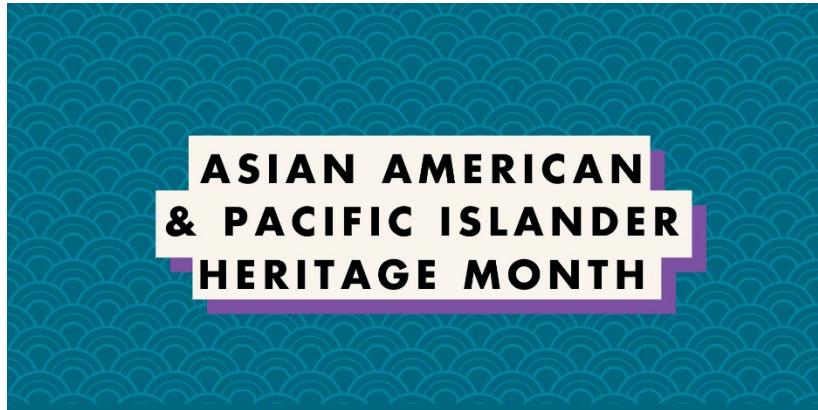


May 2024

Library Stakeholder Report

Jennifer Weeks, County Librarian



Celebrating the Tremendous Diversity of the Bay Area

Contributions of Americans of Asian, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander heritage are in store for this May as we mark [Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month](#). Around [half the residents](#) of Santa Clara County identify as Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) or Native Hawaiian.

Our libraries have many events to mark the month, including ones for [adults](#), [teens](#) and [kids](#). Below are some of the highlights. Find the complete list of events in our [online calendar](#). Also keep an eye out for special displays at many of our libraries. This includes a [Teen Art Exhibition](#) at Saratoga Library consisting of more than 70 pieces in multiple formats, which will be in place through the end of May.

- All May, Gilroy Library, [Lei Day Craft Kits](#)
- Sat. May 4, 2-4:30 pm, Saratoga Library, [Indian Instrumental Duet Concert](#)
- Sun. May 5, 11 am-12 pm, Los Altos Library, [Beginning Hula](#)
- Tue. May 7, 7-8 pm, Zoom, [Masterpieces of the Asian Art Museum](#) art talk
- Wed. May 8, 7-8 pm, Campbell Express Library, [Home From the Eastern Sea Screening](#)
- Mon. May 13, 7-8 pm, Morgan Hill Library, [Bollywood Dance Class for Adults and Teens](#)
- Wed., May 15, 3:30-4:30 pm, Milpitas Library, [Craft Around the World: China](#) (masks)
- Sat. May 18, 2-3 pm, Morgan Hill Library, [Nisseishin Daiko](#) community based ensemble
- Sun. May 19, 1:30-2:30 pm, Gilroy Library, [Hula Recreational Dance](#)
- Sun. May 19, 2-3 pm, Saratoga Library, [Hula Performance](#) by Hula Halau `O Pi'ilani group.
- Tue. May 21, 7-8 pm, Campbell Express Library, [Painting Enlightenment workshop](#)

We also are pleased to announce that the acclaimed Oakland-based graphic artist and writer Thien Pham ([Family Style: Memories of an American from Vietnam](#)) will be appearing at four of our libraries. [Saratoga](#) on Sun., May 19 at 3:30 pm, [Cupertino](#) on Tue., May 21 at 7 pm, [Milpitas](#) on Sat., May 25 at 3 pm, and [Los Altos](#) on Sun., May 26 at 4 pm. Saratoga also has a [Teatime Book Chatter](#) on Thu., May 16 at 1 pm about *Family Style*. Copies are available at the Adult Reference Desk.

You can find AAPI-related books in our collection for adults ([fiction](#) and [nonfiction](#)), [teens](#), and [children](#). There will also be an AAPI Heritage Month themed [Beanstack Reading Challenge](#) during May in which participants can earn badges while enjoying selected stories.

Get a Jump on Summer Reading 2024

The days are longer and warming up and that can only mean one thing- Summer Reading is coming! Our program kicks off June 1 and runs through July 31, with a theme this year of **Adventure Begins at Your Library**. Venture into a world of literature and fun at your local library. Look for details about events in next month's report and events calendar.



Starting May 1, patrons can register online for Summer Reading on [Beanstack](#). Those who read 5 books (reminder that Audiobooks count) and complete one activity between June 1 and July 31 will earn badges for logging their progress, and then pick up a reward at their local library during the month of August, while supplies last. Keep an eye on our website for information on Summer Reading, which will include booklists and event highlights. We look forward to adventuring together.



Enjoy Free Entry to Local Parks

This is the [100th anniversary](#) of the purchase of the first parklands by Santa Clara County in what has grown to include 52,000 acres and 28 parks. SCCLD is partnering with [Santa Clara County Parks](#) and California State Parks to offer free vehicle entry passes to parks here and across the state, good for three weeks.

County passes are available at the Accounts Desk of each library or from the Bookmobile on a first come, first served basis. State park passes need to be checked out from our [library catalog](#) and are good at 200 State Parks. Both types of passes require a physical library card to obtain them. Find full details on [our website](#).

Jewish American Heritage Month

From the creators of Superman, to baseball great Sandy Koufax, Barbra Streisand and Judy Blume, America would not be the same without the influence of Jewish Americans. A [staff blog](#) recounts some of the history of immigration to the U.S. by Jewish people from across the globe and lists several recent books.



A vibrant local Jewish community, estimated to be around 350,000 in the Bay Area, recently marked the holiday of Passover. Learn more about Jewish traditions in our [Arts & Culture](#) online resource page.



Mental Health Awareness Month

Modern life can be stressful and isolating. The good news is that there are more resources than ever available to address the many types of mental health issues that people face, from help relaxing to access to emergency assistance.

If you or someone you know requires emergency mental health assistance, free help can be found any time by calling 988. This nationwide line routes callers to trained local mental health professionals.

The County's [Department of Behavioral Health](#) is the lead local public agency in providing suicide prevention and other crisis intervention services. They can make referrals to providers around mental health and drug addiction issues. They offer assistance 24/7, including holidays, with translation offered.

May is [Mental Health Awareness Month](#), the perfect time to consider small or big changes to our lifestyle and activities to try to improve our mood and reduce stress. The Library has many resources that can help with your voyage toward self-improvement, including a [Community Resources](#) page.

[Headspace](#) is a great way to practice meditation and mindfulness, which can help you reduce stress and improve your sleep. We also offer [multiple events](#) at our libraries around these goals. Find health libraries by [StayWell](#) and [PlaneTree](#) in our 24/7 Online Library's [Health & Wellness](#) section, as well as [MedlinePlus](#), which features health information from the National Institutes of Health.

You can also find many books, eBooks and Audiobooks around mental health topics in our [catalog](#). Make sure to also check out the blogs for [Teens](#) and [Adults](#) on our website for book recommendations.

Making Mother's Day Memorable for Mom

Where would we be without our mothers? Moms, and the mother figures in our lives, have more responsibilities than ever, so plan something nice this Mother's Day (Sun., May 12). Here at the library we have lots of ideas to make it a great day.

Want to make something memorable? Check out Morgan Hill Library's DIY Salt Body Scrub [workshop](#) on Tuesday, May 2. Gilroy Library has a Mother's Day and Teacher Appreciation [Craft Workshop](#) on Sunday, May 5. Morgan Hill has another event on Thursday, May 9 where you can [Make a Gift for Mother's Day!](#)

Does your mom love a great read? Surprise her with breakfast in bed and new titles suggested by our staff. Check out the latest [nonfiction](#) and [fiction](#) booklists. We also have [picture books](#) about mothers. Find the perfect film or music to mark the day in our [eMovies, TV, and eMusic](#) section.



VIRTUAL Author Talks

Virtual Author Speaker Series for May

Each month we bring talks with top authors to you virtually. Here are May's offerings.

May 1 at 12 pm: [Douglas Brunt](#) will discuss his instant bestselling debut nonfiction work, [The Mysterious Case of Rudolf Diesel](#).

May 8 at 4 pm: You're invited to join [Nina Simon](#) online as she chats about her lighthearted whodunit about a grandmother-mother-daughter trio of amateur sleuths, [Mother-Daughter Murder Night](#)

May 15 at 7 pm: Join author [Sarah Lohman](#) for an overview of her important book, [Endangered Eating: America's Vanishing Foods](#), with a focus on California and other West Coast communities.

May 21 at 4 pm: We welcome you to register for a thrilling conversation with [Rebecca F. Kuang \(R.F. Kuang\)](#) as she chats with us about her *New York Times* bestselling novel, [Yellowface](#).

FYI- All SCCLD Libraries will be closed on Monday, May 27 for Memorial Day. Our [Online Library](#) is available 24/7 at [scclld.org](#)

SANTA CLARA COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT MAY 2024 EVENTS

***All SCCLD libraries are closed and services unavailable on
Monday, May 27 for Memorial Day***

Reading Challenge: Asian American Pacific Islander

May 1-31

Join our [Beanstack Challenge](#) celebrating Asian American and Pacific Islander voices. Earn badges by reading books, attending library programs, and doing activities.

CAMPBELL EXPRESS LIBRARY – 1 West Campbell Avenue, Room 46

Family Storytime

Wednesdays, May 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Room Q-80 (Roosevelt Room)

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

ESL Conversation Club

Tuesdays, May 7, 14, 21, & 28, 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.

Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month: Film Screening

Wednesday, May 8, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard City Banquet Hall

Join us for a screening of [Home from the Eastern Sea](#), a documentary that delves into the profound journey of Chinese, Japanese, and Filipino migrants to America.

Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month: Adult Book Club

Wednesday, May 15, 7 – 8 p.m., Room E-44

We will be reading a book honoring Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month. Please pick up a copy at the service desk. Register online.

Painting Enlightenment: Healing Visions of the Heart Sutra

Tuesday, May 21, 7 – 8 p.m., Room Q-80 (Roosevelt Room)

In honor of Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month, join us on an immersive journey into the healing visions of Japanese biologist and artist Iwasaki Tsuneo, whose art conveys resonances he discovered between scientific and Buddhist views of reality.

CUPERTINO -- 10800 Torre Avenue

Baby Wearing Dance Program

Wednesdays, May 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

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

Homework Help

Mondays and Thursdays, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Children’s Study Room

Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 6 – 7:30 p.m., Children’s Study Room

Students in grades K-5 who need homework help are encouraged to drop in for free tutoring.

Bedtime Storytime

Wednesdays, May 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 7 – 7:30 p.m., Program Room

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

Storytime for Babies (ages 0-1)

Thursdays, May 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 10:30 – 11 a.m., First Floor Program Room

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

Habitat Gardening for Pollinators and Birds

Thursday, May 2, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Room 201

Learn about the restoration project of McClellan Ranch Preserve, and get help revitalizing your own home projects.

Knit-Alongs at Cupertino Library

Fridays, May 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, 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.

Mandarin/English Bilingual Family Storytime

Fridays, May 3, 10, 17, & 24, 7 – 8 p.m.

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

Free Comic Book Day

Saturday, May 4, 10 a.m. – 6:30 p.m., Teen Room

Stop by and enjoy a selection of free comic books, while supplies last.

Family Storytime for All Ages

Saturdays, May 4, 11, 18, & 25, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Program Room

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

Digitize and Document Your Family History

Saturday, May 4, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

This program covers how to create an oral history using AI, scan and restore photos, access free or cost-effective multimedia conversion resources, use storytelling, movie making, and digitization to create a history book of your family.

Family Storytime

Mondays, May 6, 13, & 20, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Program Room

This storytime is suitable for children up to 5 years old and will feature stories, songs, rhymes and dances that encourage the development of early literacy skills. Storytime is limited to the first 100 families. Please bring a yoga mat or blanket to sit on.

Family Board Game Night and Practice Literacy Skills

Monday, May 6, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Community Room 201A

The provided board games will help you and your family members practice at least one English literacy skill (reading, writing, listening or speaking). Please register online.

ESL Conversation Club

Tuesdays, May 7, 14, & 21, 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.

Toddler Storytime (ages 1-2)

Tuesdays, May 7, 14, 21, & 28, 10:30 – 11 a.m.

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

FlexPrep Seminar: Analyzing the Class of 2024 Results

Wednesday, May 8, 7 – 8 p.m., Room 201

Analyze early application results, which give indications of how colleges have continued to adapt to the changing college admissions landscape, including testing policies and a more socially minded, less achievement-driven admissions process.

Art Therapy for Tweens

Friday, May 10, 4 – 5 p.m., Room 101

We will explore different techniques and art materials each month. Create your own unique piece of art to take home.

CU Creates: Monoprints with Watercolor

Friday, May 10, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Room 201A

This program is for adults 18+. Please register.

Nonfiction Book Discussion Group

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

We will discuss [*The Mosquito: A Human History of our Deadliest Predator*](#) by Timothy Winegard.

Sunday Movie Matinee: The Joy Luck Club

Sunday, May 12, 2 – 4 p.m., Room 201

Join us for a screening of *The Joy Luck Club* (Rated R).

LEGO Club

Tuesday, May 14, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Children’s Meeting Room

Children in grades K-8 are invited to build and create using LEGOs. Please leave your own LEGOs at home.

Book Discussion for Adults

Wednesday, May 15, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. or Thursday, May 16, 7 – 8 p.m., Room 201B

We will be discussing [*This Other Eden*](#) (2023) by Paul Harding.

Author Visit: Thien Pham

Tuesday, May 21, 7 p.m.

Bay Area native Thien Pham will discuss his books, including the most recent, [*Family Style: Memories of an American from Vietnam*](#) (2023).

Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month: Changemakers Book Club

Wednesday, May 22, 4 – 5 p.m., Room 101

Children in grades 1 – 3 are invited to register. We will be discussing [*Mindy Kim and the Yummy Seaweed Business*](#) by Lyla Lee. Pick up a copy of the book at the Children’s Reference Desk.

Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month: Freedom Readers Book Club

Wednesday, May 29, 4 – 5 p.m., Room 101

We will be discussing [*Parachute Kids*](#) by Betty C. Tang. Sign up at the Children’s Reference Desk and check out a copy.

GILROY -- 350 W. Sixth Street

Lei Day Craft Kits

All Through May, Adult Information Desk

Teens 12+ and adults can pick up a lei craft kit with all of the materials needed to make a single paper lei. One kit per person, while supplies last.

Snack Break – Free Snacks for Kids/Pausa de Merienda – Merienda Gratis Para Niños

Mondays-Fridays, 3 – 4 p.m./lunes-viernes, 3 – 4 p.m.

Stop by the library and pick up a **free** after-school snack. For kids 18 years old and under, while supplies last. ¡Pasa por la biblioteca y recoge una merienda gratis después de la escuela! Para niños de 18 años y menores, mientras duren las reservas.

Family Storytime

Thursdays, May 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 10:30 – 11 a.m., the Nest

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

Knitting and Crochet Weekly Meetup

Thursdays, May 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 1 – 4 p.m., Upstairs Quiet Study B

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

Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month: Book Discussion

Friday, May 3, 10:15 – 11:15 a.m., Quiet Study B

We will discuss [Convenience Store Woman](#) by Sayaka Murata.

Safe Space Meet-Up for LGBTQ+ Youth

Fridays, May 3 & 17, 4 – 5:30 p.m., First Floor Meeting Room

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

Free Comic Book Day

Saturday, May 4, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Second Floor Balcony

Stop by and enjoy a selection of free comic books, while supplies last. Limit 2 comics per person.

Saturday Storytime

Saturdays, May 4, 11, 18, & 25, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., the Nest

Enjoy stories and songs with your family and librarian Cameron. Disfrute cuentos y canciones en familia con el bibliotecario Cameron.

Let's Play! / ¡Vamos a jugar!

Saturdays, May 4, 11, 18, & 25, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Outside Plaza

We will set up Big Blue Blocks for children to play together every Saturday in May. Instalaremos Big Blue Blocks [grandes bloques azules] para que los niños jueguen juntos todos los sábados de mayo.

STEM Party for Grades 6-12

Saturday, May 4, 2 – 4 p.m., Courtyard and Second Floor Community Room

Try some experiments for each of the letters in the STEM acronym. Space is limited, so register to reserve your spot. Walk-ins welcome as space allows.

Mother's Day & Teacher Appreciation Craft / Taller de Manualidades para el Día de la Madre y Apreciación a los Maestros

Sunday, May 5, 1:30 – 3 p.m., the Nest

Prepare a gift for the mothers and teachers in your life. No registration required. ¡Prepare un regalo para las madres y maestras de su vida! No es necesario registrarse.

Book Discussion

Sunday, May 5, 3 – 4:30 p.m., Outside Courtyard

We will discuss [*Endangered Eating: America's Vanishing Foods*](#) by Sarah Lohman.

Pajama Storytime

Mondays, May 6, 13 & 20, 7 – 7:30 p.m., the Nest

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

Spanish Storytime/Hora de Cuentos Español

Tuesdays, May 7, 14, 21, & 28, 4 – 5 p.m., the Nest

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

Zumba

Tuesdays, May 7, 14, 21, & 28, 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 latines e internacionales. Use ropa y zapatos deportivos cómodos. No es necesario registrarse.

Reading Program Tutor Orientation

Wednesday, May 8, 10 – 11 a.m. or 6 – 7 p.m., Reading Program Room

Give back to the Gilroy or Morgan Hill communities by becoming an adult literacy tutor to support an adult learner improve their English reading, writing, listening and speaking skills to achieve their lifelong goals. Submit this [form](#) to register for the orientation.

Yoga at the Library

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

Start your journey towards calming your mind, setting your intensions, and stretching your body. Beginners are welcome. Please bring a yoga mat or towel. No registration required.

Poetry Readings with Garlicky Group of Poets

Saturday, May 11, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Downstairs Meeting Room

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

LEGO Club

Monday, May 13, 4 – 5:30 p.m., the Nest

We provide Legos, children build fun creations! Nosotros proporcionamos los Legos, los niños construyen creaciones divertidas!

Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month: Hula Recreational Dance

Sunday, May 19, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m., Community Room

The City of Gilroy Hula Dance will be performing a hula recreational dance. There will be a chance to take pictures with the hula dancers. La Clase de Baile Hula de la Ciudad de Gilroy realizará una Danza Recreativo de Hula. Habrá oportunidad de tomarse fotos con las bailarines de hula.

Trusted Response Urgent Support Team

Monday, May 20, 6 – 6:45 p.m., Community Room

May is Mental Health Awareness Month. The Trusted Response Urgent Support Team (TRUST) is a community service that helps residents during an urgent mental health or substance abuse situation. Learn more about this resource.

LOS ALTOS -- 13 S. San Antonio Road

The Whodunit? Mystery Book Club

Wednesday, May 1, 10:15 – 11:30 a.m., Teen Room

We will discuss [The Fine Art of Invisible Detection](#) by Robert Goddard.

Homework Help

Wednesdays and Thursdays, 3 – 5:30 p.m., Children's Room

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

World Affairs

Wednesday, May 1, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

World Affairs will discuss a different global issue each month.

ESL Conversation Club

Thursdays, May 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 1:30 – 3 p.m., Orchard Room

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

Teen Dungeons and Dragons Social Club

Thursdays, May 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m., Conference Room

Teens are welcome to drop in and watch the game. Right now, the game is full, but we will occasionally have openings for new players. Please check in at the Adult Reference Desk.

Baby Sign and Stay & Play

Saturday, May 4, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.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. After storytime, stay and play with age-appropriate toys.

Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month: Beginning Hula

Sunday, May 5, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Orchard Room

Learn the basic steps and hand motions of a hula song. Also, learn about Hawaiian culture through hula dancing.

Robot Demo Day with Harker Robotics

Sunday, May 5, 3 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

Children 5+ and their families are invited to join Harker School's 1072 Harker Robotics team as they discuss and demo the use of one of their robots.

Monday Morning Meditation and Mindfulness

Mondays, May 6, 13 & 20, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard Room

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

Early Literacy Music Series

Wednesdays, May 8, 15, 22, & 29, 10:30 – 11 a.m. and 11:15 – 11:45 a.m., Orchard Room

In place of our usual storytime schedule, join us for our early literacy music series. The May 8th program is with Teacher Barb. The May 15th program features bilingual performers Cascada de Flores. The May 22nd program features singer-songwriter MaryLee Sunseri. Sean Mendelson will headline the May 29 performance. Due to limited space, free tickets will be handed out starting at 10 a.m.

The Year of the Dragon Family Storytime with Oliver Chin

Wednesday, May 8, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

Local author Oliver Chin will read his latest picture book [The Year of the Dragon](#) in celebration of Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month. Free tickets will be given out 30 minutes before storytime.

Poetry Community Hour

Wednesday, May 8, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard Room

Share your poetry and come hear poems by local and national poets. You do not have to be a poet to attend.

Stuffy Storytime & Sleepover

Friday, May 10, 6 – 6:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Bring your stuffy to a special evening storytime. Afterwards, your stuffy is invited to a toys-only sleepover. You can also get pictures of their overnight adventures! Register online.

Board Game Sunday

Sunday, May 12, 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!

Page Turners Book Club for 4th & 5th Graders

Wednesday, May 15, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

We will be discussing [Everything on a Waffle](#) by Polly Horvath, and then we will do a fun activity related to the book. Please register.

Wonderful Pollinators

Wednesday, May 15, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room

UC Master Gardener Laura Westley will discuss different pollinators such as birds, bees and butterflies.

Propagating Native Plants at Home

Thursday, May 16, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Growing native plants from seeds and cuttings is a great way to bring biodiversity to your garden, while saving money and connecting more deeply with nature.

Bay Area Games Day

Saturday, May 18, 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, May 19, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Orchard Room

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

Now Read This Book Club

Monday, May 20, 12 – 1 p.m., Orchard Room

We will discuss [*We Could Have Been Friends, My Father and I: A Palestinian Memoir*](#) by Raja Shehadeh.

Book Bugs Club for 2nd & 3rd Graders

Tuesday, May 21, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

We will read and discuss [*Rescue on Turtle Beach*](#) by Jen Marlin. Please register and pick up a copy of the book at the Children's Desk at Los Altos or Woodland Library.

Book Talk for Grades 2 – 4

Wednesday, May 22, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

Bring a favorite book or recent read that you would recommend to other readers. After that, we'll do a fun activity. Register online, drop-ins are welcome.

Wednesday Travel Nights: Pakistan

Wednesday, May 22, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Seiji Kawamura will take us on his 24-day journey trekking over 3 major glaciers to the base camp of K2, the world's second highest mountain peak.

Climate Fresk

Thursday, May 23, 5 – 8 p.m., Orchard Room

Climate Fresk is a fun, participative, yet 100% science-based serious game about climate. This workshop will teach the fundamental science behind climate change and empower you to take action and/or understand the kind of policies needed to address and adapt to it. Please register.

Furry Friends Reading Buddies

Saturday, May 25, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Children in grades K-8 can practice their reading skills and read aloud to a friendly dog or cat. Please register for this program.

Piggy Bank Pioneers

Sunday, May 26, 2 – 2:45 p.m., Orchard Room

Children ages 5-8 are invited to join the Mountain View High School's Personal Finance Club to step into an interactive life simulation and practice budgeting techniques. Register online.

Author Visit: Thien Pham

Sunday, May 26, 4 p.m.

Bay Area native Thien Pham will discuss his books, including the most recent, [*Family Style: Memories of an American from Vietnam*](#) (2023).

Earrings with Dei

Wednesday, May 29, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Teens and adults are invited to make earrings with us. All supplies will be provided. Please register.

Teen Lock In

Friday, May 31, 7 – 9 p.m., Orchard Room

Join in the marshmallow hunt, turn the library into a mini-golf course, and play games with your friends. Pizza and snacks will be served. This program is for ages 12-17. Registration is required.

MILPITAS -- 160 N. Main Street

Fun with Art Presented by First5 Santa Clara County

Wednesday, May 1, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Come make some art with us and learn about the resources provided at the resource center. This program is for children ages 3 – 5.

ESL Conversation Club

Wednesdays, May 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 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.

Tween Time: Stencil Art

Wednesday, May 1, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Activity Room

Tweens will create their own stencil art on canvas. Paint will be used, so make sure to wear clothes that can get messy. All supplies will be provided. Space is limited, so please register at the Children's Help Desk. This program is for children in grades 4-8.

Homework Help

Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Conference Room

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

Toddler Storytime: 1s and 2s Together

Thursdays, May 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 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

Thursdays, May 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 6:30 – 7 p.m., Activity Room

This storytime, aimed at preschoolers aged 3 – 5 focuses on picture books, flannel board stories and other storytelling activities. Librarians will also share kindergarten readiness resources.

Qi Gong Meditation & Exercise Classes

Fridays, May 3, 10, 17, & 24, 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, May 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31, 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, May 4, 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.

Family Storytime

Saturdays, May 4, 11, 18 & 25, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Activity Room

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

Baby Bouncers Lapsit for Pre-walkers

Tuesdays, May 7, 14, 21, & 28, 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, May 7, 14, 21, & 28, 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

Digitize and Document Your Family History

Sunday, May 12, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

This program covers how to create an oral history using AI, scan and restore photos, access free or cost-effective multimedia conversion resources, use storytelling, movie making, and digitization to create a history book of your family.

Speculative Fiction Book Club

Tuesday, May 14, 7 – 8 p.m., Auditorium

Explore strange worlds and alternate realities by joining the first meeting of the Speculative Fiction Book Club. Register and pick up a copy of [Parable of the Sower](#) by Octavia Butler.

Crafts Around the World: China

Wednesday, May 15, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Activity Room

Let's make a Chinese Opera mask. Supplies will be provided. This program is for all ages. Please register.

LEGO Club for Grades K-8

Monday, May 20, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Activity Room

Children will use their creativity and engineering skills to free build anything they can imagine. This is a drop-in program.

Milpitas Book Discussion Group and Author Visit

Wednesday, May 22, 7 – 8 p.m., Auditorium

Author C.W. Gortner will discuss his latest novel, [The American Adventurers](#). Audience Q&A to follow. There will be a limited number of signed books available for purchase.

Reading Buddies for Grades K-5

Saturday, May 25, 2 – 3 p.m., Activity Room

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

Author Visit: Thien Pham

Saturday, May 25, 4 p.m.

Bay Area native Thien Pham will discuss his books, including the most recent, [Family Style: Memories of an American from Vietnam](#) (2023).

The Peaceful Poets

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

Join other poetry writers and appreciators of poetry.

MORGAN HILL -- 660 W. Main Avenue

Snack Break – Free Snacks for Kids / Pausa de Merienda – Merienda Gratis Para Niños

Mondays-Thursdays, 3 – 4 p.m. (Except Spring Break) / lunes-jueves, 3 – 4 p.m.

Stop by the library and pick up a **free** after-school snack. For kids 18 years old and under, while supplies last. ¡Pasa por la biblioteca y recoge una merienda **gratis** después de la escuela! Para niños de 18 años y menores, mientras duren las reservas.

Kids STEM Club

Wednesday, May 1, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m., Activity Room

School-aged children will explore different STEM topics with hands-on activities. This is a drop-in program for children ages 5+.

After Dinner Book Club

Wednesday, May 1, 7 – 8 p.m., Program Room

In honor of Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month, we will discuss [*Yellowface*](#) by R.F. Kuang.

Toddler Storytime

Thursdays, May 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 10:15 – 10:45 a.m., Children’s Activity Room

Join us for stories, music, movement and more. This program is geared towards children ages 2-3 and their caregivers.

Drop-in Libby Help

Thursday, May 2, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Information Desk

Drop in to get help with eBooks and Audiobooks on your kindles, tablets, and smartphones via the Libby app. Please bring your device with you.

Preschool Storytime

Thursdays, May 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 11 – 11:45 a.m., Children’s Activity Room

Children ages 4-5 and caregivers are invited to join us for stories, music, movement and more.

DIY Salt Body Scrub

Thursday, May 2, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m., Program Room

Make a salt body scrub for yourself, a loved one, or a gift for Mother’s Day. No registration required. Supplies limited to the first 25 participants.

Tiny Tot Jamboree

Fridays, May 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, 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, May 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, 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, May 4, 11, 18, & 25, 10:15 – 10:45 a.m., Children's Activity Room

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

ESL Conversation Club

Saturdays, May 4, 11, & 18, 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. Register online. / ¡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. Se requiere que se registre en línea.

Homework Help

Mondays and Tuesdays, 4 – 6 p.m., Children's Activity Room

Students in grades K-6 who need homework help are encouraged to stop by for free tutoring. No registration is required. Homework Help will not be available on Monday, May 27.

Zumba

Monday, May 6, 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.

LEGO Club

Tuesdays, May 7, 14, 21, & 28, 3 – 4 p.m.

Use LEGOs to build based on our weekly theme or build whatever you want.

First Tuesday Knit-In

Tuesday, May 7, 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.

Growing Summer Flowers, Herbs and Vegetables in Containers

Wednesday, May 8, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., Program Room

Discover what types of plants are perfect container candidates. Watering, nutrients, soil mix, and other requirements will be discussed.

Make a Mother's Day Gift

Thursday, May 9, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Program Room

Teens ages 12-18 can make a personalized gift and Mother's Day card. Please register.

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

Fridays, May 10 & 24, 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.

Family Board Game Day and Practice Literacy Skills

Monday, May 13, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Community Room

The provided board games will help you and your family members practice at least one English literacy skill (reading, writing, listening or speaking). Please register online.

BollyBe: Bollywood Dance Class for Adults and Teens

Monday, May 13, 7 – 8 p.m., Program Room

Groove to energetic Bollywood beats and explore a bit of South Asian culture and heritage. No experience necessary.

Create Your Own Manga

Tuesday, May 14, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Program Room

In honor of Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, author and artist Oliver Chin will teach teens how to draw in the style of Japanese comics and animation. Please register.

Family Fun Night

Tuesday, May 14, 6:30 – 8 p.m., Children's Activity Room

Join us for an evening of exploration and fun for families with school-aged children. This month we will participate in a STEM activity.

Kids Art Club

Wednesday, May 15, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Children's Activity Room

School aged children will explore different techniques, styles, and art materials each month. This is a drop-in program for children ages 5+.

Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month Film Screening

Wednesday, May 15, 5:30 – 8:30 p.m., Program Room

We will be watching the film, *Crazy Rich Asians* (PG-13), based on the novel by Kevin Kwan.

Bike Repair Clinic for Children

Saturday, May 18, 8:30 – 10:30 a.m., Parking Lot

Kids can bring their broken down, flat-tired, squeaky braked, rusty-chained bikes for a quick fix up. Please register for a time slot.

AAPI Special Performance: Nisseishin Daiko

Saturday, May 18, 2 – 3 p.m., Program Room

Nisseishin Daiko has showcased their talent across the Bay Area, gracing theaters, festivals, parades, and schools with their enchanting performances.

Meditation at the Library

Sunday, May 19, 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.

Library Ukulele Society

Tuesday, May 21, 5 – 7 p.m.

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

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AAPI Teen Art Exhibit

All Through May, Group Study Room

This exhibit showcases the creativity of the AAPI student community. More than 70 pieces are displayed, including drawings, acrylics, oil paintings and 3D art.

Paper Characters in 3D

All Through May, Lobby Glass Case

Enjoy this 3D paper figure exhibit by San Jose resident Austin Oh.

Oasis of Serenity Art Exhibit

All Through May, Main Lobby

Enjoy the works of local artist Kirti Singh.

Knit & Crochet Circle

Wednesday, May 1, 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.

An Alaska Adventure

Wednesday, May 1, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

The Saratoga Historical Society will discuss the book, *An Alaskan Adventure: A Story of Finding Gold in the Far North*. The book was written by Frederick Currier, a Saratoga pioneer, and edited by his daughter, Amy June Jorgensen.

Baby Storytime (12 months or younger)

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

Join us for stories, rhymes, fingerplays and songs.

Free Comic Book Day

Saturday, May 4, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Stop by and enjoy a selection of free comic books. One comic per person, while supplies last.

Family Storytime

Saturdays, May 4, 11, 18, & 25, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room

Tuesdays, May 7, 14, 21, & 28, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Orchard Room

Join us for stories, rhymes, and songs.

The Lost Universe: A Roleplaying Adventure

Saturday, May 4, 1 – 3:30 p.m., Maple Room

Join us for a roleplaying game adventure developed by NASA. It is a Dungeons & Dragons-like single session adventure that combines fantasy and science. This program is for students in grades 6-8. Register to guarantee a spot.

Indian Instrumental Duet Concert

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

In celebration of Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month, enjoy a concert with Srivastha Pasumarthi, Hrishikesh Chary, Sanjay Subramanian and Sathya Ganesan.

Mah Jongg Drop-In

Monday, May 6, 13, & 20, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Come play American-style Mah Jongg. This is a way to practice playing in a friendly environment. This is not an instructional class.

Mystery Book Club

Monday, May 6, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard Room

In celebration of Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, we will be discussing [*Malice*](#) by Keigo Higashino. Stop by the Adult Reference Desk to sign up for the meeting and pick up a copy of the book.

Ukulele Jam Session

Tuesdays, May 7 & 14, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m., Community Room

All players who know basic chords and are beginner to intermediate level are invited to learn new chords and rhythms. Please bring your own uke, other materials will be provided.

Sci-Fi & Fantasy Book Club

Tuesday, May 7, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard Room

We will be discussing [*Exhalation*](#) by Ted Chiang. Stop by the Adult Reference Desk to sign up for the meeting and pick up a copy of the book.

Young Investors Club: Financial Literacy for Teens

Wednesdays, May 8 & 22, 4 – 5 p.m., Learning Lab

Teens ages 12-18 will learn the basics of saving and making money. Experience buying stocks through simulators and develop a deep understanding about how the stock market works.

Email sateen@sccl.org to join.

Family Bingo Night

Friday, May 10, 4 – 5 p.m., Community Room

Fun for the entire family! Get a Bingo and win a prize.

Paper Flower Lei Craft for Kids

Tuesday, May 14, 4 – 5 p.m., Community Room

Kids 5+ can create a paper flower lei. All materials are provided, while supplies last.

LEGOs

Wednesday, May 15, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

Children ages 5+ should join us for an hour of fun building LEGOs. Kids younger than 5 can have fun playing with Duplos.

Teatime Book Chatter

Thursday, May 16, 1 – 2 p.m.

In celebration of Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, we will be discussing [*Family Style: Memories of an American from Vietnam*](#) by Thien Pham. Visit the Adult Reference Desk to register and pick up a copy of this month's pick.

Introduction to CAD & 3D Printing

Saturdays, May 18 & 25, 11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m., Training Room Adult Area

Teens ages 14+ and young adults can participate in learning Computer-Aided Design and 3D printing basics and troubleshooting. Please bring your own laptop. Register online.

Rhythms of India Dance Program

Saturday, May 18, 2 – 4 p.m., Community Room

Some of the Bay Area's esteemed dance schools will be performing classical dances from India. All are welcome.

Hula Performance

Sunday, May 19, 2 – 3 p.m., Community Room

Join us for a hula show featuring live music and dance from Hula Halau 'O Pi'ilani, which prides itself on bringing aloha and the Hawaiian cultural experience to all walks of life. All are welcome.

Author Visit: Thien Pham

Sunday, May 19, 3:30 p.m.

Bay area native Thien Pham will discuss his books, including the most recent, [Family Style: Memories of an American from Vietnam](#) (2023).

Travel Program: Japan

Tuesday, May 21, 7:15 – 8:30 p.m.

Take a tour of Kyushu, Shikoku, and Honshu using the Japan Rail Pass to follow the fall colors and taste the culinary delights of Japan.

WOODLAND – 1975 Grant Road

Mother's Day Themed Family Storytime

Sunday, May 5, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Backyard Patio (weather permitting)

Join us in the backyard of the library for stories, songs, fingerplays as we enjoy a Mother's Day themed storytime. Dress for the weather!

Monday Meditation and Mindfulness

Mondays, May 6, 13, & 20, 7 – 7:30 p.m.

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

Family Storytime: Dirty and Clean

Sunday, May 19, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Backyard Patio (weather permitting)

Join us in the backyard of the library for stories, songs, fingerplays as we enjoy a storytime around the theme Dirty and Clean. Dress for the weather!

ONLINE EVENTS (Please register online)

Virtual Author Talk: Douglas Brunt

Wednesday, May 1, 12 – 1 p.m.

New York Times bestselling author Douglas Brunt will talk about his debut nonfiction work, [The Mysterious Case of Rudolf Diesel: Genius, Power, and Deception on the Eve of World War I.](#)

Online English Conversation Club

Thursdays, May 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Meet new friends and practice English together.

Online ESL Book Club

Friday, May 3, 4 – 5 p.m.

We will discuss [The Paris Wife](#) by Paula McLain.

Art Across Asia

Tuesday, May 7, 7 – 8 p.m.

In celebration of Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, join us for a webinar and enjoy fabulous statues, ancient bronzes, mystic jade, delicate ceramics, and evocative paintings.

Virtual Author Talk: Nina Simon

Wednesday, May 8, 4 – 5 p.m.

Santa Cruz based author Nina Simon will discuss her lighthearted whodunnit about a grandmother-mother-daughter trio of amateur sleuths, [*Mother-Daughter Murder Night*](#).

Virtual Author Talk: Sarah Lohman

Wednesday, May 15, 7 – 8 p.m.

Author Sarah Lohman will provide an overview of her book, [*Endangered Eating: America's Vanishing Foods*](#) with a focus on California and other West Coast communities.

Silicon Valley Youth Climate Action: Environmental Talk

Monday, May 20, 5 – 6 p.m.

The Youth Climate Action is a youth-led organization that advocates at the city, county, and state level in favor of strong climate policy.

Virtual Author Talk: R.F. Kuang

Tuesday, May 21, 4 – 5 p.m.

Join this thrilling conversation with Rebecca F. Kuang (R.F. Kuang) as she discusses her bestselling novel, [*Yellowface*](#).

Overcoming the Insecurity Around Social Security

Tuesday, May 28, 7 – 8 p.m.

Get insight to understanding the nuances of Social Security benefits, and how it might impact your personal finances. Learn strategies that might help you optimize benefits and decide when to claim them to secure retirement.