

July 2023

Library Stakeholder Report

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## Summer Reading Second Wave

Summer Reading continues in July, with great programming for all ages. Animals, art, magic, music, reading and robotics, there is something for just about every type of interest. Adults can find their voices by taking part in a [karaoke night](#). Our list of the month's events is in the July Event Calendar or on our [online calendar](#).

Be sure you take part in our Summer Reading challenge. All you need to do is register on [Beanstack](#). Those who read 5 books (Audiobooks count!) and complete one activity by July 31 will earn badges for logging in their progress. Finishers will be able to pick up a reward at their local library during the month of August, while supplies last.

## Lunch at the Library

Morgan Hill and Gilroy Libraries are providing free lunches this summer to youth under 18 and their caregivers. These hot, nutritious meals, which are available while supplies last, are to be enjoyed at the library. No registration is necessary.

- Morgan Hill Library Program Room  
Monday-Friday, 12 – 1 p.m.  
Lunches available through Friday, August 4
- Gilroy Library Children's Activity Room (the Nest)  
Monday- Friday, 1 – 2 p.m.  
Lunches available through Friday, August 11



SCCLD partners up every summer with the Silicon Valley YMCA and Second Harvest Food Bank of Silicon Valley on this effort to help children thrive while school is out. Additional locations to find free meals can be found at [www.shfb.org/summer-meals/](http://www.shfb.org/summer-meals/). Those who are seeking free groceries or want to apply for CalFresh can call the Second Harvest Food Connection hotline at 1-800-964-3663, weekdays 8 am – 5 pm.

## Parks and Recreation Month

Summertime is here and with it a desire to get out and enjoy the warmer, longer days. July is [Parks and Recreation Month](#), when many Americans choose to visit local, [state](#) and [federal](#) parks. The Library offers many resource guides for [parks](#) and [hiking](#). You can check out a [California State Park Pass](#) from the library that grants free parking access to over 200 participating state parks.



The Gilroy Library and Morgan Hill Library circulation desks also carry [Nature Daypacks](#), which come equipped with a compass, nature guides, binoculars, and a parking voucher that can be used at [County parks](#) for families to enjoy their outdoor adventures. The Milpitas Library and Campbell Express also lend out county park passes.

## Libraries to Stock Life-Saving Drug Narcan

The Library District, in response to the request by the County Board of Supervisors to expand availability of Naloxone throughout the County, has limited onsite supply of the drug (better known by its brand name [Narcan](#)) at every library location for emergency use. Library staff members who volunteered have been trained on how to administer the Narcan nasal spray. Many facilities including schools and recreation centers are also stocking supplies of Narcan as a preventative step.



Narcan is an [FDA approved](#) over the counter anti-opioid medication, which if used immediately can save lives in the case of an overdose, including from the drug fentanyl. The County Behavioral Health Department recently launched a [public information campaign](#) to help increase awareness about the dangers of fentanyl, particularly when combined with other drugs, such as methamphetamines.

July through September, the Library District, in partnership with the County Behavioral Health Services Department will be holding a series of public education events around the danger of drugs and fentanyl, information about Narcan and the proper use of the Narcan nasal spray. Attendees who complete the one-hour program will receive a one box supply of Narcan.

Campbell Library – Thu., August 17, 7-8 pm

Milpitas Library – Sat., July 8, 2-3 pm

Cupertino Library – Wed., July 12, 1-2 pm

Morgan Hill Library – Tue., August 8, 6-7 pm

Gilroy Library – Wed., August 16, 7-8 pm

Saratoga Library – Sat., September 9, 1-2 pm

Los Altos Library – Sat., August 5, 1:30-2:30 pm

## Santa Clara County's Next Top Bards- Teen Edition

The winners of the [2023 Teen Poetry Contest](#) have been announced. Each community library has at least one winner, with middle and high school level students recognized. Samples of their work are included on the contest page, which also includes links to poems written by previous years' winners.



Teens can also enjoy a number of [specially curated booklists](#) across multiple interests this summer. These include a [Teens' Top Ten](#) list, [Teen Science Fiction](#), and Poppin' Reads for Teens, with books about music and musicians.



## Hear from a Trio of Popular Authors

Three bestselling authors will be featured in virtual events this month as part of the Library Speakers Consortium Series. These talks present a unique chance to hear directly from acclaimed writers as well as to ask the authors questions.

Virtual Author Talks schedule for July:

- [Charles Soule](#), Daredevil and She-Hulk author, plus [Death of Wolverine](#) and [The Oracle Year](#).  
Saturday, July 15 at 11 am
- [Ethan Kross](#), author of [Chatter: The Voice in Our Head, Why it Matters, and How to Harness It](#).  
Thursday, July 20 at 10 am
- [Erika Sánchez](#), author of [Crying in the Bathroom: A Memoir](#)  
Tuesday, July 25 at 1 pm

## July 4 Holiday

As a reminder, all SCCLD locations will be closed and in-person services unavailable on Tuesday, July 4 in recognition of Independence Day. Our [online library](#) is open and available 24/7.

## SANTA CLARA COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT JULY 2023 EVENTS

\* All libraries will be closed and services unavailable  
on Tuesday, July 4 for Independence Day \*

*\* Summer Reading events are highlighted in blue \**

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

#### **Special Performance: Happy Birds**

*Saturday, July 1, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Edith Morley Park (635 Campbell Technology Pkwy)*

The Happy Birds show will feature parrots, Macaws and Cockatoos performing a variety of incredible stunts, including riding a bike, playing basketball, skateboarding and talking.

#### **Outdoor Storytime**

*Wednesdays, July 5, 12, 19, & 26, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Heritage Theater Courtyard*

Join us for stories, songs and more. This storytime is aimed for kids ages 0-5 and caregivers. Please bring a blanket or towel to sit on.

#### **Special Performance: Sterling Bubbles**

*Wednesday, July 5, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m., Orchard City Banquet Hall*

Join us for fun with bubbles using hoops, loops, and other crafty contraptions. No registration required.

#### **ESL Conversation Club**

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

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

#### **Special Performance: Firebird Youth Chinese Orchestra Concert**

*Wednesday, July 12, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m., Orchard City Banquet Hall*

Enjoy a family-friendly program with classic folk pieces with unique Chinese instruments. No registration necessary.

#### **3D Pen Glasses**

*Thursday, July 13, 2:30 – 4 p.m., Room Q-80*

Use 3D pens to create your own unique pair of stylish glasses. This program is for school-aged children. Please register online.

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

### **Family Storytime**

*Saturdays, July 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Program Room*

*Wednesdays, July 5, 12, 19, & 26, 7 – 7:30 p.m., Program Room*

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

### **Courtyard Concert: The Charged Particles**

*Sunday, July 2, 1 – 2 p.m., Room 101/Library Courtyard*

Enjoy a funky jazz repertoire that blends in elements of classical music, and mixes complex orchestration with freewheeling improvisation.

### **Storytime for Babies (ages 0-1)**

*Mondays, July 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Program Room*

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 two adults per family.

### **Baby Wearing Dance Program**

*Wednesdays, July 5, 19, & 26, 10:30 – 11 a.m.*

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

### **Special Performance: Python Ron**

*Wednesday, July 5, 3 – 4 p.m.*

Python Ron brings his amazing collection of snacks to the library. Come learn all about reptiles in this interactive program.

### **Preschool Storytime (ages 3-5)**

*Thursdays, July 6, 13, 20, & 27, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Program Room*

This storytime will feature stories, songs, rhymes and dances that encourage the development of early literacy skills. Limited to the first 100 families.

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

*Fridays, July 7, 14, 21, & 28, 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.

### **Cupertino Non-Fiction Book Discussion**

*Sunday, July 9, 11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m., Room 201A*

We will be discussing [\*The Ravenmaster: My Life with the Ravens at the Tower of London\*](#) by Christopher Skaife.

### **Courtyard Concert: Classical Guitar with Bowen Zheng**

*Sunday, July 9, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Courtyard*

Bowen's solo repertoire spans the Renaissance with transpositions of John Dowland's lute music to contemporary composers such as Philipp Houghton.

### **ESL Conversation Club**

*Tuesdays, July 11, 18, & 25, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Room 201A, Second Floor*

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

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

*Tuesdays, July 11, 18, & 25, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Program Room*

This storytime will feature stories, songs, rhymes and dances that encourage the development of early literacy skills. Limited to the first 100 families.

### **Special Performance: Sterling the Bubblesmith**

*Wednesday, July 12, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.*

Join us for fun with bubbles using hoops, loops, and other crafty contraptions. No registration required.

### **Opioid Overdose Prevention**

*Wednesday, July 12, 1 – 2 p.m.*

SCCLD in partnership with Santa Clara County Behavioral Health is offering training about how to recognize opioid overdoses and how to safely administer the nasal spray, Naloxone (aka Narcan). Participants who complete the training will be given Naloxone dosages, while supplies last. Please register for this event.

### **Special Performance: Jeremy Shafer**

*Wednesday, July 12, 3 – 4 p.m.*

Jeremy Shafer is a juggler, unicyclist, and origami extraordinaire.

### **Chinese Book Discussion Group**

*Thursday, July 13, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.*

We will discuss 公雞之家 (Gongji zhi jia) *The Rooster House: My Ukrainian Family Story* by Victoria Belim. The discussion will be in Mandarin.



**Teen Craft: Create Your Own Beach Bag**

*Thursday, July 13, 2 – 4 p.m.*

Teens ages 12-18 are invited to create a design on a brand new tote bag. Online registration is required.

**Children's Bike Repair Clinic**

*Tuesday, July 18, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Community Room 101*

Sign up for a free safety and reliability check of your child's bike. There will be help for fixing flats, adjusting brakes and tuning gears. Please register.

**Special Performance: The Puppet Company**

*Wednesday, July 19, 3 – 4 p.m.*

Join us for a variety show where puppets are brought to life in an engaging story.

**Adult Book Discussion**

*Thursday, July 20, 7 – 8:15 p.m., Room 201*

We will be discussing [Trust](#) by Hernan Diaz.

**San Jose Taiko**

*Wednesday, July 26, 3 – 4 p.m.*

Let's close out Summer Reading with a thrilling taiko performance from the beloved world class ensemble.

**Mandarin Family Storytime**

*Friday, July 28, 7 – 8 p.m.*

Kids ages 0-5 are invited to join us for Mandarin Storytime.

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

**Lunch at the Library**

*Mondays-Fridays through August 11, 1 – 2 p.m., Children's Activity Room*

Kids ages 18 and under and their caregivers are invited to a free meal at the library. Meals must be eaten on-site. No registration required. Meals will not be served on holidays.

**The Neutral Zone**

*Wednesdays, July 5, 12, 19, & 26, 2 – 3 p.m.*

The Neutral Zone is a space for children ages 7-13 who have been impacted by divorce or separation in their family. Join us for games, activities and discussions. Please register.

**Family Storytime at Gilroy Library**

*Thursdays, July 6, 13, 20, & 27, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Children's Activity Room*

Join us for stories, songs and more.

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

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

Join us for an informal weekly drop-in knitting and crochet circle. Bring your projects, ask questions, get help, share ideas and meet new people!

### **Book Discussion**

*Friday, July 7, 10:15 – 11:15 a.m., Upstairs Quiet Study B*

We will discuss [\*The Housekeeper and the Professor\*](#) by Yōko Ogawa.

### **Safe Space Meeting for LGBTQ+ Youth**

*Fridays, July 7 & 21, 4 – 6 p.m., First Floor 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.

### **South Bay Singers**

*Saturday, July 8, 2 – 3 p.m., Community Room*

The South Bay Singing Choir will discuss simple ways to improve your singing, demonstrate singing, then lead you in a sing-along. Please register.

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

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

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

### **Summer STEAM Program Series: Ozobots for Grades 3-4**

*Monday, July 10, 2 – 3 p.m., Community Room*

Ozobots teaches kids how to direct a small robot to move along paths and perform tricks. Please register.

### **Summer Art Series: Oil Pastel Kingfishers**

*Tuesday, July 11, 2 – 3 p.m., Community Room*

Come and draw a kingfisher. All materials will be provided. This event is for kids between the ages of 8-12. Please register online.

### **Teen Craft: Design a Tote Bag**

*Wednesday, July 12, 2 – 4 p.m., Community Room*

Teens ages 12-18 are invited to decorate a tote bag with fabric markers or other crafts. All materials will be provided. Please register online.



### **Special Performance: The Corny Crow Show**

*Thursday, July 13, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.*

Steve Chaney is an experienced ventriloquist with a fun-filled performance that educated children on the many facets of ventriloquism, puppetry, magic, and juggling.

### **Immigration Rights and Benefits**

*Saturday, July 15, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Community Room*

Presented by an immigration law attorney, this program covers multiple topics of interest to immigrants. Learn the different pathways to legal status in the U.S. and your legal rights when interacting with law and immigration enforcement. Please register. Walk-ins welcome as space allows.

### **Speaking Self-Esteem/Positive Self-Expression**

*Saturday, July 15, 2 – 3 p.m., Community Room*

Attend this fun, low-stress and friendly mini-seminar to talk about self-esteem and healthy self-expression. This workshop is for entertainment purposes and not intended as medical advice. Please register. Walk-ins are welcome as space allows.

### **Horror Writing Workshop for Teens & Adults**

*Monday, July 17, 6 – 7:30 p.m., Community Room*

In conjunction with the Horror Writers Association's Summer Scares program, join Gilroy Library and a member of the HWA to study a short horror story. Discuss it as a group, and use it in a writing exercise. Learn what makes a horror story tick and use those skills in your own writing. All reading and writing materials and supplies will be provided, but you can bring your own writing tools also. This workshop is for adults and teens ages 13+. Please register.

### **Summer Tuesday Art: Pastel & Watercolor Golden Gate Landscape**

*Tuesday, July 18, 2 – 3 p.m., Community Room*

Come draw the Golden Gate Bridge, paint the setting sky and reflecting water. Materials will be provided. This event is for children ages 8-12. Please register.

### **Teen Craft: Laser Cutting**

*Wednesday, July 19, 2 – 4 p.m., Community Room*

Create your own wall/door hanger or key chain. Choose a design to carve and engrave into a piece of birch wood. All materials/tools will be provided. The laser cutter will be operated by library staff. This program is for teens ages 12-18. Please register.

### **Horror Writing Workshop for Children**

*Thursday, July 20, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Community Room*

Study a short horror story, discuss it as a group, and use it in a writing exercise. Learn what makes a horror story tick and use those skills in your own writing. All reading and writing materials and supplies will be provided, but you can bring your own writing tools also. This workshop is for kids ages 9-13. Please register.

### **Special Performance: The Magician Germar**

*Saturday, July 22, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.*

Germar incorporates comedy and crowd participation to create a uniquely captivating performance for families.

### **DIY Cross Stitch Pendants**

*Saturday, July 22, 2 – 3 p.m., Quiet Study Room B*

Find your voice and express yourself by making a cross-stitch pendant or mini-cross stitch project. We will provide the supplies and show you some cross stitch basics. This craft is for people ages 13+. Please register. Walk-ins welcome as space allows.

### **Book Discussion**

*Sunday, July 23, 3 – 4:30 p.m., Library Courtyard*

Join local sustainable food advocate Peter Ruddock for a lively discussion of the book, [\*Small is Beautiful: Economics as if People Mattered\*](#) by E.F. Schumacher.

### **Summer STEAM Program Series: Ozobots for Grades 5-6**

*Monday, July 24, 2 – 3 p.m., Community Room*

Ozobots teaches kids how to direct a small robot to move along paths and perform tricks. Please register.

### **Summer Art Series: Acrylic Evening Forest**

*Tuesday, July 25, 2 – 3 p.m., Community Room*

Stop by for our last Summer Art Series and paint an evening forest. Register online.

### **Watercolor Paint Party for Adults and Teens 12+**

*Wednesday, July 26, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Community Room*

Join artist Andrea Chebleu and paint a watercolor masterpiece. No painting experience needed. All supplies will be provided. Please register.

### **Special Performance: Sterling the Bubblesmith**

*Thursday, July 27, 12 – 1 p.m.*

Join us for fun with bubbles using hoops, loops, and other crafty contraptions. No registration required.

### **Biking Basics (presentation in English)**

*Saturday, July 29, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room*

This introductory class is great for people who are new to bicycling or are experienced and interested in learning more about how to enjoy safe and comfortable biking on roads. Please register.

### **Free Bike Repair Clinic**

*Saturday, July 29, 11 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., Outside Parking Lot*

Bay Area BikeMobile can fix almost anything, including flat tires, brakes, and shifters. Must have gears and wheels. Kids bikes get priority. First come, first served, space is limited. The Department of Public Health will be giving away free helmets for kids while supplies last.

### **Básicos de Ciclismo**

*Sábado, 29 de julio, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m., Community Room*

¿Eres nuevo en el mundo de la bicicleta y quieres aprender más sobre seguridad vial y navegación? ¿Ha pasado un tiempo y estás ansioso por volver a montar?

### **Hula Performance to Celebrate National Hawai'i Day**

*Saturday, July 29, 2 – 2:45 p.m., Community Room or Courtyard*

Join us for a hula show featuring live music and dance from the local dance group, Hula Halau 'O Pi'ilani.

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

### **Baby Sign Time**

*Saturday, July 1, 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.

### **Stay and Play**

*Saturday, July 1, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Orchard Room*

Non-walking babies and their grownups are invited to play with age-appropriate toys. Bring a blanket and come enjoy this socialization for babies.

### **Bobbin Wranglers Sewing Club**

*Monday, July 3, 7 – 9 p.m.*

Every month we will learn new skills and create a simple project from start to finish. Please bring your own supplies. Each month we will discuss what will be needed for the next project.

### **Bilingual Italian Storytime**

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

Join us for stories, songs and movement in Italian and English.

### **Insect Discovery Lab**

*Wednesday, July 5, 3 – 3:45 p.m., Orchard Room*

Explore the fantastic lives of beetles, millipedes, hissing cockroaches, walking sticks, whip scorpions and more. Free tickets will be handed out 30 minutes before the performance.

### **ESL Conversation Club**

*Thursday, July 6, 13, 20, & 27, 1:30 – 3 p.m., Orchard Room*

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

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

*Thursdays, July 6, 13, 20, & 27, 4 – 6 p.m.*

Stop by and watch the ongoing game. Right now the game is full, but we will occasionally have openings for new players.

### **Bilingual Spanish Storytime**

*Fridays, July 7, 14, 21, & 28, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard Room*

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

### **Family Storytime**

*Tuesdays, July 11, 18, & 25, 10:30 – 11 a.m. and 11 – 11:30 a.m., Orchard Room*

Join us for a fun, interactive 20-minute family storytime with sing songs, read stories, practice fingerplays and more. There will be a second storytime to accommodate those who weren't able to attend the 10:30 storytime.

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

*Wednesday, July 12, 10:15 – 11:15 a.m., Teen Room*

We will be discussing [The Blessing Way](#) by Tony Hillerman.

### **Special Performance: Sterling the Bubblesmith**

*Wednesday, July 12, 3 – 3:45 p.m., Orchard Room*

Join us for fun with bubbles using hoops, loops, and other crafty contraptions. Free tickets will be handed out 30 minutes before the performance.

### **Peninsula Astronomical Society Talk**

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

Presenter Francesco Meschia describes techniques for capturing amazing images. Learn about the use of specific light filters and processing of these images to show and highlight beautiful astronomical features.

### **Bay Area Games Day**

*Saturday, July 15, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m., Orchard Room*

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

### **Sunday Crafternoon**

*Sunday, July 16, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Orchard Room*

This all-ages craft is a way to relax with your community and let your creativity shine.

### **Monday Morning Meditation & Mindfulness**

*Mondays, July 17, 24, & 31, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard Room*

Come practice meditation for 20 minutes and ask questions for 10 minutes. No registration required.

### **Teen Craft Tins**

*Monday, July 17, 4 – 5 p.m.*

Decorate a tin and add a candle to make a mini shrine or kit.

### **Camp Read S'More for Grades 4-5**

*Tuesdays, July 18 & 25 and August 1 & 8, 2 – 3 p.m., Orchard Room*

Each week we will explore a different book and participate in engaging discussions and activities. Please register for this four-part series.

### **Camp Readaway for Grades 6+**

*Tuesdays, July 18 & 25 and August 1 & 8, 3 – 4 p.m., Orchard Room*

Each week we will explore a different book and participate in engaging discussions and activities. Please register for this four-part series.

### **Basket Weaving Class**

*Wednesday, July 19, 10:15 a.m. – 12 p.m.*

We will create a simple weave with raffia, you pick the colors. Space is extremely limited, registration is required. All materials are included.

### **Special Performance: Fratello Marionettes**

*Wednesday, July 19, 3 – 4 p.m., Orchard Room*

Enjoy a performance of Jack & the Beanstalk. Tickets will be available 30 minutes before the show starts.

### **Watercolor Paint Party for Adults and Teens**

*Thursday, July 20, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Orchard Room*

Join artist Andrea Chebleu and paint a watercolor masterpiece. No painting experience needed. All supplies will be provided. Please register.

**Get Ready for Kindergarten: Laugh and Learn Series**

*Saturday, July 22, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Orchard Room*

Through stories, movement and joyful play, children will develop valuable school readiness skills.

**Furry Friends Reading Buddies**

*Saturday, July 22, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m., Orchard Room*

Come practice reading skills and read aloud to a friendly dog or cat. Please register.

**Special Performance: Coventry & Kaluza**

*Wednesday, July 26, 3 – 4 p.m., Orchard Room*

Circus duo Coventry & Kaluza will bring oodles of skills & thrills including juggling, acrobatics, music, comedy and lots of hula hooping. Free tickets will be given out 30 minutes before the show.

**Wednesday Travel Nights: Roadtrip in the French Countryside**

*Wednesday, July 26, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard Room*

John Trudeau will lead us on a photographic journey of the French countryside with stops at a medieval town, a famous shrine, quaint villages, and other special monuments.

**Now Read This! Book Club**

*Monday, July 31, 12 – 1:30 p.m., Orchard Room*

We will be discussing [Trust](#) by Hernan Diaz.

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

**Family Storytime**

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

Early literacy focus is on picture books, flannel board stories, fingerplays and an early introduction to group dynamics and socialization.

**Summer LEGO Club**

*Mondays, July 3, 10, 17, & 24, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Activity Room*

Kids aged 5-12 are invited to drop by and have fun building with LEGOs. No registration needed.

**Family Jigsaw Puzzles for Ages 5-12**

*Wednesday, July 5, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Activity Room*

Children ages 5+ can challenge themselves to finish 100 or 500 piece jigsaw puzzles. No registration needed.



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

*Wednesdays, July 5, 12, 19, & 26, 2 – 4 p.m., Auditorium*

Relieve stress and anxiety, increase energy and vitality and improve physical health during these exercise sessions.

### **ESL Conversation Club**

*Wednesdays, July 5, 12, 19, & 26, 3 – 4 p.m., Group Study Room A*

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

### **Anime Club for Grades 6-12**

*Wednesdays, July 5 & 19, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Activity Room*

Watch anime with us and meet other fans of the genre.

### **Opening a Home-Based Mini Restaurant**

*Wednesdays, July 5, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Auditorium*

If you are thinking of starting a small business or side hustle selling home-cooked food, learn about the new Microenterprise Home Kitchen Operations (MEHKO) Ordinance. Please register.

### **Toddler Storytime**

*Thursdays, July 6, 13, 20, & 27, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Activity Room*

This storytime is geared to 1-2 year olds, and features lots of movement, singing and action.

### **Special Presentation: NorCal Bats**

*Thursday, July 6, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Auditorium*

NorCal Bats, a bat rescue organization, will share fascinating information about their habitats, behaviors, and unique adaptations.

### **Find Your Voice: Taylor's Version**

*Thursdays, July 6, 13, 20, & 27, 7 – 8 p.m., Auditorium*

Swifties are invited to come by for a series of Taylor Swift-inspired programs. This series is geared for children ages 5-16 and their caregivers. Please register.

### **Knit & Crochet Circle**

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

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

### **Milpitas LGBTQ Social Space**

*Friday, July 7, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m., Conference Room*

Enjoy good company, snacks, and fun as we socialize and make new friends. We'll play board games, card games or swing by for a good discussion.

### **Cookie Decorating for Teens**

*Saturday, July 8, 1 – 2:30 p.m., Conference Room*

Teens ages 12-18 are invited to a session in how to decorate cookies. Afterwards, participants will get an individually wrapped cookie set to keep. All supplies will be provided. Register online.

### **Opioid Overdose Prevention**

*Saturday, July 8, 2 – 3 p.m.*

Join us for a presentation on how to recognize an opioid overdose and how to safely administer the nasal spray Naloxone (also called Narcan). Participants who complete the training will be given Naloxone dosages.

### **Baby Bouncers Lapsit**

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

This program has an early literacy focus on traditional nursery rhymes, lap bounces, body rhymes, songs, very short and simple picture books. This program is focused on babies up to 12 months old.

### **Karaoke Night for Adults**

*Tuesday, July 11, 6:30 – 8 p.m., Auditorium*

Channel your inner diva with Karaoke Night. All equipment will be provided. This program is for adults ages 18+.

### **Robotic Fun with Ozobots**

*Wednesday, July 12, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Activity Room*

Children ages 8-12 will learn basic coding with Ozobots, markers and paper. Please register.

### **Create Your Own Book Bag**

*Thursday, July 13, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Auditorium*

The bags will be provided, just add your own decorative design! This craft event is for children ages 5-12. No registration required.

### **Gaming Day for Grades 3-8**

*Friday, July 14, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Activity Room*

Play videogames like Super Smash Bros, MarioKart and more. There will also board games available. You can bring your own controller, but you are responsible for them. Register online.

### **Tech Challenge**

*Wednesdays, July 19 & 26, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Auditorium*

The Tech Challenge invites kids to participate in an engineering design challenge. Please register.

### **Magician Perry Van**

*Thursday, July 20, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Auditorium*

Perry incorporates plenty of clean comedy that will keep you laughing while his magic will leave you in awe.

### **LGBTQ Movie Night**

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

Join the Avenidas Rainbow Collective and Milpitas Library for a screening of Fire Island.

### **Teen Craft: Create Your Own Tote Bag**

*Saturday, July 22, 1 – 2:30 p.m., Conference Room*

The bags will be provided, just add your own decorative design! This craft event is for teens ages 12-18. No registration required.

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

*Saturday, July 22, 2 – 3 p.m., Activity Room*

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

### **SCCLD Battle of the Bands Concert 2023**

*Saturday, July 22, 2 – 5 p.m., Auditorium*

Finalists will perform a 20-minute set in front of a live audience and judging panel.

### **Lego Tournament for Grades 3-5**

*Tuesday, July 25, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Activity Room*

Lego master builders are invited to show off their skills and participate in our Lego tournament. Please register.

### **Milpitas Library Book Discussion Group**

*Wednesday, July 26, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m., Auditorium*

We will be discussing [\*Finding the Mother Tree: Discovering the Wisdom of the Forest\*](#) by Suzanne Simard.

### **Special Performance: Jungle James**

*Thursday, July 27, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Auditorium*

James will educate kids about the habitats, habits, and unique features of exotic animals.

### **The Peaceful Poets**

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

Join this group of writers and appreciators of poetry.

### **Glow in the Dark Celebration**

*Saturday, July 29, 2 – 3 p.m., Auditorium*

Let's close out summer with a glow in the dark party featuring games and activities. This event is open to kids in kindergarten-8<sup>th</sup> grade.

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

### **Lunch at the Library**

*Mondays-Fridays through August 4, 12 – 1 p.m., Program Room*

Kids ages 18 and under and their caregivers are invited to a free meal at the library. Meals must be eaten on-site. No registration required.

### **Special Performance: Python Ron**

*Thursday, July 6, 10:15 – 11:15 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.*

Python Ron brings his amazing collection of snacks to the library. Come learn all about reptiles in this interactive program.

### **Where the Forest Meets the Sea**

*Saturday, July 8, 10:15 – 11:15 a.m.*

Join storytellers on a bilingual journey to new worlds, fantastical mysteries and moments that create wonder and curiosity in all of us.

### **Creative Mending**

*Saturday, July 8, 2:30 – 5 p.m., Program Room*

Use your creativity and innovation to mend or embellish your clothing instead of tossing them. Please bring some old pieces of clothing to practice on. Basic sewing skills recommended.

### **Principles of Modern Photography**

*Sunday, July 9, 2 – 3 p.m., Program Room*

Photographer Joan Sparks will cover the basic principles of modern photography, including composition, rule of thirds, natural frames, light, color, timing and storytelling.

### **After Dinner Book Club**

*Tuesday, July 11, 7:30 – 8:45 p.m., Program Room*

We will be discussing [\*Crying in the Bathroom\*](#) by Erika Sanchez.

### **Polymer Planetary Pendants**

*Wednesday, July 12, 6 – 8 p.m., Program Room*

Celebrate the beauty of the universe by making original polymer clay jewelry inspired by the planets. All supplies provided.

### **Toddler Storytime**

*Thursdays, July 13 & 20, 10:15 – 11 a.m., Children’s Activity Room*

Toddlers (2-3 years old) and caregivers are invited to join us for stories, music, movement and more.

### **Yoga as a Lifestyle**

*Saturday, July 15, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Program Room*

Learn the concept of ancient Yoga Vidya, find out how yogic practices helps in total well-being, learn how to integrate simple but powerful yogic practices into your daily routine.

### **Zumba**

*Mondays, July 17 & 24, 6 – 7 p.m.*

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.

### **Lego Bridge Challenge**

*Tuesday, July 18, 3 – 4:30 p.m.*

Design a bridge with Legos, then add weight to test the strength of the bridge. This program is for children ages 5+.

### **Library Ukulele Society**

*Tuesday, July 18, 5 – 7 p.m.*

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

### **Building Contraptions**

*Wednesday, July 19, 3 – 4:30 p.m.*

Use KEVA planks to create towering wooden sculptures, original works of art, or cleverly designed ball runs. This program is for children ages 5+.

### **Introduction to Embroidery Art**

*Wednesday, July 19, 4 – 6 p.m.*

This beginner-level class will walk you through all of the techniques you’ll need to stitch a bee to hang on your wall or display on a shelf.

### **Robotics Fun**

*Thursday, July 20, 3 – 4:30 p.m.*

Learn the basics of coding with interactive robots Dash & Dot, or experiment with the modular robotic Cubelets for simple pre-coding play. This program is for children ages 5+.

### **Space Day with Dr. Natasha Schatzman**

*Friday, July 21, 3 – 4:30 p.m.*

NASA's Ingenuity Mars Helicopter has completed 51 flights over the planet. NASA Aerospace Engineer Dr. Schatzman will discuss her work with the helicopter and share a special hands-on activity.

### **Improv Workshop**

*Saturday, July 22, 4:15 – 5:45 p.m., Program Room*

Join us for a fully interactive, fun non performance-based workshop that will be filled with improv-based exercises and reflections to give participants what they need to connect in today's rapidly changing world.

### **Special Performance: Sterling the Bubblesmith**

*Thursday, July 27, 10:15 – 11 a.m.*

Join us for fun with bubbles using hoops, loops, and other crafty contraptions. No registration required.

### **Watercolor Paint Party for Teens**

*Friday, July 28, 2:30 – 4 p.m., Program Room*

Join artist Andrea Chebleu and paint a watercolor masterpiece. This program is for teens ages 12-18. All supplies will be provided. Please register.

### **Create a Vinyl Suncatcher**

*Saturday, July 29, 1 – 2 p.m.*

Adults and seniors are invited to create a vinyl suncatcher. No registration required. Craft will be available while supplies last.

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

### **Jump for Joy**

*Saturday, July 1, 11 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., Community Room*

In lieu of our regular Saturday Family Storytime, move and groove to Jump for Joy's musical pizzazz and instruments.

### **Knit & Crochet Circle**

*Wednesday, July 5, 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.



**Special Performance: Xtreme Science Magic**

*Wednesday, July 5, 11 a.m. – 11:45 a.m., Community Room*

Learn scientific principles while watching fun, incredible feats of science magic, like a smoke-ring cannon!

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

*Fridays, July 7, 14, 21, & 28, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Orchard Room*

Join us for stories, rhymes, fingerplays and songs.

**Family Storytime**

*Saturdays, July 8, 15, 22, & 29, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room*

*Tuesdays, July 11, 18, & 25, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Orchard Room*

Join us for stories, rhymes, fingerplays and songs.

**Free Repair Workshop**

*Sunday, July 9, 1 – 3 p.m., Community Room & Outside Patio*

Volunteers will be on-hand to help repair items and teach participants some pointers fixing them. Repairs and maintenance services offered include electronic device cleaning, bike repair diagnosis, knife sharpening, clothes mending, and small furniture. Please register and indicate what repairs you need.

**Mystery Book Club**

*Monday, July 10, 7 – 8 p.m.*

We will discuss [\*The Thursday Murder Club\*](#) by Richard Osman. Drop by the Adult Reference Desk to sign up and pick up a copy of the book.

**Kids Craft**

*Tuesday, July 11, 2 – 3 p.m., Community Room*

Drop in and have fun using your imagination to make and take home your personal craft.

**Principles of Modern Photography**

*Tuesday, July 11, 7 – 8 p.m.*

Photographer Joan Sparks will cover the basic principles of modern photography, including composition, rule of thirds, natural frames, light, color, timing and storytelling.

**Special Performance: Magic Dante**

*Wednesday, July 12, 11 – 11:45 a.m., Community Room*

Come revel in Dante's zany and unbelievable tricks.

### **Indian Classical Concert**

*Saturday, July 15, 2 – 4:30 p.m., Community Room*

The concert is presented by Carnatic vocalist Manasa Suresh accompanied by violin and mridangam (percussion).

### **Classical Guitar Concert**

*Sunday, July 16, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.*

Join us for a performance with Bowen Zheng, who aims to connect with others through the classical guitar, and inspire individuals to discover the boundless joy found in music.

### **Kids Kite Making**

*Tuesday, July 18, 2 – 3 p.m., Community Room*

Apply your personal touch and artistry to make a beautiful kite to keep and fly.

### **Special Performance: Jungle James**

*Wednesday, July 19, 11 – 11:45 a.m., Community Room*

James will educate kids about the habitats, habits, and unique features of exotic animals.

### **LEGO Fun for Grades K-7**

*Wednesday, July 19, 2 – 3 p.m., Orchard Room*

Apply your engineering skills and imagination to build with LEGOs. No registration required, first come, first served.

### **Mandarin/English Storytime**

*Thursday, June 20, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Orchard Room*

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

### **Teatime Book Chatter**

*Thursday, July 20, 1 – 2 p.m.*

We will be sharing books we have read recently with the other group members.

### **Teen Zine Making Workshop**

*Friday, July 21, 3 – 5 p.m., Community Room*

Local artist Andrea Chebeleu will teach teens how to create their own zine and get creative. All supplies will be provided. This event is for teens ages 13-18.

### **Special Performance: Coventry & Kaluza**

*Wednesday, July 26, 11 – 11:45 a.m., Community Room*

Circus duo Coventry & Kaluza will bring oodles of skills & thrills including juggling, acrobatics, music, comedy and lots of hula hooping.

### **Spanish/English Storytime**

*Thursday, July 27, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Orchard Room*

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

### **WOODLAND – 1975 Grant Road**

#### **Canine Companions Reading Buddies**

*Fridays, July 14 & 28, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.*

Practice your reading skills with a friendly dog. This program is perfect for emergent readers. This is a drop-in event, registration is not required and space is limited.

#### **Family Storytime**

*Sundays, July 16 & 30, 11:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Backyard*

Join us in the backyard of the library for stories, songs, fingerplays related to Summer Reading.

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

#### **A Study in Literary Analysis: Discover Literature Criticism Online**

*Monday, July 10, 12 – 12:45 p.m.*

Literature Criticism Online takes literature, history, and culture to the next level with the largest, most expensive compilation of literary commentary available.

#### **Bookshare: What Are YOU Reading?**

*Tuesday, July 11, 7 – 8 p.m.*

Come and share what titles you have been enjoying. No limit on genre.

#### **Get Started with Libby**

*Wednesday, July 12, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.*

Join us for a one-hour presentation to help you get started with OverDrive's app, Libby, and get access to eBooks and Audiobooks.

#### **Virtual Author Talk: Charles Soule**

*Saturday, July 15, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.*

Join us for a virtual author visit with Charles Soule as he talks about his newest novel, [\*The Endless Vessel\*](#), which explores the way we're all connected.

#### **Introduction to Morning Investment Research Center**

*Wednesday, July 19, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.*

Morningstar provides analysis of stocks, mutual funds, and other financial investment products. You can build and analyze your investment portfolio. Join us for training session to learn more.

**Virtual Author Talk: Ethan Kross**

*Thursday, July 20, 10 – 11 a.m.*

Psychologist and author Ethan Kross will discuss his book, [\*Chatter\*](#), which uses a blend of cutting edge science and real-world case studies to help us harness the power of our inner voice.

**Virtual Author Talk: Erika Sánchez**

*Tuesday, July 25, 1 – 2 p.m.*

Sánchez will discuss her funny memoir in essays, [\*Crying in the Bathroom\*](#).