

March 2023  
Library Stakeholder Report  
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*Top: Toni Morrison,  
Maxine Hong Kingston,  
Jovita Idar, Maya Angelou*

*Middle: Gerda Lerner, Gloria  
Steinem, Winona La Duke,  
Lillian Hellman*

*Bottom: Betty Soskin, Willa  
Cather, Gertrude Stein,  
Marjory Stoneman Douglas*

## Celebrating Women's History Month

The National Women's History Alliance has announced the theme for this year: "[Celebrating Women Who Tell Our Stories](#)." This includes women past and present who have been involved in print, radio, TV, stage, screen, blogs and podcasts, and all other forms of media and storytelling. Here at the Library District, we devote ourselves to sharing the best resources, including women of excellence.

Our librarians prepare [annual booklists](#) for Women's History Month with new and classic titles by and about women. Keep an eye out for blogs on our website as well.

SCCLD will be hosting several [events](#) in celebration of Women's History Month (please register):

March 4 @ 3:30 pm - Milpitas Library

[Binary Bracelets](#) craft event. Make bracelets coded in binary in honor of Ada, Countess of Lovelace, the woman who created the first computer program. For kids grades K-5.

March 7 @ 7 pm - Virtual Event

[The Queer History of the Women's Suffrage Movement](#). Wendy Rouse, Associate Professor of History at San José State, will talk about the erasure of the private lives of many members of the women's suffrage movement. She is the author of [Public Faces, Secret Lives](#) and other works.

March 8 @ 9 am - Virtual Event

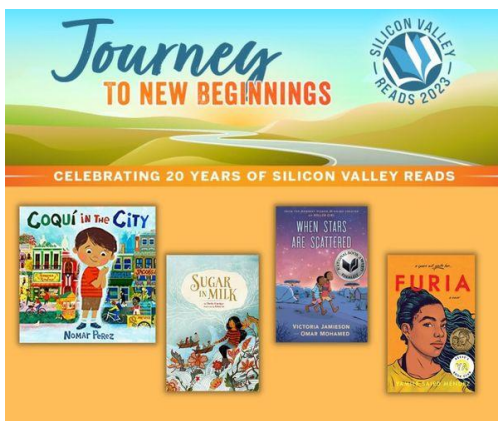
[Women's History Month with World Book Online](#). Learn more about this useful resource, for kids and adults, which is the perfect source for school reports and research papers, as well as general inquiry.



## Spring Concert Series

Spring is around the corner (March 20) and SCCLD is ready to sing its praises with a [Spring Family Concert series](#), which kicks off in early April. Get ready to clap, tap and sing along to the great artists that we have lined up for you!

Sing/canta in English and Spanish with [Baila Baila](#). Practice your rhythm and rhyme with [Bingo Schmingo](#), and move and shake with [Golden Acorn](#).



## Silicon Valley Reads Marches On

The second half of Silicon Valley Reads (SVR) starts off on Thursday, March 2 with a [virtual interview](#) with companion book [Furia](#) author Yamile Saied Méndez, followed by a Q&A. Other authors' events include life coach Chris Janssen sharing insights from her book [Living All In: How to Show Up for the Life You Want](#) (online on Monday, [March 6](#)), two talks and Q&As by Kai Harris, featured author of [What the Fireflies Knew](#) (Wednesday, [March 15](#) at Los Altos Library and Wednesday, [March 22](#) at Milpitas Library), and a virtual talk on Thursday, [March 23](#) by Omar Mohamed and Victoria Jamieson, authors of companion book [When Stars Are Scattered](#).

Other events taking place at SCCLD libraries include talks about photography and art, storytimes, movie screenings, and craft events. Find the full list of Library District events on our [Online Calendar](#).

Highlights are listed in the SCCLD Events Calendar that follows. Check out SVR's [Calendar of Events](#) for an up to date list of other events taking place across the County, including at libraries and schools.

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. To be eligible to win, all you need to do is register online, read any [2023 SVR title](#) and attend at least one library program.



## Get Ready for Kindergarten with SCCLD

Parents and caregivers of pre-Kinders are invited to attend a series of South County **Get Ready for Kindergarten** Workshops with early childhood educator [Dr. Gerardo Lopez](#), designed to support families of little ones who will be starting Kindergarten in Fall 2023. Learning materials will be provided.

Morgan Hill Library: 3 to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, March 4, 11 and 18

Gilroy Library: 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, April 8, 15 and 22 (register starting on Mar. 8)

Additional Kinder-Readiness programs in Milpitas and Los Altos can be found [here](#).

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.

## Tax Preparation Assistance at the Library

Cupertino Library is holding free tax preparation assistance sessions on Saturday afternoons during March offered by the experts at the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program. People will be helped on a first come, first served basis, so try to come early. Find full details, including which documents to bring, [here](#).



The Library also offers [helpful information](#) on tax preparation including forms, tips, and a list of free tax preparation and filing assistance resources.

## ESL Classes and Conversation Clubs

Those who wish to improve their English speaking and writing skills are invited to attend classes at Gilroy and Milpitas libraries. Both courses are underway now, with the one at [Gilroy Library](#) ending on May 17 and [Milpitas Library](#)'s on May 24. You can find more details about these classes at <https://scclid.org/esl/>. Participants will need to take a short assessment to determine their language level, which they can do after attending their first class.

SCCLD welcomes you to join the ESL classes and ESL conversation clubs at [Campbell Express, Cupertino, Gilroy, Los Altos, Milpitas and Saratoga Libraries](#).