

October 2023

Library Stakeholder Report

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BANNED BOOKS WEEK

OCTOBER 1-7, 2023

Celebrating the Freedom to Read

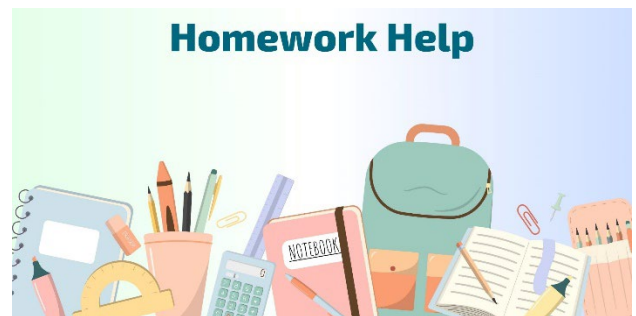
Each year the American Library Association (ALA) sponsors [Banned Books Week](#) to draw attention to efforts across the country to censor books in libraries, bookstores, and schools. Last year there were 1,269 such demands, nearly twice as many as in 2021.

This year's theme for the week is "Let Freedom Read."

The vision of the Santa Clara County Library District (SCCLD), as stated in its recently adopted [Strategic Plan](#), is to aspire to be an inclusive space where everyone feels welcomed, supported in their lifelong learning, and energized to help us evolve as a community. We work to create a world in which access to knowledge, resources, and opportunities is guaranteed to all. This connects to the ALA's [Library Bill of Rights](#), which protects the public's right to access materials and maintains libraries as open forums for information and ideas.

In-Person Homework Help for K-6

Starting this month, students in grades K-6 will be able to receive in-person help with their homework at six SCCLD libraries. The tutors, who have completed training in order to qualify for this program, will be available to assist with questions about Math and English/Language Arts from 4 to 5:30 pm, Monday through Thursday. Students will be helped on a first come, first served basis. No reservations are required.



Homework Help will initially be available at the Cupertino, Milpitas, and Saratoga libraries starting on Monday, October 9, with Gilroy, Los Altos, and Morgan Hill libraries starting their programs soon after. The dates and times will be shared soon on our website and across our social media channels.

SCCLD also offers several online resources around [homework help](#), including virtual tutoring sessions through [Brainfuse HelpNow](#). Students in grades [4-8](#) and [9-12](#) each have access to their own Student Centers by LearningExpress featuring skill-building resources for classroom and homework success.

FYI- SCCLD Libraries will be closed on Monday, October 9 in observance of Indigenous Peoples' Day (formerly Columbus Day). Our Online Library is available 24/7 at scclld.org/.

Hispanic Heritage Month Continues

The second half of [National Hispanic Heritage Month](#) takes place from now until October 15, as we continue to mark the accomplishments of Americans with heritage from the countries of Latin America, the Caribbean, and Spain. Have you signed up yet on Beanstack to be part of the [Reading Challenge](#)? Earn virtual badges for attending a Hispanic Heritage Month program at a library, completing a special activity, and reading a book off of our special themed booklist.



Many of our libraries' events are taking place over the next few weeks. Here are the highlights.

- **Special Storytimes with Paleta Parties:** [Cupertino](#), [Gilroy](#), and [Morgan Hill](#) Libraries have events scheduled around the book [Paletero Man](#) by singer and children's author Lucky Diaz. Kids who attend the reading will receive a *paleta*, or flavored Mexican ice pop, to enjoy at the event while supplies last.
- **Cascada de Flores:** The popular Bay Area musical duo offers a bilingual Spanish music and storytelling experience featuring genres from across Latin America, including boleros, rancheras, and mariachi music. Catch them at Morgan Hill Library on Wednesday, [October 11](#).
- **Paint Nights at Milpitas Library:** The library will hold events for three age groups of students to explore different aspects of Mexican heritage and culture through painting. First up are grades K-2 on [October 4](#), then Grades 3-5 on [October 11](#), followed by Grades 6-8 on [October 18](#).

You can find more details about October events in our calendar that follows, or check out the [Events page](#) on our website. Please register for any event you are interested in attending.

Researching Your Family History

October is [Family History Month](#), when individuals are encouraged to research their heritage. With DNA tools in addition to the use of records and other traditional methods of determining one's genealogy, it is easier than ever to trace all of the branches of one's family tree.



SCCLD offers access to [AncestryLibrary](#) as an in-library service. Come into one of our libraries and use your own device or one of our computers to delve back in time and comb through past birth, marriage, and immigration records of your family members. Find information from the U.S. Census, military records and other vital documents to uncover forgotten histories.

Our [collection](#) also includes hundreds of titles around genealogy, including How To books, eBooks, and Audiobooks. Use [Rosetta Stone](#) to learn a new language to better connect to a newfound identity.



Helping you Better Invest Your Money

As we enter the last quarter of the calendar year, now is a good time to review your finances and make plans for the future. October's Financial Planning Month comes half a year after Financial Literacy Month and builds upon the importance of both financial education and taking action to develop a plan.

A good [financial plan](#) involves figuring out how to pay for current expenses, or reduce them, and start saving for short, medium and long-term goals, like retirement and paying for one's children's education. The library has many resources to help with these tasks, found in our [Smart Investing](#) section. There you will find [Consumer Reports](#) and finance-related publications like *Bloomberg Businessweek* and *Money* magazine, available through [Flipster](#). We also have personalized pages for kids, teens, women, veterans, and planning for retirement. There is no better investment than a free SCCLD library account.

Featured Virtual Author Talks

This month's trio of virtual author events includes some familiar names of bestselling authors. Catch them all online.

[Rick Steves](#): Tuesday, October 10, 1-2 pm. The travel expert will share his latest European travel tips.

[Ruth Ware](#): Wednesday, October 18, 11 am-12 pm. Author of novels [The Woman in Cabin 10](#) and [The It Girl](#) will talk about her latest work, [Zero Days](#).

[John Irving](#): Thursday, October 26, 4-5 pm. Author of novel [The World According to Garp](#) and the screenplay for [The Cider House Rules](#), Irving will discuss his new long novel, [The Last Chairlift](#).



Wishing You a Happy and Spooky Halloween Season

Our libraries love to get in the Halloween spirit this month, with festive displays and thrilling book titles sure to leave you tingling with delight. Check out the Calendar of events for information about [programming](#) we have in store, including opportunities to dress up in costume and go trick-or-treating, see Halloween movies, and special storytimes. Milpitas Library also has a [puppet show](#) featuring witches.

SANTA CLARA COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT OCTOBER 2023 EVENTS

All SCCLD libraries will be closed and services unavailable on Monday, October 9 in observance of Indigenous Peoples' Day

CAMPBELL EXPRESS LIBRARY – 1 West Campbell Avenue, Room 46

ESL Conversation Club

Tuesdays, October 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, 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.

Family Storytime

Wednesdays, October 4, 11, 18, & 25, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard City Banquet Hall

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.

Manga Book Club

Wednesday, October 18, 7 – 8 p.m., E44 Conference Room

We will discuss [*The Summer Hikaru Died*](#) by Mokumokuren. Please register.

The Internal Landscape of the Human Body

Tuesday, October 24, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard City Banquet Hall

Learn how our emotions and trauma impact our internal organs, unlocking valuable insights into our health and wellbeing.

CUPERTINO -- 10800 Torre Avenue

Storytime for 3s-5s

Mondays, October 2, 16, 23, & 30, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Program Room

This storytime is suitable for children ages 3-5 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.

Line Dancing for Beginners

Mondays, October 2, 16, 23, & 30, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m., Room 201

Take up line dancing with this 6-class series! Have fun meeting new friends while learning shuffles, steps, and turns to the tunes of Waltz, Rumba, Hip Hop, Country and Latin Music. No experience needed, no partner needed, please wear comfortable closed-toe shoes.

Toddler Storytime (ages 1-2)

Tuesdays, October 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, 10:30 – 11 a.m.

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

ESL Conversation Club

Tuesdays, October 3, 17, 24, & 31, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Room 201A

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

Baby Wearing Dance Program

Wednesdays, October 4, 11, 18, & 25, 10:30 – 11 a.m.

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

Bedtime Storytime

Wednesdays, October 4, 11, 18, & 25, 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, October 5, 12, 19, & 26, 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 two adults per family.

Warlords of the Air

Thursday, October 5, 7 – 8 p.m., Room 201

Wildlife photographers Joan Sparks will take you on a journey to see the warlords of the air – owls, falcons, vultures and eagles.

Knit-Alongs at Cupertino Library

Fridays, October 6, 13, 20, & 27, 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.

Hispanic Heritage Month Storytime

Friday, October 6, 4 – 5 p.m., Room 101

Join us to read [*Paletero Man*](#) by Lucky Diaz, a picture book celebrating the strength of community. Participating children will get to enjoy a tasty treat (paleta) after storytime, while supplies last.

International Movie Night

Friday, October 6, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m., Room 201

Join us for a screening of *A Man Called Ove*, which will be followed with a discussion.

Family Storytime

Saturdays, October 7, 14, 21, & 28, 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.

LEGO Club

Tuesday, October 10, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Children's Meeting Room

Children in grades K-8 are invited to build and create using LEGOs.

Navigating the Silicon Valley Jungle

Tuesday, October 10, 7 – 8 p.m., Room 101

Explore and discuss ways to find peace, relaxation and health in our daily lives while living in a busy area like Silicon Valley.

Flex Prep: What Sophomores and Juniors Should be Doing Now to Prepare for College

Wednesday, October 11, 7 – 8 p.m., Room 201

Senior year may seem far away, but there are things students can do now to help achieve college goals, such as choosing classes strategically, building extracurricular activities and preparing for standardized tests. Please register.

Create CU: Monoprinting Using Gelli Plates

Friday, October 13, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Room 201

Learn how to do monoprinting with gelli plates. All instruction and materials will be provided. This program is for adults 18+. Please register.

Mandarin/English Bilingual Family Storytime

Fridays, October 13 & 27, 7 – 8 p.m., Room 101

Join us for stories, songs, flannel story board, 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, 祿母一同前來參加。

Lotería for the Whole Family

Saturday, October 14, 2 – 3 p.m., Room 101

Join us for a game of Lotería. We will teach you how to play and the winners will earn a small prize. This program is for children in grades K+ and their family members.

Changemakers Book Club for Grades 1-3

Wednesday, October 18, 4 – 5 p.m.

We will discuss [*Juana and Lucas*](#) by Juana Medina. Changemaker readers will discuss the book and make a craft centered around the main character or theme of the book. Please register online. Limited free copies will be available at the children's desk for registered participants.

Cupertino Adult Book Discussion Group

Thursday, October 19, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Room 201A

We will discuss the book, [*Small Pleasures*](#) by Clare Chambers.

International Movie Night

Friday, October 20, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m., Room 201

Join us for a screening of *2040*, which will be followed with a discussion.

Learn Poems by Heart Club

Wednesday, October 25, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Room 201

Learning poems is a rewarding practice for poets, poetry lovers, and anyone who needs a break.

Halloween Movie Screening

Wednesday, October 25, 7 – 8:45 p.m., Room 201

Join us for a screening of *Beetlejuice* (1992). All ages welcome.

International Movie Night

Friday, October 27, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m., Room 201

Join us for a screening of *Children of Heaven*, which will be followed with a discussion.

Special Needs Halloween Storytime

Saturday, October 28, 2 – 3 p.m., Room 101

Join us for an inclusive storytime with a festive trick or treat for children ages 4-8 of all abilities, specially adapted for those with autism, sensory processing challenges, who struggle in large groups or have other special needs. Halloween costumes are encouraged! Please register.

GILROY -- 350 W. Sixth Street

Film Screening

Sunday, October 1, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m., Community Room

Join us for a screening of the 2023 live action film, *The Little Mermaid*.

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

Mondays-Fridays, 3 – 4 p.m./lunes a 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.

Navigating the Silicon Valley Jungle

Monday, October 2, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., Community Room

Explore and discuss ways to find peace, relaxation and health in our daily lives while living in a busy area like Silicon Valley.

Zumba

Tuesdays, October 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, 5:45 – 6:45 p.m., Community 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. Dress comfortably and bring some water and a towel. No registration required.

Resilient Families/Familias Resilientes

Wednesdays, through November 15, 5:30 – 8 p.m., Upstairs Community Room

Do you have a child 0-3 years old? Do you want to learn how to handle stress and create a support network? Help your child feel safe, secure, and loved and better prepared to start school! This session will be held in Spanish. ¿Tienes un niño de 0 a 3 años? ¿Quieres aprender a manejar el estrés y crear una red de apoyo? ¡Ayuda a tu hijo a sentirse seguro, amado y mejor preparado para comenzar la escuela! La sesión se presentará en español.

Family Storytime at Gilroy Library

Thursdays, October 5, 12, 19, & 26, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Community Room

Join us for stories, songs and more.

Knitting and Crochet Weekly Meetup

Thursdays, October 5, 12, 19, & 26, 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!

Safe Space Meeting for LGBTQ+ Youth

Fridays, October 6 & 20, 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.

Hispanic Heritage Month Storytime

Saturday, October 7, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Children's Nest

Join us to read [Paletero Man](#) by Lucky Diaz, a picture book celebrating the strength of community. Participating children will get to enjoy a tasty treat after storytime. Paletas will be offered on a first come, first served basis.

Film Screening

Sunday, October 8, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m., Community Room

Join us for a screening of the film, **A Million Miles Away**, inspired by the true story of NASA flight engineer José Hernández.

Growing Vegetables in the Fall & Winter

Saturday, October 14, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room

This Master Gardener presentation will show you what cool season vegetables are easy to grow and best for our climate. Learn about soil preparation, watering, fertilizing, disease, and pest management.

Road to Homeownership Workshop

Saturday, October 14, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m., Community Room

A panel of industry professionals will share their knowledge and expertise to help you understand the steps of buying a home. This includes credit requirements, lender loan programs for first time homebuyers, the role of realtors and the importance and tax benefits of insurance. Please register.

Open Poetry Readings with Garlicky Group of Poets

Saturday, October 14, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Downstairs Meeting Room

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

Film Screening

Sunday, October 15, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m., Community Room

Join us for a screening of the film *Elemental*.

Bike Safety Day

Saturday, October 21, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., Parking Lot

Bike Safety Day features free bike repairs, helmets, and a bike safety rodeo for kids. No registration necessary. First come, first served.

Film Screening

Sunday, October 22, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m., Community Room

Join us for a screening of the film *Ruby Gillman, Teenage Kraken*.

Decorate Sugar Skulls

Monday, October 23, 4 – 6 p.m., Community Room

Decorate a sugar skull in celebration of Día de los Muertos/Day of the Dead, which is a celebration of the lives of the deceased. All materials will be provided. Decora una calavera de azúcar en celebración del Día de los Muertos, que es una celebración de la vida de los difuntos. Todos los materiales serán proporcionados.

Improve Your Public Speaking with Gilroy Toastmasters

Monday, October 23, 6 – 7 p.m., Quiet Room B

The typical meetings consist of one or two prepared speeches lasting 4-10 minutes. A round robin of “off the cuff” questions follow the prepared speeches. Please register.

Book Discussion

Tuesday, October 24, 7 – 8 p.m., Quiet Room B

We will be discussing [*The Library of Legends*](#) by Janie Chang.

Family Halloween Crafts

Saturday, October 28, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Nest

Wear your Halloween costumes and join us for fun and spooky Halloween crafts. All supplies will be provided.

Film Screening

Sunday, October 29, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m., Community Room

Join us to watch *Haunted Mansion*.

LOS ALTOS -- 13 S. San Antonio Road

Monday Morning Meditation and Mindfulness

Monday, October 2, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard Room

Come practice meditation for 20 minutes then ask questions for ten minutes with instructor Manisha.

Bobbin Wranglers Sewing Club

Monday, October 2, 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. Register online.

Family Storytime

Tuesdays, October 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, 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. Free tickets will be given out 30 minutes before storytime.

The Whodunit? Mystery Book Club

Wednesday, September 6, 10:15 – 11:30 a.m., Teen Room

We will be discussing [*The Violin Conspiracy*](#) by Brendan Slocumb.

World Affairs: Putin's Gamble

Wednesday, October 4, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Learn about Putin and Russia's role in conflicts involving Georgia, Crimea and Ukraine.

ESL Conversation Club

Thursdays, October 5, 12, 19, & 26, 1:30 – 3 p.m., Orchard Room

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

Bilingual Spanish Storytime

Fridays, October 6, 13, 20, & 27, 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!

Baby Sign Time

Saturday, October 7, 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, October 7, 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 enjoy this socialization for babies.

Heartfulness Meditation

Saturdays, October 7, 14, & 28, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

Learn relaxation and meditation techniques for a successful and stress-free balanced life.

Eclipse Model Making for Grades K+

Thursday, October 12, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

Create a special solar eclipse craft that will help kids visualize the upcoming annular solar eclipse. Please register.

Navigating the Silicon Valley Jungle

Saturday, October 14, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Explore and discuss ways to find peace, relaxation and health in our daily lives while living in a busy area like Silicon Valley.

Sunday Crafternoon

Sunday, October 15, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Orchard Room

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

Book Bugs Club for 2nd & 3rd Graders

Tuesday, October 17, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

We will be discussing [The School is Alive](#) by Jack Chabert, and then do a craft. Register online.

Building Community in Neighborhoods

Tuesday, October 17, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Hear from long-time neighborhood leaders about the challenges, lessons learned and best practices in having fun social events, being safe and building resilience in your neighborhood.

Knitting Meetup

Wednesday, October 18, 1 – 2 p.m., Small Conference Room

Drop-in to this informal knitting group where you can make new friends, start new projects or finish an old one. No registration necessary.

Page Turners Book Club for 4th & 5th Graders

Thursday, October 19, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

We will be discussing [Coraline](#) by Neil Gaiman, and then we will do a fun activity related to the book. Please register.

Bay Area Games Day

Saturday, October 21, 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.

California Native Gardening

Monday, October 23, 7 – 9 p.m., Orchard Room

California native plants differ from typical garden plants as they have their own rhythm. Learn about each season's gardening tasks and see different planning and design ideas.

Book Club for 6th-8th Graders

Tuesday, October 24, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

We will be discussing [The Nest](#) by Kenneth Oppel, and then we will do a fun activity related to the book.

Book Talk Club for Kids

Wednesday, October 25, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Kids in grades 4-8 are invited to share a book to recommend with others and get some recommendations as well. Please register. Drop-ins are welcome also.

Wednesday Travel Nights

Wednesday, October 25, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard Room

Barry Boulton will present a high-definition video tour of the traditional village life and customs of China's ethnic minorities, along with some of the trends that could threaten them.

Author Talk

Thursday, October 26, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Join us for a talk with local author Andy Dolich, as he discusses his recent book, [Goodbye Oakland](#). This book was co-authored with award-winning sportswriter Dave Newhouse. There will be a Q&A with Dolich after his presentation.

Furry Friends Reading Buddies

Saturday, October 28, 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.

Decorate Sugar Skulls

Sunday, October 29, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Decorate a sugar skull in celebration of Día de los Muertos/Day of the Dead, which is a celebration of the lives of the deceased. All materials will be provided.

Now Read This! Book Club

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

We will be discussing [Weapons of Mass Delusion: When the Republican Party Lost Its Mind](#) by Robert Draper.

MILPITAS -- 160 N. Main Street

Bilingual Cantonese/English Storytime

Tuesdays, October 3 & 17, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Activity Room

Children's librarians Maggie and Emilie will read storybooks and lead children with songs and fingerplays. 兒童圖書館員 Maggie 和 Emilie 將為小朋友讀圖畫故事書, 唱兒歌, 手指謠, 玩遊戲。歡迎兒童們與家長祿母一同前來參加。

Baby Bouncers Lapsit

Tuesdays, October 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, 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.

Fun with Art Presented by First5 Santa Clara County

Wednesday, October 4, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Auditorium

This program is geared towards children ages 2-5 and their caregivers. Join us as we have fun with art!

ESL Conversation Club

Wednesdays, October 4, 11, 18, & 25, 3 – 4 p.m., Conference Room

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

Hispanic Heritage Paint Night for Grades K-2

Wednesday, October 4, 6 – 7 p.m., Activity Room

This paint night will celebrate different aspects of Mexican heritage and culture through painting. All supplies will be provided. Please register.

Toddler Storytime

Thursdays, October 5, 12, 19, & 26, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Activity Room

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

Crafts Around the World: Make Your Own Tzedakah Box

Thursday, October 5, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Activity Room

Children of all ages are welcome to join us for a fun craft activity and decorate a bank that can be used to save up money to donate to charity. Registration required. All materials will be provided.

Play and Learn

Thursdays, October 5, 12, 19, & 26, 5:30 – 6:15 p.m., Activity Room

Play and Learn is for toddlers and preschoolers. It includes songs, fingerplays and books perfect for your little one. The first ten minutes is a read-aloud session, followed by 30 minutes of free playtime.

Qi Gong Meditation & Exercise Classes

Fridays, October 6, 13, 20, & 27, 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, October 6, 13, 20, & 27, 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.

Family Storytime

Saturdays, October 7, 14, 21, & 28, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Activity Room

This 30-minute story time features lots of movement, singing, and action. Early literacy focus is on picture books, flannel board stories and fingerplays.

Board Game Day

Saturday, October 7, 12 – 6:30 p.m., Auditorium

Learn about different types of games, meet people with your same passion for board gaming, or get out of the house to do something fun. This program is open to people ages 18+. Online registration is encouraged but not required.

Fall Craft for Adults

Sunday, October 8, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Auditorium

Adults 18+ are invited to make a wine cork pumpkin. This program is first-come, first-served while supplies last. No registration necessary.

Hispanic Heritage Paint Night for Grades 3-5

Wednesday, October 11, 6 – 7 p.m., Activity Room

This paint night will celebrate different aspects of Mexican heritage and culture through painting. All supplies will be provided. Please register.

Moon Dough Rock Concert

Friday, October 13, 5 – 6 p.m., Auditorium

SCCLD's 2023 Battle of the Bands champions return for a concert in celebration of Filipino music and artistry as part of Filipino American History Month.

Hispanic Heritage Paint Night for Grades 6-8

Wednesday, October 18, 6 – 7 p.m., Activity Room

This paint night will celebrate different aspects of Mexican heritage and culture through painting. All supplies will be provided. Please register.

LGBTQ Movie Night

Friday, October 20, 4 – 7 p.m., Auditorium

Join us for a screening of *Spoiler Alert* (PG-13).

Navigating the Silicon Valley Jungle

Saturday, October 21, 2 – 3 p.m., Auditorium

Explore and discuss ways to find peace, relaxation and health in our daily lives while living in a busy area like Silicon Valley.

Bilingual Mandarin/English Storytime

Tuesday, October 24, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Activity Room

Children's Librarian Emilie will read storybooks and lead children with songs and fingerplays.

兒童圖書館員 Emilie 將為小朋友讀圖畫故事書, 唱兒歌, 手指謠, 玩遊戲。

歡迎兒童們與家長祿母一同前來參加

Itty-Bitty Halloween Spooktacular

Wednesday, October 25, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Children's Area

Join us for not so scary activities, costume parade and trick-or-treating in the library. Wear your costume and join the fun. This program is geared for children ages 0-6 and their caregivers.

Special Performance: Puppet Art Theater Co.

Wednesday, October 25, 7 – 8 p.m., Auditorium

Puppet Art Theater Co. presents Winnie the Witch. Tickets are not required but space is limited.

Milpitas Book Discussion Group

Wednesday, October 25, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m., Children's Activity Room

We will be discussing [White Tears](#) by Hari Kunzru.

Reading Buddies for Grades K-5

Saturday, October 28, 2 – 3 p.m., Activity Room

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

MORGAN HILL -- 660 W. Main Avenue

Drawtober

Sundays, October 1, 8, 15, & 22, 3 – 4 p.m., Program Room

Teens 13+ and adults are invited to get creative with fellow art enthusiasts during open workshops in October. Challenge yourself to draw, doodle or sketch every day using themed prompts. All skill levels welcome. Join us for the kickoff event on Oct. 1 for free sketchbook distribution.

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

Mondays-Thursdays, 3 – 4 p.m./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.

LEGO Club

Tuesdays, October 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, 3 – 4 p.m.

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

First Tuesday Knit-In

Tuesday, October 3, 6:30 – 8:45 p.m., Large Side of Community 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

Tuesday, October 3, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m., Program Room

We will be discussing [*Mexican Gothic*](#) by Silvia Moreno-Garcia.

Kids STEM Club

Wednesday, October 4, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Children’s Activity Room

School-aged children ages 5+ can drop in and explore different STEM topics with hands on activities. This month we will play with Keva planks.

Induction Cooking Demonstration

Wednesday, October 4, 6 – 7 p.m., Children’s Program Room

Watch a cooking demonstration and see why professional chefs endorse induction cooking. Please register.

College, Career & Life Skills Series: Financial Readiness

Wednesday, October 4, 6 – 8 p.m., Program Room

Learn about financial readiness for college and discover opportunities to apply for and receive financial aid, scholarships, grants, work-study awards, and more.

Toddler Storytime

Thursdays, October 5, 12, 19, & 26, 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.

Preschool Storytime

Thursdays, October 5, 12, 19, & 26, 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.

Tiny Tot Jamboree

Fridays, October 6, 13, 20, & 27, 11 – 11:45 a.m.

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

Itty Bitty Jamboree

Fridays, October 6, 13, 20, & 27, 11:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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

Bilingual Storytime

Saturdays, October 7, 14, 21, & 28, 10:15 – 11 a.m., Children’s Activity Room

Join us for stories, music, movement and more in English and Spanish!

Paleta Party Story and Art

Saturday, October 7, 2 – 3 p.m.

Join us to read [Paletero Man](#) by Lucky Diaz, a picture book celebrating the strength of community. Participating children will get to enjoy a tasty treat (paleta) after storytime, while supplies last.

Fabric-Stamping Tote Bags for Teens

Tuesday, October 10, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Program Room

Crafty teens between the ages of 12-18 are invited to customize your own tote bag using fabric paints and stamps. Space and supplies are limited, please register.

Family Fun Night: STEM

Tuesday, October 10, 6:30 – 8 p.m., Children’s Activity Room

Families with school-aged children will create art or participate in hands-on STEM activities. This program will feature STEM: NASA guests.

Special Performance: Cascada de Flores

Wednesday, October 11, 6 – 7 p.m., Program Room

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with a heartwarming bilingual concert featuring Cascada de Flores. No registration is required.

Safe Space Meeting for LGBTQ+ Youth

Fridays, October 13 & 27, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Small Program 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.

ESL Conversation Club

Saturdays, October 14, 21, & 28, 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. Please register online.

Zumba

Mondays, October 16 & 23, 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.

Library Ukulele Society

Tuesday, October 17, 5 – 7 p.m., Community Room

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

Horror Writers Association Panel and Book Reading

Tuesday, October 17, 7:30 – 8:45 p.m., Program Room

Authors Francesca Maria and Sumiko Saulson will be reading from their published work, discuss the importance of the horror genre, and engage in a Q&A with the audience. This discussion is for teens 16+ and adults.

Kids Art Club

Wednesday, October 18, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Children’s Activity Room

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

Tarot Art for Teens

Wednesday, October 18, 6 – 8 p.m., Program Room

Professional multi-media artist Melina Alexa Ramirez will share how she uses her artistry to craft original tarot cards to reflect her community, her culture, and her voice. This class will help you create your own version of what these cards mean to you. Please register.

Author Talk

Thursday, October 19, 4 – 5 p.m., Program Room or Zoom

Hear from distinguished Oakland librarian and public historian Dorothy Lazard.

Cybersecurity Awareness

Friday, October 20, 4 – 5 p.m., Program Room

Mark Nagel from the District Attorney’s Office will offer a presentation on common scams and general cybersecurity concerns. No registration is required.

Brain Health & Dementia: A Better Way Forward

Tuesday, October 24, 7 – 8 p.m., Program Room

Join us for an informative discussion about dementia’s causes, risk factors, and impact on families struggling to provide dementia care. Please register.

SARATOGA -- 13650 Saratoga Avenue

California Color Art Show

Through October 31, Main Lobby

Enjoy an exhibit of paintings by members of the Santa Clara Valley Watercolor Society.

Cybersecurity Awareness

Monday, October 2, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Mark Nagel from the District Attorney’s Office will offer a presentation on common scams and general cybersecurity concerns. No registration is required.

Family Storytime

Tuesdays, October 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Orchard Room

Saturdays, October 7, 14, 21, & 28, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room

Join us for stories, rhymes, fingerplays and songs.

Paying for College with Scholarships: Developing Unique Essays

Tuesday, October 3, 7 – 8 p.m., Community Room

College scholarships exist for everyone, regardless of academic merit or personal background. This program will teach participants how to develop a series of interchangeable written “modules” that can be used to address the most popular aspects of multiple scholarship essay prompts. Register to reserve your seat.

Sci-Fi & Fantasy Book Club

Tuesday, October 3, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard Room

We will be discussing [*Mexican Gothic*](#) by Silvia Moreno-Garcia. Visit the Adult Reference Desk to register and pick up a copy of the book.

Knit & Crochet Circle

Wednesday, October 4, 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.

Coding Club for Middle Schoolers

Wednesdays, October 4, 11, 18, & 25, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Community Room

This is a club for working on your own projects around other students who love programming. This is for kids ages 11-14. Please bring your own device or come early to check out a laptop from the library. Any coding language or game design tool is welcome. Register to guarantee a spot.

Baby Storytime (12 months or younger)

Fridays, October 6, 13, 20, & 27, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room

Join us for stories, rhymes, fingerplays and songs.

Portrayal of Rose Kennedy: A Mother’s Story

Sunday, October 8, 2 – 3 p.m.

Performer Kathy Esteves-Bates brings American icon Rose Kennedy to life as she reflects on the triumphs and tragedies of the Kennedy family.

Ukulele Jam Session

Tuesdays, October 10, 17, & 24, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room

All players who know basic chords in beginner to intermediate levels are welcome to drop in and jam! Bring your uke, all other materials will be provided.

Chinese Book Club/中文書友會

Thursday, October 12, 10:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

The October book selection is [過於喧囂的孤獨](#) by Bohumil Hrabal. This discussion is primarily in Mandarin. Please register.

Bridge Drop-in Session

Fridays, October 13 & 27, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Practice playing in a friendly environment. This is not an instructional class.

Family Bingo: Halloween

Friday, October 13, 4 – 5 p.m., Community Room

Join us for good times and fun prizes with a Halloween themed afternoon of Bingo. Bring the whole family, as all ages are welcome, and feel free to wear your Halloween costumes. Admission is first come, first-served.

Protect Yourself From Scammers

Monday, October 16, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

A representative from the Consumer Protection Unit at the DA's Office will discuss scams that target older adults including the grandparent scam, prizes/sweepstakes/lottery scams, tech support scams and refund and recovery scams.

Mystery Book Club

Monday, October 16, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard Room

We will be discussing [Vera Wong's Unsolicited Advice for Murderers](#) by Jesse Q. Sutanto. Stop by the Adult Reference Desk to sign up for the meeting and pick up a copy of the book.

Travel Program: Côte d'Ivoire/Ivory Coast

Tuesday, October 17, 7 – 8 p.m.

Enjoy a video presentation that offers an inside view of life in remote villages. Learn about artisanal markets, hear the invigorating drumbeat of music and acrobatics of dancers.

LEGO Club

Wednesday, October 18, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

Children in grades K-7 are invited to build and create using LEGOs. No registration required. Space is limited.

Mandarin/English Storytime

Thursday, October 19, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Orchard Room

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

Teatime Book Chatter

Thursday, October 19, 1 – 2 p.m., Orchard Room

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

Author Event and Writing Workshop

Monday, October 23, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

Join author Julia Vee to learn about her books, the path to publication, independent and traditional publishing, and a workshop about how writing flash fiction can improve your writing craft.

Spanish/English Storytime

Thursday, October 26, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Orchard Room

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

SERVICES & SUPPORT CENTER (SSC) – 1370 Dell Avenue, Campbell

Joint Powers Authority Board – Finance Committee

Wednesday, October 11, 1 – 2 p.m., Campbell Conference Room

For information about meetings, agendas and packets please visit <https://scclid.org/jpa/>.

Joint Powers Authority Board

Thursday, October 26, 12 – 1 p.m., Campbell Conference Room

For information about meetings, agendas and packets please visit <https://scclid.org/jpa/>.

WOODLAND – 1975 Grant Road

Monday Morning Meditation and Mindfulness

Monday, October 2, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard Room

Come practice meditation for 20 minutes then ask questions for ten minutes with instructor Manisha.

Canine Companions Reading Buddies

Fridays, October 13 & 27, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Children’s Area

Practice your reading skills with a friendly dog. This program is perfect for emergent readers. Please register.

Bedtime-Themed Family Storytime

Sunday, October 15, 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 bedtime themed storytime.

Halloween Family Storytime

Sunday, October 29, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Backyard Patio

Join us in the backyard of the library for stories, songs, fingerplays as we celebrate Halloween.

ONLINE EVENTS (Please register online)

Virtual Author Talk: Rick Steves

Tuesday, October 10, 1 – 2 p.m.

Guidebook author and TV host Rick Steves will share the latest in smart European travel.

Tax Optimization and Best Tax Practices

Tuesday, October 10, 7 – 8 p.m.

Review how to optimize your tax situation now while taking into consideration your future tax bracket.

Learn AI Before AI Learns You

Tuesday, October 10, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

Get a peek into what artificial intelligence (AI) is and how it is reshaping our lives, how we leverage AI to do things efficiently and the skills and knowledge young learners need to be prepared for the future AI driven workforce.

Online English Conversation Club

Thursdays, October 12, 19, & 26, 11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Meet new friends and practice English together.

Get Started with Libby

Wednesday, October 18, 8 – 9 a.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: Ruth Ware

Wednesday, October 18, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Bestselling author Ruth Ware will discuss her latest book [*Zero Days*](#).

Estate Planning After Sunset of Estate Tax Cuts

Tuesday, October 24, 7 – 8 p.m.

On January 1, 2026, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 will sunset. This could bring significant changes for many taxpayers. Learn more at this session.

Virtual Author Talk: John Irving

Thursday, October 26, 4 – 5 p.m.

International bestselling author John Irving will discuss his most recent novel, [*The Last Chairlift*](#), and his prolific body of work from a lifetime spent writing.