

May 2022
Library Stakeholder Report
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May Brings More Reasons to Visit SCCLD

May is a busy time of year at SCCLD with in-person events for all ages at our libraries. Patrons can attend everything from storytime to ESL, participate in crafts, hear from speakers, and much more. Check out our [events page](#) or the monthly calendar for details.



In celebration of Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month (AAPI), the Library District has an online challenge for all ages with special events, curated booklists, and book displays at our libraries. Visit [our website](#) or social media platforms for more details and to register.

To celebrate all the moms and motherly figures in our lives, SCCLD has many [cookbooks](#), [craft ideas](#) and resources to make her [Mother's Day](#) a special one.



Mental Health Awareness Month

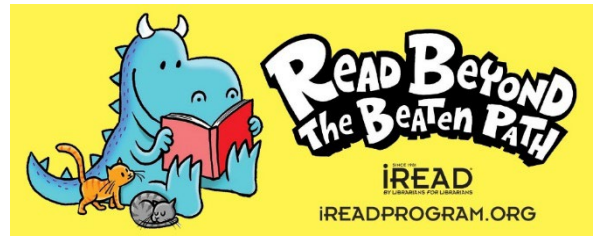
May is also a time to talk about issues around mental health. From anxiety to depression, mood disorders to addiction, there are many challenges that people face in their lives. The Library is a place to find information and access to resources, such as from our [County Department of Behavioral Health Services](#). We also provide access to computers, where patrons can read about organizations like the [National Alliance on Mental Illness](#) and [Bring Change to Mind](#). The

Library also offers free access to the mindfulness and [meditation app Headspace](#), which offers a number of calming exercises to help relax the mind and improve focus.

Our librarians have created several booklists around mental health topics featuring resources in our collection. These include [Handling Anxiety](#); [Dealing with Depression](#); and [Teen Issues: Understanding Suicide and Self Harm](#).

Summer Reading signups, Beanstack

Summer Reading starts on June 1, but you can get an early start by signing up on [our website](#). If you already have a [Beanstack account](#) for yourself or your child, simply register for the new Summer 2022 program. You can also download Beanstack for your [iPhone](#) or [Android](#) device.



South County Park Daypacks



Through a grant offered by the California State Library, SCCLD is offering a limited number of [free day-use parking passes](#) to select California State Parks. This is a great opportunity to enjoy the natural majesty of the Golden State. While there is a lengthy waiting list, if you are interested, put your name in now and plan for the future.

Morgan Hill and Gilroy libraries are also lending backbacks with parking passes, maps and other information about Santa Clara County parks. Patrons can check one out at the Morgan Hill or Gilroy Library, as supplies allow. With Great Outdoors Month coming in June, Parks and Recreation Month in July, and our Summer Reading theme of ***Read Beyond the Beaten Path***, the Library is there to help everyone enjoy nature.

Digital Coaching Classes in Milpitas and Gilroy

Do you know someone who would benefit from help with using computers? SCCLD libraries are partnering with Community Tech Networks to offer unique, on-site digital literacy training for those who need a bit of help with technology. Librarians at Milpitas and Gilroy libraries can enroll individuals for free 45-minute training sessions using Library computers. Tutors are available in English, Spanish, and Mandarin.

Participants can get help logging online, using productivity tools like Microsoft Office, navigating the internet, and other computer-related tasks.





Unveiling of Cupertino Library Expansion

The Cupertino Expansion Project was officially unveiled on Friday, April 29. An additional 5,600 square feet has been added to the busy library above the previously one floor Children's area. Patrons can now enjoy new 140-seat capacity presentation spaces, on

both the first and second floors, which can also be divided and used for multiple programs simultaneously.

The new design for this southern wing of the library will soon provide access to a revamped courtyard, which will connect to the Memorial Grove. This creates a true heart of the library, where visitors can commune with nature and appreciate the beauty of the surrounding area. With the additional space, Cupertino is now just under 60,000 square feet, making it one of the largest libraries in the District.

National Small Business Week

The first week of May is National Small Business Week. The Library District is partnering with SCORE Silicon Valley to offer three online courses this month to help those who are thinking about or have started a small business. [Online registration required.](#)



- Friday, May 13, 10 am. **Should I Start a Small Business?** You have an idea for your own business. Now what? Could it work in the real world, or do you need to retool your idea first? Learn the fundamentals of what it means before you start your own business.
- Tuesday, May 17, 11:30 am. **Understanding credit and how to improve your credit score.** Good credit is important to both your personal and business needs. Lenders can look at how you have handled your past obligations. Many business owners have had credit issues because of the pandemic. This one (1) hour presentation covers aspects of becoming an educated credit user.
- Thursday, May 19, 12 pm. **Using Google My Business to boost your SEO.** Whether you're just getting started with Google My Business (GMB) or you have claimed your business, we'll explore some ways to use this free and easy tool to give your SEO a jumpstart and bring in new customers and clients.

Also, check out our [blog post](#) about small businesses, and a [booklist](#) on the topic from our librarians.

Virtual Town Halls



Virtual Town Halls on SCCLD Strategic Plan

As the Santa Clara County Library District develops its new strategic plan, it is essential that we hear from our community members. Our plan will describe where the library will be focusing over the next several years, and we want to be sure we reflect the community's priorities and expectations in the plan.

SCCLD is offering four 90-minute virtual town halls for community members to share their thoughts and input. These town halls are scheduled for:

- Wednesday, May 4 at 9 am, [Zoom registration link](#)
- Wednesday, May 4 at 6 pm, [Zoom registration link](#)
- Thursday, May 5 at 6 pm, [Zoom registration link](#)
- Saturday, May 7 at 10 am, [Zoom registration link](#)

Registration is required. This is an opportunity to share your thoughts with the Library District and your fellow residents. There is no pre-work necessary to participate. Please feel free to share the town hall dates with friends and neighbors, inviting them to take part.

If you have already taken the survey, you are more than welcome to take part in the community town halls as well. For those who have not [taken the survey](#) yet, it only takes a few minutes to complete.

The survey is available in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, and Chinese (Simplified and Traditional).

SANTA CLARA COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT MAY 2022 EVENTS

****All libraries will be closed and services unavailable
on Monday, May 30 for Memorial Day****

CAMPBELL EXPRESS LIBRARY – 1 West Campbell Avenue, Room 46

ESL Conversation Club

Tuesdays, May 3, 10, & 17, 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.

Family Storytime

Wednesdays, May 4, 11, & 18, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard City Banquet Hall
Join us for stories, songs and more. No registration required.

Purifying Wastewater to Combat the Drought

Friday, May 13, 10 – 11 a.m., Room C-35 at the Campbell Community Center
Learn about the Silicon Valley Advanced Water Purification System, enhanced recycled water methods, and how they fit in the county's overall water supply, water supply resiliency, and the future expansion of recycled water for drinkable usage. Please register online.

CUPERTINO -- 10800 Torre Avenue

ESL Conversation Club

Tuesdays, May 3, 10, 17, & 24, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Room 201A
Practice your English conversation skills with friends. Please register online.

Getting Into Computer Science and Engineering Colleges

Wednesday, May 4, 6 – 7 p.m., Room 201A on Second Floor
This Flex Prep presentation will cover top-ranked computer science and engineering colleges, including their average GPAs, and strategies to boost your admission odds. Register online.

Get Ready for Kindergarten Workshop

Thursdays, May 5, 12, & 19, 6 – 7:30 p.m., Room 101A on First Floor
Dr. Gerardo Lopez will lead three fun, educational and interactive workshops that focus on certain skillsets that children need to develop before they start kindergarten. Register online.

Teen Cartoon Drawing Workshop

Saturday, May 7, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Room 201B on Second Floor

Celebrate Free Comic Book Day by learning how to create your own comic strips. Please register online.

Financial Planning: Choosing the Right Senior Care Option

Monday, May 9, 7 – 8 p.m., Room 201A on Second Floor

Presented by the Financial Planners Association, this presentation explores the pros and cons of the different types of senior care options available.

Android Phones for Seniors

Wednesday, May 11, 10:15 – 11:15 a.m., Room 201A on Second Floor

Learn how to use your Android phone with increased confidence and understanding. Learn how to make your phone cyber-secure yet easily accessible to read and send emails, share pictures and video, and more.

iPhone Essentials for Seniors

Wednesday, May 11, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Room 201A on Second Floor

Learn how to use your iPhone with increased confidence and understanding. Make your phone cyber-secure yet easily accessible to read and send emails, share pictures and video, and more.

Chinese Book Discussion

Thursday, May 12, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Room 201A on Second Floor

We will discuss 白色畫像 (Bai se hua xiang) by Taiwanese female writer 賴香吟 (Xiang-yin Lai). The discussion will be in Mandarin. Pick up a copy at the adult reference desk.

Community Poetry and Prose Night

Wednesday, May 18, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Room 201A on Second Floor

Join past Cupertino Poet Laureate Kaecey McCormick at the dedication of the community collection produced during her tenure as CPL, *Celebrate Creativity: A Cupertino Community Anthology*.

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.

Learn About Nature Daypacks & Meet a Park Interpreter

Wednesday, May 4, 4 – 4:30 p.m., Children’s Room

Drop by to learn about our nature daypacks that come with hiking and exploring essentials. We will also have a park interpreter available to talk about the different activities available at the nearby county parks. No registration required.

Knitting & Crochet Weekly Meetup

Thursdays, May 5, 12, 19, & 26, 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, May 6, 10:15 – 11:15 a.m., Upstairs Quiet Study B

We will discuss [Such a Fun Age](#) by Kiley Reid. Registration is encouraged, in case we need to contact you with updates.

Safe Space Meeting for LGBTQ+ Youth

Tuesday, May 10, 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, May 14, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Downstairs Meeting Room

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

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Wednesday, May 25, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Learn how to use your iPhone with increased confidence and understanding. Make your phone cyber-secure yet easily accessible to read and send emails, share pictures and video, and more. Please register online.

Android Phones for Seniors

Wednesday, May 25, 2:45 – 3:45 p.m.

Learn how to use your Android phone with increased confidence and understanding. Make your phone cyber-secure yet easily accessible to read and send emails, share pictures and video, and more. Please register online.

Book Discussion

Tuesday, May 31, 7 – 8 p.m., Upstairs Quiet Study B

We will discuss [A Woman of No Importance](#) by Sonia Purnell. Registration is encouraged, in case we need to contact you with updates.

LOS ALTOS -- 13 S. San Antonio Road

Outdoor Family Storytime

Tuesdays, May 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31, 10:15 – 10:45 a.m., Los Altos History Museum

Join us for songs, stories, fingerplays, action rhymes, and more.

Slime and Meditation (Grades 2+)

Wednesday, May 11, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

We will create slime using ingredients including glue, contact solution, food dye and shaving cream. We will also practice some breathing and meditations for a mindful craft experience. Please register online.

Book Bugs Club for Grades 2-3

Wednesday, May 18, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

We will be talking about [The Lost Stone](#) by Jordan Quinn, then do a craft. Please register at the Children's Reference Desk and pick up your copy of the book.

Page Turners Book Club for Grades 4-6

Thursday, May 19, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

We will be discussing [A Snicker of Magic](#) by Natalie Lloyd. Please register at the Children's Reference Desk and pick up your copy of the book starting April 19.

Furry Friends Reading Buddies (Grades K-5)

Saturday, May 28, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Kids can buddy up with a furry friend and read one-on-one from a favorite book. Registration for this program opens on Thursday, May 26 at 8 a.m.

MILPITAS -- 160 N. Main Street

Kindergarten Storytime

Tuesdays and Thursdays, May 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, & 26, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Auditorium

These storytimes, geared to kids ages 3-5, focus on stories, songs and flannelboard stories that help your child get ready for kindergarten. Storytime passes are required to attend. These passes, which allow one caregiver and one child, can be picked up at the Children's Help Desk 30 minutes before storytime starts.

Knit & Crochet Circle

Fridays, May 6, 13, 20 & 27, 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.

Author Visit: Lisa Newman

Wednesday, May 11, 7 – 8 p.m., Auditorium

Join the Milpitas Historical Society as they host Lisa Newman, author of [For the Love of Apricots: Recipes and Memories of the Santa Clara Valley](#). No registration necessary.

Reading Buddies for Grades K-5

Saturday, May 28, 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.

MORGAN HILL -- 660 W. Main Avenue

Safe Space Meeting for LGBTQ+ Youth

Tuesdays, May 3 & 17, 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, May 3, 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, May 3, 7:30 – 8:45 p.m.

We will be discussing [Ready Player One](#) by Ernest Cline.

DIY Floral Bouquets

Wednesday, May 4, 3 – 5 p.m., Program Room

Drop by the Program Room to decorate cards and put together fresh floral bouquets.

Family Storytime

Thursdays, May 5, 12, 19, & 26, 10:15 – 10:45 a.m., Outside Lawn

Join us for stories, music, movement and more! Our May 5 program will feature children’s musician Peter Apel.

Bilingual Family Storytime

Saturdays, May 7, 14, 21, & 28, 10:15 – 10:45 a.m., Outside Lawn

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

Great Decisions Foreign Policy Discussion

Wednesdays, May 11 & 25, 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, May 17, 5 – 7 p.m.

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

AAUW Speaker Series

Tuesday, May 24, 6:30 – 8:45 p.m., Program Room

The American Association of University Women’s Morgan Hill Chapter presents speakers on a variety of topics. This month’s topic is diversity.

SARATOGA -- 13650 Saratoga Avenue

Family Storytime for All Ages

Tuesdays, May 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Outdoor Patio next to Friends’ Cafe

Join us for stories, rhymes, fingerplays and songs.

Get Ready for Kindergarten Workshop

Tuesdays, May 3, 10, & 17, 6 – 7:30 p.m., Community Room

Dr. Gerardo Lopez will lead three fun, educational and interactive workshops that focus on certain skillsets that children need to develop before they start kindergarten. Registration opens April 23.

Authors Visit: Ann Waltonsmith and Connie Young Yu

Saturday, May 7, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Community Room

These local authors will discuss their book [Hakone Estate and Gardens](#), and share rare photographs of the early garden and the remarkable people who saved it for future generations. Please register to attend.

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Craft Club for Adults

Thursday, May 12, 2 – 3 p.m., Patio outside of the Community Room

We are going to decoupage a glass vase using modpodge and bird images. All supplies will be provided. Please register.

Indian Classical Concert

Saturday, May 14, 12 – 1 p.m., Community Room

Renowned Bay Area musicians will perform ancient and sophisticated classical music of South India.

ONLINE EVENTS

Virtual Film Discussion

Mondays, May 2, 9, 16, & 23, 6 – 7 p.m. (Register for Zoom link)

Watch the featured film on our free service, Kanopy, then join us to discuss.

SCCLD Strategic Plan Virtual Community Town Halls

Wednesday, May 4, 9 – 10:30 a.m. and 6 – 7:30 p.m. (Register for Zoom link)

Thursday, May 5, 6 – 7:30 p.m. (Register for Zoom link)

Saturday, May 7, 10 – 11:30 a.m. (Register for Zoom link)

SCCLD is developing a new strategic plan and would like to hear from our community members! [Join us and share your thoughts](#). We want to make sure our new plan reflects the community's priorities and expectations.

Online English Conversation Club

Thursdays, May 5, 12, 19 & 26, 11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. (Register for Zoom link)

Meet new friends and practice English together.

Hiking in Northern California

Tuesday, May 10, 7 – 8 p.m. (Register for Zoom link)

Local author Linda Parker Hamilton will share where you can find the best hikes in the Bay Area.

Catch the CreativeBug!

Thursday, May 12, 2 – 3 p.m. (Register for Zoom link)

Learn how to navigate our online resource, CreativeBug, which carries more than 1,000 arts and craft classes.

SCORE: Should I Start a Small Business?

Friday, May 13, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. (Register for Zoom link)

The NOVA Job Center will share the fundamentals of what it means to start your own business and hear about the local resources available to entrepreneurs.

Plant Forward Cooking

Monday, May 16, 6 – 7 p.m. (Register for Zoom link)

Writer and cooking instructor Vanessa Young will show us ways to incorporate more vegetables, beans, fruits, whole grains and other plants into your meals through satisfying recipes.

SCORE: Understanding Credit

Tuesday, May 17, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. (Register for Zoom link)

Good credit is important to both your personal and business needs. This one-hour presentation covers the effects poor credit can have on you and your business, the five key activities that affect your credit and how to improve/rebuild your credit.

College Day: The Common App Essay

Tuesday, May 17, 5 – 6 p.m. (Register for Zoom link)

Learn how to make a college application essay stand out.

A Writer's Journey

Wednesday, May 18, 7 – 8:30 p.m. (Register for Zoom link)

Los Altos Library is proud to host local author Meg Waite Clayton in partnership with the Los Altos Library Endowment as part of their annual Speaking Volume's author talk series.

SCORE: Using Google My Business

Thursday, May 19, 12 – 1 p.m. (Register for Zoom link)

Explore ways to use Google My Business to give your SEO a jumpstart and bring in new customers and clients.

Now Read This! Book Club

Monday, May 23, 12 – 1:30 p.m.

We will be discussing [A Long Petal of the Sea](#) by Isabel Allende.

LGBTQ+ Pride Month Ahead

Wednesday, May 25, 6 – 7 p.m. (Register for Zoom link)

Join us for a panel discussion on celebrating diversity and promoting inclusivity. This event is held in partnership with the LGBTQ Youth Space.