

November 2022  
Library Stakeholder Report  
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## Marking a Milestone Anniversary Together

Santa Clara County's annual Silicon Valley Reads community engagement program is back starting January 26, 2023, marking two decades of celebrating all things reading. [Silicon Valley Reads 2023](#) invites readers to embark on a Journey to New

Beginnings, with a fresh set of featured authors and new companion books for children and teens. More than 100 special programs will be held at schools, libraries, and local organizations as part of Silicon Valley Reads.



The 2023 **Journey to New Beginnings** features three adult fiction titles: [There There](#) by Tommy Orange, [The Second Life of Mirielle West](#) by Amanda Skenandore, and [What the Fireflies Knew](#) by Kai Harris. Each depicts journeys into our diverse world. A kickoff event will be held featuring all three authors at De Anza College in Cupertino (info below). Additional details and registration will be available closer to the event. If you are not currently receiving the Silicon Valley Reads emails, you can subscribe to join the mailing list at [siliconvalleyreads.org/](https://siliconvalleyreads.org/).

There are four companion books for youth depicting journeys to new beginnings: [Coquí in the City](#) by Nomar Perez (Spanish/English) [Pre-K - 1<sup>st</sup>], [Sugar in Milk](#) by Thrity Umrigar [Elementary (2nd - 4th)], [When Stars are Scattered](#) by Victoria Jamieson & Omar Mohamed [Middle School (5th - 8th)], and [Furia](#) by Yamile Saied Mendez [High School/Young Adult].

- Silicon Valley Reads 2023 Kickoff Event  
Thursday, January 26, 2023  
Time TBA

De Anza College  
Visual & Performing Arts Center Theater  
21250 Stevens Creek Blvd., Cupertino 95014

## November 8 General Election

State and local issues will be on the ballot for the upcoming General Election. SCCLD will be assisting our communities by sponsoring ballot drop sites at our libraries (exceptions are Campbell Express and Cupertino Libraries where ballot drop boxes are available in the Campbell Community Center parking lot and in front of the Cupertino City Hall) and hosting Vote Centers at three locations:

### Milpitas Library & Saratoga Library

Sat., Oct. 29 - Mon., Nov 7  
9am - 5pm

Tue., Nov. 8: Election Day  
7am - 8pm



### Services & Support Center

1370 Dell Avenue, Campbell, CA 95008

Sat., Nov. 5 – Mon., Nov 7  
9am – 5pm

Tue., Nov. 8: Election Day  
7am -8pm

The County Registrar of Voters website has a full list of all [Vote Centers](#). They also have an updated [list of official drop off sites](#) for ballots. You can also look up the closest one to you [by address](#).



## Reading Challenge: Family Stories

With the weather outside cooling and nights getting longer, November is the perfect time for reading. Join our all online, all age, reading challenge this month with a focus on family stories.

Together we can read and learn about histories and stories passed down from generations, tales filled with laughter, adventure and love. [Click here](#) to sign up.

## Bookdrop Convenience 24/7

Woodland Library has a new Bookdrop. This is the third SCCLD library, after Cupertino and Los Altos (pictured), to offer this convenient option to return items. Best yet, all three Bookdrops are now available to patrons 24/7. This new service is a partnership between each library and the respective city.

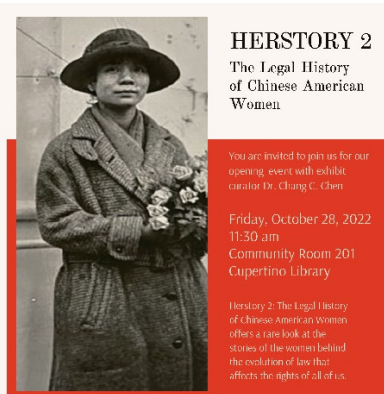




## Thank You to our Veterans!

As we honor and thank our veterans for their service, the Library has a [Veterans Resources page](#) with a list of local, state, and federal support services, including free hotlines to support Veterans and their families. The page also features VetNow from Brainfuse, an online resource that can help with obtaining VA benefits, tutoring and standardized test prep, plus interview tips and resume help when making the transition from military to civilian life.

## Cultural Exhibits at the Library



The fight for rights by Chinese American women at the federal and state levels is the focus of an exhibit happening now through January 2023 at Cupertino Library titled **Herstory 2: The Legal History of Chinese American Women**. Based on the [book of the same title](#) by Dr. Chang C. Chen, the exhibit offers a rare look at the stories of the women behind the evolution of law that affects the rights of all of us. The exhibit panels are on the library's second floor.

Gilroy Library is hosting [Dolores Huerta: Revolution in the Fields/Revolución en los Campos](#) from **Saturday, November 5, 2022 through Monday, January 23, 2023**. The exhibit was organized by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service in collaboration with the Smithsonian's National Portrait Gallery and received federal support from the Latino Initiatives Pool, administered by the Smithsonian Latino Center. A panel discussion with Dolores Huerta and other special guests has reached maximum capacity but a recording of the event will be shared through the library's website.

A series of two dozen posters created by [Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh](#) offers a colorful overview of Hinduism and India at Milpitas Library from now until November 10. Titled [Darshana: A Glimpse into Hindu Civilization](#), the exhibit includes information about yoga, science, architecture, and mathematics.

## SANTA CLARA COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT NOVEMBER 2022 EVENTS

\*\*All libraries will be closed and services unavailable on Friday, November 11 for Veterans Day and Thursday & Friday, November 24 & 25 for the Thanksgiving Holiday\*\*

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

#### **ESL Conversation Club**

*Tuesdays, November 1, 8, & 15, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m., Room M-50 at the Campbell Community Center*

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

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

*Wednesdays, November 2, 9, 16, & 30, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard City Banquet Hall (11/16 storytime will be held in Room Q84)*

Join us for stories, songs, and more! No registration required.

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

#### **Storytime for 1s and 2s**

*Tuesdays, November 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 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. Storytime is limited to the first 100 families.

#### **ESL Conversation Club**

*Tuesdays, November 1, 8, & 15, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Room 201A*

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

#### **Homework Help for K-9<sup>th</sup> Grade**

*Mondays-Thursdays through December, 3:30 – 5 p.m.*

Academic coaches from the Bay Area Tutoring Association can provide help in English, history, math and science. No registration required. Walk-ins welcome, as space allows.

### **Evening Storytime**

*Wednesdays, November 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 7 – 7:30 p.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.

### **Storytime for 3-5s**

*Thursdays, November 3, 10, 17, & 24, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Room 101*

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

### **Family Storytime**

*Saturdays, November 5, 12, 19, & 26, 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.

### **Ceramics for 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Graders**

*Tuesdays, November 8 & 15, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Room 101*

Shape, glaze and take home your own clay creation in this 2-day workshop. All materials provided. Registration required. Must be able to come to both sessions.

### **Chinese Book Discussion**

*Thursday, November 10, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Program Room 201A*

We will discuss [逆思维 Ni si wei \(Think Again\)](#) by Adam Grant. This discussion will be held in Mandarin.

### **Adult Papercrafts**

*Saturday, November 12, 3 – 4:30 p.m., Program Room 201A*

Create handmade cards that pop! All materials will be provided. Please register.

### **Cupertino Adult Book Discussion**

*Thursday, November 17, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Program Room 201A*

We will discuss [Washington Black](#) by Esi Edugyan.

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

### **Snack Break for Kids**

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

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

### **Homework Help for K-9<sup>th</sup> Grade**

*Mondays-Thursdays through December, 3:30 – 5 p.m.*

Academic coaches from the Bay Area Tutoring Association can provide help in English, history, math and science. No registration required. Walk-ins welcome as space allows.

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

*Thursdays, November 3, 10, & 17, 1 – 4 p.m., Upstairs Quiet Study B*

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

### **Book Discussion**

*Friday, November 4, 10:15 – 11:15 a.m., Upstairs Quiet Study B*

We will be discussing [\*Clark and Division\*](#) by Naomi Hirahara. Registration is encouraged in case we need to contact you with any updates.

### **Smithsonian Exhibit: Dolores Huerta: Revolution in the Fields/Revolución en los Campos**

*Starting Saturday, November 5, Second Floor Community Room*

Learn the compelling story of activist and leader Dolores Huerta and the farmworker movement of the 1960s and 1970s.

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

*Tuesday, November 8, 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.

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

*Saturday, November 12, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Downstairs Meeting Room*

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

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

### **Indoor Family Storytime**

*Tuesdays, November 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 10:30 – 11 a.m., and 11 – 11:30 a.m., Orchard Room*

Join us for an interactive storytime featuring songs, stories and fingerplays. Free tickets will be given out 30 minutes prior to the event. A second storytime will be held at 11 a.m. to accommodate those who weren't able to attend the 10:30 storytime.

### **Homework Help for K-9<sup>th</sup> Grade**

*Mondays-Thursdays through December, 3:30 – 5 p.m.*

Academic coaches from the Bay Area Tutoring Association can provide help in English, history, math and science. No registration required. Walk-ins welcome, as space allows.

**The Whodunit? Mystery Book Club**

*Wednesday, November 2, 10:15 – 11:30 a.m., Teen Room*

We will be discussing [\*Billy Summers\*](#) by Stephen King.

**Health Screening & Information Table**

*Wednesdays, November 2 & 16, 6 – 8:30 p.m.*

Breathe California will have an informational event and offer three onsite health screenings. First come, first served based on availability.

**World Affairs: Can Peace be Preserved Across the Taiwan Strait**

*Wednesday, November 2, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room*

Join us for an evening discussion on world affairs with Kharis Templeman, Research Fellow at the Hoover Institution and a lecturer at the Center for East Asian Studies at Stanford University.

**ESL Conversation Club**

*Thursdays, November 3, 10, 17 & 24, 1:30 – 3 p.m.*

Practice your English conversation skills with friends. This program is for adults who speak basic English. No registration needed.

**Group Games Afternoon (Grades K+)**

*Friday, November 4, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room*

Drop by for group games like Four Corners; Land, Sea, Air; Fish Bowl and more.

**Baby Sign Time with Miss Stefanie**

*Saturday, November 5, 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.

**Family Bingo Night**

*Sunday, November 6, 5 – 6:30 p.m., Orchard Room*

Kids and families are welcome to play bingo.

**Book Bugs Club for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Readers**

*Tuesday, November 15, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room*

We will discuss [\*Rise of the Earth Dragon\*](#) by Tracey West. Please register at the desk in the Children's Room. Space is limited.

**Winter Writer's Night**

*Tuesday, November 15, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room*

This is a casual space for adults and teens to work on their own writing projects. We may have some musical ambience, writing prompts available and time for sharing.

**The 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's**

*Wednesday, November 16, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard Room*

Learn the differences between normal aging and Alzheimer's Disease, the common warning signs, the importance of early detection, and resources.

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

*Thursday, November 17, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room*

We are discussing [Front Desk](#) by Kelly Yang. Please register then stop by the Children's Reference Desk to check out a copy of the book.

**Peninsula Astronomical Society Presents**

*Thursday, November 17, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard Room*

A staff engineer at SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory will be talking about a 3 Gigapixel CCD Camera designed for the Vera Rubin telescope in Chile.

**LibraryTECHTalk: Movies and Great Courses**

*Friday, November 18, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room*

Learn how to access the Great Courses and films online for free using Kanopy.

**Bay Area Games Day**

*Saturday, November 19, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m., Orchard Room*

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

**Furry Friends Reading Buddie**

*Saturday, November 26, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m., Orchard Room*

Sign up for a 10-minute session to read to a therapy dog. Children in grades K-5 are welcome to participate.

**Warlords of the Air**

*Tuesday, November 29, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard Room*

Wildlife photographer Joan Sparks will take you on a journey to see raptors.



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

### **Homework Help for K-9<sup>th</sup> Grade**

*Monday-Thursday through December, 3:30 – 5 p.m.*

Academic coaches from the Bay Area Tutoring Association can provide help in English, history, math and science. No registration required. Walk-ins welcome as space allows.

### **Day of the Dead Craft (Grades K-5)**

*Tuesday, November 1, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Activity Room*

All materials will be provided. Please register for this event.

### **Family Storytime**

*Wednesdays & Saturdays, November 2, 5, 9, 12, 16 & 19, 10:15 – 10:45 a.m., Activity Room*

This storytime series is suitable for all ages and will feature stories, songs, and end with a short book-based movie. Due to limited space, we will begin handing out free tickets 15 minutes prior to storytime. They can be picked up at the Children's Help Desk. Tickets are first come, first served.

### **Spanish Club for Grades K-3**

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

The K-3 Spanish Club will learn about Mexican Amate Painting. All materials will be provided.

### **Knit & Crochet Circle**

*Fridays, November 4, 11, & 18, 2 – 4 p.m., Conference Room*

Stop by and meet other yarn lovers while working on your latest project, get help when you are stuck and share ideas. Instruction available in English, Hindi, Punjabi and Gujarati.

### **Chinese Club for Grades K-3**

*Thursday, November 10, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Activity Room*

Celebrate the Chinese culture with us as we explore the history, art and culture of Chinese brush painting and writing with pen brushes/ink and watercolors. All materials will be provided. Please register.

### **Flamenco Concert**

*Sunday, November 13, 2 – 3 p.m., Auditorium*

The students of Sara Ayala present a flamenco recital with guest artist David Gutierrez on guitar.

### **Sing-Along for Adults**

*Tuesday, November 15, 7 – 8 p.m., Auditorium*

Kim Van will lead on keyboard as the audience sings along to a selection of favorite songs.

**Milpitas Library Book Discussion Group**

*Wednesday, November 16, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m., Auditorium*

We will be discussing [My Sister, The Serial Killer](#) by Oyinkan Braithwaite. Please register.

**Pop Art Dino Craft (Grades 1-5)**

*Friday, November 18, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Activity Room*

Make a colorful, dynamic pop-art inspired dinosaur collage. All materials will be provided.

**Dino Escape Room (Grades 3-8)**

*Tuesday, November 22, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Activity Room*

Visit the Dino Escape Room, solve clues and puzzles before the time runs out and win a prize. Please register.

**Puppet Art Theater**

*Tuesday, November 22, 7 – 7:45 p.m., Auditorium*

Enjoy a performance of Jack and the Beanstack. Space is limited. Free tickets are available at the Children's Help Desk 30 minutes before the show starts.

**Reading Buddies**

*Saturday, November 26, 2 – 3 p.m., Activity Room*

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

**Book Club for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grades**

*Tuesday, November 29, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Activity Room*

We will discuss [Rise of the Earth Dragon](#) by Tracey West. Please register online then pick up your copy at the Children's Desk.

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

**Snack Break**

*Mondays-Thursdays through May, 3 -- 4 p.m. (except during school breaks)*

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

**LEGO Club**

*Tuesdays, November 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 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.

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

*Tuesdays, November 1 & 15, 4 – 6 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.

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

*Tuesday, November 1, 6:30 – 8:45 p.m., Large Program Room*

All knitters welcome! New knitters can get advice and assistance while advanced knitters can share their knowledge.

### **After Dinner Book Club**

*Tuesday, November 1, 7:30 – 8:45 p.m., Small Program Room*

We will be discussing Parts 4 & 5 of [\*The Invention of Nature\*](#) by Andrea Wulf.

### **Fall Book Bingo**

*Through November 30*

Pick up a Fall Book bingo card, and read five books that correspond to the boxes on the card to make a bingo. Return your card by November 30 to be entered into a drawing for a gift card.

### **Family Storytime**

*Thursdays, November 3, 10, & 17, 10:15 – 10:45 a.m., Outside Lawn*

Join us for stories, music, movement and more!

### **Bilingual Family Storytime**

*Saturdays, November 5, 12, 19, & 26, 10:15 – 10:45 a.m., Outside Lawn*

Join us for stories, music, movement and more. Storytimes will be in Spanish and English.

### **Author Visit**

*Saturday, November 5, 2 – 3 p.m., Community Room*

We welcome author Marlene Anne Bumgarner. Follow her journey coping with the changes of rural life as Silicon Valley evolves into the high-tech center it is today.

### **Science Experiments for Kids**

*Saturday, November 5, 3 – 5 p.m., Children's Activity Room*

We will be creating things like slime, volcanoes and oobleck.

### **Bike Repair Clinic for Kids**

*Sunday, November 6, 1 – 5 p.m.*

Join us for a free, mobile, hands-on repair clinic. BikeMobile can fix most broken parts like flat tires, brakes and shifters. Kids bikes get priority. First come, first served. Space is limited.

### **Library Ukulele Society**

*Tuesday, November 15, 5 – 7 p.m.*

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

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

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

*Tuesdays, November 1, 18, 15, 22 & 29, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Outdoor Patio next to Friends' Café*

*Fridays, November 4, 11 & 18, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Outdoor Patio next to Friends' Café*

Join us for stories, rhymes, fingerplays and songs. Because seating is limited, please line up along the wall of displayed art.

### **Homework Help for K-9<sup>th</sup> Grade**

*Mondays-Thursdays through December, 3:30 – 5 p.m.*

Academic coaches from the Bay Area Tutoring Association can provide help in English, history, math and science. No registration required. Walk-ins welcome as space allows.

### **Science Fun (Grades 1-6)**

*Saturdays, November 12 & 19, and Sunday, November 13, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Community Room*

Have educational fun with the Saratoga High Robotics Club and learn scientific concepts by creating things like erupting volcanoes, artificial clouds, slime, rainbow walking water and ice cream magic. Limited seating. First come, first served.

### **Kids STEM Hovercraft (Grades 3+)**

*Tuesday, November 15, 4 – 5 p.m., Community Room*

Make a hovercraft that can stay afloat using air power. No registration necessary. First come, first served until all seats are required.

### **Craft for All Ages**

*Wednesday, November 16, 4 – 5 p.m., Community Room*

Join us as we make dream catchers with a CD or paper plate, yarn, beads and feathers.

### **International Games Month**

*Tuesday, November 29, 4 – 5 p.m., Community Room*

Join us for family Bingo!

## **WOODLAND – 1975 Grant Road**

### **Redwood Tree Presentation and Craft**

*Sunday, November 6, 11:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.*

School-aged children and their families are invited to a brief presentation on the importance of redwood trees. Afterwards, we will create an origami fact-finder related to redwoods.

### **Dinovember Family Storytime**

*Sunday, November 13, 11:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.*

Join us in the backyard for stories and songs about dinosaurs.

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

### **November Reading Challenge**

*Begins Tuesday, November 1*

Join our Beanstack challenge! The theme is Family Stories. Let's read and learn about histories and stories passed down from generations.

### **Ramses the Great & the Gold of the Pharaohs**

*Tuesday, November 1, 7 – 8 p.m.*

Take a virtual tour of the new exhibit at the de **Young Museum: Ramses the Great & the Gold of the Pharaohs**. Learn about the most celebrated and powerful pharaoh of the New Kingdom and explore the marvelous treasures in the exhibit, including sculptures and jewelry.

### **Online English Conversation Club**

*Wednesdays, November 2, 9, & 16, 6 – 7:30 p.m.*

*Thursdays, November 3, 10, & 17, 11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.*

Meet new friends and practice English together.

### **Reading Program Orientation**

*Wednesday, November 9, 1 – 2 p.m. and 5 – 6 p.m.*

Learn what it takes to be a literacy tutor and help other adults who want to improve their reading, writing and speaking skills. No prior experience necessary. Email [readingprogram@sccl.org](mailto:readingprogram@sccl.org) to register.

### **Virtual Trivia Night**

*Monday, November 14, 6 – 7 p.m.*

Questions will cover a variety of categories including movies/TV, music, literature, food, sports and more.

### **College Prep Workshop**

*Tuesday, November 15, 5 – 6 p.m.*

A consultant with FLEX College Prep will show you how to build your extracurricular activities profile to help your college application stand out.

### **Online Bookshare**

*Tuesday, November 22, 7 – 8 p.m.*

Let's talk about books! Share what you are reading and get recommendations.