

April 2022  
Library Stakeholder Report  
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## National Library Week

The theme of this year's [National Library Week](#) (April 3-9) is "Connect with your Library." Libraries are a place for people of all ages to connect in person, connect through shared interests, connect to online resources and, increasingly, to connect virtually. As part of the celebration of this week, you are invited to take part in daily activities.



- **Sunday, April 3:** Check out our [24/7 Online Library](#). SCCLD has an ever-growing collection of eBooks, eAudiobooks, digital music and streaming movies for you to explore. Resources have been helpfully arranged by general subject to make them easier to find, whatever your goal. Entertainment, help with school, great reads, we have them all.
- **Monday, April 4:** The workweek starts off with the release of the American Library Association's State of America's Libraries Report, which has a wealth of data about library use nationwide. The [Top Ten Frequently Challenged Books](#) of 2021 list will also be released, a hot topic this year with efforts by some groups to limit access to certain books.
- **Tuesday, April 5:** [National Library Workers Day](#), a time to thank the many great individuals who staff and provide support to our libraries. To each of you, THANK YOU for your involvement, support and contributions to make SCCLD one of the Top Ten Library Systems in the nation with a budget of more than \$30 million, according to *Library Journal*. We have [created a video](#) to show how much we appreciate you.
- **Wednesday, April 6:** [National Library Outreach Day](#), which gives us a chance to highlight the [great work of our Bookmobile](#) team, along with the Library District's [BookDash](#) service, [community outreach activities](#) and community partners.
- **Thursday, April 7:** [Take Action for Libraries Day](#), a time when those who care about library priorities contact elected officials and others to advocate for important issues. You can also follow your local library on social media and tell us what connections you've made thanks to the library. Share stories on our social media sites ([YouTube](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#)) @SCCLD about services the library has provided that have made a difference in your life and be sure that everyone in your household has an active library account.
- **Friday, April 8:** Have you signed everyone in your household up for a library account? It's easy to do. Just go into any SCCLD library or Bookmobile stop. Within a few minutes they will have a card that grants them full access to our physical and online collections. There are even three new interactive [card designs](#) to choose between. For those who only need a digital account you can easily sign up for one on [our website](#), which will grant you access to our 24/7 Online Library, which is constantly adding great new resources.

- [Saturday, April 9](#): The weekend is a great time to reread one of your favorite books or discover a new favorite with a suggestion from any of our knowledgeable librarians or [find a good book](#) on our website.

## SCCLD Strategic Planning

Happy National Library Week! There are over 16,600 public libraries throughout the United States. And while each is unique to the community it serves, the Library Bill of Rights first adopted by the American Library Association in 1939 consists of statements of basic principles that govern the service of all libraries.

SCCLD is honored to serve our communities as forums for information and ideas, always looking to how the library can best meet resident needs. To develop this vision, the Library District is consulting with Constructive Disruption to create a fresh strategic plan to bring our libraries forward with innovative services, relevant resources and exciting programs. Opportunities for public input include focus groups with key community groups, commissions and other city leaders and an online public survey. The online survey will launch in April, and you will be sent an email to participate, or you can click on the link from our website when available. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey to inform the important work to make your library the very best it can be.

## Happy Spring!

Spring is here with warmer, longer days. Many families are getting ready for spring break and looking for activities to keep kids learning and growing.

The Library offers a number of [Early Learning events](#) for young children and will soon be hosting in-person storytimes as well!



Teens can find several resources that may interest them on our [Teens' webpage](#). From Teens STREAM+ videos for and by teens, to book recommendations around numerous themes, to links to upcoming library events, there is a lot to keep them connected.

## Poetry Month Happenings

April is National Poetry Month and for Tshaka Campbell, his first as County Poet Laureate. In this honorary position, he has been featuring previous County Poet Laureate's on his [new official Poet Laureate Facebook page](#).

Campbell is also promoting a new **Bringing the Light** initiative, which seeks original poems (up to three) from local residents about their feelings



and experiences over the past three years. Selected poems will be featured in an Anthology and some will be included in a light projection installation and/or a partnership with the VTA titled “Words in Motion.”

The Library’s website has a [page devoted to poetry](#) events at our libraries, including some featuring the County Poet Laureate. You can also find works by a variety of poets in our collection.

## Financial Literacy Month

April is more than just the month our state and federal taxes are due. It’s also a time to build up our financial literacy to help prepare for retirement, education expenses for our kids, and life in general. Our librarians have compiled a list of some of the [best resources](#) for you around this important topic.

We also have a [Smart Investing page](#) on our website with links to several free library resources that patrons will find useful for financial planning.



## Join us for In-Person Programs in April

We know our littlest patrons and their families have been eagerly waiting for our beloved storytimes to return to the library. We appreciate your patience. Good news! We will be offering many in-person programs and services in April, which includes both in-person events and the use of community rooms by the public.



For a full list of programs, visit our [events calendar](#). To reserve a meeting or Community room, visit our [website](#).

Everyone is welcome at the library!

## SANTA CLARA COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT APRIL 2022 EVENTS

**\*\*All libraries will be closed and services unavailable on  
Sunday, April 17 in observance of Easter\*\***

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

#### **Special Author Visit: Masha Rumer**

*Tuesday, April 5, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard City Banquet Hall*

Author Masha Rumer will discuss her book, *Parenting with an Accent*. Her visit includes a reading and a lively discussion about balancing multiple cultures, bilingualism, parenting traditions and more. Please register online.

#### **ESL Conversation Club**

*Tuesdays, April 12, 19, & 26, 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m., Room M-50 at Campbell Community Center*

Practice your English conversation skills with friends. Please register online.

#### **Travel Program: Iran**

*Tuesday, April 19, 7:15 – 8:45 p.m., Orchard City Banquet Hall*

Watch a video presentation that shares the art and architectural glories of the Persian civilization.

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

#### **Spring Clean Your Medicine Cabinet**

*Wednesday, April 6, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Ground Floor Lobby*

Get rid of old medicines easily! Stop by to get free mail-back envelopes for expired prescription and over the counter medicines.

#### **Teen Paint Chip Poetry Workshop**

*Wednesday, April 13, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Teen Group Study Room, Upstairs*

Use paint chips to craft unexpected and surprising poems. No poetry experience necessary.

Online registration required due to limited space.

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

### **Snack Break at Gilroy Library**

*Mondays-Fridays, 3 -5 p.m. (except holidays and school breaks)*

Visit the children's area near the Nest room to grab a snack, while supplies last.

### **Knitting & Crochet Weekly Meetup**

*Thursdays, April 7, 14, 21, & 28, 1 – 4 p.m., Upstairs Quiet Study B*

Bring your projects, ask questions, receive help and meet new people! No registration necessary.

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

*Saturday, April 9, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Downstairs Meeting Room*

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

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

*Tuesday, April 12, 4 – 6 p.m., Downstairs 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.

### **ESL Class for Beginners**

*Mondays and Wednesdays, April 18, 20, 25, & 27, 6 – 8 p.m., Upstairs Computer Training Lab*

Register for this 16-class series led by professional ESL instructors. Learn and improve your English listening and speaking skills. Attendees must be 18+ years old and take a test to determine level.

### **Book Discussion**

*Tuesday, April 26, 7 – 8 p.m., Upstairs Quiet Study B*

We will be discussing *Such a Fun Age* by Kiley Reid. Please register.

### **Spring Clean Your Medicine Cabinet**

*Thursday, April 28, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Downstairs Lobby*

Get rid of old medicines easily! Stop by to get free mail-back envelopes for expired prescription and over the counter medicines.

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

### **Smash the Library: THE FINALE**

*Sunday, April 10, 12 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room*

Join us for a Super Smash Tournament at the Library. We will be playing Super Smash Bros. Ultimate for the Nintendo Switch. Please bring your own controller. This event is for people 14+. Register online to participate.

### **Outdoor Family Storytime**

*Tuesday, April 12, 19, & 26, 10:15 – 10:45 a.m., Los Altos History Museum*

Join us for songs, stories, fingerplays, action rhymes and more. All storytimes will be held at the Los Altos History Museum except on April 26<sup>th</sup> (that will be at Hillview Soccer Field).

### **Book Making Craft for Kids**

*Thursday, April 14, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Orchard Room*

Choose from a couple of binding techniques, create your own book and decorate or write inside. Register for this event starting Thursday, April 7.

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

*Tuesday, April 19, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room*

We will be discussing *Out of My Mind* by Sharon Draper, then doing an activity. Please register at the Children's Reference Desk and pick up your copy of the book by Tuesday, April 12.

### **Book Bugs Club for Grades 2-3**

*Wednesday, April 20, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room*

We will be talking about *Case of the Lost Boy* by Dori Hillestad Butler, then we will do a craft. Please register at the Children's Reference Desk and pick up your copy of the book.

### **Furry Friends Reading Buddies**

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

Sign up for a 10-minute time slot to read to a therapy dog. Please register starting Thursday, April 21.

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

### **Get Ready for Kindergarten Workshop**

*Tuesdays, April 12, 19 & 26, 6 – 7:30 p.m., Auditorium*

Dr. Gerardo Lopez will lead these fun, educational and interactive workshops that focus on certain skillsets that children need to develop before they start kindergarten. Registration opens on Tuesday, April 5 at 6 p.m.

### **Tai Chi**

*Fridays, April 15, 22 & 29, 10 – 11 a.m., Auditorium*

Tai Chi Master Roy Wong will lead this elegant, healthful and spiritual exercise. This class runs in six-months sessions. No drop-ins please. Register online.

### **AP Practice Tests**

*Saturday, April 16, 10 – 11:30 a.m., Auditorium*

C2 Education is providing practice Advanced Placement multiple choice tests. Register online by April 9.



### **Kindergarten Storytimes for Ages 3-5**

*Tuesdays & Thursdays, April 19, 21, 26 & 28, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Auditorium*

Storytimes focus on stories, songs, and flannelboard stories that help your child get ready for kindergarten. Space is limited and free storytimes passes are required to attend. Passes allow one caregiver and one child. Passes can be picked up at the Children's Help Desk 30 minutes before storytime starts.

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

*Saturday, April 23, 2 – 3 p.m., Children's Activity Room*

Kids can buddy up with a furry friend and read one-on-one from a favorite book. This is a drop-in program, no registration necessary.

### **Intermediate ESL Class**

*Monday and Wednesday, April 25 & 27, , 6 – 8 p.m., Computer Training Lab*

Improve English listening and speaking skills. Placement exam is required for this level. Textbooks and supplies will be provided.

### **Book Discussion Group**

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

We will discuss featured Silicon Valley Reads book, *A Dream Called Home* by Reyna Grande. Please register online.

### **Day of the Child/Day of the Book Art Mural**

*Saturday, April 30, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Auditorium*

Drop by and help decorate the library with your piece of art! Due to room capacity, families may need to wait their turn until space is available.

### **Interactive Family Movie Matinee**

*Saturday, April 30, 2 – 4 p.m., Auditorium*

Families with children ages 3+ are invited to an interactive viewing of the film, *Encanto*. Space is limited and registration is required. Register in-person at the Children's Help Desk beginning Saturday, April 23 at 2 p.m.

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

### **Snack Break at Morgan Hill Library**

*Mondays-Thursdays, 3 – 4 p.m. (except holidays and school breaks)*

Kids 18 and under are invited to stop by the library for a snack, while supplies last.

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

*Tuesdays, April 5 & 12, 4 – 6 p.m., Outside Patio (weather permitting)*

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.

### **Beginning Bridge Lessons**

*Mondays, April 11, 18, & 25, 1 – 4 p.m., Program Room*

This series of 10-classes will focus on introductory bidding and the playing of bridge. The Friends of the Morgan Hill Library will provide all supplies.

### **Master Gardeners**

*Tuesday, April 12, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Large Programming Room*

UCCE Master Gardener Joan Cloutier will discuss ways to create a beautiful low-water landscape using drought tolerant shrubs and small trees.

### **After Dinner Book Club**

*Tuesday, April 12, 7:30 – 9 p.m., Adult Program Room*

We will discuss *Britt Marie Was Here* by Fredrik Backman.

### **Great Decisions Foreign Policy Discussion**

*Wednesdays, April 13 & 27, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.*

This program provides background information and policy options for the most critical issues facing America each year.

### **Library Ukulele Society**

*Tuesday, April 19, 5 – 7 p.m.*

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

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

### **Advanced ESL Class**

*Mondays & Wednesdays, April 18, 20, 25 & 27, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.*

Register for this 16-class series led by professional ESL instructors. Learn and improve your English listening and speaking skills. Attendees must be 18+ years old and take a test to determine level.

### **Teatime Book Chatter**

*Thursday, April 21, 1 – 2 p.m.*

We will be reading and discussing *My Sister, the Serial Killer* by Oyinkan Braithwaite.

## **ONLINE EVENTS**

### **How to Create a Successful Retirement Plan**

*Friday, April 1, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. (Register for Zoom link)*

Learn how to calculate your retirement needs and how to invest for retirement during your retirement years.



### **Virtual Trivia Night for Adults**

*Monday, April 4, 6 – 7 p.m. (Register for Zoom link)*

Test your knowledge about everything movies and music related!

### **Online Chinese Book Club**

*Wednesday, April 6, 10:15 – 11:15 a.m. (Register for Zoom link)*

The April title is [甜蜜與卑微: 40年的守候, 換得一個回眸](#), 作者 : 郭強生 (Tian mi yu bei wei: 40 nian de shou hou, huan de yi ge hui mou by Guo, Qiangsheng).

### **Special Author Event: Masha Rumer**

*Wednesday, April 6, 7 – 8 p.m. (Register for Zoom link)*

Author Masha Rumer will discuss her book, *Parenting with an Accent*. Her visit includes a reading and a lively discussion about balancing multiple cultures, bilingualism, parenting traditions and more. Please register online.

### **Online English Conversation Club**

*Wednesdays, April 6, 13, 20 & 27, 6 – 7:15 p.m. (Register for Zoom link)*

*Thursdays, April 7, 14, 21 & 28, 11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. (Register for Zoom link)*

Meet new friends and practice English together.

### **Financial Literacy for Teens**

*Wednesdays, April 13, 20, & 27, 4 – 5 p.m. (Register for Zoom link)*

Join KeyPoint Credit Union and SCCLD in a three-part series for financial literacy, and learn the basics of money management, understanding credit and making good money decisions.

### **Value Line: Get Stoked About Stocks**

*Thursday, April 21, 1 – 2 p.m. (Register for Zoom link)*

Learn about this free eResource, and how to navigate it to find information on stocks, securities, the stock market and the economy.

### **Adult Book Discussion**

*Thursday, April 21, 7 – 8:15 p.m. (Register for Zoom link)*

We will be discussing the Silicon Valley Reads memoir, *Enough About Me* by Richard Lui.

### **Asset Allocation: A Strategy for Life**

*Friday, April 29, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. (Register for Zoom link)*

Asset allocation is an investment strategy that attempts to balance risk vs. reward in an investment portfolio. This presentation will provide useful asset allocation suggestions for people of all ages.