

February 2023  
Library Stakeholder Report  
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## 2023-28 SCCLD Strategic Plan

SCCLD is rising to new heights in 2023 with a new Strategic Plan. The Plan, which sets out goals and priorities for the future, will span FY2023-2028, and was developed with input from library staff, stakeholders, commissioners, and most importantly, our communities. The community feedback was collected through in-person and virtual town hall meetings, interviews, community feedback boards, focus groups, and a multi-lingual survey that gathered thousands of responses from patrons and residents across the Library District about what types of services they most appreciate and need.



**NEW VISION:** The Santa Clara County Library District aspires to be an inclusive space where everyone feels welcomed, supported in their lifelong learning, and energized to help us evolve as a community. We will work to create a world in which access to knowledge, resources, and opportunities is guaranteed to all.

**NEW MISSION:** At Santa Clara County Library District, YOU BELONG. CONNECT. DISCOVER.

The [Strategic Planning page](#) on the library's website has more details and a downloadable booklet will be available in early February in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, and Chinese. SCCLD's plans for the next five fiscal years are outlined around the District-level priorities to Welcome, Inspire, Listen, and Innovate. There are 3-4 specific goals listed under each priority, which are direct reflections of the research and community feedback. These key priorities demonstrate the way that SCCLD libraries are integrated into their communities. Updates will be added to the website quarterly to capture and communicate our progress in the work.

### PRIORITIES:

**WELCOME:** We welcome all, providing inclusive and compassionate library service throughout the district.

**LISTEN:** We listen, valuing the voices of our patrons, our communities, and our partners.

**INSPIRE:** We inspire, building the foundations of literacy with our community.

**INNOVATE:** We innovate, fostering a culture of curiosity and opportunity.

## Silicon Valley Reads in Full Gear

A capacity crowd attended the kickoff event for Silicon Valley Reads 2023 at De Anza College on January 26 hosting the three featured authors (Tommy Orange, Amanda Skenandore, and Kai Harris) in conversation with *Mercury News* columnist, Sal Pizarro. You can [stream it online](#) through February 10. February brings many more events for all ages which take place across the County, including at all SCCLD libraries.



These include a storywalk around children's title ***Coquí in the City*** by Nomar Perez at multiple libraries, a visit by featured author Kai Harris (***What the Fireflies Knew***) at Morgan Hill Library, Lunar New Year Calligraphy Classes at several libraries, film screenings, special storytimes, and much more. Find the full list of events on our [Online Calendar](#). Many of the highlights are listed below in the Events Calendar.

If you have not already signed up, please register for our [SVR 2023 Reading Challenge](#), which enters participants who complete the requirements into a drawing for a \$25 gift certificate for each age group that participates. All you need to do is read any [2023 SVR title](#) and attend at least one library program.

Check out SVR's [Calendar of Events](#) for an up to date list of the many upcoming SVR-related events. The majority take place in February and March at locations across the County, including libraries and schools. Library District events will be listed in [SCCLD's own calendar](#).



## Get Ready for Kindergarten Program

A six-week, self-paced Get Ready for Kindergarten program kicks off at all SCCLD libraries on Wednesday, February 1. Children entering Transitional Kindergarten and/or Kindergarten in Fall 2023 who complete all activities can pick up their certificate of completion and a prize from their local SCCLD library. Registration for the program, which can be [done online](#) or at any of our libraries, ends on June 30. The last day to pick up a prize is August 31.

Caregivers and parents [can register](#) their incoming Transitional Kindergarten or Kindergarten student and pick up a free booklet at any of our libraries that includes readiness resources for caregivers and skill-building activities that they can work on together with their youngsters. The skill-set activities follows the six critical areas for preparing to be successful in Kindergarten laid out in SCCLD's [Kinder Readiness program](#) of Health and Well-being, Early Literacy, Social and Emotional Development, Language and Communication Skills, Mathematical Thinking, and Science.

## Celebrating the African American Experience

The theme of this year is [Black Resistance](#), exploring how “African Americans have resisted historic and ongoing oppression in all forms.” Several of our libraries will have displays during February to feature some of the many important black voices in literature of today and from the past. Also keep an eye out for a Black History themed blogs and booklists on our website.

SCCLD will be hosting the following [events](#) in celebration of Black History Month:

Feb 4 @ 3pm - Morgan Hill Library

Celebrate Black History Month and learn about Garrett Morgan, inventor of the traffic light. [Local author, Thomishia Booker](#) will lead a children’s storytime, craft and lesson on how to love yourself.

Feb 8 @ 7pm - Virtual Event

A special one-woman [performance over Zoom](#) by author Betty Jewell Slater about the life of aviator Bessie Coleman. She was the first woman of African-American descent to earn an aviation license, overcoming many obstacles in the process.

Feb 22 @ 11am - Milpitas Library

Join us for a fun and entertaining morning with children’s author, [Thomishia Booker](#), who will lead us in learning black history facts, arts and crafts, and more.

Feb 22 @ 7:30pm - Milpitas Library

Please join us as we discuss the book [Between the World and Me](#) by Ta-Nehisi Coates.



## OverDrive App to be Phased out on May 1

The OverDrive app for eBooks and digital Audiobooks is being phased out by the end of April. The OverDrive app will be removed from the Apple App Store, Google Play, and Microsoft store on February 23 and the app disabled at the end of April.

Please download the [Libby app](#) if you have not done so already to continue to be able to browse, borrow and access digital content from OverDrive.

You will be able to retain all of your existing wish lists on Libby. Find answers to other questions you may have on the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) page.

## Staffing Announcements

Clare Varesio, who had previously served as Community Librarian for Cupertino Library since 2017, is now a Library Services Manager working out of the Services & Support Center. As part of her new responsibilities, Clare oversees the Bookmobile team and manages staff development, partnerships, strategies, and other programs.

Bryant Bao, who previously served as the Acting Community Librarian for the Los Altos and Woodland libraries, is currently serving in the same capacity for Cupertino Library. Saralyn Otter, the current Supervising Children's Librarian at Morgan Hill Library, is now the Acting Community Librarian at Saratoga Library as Nichole King moves from Saratoga to take on the role of Community Librarian in Campbell.



Clare Varesio, new  
Library Services Manager

## 2023 SCCLD Joint Powers Authority Board New Members

We are pleased to announce the new members on the Library District's [Joint Powers Authority Governing Board](#). This includes: a new Vice Chair, Evelyn Chua, Council member from Milpitas; a returning Board member Burton Craig, Council member from Monte Sereno; new Board member Tina Walia, Council member from Saratoga; new Board member Neysa Fligor, Council member from Los Altos; and new Board member from the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors, Cindy Chavez. Please note, the Board member from Morgan Hill had not been appointed and the Library JPA Chair was vacant at the time this report was issued.



*Celebrating the love of reading this Valentine's Day*

## SANTA CLARA COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT FEBRUARY 2023 EVENTS

\* All libraries will be closed and services unavailable on  
Monday, February 20 in observance of Presidents' Day \*

*SILICON VALLEY READS EVENTS HIGHLIGHTED IN BLUE.*

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

#### **Indoor Storytime for Kids 0-5**

*Wednesdays, February 1, 8, 15 & 22, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard City Banquet Hall or Room Q84  
(The Mary Campbell Room)*

Join us for stories, songs, and more! Please bring a blanket or towel to sit on. No registration required.

#### **ESL Conversation Club**

*Tuesdays, February 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.

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

#### **Family Storytime**

*Wednesdays, February 1, 8, 15 & 22, 7 – 7:30 p.m., Room 101*

*Saturdays, February 4, 11, 18 & 25, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Room 101*

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.

#### **Preschool Storytime**

*Thursdays, February 2, 9, 16 & 23, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Room 101*

This storytime is suitable for kids ages 3-5 years old, and will feature stories, songs, rhymes and dances that encourage the development of early literacy skills. Limited to the first 100 families.

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

*Fridays, February 3, 10, 17, & 24, 3 – 4:30 p.m., Room 201B, Second Floor*

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.

### **Teen Machine Learning Workshop (ages 14-17)**

*Saturdays, February 4 & 11, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Room 201A, Second Floor*

This course covers the essentials of Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence, ranging from thinking like an AI to implementing your own deep neural networks. This program is math-oriented and requires participants to have a knowledge of Algebra 2/Trigonometry. This is a two-part workshop. Please plan to attend both sessions.

### **SVR Movie Screening: Daughter of a Lost Bird**

*Sunday, February 5, 2 – 3 p.m., Room 201A*

Kendra, an adult Native adoptee, reconnects with her birth family, discovers her Lummi heritage and confronts issues of her own identity. Please register.

### **SVR Storywalk: Coquí in the City**

*Monday, February 6 – Thursday, March 30, Outside*

Visit Cupertino Library and go for a walk, all while reading the Silicon Valley Reads featured book, [\*Coquí in the City\*](#) by Nomar Perez.

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

*Mondays, February 6, 13, & 27, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Room 101A*

This storytime features stories and songs that encourage the development of early literacy skills. Storytime is limited to the first 25 babies with a maximum of two adults per family.

### **ESL Conversation Club**

*Tuesdays, February 7, 14, & 28, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Room 201A, Second Floor*

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

### **Toddler Storytime at Cupertino Library**

*Tuesdays, February 7, 14, 21, & 28, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Room 101*

This storytime is suitable for kids ages 1-2 years old, and will feature stories, songs, rhymes and dances that encourage the development of early literacy skills. Limited to the first 100 families.

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

*Sunday, February 12, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Room 201A, Second Floor*

Join us for our new monthly book discussion group. We will be discussing [Shadow Divers](#) by Robert Kurson. Copies are available at the Adult Reference Desk.

### **Beginning Birding and Migration**

*Tuesday, February 14, 4 – 5 p.m., Room 201A, Second Floor*

The Bay Area is an amazing area for birding! Get started on your birding adventure with the Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society, and learn the tools of birding, useful field marks and some of our more common species.

### **Adult Book Discussion**

*Thursday, February 16, 7 – 8:15 p.m., Room 201A, Second Floor*

We will be discussing [The Sentence](#) by Louise Erdrich.

### **Opera San Jose**

*Saturday, February 18, 2 – 3 p.m., Room 101*

Singers from Opera San Jose will perform dazzling arias from some of the greatest operatic works.

### **Lunar New Year Calligraphy Class**

*Saturday, February 18, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.*

Our instructor will be teaching the art of traditional Chinese calligraphy basics including holding a brush, writing basics, and learning New Year sayings. Please register.

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

### **Snack Break for Kids**

*Mondays-Fridays through May, 3 – 4 p.m., Pick up near Accounts Desk*

Kids ages 18 and under are welcomed to pick up an afterschool snack, while supplies last. No registration necessary.

### **Resilient Families 6-Class Bilingual Session/Familias Resilientes Sesión Bilingüe de 6 Clases**

*Weds., February 1 to March 8, 6 – 8 p.m./los miércoles, 1 de febrero al 8 de marzo, 6 – 8 p.m.*

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! Please register to reserve your spot. Walk-ins welcome as space allows.

¿Tiene 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! Por favor regístrese para reservar su lugar. Todos sin reserva son bienvenidos según lo permita el espacio.

### **Storytime at Gilroy Library**

*Thursdays, February 2, 9, 16, & 23, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Ground Floor Children’s Activity Room*

Join us for stories, songs and more. Space is limited.

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

*Thursdays, February 2, 9, 16, & 23, 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!

### **Silicon Valley Reads Book Discussion**

*Friday, February 3, 10:15 – 11:15 a.m., Upstairs Quiet Study B*

We will discuss the Silicon Valley Reads selected title, [\*The Second Life of Mirielle West\*](#) by Amanda Skanandore.

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

*Fridays, February 3 & 17, 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.

### **Financial Planning Consultations and Workshop**

*Saturday, February 4, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., Community Room*

Sign up for a 30-minute personal consultation with a Certified Financial Planner from the FPA of Silicon Valley. Appointments are available from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. and the financial workshop is from 12 – 1 p.m. Registration is required for the personal consultation. Registration is not needed for the financial workshop.

### **Tales of a Local 19<sup>th</sup> Century Gunfighter**

*Saturday, February 11, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Upstairs Community Room*

Learn about John Hicks Adams, who was elected to 5 terms as Santa Clara County Sheriff. His career included the capture of the Ingram Partisan Rangers, Confederate sympathizers and stagecoach robbers.



**Nest Box Building (Kids Ages 8-12)**

*Saturday, February 11, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., the Nest in Children's Area*

The Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society will help you build a nest box to provided needed nesting for birds. Please register. Parents are encouraged to help child put the nest kit together.

**Sun's Kung Fu Academy: Lion Dance**

*Saturday, February 11, 1 – 1:30 p.m.*

Join us for a special performance. Lion dances are often performed during special occasions or celebrations, or a Grand Opening for good luck.

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

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

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

**Farmacology Book Discussion with Sustainable Food Advocate**

*Sunday, February 12, 3 – 4 p.m., Outside Courtyard*

Rescheduled from the January date. Join us to talk about the book, [Farmacology](#), then hear from sustainable food advocate Peter Ruddock. Please register.

**Master Gardeners**

*Saturday, February 18, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Upstairs Quiet Study B*

Now is the time to start planning your tomato garden. Increase your success with the help of UCCE Master Gardener Joan Cloutier.

**Brain Exercises & Health Screenings**

*Saturday, February 18, 12 – 2 p.m.*

Learn the fundamentals of yoga breathing, or get health screenings such as blood pressure, pulse oximeter and pulmonary function testing.

**Beginning Birding with the Audubon Society**

*Saturday, February 18, 2 – 3 p.m., Quiet Room B*

The Bay Area is an amazing area for birding! Get started on your birding adventure with the Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society, and learn the tools of birding, useful field marks and some of our more common species.

**Principles of Modern Photography**

*Saturday, February 25, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Upstairs Community Room*

Learn the basics principles of photography including composition, rule of thirds, natural frames, light, color, timing and storytelling. Please register.

### **Lunar New Year Calligraphy Class**

*Saturday, February 25, 2 – 3 p.m.*

Our instructor will be teaching the art of traditional Chinese calligraphy basics including holding a brush, writing basics, and learning New Year sayings. Please register.

### **ESL Class Session**

*Mondays and Wednesdays, Feb. 27-May 17, 6 – 8 p.m., Upstairs Computer Training Lab*

*Los lunes y miércoles, del 27 de febrero al 17 de mayo, 6 a 8 p.m.*

Join us to learn and improve your English listening and speaking skills. This class is for high beginners to low intermediate. We will schedule testing to determine your level before and after the class session.

Únase a nosotros para aprender y mejorar sus habilidades para escuchar y hablar en inglés. Esta sesión de clase es para principiantes altos a intermedios bajos. Programaremos pruebas para determinar su nivel antes y después de la sesión de clase.

### **The Neutral Zone**

*Tuesday, February 28, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Upstairs Quiet Study Room B*

The Neutral Zone is a space for children ages 8-12 who have been impacted by divorce or separation. Join us to participate in games, activities and discussions. There are eight meetings. We encourage participants to attend all of them. Register online.

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

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

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

We will be discussing [\*The Searcher\*](#) by Tana French.

### **Bilingual Spanish Storytime**

*Fridays, February 3, 10, 17, & 24, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard Room*

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

### **Baby Sign Time**

*Saturday, February 4, 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.

### **SVR Storywalk: Coquí in the City**

*Monday, February 6 – Thursday, March 30, Outside*

Go for a walk while reading the Silicon Valley Reads featured book, [\*Coquí in the City\*](#).

### **Bobbin Wranglers Sewing Club**

*Monday, February 6, 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.

### **Indoor Family Storytime**

*Tuesdays, February 7, 14, 21\*, & 28\*\*, 10:30 – 11 a.m. and 11 – 11:30 a.m., Orchard Room*

This interactive 20-minute storytime features songs, stories, fingerplays and more. Due to limited seating, we will begin handing out free tickets starting at 10 a.m. If you can't make the 10:30 storytime, we will have a second at 11 a.m.

\*Join our February 21 program at 10:30 a.m., celebrity storytime with Supervisor Joe Simitian.

\*\*Join our February 28 program at 10:30 a.m., celebrity storytime with Los Altos Councilmember Lynette Lee Eng.

### **Valentine Crafternoon Drop-In**

*Wednesday, February 8, 3 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room*

Children and their families are invited to have fun making Valentine cards.

### **Inspirational Moments with Joan Sparks**

*Wednesday, February 8, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard Room*

Wildlife photographer Joan Sparks will share inspirational moments with her camera.

### **Page Turners Book Club for Grades 4-6**

*Thursday, February 16, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room*

We are discussing [\*Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH\*](#) by Robert C. O'Brien. Please register then stop by the Children's Reference Desk to check out a copy of the book.

### **Bay Area Games Day**

*Saturday, February 18, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m., Orchard Room*

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

### **Book Bugs Club (Grades 2-3)**

*Tuesday, February 21, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room*

We will discuss [\*Mystery of the Gold Coin\*](#) by Harper Paris, then make a fun craft.

### **Book Talk for Kids (Grades 4-8)**

*Wednesday, February 22, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room*

Bring your favorite book that you can recommend to the group, and learn from each other!

### **A Glimpse at UNESCO World Heritage Sites**

*Wednesday, February 22, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard Room*

Veteran traveler David Couzens will narrate a photographic tour of more than 100 UNESCO World Heritage sites, such as the Taj Mahal to the Neolithic ruins on the Orkney Islands in Scotland.

### **Furry Friends Reading Buddies**

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

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

### **Retiring: A New Beginning**

*Tuesday, February 28, 1 – 2 p.m.*

With retirement lasting an average of 30 years, retirement is a new beginning! Two aging experts will share the stages of retirement, latest research, and how lifestyle choices can help shape your best golden years. Please register.

### **Silicon Valley Reads Book Discussion**

*Tuesday, February 28, 7 – 8:15 p.m., Orchard Room*

We will discuss the Silicon Valley Reads selected title, [\*The Second Life of Mirielle West\*](#) by Amanda Skanandore.

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

### **Fun with Art Presented by First5 Santa Clara County**

*Wednesday, February 1, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Activity Room*

This program is geared toward children ages 2-5 and their caregivers. Come make some art with us and learn about available resources at the resource center.

### **Internet Safety Class for Adults**

*Wednesday, February 1, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Computer Training Lab*

Professional instructors from Community Tech Network will go over password management and security. Use a library computer or bring your tablet or smartphone. This class is topic-focused; there will be no device usage training. Please register.

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

*Wednesdays, February 1, 8, 15 & 22, 2 – 4 p.m., Auditorium*

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

### **Toddler Storytime**

*Thursdays, February 2, 9, 16, & 23, 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**

*Thursday, February 2, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Activity Room*

Let's craft around the world! This month will be a chalk drawing of the beautiful Northern Lights. Register online.

### **Knit & Crochet Circle**

*Fridays, February 3, 10, 17, & 24, 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 English, Hindi, Punjabi and Gujarati. No registration required. Materials not provided.

### **LGBTQ Social Space**

*Friday, February 3, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m., Conference Room*

Enjoy good company, snacks, and fun as we socialize and make new friends.

### **Family Storytime**

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

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

### **STEM Building with LEGO**

*Mondays, February 6, 13, & 27, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Activity Room*

Kids in grades K-8 are invited to drop by and have fun building with LEGOs. No registration needed.

### **Baby Bouncers Lapsit**

*Tuesdays, February 7, 14, 21, & 28, 11:30 – 11:45 a.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.

### **Ready, Set, Kindergarten! Storytime**

*Thursday, February 9, 16, & 23, 6 – 7 p.m., Activity Room*

This special storytime provides children and their caregivers activities and resources to get ready for kindergarten.

### **Valentine's Craft for Grades K-5**

*Friday, February 10, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Activity Room*

Join us at Cupid's workshop and make your very own Valentine craft. All supplies will be provided. Register online.

### **LGBTQ Movie Night**

*Friday, February 17, 4:30 – 7 p.m., Activity Room*

We are hosting a screening of Spoiler Alert. Bring a friend or family member to this free and inclusive event for all.

### **Celebrate Black History Month**

*Wednesday, February 22, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Activity Room*

Children's author Thomishia Booker will lead us in learning Black history facts, arts, crafts and more. Register online.

### **Book Discussion Group**

*Wednesday, February 22, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m., Auditorium*

We will discuss [\*Between the World and Me\*](#) by Ta-Nehisi Coates.

### **Gaming Tournament (Grades 4-8)**

*Thursday, February 23, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Computer Training Room*

Play various games on Roblox and participate in a tournament.

### **The Peaceful Poets**

*Thursday, February 23, 5:30 – 8 p.m., Conference Room*

Join this group of writers and appreciators of poetry.

### **Lunar New Year Calligraphy Class**

*Saturday, February 25, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.*

Our instructor will be teaching the art of traditional Chinese calligraphy basics including holding a brush, writing basics, and learning New Year sayings. Please register.

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

*Saturday, February 25, 2 – 3 p.m., Activity Room*

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

### **Bilingual Chinese Storytime**

*Tuesday, February 28, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Activity Room*

Children's librarian Jennifer will read stories and lead children with songs, a flannel board story, finger play, games and a craft project. Jennifer 將為小朋友讀圖畫故事書,唱兒歌,用絨佈板講故事,手指謠,玩遊戲和做美勞。

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

### **Snack Break**

*Mondays-Thursdays, 3 – 4 p.m.*

Free afterschool snacks available for kids ages 0-18, while supplies last. No registration necessary.

### **Family Storytime**

*Thursdays, February 2, 9, 16, & 23, 10:15 – 10:45 a.m., Children's Activity Room*

Join us for stories, music, movement and more!

### **Bilingual Storytime**

*Saturdays, February 4, 11, 18, & 25, 10:15 – 10:45 a.m., Children's Activity Room*

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

### **Shining Bright**

*Saturday, February 4, 3 – 4 p.m.*

Local author Thomishia Booker will lead us through a storytime, craft and lesson on how to love yourself.

### **SVR Storywalk: Coquí in the City**

*Monday, February 6 – Thursday, March 30, Outside*

Visit Morgan Hill Library and go for a walk, all while reading the Silicon Valley Reads featured book, [\*Coquí in the City\*](#).

### **LEGO Club**

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

Use LEGOs to build whatever you want, or based on our weekly theme. Creations will be displayed until our next meeting. LEGOs available for ages 2+. No registration required.

### **First Tuesday Knit-In**

*Tuesday, February 7, 6:45 – 8:45 p.m., Community Room*

New knitters can get advice and assistance, while advanced knitters can provide assistance and meet new friends in the community.

### **Kindness Valentine's**

*Wednesday, February 8, 3 – 4:30 p.m.*

Children of all ages and their caregivers are invited to a card-making event. Bring your imagination and we will provide all the supplies.

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

*Fridays, February 10 & 24, 4 – 5:30 p.m.*

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.

### **Homemade Candles, Salts & Scrubs with Safe Space**

*Friday, February 10, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Program Room*

The LGBTQ+ Youth Space will be making beeswax candles, bath salts and body scrubs. For youth ages 13-25. Please register.

### **Sun's Kung Fu Academy: Lion Dance**

*Saturday, February 11, 11:15 – 11:45 a.m.*

Join us for a special performance. Lion dances are often performed during special occasions or celebrations, or a Grand Opening for good luck.

### **SVR Author Visit: Kai Harris**

*Sunday, February 12, 1 – 2 p.m.*

Join us for an author talk followed by Q & A with Kai Harris, author of the Silicon Valley Reads featured book, [\*What the Fireflies Knew\*](#). Register online.

### **Zumba**

*Mondays, February 13 & 27, 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, February 21, 5 – 7 p.m.*

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

### **Great Decisions**

*Tuesday, February 21, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., Program Room*

Join the Morgan Hill Library and the Great Decisions group to discuss, develop awareness, understanding and informed options of U.S. foreign policy and global issues.



### **WERC: Feathers, Fur & Scales**

*Saturday, February 25, 2 – 3 p.m.*

The Wildlife Education and Rehabilitation Center will introduce participants to the similarities and differences between mammals, birds, and reptiles.

### **Principles of Modern Photography**

*Sunday, February 26, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.*

Learn the basic principles of photography including composition, rule of thirds, natural frames, light, color, timing and storytelling. Please register.

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

### **New Art in Saratoga Lobby**

*Through March 25*

Stop by the Saratoga Library lobby to enjoy our new art display, unique gourd art by Saratoga resident Christy Tsai.

### **Knit & Crochet Circle**

*Wednesday, February 1, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room*

Join us for our first ever, monthly event. Bring your own projects, ask questions, receive or give help, share ideas, and meet new people.

### **Baby Storytime**

*Fridays, February 3, 10, 17, & 24, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Orchard Room*

Join us for stories, rhymes, fingerplays and songs. Because seating is limited, please line up facing the “Stroller Parking” sign.

### **Family Storytime for All Ages**

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

Join us for stories, rhymes, fingerplays and songs. Because seating is limited, please line up facing the “Stroller Parking” sign.

### **Chinese Book Club/中文書友會**

*Wednesday, February 8, 10:15 a.m. – 12 p.m.*

We will discuss [安靜, 就是力量: 內向者如何發揮積極的力量 \(Quiet\)](#) by Susan Cain. The discussion will be held in Mandarin. 參與者可選讀中文或英文版, 討論則將以中文為主.

### **Drop in Bridge Session**

*Fridays, February 10 & 24, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.*

Come play bridge with us! This is not an instructional class, it is a way to practice in a friendly environment.

### **Grow Your Business Safely Online**

*Monday, February 13, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Community Room*

Learn about cyber security for your business. Topics include phishing, identity safety, online scams and data bleed. Please register.

### **Mandarin/English Storytime**

*Thursday, February 16, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Orchard Room*

Introduce your child to Mandarin by joining us for fun Mandarin/English stories, rhymes, fingerplays and songs. No registration required.

### **Teatime Book Chatter**

*Thursday, February 16, 1 – 2 p.m.*

We will be reading and discussing [Homegoing](#) by Yaa Gyasi. Stop by the Adult Reference Desk to register and pick up a copy of the book.

### **Family Bingo**

*Friday, February 17, 4 – 5 p.m., Community Room*

Join us for bingo! There are fun prizes to be won and good times to be had!

### **Lunar New Year Calligraphy Class**

*Saturday, February 18, 2 – 3 p.m.*

Our instructor will be teaching the art of traditional Chinese calligraphy basics including holding a brush, writing basics, and learning New Year sayings. Please register.

### **Fall Colors, Hot Springs & a Foodie Tour of Japan**

*Tuesday, February 21, 7:15 – 8:30 p.m.*

November is a great time to visit Japan and see the fall colors. Join our guide on a tour of Kyushu, Shikoku and Honshu following the fall colors, stopping at hot springs and tasting the culinary delights.

### **Spanish/English Storytime**

*Thursday, February 23, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Orchard Room*

Introduce your child to Spanish by joining us for fun Spanish/English stories, rhymes, fingerplays and songs. No registration required.

### **Executive Order 9066 Film and Panel Discussion**

*Saturday, February 25, 2 – 3 p.m., Community Room*

Executive Order 9066 authorized the forced removal of all persons deemed a threat to national security from the West Coast to relocation centers. Join us to watch a film about E.O. 9066 and its impact on their families. Please register.

## **SERVICES & SUPPORT CENTER – 1370 Dell Avenue, Campbell**

### **Reading Program Orientation**

*Wednesday, February 15, 1 – 2 p.m. and 5 – 6 p.m.*

SCCLD's adult literacy program is looking for tutors to work one-on-one with adult learners who wish to improve their reading, writing, and speaking skills. Learn more at our orientation. Please register at [readingprogram@sccl.org](mailto:readingprogram@sccl.org).

## **WOODLAND – 1975 Grant Road**

### **Family Storytime**

*Sunday, February 12, 11:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.*

Join us in the backyard of the library or inside (depending on the weather) for Valentine stories, songs, fingerplays, and general fun.

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

### **Online English Conversation Club**

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

Meet new friends and practice English together.

### **Virtual Yoga for Adults**

*Fridays, February 3 and 17, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.*

We will be doing vinyasa yoga, which seamlessly connects each yoga post to the next through a series of breaths. No experience necessary.

### **Black History Month: Aviation Pioneer Bessie Coleman**

*Wednesday, February 8, 7 – 8 p.m.*

Bessie Coleman was the first woman of African American descent and the first of Native American descent to hold a pilot's license. Learn about her life in a one-woman show performed by actress Betty Jewell Slater.

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

*Tuesday, February 14, 7 – 8 p.m.*

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

### **Silicon Valley Reads Online Book Club**

*Wednesday, February 22, 6 – 7 p.m.*

We will discuss the Silicon Valley Reads selected title, [\*The Second Life of Mirielle West\*](#) by Amanda Skanandore.