

September 2023
Library Stakeholder Report
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National Library Card Sign-Up Month

September brings the start of fall on the 22nd. School is back in session and summer vacations are winding down. September is also the time when we remind everyone the Santa Clara County Library District (SCCLD) has over 2 million items for you to borrow—for free! Whether you need to access information for a research paper, discover some new recipes for family dinners, or find the

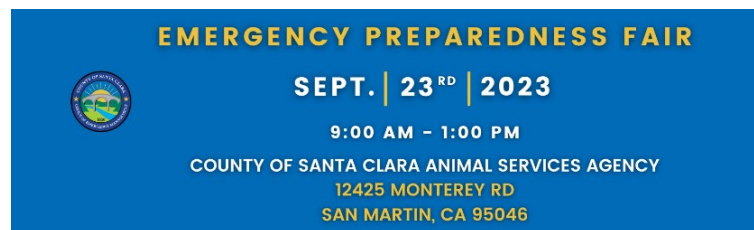
perfect picture book for a little one, the library is your one stop shop for trustworthy information and free entertainment. We also offer patrons entry to museums and parks for free, access to computers, fun events for all ages, and so much more.

Did you know a library card can save you hundreds of dollars? Before you purchase that bestseller from the bookstore, Amazon or Audible, check the [SCCLD website](#) first. Use [Flipster](#) in our 24/7 Online Library to read the latest issues of dozens of [newspapers and magazines](#). Family movie night? No need to pay subscription fees, check out our [DVD and Blu-Ray collection](#). We also offer [Kanopy and Kanopy Kids](#) for a variety of streaming videos. The American Library Association's [Library Value Calculator](#) can total up all of your potential savings from fully using your library account.

Visit the Accounts Desk at any of our libraries to sign up each household member with their own library card! Or visit us online to register for an [eCard](#) to provide you with instant access to everything in our Online Library 24/7. For a limited time, new cardholders will receive a free gift, while supplies last.

National Preparedness Month

September is the time to get ready for emergencies. It's always a good idea to have emergency supplies and a plan in place for you and your household.



The [County Office of Emergency Management](#) is holding an Emergency Preparedness Resource fair at the County of Santa Clara Animal Services Agency at 12425 Monterey Rd. in San Martin on Saturday, September 23 from 9 am to 1 pm. Multiple County agencies and nonprofits will be present at the event. Come for the giveaways and important information that can keep your loved ones safe during an emergency.

FYI- Libraries will be closed Sep. 4 for Labor Day. Our Online Library is available 24/7 at [scclld.org](#)



National Hispanic Heritage Month

It's time to celebrate *la cultura hispana* during [National Hispanic Heritage Month](#), which starts on September 15 and lasts through mid-October. This is a month which marks the accomplishments of Americans with heritage from the countries of Latin America, the Caribbean, and Spain.

Our libraries have a number of events planned for all ages, starting with a special talk by author and educator Francisco Jimenez at Gilroy Library in [English](#) and [Spanish](#). We have a [Paleta Party Storytime](#) at Starlite Park in Milpitas, plus storytimes featuring [Paletero Man](#) by Lucky Diaz at [Saratoga Library](#), [Cupertino Library](#), [Gilroy Library](#), and [Morgan Hill Library](#). For those who enjoy crafts, we have a [Mexican Tin Art](#) class for Adults and Teens at [Morgan Hill Library](#) and Teens at [Milpitas Library](#), a [DIY Piñata class](#) at Gilroy Library, and an [Inca: Llamas and Looms](#) event for adults at [Milpitas Library](#) and [Saratoga Library](#). Morgan Hill Library will also host a [film screening](#) of *Dolores: Rebel, Activist, Feminist, Mother* about farmworker advocate and labor activist Dolores Huerta. For those who enjoy music, check out duo Cascada de Flores for a bilingual concert at [Los Altos Library](#) or [Morgan Hill Library](#).

You can find more details about September 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.

Are You Registered to Vote?

September 19 is [National Voter Registration Day](#), when all citizens who are 18 years or older are encouraged to take advantage of their right to participate in our democracy by registering to vote. Those who are 16 or 17 can now [pre-register to vote](#) and participate in the next election after they turn 18.



National Voter
Registration Day 

This year, there is a special election on a [Los Altos School District bond measure](#) on November 7. Next year is a presidential election and debates are already starting. We also will have races for U.S. House and State Assembly and Senate, as well as local elections, in 2024.

The County Registrar of Voters is holding a National Voter Registration [celebration](#) at PayPal's downtown San Jose headquarters. Some SCCLD libraries are holding their [own events](#) to make it easy to sign up to vote in person.



County Poet Laureate Application Closes Sep. 22

Applications for the 2024-25 County Poet Laureate position are open now through September 22 at 5:00 pm. Details are on [SVCreate's website](#). The [County Poet Laureate](#) is an honorary position whose role is to act as an advocate for poetry, literature, and the arts and contribute to Santa Clara County's poetry and literary legacy through public readings and participation in civic events.

International Literacy Day

UNESCO, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, created [International Literacy Day](#) in 1967 to stress the importance of the ability to read and write as a human right.

Here at SCCLD, we prioritize literacy, starting with reading to babies and then helping them advance in their reading adventure step by step with initiatives like [1,000 books before 6](#). We also offer [booklists](#) for babies, toddlers, preschoolers, and recommended reading lists by grade. SCCLD libraries feature sections to continue to inspire and challenge young readers, as well as collection areas for teens and adults. The importance of reading is also true for adults. The [Reading Program](#) pairs a tutor with an adult learner who wants to improve their reading, writing, speaking and listening skills for 1:1 tutoring sessions.



Park Passes Flying Off the Shelves

Our patrons love the free California State Library Parks Pass program and have made SCCLD one of the top ten systems in the state in Park Pass circulation during the second quarter of 2023, fourth when considering checkouts per pass available. Including backpacks and exploration kits (available for checkout only at Morgan Hill and Gilroy libraries), passes were circulated 35,914 times during the three-month reporting period.

Passes grant one passenger vehicle per day access to over 200 California State Parks and are available on [our website](#). This month, you can also visit some parks virtually starting out with a California Adventure Pass noontime Facebook event on [Friday, September 1](#) about Samuel P. Taylor State Park in Marin County. The State Library Government Publications Section continues the series of virtual tours along with the California Department of Parks with events on Calaveras Big Trees State Park on [September 26](#), Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park on [October 12](#), and Tijuana River National Estuarine Research Reserve on [October 26](#).

SANTA CLARA COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT SEPTEMBER 2023 EVENTS

***All SCCLD libraries will be closed and services unavailable
on Monday, September 4 for Labor Day***

CAMPBELL EXPRESS LIBRARY – 1 West Campbell Avenue, Room 46

ESL Conversation Club

Tuesdays, September 5, 12, 19, & 26, 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, September 6, 13, 20, & 27, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard City Banquet Hall (Sept. 13 storytime will be in Room Q-80)

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.

Chinese Calligraphy Workshop

Tuesday, September 12, 7 – 8 p.m., Room M-50

Celebrate the Mid-Autumn Festival by discovering the art of written Chinese calligraphy and add artistic beauty to the occasion. This workshop welcomes adults. Please register.

Hispanic Heritage Month Storytime

Wednesday, September 13, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Room Q-80

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.

Adult Manga Book Club

Wednesday, September 20, 7 – 8 p.m., Room E-46

We will be discussing [Look Back](#) by Tatsuki Fujimoto. Pick up a copy at the service desk.

CUPERTINO -- 10800 Torre Avenue

Knit-Alongs at Cupertino Library

Fridays, September 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 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.

Baby Sign and Sing

Sunday, September 3, 11 – 11:30 a.m., 1st Floor Program Room

This program is for infants ages 0-12 months. Adult caregivers will learn basic signs to communicate with their babies.

Toddler Storytime (ages 1-2)

Tuesdays, September 5, 12, 19, & 26, 10:30 – 11 a.m.

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

Baby Wearing Dance Program

Wednesdays, September 6, 13, 20, & 27, 10:30 – 11 a.m.

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

Chinese Calligraphy Workshop

Wednesday, September 6, 4 – 5 p.m.

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Bedtime Storytime

Wednesdays, September 6, 13, 20, & 27, 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, September 7, 14, 21, & 28, 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.

Family Storytime

Saturdays, September 9, 16, 23, & 30, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Program Room

Mondays, September 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.

ESL Conversation Club

Tuesdays, September 12, 19, & 26, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Room 201A, Second Floor

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

LEGO Club

Tuesday, September 12, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Children's Meeting Room

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

Paying for College with Scholarships: Finding Scholarships that Fit – Search Strategies

Wednesday, September 13, 7 – 9 p.m., Room 201A

Attendees will walk away with a three-step process for online searches and a better sense of how public institutions, private donors, and large organizations advertise scholarship opportunities. Please register.

Papel Picado with Peopleologie

Wednesday, September 20, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Room 201A

Experiment making your own paper banners with just scissors and your imagination. Please register.

College Readiness Workshop for Families with Teens

Thursday, September 21, 12 – 2 p.m., Community Room

Learn about the college preparation and admission process, managing pressure from schoolwork, and managing pressure from peers. Please register.

Cupertino Adult Book Discussion Group

Thursday, September 21, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Room 201A

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

Chinese Calligraphy Workshop

Sunday, September 24, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Celebrate the Mid-Autumn Festival by discovering the art of written Chinese calligraphy and add artistic beauty to the occasion. This workshop welcomes adults. Please register.

Mid-Autumn Moon Festival Lantern Craft

Tuesday, September 26, 4:30 – 6 p.m., Room 101

Children ages 5+ and their adult are invited to make a colorful translucent cellophane lantern in celebration of the Mid-Autumn Moon Festival. Please register.

Learn Poems by Heart Club

Wednesday, September 27, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Room 201

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

AARP Smart Driver TEK Workshop

Wednesday, September 27, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Room 201A

Technology is changing the driving experience. The Smart Driver TEK Workshop will keep you in the know about the latest high-tech safety features in your current or future car. Please register.

GILROY -- 350 W. Sixth Street

Book Discussion

Friday, September 1, 10:15 – 11:15 a.m., Upstairs Quiet Study B

We will discuss [*The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo*](#) by Taylor Jenkins Reid.

Safe Space Meeting for LGBTQ+ Youth

Fridays, September 1 & 15, 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.

Family Storytime at Gilroy Library

Thursdays, September 7, 14, 21, & 28, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Community Room

Join us for stories, songs and more.

Knitting and Crochet Weekly Meetup

Thursdays, September 7, 14, 21, & 28, 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!

Learn to DJ 101

Thursday, September 7, 4 – 6 p.m., Second-Floor Computer Training Lab

Teens 14+ can learn how to download and organize their music collection, use Rekordbox to prepare playlists and mix harmonically. Please register.

Classical Guitar Workshop Series

Saturdays, September 9 – October 28, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Upstairs Quiet Study B

This 8-class series will complete a beginner/intermediate guitar course. Please plan to attend all eight dates. This class is for ages 12+.

Francisco Jimenez: Living and Writing a Migrant's Life

Saturday, September 9, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Upstairs Community Room

Saturday, September 9, 2 – 3 p.m., Upstairs Community Room (Spanish presentation)

Francisco Jimenez emigrated with his family from Mexico to California and as a child, worked alongside his parents in the fields. He later went on to get degrees from Santa Clara University and Columbia University. Hear how his personal experiences of growing up in a family of migrant workers helped shape his writing. Please register.

Open Poetry Readings with Garlicky Group of Poets

Saturday, September 9, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Downstairs Meeting Room

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

Move It! Storytime (ages 2-5)

Mondays, September 11 – November 27, 1:15 – 2 p.m., Community Room

Shake your sillies out during this energetic exploration of movement.

Improve Your Public Speaking with Gilroy Toastmasters

Mondays, September 11 & 25, 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.

Sign & Sing Storytimes (ages 1-3)

Fridays, September 15 – November 17, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., the Nest

We’ll learn sign language vocabulary through stories, songs, and smiles.

Chinese Calligraphy Workshop

Saturday, September 16, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Celebrate the Mid-Autumn Festival by discovering the art of written Chinese calligraphy and add artistic beauty to the occasion. This workshop welcomes teens and adults. Please register.

Protecting Your Legacy: An Essential Guide to Preserving Your Heirlooms

Saturday, September 16, 2 – 3 p.m., Community Room

Learn how to protect and preserve your heritage documents and art to last a lifetime and beyond. Please register. Walk-ins welcome.

National Voter Registration Day

Tuesday, September 19, 1 – 6 p.m., Lobby

Stop by our volunteer-staffed table to register, re-register or pre-register to vote.

That Pirate, Bouchard: Revolutions, Redemption and the Plunder of Old California

Saturday, September 23, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Upstairs Community Room

Author William Briggs tells the story of Hipolito Bouchard, who became the hero of three South American nations, while considered the scourge of Alta California. Please register. Walk-ins welcome.

Banned Books Workshop

Saturday, September 23, 1 – 2 p.m., Second-Floor Computer Training Lab

We will be discussing some books that have been banned in the past and completing a writing reflection exercise about censorship and freedom of information. Register to save your space. Walk-ins welcome as space allows.

Book Discussion

Sunday, September 24, 3 – 4 p.m., Library Courtyard

Sustainable food advocate Peter Ruddock will lead a lively discussion of the book [*The Death and Life of Great American Cities*](#) by Jane Jacobs. Everyone is welcome. Register to receive an email reminder.

Resilient Families/Familias Resilientes

Wednesdays, September 27 – November 8, 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? ¡Ayude a su hijo a sentirse seguro, amado y mejor preparado para comenzar la escuela! La sesión será en español.

College Readiness Workshop for Families with Teens

Friday, September 29, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Computer Lab

Learn the college preparation and admission process, managing pressure from schoolwork, and managing pressure from peers. Please register.

DIY Piñata Craft for Teens and Adults

Saturday, September 30, 2 – 3 p.m., Community Room

Create a colorful piñata with decorative paper flowers to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month. We provide the supplies and you bring your imagination!

LOS ALTOS -- 13 S. San Antonio Road

Photography Exhibit

Through September 30, Art Wall

Enjoy this photography exhibit from Joel Stein and his student Jeffrey Mu.

Bilingual Spanish Storytime

Fridays, September 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 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, September 2, 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, September 2, 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.

Family Bingo Night

Sunday, September 3, 5 – 6 p.m., Orchard Room

Join us for a game of Bingo and try to win a prize.

Family Storytime

Tuesdays, September 5, 12, 19, & 26, 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.

Chinese Calligraphy Workshop

Tuesday, September 5, 7 – 8 p.m.

Celebrate the Mid-Autumn Festival by discovering the art of written Chinese calligraphy and add artistic beauty to the occasion. This workshop welcomes adults. Please register.

The Whodunit? Mystery Book Club

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

We will be discussing [A Fatal Thaw](#) by Dana Stabenow.

World Affairs: The Deer and the Dragon Revisited: Southeast Asia and China Now

Wednesday, September 6, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

Presented by Stanford Professor Donald Emmerson, you'll get his analysis of Southeast Asia's current interactions with China that will acknowledge the disparities in size and power between the region's eleven diverse countries and their gigantic neighbor.

ESL Conversation Club

Thursdays, September 7, 14, 21, & 28, 1:30 – 3 p.m., Orchard Room

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

Teen Dungeons and Dragons Social Club

Thursdays, September 7, 14, 21, & 28, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

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

Fear and Loathing in the Heavens: The 1910 Return of Halley's Comet

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

Author and historian Dr. Richard Goodrich will talk about his book, [*Comet Madness: How the 1910 Return of Halley's Comet \(Almost\) Destroyed Civilization*](#). Join us for an entertaining lecture about why many people believed earth would not survive the encounter.

Monday Morning Meditation and Mindfulness

Mondays, September 11, 18, & 25, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard Room

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

Chinese Calligraphy Workshop

Monday, September 11, 4 – 5 p.m.

Celebrate the Mid-Autumn Festival by discovering the art of written Chinese calligraphy and add artistic beauty to the occasion. This workshop welcomes children ages 10-12. Please register.

Bobbin Wranglers Sewing Club

Monday, September 11, 7 – 8 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.

Avoid Five Retirement Mistakes

Tuesday, September 12, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Learn about five financial retirement mistakes and how to avoid them. Please register.

Bay Area Games Day

Saturday, September 16, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m., Orchard Room

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

Sunday Crafternoon

Sunday, September 17, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Orchard Room

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

Free ESL Classes

Mondays and Wednesdays, September 18- December 13, 2 – 4 p.m., Orchard Room

Join us for a two-month series to learn and improve your English listening and speaking skills. This class is for high beginners to low intermediate.

National Voter Registration Day

Tuesday, September 19, 1 – 5 p.m., Lobby

Stop by our volunteer-staffed table to register, re-register or pre-register to vote.

Book Bugs Club for 2nd & 3rd Graders

Tuesday, September 19, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

We will be discussing [Mercy Watson to the Rescue](#) by Kate DiCamillo, then do a craft.

Author Event and Writing Workshop

Tuesday, September 19, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room

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. Please register.

Know Your Rights: Access to Mental Health Services

Wednesday, September 20, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

This presentation explains how common mental health conditions are, and how to recognize signs and symptoms. It provides information on rights to mental health care, steps and resources to access care, and what to do if you encounter problems.

Cascada de Flores and Paleta Party

Thursday, September 21, 10:30 – 11:45 a.m., Orchard Room

Cascada de Flores is a Bay Area-based musical duo who offer a bilingual Spanish music and storytelling experience. After that, there will be a paleta party on a first come, first-served basis. Free tickets will be given out starting at 10 a.m. Space is limited.

Page Turners Book Club for 4th & 5th Graders

Thursday, September 21, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

We will be discussing [Where the Mountain Meets the Moon](#) by Grace Lin, then we will do a fun activity related to the book.

Furry Friends Reading Buddies

Saturday, September 23, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m., Orchard Room

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

Now Read This! Book Club

Monday, September 25, 12 – 1:30 p.m., Orchard Room

We will be discussing [Free: A Child and a Country at the End of History](#) by Lea Ypi.

Firefighter Storytime & Truck Event

Tuesday, September 26, 10:30 – 11 a.m. and 11 – 11:30 a.m., Orchard Room & Parking Lot

We are partnering with Santa County Clara Fire for a special storytime and the opportunity to meet a firefighter and see a fire truck. Please note: firefighters will remain in-serve and may need to leave in the event of an emergency.

Book Club for 6th-8th Graders

Tuesday, September 26, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

We will be discussing [Holes](#) by Louis Sachar, then we will do a fun activity related to the book.

Teen Knitting Club

Tuesday, September 26, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m., Teen Room

If you love knitting or want to learn, join us for a cozy sit-down group. All skill levels are welcome, and beginners can use library yarn and needles.

Book Talk Club for Kids

Wednesday, September 27, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

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: India's Rajasthan

Wednesday, September 27, 7 – 8 p.m.

Take a photographic tour of India's largest state, Rajasthan and experience the intense sunsets and tour ancient temples and historical treasures including the Taj Mahal.

Moon Festival Lantern Craft

Thursday, September 28, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Children in grades K+ are invited to drop by for a fun paper lantern craft.

MILPITAS -- 160 N. Main Street

ESL Assessment for ESL Class

Through Saturday, September 9, Computer Training Center or Zoom

These assessments are required to complete the registration for the upcoming ESL classes that start on September 11.

Qi Gong Meditation & Exercise Classes

Fridays, September 1, 15, 22, & 29, 1 – 3 p.m., Auditorium

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

Knit & Crochet Circle

Fridays, September 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 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.

Bilingual Cantonese/English Storytime

Tuesdays, September 5 & 19, 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。

Baby Bouncers Lapsit

Tuesdays, September 5, 12, 19, & 26, 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, September 6, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Activity Room

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

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Toddler Storytime

Thursdays, September 7, 14, 21, & 28, 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: Mid-Autumn Festival

Thursday, September 7, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Activity Room

Children of all ages are welcome to join us for a fun craft activity and some mooncakes. Registration not required. All materials are provided while supplies last.

Play and Learn

Thursdays, September 7, 14, & 21, 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.

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Mexican Tin Art Craft (ages 12-18)

Friday, September 22, 4 – 5 p.m., Auditorium

Celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month by joining a class about Mexican tin art, a folk art where you work with tin and colors to decorate. All supplies will be provided. Please register.

Reading Buddies for Grades K-5

Saturday, September 23, 2 – 3 p.m., Activity Room

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

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Adult Book Discussion Group

Wednesday, September 27, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m., Auditorium

We will be discussing [*The Apparitionists: A Tale of Phantoms, Fraud, Photography, and the Man who Captured Lincoln's Ghost*](#) by Peter Manseau.

Paying for College with Scholarships: Developing Unique Essays

Saturday, September 30, 2 – 3 p.m., Auditorium

Learn how to develop a series of interchangeable written ‘modules’ that can be used to address the most popular aspects of multiple scholarship essay prompts. Please register.

MORGAN HILL -- 660 W. Main Avenue

Tiny Tot Jamboree

Fridays, September 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 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, September 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 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, September 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 10:15 – 11 a.m., Children’s Activity Room

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

DIY Bookmarks for Adults

Saturday, September 2, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Adults and seniors are invited to decorate and create their own bookmarks. Please register.

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

Mondays-Thursdays, 3 – 4 p.m./lunes a 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, September 5, 12, 19, & 26, 3 – 4 p.m.

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

First Tuesday Knit-In

Tuesday, September 5, 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, September 5, 7:30 – 8 p.m., Program Room

We will be discussing [*Killers of the Flower Moon*](#) by David Grann.

Kids STEM Club

Wednesday, September 6, 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 Cubelets.

College, Career & Life Skills Series: Introduction to College & Career Readiness

Wednesday, September 6, 6 – 7 p.m., Program Room

Get an introduction to college and career readiness, the California college system, and discuss how to select the right college for you or your child, and the college admissions timeline. A second presentation will be held in Spanish at 7:30 p.m.

Toddler Storytime

Thursdays, September 7, 14, 21, & 28, 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, September 7, 14, 21, & 28, 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.

Safe Space Meeting for LGBTQ+ Youth

Fridays, August 8 & 22, 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, September 9, 23, & 30, 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.

DIY Flower Vase

Monday, September 11, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Program Room

Decorate small flower vases and bring home a real flower. All materials will be provided. Wear clothing you do not mind getting dirty. Please register online.

Zumba

Mondays, September 11 & 25, 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.

Movie Night

Wednesday, September 13, 6 – 8:30 p.m., Adult Program Room

Join us for a movie night to watch *In the Heights* (PG-13).

Wildfire Preparedness: Ready Set Go!

Friday, September 15, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Learn about wildfire prevention and preparedness. *Ready Set Go* guides the public on how to prepare their homes and family before a wildfire, including creating defensible space, preparing go bags, discussing what to do during a wildfire and knowing when to go.

Mexican Tin Art for Adults & Teens

Saturday, September 16, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m., Program Room

Get a brief history of the traditional cultural practice or *repujado/hojalata*, and then demonstrate techniques on how to emboss your own designs or pre-drawn patterns onto tooling aluminum. Registration is required.

Paying for College with Scholarships: Developing Unique Essays

Monday, September 18, 6 – 7 p.m., Large Program Room

Learn how to develop a series of interchangeable written ‘modules’ that can be used to address the most popular aspects of multiple scholarship essay prompts. Please register.

Library Ukulele Society

Tuesday, September 19, 5 – 7 p.m., Community Room

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

Start Your Own Small Business: For Teens

Wednesday, September 20, 6 – 8 p.m., Large Program Room

This workshop is for teens ages 12-18 who want to learn how to turn their unique skills, passions, and interest into a small business. This workshop will be a mix of hands-on exercise with easy to follow worksheets and a presentation of real-life examples of young entrepreneurs. Please register.

Chinese Calligraphy Workshop

Saturday, September 23, 12 – 1 p.m.

Celebrate the Mid-Autumn Festival by discovering the art of written Chinese calligraphy and add artistic beauty to the occasion. This workshop welcomes adults and teens. Please register.

Film Screening

Wednesday, September 27, 6 – 8:30 p.m., Program Room

We will be viewing *Dolores: Rebel. Activist. Feminist. Mother*. Film Summary: In the 1950s, a working-class wife and mother of eleven children helps to establish a farmer’s union, which later develops into a platform for feminism and gender equality.

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.

Baby Storytime (12 months or younger)

Fridays, September 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Orchard Room

Join us for stories, rhymes, fingerplays and songs.

Family Storytime

Saturdays, September 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room

Tuesdays, September 5, 12, 19, & 26, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Orchard Room

Join us for stories, rhymes, fingerplays and songs.

Ukulele Jam Session

Tuesdays, September 5, 12, & 19, 11 – 11:45 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.

Sci-Fi & Fantasy Book Club

Tuesdays, September 5, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard Room

Join our new book club! We will be discussing [*Dune*](#) by Frank Herbert. Visit the Adult Reference Desk to register and pick up a copy of the book.

Knit & Crochet Circle

Wednesday, September 6, 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.

Opioid Overdose Prevention

Saturday, September 9, 1 – 2 p.m.

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

California Color Talk and Reception

Sunday, September 10, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Community Room

Susan Butler-Graham, the Exhibits Chair of the Santa Clara Valley Watercolor Society, will describe the mission and activities of SCVWS. She will also discuss some watercolor techniques and introduce participants to the exhibit of paintings by members.

Watercolor Painting for Kids Ages 5-12

Tuesday, September 12, 4 – 5 p.m., Community Room

Kids between the ages of 5-12 are welcome to our beginner watercolor painting fun. First come, first served as supplies are limited.

LEGO Club

Wednesday, September 13, 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.

Family Bingo

Friday, September 15, 4 – 5 p.m., Community Room

Join us for good times and fun prizes. Bring the whole family as all ages are welcome. Admission is first come, first-served.

Chinese Calligraphy Workshop

Saturday, September 16, 2 – 3 p.m.

Celebrate the Mid-Autumn Festival by discovering the art of written Chinese calligraphy and add artistic beauty to the occasion. This workshop welcomes adults. Please register.

Bystander Intervention Training

Sunday, September 17, 1 – 3 p.m., Community Room

Learn how to safely intervene in the event you witness a hate crime or bias incident. Learn specific de-escalation techniques as a bystander in a variety of scenarios.

Free Multi-Level ESL Classes

Mondays and Wednesdays, September 18- December 13, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Join us for a two-month series to learn and improve your English listening and speaking skills. This class is for beginners to intermediate students.

Mystery Book Club

Monday, September 18, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard Room

We will be discussing [*The Silent Patient*](#) by Alex Michaelides.

Travel Program: Touring the American Southwest

Tuesday, September 19, 7:15 – 8:30 p.m.

Join John Trudeau for a photo journey of his scenic road trip in the American Southwest with stops at the Carlsbad Caverns, Bandelier National Monuments, the Petrified Forest, and Sedona.

Mandarin/English Storytime

Thursday, September 21, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Orchard Room

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

Teatime Book Chatter

Thursday, September 21, 1 – 2 p.m., Orchard Room

We will be discussing [Yellowface](#) by R.F. Kuang. Visit the Adult Reference Desk to register and pick up a copy of the book.

Spanish/English Storytime

Thursday, September 28, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Orchard Room

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

WOODLAND – 1975 Grant Road

Canine Companions Reading Buddies

Fridays, September 8 & 22, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

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

Grandparents Day Family Storytime

Sunday, September 10, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Backyard

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

Monday Morning Meditation and Mindfulness

Mondays, September 11, 18, & 25, 7 – 7:30 p.m., Patio

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

Family Storytime: Farms

Sunday, September 24, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Backyard

Join us in the backyard of the library for stories, songs, fingerplays as we learn about farms.

ONLINE EVENTS (Please register online)

ESL Book Club

Friday, September 1, 4 – 5 p.m.

We will be discussing [The Housekeeper and the Professor](#) by Yoko Ogawa.

Girls Who Code Registration Lottery

Monday, September 4 – Friday, September 15

The Cupertino Library is holding a 10-week Girls Who Code Program starting September 26. Due to high interest, an online registration process followed by a lottery selection will determine who will be enrolled in this program. Submitting the form does not guarantee entry.

Get Started with Libby

Wednesday, September 6, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

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

Online English Conversation Club

Thursdays, September 7, 14, 21, & 28, 11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Meet new friends and practice English together.

Virtual Author Talk: Lidia Bastianich

Thursday, September 7, 4 – 5 p.m.

Award-winning TV host and bestselling author Lidia Bastianich will discuss her memoir, [*My American Dream: A Life of Love, Family, and Food.*](#)

Paying for College with Scholarships: The Complex Landscape of Scholarships

Tuesday, September 12, 5 – 6 p.m.

College scholarships exist for everyone, regardless of academic merit or personal background. We will walk you through the steps to identify, apply for, and manage scholarships.

Virtual Author Talk: Adam Alter

Wednesday, September 20, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Author Adam Alter will discuss his new book, [*Anatomy of a Breakthrough: How to Get Unstuck When it Matters Most.*](#)

Welcome to ReadyRosie!

Wednesday, September 27, 1:30 – 2 p.m.

ReadyRosie is a child development resource for parents and caregivers of children 0-6 years old. Discover videos and gain insight on how to best share information and develop early literacy skills for little ones.

Virtual Author Talk: Amor Towles

Wednesday, September 27, 5 – 6 p.m.

Bestselling author Amor Towles will discuss his career and books [*A Gentleman in Moscow*](#) and [*The Lincoln Highway.*](#)