

August 2022  
Library Stakeholder Report  
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## The Library is the Place for Kids to Play this Month

Looking for a cool place to relax with your kids where they can learn and have fun? SCCLD is rolling out brand new Burgeon play walls at all of its libraries starting this month. Play tables and toys will also return to the library for the little ones to enjoy, in addition to our regular storybooks, grade appropriate readers, and family friendly videos. Check out our [Events Calendar](#) for Children's programming, including storytimes. Looking for online activities? Try out our [Kids' Online Games](#) selection, including ABCmouse and CodeCombat, which teaches kids computer coding through a fantasy game format.

## Let the Library Help with Your Back to School Plan

School is around the corner and the Library District is here to help get your students ready. Our 24/7 Online Library has a [Kids' page](#) or [Teens' page](#) with access to great resources like tutoring through [Brainfuse](#), homework help with [LearningExpress](#), online resources from [Scholastic](#), [encyclopedias](#) and bios about historic figures, learning languages through [Rosetta Stone](#), researching journal articles, and much more. Kids have access to their own [OverDrive collection](#) for eBooks and eMagazines. Our librarians also have suggested [books for each grade](#).



Students at schools within our services area also automatically receive a digital library membership, or "[eAccount](#)" with their own [web portal](#).

SCCLD also supports parents and caregivers of little ones with the [1000 books before 6](#) and earn prizes! Our talented children's librarians offer book lists, tips, logs and more.

## Improving Connections to Community Services

In an effort to better connect patrons with key services, the Library District has created a new Community Outreach Specialist position. Splitting time between Milpitas Library and the Ochoa Migrant Center in Gilroy, the position will help to proactively assist patrons with finding a variety of resources offered by nonprofits and government agencies ranging from employment to housing, healthcare to food access.



21<sup>st</sup> Century libraries offer much more than just access to information. They actively engage in the community and assist where possible to help improve the lives of residents. SCCLD partnerships with community services such as the Ochoa Migrant Center, BookDash home delivery, free lunch programs, and community outreach by our library staff are great examples of this commitment. The Community Outreach Specialist allows the library to be even more specialized in assisting patrons to achieve their goals. Read more about SCCLD's [Community Resources](#).



## Try it Truck Visits South County Libraries

South County kids were delighted to experience the Bay Area Discovery Museum's Try it Truck on July 12 (Gilroy Library, pictured) and 27 (Morgan Hill Library). Following its motto of "Think, Make, Try," visitors were invited to try their hand at a matchbox racecar ramp, creating parachutes out of coffee filters and pipe cleaners, deconstructing electronics, and more interactive STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) activities that were both fun and informative.

## Closing the Book on Summer Reading

We hope that you had a chance to take part in Summer Reading this year. Thousands of residents of all ages took part in the Reading Challenge to log in 5 books of any kind and took part in the dozens of events that our libraries held virtually and in person.

If you have not already done so, you have until August 15 to log in your reading on [Beanstack](#). For those who have completed the challenge, drop by any [SCCLD library](#) to collect your prize during regular hours. Thanks for Reading Beyond the Beaten Path with us!



## SANTA CLARA COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT AUGUST 2022 EVENTS

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

#### **Outdoor Storytime**

*Wednesdays, August 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Outdoor Courtyard behind the Heritage Theater*

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

#### **Disposal of Household Hazardous Waste**

*Friday, August 12, 10 – 11 a.m., Orchard City Banquet Hall at the Campbell Community Center*

Learn how to safely dispose of hazardous items in a special program presented by the Santa Clara County Household Hazardous Waste Program. Register online.

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

#### **ESL Conversation Club**

*Tuesdays, August 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Room 201A*

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

#### **Adult Book Discussion Club**

*Thursday, August 18, 7 – 8 p.m., Room 201 A*

We will be discussing [\*The Lions of Fifth Avenue\*](#) by Fiona Davis.

#### **Courtyard Concert**

*Saturday, August 20, 12 – 1 p.m., Room 101 and Library Courtyard*

The Lunar Octet is a nine-piece Latin jazz ensemble celebrating 40 years of performing together. Stop by and enjoy some Cuban and Puerto Rican salsa, rock, African high-life music and Brazilian sambas.

#### **Free ACT Practice Test**

*Saturday, August 27, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., Room 201 A*

The ACT is a standardized test used for college admissions in the U.S. Take the practice test, which was a real test administered in the past. Please register online.

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

### **Free Meals for Kids**

*Mondays-Fridays through August 12, 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.

### **Storytime at Gilroy Library**

*Thursdays, August 4, 11, 18, & 25, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Upstairs Community Room*

Join us for stories, songs and more!

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

*Thursdays, August 4, 11, 18, & 25, 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, August 5, 10:15 – 11:15 a.m., Upstairs Quiet Study B*

We will be discussing [The Downstairs Girl](#) by Stacey Lee. Registration is encouraged in case we need to contact you with any updates.

### **Friday Video Gaming Tournament**

*Friday, August 5, 2 – 4 p.m., Community Room*

Digital Nest presents Gilroy Gamers Society. Register or drop in to play some video games. Features games like Street Fighter, Mortal Combat and Marvel vs. Capcom. For ages 14-18.

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

*Tuesday, August 9, 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.

### **Multi-Day Hackathon for Middle & High School Students**

*Friday-Sunday, August 12-14., In-Person and or on Zoom*

Participants compete in groups of four by collaborating on a project. This provides youth the opportunity to develop coding skills. Please register online. Participants must be able to participate all three days.

### **Master Gardeners**

*Saturday, August 13, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room*

UCCE Master Gardener Carol Peck will explain why fall is the ideal time to replace your lawn or other high water use plants with drought tolerant California natives. No registration necessary.

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

*Saturday, August 13, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Downstairs Meeting Room*

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

### **Book Discussion**

*Tuesday, August 30, 7 – 8 p.m., Upstairs Quiet Study B*

We will be discussing [Running the Rift](#) by Naomi Benaron. Registration is encouraged in case we need to contact you with any updates.

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

### **The Whodunit? Mystery Book Club**

*Wednesday, August 3, 10:15 – 11:30 a.m., Teen Room*

We will be discussing [The Widows of Malabar Hill](#) by Sujata Massey.

### **Bay Area Games Day**

*Saturday, August 20, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m., Orchard Room*

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

### **Furry Friends Reading Buddies**

*Saturday, August 27, 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. For kids in grades K-5. Register online.

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

### **Get Ready for Back to School with Crafts!**

*Tuesday, August 2, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Children's Activity Room*

Join us for back to school crafts with duct tape and other materials. Materials will be provided, but feel free to bring a binder, notebook or t-shirt to decorate. This craft is for kids in grades 3-8. Register online.

### **Knit & Crochet Circle**

*Fridays, August 5, 12, 19, & 26, 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.

### **Captain Underpants Challenge for Grades 2-5**

*Friday, August 5, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Children's Activity Room*

Celebrate the favorite holiday of Captain Underpants – National Underwear Day. Create crafts with us that will be displayed at the library. Please register.



### **Glow in the Dark Party**

*Saturday, August 6, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Auditorium*

Let's close out Summer Reading with a glow in the dark party! This program is open to school age children in grades K-8.

### **Mike the Magician**

*Saturday, August 6, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m., Activity Room*

Join us for a fun magical show performance. Due to limited space, free tickets will be handed out 30 minutes before the performance. Tickets are first come, first served.

### **Robotics Fun for Grades 3-8**

*Tuesday, August 16, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Auditorium*

Learn about robots, coding and programming with Dash and Dot robots. Register online.

### **Teen Event: Polymer Clay**

*Wednesday, August 17, 3 – 4 p.m., Conference Room*

Join us for a relaxed sculpting session and create whatever you want. Clay and tools will be provided. Register online.

### **Hair Bow Craft for Grades 3-5**

*Friday, August 19, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Children's Activity Room*

Create a hair bow to bring home. All necessary supplies will be provided. Please register.

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

*Tuesday, August 23, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Children's Activity Room*

We will discuss [\*Time Jumpers: Stealing the Sword\*](#) by Wendy Mass. Register online, then pick up your copy of the book at the Children's Desk.

### **Milpitas Book Discussion Group**

*Wednesday, August 24, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m., Auditorium*

We will be discussing [\*The Indifferent Stars Above: The Harrowing Saga of the Donner Party\*](#) by Daniel James Brown. Please register.

### **The Peaceful Poets**

*Thursday, August 25, 5:30 – 8 p.m., Conference Room*

Join a Milpitas-based group of writers and appreciators of poetry.

### **Reading Buddies**

*Saturday, August 27, 2 – 3 p.m., Activity Room*

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

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

### **Free Meals for Kids**

*Mondays-Fridays through August 5, 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.

### **ZUMBA at the Library**

*Mondays, August 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 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.

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

*Tuesdays, August 2 & 16, 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, August 2, 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, August 2, 7:30 – 8:45 p.m., Small Program Room*

We will be discussing [Little Fires Everywhere](#) by Celeste Ng.

### **Family Storytime**

*Thursdays, August 4, 11, 18, & 25, 10:15 – 10:45 a.m., Outside Lawn*

Join us for stories, music, movement and more!

### **Bilingual Family Storytime**

*Saturdays, August 6, 13, 20, & 27, 10:15 – 10:45 a.m., Outside Lawn*

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

### **Library Ukulele Society**

*Tuesday, August 16, 5 – 7 p.m.*

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

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

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

*Tuesdays, August 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30, 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.

### **Family Bingo**

*Friday, August 5, 4 – 5 p.m., Community Room*

Join us for a fun afternoon of bingo. Admission is first come, first served.

### **Teatime Book Chatter**

*Thursday, July 7, 1 – 2 p.m.*

We will be discussing [Lessons in Chemistry](#) by Bonnie Garmus.

### **Glorious Blooms from Around the World**

*Friday, August 26, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room*

Wildlife photographer Joan Sparks will share her adventures that captured extraordinary blooms. Please register for this event.

## **WOODLAND – 1975 Grant Road**

### **Outdoor Family Storytime**

*Sunday, August 14, 11:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.*

Join us outside in the back of the library for stories, songs, fingerplays and fun.

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

### **Online English Conversation Club**

*Thursdays, August 4, 11, 18, & 25, 11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.*

Meet new friends and practice English together.

### **Online Chinese Book Club**

*Wednesday, August 10, 10:15 a.m. – 12 p.m.*

This discussion will be held in Mandarin. We will discuss [白噪音 \(White Noise\)](#) by Don DeLillo.

### **Peterson's Career Prep: Improve Your Job Search**

*Thursday, August 18, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.*

Learn how to navigate our new eResource, Peterson's Career Prep and get started on your job search.



**Now Read This! Book Club**

*Monday, August 29, 12 – 1:30 p.m.*

We will be discussing [The Lincoln Highway](#) by Amor Towles.

**The 201<sup>st</sup> Mexican Fighter Squadron**

*Tuesday, August 30, 7 – 8 p.m.*

Learn about the contributions of the 201<sup>st</sup> Mexican Fighter Squadron (Escuadrón Aéreo de Pelea 201) that aided the war effort during World War II.