic supplies. Please bring a wire clothes hanger or wreath form, as well as any extra decorations you would like, including pinecones, bows and ribbons. Please register.

Puppet Show

Saturday, December 10, 2 – 2:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Fratello Marionettes present “The North Pole Review,” a music-based puppet show. Free tickets will be handed out at the Children’s Desk 30 minutes before the performance. Space is limited.

Author Visit

Saturday, December 10, 5 – 6 p.m.

Lindsay Ellis will discuss her books, [Axiom’s End](#) and [Truth of the Divine](#).

Page Turners Book Club for Grades 4-6

Thursday, December 15, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

We are discussing [El Deafo](#) by Cece Bell. Please register then stop by the Children’s Reference Desk to check out a copy of the book.

LibraryTECHTalk

Friday, December 16, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

Learn how to use NovelList Plus Book Recommendations to find your next great read.

Bay Area Games Day

Saturday, December 17, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m., Orchard Room

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

Book Bugs Club for 2nd and 3rd Grade Readers

Tuesday, December 20, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

We will discuss [Please Write in This Book](#) by Mary Amato. Please register at the desk in the Children's Room. Space is limited.

Purrfect Cats with Joan Sparks

Tuesday, December 20, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard Room

Wildlife photographer Joan Sparks will share photos of big cats, such as lions, tigers, and snow leopards.

Group Games Afternoon

Thursday, December 29, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Join us for games like How's Yours? Four Corners, Look and Scream, and more. Children in grades K+ are welcomed to attend.

Noon Year's Eve Party

Saturday, December 31, 11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m., Orchard Room

We will have music, activities and a countdown at noon. Wear your best outfit for a family photo and use our photo props. Registration is not required.

MILPITAS -- 160 N. Main Street

We Are Not Strangers Here Exhibit

Open during library hours until January 4, 2023, Milpitas Library Courtyard

Explore the unknown and untold stories of Black farmers, rangers and rural residents from the 1849 Gold Rush to now.

Winter Reading Bingo

Starting December 1

Pick up a Bingo card at the Children's Help Desk. Read at least four books to make a bingo, and return your card between January 3-10, 2023.

Homework Help for K-9th Grade

Monday-Thursday through December 15, 3:30 – 5 p.m.

Academic coaches from the Bay Area Tutoring Association can provide help in English, history, math and science. No registration required. Walk-ins welcome as space allows.

Spanish Club for Grades K-3

Thursday, December 1, 3:30 – 4:15 p.m., Activity Room

Stop by and create your very own piñata! All materials will be provided, while supplies last.

Knit & Crochet Circle

Fridays, December 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30, 2 – 4 p.m., Conference Room

Stop by and meet other yarn lovers while working on your latest project, get help when you are stuck and share ideas. Instruction available in English, Hindi, Punjabi and Gujarati.

LGBTQ Older Adult Social Space

Friday, December 2, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m., Conference Room

Socialize over some board games, card games and snacks.

Winter Magic Show

Saturday, December 3, 11 – 11:45 a.m., Auditorium

Magician Mike Della Penna will delight us with a show inspired by winter.

Elf Interactive Movie Matinee

Saturday, December 3, 2 – 4 p.m., Children’s Activity Room

Join us for this holiday classic with a twist. The movie is rated PG. Common Sense Media recommends this movie for kids ages 7+.

Pup Meet & Greet for Teens

Sunday, December 4, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Children’s Activity Room

Take a study break and de-stress with some furry friends. For ages 12-18.

Tiny Toots Concert

Wednesday, December 7, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m., Auditorium

Join us for a fun concert for toddlers and preschoolers featuring children’s musician Laura Weinbach from Little Folkies.

Chinese Club for Grades K-3

Thursday, December 8, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Auditorium

Come learn and celebrate the Chinese culture with us. We will be doing an activity/craft. Program will be in English and Chinese. All materials will be provided.

Holiday Crafting Fair for Adults

Sunday, December 11, 2 – 3:30 p.m.

Join us for holiday card making, wood slice ornaments and magnets. This program is for people ages 18+.

Holiday Crafts for Grades 2-8

Tuesday, December 13, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Activity Room

Join us to create different holiday decorations. All supplies will be provided. Please register.

Tiny Toots Concert

Wednesday, December 14, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m., Auditorium

Join us for a fun concert for toddlers and preschoolers featuring children’s musician Kathleen Rushing, also known as Bingo Schmingo.

Teen Paint Party

Saturday, December 17, 1 – 2:30 p.m., Auditorium

We’re hosting a non-guided paint party, meaning there won’t be any instructions. We will provide the canvas and paints. Registration required.

Reading Buddies

Saturday, December 17, 2 – 3 p.m., Activity Room

Children in grades K-5 can buddy up with a furry friend and read one-on-one from a favorite book.

Family Movie Matinee

Monday, December 19, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Activity Room

Join us for a showing of *Lyle, Lyle Crocodile*.

2nd & 3rd Grade Book Club

Tuesday, December 20, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Activity Room

We will be discussing [Stink: The Incredible Shrinking Kid](#) by Megan McDonald. Please register and pick up your copy of the book at the Children’s Desk.

Special Performance: The Puppet Company

Tuesday, December 20, 7 – 7:45 p.m., Auditorium

The Puppet Company presents a performance of The Nutcracker. Space is limited. Free tickets are available at the Children’s Help Desk 30 minutes before the show starts.

Noon Year's Eve Party

Saturday, December 31, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Auditorium

We will have music, activities and a countdown at noon.

MORGAN HILL -- 660 W. Main Avenue

Family Storytime

Thursdays, December 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29, 10:15 – 10:45 a.m., Outside Lawn

Join us for stories, music, movement and more!

Snack Break

Mondays-Thursdays through December 22, 3 -- 4 p.m.

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

Homework Help for K-9th Grade

Monday-Thursday through December 15, 3:30 – 5 p.m.

Academic coaches from the Bay Area Tutoring Association can provide help in English, history, math and science. No registration required. Walk-ins welcome as space allows.

Baby Sign Language

Fridays, December 2, 9, & 16, 11:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Children's Activity Room

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

Bilingual Family Storytime

Saturdays, December 3, 10, & 17, 10:15 – 10:45 a.m., Outside Lawn

Join us for stories, music, movement and more. Storytimes will be in Spanish and English.

Chanukah Olive Press & Menorah Workshop

Sunday, December 4, 3 – 4:30 p.m., Community Room

Presented by the Chabad South County Jewish Center, learn how to create oil from olives using an authentic oil press, and build your very own menorah. All supplies will be provided.

Registration required.

LEGO Club

Tuesdays, December 6, 13, 20, & 27, 3 – 4 p.m.

Use LEGOs to build whatever you want, or based on our weekly theme. Creations will be displayed until our next meeting. LEGOs available for ages 2+. No registration required.

First Tuesday Knit-In

Tuesday, December 6, 6:30 – 8:45 p.m., Large Program Room

All knitters welcome! New knitters can get advice and assistance while advanced knitters can share their knowledge.

After Dinner Book Club

Tuesday, December 6, 7:30 – 8:45 p.m., Small Program Room

We will be discussing [The Wizard of Oz](#) by L. Frank Baum.

Wreath Decorating

Wednesday, December 7, 3 – 4:30 p.m., Children’s Activity Room

Decorate your own silk wreath. Wreath and supplies are free, while supplies last. One wreath per person.

Mexican Tin Art

Sunday, December 11, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m., Community Room

Join us for a brief history and presentation of the art of Mexican Tin and make a Milagro. Please register.

DIY Holiday Cards

Monday, December 12, 4:30 – 5:45 p.m., Meeting Room

Teens and adults are invited to drop in and create handmade holiday cards. All materials will be supplied, no registration required.

Special Event: Holiday Puppet Show

Thursday, December 15, 10:15 – 11 a.m., Children’s Activity Room

Puppet Art Theatre presents Holiday Little Red Riding Hood.

Special Event: Holiday Puppet Show

Saturday, December 17, 10:15 – 11 a.m., Children’s Activity Room

Puppet Art Theatre presents Holiday Jack and the Beanstalk.

Library Ukulele Society

Tuesday, December 20, 5 – 7 p.m.

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

SARATOGA -- 13650 Saratoga Avenue

Homework Help for K-9th Grade

Monday-Thursday through December 15, 3:30 – 5 p.m.

Academic coaches from the Bay Area Tutoring Association can provide help in English, history, math and science. No registration required. Walk-ins welcome as space allows.

Family Storytime for All Ages

Fridays, December 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Outdoor Patio next to Friends' Café

Tuesdays, December 6, 13, 20, & 27, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Outdoor Patio next to Friends' Café

Join us for stories, rhymes, fingerplays and songs. Because seating is limited, please line up along the wall of displayed art.

Winter Craft: Toys for Pets

Tuesday, December 6, 4 – 5 p.m., Community Room

Stop by and make toys for pets! You can give them to your furry friends, or we can donate them to a local shelter. No registration necessary.

Family Bingo

Friday, December 9, 4 – 5 p.m., Community Room

Our Bingo theme for December is winter. Space is limited, first come, first served.

Trivia Challenge for Grades 3-8

Saturday, December 10, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Community Room

Test your trivia in topics like Bay Area sports, California animals, famous people, library questions, literary characters and more. Registration is required.

STEM Activity

Tuesday, December 13, 4 – 5 p.m., Community Room

School aged children are invited to compete in candy-related STEM challenges.

Teatime Book Chatter

Thursday, December 15, 1 – 2 p.m.

We will be discussing [*Convenience Store Woman*](#) by Sayaka Murata. Please visit the Adult Reference Desk to register and pick up a copy of the book.

SF Bay Birds Observatory

Saturday, December 17, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Parking Lot

Learn about the different ducks who live in the Bay Area. While this program is recommended for children 6-12 years old and their families, all are welcomed! No registration required.

WOODLAND – 1975 Grant Road

Joyful Family Storytime

Sunday, December 11, 11:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Backyard

Join us for stories, songs, fingerplays and fun.

ONLINE EVENTS (Please register online)

Online English Conversation Club

Thursdays, December 1, 8, & 15, 11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Meet new friends and practice English together.

Online ESL Book Club

Friday, December 2, 4 – 5 p.m.,

We will be discussing [*The Maid*](#) by Nita Prose.

Virtual Trivia Night

Monday, December 12, 6 – 7 p.m.

Test your holiday movie and music trivia!

Online Bookshare

Tuesday, December 27, 7 – 8 p.m.

Share your latest read and get recommendations for your next great read.

Los Altos and Woodland Libraries

December 2022





Self-Service Soft Launch Started 11/20 at Woodland



Visit Woodland during open hours to sign up and start your access to self-service hours!

Regular hours:

Monday - Wednesday 11 am-8 pm

Thursday - Sunday 11 am -5 pm

Self-Service hours:

Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday 8-11 am

Items Checked Out

	Los Altos Library	Woodland Branch Library
January 2022	42,750	7,220
February 2022	40,749	6,799
March 2022	43,485	7,031
April 2022	43,914	7,808
May 2022	41,928	7,304
June 2022	46,824	8,252
July 2022	48,862	8,609
August 2022	49,391	8,398
September 2022	46,112	8,205
October 2022	42,619	7,465

Items Checked In

	Los Altos Library	Woodland Branch Library
January 2022	41,658	8,861
February 2022	37,522	7,870
March 2022	42,087	8,804
April 2022	40,453	8,822
May 2022	40,965	9,082
June 2022	44,494	9,614
July 2022	46,457	10,121
August 2022	46,207	9,935
September 2022	45,179	9,698
October 2022	42,343	9,880

Patrons Served Online

	Los Altos Library	Woodland Branch Library
January 2022	9,282	1,606
February 2022	8,942	1,540
March 2022	9,174	1,569
April 2022	9,060	1,547
May 2022	9,185	1,589
June 2022	9,476	1,646
July 2022	9,677	1,640
August 2022	9,912	1,696
September 2022	9,757	1,653
October 2022	9,526	1,609

Patrons Served In Person

	Los Altos Library	Woodland Branch Library
January 2022	7,981	1,812
February 2022	7,308	1,569
March 2022	8,373	1,788
April 2022	8,296	1,889
May 2022	8,201	1,780
June 2022	8,812	1,896
July 2022	9,008	1,994
August 2022	9,429	1,995
September 2022	8,648	1,910
October 2022	8,367	1,759

Astronomical Society Presents, World Affairs, and Bay Area Games Day





Family Fun Day: Cubelets

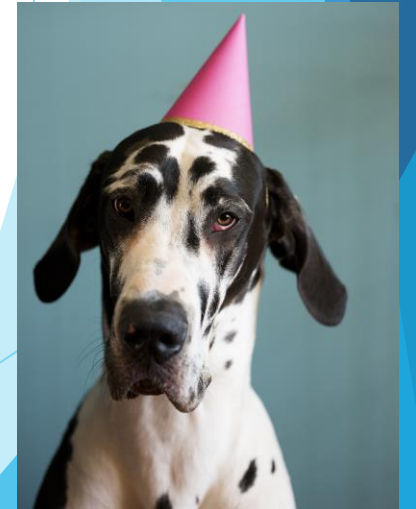
ADULT & TEEN PROGRAMS

- Tuesday, Dec 6 at 7:00 pm - Winter Writing Workshop: Gratitude
- Wednesday, Dec 7 at 10:15 am - The Whodunit? Mystery Book Club at Los Altos Library
- Wednesday, Dec 7 at 3:00 pm- Teen Game Day
- Every Thursday in December at 1:30 pm - ESL Conversation Club (in-person)
- Wednesday, Dec 7 at 7:00 pm - World Affairs- No Miracles Needed: Low Cost Climate Change Solutions
- Thursday, Dec 8 at 7:00 pm - Meet the Artist Reception for December Art Show
- Friday, Dec 9 at 1:00 pm - DIY Wreath Making Workshop
- Saturday, Dec 10 5 pm- Author Talk with Lindsay Ellis
- Wednesday, Dec 14 at 3:00 pm- Teen Game Day
- Friday, Dec 16 at 4:00 pm- Library TECHTalk: Finding Your Next Great Read!
- Tuesday, Dec 20 at 7:00 pm- Purr-fect Cats with Joan Sparks

<https://scclld.org/events>

Children's Programs

- ▶ Homework Help (Monday - Thursday 3:30-5:00 pm)
- ▶ Baby Sign Time with Miss Stefanie (12/3 at 10:30 am)
- ▶ Fratello Marionettes "The North Pole Review" (12/10 2:00 pm)
- ▶ Page Turners Book Club for Grades 4-6 (12/15 at 4:00 pm)
- ▶ Book Bugs Club for 2nd and 3rd Grade Readers (12/20 at 4:00 pm)
- ▶ Group Games Afternoon (12/29 at 3:30 pm)
- ▶ Noon Year's Eve Party (12/31 at 11:00 am)



Children's Storytimes

Indoor Family Storytime - Tuesdays at
10:30 and 11:00 at Los Altos Library

Bilingual Spanish Storytime Fridays at
10:30 at Los Altos Library

Sunday, Dec 11 at 11:30 - Joyful
Storytime at Woodland Branch Library

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Outreach

- ▶ 12/7 Los Altos Chinese School
- ▶ 12/10 Family Fun day (Community Center)



November Highlights

- ▶ 90 attendees at the Santa Rita class outreach visits
- ▶ 211 attendees at the Family Fun Day in partnership with the Friends at the Los Altos Community Center
- ▶ 92 attendees at the drop-in craft on 11/20
- ▶ 120 attendees at the drop-in craft on 11/21
- ▶ 117 attendees at the drop-in craft on 11/22

Patron Poem

Red, yellow, orange
Several shades of green
Cool breeze it out in the orchard
Looking out the window
It seems like nothing is in between

Calm movements
Everything at my fingertips
I can click and have it
If I don't find it I ask
If they don't know how they'll find out
I can borrow anything for free

Silence, warmth
Comfortable chairs
Lots of thinking in the air
If I'm tired I can even nap
It's another home
I can come anytime I want

It's good to be a patron
of the Los Altos Library!

November 12, 2022
Nelly Capra

Report of the Awareness Subcommittee
which met on November 16, 2022 for the
12-1-2022 Library Commission Meeting

1. LALE ads –

ACTION ITEMS:

1. We moved the Creative Bug topic forward to the December ad. It will focus on using the resource to create handmade gifts and decorations for the holidays.

2. Upcoming Resources to highlight in LALE ads
January – Discover & Go
February – Open Plus Self Service at Woodland Branch
March – Resources to help navigate the looming financial crisis
Business, Morningstar, Standard & Poor, Value Line

3. Prepare request to LALE for 2023 funding for LALE Town Crier Ads
Highlighting Library Services and Resources

Infrastructure Subcommittee Report December 1, 2022 Library Commission Meeting

1. The subcommittee reviewed the Woodland Branch Expanded Patio project proposal and made suggestions and edits. The subcommittee will ask to have this project proposal placed on the December Library Commission agenda for discussion and a vote by the entire commission.

The project proposal is attached as an exhibit to this report.

2. The subcommittee discussed meeting with Rose and Bryant to get their input regarding infrastructure needs that either of the two libraries may have.