



LIBRARY COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA

6:30 PM - Thursday, August 01, 2024

Los Altos Community Center Apricot Room

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CALL MEETING TO ORDER

ESTABLISH QUORUM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

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

- [1.](#) Written Public Comments

CONSENT CALENDAR

- [2.](#) Minutes: Approve minutes of the regular meeting of May 2, 2024

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- [3.](#) Discuss Night at the Library Event
4. Discuss Commission Visibility

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS ONLY

- [5.](#) Receive disbursement letter from Los Altos Library Endowment

STAFF REPORTS

- [6.](#) Update on Requests for Proposals for Design Services for Los Altos Main Library Improvements
- [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: [Alice Mansell](#)
To: [Public Comment - LC](#)
Cc: bruceb@latc.com; [Friends of the Library President](#)
Subject: [External Sender]Public Comment for 8/1/24 Los Altos Library Commission Meeting
Date: Thursday, August 1, 2024 2:02:51 PM

TO: Los Altos Library Commissioners
CC: Friends of Library, (LALE has no email address online), Bruce Barton

Summary:

Attending the City Council meeting in November 2023 for LALE’s first courtyard proposal, I listened to library and orchard supporters. I heard a lot of silo thinking with little listening to each other. A sense that LALE donating \$2M entitled it to do little to no public design review before presenting their first plan in public which they appeared to expect Council to endorse that evening. The result to avoid legal action for process issues with the proposal was a tolling agreement signed by the City Hall for its failure to follow all laws affecting our Historic Orchard. No more back room deals with public-private partnerships or failures by City Hall to follow all laws. We need no more echo chamber silos of different interest groups. We need to work better, more openly together, and by sharing all information and needs we each have, we can do much better for both the library and orchard.

Agenda Item #4 Receive disbursement letter from Los Altos Library Endowment

I asked for the LALE annual disbursements report several weeks ago from the County libraries authority after I couldn’t find it online anywhere despite it being a publicly required annual report per the LALE/Los Altos/Los Altos Hills/Santa Clara County contract ending the legal dispute over the estate of Virginia Whipple (1926-2004), the largest source of donations to date to LALE.

Agenda Item #5 Update on Requests for Proposals for Design Services for Los Altos Main Library Improvements

The RFP on its face is only for interior work at the main library. How can the hired consultant's contracted design work not also involve the LALE-funded new exterior courtyard(s)? For example, might there be one courtyard for adults and another for children? Perhaps some occasional picnic or reading tables under orchard trees in suitable seasons? Make the Main Library and orchard extensions of each other?

Items not on the agenda

I became interested in Los Altos Hills resident Mrs. Virginia "Ginnie" Whipple herself and her estate after LALE made public for the first time over the Thanksgiving 2023 holidays its Los Altos Main Library patio proposal encroaching into Los Altos Historic Orchard lands. LALE speakers didn’t then mention her by name, instead cited only a new LALE donor’s fund of \$500k from the Chou Family for its courtyard project and topping up its latest donation to Los Altos libraries with other unnamed funds. As an orchard volunteer since harvest Summer season 2023, I watched irrigation lines not being installed in Summer and Fall 2023 in a very large area of Historic Orchard acreage next to the Main Library. When I observed wooden flags staked on that unirrigated land, I was informed by the orchard care contractor Los Altos History Museum (LAHM)'s Orchard Common Committee chair, she’d made an agreement with City staff about that particular orchard land as a condition to get City approval and funds released for installing Phase 1 of the new drip irrigation. That land was being “set aside” with no public review by City Hall for future use in a library expansion on that State Historic Resource land which is legally designated as a "working orchard” - not a garden or library courtyard - a specific land use the State designated by law in 2011.

There has been to date after nearly a year no public review for that library courtyard set-aside of historic land. Neither LAHM nor the City pulled any public permits to remove dead or dying trees in Fall 2023, permits required there as part of a State Historic Resource. LAHM's contractually obligated "Maintenance Plan" (due 1/1/24) is now overdue by 7 months and on its second draft. LAHM's contractual Annual Report for the orchard is due this month. The City’s failure to do a State required historic professional survey and review of any change to the designated historic resource orchard lands is what resulted in that signed City Hall tolling agreement which delayed the LALE patio plan at least until May 2024. How much cash did LALE spend on its November 2023 patio plans not, it appears, knowing about those State historic laws?

City staffers repeatedly call any part of the Historic Orchard without perfectly thriving trees as mere “dirt.” Insisting no trees can ever grow there despite lack of irrigation or any soil and tree care. Those deliberate acts are called “demolition by neglect” in historic resource law. Meanwhile, staff had City Council approve this year a \$4.5M conversion of the Los Altos

Youth Center (LACY) into new staff private offices with multiple tall, new privacy fences so the City Manager from his new office no longer needs to look at our Historic Orchard he's been actively reducing in size. Most recently, he tried by early July 2024 to bulldoze all the Historic Resource apricot trees in the State designated "NE Grove" by the police station which would reduce the acreage of the historic orchard by approximately 30%. Staff posted a tree removal permit notice on a July 4th holiday time. Appeal against that permit will be heard by City Council later this month. His staffs' rationale for that is a need for more land for "future" police department expansion and new utilities lines, neither to date with any public discussion. Meanwhile, the Los Altos Police substation on Fremont Avenue remains mostly unused. Why it could not become a new EOC and Community Center is baffling.

City staff stopped by 2023 all public discussion of expanding the Library's exterior space towards LACY. Staff proposed their preference in July 2024 to the PRA&C commission new "reserved" City staff office parking spaces to replace the Police Department lawn and the three unirrigated deep rooted apricot trees surviving next to the Friends of the Library sheds, and also take for parking the Library's landscape space at its northeast corner as mitigation for the loss of Main Library parking spaces for the new \$1M dog park and new emergency generator with its fuel tank and new large drainage field.

The LACY plans were deemed "copyrighted" and thus not available for any public review when I asked for the plans in mid-June 2024 a month after a healthy large and old apricot tree was bulldozed next to LACY, a removal to make room for the new fenced utilities yard for LACY after I saw ground broken for that project. No public review to date anywhere of the LACY plans by any City commissions nor City Council until today (see three attachments obtained by a public documents request). Not even a public discussion anywhere before breaking ground for the "best use" of the LACY building, not even for the new landscape plans for the orchard lands on two sides where at least two rows of apricot trees were left unirrigated in 2023 and removed in May-June 2024 while nearby today at least 10 apricot trees are dead or dying from lack of irrigation and/or care.

Same course of back room City staff work in the plans for the new EOC generator, fuel tank, drainage field, the EOC interior work at the Los Altos Community Center, and new trenched utility lines running from LACY past the Bus Barn Theater and to the Los Altos Community Center. All "copyrighted" plans with no public review before ground was broken. Similar to the March 2024 heritage two old oaks trees removed by the Main Library citing a sudden "safety emergency" but in fact to make space for the generator and its drainage field with no updated arborist report while the last one stated the trees just needed some care which they never got. I have information those oaks may have been the burial site of the body of Mr. Gilbert Smith's mother as well as where his and his wife's ashes were buried. The City's records on the sales and deed of gift to the City from the Smiths' land for those oaks and surrounding lands are not now all available to the public. There is a reverter clause for failure to maintain a "working" orchard with fruit rights for those who take care of it as well as maintaining a work vehicle access road.

No public review until June 18, 2024 of the dog park plans until a PRA&C commissioners' meeting. They were allowed by staff to vote on a choice of dog park configurations but only to give "input" on the parking mitigation proposals for the lost Main Library parking spaces due to the EOC/dog park work. City Council last month was also not allowed by staff to vote on the staff's parking mitigation plans. Staff wants staff "discretion" for that.


Why the need for so much staff discretion on these \$5M+ projects before ground was broken? Not in the "purview" City Staff says for PRA&C, Planning, Library, Youth, Senior, Environmental, or Historic commissions, not even for discussing the State-required full historic survey and review to make such set-sides of any Historic Resource lands and trees. Not within the "behest" of City Council's delegations to its commissioners. Not in their "work plans."

Instead, City staff to date continues to act as if they alone as Certified Local Government employees are the sole arbiters of what land is or is not the State designated Historic Resource of both the orchard and its adjacent lands as defined by the State's 2011 paperwork. The same lack of public input for any need for a public EIR process, instead just staff "negative" declarations with no detailed staff reports not always timely filed with the County and State.


Meanwhile, City Hall continues to use outdated documents and its 100% staff "expert" discretion to interpret all laws and make math calculations for projects being "exempt" for public review - even if those interpretations and calculations are patently incorrect - by relying for over 40 years on the framework of the US Supreme Court's *Chevron* decision giving them as government or contracted consultant "experts" full deference in any court challenge. But, *Chevron* was overturned on June 28, 2024 by *Loper Bright*. That long abuse of staff's discretionary authority has been allowed by many Los Altos City Councils declining to insist all State historic and all environmental laws are to be followed by City Staff, their consultants, and their outside experts such as general counsel.

Many regards,
Alice Mansell

Employed in downtown Los Altos since 1974 [sic]
Attorney for historic and land use laws since 1994
Los Altos Resident since 2021

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 [EOC Approved Plan Set \(1\).pdf](#)

 [LAYC Approved Plan set.pdf](#)



LIBRARY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

6:30 PM - Thursday, May 2, 2024
Los Altos Community Center Apricot Room

ESTABLISH QUORUM

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

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

Absent: Commissioner Crane

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. **Minutes:** Approve minutes of the regular meeting of March 7, 2024

Public Comment: None

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

Approve: Fawcett, Bedard, Carter, Morris

Oppose:

Abstain:

Absent: Crane

Motion passed: 4-0-0-1

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION

2. **Receive final report from Ad-Hoc Subcommittee for Targeted Outreach and disband Ad-Hoc Subcommittee if necessary**

Public Comment: Freddie Wheeler

Action: Vice Chair Bedard moved that the Commission disband the Ad Hoc Committee consisting of Chair Fawcett and Commissioner Morris after receiving a final report on locations and events for targeted outreach. Chair Fawcett seconded the motion.

Approve: Fawcett, Bedard, Carter, Morris

Oppose:

Abstain:

Absent: Crane

Motion passed: 4-0-0-1

3. Review Sensory Headset Pilot Project proposal

Public Comment: Freddie Wheeler

Action: Directed County staff to purchase headsets for Sensory Headset Pilot Project and review project in six months.

4. Receive update from Potential Library Improvements Ad-Hoc Subcommittee

Public Comment: None

Action: None

5. Discuss Night at the Library event and establish Ad-Hoc Subcommittee if necessary

Public Comment: None

Action: Chair Fawcett moved that the Commission form an Ad Hoc Committee consisting of Chair Fawcett and Commissioner Carter to plan a Night at the Library event that will terminate upon final report to the Commission. Commissioner Bedard seconded the motion.

Approve: Fawcett, Bedard, Carter, Morris

Oppose:

Abstain:

Absent: Crane

Motion passed: 4-0-0-1

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS ONLY

STAFF REPORTS

6. Receive report from Santa Clara County Library District

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Fawcett adjourned the meeting at 7:36 pm.



LIBRARY COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT SUMMARY

Meeting Date: August 1, 2024

Subject Night at the Library Event

Prepared by: Christine Fawcett and Carolle Carter, Library Commissioners & Night at the Library Ad-Hoc Subcommittee

Purpose

Discuss Night at the Library event

Discussion

We met on May 30 with head librarian Rose Baiza to discuss ideas for a Night at the Library Event organized by the Library Commission. Rose felt that the library events calendar is quite full for the full and that we should postpone scheduling any event until the New Year. She also suggested that, since the scope of what we can do with an event hosted in the library is quite limited (no alcohol, limited options for serving food), it would be best to plan an event that piggy-backs off a regular library event. The commission could talk at the beginning of the event, introducing ourselves and the event, and also help out with publicity. We agreed to meet back in January to plan an event that will most likely highlight the new children's room.

Rose further suggested we should think about planning a bigger, joint event with the History Museum and Bus Barn when the directorship of the History Museum has stabilized. Apparently there was a team, which included library staff, working on such an event before Covid. Rose suggested that, when the time is right, a new team can be assembled which will include the Library Commission. Rose said she would talk with her team about ideas for a joint event.



July 21, 2024

Susan Landry, Chair
Sally Meadows, Los Altos
Lisa Schmidt, Los Altos Hills
Santa Clara County Library Joint Powers Authority (JPA)

Christine Fawcett, Chair
Los Altos Library Commission

Dear JPA Chair Landry, JPA Members Meadows and Schmidt and Los Altos Library Commission Chair Fawcett:

Los Altos Library Endowment (LALE) was recently made aware that it should report its disbursements to the JPA and the Los Altos Library Commission. The report is related to the distribution of funds from the Whipple estate to LALE.

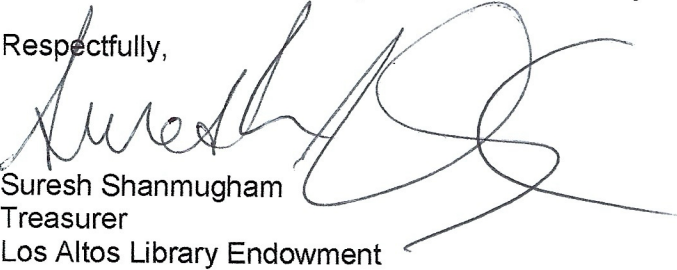
LALE is providing the following information for the period 2005-2023.

Year	Total Disbursements
2005	\$21,000
2006	\$36,000
2007	\$46,000
2008	\$50,000
2009	\$50,000
2010	\$20,000
2011	\$45,000
2012	\$20,000
2013	\$50,000
2014	\$88,000
2015	\$25,000
2016	\$25,000
2017	\$95,000

2018	\$29,000
2019	\$33,000
2020	\$54,000
2021	\$0
2022	\$50,000
2023	\$65,000

Going forward, LALE will report disbursements by 90 days after the end of each calendar year.

Respectfully,



Suresh Shanmugham
Treasurer
Los Altos Library Endowment



**LIBRARY COMMISSION
AGENDA REPORT SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: August 1, 2024

Subject Los Altos Main Library Improvements Request for Proposal Update

Prepared by: Anthony Carnesecca, Library Commission Liaison

Purpose

Provide update on the Request for Proposal for the Los Altos Main Library Improvements

Discussion

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

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

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

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

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.



Subject: Los Altos Main Library Improvements Request for Proposal Update

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

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

After the RFP closes on that date, the review committee will review the proposals and identify the proposal that will be in the best interest of the City, which may include interviews.

Once a final contractor is selected, City staff will present the final contract for review and approval before this project commences.

August 2024
Library Stakeholder Report
Jennifer Weeks, County Librarian

A Library Card is the Most Important School Supply!

Many schools in Santa Clara County are starting the new academic year in the coming weeks. Santa Clara County Library District (SCCLD) libraries are ready to help students succeed.



Students (and educators) can find books and research materials on different topics in our [libraries](#), [Bookmobile](#) and [Online Library](#), and our librarians are ready to help patrons find the right resources, including a few geared specifically for students. [Scholastic Go!](#) offers encyclopedia databases including Amazing Animals, America the Beautiful, Lands and Peoples, and The New Book of Popular Science. [Brainfuse HelpNow](#) provides free online tutoring help for K-12 from 1 – 10 p.m. every day. Students can get help with English and language arts, math, science, social studies, test prep, and more.

Stay tuned for more details about our popular Homework Help program, offered to students in grades K-6 afterschool in our libraries. Read below to find out how to become a tutor.



Tutors Needed

The Santa Clara County Library District is putting out a call to volunteers who would like to help their neighbors succeed!

We are looking for [volunteers to provide homework help](#) to students in grades K-6 in the topics of Math, Science, and English.

Volunteer tutors must be at least 14 years old, available at least one day (Monday-Thursday) per week from 4 – 5:30 p.m., and commit to a full semester. Students can earn community service hours for this program! Adult volunteers will be background checked, and all tutors must attend required trainings. If you're ready to volunteer and help students succeed, please fill out our [online application form](#).

In addition, [The Reading Program](#) is looking for adult tutors who would like to help adult learners improve their English reading, writing and speaking skills. Tutors must be 18+ years old, be able to read and write English at a high school level, pass a background check, and dedicate at least 2 hours a week for 6 months working with their learner. No teaching experience is necessary. There are upcoming orientations and trainings coming up. Register for an orientation [here](#).



SCCLD Expands Passport Services

The Gilroy Library is just about ready to begin offering [U.S. passport services](#) in August. This marks the fourth SCCLD library to become an official passport acceptance facility following Milpitas, Cupertino and Los Altos Libraries. Saratoga Library will also begin offering this convenient option for passport services later this year.

Since January 2022, SCCLD libraries have processed more than 19,500 passport applications. SCCLD is the County of Santa Clara's primary provider of passport services. Our passport facilities offer weekday, weekend, and evening hours to accommodate residents' busy schedules.

People can visit scclld.org/passport to see a list of services offered, make an appointment, find out what important documents are needed, and applicable fees. Applicants do not need to be library cardholders to utilize this service.

Cupertino Library Passport Office Hours:

Tuesday and Wednesday 1 p.m. – 8 p.m. (closed 4 – 5 p.m.)
Thursday, Friday, and Saturday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. (closed 1 – 2 p.m.)

Gilroy Library Passport Office Hours:

Tuesday and Wednesday 1 – 8 p.m. (closed 4 – 5 p.m.)
Thursday, Friday, and Saturday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. (closed 1 – 2 p.m.)

Los Altos Library Passport Office Hours:

Sunday, Monday and Tuesday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. (closed 1 – 2 p.m.)
Wednesday and Thursday 1 p.m. – 8 p.m. (closed 4 – 5 p.m.)

Milpitas Library Passport Office Hours:

Sunday, Wednesday and Thursday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. (closed 1 – 2 p.m.)
Monday and Tuesday 1 p.m. – 8 p.m. (closed 4 – 5 p.m.)

New ESL Class Series to Begin

SCCLD is happy to once again offer [English as a Second Language](#) (ESL) classes for patrons who would like to practice and improve their English listening and speaking skills. Classes will be held several times a week for up to 16 weeks at [Gilroy, Los Altos, Milpitas and Saratoga Libraries](#) and are led by professional ESL instructors.



Residents must be 18 years or older, and must be able to attend the entire session. Interested participants are required to take a placement test to determine their level.

SCCLD libraries also offer [English Conversation Clubs](#) where learners can practice their English speaking skills in a supportive and more informal environment.



Summer Reading 2024 is in the Books!

Our Summer Reading program, [Adventure Begins at Your Library](#), is wrapping up for the season. We thank you for joining us as we dove into the pages of thrilling tales, explored far-off lands, and met fascinating characters along the way!

Participants who have read and logged five books and completed one activity are welcome to pick up their completion prizes at their home library starting August 1. *Prizes are available while supplies last.*

Enter to Win Free Concert Tickets!

Kidz Bop is a children's music group that sings family-friendly covers of current songs. SCCLD is holding a special Summer Reading prize drawing for two Family 4-Pack of tickets to a [Kidz Bop Concert](#) on September 22 at Shoreline Amphitheatre in Mountain View.



Please visit our [website](#) to enter. One entry per family please. Multiple entries will be disqualified, and only 500 entries will be accepted. The winners must be able to attend the concert on September 22.

Entries are accepted August 1 – 31. The winners will be notified by September 6.

Celebrate StoryWalks® with Us!

SCCLD continues to add more Storywalks® in our partner cities this month. [Kevin Moran Park](#) in Saratoga and [Jack Fischer Park](#) in Campbell will feature a Storywalk® for families to read and enjoy [Cat's Colors](#) by Airlie Anderson. This is in addition to the StoryWalk® at [Community Park](#) in Morgan Hill.



We invite you and the public to several free community programs to celebrate StoryWalks®. [Sean's Music Factory](#) will be visiting Morgan Hill Library on August 10 at 10:30 a.m. to perform a special family concert with songs all about cats and colors. He will also be at Jack Fischer Park in Campbell on Wednesday, September 11. Join us at the park for storytime at 10:30 a.m. and a concert at 11:15 a.m. It's sure to be a fun filled morning!



Enjoy Expanded Hours with Open Access

SCCLD is offering a new service at the Gilroy Library. Open Access allows patrons to enjoy exclusive, self-service access to browse books, check out library materials, relax and read, or use the free WiFi in the Gilroy Library lobby, before the library fully opens to the public.

It's easy to get started!

1. Visit the [Gilroy Library](#) during regular open hours to fill out a form to register for self-service hours.
2. Once you have completed the form, take it to the accounts desk.
3. Staff will walk you through a short demonstration of how to scan your card to access self-service hours.
4. Once the demonstration is completed, staff will update your library card to allow access to self-service hours.

Open Access is available Sunday-Wednesday from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. (excluding holidays). **Please note: no staff assistance will be provided, so if you need help, please visit during regular library hours for full service.**

This service is also available at [Woodland Library](#). Open Access hours are 10 a.m. -- 1 p.m. Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday, excluding holidays. Please visit the Accounts Desk to sign up.

We hope you enjoy this convenient service at the Gilroy and Woodland Libraries!

SANTA CLARA COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT AUGUST 2024 EVENTS

Summer Reading programs are highlighted in blue.

CAMPBELL EXPRESS LIBRARY – 1 West Campbell Avenue, Room 46

Growing Blueberries in Santa Clara County

Tuesday, August 20, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard City Banquet Hall

Learn about the types of blueberries that flourish in our region and explore essential topics, including finding the ideal location, sunlight exposure, soil composition, watering practices, fertilization techniques, mulching, pruning methods, harvesting tips and pest management.

CUPERTINO -- 10800 Torre Avenue

Reading Buddies

Thursday, August 1, and Monday, August 12, 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.

Knit-Alongs at Cupertino Library

Fridays, August 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 2:30 – 4 p.m., Room 201A

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

Babywearing Dance

Sundays, August 4, 11, 18, & 25, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Room 101

Join us for babywearing dance.

ESL Conversation Club

Tuesdays, August 6, 13, 20, & 27, 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.

Flex Prep Seminar for Teens

Wednesday, August 7, 6 – 7 p.m., Room 201A

A counselor will share what works in college applications and the growing importance of a great college essay.

Create CU: Monoprinting using Gelli Plates

Friday, August 9, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Room 201B

Come learn how to do monoprinting using Gelli Plates. All instruction and materials will be provided. This program is for adults 18+. Please register to save your spot.

Nonfiction Book Discussion Group

Sunday, August 11, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Room 201A

We will discuss [*Awe: The New Science of Everyday Wonder and How it Can Transform Your Life*](#) by Dacher Keltner.

Book Discussion for Adults

Wed., August 14, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., and Thursday, August 15, 7 – 8:15 p.m., Room 201B

We will be discussing [*Loot*](#) by Tania James.

Essential Laptop Repair Skills

Saturday, August 17, 3 – 4:30 p.m.

Learn the basic skills to repair a ThinkPad laptop. Practice how to clean, replace, and check the health of the laptop's battery, RAM, fan, and screen. Do not bring your own device. Please note: laptops that are repaired in this program will go to a student or an adult in need.

Master Gardeners: Growing Citrus Successfully

Wednesday, August 21, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Room 201

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

Poetry Workshop: A Time for Rhyme

Saturday, August 24, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Room 201

This workshop is a welcoming place to explore rhymes and learn tricks for using rhyme in your own poems. Register online.

Sunday Line Dance

Sunday, August 25, 2 – 3:15 p.m., Room 201

Learn and master shuffles, sweeps and turns while improving your balance, coordination, stamina, footwork and arm styling. For beginner to improver levels. No registration required.

GILROY -- 350 W. Sixth Street

Family Storytime

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

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

Lunch at the Library

Monday–Friday, Through August 16, 12 – 1 p.m.

Free lunch meals for kids ages 0 – 18. No registration required. **¡Almuerzos Gratuitos para niños de 0 a 18 años!** No es necesario registrarse.

Knitting and Crochet Weekly Meetup

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

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

Book Discussion

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

We will discuss [All My Rage](#) by Sabaa Tahir. This is the teen selection for the year.

Safe Space Meet-Up for LGBTQ+ Youth

Fridays, August 2 & 16, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Quiet Study B

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

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

Saturdays, August 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., the Nest

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

End of Summer Party

Saturday, August 3, 3 – 5 p.m., Children’s Area

The event will feature crafts for kids and teens, pizza and refreshments in the courtyard. It will also be a great time to pick up your Summer Reading completion! El evento contará con la creación de pines para niños y adolescentes, pizza y refrescos en el patio. ¡También será un buen momento para recoger tus premios por completar el desafío de lectura de verano!

Pajama Storytime

Mondays, August 5, 12, 19, & 26, 7 – 7:30 p.m., the Nest

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

Zumba

Tuesdays, August 6, 13, 20, & 27, 5:45 – 6:45 p.m., Community Room

Zumba features rhythms like salsa, merengue, cumbia, and samba set to Latin and international beats. Wear comfortable workout clothes and shoes. No registration is required. Zumba presenta ritmos como salsa, merengue, cumbia y samba con ritmos latinos e internacionales. Use ropa y zapatos deportivos cómodos. No es necesario registrarse.

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

Wednesdays, August 7, 14, 21, & 28, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m., the Nest

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

LGBTQ+ Listening Forum

Wednesdays, August 7, 6 – 8 p.m., Community Room

You’re invited to share feedback on what programs and services are needed today for the LGBTQ+ community. Food and drinks will be served. Please [register](#).

LEGO Club

Friday, August 9, 3 – 4:30 p.m., the Nest

We provide LEGOs, children build fun creation that will be displayed in the library. Nosotros proporcionamos los legos, los niños construyen creaciones divertidas! Estas seran exhibidas en la biblioteca.

Vegan Sushi Making Workshop

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

You will learn about the ingredients, methods and tools needed. Also, the difference between sushi rice and rice and how to properly stack and roll. Registration required.

Poetry Readings with Garlicky Group of Poets

Saturday, August 10, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Downstairs Meeting Room

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

PC Building from Scratch Workshop

Saturday, August 10, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m., Community Room

This presentation, geared towards ages 11-15, will cover PC components and tools needed, step-by-step building process, budgeting and Q&A. Walk-ins welcome as space allows. Register to reserve your spot.

Self-Care Saturday

Saturday, August 17, 2:30 – 4 p.m., Community Room

We will create personal care products with rosemary and mint for you to take home and enjoy. Please note, we will be using dried herbs, coconut oil, and essential oils. This program is for teens and adults. Please register.

STEAM Program: Paper Skyscrapers (Grades 1-8)

Tuesday, August 20, 6 – 7 p.m., the Nest

We will learn about engineering skyscrapers and build a paper version. All supplies provided. En agosto, aprenderemos sobre la ingeniería de rascacielos y cómo construir nuestro propio rascacielos de papel. Todos los materiales serán proporcionados.

ESL Class Session/Sesión de clase de inglés

Mondays and Wednesdays, August 26 – November 25, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Reading Program

This class session is for high beginners to low intermediate. Join us to learn and improve your English listening and speaking skills. Space is limited so registration is recommended. Esta sesión de clase es para principiantes altos hasta intermedios bajos. Únase a nosotros para aprender y mejorar sus habilidades para escuchar y hablar en inglés. El espacio es limitado por lo que se recomienda registrarse.

Reading Buddies/Compañeros de Lectura

Monday, August 26, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m., the Nest/el Nido

Each 15-minute session is with a specially trained therapy dog and their volunteer. Stop by the Children's Desk to register for a 15-minute reading session. ¡Cada sesión de 15 minutos es con un perro de terapia especialmente entrenado y su voluntario! Pasa por el Escritorio de Niños cada mes para registrarte para una sesión de lectura de 15 minutos.

Pastel & Charcoal Drawing Class

Tuesday, August 27, 2 – 4 p.m., Community Room

All adult & teen artists are welcome. No experience necessary. All supplies will be provided. Please register. Walk-ins welcome as space allows.

LOS ALTOS -- 13 S. San Antonio Road**The Moon Dream Exhibit**

Through the month of August, Art Wall

Viviana Leija-Sysak's *The Moon Dream* art exhibition will be on display at the Art Wall.

ESL Class Placement Test

Thursday, August 1 – Friday, September 13, Conference Room

This class session is for beginner and intermediate students to learn and improve English listening and speaking skills. Registration for a placement test is required. ESL classes will be Monday, Tuesdays & Fridays from September 3 – October 29.

Toddler Storytime

Wednesdays & Thursdays, August 1, 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, & 29, 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.

ESL Conversation Club

Thursdays, August 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 1:30 – 3 p.m., Orchard Room

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

Preschool Storytime

Thursdays, August 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 3:30 – 4 p.m., Orchard Room

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

Teen Dungeons and Dragons Social Club

Thursdays, August 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 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.

Let's Make Origami (grades K-8)

Friday, August 2, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

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

Baby Sign and Stay & Play

Saturday, August 3, 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, August 5, 12, 19, & 26, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard Room

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

Bilingual Spanish Family Storytime/Hora de cuentos bilingüe para familias

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

Join us for stories, songs, and movement in Spanish and English. This program is designed for children up to age 5 and their caregivers. ¡Venga a la biblioteca para cuentos, canciones y movimiento en inglés y español! Este programa está diseñado para niños hasta 5 años de edad y sus cuidadores.

Happier Aging Workshop

Tuesday, August 6, 2 – 3 p.m., Orchard Room

Learn about healthier and happier living at home. The workshop will share local resources including senior transportation, as well as safety tips in the home. Please register.

The Whodunit? Mystery Book Club

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

We will discuss [Blacktop Wasteland](#) by S.A. Cosby.

Baby Storytime & Stay and Play

Wednesdays, August 7, 14, 21, & 28, 1 – 2 p.m., Orchard Room

Non-walking babies and their caregivers will enjoy songs, rhymes, gentle movement, short books and other fun. After storytime, enjoy the Stay & Play.

Eating Disorders and Body Positivity

Wednesdays, August 7, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

Join us for an informational presentation about eating disorders and body positivity. Register online.

Poetry Community Hour

Wednesday, August 7, 7 – 8 p.m., Pod D

Read your poetry, fiction or nonfiction, or just come to listen, talk and learn what's new in modern poetry.

Native California Oak Mysteries

Thursday, August 8, 7 – 9 p.m., Orchard Room

Of the some 600 species of oaks worldwide, roughly 21 are native to California. This talk will focus on understanding the recent historical identities of the surviving Santa Clara County oaks.

Special Performance: Happy Birds

Sat., August 10, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m., 11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m., 12:30 – 1:15 p.m. Orchard Room

Enjoy more than 25 amazing tricks performed by talking and singing parrots. Free tickets will be handed out 30 minutes before the performance. There are three performances.

Board Game Sunday

Sunday, August 11, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Orchard Room

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

Bay Area Games Day

Saturday, August 17, 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, August 18, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Orchard Room

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

Watercolor Workshop for Adults

Friday, August 23, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and 1 – 2:30 p.m., Orchard Room

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

Furry Friends Reading Buddies

Saturday, August 24, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m., Orchard Room

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

Now Read This Book Club

Monday, August 26, 12 – 1:30 p.m., Orchard Room

We will discuss [*The Heat Will Kill You First: Life and Death on a Scorched Planet*](#) by Jeff Goodell.

Los Altos Adult Book Discussion

Tuesday, August 27, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard Room

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

Wednesday Travel Nights

Wednesday, August 28, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Let's go on a stunning video journey on Antarctica and South Georgia Island.

Earth-Independent Operations for Human Missions to Mars

Thursday, August 29, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room

This talk will discuss the history of NASA's human space flight missions and current approach to increasingly Earth-independent operations including advances in communication networks, advanced sensor networks, onboard intelligent systems and crew preparation.

Writing Family History with AI Workshop

Saturday, August 31, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Orchard Room

Learn storytelling fundamentals from traditional tales to AI-generated narratives. Discover how AI can enhance your writing process and create captivating stories. Please register.

MILPITAS -- 160 N. Main Street**Decorate a Book Bag (Ages 7-12)**

Thursday, August 1, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m., Auditorium

Drop in to decorate a book bag. Book bags available while supplies last.

Brawl Stars Tournament (ages 12-18)

Friday, August 2, 12 – 1:30 p.m., Program Room

This is a bracket-style tournament with limited spots, so please arrive on time. Participants must bring their own charged phone. They will play in the “Friendly Duels” game mode and be allowed to ban one brawler each.

Qi Gong Meditation & Exercise Classes

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

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

Board Game Day

Saturday, August 3, 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.

Fun with Art Presented by First5 Santa Clara County

Wednesday, August 7, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Auditorium or Activity Room

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

ESL Conversation Club

Wednesdays, August 7, 14, 21, & 28, 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.

Little Learners STEAM (ages 3-5)

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

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

Speculative Fiction Book Club

Tuesday, August 13, 7 – 8 p.m., Auditorium

We will discuss [Recursion](#) by Blake Crouch.

Teen Intro to SQL Workshop (ages 12-18)

Saturday, August 17, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Program Room

Join us for a hands-on workshop on the basics of SQL (Structured Query Language). You'll be learning about database querying and data analysis. Bring a laptop if you can. Register online.

Open Creativity Craft Hour (Teens 13+ and Adults)

Sunday, August 18, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Auditorium

We will provide a variety of craft supplies, you bring the creativity! Walk-in while supplies last.

Baby Bouncers Lapsit for Pre-walkers

Tuesdays, August 20 & 27, 11:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Activity Room

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

Bilingual Mandarin/English Storytime

Tuesdays, August 20 & 27, 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

ICAN Read!

Wednesday, August 21, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Activity Room

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

Toddler Storytime: 1s and 2s Together

Thursdays, August 22 & 29, 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, August 22 & 29, 6:30 – 7 p.m., Activity Room

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

Family Storytime

Saturdays, August 24 & 31, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Activity Room

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

Reading Buddies for Grades K-5

Saturday, August 24, 2 – 3 p.m., Activity Room

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

The Peaceful Poets

Thursday, August 29, 5:30 – 8 p.m., Conference Room

Join other poetry writers and appreciators of poetry.

Rubik's Cube Club for Teens/Tweens

Fridays, August 30, September 6 & 13, 4 – 5 p.m., Program Room

We will teach you everything you need to know to solve your first Rubik's cube. Attendance for all three events is required. Space is limited, so register as soon as possible.

Teen Book Club (ages 13 – 18)

Saturday, August 31, 2 – 3 p.m., Program Room

Peer-led and run, this will be a relaxed meeting to just chat. We will discuss [*Under the Whispering Door*](#) by TJ Klune. Snacks and refreshments provided.

MORGAN HILL -- 660 W. Main Avenue

Lunch at the Library

Monday—Friday, Through August 9, 12 – 1 p.m.

Free lunch meals for kids ages 0 – 18. No registration required. **¡Almuerzos Gratuitos para niños de 0 a 18 años!** No es necesario registrarse.

Tiny Tot Jamboree

Fridays, August 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 11 – 11:45 a.m., Children's Activity Room

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

Itty Bitty Jamboree

Fridays, August 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 11:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Children's Activity Room

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

Bilingual Storytime for All Ages

Saturdays, August 3, 17, 24, & 31, 10:15 – 10:45 a.m., Children's Activity Room

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

ESL Conversation Club

Saturdays, August 3, 10, 17, & 24, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Adult Program Room

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

Zumba

Mondays, August 5 & 19, 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.

Reading Buddies for Grades K-6

Mondays, August 5 & 19, 6 – 7 p.m., Children’s Activity Room

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

Sneaky Bugs with Beetlelady

Tuesday, August 6, 1 – 3 p.m., Children’s Activity Room

Join us for an interactive storytime about how bugs hide and how they defend themselves. Meet live bugs up close and make insect camouflage art.

First Tuesday Knit-In

Tuesday, August 6, 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.

After Dinner Book Club

Wednesday, August 7, 7 – 8 p.m., Program Room

We will discuss [*The Coworker*](#) by Freida McFadden.

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

Fridays, August 9, 23, & 30, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Program Room

LGBTQ+ youth are invited to play games, participate in group activities and discussions, and build community. No registration necessary. The 30th meetup is a special end-of-summer program.

Cat’s Colors StoryWalk Concert

Saturday, August 10, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

Celebrate the launch of our StoryWalk® at Community Park with a concert featuring Sean’s Music Factory.

Dungeons & Dragons Open House: An Introduction to Parents

Saturday, August 10, 3 – 5 p.m., Community Room

This talk will highlight the positive social benefits of tweens and teens participating in D&D. You will discover how learning the skills to fight imaginary dragons can help with real world problem solving, and how it can help kids develop a sense of teamwork and of agency.

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

Monday, August 12, 7 – 8 p.m., Program Room

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

Explore Your Creativity: Open Paint Session

Tuesday, August 13, 6 – 8 p.m., Program Room

We'll have a limited supply of paint-by-number kits, canvas and paints available. Let your creative spirit guide you. Registration is not required.

Essential Laptop Repair Skills

Wednesday, August 14, 6 – 7:30 p.m.

Learn the basic skills to repair a ThinkPad laptop. Practice how to clean, replace, and check the health of the laptop's battery, RAM, fan, and screen. Do not bring your own device. Please note: laptops that are repaired in this program will go to a student or an adult in need.

Library Ukulele Society

Tuesday, August 20, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

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

Dungeons & Dragons for Teens (ages 11-18)

Saturday, August 24, 2:30 – 5:30 p.m., Program Room

If you are looking for a group to play with, join us! Please note, by joining our club you are committing to playing twice a month for the entire Fall 2024 semester. We will meet eight times. This first session is important, as we will discuss the type of campaign, basic rules and expectations and more.

Meditation at the Library

Sunday, August 25, 2 – 3 p.m., Program Room

Tune into the present moment, waken your senses and cultivate a deeper connection with yourself and the world around you. No registration required.

Western States Adventures with Road Scholar

Saturday, August 31, 12 – 1 p.m., Program Room

Explore the Channel Islands near Ventura, Joshua Tree National Park in Southern California, Oregon's Central Coast and San Juan Islands in Washington.

D&D Miniatures Painting Class for Teens (ages 11-18)

Saturday, August 31, 2:30 – 5 p.m., Children's Activity Room

We will provide the supplies and instruction. Experience with Dungeons and Dragons is highly encouraged but not mandatory. Please register online.

SARATOGA -- 13650 Saratoga Avenue**Glass Exhibit**

Through August, Main Lobby Glass Display

Enjoy glass artist Mark Fisher's beautiful, decorative glass art pieces.

Drop In Tech Help

Thursdays, August 1, 8, 15, & 22, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Oak Room

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

Baby Storytime (12 months or younger)

Fridays, August 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room

Join us for stories, rhymes, fingerplays and songs.

Family Storytime

Saturdays, August 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room

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

Join us for stories, rhymes, and songs.

Writing Family History with AI Workshop

Sunday, August 4, 1 – 3 p.m.

Learn storytelling fundamentals from traditional tales to AI-generated narratives. Discover how AI can enhance your writing process and create captivating stories. Please register.

Sci-Fi & Fantasy Book Club

Tuesday, August 6, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard Room

We will be discussing [The Natural History of Dragons](#) by Marie Brennan. Stop by the Adult Reference Desk to sign up for the meeting and pick up a copy of the book.

Knit & Crochet Circle

Wednesday, August 7, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Orchard Room

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

Chinese Book Club - 中文書友會

Thursday, August 8, 10:15 a.m. – 12 p.m., Orchard Room

The discussion is primarily in Mandarin. The August book selection is [AI科學家李飛飛的視界之旅 \(李飛飛 著 ; 廖月娟, 林俊宏 譯\)/The Worlds I See](#) by Dr. Fei-Fei Li.

Seasons of Birds at Shoreline Park

Tuesday, August 13, 7 – 8 p.m.

Local author/photographer Karen Gough shares a narrated presentation of original photographs and video about the wide variety of birds found at Shoreline Park. Register online.

Board Game Night for Adults

Monday, August 19, 6 – 8 p.m., Maple Room

Drop in and enjoy a variety of board games.

All About Seed Saving

Tuesday, August 20, 6:30 – 8 p.m., Community Room

Learn the science of seed saving and how to successfully save seeds for future uses. Also, get tips of seed storage, share and exchange with local gardeners.

Band Jam Session

Tuesdays, August 20 & 27, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m., Community Room

Grab your guitar or ukulele and let's jam!

Beginning Guitar Class for Adults

Tuesdays, August 20—September 24, 11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m., Community Room

This 6-week series is designed for the novice/beginner guitar player. Space is limited. Please register only if you can commit to coming all 6 classes.

Digital Literacy Class

Thursday, August 29, 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, August 5, 12, 19, & 26, 7 – 7:30 p.m.

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

Family Storytime: Birds

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

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

Woodland Adult Book Discussion

Tuesday, August 13, 2 – 3:15 p.m.

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

Family Storytime: Music

Sunday, August 25, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Backyard Patio

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

ONLINE EVENTS (Please register online)

Drawing for Kidz Bop Concert Tickets

Thursday, August 1 – Saturday, August 31

Kidz Bop is a children's music group that makes family friendly covers of popular songs. The group is performing at Shoreline Amphitheatre on September 22. Enter to win a Family 4-pack of tickets. One entry per family, multiple entries will be disqualified. Enter on our [website](#).

Online English Conversation Club

Thursdays, August 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Meet new friends and practice English together.

Virtual Author Talk: Dr. Jennifer Levasseur

Wednesday, August 7, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Dr. Levasseur will guide you through the Smithsonian's [Behind the Scenes at the Space Station](#).

Virtual Author Talk: Irina Smith, Ph. D.

Thursday, August 15, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Hear the constructive and healthy ways to approach the college applications process, preserve your relationship with your teen, and help them define success on their terms instead of chasing the elusive “[Golden Ticket](#).”

Virtual Author Talk: Shelby Van Pelt

Wednesday, August 21, 4 – 5 p.m.

We’re thrilled to host a conversation with acclaimed author Shelby Van Pelt whose debut novel, [Remarkably Bright Creatures](#), became an instant New York Times bestseller and a Read with Jenna selection.

Los Altos and Woodland Libraries

August 2024



Children's Programs

- ▶ **Science Saturday: Cryptography (8/3 10:30 am)**
- ▶ **3D Printing (8/9 at 3:00 pm)**
- ▶ **Board Game Sunday (8/11 at 2:00 pm)**
- ▶ **Furry Friends Reading Buddies (8/24 at 2:30 pm)**
- ▶ **Preschool Storytime (8/15 at 3:30 pm)**



ADULT & TEEN PROGRAMS

- August 7 at 10:15 am The Whodunit? Mystery Book Club
- August 7 at 7:00 pm - Poetry Community Hour
- August 15 at 1:30 pm - ESL Conversation Club
- August 18 at 2:00 pm - Sunday CrafterNoon
- August 20 at 2:00 pm - Happier Aging Workshop
- August 31 at 11:00 am - Writing Family History with AI Workshop

<https://scclld.org/events>

Gate Count

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

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

Items Checked In

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

	Los Altos Library	Woodland Branch
January 2024	45,113	10,124
February 2024	39,318	8,901
March 2024	46,996	11,193
April 2024	44,939	10,329
May 2024	46,334	10,490
June 2024	46,811	11,663

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Year	Month	#patrons added
11	2022	16
12	2022	6
1	2023	83
2	2023	77
3	2023	38
4	2023	20
5	2023	5
6	2023	7
7	2023	5
8	2023	7
9	2023	22
10	2023	25
11	2023	12
12	2023	40

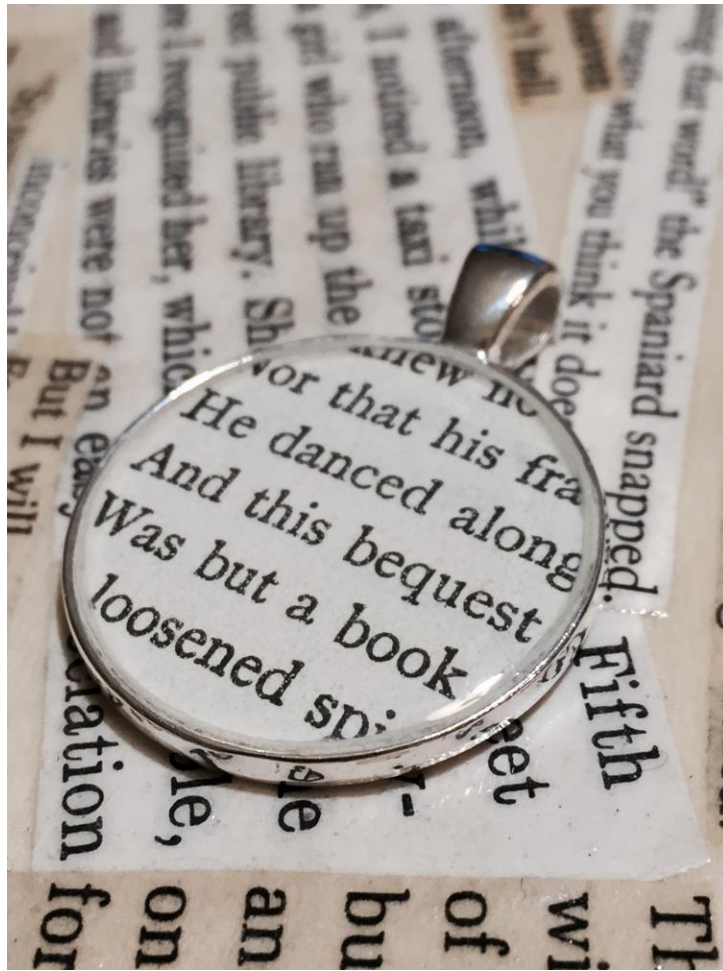
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Year	Month	#patrons added
1	2024	25
2	2024	41
3	2024	15
4	2024	10
5	2024	14
6	2024	10
TOTAL	11/22-6/24	488

GGB Visits

- June 2 - Los Altos Hills Picnic (125)
- June 4 - Avant (10)
- June 5 - Chinese School (23)
- June 10 - Covington Summer School (15)
- June 17 - Covington Summer School (5)
- June 20 - Almond YMCA Camp (31)
- June 24 - Covington Summer School (3)
- June 29 - Apricot STEM Fair (450)

Book Jewelry







Agenda Item 8.







Dear Los Altos Library,

Thank you for running Camp Read S'More. My son went in nervous and came out excited for the next session. I really appreciate your effort in engaging kids of similar ages during the summer.