

March 2024
Library Stakeholder Report
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Sign up for New Text Notifications

SCCLD is offering a new way for patrons to receive library notifications including when their holds are available, due dates reminders, when an item successfully auto-renews, and more. For those who don't want to bother with emails to check the status of their library requests, texting/SMS messaging offers a convenient way to receive notifications.

There are three easy ways to enroll to receive text notices:

- Call the accounts team Monday to Saturday 10 am - 6 pm at (408) 540-3945
- Visit your local library accounts desk
- Use the online [form](#) to update your notification preference

Patrons who opt into this service will receive a text message containing a link to open their account and see which specific item(s) are available or due. Standard message and data rates apply.

As the library system for the heart of Silicon Valley, we are delighted to offer this technological upgrade. We hope that this new method will be more convenient for our patrons.

FYI- SCCLD Libraries will be closed on Sunday, March 31 for Easter and Monday, April 1 for César Chávez Day (observed). You can learn more about Chávez's life and work through his [Foundation](#). Our [Online Library](#) is available 24/7 at scclid.org/.

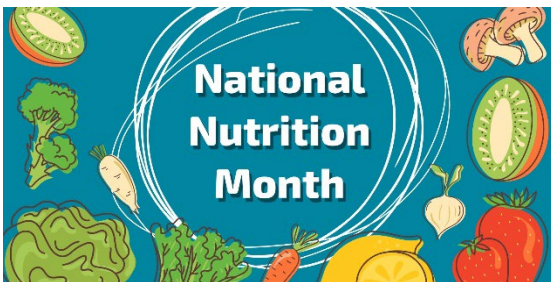
Silicon Valley Reads Finishing Strong

We're at the mid-point of Silicon Valley Reads 2024, with over [40 events](#) still to come this month at SCCLD libraries. In case you missed it, the video of our January 31 [kickoff event](#) at De Anza College is online. Pictured to the right are the featured authors who participated in the panel.

March is a perfect month for SVR's theme of ***A Greener Tomorrow Starts Today***, as it's when we don green apparel on St. Patrick's Day (17th) and mark the start of spring (21st). Our hills are also green, providing a welcome invitation to explore our local County Parks. SCCLD offers free [County Park passes](#) to borrow at each of our libraries.



All March long a diverse range of free virtual and in-person public programs suitable for all ages will be offered touching on topics around environmental sustainability. These include author talks, educational events, demonstrations, outdoor events like hikes and a clean-up, activities for students, storytimes, and more. Find the complete schedule of events at [Siliconvalleyreads.org/calendar](https://siliconvalleyreads.org/calendar). You can also find a list of March Silicon Valley Reads events in our monthly events calendar that follows this report.



National Nutrition Month Health Resources

Thanks to science, we are learning more and more about the human body, the food we consume, and how they interact. As we enter [National Nutrition Month](#) some things remain the same. Healthy living, including exercise and a good diet, are key to being physically fit.

Our collection features a number of titles about nutrition related topics. Check out some of our booklists, like our staff picks for [Health & Fitness](#) selections. Another list from our [Sports and Games](#) group looks at how to reach peak sports performance with the help of the best available nutrition. Under [Science & Technology](#), find nonfictional books that explain things such as why we enjoy the foods we do and why some bacteria can be helpful.

SCCLD offers a variety of digital resources through our 24/7 Online Library. Check out our [Health & Wellness](#) section, which offers useful and accurate information about topics including nutrition. There you will find Health Library by StayWell, PlaneTree Health Library and MedlinePlus, which is produced by the National Institutes of Health. There are also a variety of on-demand online courses about a wide range of health topics, plus several reference eBooks and videos that include nutrition-related topics.

The County of Santa Clara's Social Service Agency offers [free meals for seniors](#) over 60 and at low cost for others who qualify. The Santa Clara County Office of Education offers [nutrition lesson plans](#) and tips for kids and their families. Those who are looking to find free groceries can find assistance from [Second Harvest of Silicon Valley](#) or by calling 211 to find a food pantry near them.

Make a Mark with Women's History Month

This year's theme for [Women's History Month](#) underlines the importance of equity, diversity and inclusion efforts in levelling the playing field in all of society's institutions. Just a little over a century ago, women in the U.S. could not vote. Today there are more women enrolled in colleges and universities than men, though a double digit [gender wage gap](#) at work still exists. As Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. once said, "the arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice."



Our Children's librarians have put together a [new reading list](#) with recent titles for kids and teens that profile dozens of fascinating women across history and the globe who have done great and amazing things. These include a Mesopotamian poet and priestess, the first woman to reach Mount Everest's summit, the first woman and African American to lead the Library of Congress, an actress who invented the technique that would lead to WiFi, Bluetooth and GPS technologies, and the first Native American woman to earn a medical degree. Our librarians have also compiled a selection of [new titles](#) for adults.

Our libraries have several events planned in connection with the month. Saratoga Library's Sci-Fi and Fantasy Book Club is discussing *Herland* by Charlotte Perkins Gilman, about a feminist utopia, on [Tuesday, March 5](#). Milpitas Library invites kids in grades K-8 to create a small guitar, in honor of music legend Joni Mitchell on [Tuesday, March 12](#). Morgan Hill Library screens the film Hidden Figures, a true story about the three female black women mathematicians who were crucial to NASA's early space mission successes, on [Wednesday, March 13](#). Milpitas Library is offering two craft programs for children in grades K-8. Create De Stijl-style artwork inspired by artist Marlow Moss on [Tuesday, March 19](#). Paint a Georgia O'Keefe style landscape on [Tuesday, March 26](#). All supplies will be provided. Find more details about these events and others on our online [Event Calendar](#).

YOUR



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Libraries Taking Part in Primary Election

All SCCLD libraries have ballot drop-sites available 24/7 through Election Day, Tuesday, March 5 (Cupertino's is next to their City Hall). A full list of ballot drop-off sites and in-person Voting Centers, including hours, is available on the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters' [website](#).

Several libraries are also serving as in-person voting sites:

- Early Voting Centers: daily from 10 am – 6 pm at Cupertino, Milpitas, and Saratoga from now until Monday, March 4, and Gilroy and Morgan Hill from Saturday, March 2 to Monday, March 4.
- Election Day Sites: Tuesday, March 5, 7 am – 8 pm at Cupertino, Gilroy, Milpitas, Morgan Hill, and Saratoga.

SANTA CLARA COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT MARCH 2024 EVENTS

All SCCLD libraries are closed and services unavailable on Sunday, March 31 for Easter and Monday, April 1 for Cesar Chavez Day (observed)

Silicon Valley Reads programs are highlighted in blue.

CAMPBELL EXPRESS LIBRARY – 1 West Campbell Avenue, Room 46

ESL Conversation Club

Tuesdays, March 5, 12, 19, & 26, 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.

Family Storytime

Wednesdays, March 6, 13, 20, & 27, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard City Banquet Hall

Kids ages 0-5 are invited to join us for stories, songs, and more. Please bring a blanket or towel to sit on for the hard floors.

SVR: Santa Clara County Office of Sustainability's Green Initiatives

Tuesday, March 19, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard City Banquet Hall

Join us for an informative presentation showcasing the impactful initiatives led by the Office of Sustainability's three key areas: urban forestry, energy efficiency and electrification, and climate action planning.

SVR Adult Book Club

Wednesday, March 20, 7 – 8 p.m., Room E44

We will discuss Silicon Valley Reads featured book, [*The Light Pirate*](#) by Lily Brooks-Dalton.

Guitar Night

Tuesday, March 26, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., Orchard City Banquet Hall

Enjoy performances by professionals and students in various genres including rock, jazz and classical.

CUPERTINO -- 10800 Torre Avenue

Primary Election Voting

Friday – Monday, March 1 – 4, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. & Tuesday, March 5, 7 a.m. – 8 p.m., Room 201

Cupertino Library is a voting site for early and Election Day voting.

Knit-Alongs at Cupertino Library

Fridays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 2:30 – 4 p.m., March 1 meetup will be in 2nd Floor Think Tank, all other meetups in Room 201A

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.

Mandarin/English Bilingual Family Storytime

Fridays, March 1 & 15, 7 – 8 p.m.

Join us for stories, songs, flannel board story, fingerplay, and a craft with Children's Librarian Jennifer in Mandarin and English. Children and their caretakers are welcome to join. 兒童圖書館員Jennifer將為小朋友讀圖畫故事書;唱兒歌;用絨布板講故事;手指謠和做美勞。歡迎幼兒們和家長, 祿母一同前來參加。

Family Storytime for All Ages

Saturdays, March 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Program Room

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.

Family Storytime for 3s-5s

Mondays, March 4, 11, 18, & 25, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Program Room

This storytime is suitable for children ages 3-5 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.

Homework Help

Mondays and Thursdays, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Children's Study Room

Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 6 – 7:30 p.m., Children's Study Room

Students in grades K-5 who need homework help are encouraged to stop by for free tutoring. No registration is required. Basic school supplies will be provided.

ESL Conversation Club

Tuesdays, March 5, 12, 19, & 26, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., March 5 meetup will be in the Cupertino Community Hall next door. All others will be at Room 201A

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

Toddler Storytime (ages 1-2)

Tuesdays, March 5, 12, 19, & 26, 10:30 – 11 a.m.

This storytime will feature stories, songs, rhymes and dances that encourage the development of early literacy skills.

Baby Wearing Dance Program

Wednesdays, March 6, 13, 20, & 27, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Babies must be held or worn in a carrier while the caregiver learns dance moves.

Bedtime Storytime

Wednesdays, March 6, 13, 20, & 27, 7 – 7:30 p.m., Program Room

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.

Storytime for Babies (ages 0-1)

Thursdays, March 7, 14, 21, & 28, 10:30 – 11 a.m., First Floor Program Room

This storytime features stories and songs that encourage the development of early literacy skills. Storytime is limited to the first 30 babies with a maximum of 2 adults per family.

Create CU: Etegami

Friday, March 8, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Room 201B

Learn the Japanese art of the picture letter. All materials and instruction will be provided. This program is intended for adults 18+. Register online.

Silicon Valley Reads Teen Craft

Saturday, March 9, 2 – 3 p.m. and 3 – 4 p.m., Room 201B

We will be recycling plastic bottles and turning them into seed sprouters. All materials will be provided. Please register online.

Nonfiction Book Discussion Group

Sunday, March 10, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Room 201A

We will discuss [*Fragile Cargo*](#) by Adam Brookes.

Zero Waste Chef Cooking Demonstration

Sunday, March 10, 3 – 4 p.m.

Zero Waste Chef Anne-Marie Bonneau will show us how to use materials and veggies around the kitchen to make soup.

Travel Program: Sri Lanka

Monday, March 11, 7 – 8:15 p.m., Room 201A

Photographer David Couzens takes us on a trip to Sri Lanka, home to bountiful wildlife including elephants, buffalo, monkeys, leopards, and various birds and reptile species.

LEGO Club

Tuesday, March 12, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Children's Meeting Room

Children in grades K-8 are invited to build and create using LEGOs.

Easy to Grow Native Plants

Thursday, March 14, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Room 201

The California Native Plant Society will explain the benefits of growing native plants, and how to plant and water to ensure success.

Shred It and Forget It

Saturday, March 16, 10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., Outside

Families are allowed to bring up to 3 boxes of paper waste to shred for free.

Let's Write Limericks

Saturday, March 16, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Room 201

Cupertino Poet Laureate Keiko O'Leary will lead a workshop at creating fun, short poems.

AI Bridge Program for Teens

Saturdays, March 16 & 23, 2 – 6 p.m., Room 201

We will get a brief overview of Python basics and the Pandas library, and then introduce supervised machine learning. Learn classification models and unsupervised machine learning. Participants should have prior Python coding experience. Register online.

VITA Volunteer Tax Assistance

Sunday, March 17, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., and Saturday, March 30, 1 – 6 p.m., Room 201

Get free help with simple tax returns. Please bring all W2, 1098 and 1099 forms, social security cards or ITIN numbers, and your 2023 tax return. An email address is needed. People will be helped on a first come, first served basis.

Cupertino Adult Book Discussion

Wednesday, March 20, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and Thursday, March 21, 7 – 8 p.m., Room 201B

We will be discussing featured book, [Stay True: A Memoir](#) by Hua Hsu.

Bay Area Hummingbirds

Wednesday, March 20, 7 – 8 p.m., Room 201

Wildlife photographer Joan Sparks will share photographs of these birds, and share tips to encourage hummingbirds to permanently reside on your property.

Cupertino Sunday Line Dance Program

Sunday, March 24, 2 – 3 p.m., Room 201

Get started with step-by-step instruction of dance movements choreographed to the rhythms of Waltz, Rumba, Cha-Cha, Salsa, Pop and more. This class is for anyone. No partner needed. Online registration required.

GILROY -- 350 W. Sixth Street

Black History Month: Book Discussion

Friday, March 1, 10:15 – 11:15 a.m., Quiet Study B

We will be discussing [*The Moor's Account*](#) by Laila Lalami in recognition of Black History Month.

Snack Break – Free Snacks for Kids/Pausa de Merienda – Merienda Gratis Para Niños

Mondays-Fridays, 3 – 4 p.m./lunes-viernes, 3 – 4 p.m.

Stop by the library and pick up a **free** after-school snack. For kids 18 years old and under, while supplies last. ¡Pasa por la biblioteca y recoge una merienda gratis después de la escuela! Para niños de 18 años y menores, mientras duren las reservas.

Safe Space Meet-Up for LGBTQ+ Youth

Fridays, March 1 & 15, 4 – 5:30 p.m., First Floor Meeting Room

Our staff-led meetings offer a safe space for youth to play games, participate in group activities and discussions, and build community. No registration necessary.

Primary Election Voting

Saturday – Monday, March 2 – 4, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., Tuesday, March 5, 7 a.m. – 8 p.m., Ground Floor Meeting Room

Gilroy Library is a voting site for early and Election Day Voting.

Citizenship Classes/Clases de Ciudadanía

Saturdays, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., upstairs Computer Training Lab

This 4-class session will teach you the path to U.S. citizenship, available resources, and instruction on how to pass the test. Please register. Walk-ins welcome as space allows. Asista personalmente a esta sesión de 4 clases en la Biblioteca Gilroy. Conozca el camino hacia la ciudadanía estadounidense, los recursos disponibles y las instrucciones sobre cómo aprobar el examen. Se admiten visitas sin cita previa según lo permita el espacio. Regístrate para reservar tu plaza.

Saturday Storytime

Saturdays, March 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., The Nest

Enjoy stories and songs with your family and librarian Cameron. Disfrute de cuentos y canciones con tu familia con el bibliotecario Cameron.

Zero Waste Chef Cooking Demonstration

Sunday, March 2, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Zero Waste Chef Anne-Marie Bonneau will show us how to practice fermentation with materials found around the kitchen to create sauerkraut and kombucha. Register online.

One Green Edible Thing Talk & Discussion

Monday, March 4, 7 – 8 p.m., Upstairs Community Room

Sustainable food advocate Peter Ruddock will talk about what farmers, producers, and you can do to grow, make and eat in tune with the environment.

Pajama Storytime

Mondays, March 4, 11, 18, & 25, 7 – 7:30 p.m., the Nest

Join us for stories, sing songs, and wear your pajamas! Lee cuentos, canta canciones y ponte los pijamas para una hora de cuentos para niños de todas las edades con la bibliotecaria Gwyn.

Spanish Storytime/Hora de Cuentos Español

Tuesdays, March 5, 12, 19, & 26, 4 – 5 p.m., the Nest

Join us for stories and songs in Spanish, followed by music and playtime with Librarian Patty. Acompáñenos a escuchar cuentos y canciones en español, seguido por música y tiempo para jugar con la Bibliotecaria Patty.

Family Storytime

Thursdays, March 7, 14, 21, & 28, 10:30 – 11 a.m., the Nest

Join Miss Elizabeth for stories, rhymes, fingerplays and songs.

Knitting and Crochet Weekly Meetup

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

Bring your projects, ask questions, get help, share ideas and meet new people.

Master Gardeners: Plan Your Tomato Garden

Saturday, March 9, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Upstairs Community Room

Learn how to increase your success with correct planting methods, pest control, irrigation, soil management, and fertilizer to produce healthy and productive plants.

Poetry Readings with Garlicky Group of Poets

Saturday, March 9, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Downstairs Meeting Room

Read whatever poetry you want to read and join in related discussions.

Improve Your Public Speaking with Gilroy Toastmasters

Mondays, March 11 & 25, 6 – 7 p.m., Quiet Room B

The typical meetings consist of 1 or 2 prepared speeches lasting 4-10 minutes. A round robin of “off the cuff” questions follow the prepared speeches. Please register.

LEGO Club

Wednesday, March 13, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m., the Nest

We provide Legos, children build fun creations! Nosotros proporcionamos los Legos, los niños construyen creaciones divertidas!

Driver Safety for Teens & Parents

Wednesday, March 13, 6–8 p.m., Upstairs Community Room

This program is aimed at helping newly licensed teen drivers to become more aware of the responsibilities that accompany the privilege of being a licensed driver.

National Quilting Day

Saturday, March 16, 2–3 p.m., Community Room

Local quilters will speak about their experiences quilting. Some works will also be on display.

SVR Teen Craft: DIY Terrarium

Monday, March 18, 4:30–5:30 p.m.

Terrariums are small glass containers that house slow-growing plants and are easy to maintain. Put together your own at this program. All supplies will be provided. Please register online.

Senior Driver Education Class

Thursday, March 21, 12:30–1:30 p.m., Community Room

This curriculum addresses topics of aging and its effects on safe driving, maintaining good physical health and self-assessment.

SVR Book Discussion

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

We will discuss one of the Silicon Valley Reads Recommended Titles, [*Burnt: A Memoir of Fighting Fire*](#) by Clare Frank.

Upcycle Wreath Making for Adults and Teens

Wednesday, March 27, 6–8 p.m., Upstairs Quiet Study B

We will take trimmed egg cartons and shape and decorate them so they can resemble flowers that we will create into a spring wreath.

SVR Craft: DIY Terrarium for Kids

Saturday, March 30, 11:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Courtyard

Terrariums are small glass or plastic containers that house slow-growing plants and are easy to maintain. All supplies will be provided. Please register online.

LOS ALTOS -- 13 S. San Antonio Road

Falls Prevention

Friday, March 1, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Orchard Room

Learn about risk fall factors and tips to prevent a fall. Register online.

Baby Sign and Stay & Play

Saturday, March 2, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.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. After storytime, stay and play with age-appropriate toys.

Books and Ballet

Sundays, March 3, 10, 17, & 24, 10:15 – 11 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m., Orchard Room

This storytime is a fun introduction to ballet and the joy of movement for boys and girls ages 3-5. No experience necessary. Participants should commit to attending each of the four weeks of the session. Register online.

Bilingual Spanish Storytime

Tuesdays, March 5, 12, 19, & 26, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard Room

Join us for stories, songs, and movement in Spanish and English. ¡Únase a nosotros para escuchar cuentos, canciones y movimiento en español e inglés!

Homework Help

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 3 – 5:30 p.m., Children’s Room

Students in grades K-6 who need homework help are encouraged to stop by for free tutoring. No registration is required. Basic school supplies will be provided.

The Whodunit? Mystery Book Club

Wednesday, March 6, 10:15 – 11:30 a.m., Teen Room

We will discuss [*Harlem Shuffle*](#) by Colson Whitehead.

Toddler Storytime

Wednesdays & Thursdays, March 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21, 27, & 28, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard Room

This interactive storytime is for 1 and 2 year olds, and will feature stories, music and fun activities. Due to limited space, free tickets will be handed out starting at 10 a.m.

Baby Storytime and Stay & Play

Wednesdays, March 6, 13, 20, & 27, 1 – 2 p.m., Orchard Room

Babies up to age 1 and their caregivers are invited to enjoy songs, rhymes, gentle movements, short books and other fun. This storytime lasts 20 minutes, then enjoy a stay & play.

World Affairs

Wednesday, March 6, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

World Affairs will discuss a different global issue each month. This month is “The Changing Face of Authoritarian Politics in Egypt.”

ESL Conversation Club

Thursdays, March 7, 14, 21, & 28, 1:30 – 3 p.m., Orchard Room

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

Preschool Storytime

Thursdays, March 7, 14, 21, & 28, 3:30 – 4 p.m., Orchard Room

Join us for stories, music, movement and more. Preschool storytime is suitable for children ages 3-5 and their caregivers. Storytimes from March 14 – April 18 will focus on kindergarten readiness skillsets.

Teen Dungeons and Dragons Social Club

Thursdays, March 7, 14, 21, & 28, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m., Conference Room

Teens are welcome to drop in and watch the game. Right now the game is full, but we will occasionally have openings for new players. Please check in at the Adult Reference Desk.

Friday Fun: Sing & Sign

Friday, March 8, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard Room

This storytime will help you grow your sign language vocabulary while enjoying stories, songs, and smiles. This storytime is designed for families with children ages 0-5.

New Library Courtyard Community Event

Saturday, March 9, 3 – 4:15 p.m., Orchard Room

Learn about this exciting project and how it will benefit the library.

Board Game Sunday

Sunday, March 10, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Come with family and friends for an afternoon of fun and games. We have board games for children, teens, and adults – plus LEGOs!

Monday Morning Meditation and Mindfulness

Mondays, March 11 & 18, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard Room

Practice meditation for 20 minutes then ask questions for 10 minutes with instructor Manisha.

Bel Canto Flutes

Tuesday, March 12, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard Room

Join the Bel Canto Flutes for a performance featuring music on flutes of all shapes and sizes.

Poetry Community Hour

Wednesday, March 13, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Share your poetry and come hear poems by local and national poets. You do not have to be a poet to attend.

Friday Fun: Music & Movement

Friday, March 15, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard Room

We will sing, dance and groove to music in this energetic exploration of music and rhythm. This storytime is designed for families with children ages 0-5.

Solo Guitar Concert

Friday, March 15, 3 – 4 p.m., Orchard Room

Join Carlos Alonzo Rivera from the South Bay Guitar Society for a concert.

Bay Area Games Day

Saturday, March 16, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m., Orchard Room

Come learn how to play a new board game or bring an old favorite. We welcome newcomers to hobby gaming and families with kids.

Sunday CrafterNoon (all ages)

Sunday, March 17, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Orchard Room

It's a time to relax with the community and let your creativity shine.

Book Bugs Club for 2nd & 3rd Graders

Tuesday, March 19, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

We will read and discuss [Humphrey's Really Wheely Racing Day](#) by Betty G. Birney. Space is limited. Please register and pick up a copy of the book at the Children's Desk at Los Altos or Woodland Library.

Page Turners Book Club for 4th & 5th Graders

Wednesday, March 20, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

We will be discussing [The War That Saved My Life](#) by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley, then we will do a fun activity related to the book. Please register.

Planning a Simple Native Garden for Beginners

Wednesday, March 20, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room

California's native plants can be easy to grow, bloom year-round and bring birds and butterflies to your yard. Join us to learn each step for a successful, thriving native garden.

Friday Fun: Once Upon a Time

Friday, March 22, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard Room

Explore known and new stories and learn how to retell them in different ways. This is for families with children ages 0-5.

Composting Workshop

Saturday, March 23, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Orchard Room

Reduce your carbon footprint and recycle your waste by composting your organic waste.

Furry Friends Reading Buddies

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

Children in grades K-8 can practice their reading skills and read aloud to a friendly dog or cat. Please register for this program.

Piggy Bank Pioneers

Sunday, March 24, 2 – 2:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Children ages 5-8 can are invited to hone in counting skills with hands-on games like money bingo and memory match and discover hidden treasures. Register online.

Now Read This! Book Club

Monday, March 25, 12 – 1:30 p.m., Orchard Room

We will discuss the featured Silicon Valley Reads book [*One Green Thing*](#) by Heather White.

Mandarin/English Storytime

Tuesday, March 26, 11:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Orchard Room

Join us for stories, songs, and movement in Mandarin and English! This program is for children up to age 5 and their caregivers, and will be held in the Orchard Room. 從一月三十日起,每個月最後一個星期二,早上11:30開始,我們有中英文雙語說故事、唱兒歌和玩遊戲。這個節目是專為五歲以下的兒童設計的,將會在圖書館的 Orchard Room舉行。歡迎兒童們和家長,保姆一同前來參加。

6-8th Grade Book Club

Tuesday, March 26, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

We will discuss [*The Thief*](#) by Megan Whalen Turner. Snacks will be provided. Register online then pick up your copy of the book at the Children's Reference Desk.

Book Talk for Grades 4 – 8

Wednesday, March 27, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

Bring a favorite book or recent read that you would recommend to other readers. After that, we'll do a fun activity. Register online, drop-ins are welcome.

Wednesday Travel Nights

Wednesday, March 27, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room

John Trudeau takes on an expedition to southern Patagonia, including parts of the Argentine pampas, the Andes Mountains, the Chilean fjords and all the way south to the tip of Cape Horn.

Watching the Scientific Process Unfold

Thursday, March 28, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room

An interstellar visitor, Oumuamua, was discovered in 2017 and provided sparse data over 2 and a half months. This presentation outlines the observations and the potential explanations that have been raised.

Friday Fun: Parachute Party

Friday, March 29, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard Room

Parachute play is a great way to learn cooperation and listening skills while having fun with your little ones. This is for families with children ages 0-5.

Special Performance: San Francisco Shakespeare Festival

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

Enjoy a one-hour performance of *As You Like It*. There will be a Q&A with the cast after the show.

MILPITAS -- 160 N. Main Street

Knit & Crochet Circle

Fridays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 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 Hindi, Punjabi and Gujarati. No registration required. Materials not provided.

Family Storytime

Saturday, March 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Activity Room

This storytime features movement, singing and action with picture books, flannel board stories and fingerplays.

Homework Help

Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Conference Room

Students in grades K-6 who need homework help are encouraged to stop by for free tutoring. No registration is required. Basic school supplies will be provided.

Free Adult ESL Classes

Mondays & Wednesdays, March 4 – June 5, 6 – 8 p.m., Computer Training Center

This class focuses on improving English speaking and listening skills, and taught at a beginner to intermediate level. Regular attendance is required. All potential participants must take an assessment before securing a spot.

Baby Bouncers Lapsit for Pre-walkers

Tuesdays, March 5, 12, 19, & 26, 11:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Activity Room

This program focuses on traditional nursery rhymes, lap bounces, body rhymes, songs, very short and simple picture books.

Bilingual Mandarin/English Storytime

Tuesdays, March 5, 12, 19, & 26, 6:30 – 7 p.m., Children’s Activity Room

This 30- minute storytime features movement, sing, and action! The early literacy focus is on sharing stories and songs in English and Mandarin Chinese. 歡迎小朋友來到故事時間，這是以半小時的雙中英語故事書，兒歌，手指謠，玩遊戲為特色的內容。歡迎兒童們與家長祿母一同前來參加

Fun with Art Presented by First5 Santa Clara County

Wednesday, March 6, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Come make some art with us and learn about the resources provided at the resource center. This program is for children ages 3 – 5.

ESL Conversation Club

Wednesdays, March 6, 13, 20, & 27, 3 – 4 p.m., Group Study Room A

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

Tween Time: Book Art

Wednesday, March 6, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Activity Room

Tweens will use old books to create art. All supplies will be provided. Space is limited, so please register at the Children’s Help Desk. This program is for children in grades 4-8.

Toddler Storytime: 1s and 2s Together

Thursdays, March 7, 14, 21, & 28, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Activity Room

This storytime, aimed at 1 and 2 year olds, features lots of movement, singing and action.

Preschool Storytime

Thursdays, March 7, 14, 21, & 28, 6:30 – 7 p.m., Activity Room

This storytime, aimed at preschoolers aged 3 – 5 focuses on picture books, flannel board stories and other storytelling activities. Librarians will also share kindergarten readiness resources.

Board Game Day

Saturday, March 9, 10 a.m. – 6:30 p.m., Auditorium

Learn different board games or play your favorite one. This program is open to ages 18+. Online registration is encouraged but not required.

Women’s History Month Craft

Tuesday, March 12, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Activity Room

Join us and celebrate Joni Mitchell by creating your very own small guitar. This program is for grades K-8. All supplies provided. Register online.

Upcycled Crafts for Grades 3-8

Friday, March 15, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Children’s Activity Room

Please register for this craft program. All supplies will be provided.

Teen Craft: Self-Watering Planters

Saturday, March 16, 2 – 3 p.m., Computer Training Room

We will make and decorate Mason jar planters. This craft is for ages 12-18. Registration is encouraged.

LEGO Club for Grades K-8

Monday, March 18, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Activity Room

Children will use their creativity and engineering skills to free build anything they can imagine. This is a drop-in program.

Women's History Month Craft

Tuesday, March 19, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Activity Room

We will create De Stijl style artwork inspired by artist Marlow Moss. Supplies will be provided. This program is for grades K-8. Register online.

Crafts Around the World: Brazil

Wednesday, March 20, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Activity Room

In honor of the annual festival, Carnival of Brazil, we will be masking masks to celebrate and learn more about the festivities. Supplies will be provided. This program is for all ages. Please register.

Qi Gong Meditation & Exercise Classes

Fridays, March 22 & 29, 1 – 3 p.m., Auditorium

Relieve stress and anxiety, increase energy and vitality and improve physical health during these exercise sessions. Giảm căng thẳng và lo lắng, tăng năng lượng và sức sống, Cải thiện sức khỏe thể chất.

Reading Buddies for Grades K-5

Saturday, March 23, 2 – 3 p.m., Activity Room

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

Zero Waste Chef Cooking Demonstration

Saturday, March 23, 2 – 3 p.m.

Zero Waste Chef Anne-Marie Bonneau will show us how to practice fermentation with materials around our kitchens to create sauerkraut and kombucha. Please register.

Women's History Month Craft

Tuesday, March 26, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Activity Room

Come create a painting inspired by Georgia O'Keeffe's landscape paintings. Bring a photo of what is outside your window or paint a photo of the Milpitas landscape. Art supplies will be provided. Please register.

The Peaceful Poets

Thursday, March 28, 5:30 – 8 p.m., Conference Room

Join other poetry writers and appreciators of poetry.

AP Practice Exams

Saturday, March 30, 10 a.m. – 1:15 p.m., Auditorium

Join us for some extra practice. Please register for this program. A staff member will then email you to ask which subject you want.

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Tiny Tot Jamboree

Fridays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 11 – 11:45 a.m., Children's Activity Room

Toddlers (1-2 years old) and caregivers are invited to join us for short fun stories, rhymes, fingerplays and songs.

Itty Bitty Jamboree

Fridays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 11:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Children's Activity Room

Babies (12 months and younger) and their caregivers are invited to join us for stories, music, movement and more!

Bilingual Storytime for All Ages

Saturdays, March 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 10:15 – 10:45 a.m., Children's Activity Room

Join us in the Children's Activity Room for family fun with your little one! Stories, music, movement, and more! Storytimes are bilingual (Spanish/English). ¡Acompáñenos en la sala de actividades para niños para divertirse con familia y su niño/a! ¡Cuentos, música, movimiento y más! Las horas de cuentos son bilingües (español/inglés).

ESL Conversation Club

Saturdays, March 2, 9, 16, & 23, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Adult Program Room

Practice your English conversation skills with friends. This program is for adults who speak basic English. Register register online. / ¡Únase a nosotros para tener conversaciones divertidas y practicar el inglés! Este programa es para adultos de 18 años y mayores que hablan inglés a nivel básico. El espacio es limitado y se requiere que se registre en línea.

Snack Break – Free Snacks for Kids/Pausa de Merienda – Merienda Gratis Para Niños

Mondays-Thursdays, 3 – 4 p.m./lunes-jueves, 3 – 4 p.m.

Stop by the library and pick up a **free** after-school snack. For kids 18 years old and under, while supplies last. ¡Pasa por la biblioteca y recoge una merienda gratis después de la escuela! Para niños de 18 años y menores, mientras duren las reservas.

Homework Help

Mondays and Tuesdays, 4 – 6 p.m., Children’s Activity Room

Students in grades K-6 who need homework help are encouraged to stop by for free tutoring. No registration is required. Basic school supplies will be provided.

LEGO Club

Tuesdays, March 5, 12, 19, & 26, 3 – 4 p.m.

Use LEGOs to build based on our weekly theme or build whatever you want.

Kids STEM Club

Wednesday, March 6, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.

School-aged children will explore different STEM topics with hands-on activities.

After Dinner Book Club

Wednesday, March 6, 7 – 8 p.m., Program Room

We will discuss [Cleopatra: Her Story](#) by Francine Prose.

Toddler Storytime

Thursdays, March 7, 14, 21, & 28, 10:15 – 10:45 a.m., Children’s Activity Room

Join us for stories, music, movement and more. This program is geared towards children ages 2-3 and their caregivers.

Drop-in Libby Help

Thursday, March 7, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Information Desk

Drop in to get help with eBooks and Audiobooks on your kindles, tablets, and smartphones via the Libby app. Please bring your device with you.

Preschool Storytime

Thursdays, March 7, 14, 21, & 28, 11 – 11:45 a.m., Children’s Activity Room

Children ages 4-5 and caregivers are invited to join us for stories, music, movement and more.

Safe Space Meeting for LGBTQ+ Youth (ages 13-25)

Fridays, March 8 & 22, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Program Room

LGBTQ+ youth are invited to play games, participate in group activities and discussions, and build community. No registration necessary.

Zero Waste Chef Cooking Demonstration

Saturday, March 9, 2 – 3 p.m.

Zero Waste Chef Anne-Marie Bonneau will show us how to use materials and veggies around the kitchen to stir-fry.

Zumba

Mondays, March 11 & 25, 6 – 7 p.m., Program Room

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.

Family Fun Night

Tuesday, March 12, 6:30 – 8 p.m., Children's Activity Room

Join us for an evening of exploration and fun for families with school-aged children. This month we will participate in a hands-on STEM activity.

Master Gardeners

Tuesday, March 12, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., Program Room

Learn about citrus varieties for our climate, planting tips, soil preparation, nutrient requirements, irrigation, pruning and managing pests.

Tuesday Knit-In

Tuesday, March 12, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Knitters are welcome to come and work together. New knitters can get advice and assistance while advanced knitters can meet new friends.

Great Decisions: A Discussion

Tuesdays, March 12 & 19, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

The program includes reading the Great Decisions Briefing Book, watching the video series, and engaging in discussions within a group to explore the most pressing global issues confronting American today.

Women's History Month Film Screening

Wednesday, March 13, 5:30 – 8:45 p.m.

Join us for a screening of the 2016 film, *Hidden Figures* (Rated PG). No registration is required.

Spring Cleaning Arts & Crafts

Saturday, March 16, 1 – 2 p.m., Program Room

Patrons of all ages are encouraged to attend and bring home free art & craft supplies.

Harm Reduction Training

Monday, March 18, 1 – 2:30 p.m., Program Room

Learn how and when to administer Narcan. You will leave with a supply of Narcan for your home. Register online.

Library Ukulele Society

Tuesday, March 19, 5 – 7 p.m.

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

SVR Kids Art Club: Re-Used Material Hanging Sculpture

Wednesday, March 20, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Children’s Activity Room

Inspired by Dale Chihuly’s glass chandeliers, we will create a colorful art piece from plastic bottles and discarded laminate materials colored with permanent markers. For ages 5+.

Stop the Bleed

Thursday, March 21, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m., Program Room

Learn basic tools and information on the simple steps you can take in emergencies to stop life-threatening bleeding and save a life until additional help arrives.

Starting a Small Business for Kids & Teens

Saturday, March 23, 3 – 5 p.m., Program Space

Kids ages 6-16 can learn how to turn their unique skills, passions and interest into a small business. Please register.

Meditation at the Library

Sunday, March 24, 2 – 3 p.m., Program Room

Take a moment to pause, breathe and reconnect with yourself through meditation. No registration required.

Adult Craft Program: DIY Terrarium

Tuesday, March 26, 6 – 7 p.m.

Terrariums are small glass containers that house slow-growing plants and are easy to maintain. Put together your own at this program. All supplies will be provided. Please register online.

SARATOGA -- 13650 Saratoga Avenue

Call for Teen Artists!

Through March 15

Calling all teen AAPI artists: Submit your work for consideration in the second annual AAPI Teen Art Exhibition that will be displayed in April and May. All submissions should be ready to hang or display.

Classics in Scale Exhibit

March 1 – April 29 during open hours, Main Lobby

Enjoy this unique collection of scale rods and mods from Kevin Mayes, who has collected and built classic cars to scale since he was 13 years old.

Baby Storytime (12 months or younger)

Fridays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room (March 1st storytime will be in the Orchard Room)

Join us for stories, rhymes, fingerplays and songs.

Family Storytime

Saturdays, March 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room*

Tuesdays, March 5, 12, 19, & 26, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Orchard Room

Join us for stories, rhymes, and songs. *The March 2 program will be in the Orchard Room.

Mystery Book Club

Monday, March 4, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard Room

We will be discussing [*Everyone in My Family Has Killed Someone*](#) by Benjamin Stevenson. Stop by the Adult Reference Desk to sign up for the meeting and pick up a copy of the book.

Women's History Month: Sci-Fi & Fantasy Book Club

Tuesday, March 5, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard Room

We will be discussing [*Herland*](#) by Charlotte Perkins Gilman. Visit the Adult Reference Desk to register and pick up a copy of the book.

Knit & Crochet Circle

Wednesday, March 6, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Orchard Room

Bring your own projects, ask questions, receive or give help, share ideas, and meet new people.

Indian Instrumental Duet Concert

Saturday, March 9, 2 – 4:30 p.m., Community Room

The concert will be presented by violinists Aparna Thygarajan and Vignesh Thygarajan.

Young Investors Club: Financial Literacy for Teens

Wednesdays, March 13 & 27, 4 – 5 p.m., Learning Lab

Teens ages 12-18 will learn the basics of saving and making money. Experience buying stocks through simulators and develop a deep understanding about how the stock market works.

Shamrock Sprint

Sunday, March 17, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Teens ages 13-18 are invited to participate in the first Saratoga Fun Run. Please register.

Classical Guitar Concert with Carlos Rivera

Sunday, March 17, 3 – 4 p.m.

Join us for a classical guitar concert.

Ukulele Jam Session

Tuesdays, March 19 & 26, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m., Community Room

All players who know basic chords and are beginner to intermediate level are invited to learn new chords and rhythms. Please bring your own uke, other materials will be provided.

LEGOs

Wednesday, March 20, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

Children ages 5+ should join us for an hour of fun building LEGOs. Kids younger than 5 can have fun playing with Duplos.

Mandarin/English Storytime

Thursday, March 21, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Orchard Room

Children up to age 5 are invited to enjoy fun stories, fingerplays, action rhymes and songs in Mandarin and English.

Silicon Valley Reads: Teatime Book Chatter

Thursday, March 21, 1 – 2 p.m.

Visit the Adult Reference Desk to register and pick up a copy of this month's pick, [*Burnt: A Memoir of Fighting Fire*](#) by Clare Frank.

Learn About the San Jose Museum of Art

Saturday, March 23, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Deputy Director Karen Rapp will share information about the San Jose Museum of Art.

Special Performance: San Francisco Shakespeare Festival

Saturday, March 23, 4 – 5:15 p.m., Community Room

Enjoy a one-hour performance of *As You Like It*.

Meditation for Beginners

Sunday, March 24, 10:30 – 11:45 a.m., Community Room

This meditation is for beginners who will be taught Isha Krya, a simple 12-18 minute practice. Register online.

Shop Your Closet and Discover the Latest Trends

Sunday, March 24, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Community Room

Image consultant Alyce Parsons will show you how to make your closet new again. Topics include fashion trends, the waste associated with fast fashion and how to give your closet a makeover. Please register.

Spanish/English Storytime

Thursday, March 28, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Orchard Room

Kids up to age 5 are invited to enjoy fun stories, fingerplays, action rhymes and songs in Spanish and English.

Falls Prevention Program

Thursday, March 28, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Learn about risk fall factors and tips to prevent a fall.

Silicon Valley Reads: Worm Composting Workshop

Saturday, March 30, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Learn the basics of backyard composting, composting with worms, compost application and environmental benefits. Please register.

SED Talks for Teens: Engineering the Future

Saturday, March 30, 1 – 3 p.m., Community Room

Listen to engaging speakers, enjoy some activities and participate in our raffle. Registration is optional.

WOODLAND – 1975 Grant Road

Woodland Library Garden Talk and Tour

Saturday, March 2, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Drought Tolerant Demonstration Garden

Join a native plant consultant for a garden talk and tour. Register online.

Spring-Themed Family Storytime

Sunday, March 10, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Backyard Patio (weather permitting)

Join us in the backyard of the library for stories, songs, fingerplays as we enjoy a spring-themed storytime. Dress for the weather!

Monday Meditation and Mindfulness

Mondays, March 11 & 18, 7 – 7:30 p.m.

Practice meditation for 20 minutes then ask questions for 10 minutes with the instructor.

Duck-Themed Family Storytime

Sunday, March 24, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Backyard Patio (weather permitting)

Join us in the backyard of the library for stories, songs, fingerplays as we enjoy a duck-themed storytime. Dress for the weather!

ONLINE EVENTS (Please register online)

Silicon Valley Reads Storytime: Dial-a-Story

Monday, March 4 – Sunday, March 10

Listen to the Silicon Valley Reads children's pick, [To Change a Planet](#) by Christina Soontornvat on our special storytime hotline. Call (408) 615-2909 and press 3.

Persia: Crossroads of Art and Culture

Tuesday, March 5, 7 – 8 p.m.

This is the second installment of the Asian Art Museum Art Talk Series. Ancient Persia was at the axis of the trading world, simultaneously influencing and influenced by both Asia to the east and Europe to the west.

Virtual Author Talk: Nina Totenberg

Wednesday, March 6, 1 – 2 p.m.

Nina Totenberg will talk about her nearly 50-year friendship with Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg and her book, [*Dinners with Ruth: A Memoir on the Power of Friendships.*](#)

Online English Conversation Club

Thursdays, March 7, 14, 21, & 28, 11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Meet new friends and practice English together.

Highlighting History: Billy DeFrank

Tuesday, March 12, 12 – 1 p.m.

Join the Morgan Hill Library and the Morgan Hill Pride Social for a conversation on the enduring impact of LGBTQ+ activist Billy DeFrank. This is a virtual event but will be streamed at the Morgan Hill Library. Register to attend virtually.

Virtual Author Talk: Christopher Paolini

Thursday, March 14, 1 – 2 p.m.

Join us as we chat with master storyteller and international bestselling author Christopher Paolini about his return to the world of [*Eragon*](#) and [*Murtaugh*](#), a stunning continuation of the epic fantasy.

Reading Program Tutor Orientation

Wednesday, March 20, 10 – 11 a.m. or 1 – 2 p.m.

Give back to the Gilroy or Morgan Hill communities by becoming an adult literacy tutor to support an adult learner improve their English reading, writing, listening and speaking skills to achieve their lifelong goals.

Silicon Valley Reads Author Talk

Wednesday, March 20, 5 – 6 p.m.

Join us for an author talk followed by Q&A with Ellen Hagan, author of [*Don't Call Me a Hurricane.*](#)

Virtual Author Talk: Madeline Miller

Thursday, March 21, 4 – 5 p.m.

You're invited to a fascinating exploratory conversation with Madeline Miller, bestselling author of [*The Song of Achilles*](#) and [*Circe*](#), as she chats with us about her body of work and her process in retelling Greek classics into modern epics in fiction.

Personal Finance: Tax Guide 2024

Tuesday, March 26, 7 – 8 p.m.

This workshop covers tax law changes and how it might affect your personal financial situation. Strategies for tax savings for this year and beyond will also be covered.