

July 2022

Library Stakeholder Report

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Happy Independence Day; Summertime is in Full Swing

Summer is officially here and the library has a lot cooking, including our second month of Summer Reading (article following). The 4th of July is about independence and the Library provides its patrons with the freedom to access our materials in multiple formats, both digital and physical. Our libraries are closed on the 4th then will be open on Tuesday, July 5, and our online library is available to you 24/7/365.

Looking for something good to read? We have excellent book lists compiled by our talented librarians and organized by subject for both [fiction](#) and [nonfiction](#) titles. Planning on having a Summer cookout? Check out this one on how to make the [best BBQ](#). We also have a diverse selection of streamable [TV shows and movies](#), plus [eBooks and Audiobooks](#) for all ages.

We Want to Hear from You

As SCCLD develops our new strategic plan to inform our priorities over the next several years, we would like to hear from you! SCCLD will be holding three community meetings this month (two in-person and one virtual) to share information on our progress and hear back from our patrons, local leaders, residents and library stakeholders. We hope that you can make time to join us at one of the following times. Sign up today or just drop in to one of our in person events!

[Thursday, July 28](#), 7:00 p.m. at Milpitas Library

[Friday, July 29](#), 10 a.m. via Zoom

[Saturday, July 30](#), 10:30 a.m. at Gilroy Library



Lunch at the Library in South County



SCCLD is teaming up with Second Harvest of Silicon Valley and the YMCA to provide free meals at Morgan Hill and Gilroy libraries this summer for children 0 to 18 years of age and their accompanying grown ups. Two meals, breakfast and a lunch, will be provided in each Grab & Go kit. Supplies are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

GILROY

Monday to Friday, 12 to 1 p.m.

Pick up meals in parking lot facing Wheeler Center

MORGAN HILL

Monday to Friday, 12 to 1 p.m.

Pick up meals in the Program Room

As a special treat for children visiting these libraries during Lunch at the Library, the [Bay Area Discovery Museum's Try It Truck](#) will be making two special appearances on July 12 in Gilroy and July 27 in Morgan Hill. The truck offers fun, hands-on stations designed for kids in grades preK-5 where they can build creative problem solving skills around various STEAM topics.

Helping Homebound Patrons Access Library Items

Do you know anyone who is unable to physically visit one of our libraries and would like to have library materials delivered to them? Our BookDash home delivery service has recently been expanded to cover the entire SCCLD District, including unincorporated County.



This free service is available to patrons with temporary or long-term illnesses, injuries, medical conditions, disabilities, or other impairments. Those who are immunocompromised, expectant mothers having difficult pregnancies, new mothers who are still recovering, and those without transportation are also eligible.

To apply, patrons can either sign up online at scclld.org/bookdash or call (408) 883-6959 from Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Deliveries are contactless. Library staff will schedule a window for delivery.

July Summer Reading Highlights

This is the second month of our [Summer Reading program](#), during which we challenge all of our patrons to read 5 books. Picture books, manga, novels, they all count. If you're not registered yet, log into [Beanstack](#) to easily sign up.



SUMMER

READING

READ BEYOND THE BEATEN PATH

Those who meet the reading goal and complete a challenge will receive a prize starting on August 1. You can find programs, events, and fun activities taking place at SCCLD libraries for kids, teens and adults. Here are some of this month's highlights taking place at our libraries. Note that many of them are outside.

KIDS/FAMILIES

- **Puppet Art Theater** - Enjoy the tale of "Tommy's Pirate Adventure" in the library's parking lot. First come, first seated.
Saratoga, July 6 @ 11-11:45 am.
- **Magician Phil Ackerly**- Be entertained with his special blend of comedy, wonder, and magic. Limited to first 80 families.
Cupertino, July 6 @ 11-11:45 am.
- **Mike the Magician** - Equal parts wonder and laughter, Mike will keep you amused and entertained.
Los Altos, July 6 @ 3-4 pm.
- **Ricky Roo Puppet Show** - Get ready for silly stories, funny characters, and non-stop giggles.
Gilroy, July 7 @ 11-11:45 am. Outdoors. Meet in the Paseo area outside the Library.
- **Python Ron** - Learn amazing facts about snakes, scorpions, and more.
Milpitas, July 7 @ 3-3:45 pm & 7:-7:45 pm. Tickets will be given out 30 minutes prior.
Los Altos, July 27 @ 3-4 pm. Tickets will be given out 30 minutes prior.
- **Bubble Magic Show** - Come and be dazzled by bubbles of all sizes.
Milpitas, July 9 @ 11-11:45 am & 2-2:45 pm. Tickets will be given out 30 minutes prior.
- **Animals of the Americas** – Discover interesting facts about animals of N., C. and S. America.
Online Event, July 13 @ 3-3:45 pm. [Zoom link](#).
- **Village Rhythms with Onye** - Percussionist, songwriter and educator brings joy and soul to audiences in a participatory drumming performance.
Milpitas, July 14 @ 3-3:45 pm & 7-7:45 pm. Tickets will be given out 30 minutes prior.
- **Nasrudin's Magnificent Journey to Samarkand** - Dynamic storytelling, dance, and music await you with this folktale about Nasrudin and his faithful donkey.
Saratoga, July 20 @ 11-11:45 am. In parking lot. First come, first served.
- **The Puppet Company** - Hear the story of the Three Dinosaurs Gruff.
Cupertino, July 20 @ 11-11:45 am.
- **Circus of Smiles** - Come enjoy silly characters, juggling, acrobatics, music and feats of strength.
Morgan Hill, July 21 @ 10:15-11 am.
Saratoga, July 27 @ 11-11:45 am. In parking lot. First come, first served.
Los Altos, July 30 @ 11 am-12 pm. At Hillview Soccer Field next to the parking lot. Bring a blanket or chair to sit on and sunscreen or hats for the sun.
- **James Henry Presents Hands on Drumming** – Interactive workshop on drumming featuring singing and hands on percussion.
Milpitas, July 23 @ 11-11:45 am & 2-2:45 pm. Tickets will be given out 30 minutes prior.
- **Musician Peter Apel** – Energetic and fun music program with lots of audience interaction.
Gilroy, July 28 @ 11-11:45 am. Meet us in the Paseo area outside the library.

SANTA CLARA COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT JULY 2022 EVENTS

Events listed in blue denote Summer Reading programs

****All libraries will be closed and services unavailable
on Monday, July 4 for Independence Day****

Summer Reading: Read Beyond the Beaten Path

Through Sunday, July 31 at all SCCLD libraries and online

Join us for an exciting lineup of programs for children, teens and adults. Earn a reward for reading five books and completing one activity this summer. Register [online](#).

CAMPBELL EXPRESS LIBRARY – 1 West Campbell Avenue, Room 46

ESL Conversation Club

Tuesdays, July 5, 12, 19, & 26, 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m., Room M-50, Campbell Community Center
Practice your English conversation skills with friends. Please register online.

Outdoor Storytime

Wednesdays, July 6, 13, 20, & 27, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Outdoor Courtyard behind the Heritage Theater and across from the Community Center office, Campbell Community Center
Stories, songs, and more. No registration needed. Masks required.

Python Ron's Reptile Kingdom

Wednesday, July 6, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m., Orchard City Banquet Hall, Campbell Community Center
Learn cool new facts about lizards, spiders and snakes! No registration necessary.

Self Defense (Two-Part Series)

Monday, July 11 and 18, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard City Banquet Hall, Campbell Community Center
Learn the simple yet effective techniques against chokes, grips and grabs with the Filipino Martial Art, Sik Paldakan Do. Register online.

Silly Circus Show

Wednesday, July 13, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m., Orchard City Banquet Hall, Campbell Community Center
Come and enjoy the Silly Circus Show with juggling, outrageous jokes and circus tricks. No registration required.

Brian Scott Magic Productions

Wednesday, July 20, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m., Orchard City Banquet Hall, Campbell Community Center
Come experience the Magic of Biblio Spectacular! No registration required.

Paint Night with Paul

Thursday, July 21, 6:30 – 8 p.m., Room M-50, Campbell Community Center
Local artist Paul Loughridge will lead an in-person paint-along. All materials will be provided. Adults and teens are welcome.

John Weaver Storyteller

Wednesday, July 27, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m., Room Q-80, Campbell Community Center
Join us for a lively interactive storytelling extravaganza. No registration required.

Happy Bright Kids Puppet & Magic Show

Saturday, July 30, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Room M-50, Campbell Community Center
Come and celebrate a summer full of reading with a ventriloquist and a puppet show. No registration required.

CUPERTINO -- 10800 Torre Avenue

Magician Phil Ackerly

Wednesday, July 6, 11 – 11:45 a.m., Room 101A
Be entertained with a blend of comedy, wonder and magic. Free tickets will be handed out 30 minutes before the show. Tickets are first come, first serve.

ESL Conversation Club

Tuesdays, July 12, 19, & 26, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Room 201A
Practice your English conversation skills with friends. Please register online starting July 5.

Adult Chinese Book Discussion Group: 呼吸：姜峯楠第二本小說集 (Exhalation)

Thursday, July 14, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Room 201A

We will discuss 呼吸：姜峯楠第二本小說集 (Exhalation) by Ted Chiang. This discussion will be in Mandarin.

The Puppet Company

Wednesday, July 20, 11 – 11:45 a.m., Room 101
The Puppet Company presents The Three Dinosaurs Gruff. Free tickets will be handed out at the Children's Reference Desk 30 minutes prior to the show. Tickets are first come, first served.

Adult Book Group

Thursday, July 21, 7 – 8:15 p.m., Room 201A

We will be discussing Hamnet: A Novel of the Plague by Maggie O'Farrell.

Teen Craft Program: Making Macrame Keychains

Wednesday, July 27, 5 – 5 p.m., Room 201A

Teens 12-18 are invited to come weave their own masterpieces. All materials supplied. Online registration required.

GILROY -- 350 W. Sixth Street

Free Meals for Kids

Mondays-Fridays, 12 -1 p.m. (drive-thru in the parking lot facing Wheeler Auditorium)

Free grab & go breakfast and lunch meals available for kids 0-18 and their caregiver. No registration necessary.

Book Discussion

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

We will discuss [*My Year of Rest and Relaxation*](#) by Ottessa Moshfegh. Registration is encouraged, in case we need to contact you with updates.

Paint Party for Teens (ages 13-18)

Wednesday, July 6, 2 – 4 p.m., Community Room

Local artist Paul Loughridge will lead an in-person paint-along. All materials will be provided. Register online.

Storytime at Gilroy Library

Thursdays, July 7, 14, 21 & 28, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Upstairs Community Room

Join us for stories, songs and more!

Ricky Roo Puppet Show

Thursday, July 7, 11 – 11:45 a.m., Outside Paseo

Get ready for silly stories, funny characters and nonstop giggles with Ricky Roo and friends.

Knitting & Crochet Weekly Meetup

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

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

Paint Party for Adults

Saturday, July 9, 2 – 4 p.m., Community Room

Local artist Paul Loughridge will lead an in-person paint-along. All materials will be provided. Register online.

Open Poetry Readings with Garlicky Group of Poets

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

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

Safe Space Meeting for LGBTQ+ Youth

Tuesday, July 12, 4 – 6 p.m., Downstairs Meeting Room

This in-person support group is for youth and young adults (ages 13-25). Play games, participate in group activities and discussions and build community. No registration necessary.

Teen Maker Camp (ages 13-18)

Wednesday, July 13, 2 – 3 p.m., Community Room

Join us for Gilroy Library's Summer Maker Camp for Teens. Build your own decorative LED silhouette shadowbox. All materials will be provided. Register online.

Arts & Crafts for Kids

Thursdays, July 14 & 21, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Outside Paseo

Create art inspired by nature. This event is perfect for school-age children.

Nature Program: Cloud Identification

Friday, July 15, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Outside Paseo

Learn about the different layers of clouds and types of clouds. See how clouds look from space and how NASA needs observers on Earth to verify cloud coverings. Then create your own picture using various types of clouds. Register online.

Friday Video Gaming Tournament

Fridays, July 15, 22, & 29, 2 – 4 p.m., Community Room

Digital Nest presents Gilroy Gamers Society. Register or drop in to play some video games.

Meteors, Comets & Asteroids

Sunday, July 17, 2 – 3 p.m., Community Room

Join NASA Ames Research Center's Aerospace Engineer Tara Samuels and learn about meteors, comets and asteroids.

Teen Maker Camp (ages 13-18)

Wednesday, July 20, 2 – 3 p.m., Community Room

Join us for Gilroy Library's Summer Maker Camp for Teens. Design and print your own t-shirt or tote bag. All materials will be provided. Register online.

Nature Program: Bird Identification and Habitats

Friday, July 22, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Outside Paseo

Learn the features of birds and different bird habitats. We will observe and listen for birds, sketch a bird and test the flight of paper birds. Register online.

Teen Maker Camp

Wednesday, July 27, 2 – 3 p.m., Community Room

Join us for Gilroy Library's Summer Maker Camp for Teens. Decorate your own paper crown. Register online.

Musician Peter Apel

Thursday, July 28, 11 – 11:45 a.m., Outside Paseo

Join us for an energetic and fun music program with lots of audience interaction. This is perfect for younger kids.

Nature Program: Be a Bug Explorer

Friday, July 29, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Outside Paseo

Explore insect habitats and study parts of an insect. Register online.

SCCLD's Strategic Plan Discussion

Saturday, July 30, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Community Room

Help shape the future of the library by sharing your thoughts and priorities for future service. Hear SCCLD's proposed mission and vision statements.

LOS ALTOS -- 13 S. San Antonio Road

Bilingual Storytime (English and Spanish)

Fridays, July 1, 15, & 29, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard Room

Join us for stories, songs and movement. Free tickets will be given out 30 minutes before the program.

Family Storytime

Saturday, July 2, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard Room

Join us for stories, songs and movement. Free tickets will be given out 30 minutes before the program.

Outdoor Family Storytime

Tuesdays, July 5, 12, 19, & 26, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Outside the Los Altos History Museum

Join us for stories, songs and movement.

The Whodunit? Mystery Book Club

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

We will be discussing [Dead Irish](#) by John Lescroart.

Mike the Magician

Wednesday, July 6, 3 – 4 p.m., Orchard Room

Mike the Magician is silly, funny and will make you and your kids go WOW! Free tickets will be given out 30 minutes before the performance.

Bilingual Storytime (English and Mandarin)

Thursdays, July 7, 14, 21, & 29, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard Room

Join us for stories, songs and movement. Tickets given out 30 minutes before the program.

Shrinky Dink Fun

Saturday, July 9, 2 – 4 p.m., Orchard Room

Children entering grades 2-6 are invited to create Shrinky Dink key chains, magnets, or charms. Please register at Children's Room desk.

Drop In Crafting with Nature

Monday, July 11, 2 – 4 p.m., Orchard Room

Stop by for arts & crafts. Appropriate for ages 8+.

Amazon Jungle Treasures with Joan Sparks

Wednesday, July 13, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard Room

See the journey one photographer made through diverse flora and fauna.

Puppet Art Theater

Wednesday, July 20, 3 – 4 p.m., Orchard Room

Join us for a special performance of *The Three Billy Goats Gruff* with Puppet Art Theater Co. Free tickets will be given out 30 minutes before the performance.

Page Turners Book Club for Grades 4-6

Thursday, July 21, 3 – 4 p.m., Orchard Room

We will read and discuss the graphic novel, [*When Stars are Scattered*](#) by Victoria Jamieson.

Furry Friends Reading Buddies

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

Sign up for a 10-minute time slot to read to a therapy dog. Bring a book from home or borrow one from the Children's Room. Register online.

Now Read This! Book Club

Monday, July 25, 12 – 1:30 p.m., Online, Zoom

This month we will be discussing [*The Gates of Europe: a History of Ukraine*](#) by Serhil Plokhly.

Python Ron's Reptile Kingdom

Wednesday, July 27, 3 – 4 p.m., Orchard Room

Learn cool new facts about lizards, spiders and snakes! Free tickets will be handed out 30 minutes before the performance.

Bay Area Games Day

Saturday, July 30, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

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

Circus of Smiles

Saturday, July 30, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Hillview Soccer Field

Get ready to laugh and smile as this duo juggles and performs circus tricks.

MILPITAS -- 160 N. Main Street

Tai Chi

Fridays, July 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 10 – 11 a.m., Auditorium

Tai Chi Master Roy Wong teaches this elegant, healthful and spiritual exercise. Please call (408) 262-1171 x3612 to sign up.

Knit & Crochet Circle

Fridays, July 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29, 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.

Family Storytime

Mondays and Wednesdays, July 7, 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, & 27, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Auditorium

This special summer 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 30 minutes prior to storytime. They can be picked up at the Children's Help Desk. Tickets are first come, first served.

Tape Art (Grades 4-6)

Wednesday, July 6, 4 – 4:45 p.m., Children's Activity Room

Create a one-of-a-kind masterpiece using canvas, tape and some paint. All supplies will be provided. Register online.

Paint Party for Teens (ages 12-18)

Thursday, July 7, 3 – 5 p.m., Children's Activity Room

Local artist Paul Loughridge will lead an in-person paint-along. All materials will be provided. Register online.

Python Ron's Reptile Kingdom

Thursday, July 7, 3 – 4 p.m. and 7 – 7:45 p.m., Auditorium

Learn cool new facts about lizards, spiders and snakes! Free tickets will be handed out 30 minutes before the performance.

Video Game Club for Grades 3-8

Fridays, July 8 & 22, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Activity Room

Stop by and play video games like Super Smash Bros. and Mario Kart on a Nintendo Switch. Participants can bring their own Switch controllers as well. We will also have various board games available. Please register.

Bubble Magic Show

Saturday, July 9, 11 – 11:45 a.m. and 2 – 2:45 p.m., Auditorium

You will be dazzled with bubbles of all sizes! Free tickets will be handed out 30 minutes before the performance.

Coloring Page Sun Catchers

Sunday, July 10, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Auditorium

Make a coloring page sun catcher. All supplies will be provided. This event is for adults 18+. Register online.

Bleeding Tissue Paper Art for Grades 3 to 8

Tuesday, July 12, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Auditorium

Make wall art with different tissue paper art techniques. Free tickets will be handed out 30 minutes before the performance.

Anime Club for Grades 6-12

Wednesdays, July 13 & 27, 4 – 5:30 p.m., MPR

Anime fans are invited to watch anime and socialize with others.

Village Rhythms with Onye

Thursday, July 14, 3 – 3:45 p.m. and 7 – 7:45 p.m., Auditorium

Nigerian percussionist, songwriter and educator Onye Onyemaechi brings joy and soul to audiences in a participatory African drumming performance. Free tickets will be handed out 30 minutes before the performance.

Furry Friends Reading Buddies for Grades K-5

Saturday, July 16, 2 – 3 p.m., Activity Room

Sign up for a 20-minute time slot to read to a therapy dog.

Ice Cream Cone Art (Grades 3-5)

Tuesday, July 19, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Children's Activity Room

Celebrate National Ice Cream Day and create the wackiest ice cream cone you can using a variety of craft supplies. Register online.

Robotics Fun with Ozobots (Grades 3-8)

Wednesday, July 20, 4 – 5 p.m., Children's Activity Room

Learn the basics of coding and controlling the Ozobot using only paper and markers. Register online.

Teen Craft: Shibori Tshirts (ages 12-18)

Thursday, July 21, 3 – 4:30 p.m., Conference Room

Try out this Japanese method of tie-dyeing. Be prepared for potential messes, so wear clothes you don't mind getting stained. Register online.

Create with Cardboard

Thursday, July 21, 3 – 4 p.m., Auditorium

The Tech Interactive challenges school-aged children to create something with cardboard, no tape or glue allowed! Please register online.

James Henry: Hands on Drumming

Saturday, July 23, 11 – 11:45 a.m. and 2 – 2:45 p.m., Auditorium

Join us as James Henry presents an interactive workshop of drumming featuring singing and hand on percussion. Free tickets will be handed out 30 minutes before the performance.

Book Club for 2nd and 3rd Grades

Tuesday, July 26, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Children’s Activity Room

We will discuss [*The Bad Guys*](#) by Aaron Blabey. Register online.

Milpitas Book Discussion Group

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

We will be discussing [*The Keeper of Lost Things*](#) by Ruth Hogan. Please register.

Take Flight at Milpitas Library

Thursday, July 28, 3 – 4 p.m., Auditorium

The Tech Interactive challenges school aged children to design and build a paper airplane that can safely transport a passenger at least six feet! Please register online.

SCCLD’s Strategic Plan Discussion

Thursday, July 28, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Community Room

Help shape the future of the library by sharing your thoughts and priorities for future service. Hear SCCLD’s proposed mission and vision statements.

MORGAN HILL -- 660 W. Main Avenue

Free Meals for Kids

Mondays-Fridays, 12 – 1 p.m. (pick up in the Program Room)

Free grab & go breakfast and lunch meals available for kids 0-18 and their caregiver. No registration necessary.

Bilingual Family Storytime

Saturdays, July 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 10:15 – 10:45 a.m., Outside Lawn

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

Board Game Sundays

Sundays, July 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, 1 – 4 p.m., Program Room

Stop by and play some table top games. Bring your own or use one of ours. We will also have a community puzzle as well as a special puzzle exchange.

Safe Space Meeting for LGBTQ+ Youth

Tuesdays, July 5 & 19, 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, July 5, 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, July 5, 7:30 – 8:45 p.m., Small Program Room

We will be discussing [*Being Mortal*](#) by Atul Gawande.

Python Ron's Reptile Kingdom

Thursday, July 7, 10:15 – 11 a.m., Outside Lawn

Learn cool new facts about lizards, spiders and snakes!

Teen Craft Hour

Thursdays, July 7 & 21, 3 – 4 p.m., Community Room

Grab & Go Craft bags are available for teens 12+. Drop in, hang out and work on your kit. Feel free to bring a project you are already working on, or get creative and try something new!

Kid's Art Club

Fridays, July 8, 15, 22, & 29, 10:15 – 11 a.m., Program Room and Outside

Explore the great outdoors through arts and crafts that celebrate the natural world! This program is aimed for school-aged children.

Intro to Geocaching

Saturday, July 9, 2 – 4 p.m.

Learn how to start finding geocaches in your area, while you travel or on a hike. Please register.

ZUMBA at the Library

Mondays, July 11, 18, & 25, 6 – 7 p.m., Outside Patio

This easy-to-follow dance fitness party exhilarates your senses and works all major muscle groups in a high-energy cardio blast. Wear comfortable workout clothes and shoes. Bring a bottle of water and towel.

Nature Program: Bird Identification and Habitats

Tuesday, July 12, 12 – 1 p.m., Program Room and Outside

Learn the features of birds and different bird habitats. We will observe and listen for birds, sketch a bird and test the flight of paper birds.

Pressed Flower Luminaries

Tuesday, July 12, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Program Room

Learn the simple technique of turning pressed flowers into beautiful luminaries. Register online.

Family Storytime

Thursdays, July 14, 21, & 28, 10:15 – 10:45 a.m., Outside Lawn

Join us for stories, music, movement and more!

Nature Program: Owl Pellets

Tuesday, July 19, 12 – 1 p.m., Program Room and Outside

Dissect an owl pellet. This program is best for elementary school aged children.

Library Ukulele Society

Tuesday, July 19, 5 – 7 p.m.

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

Circus of Smiles

Thursday, July 21, 10:15 – 11 a.m., Outside Lawn

Get ready to laugh and smile as this duo juggles and performs circus tricks.

Nature Program: Be a Bug Explorer

Tuesday, July 26, 12 – 1 p.m., Program Room and Outside

Explore insect habitats and study parts of an insect.

Teen Paint Party (ages 12-18)

Wednesday, July 27, 3 – 5 p.m., Community Room

Local artist Paul Loughridge will lead an in-person paint-along. All materials will be provided.

Register online.

SARATOGA -- 13650 Saratoga Avenue

Family Storytime for All Ages

Tuesdays, July 5, 12, 19, & 26, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Outdoor Patio next to Friends' Cafe

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

Puppet Art Theater

Wednesday, July 6, 11 – 11:45 a.m., Parking Lot

Puppet Art Theater presents: Tommy's Pirate Adventure. No registration required. First come, first served.

Teatime Book Chatter

Thursday, July 7, 1 – 2 p.m.

For this meeting, we will share what we have read this summer. We will resume with a book selection for August's book club meeting, which will be available for pickup.

Bug Craft for Kids

Tuesday, July 12, 4 – 4:45 p.m., Community Room

Stop by and make bug-themed crafts, while supplies last. No registration required.

Nasrudin's Magnificent Journey to Samarkand

Wednesday, July 20, 11 – 11:45 a.m., Parking Lot

Dynamic storytelling, dance and music await you with this folktale of Nasrudin and his faithful donkey. No registration required.

Learn How to Draw (all ages)

Saturday, July 23, 3 – 4 p.m., Community Room

Learn how to draw using basic techniques. Materials provided. First come, first served.

Circus of Smiles

Wednesday, July 27, 11 – 11:45 a.m., Parking Lot

Get ready to laugh and smile as this duo juggles and performs circus tricks.

WOODLAND – 1975 Grant Road

Let the Wind Blow! Storytime and Craft

Sunday, July 17, 11:15 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Children and their grownups are invited to listen to stories and sing songs about wind, then make a kite out of a paper bag! Storytime begins at 11:15, the drop-in craft starts at 11:45. Please register.

ONLINE EVENTS (Please register online)

How to use Compassion to Manage Challenging Relationships

Saturdays, July 2 & 9, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

This series of classes will introduce concepts that can help you recognize conflicts arising in relationships, and teach you about the tools and practices necessary to manage those conflicts.

Online English Conversation Club

Wednesdays, July 6, 13, 20, & 27, 6 – 7:30 p.m.

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

Meet new friends and practice English together.

How to Age Gracefully

Wednesdays, July 6 & 13, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

This series will talk about the importance of aging gracefully and introduce practices necessary to realize it, such as the pursuing happiness, how aging impacts our relationships and how compassion can repair a relationship in trouble.

Introduction to Van Life

Monday, July 11, 6 – 7 p.m.

The authors of [*The Falcon Guide to Van Life*](#), Ben and Roxy Dawson will give you the inside scoop on building out a van, creating a budget, staying safe on the road, and how to live a lifestyle beyond the beaten path.

Animals of the Americas

Wednesday, July 13, 3 – 3:45 p.m.

North, Central and South America have some of the world's most amazing animals and habitats. Discover how these animals survive and prosper through their connections with other living things.

CodeCombat: Learn to Code Through the Power of Play

Friday, July 13, 3 – 3:45 p.m.

CodeCombat is a fantasy game that teaches coding skills to kids ages 9+. Learn coding languages including Python, JavaScript and C++.

The Last Things We Talk About: A Guide to End of Life Transitions

Saturday, July 23, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

This workshop will summarize the necessary legal and financial inventories, medical decision making, and navigating loss and grief.

Now Read This! Book Club

Monday, July 25, 12 – 1:30 p.m.

We will discuss [*The Gates of Europe: a History of Ukraine*](#) by Serhil Plokyh. Please register.

Nature Hiking for Beginners

Wednesday, July 27, 6 – 7 p.m.

Park rangers Greg and Andrew will help new hikers on places to go, what to expect, how to prepare and more.

SCCLD's Strategic Plan Discussion

Friday, July 29, 10 – 11:30 a.m., [Zoom](#)

Help shape the future of the library by sharing your thoughts and priorities for future service. Hear SCCLD's proposed mission and vision statements.