

September 2022  
Library Stakeholder Report  
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## 2022 Distinguished Authors Series Lineup

The coming of fall brings many great things, including the Santa Clara County Library District's Distinguished Author Series. This is the third year the event has taken place, and to mark the occasion we have a trio of authors who will be appearing in person at local community venues to talk about their works. Topics range from the future of tech, the connections between health, food and agriculture, and the fantastical and sometimes frightening world of fiction.

**Emily Chang** is a television anchor and author. Her book, *Brotopia: Breaking Up the Boys' Club of Silicon Valley*, sheds a bright, objective and journalistic light on the issue of gender gaps in Silicon Valley. **Silvia Moreno-Garcia** is an editor and bestselling author who has been awarded the Locus and British Fantasy awards. Her works include *Velvet Was the Night*, *Gods of Jade and Shadow*, *Mexican Gothic* and the recently released *The Daughter of Doctor Moreau*. **Dr. Daphne Miller** is a family physician, science writer, and clinical professor. She has written two books: *The Jungle Effect: The Science and Wisdom of Traditional Diets* and *Farmacology: Total Health from the Soil Up*.

- **Emily Chang:** 7-8 pm Wed. Sep. 14, Campbell Heritage Theater, 1 W. Campbell Ave, Campbell, CA 95008
- **Silvia Moreno-Garcia:** 3-4 pm Sat. Oct. 1, Foothill College, Smithwick Theater, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills, CA 94022
- **Dr. Daphne Miller:** 3-4 pm Sat. Oct. 22, Forum 1 Building at De Anza College 21250 Stevens Creek Blvd., Cupertino, CA 95014

## Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month



Hispanic Heritage Month officially takes place from September 15 to October 15. The Library District is celebrating all fall. Below are some of the highlights, and please check our website for updates.

### Children/Teen

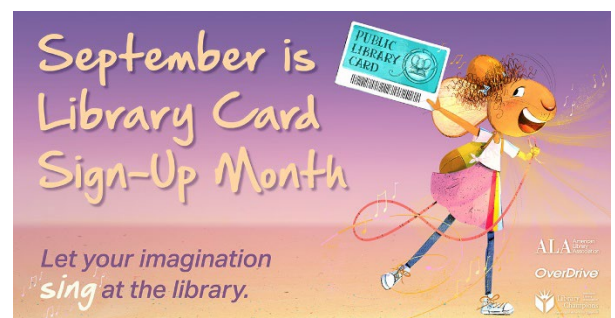
- **Cascada De Flores:** musical storytimes across SCCLD libraries
  - Gilroy: Thur., Sep. 15 @ 10:30 am
  - Los Altos: Mon., Sep. 26 @ 10:30 am
  - Saratoga: Tue., Oct. 4 @ 11 am
  - Campbell: Wed., Oct. 5 @ 10:30 am
  - Morgan Hill: Sat., Oct. 8 @ 10:15 am
  - Milpitas: Sat., Oct. 15 @ 10:15 am
  - Cupertino: Sat., Oct. 22 @ 10:30 am
- **Day of the Dead / Día de Muertos Altar** at Gilroy Library
- **Sugar Skull Decorating** at various locations (School-age/teen)
- **Teen programs** - check the Events calendar for details
- **Booklists** ([Latinx](#), [eBooks](#))

### Adult

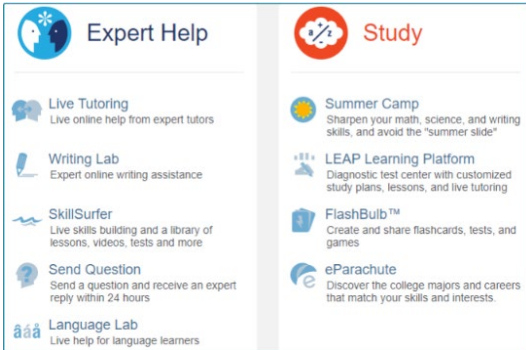
- **Distinguished author:** [Silvia Moreno-Garcia](#). Moderator: Alexis Madrigal, journalist with KQED, Sat., Oct 1 @ 3pm
- Saratoga: [A Brief Musical Tour of Latin America](#). Led by Dr. Gerry Lopez. Sat., Sep. 24 @ 2 pm
- **Dolores Huerta Exhibit** Sat., Nov. 5 – Sun., Jan. 22 at Gilroy Library plus **Panelist event featuring Dolores Huerta, educator/author Francisco Jimenez, and actor Luis Valdez:** Sat., Nov. 12 @ 2 pm with Aztec Dancers ([Danza Conchera Nauhcampa](#)) at 1 pm and Mariachi Music ([Mariachi Tapatio](#)) at 3:30 pm, Wheeler Center, 270 W. 6<sup>th</sup> Street (next to Gilroy Library). Registration required.

## National Library Card Sign-Up Month

Library cards, physical and virtual, open up a world of possibilities with free resources on all kinds of topics. SCCLD now offers **several different card designs** for those who need or want a new one. Residents can get an eCard in just a few minutes [on our website](#) if they wish to simply use our online resources.



## Homework Help from Brainfuse



The new school year is underway, and the Library is ready to help your students with homework and tutoring.

Encourage them to try our free eResource, [Brainfuse HelpNow](#) to get homework help on many subjects with an online tutor from 1 – 10 p.m. any day of the week. Tutors who speak Spanish are also available. Additional services include study resources and test prep, create and share flashcards, virtual study rooms, and more.

Our website's [Homework Help page](#) has more information.

## Bookdrops Coming to SCCLD Libraries

Cupertino Library has a new Bookdrop where patrons can return items borrowed from the library without having to leave their cars. This new service, which is available from 10 am to 4 pm seven days a week, excluding holidays, makes using the library even more convenient. Patrons can access the Bookdrop, which is located on Torre Ave., when driving from Pacifica Dr. toward Rodrigues Ave. Thanks to the City of Cupertino for their help in providing this convenient service.



A bookdrop has also been installed at Los Altos Library, with another planned for Woodland Library. Check out our website for further details.

## Helping Patrons Get Registered to Vote



September is [National Voter Registration Month](#) and September 20 is [National Voter Registration Day](#). Many of our libraries will be hosting events with local nonprofits to help get everyone who wants to be registered to vote signed up. Please look for the tables with voter registration materials at your library. You can also find more information [on our website](#). The County Registrar of Voters also has information about how and where you can get registered to vote, including [doing so online](#).

## **SANTA CLARA COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT SEPTEMBER 2022 EVENTS**

**\*\*All libraries will be closed and services unavailable on  
Monday, September 5 for Labor Day\*\***

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

#### **ESL Conversation Club**

*Tuesdays, September 6, 13, 20, & 27, 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m., Campbell Community Center, Room M-50*  
Practice your English conversation skills with friends. Please register online.

#### **Outdoor Storytime**

*Wednesdays, September 7, 14, 21, & 28, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Outdoor Courtyard behind the Heritage Theater (location subject to change)*  
Join us for stories, songs, and more! No registration required.

#### **Distinguished Author Series: Emily Chang**

*Wednesday, September 14, 7 – 8 p.m., Campbell Heritage Theatre*

The Distinguished Author Series brings together a trio of authors whose works spark thought-provoking ideas and conversations. TV anchor and author Emily Chang is the author of [Brotopia: Breaking Up the Boys' Club of Silicon Valley](#). Register online.

#### **NAMI: Ending the Silence for Families**

*Monday, September 19, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., Room Q-80*

Parents and teens are invited to this presentation about mental health awareness. Learn how to recognize the early warning signs of mental illness and what to do if someone you know is exhibiting these signs. Please register.

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

#### **Chinese Book Discussion Meeting**

*Thursday, September 8, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Room 201A Second Floor*

We will discuss 彼岸花盛開之島 (Bi an hus sheng kai zhi dao) by Kotomi Ri. Please pick up a copy at the Cupertino Adult Reference Desk. Discussion will be in Mandarin.

#### **Create CU**

*Friday, September 9, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Room 201A Second Floor*

Come and make your own macramé keychains. Instruction and all materials will be provided. This craft is for those 18+. Online registration required.

**ESL Conversation Club**

*Tuesdays, September 13, 20, & 27, 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.

**Free Advanced English Classes**

*Tuesdays & Thursdays, September 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, & 29, 2 – 4 p.m., Room 201A Second Floor*

Learn and improve your English listening and speaking skills. Testing is required to determine your level for the class. You must be able to attend the entire class session. Please register online.

**Changes and Trends: Class of 2022 College Admissions Results**

*Wednesday, September 14, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Program Room 201B*

Learn how colleges have adapted to application portfolios from the Class of 2022 to previous years' classes.

**Adult Book Discussion**

*Thursday, September 15, 7 – 8:15 p.m., Room 201A*

We will discuss [\*Homeland Elegies\*](#) by Ayad Akhtar.

**National Voter Registration Day**

*Tuesday, September 20, all day, Lobby*

Volunteers will be available to help people register or pre-register to vote.

**Sunday Matinee**

*Sunday, September 25, 2 – 4 p.m., Room 201A*

We will show the film, *On Golden Pond* (1981) featuring Henry Fonda, Jane Fonda and Katharine Hepburn.

**GILROY -- 350 W. Sixth Street****Snack Break for Kids**

*Mondays-Fridays through May 2023, 3 -4 p.m., Pick up near Accounts Desk*

Kids 18 and under are welcomed to pick up an afterschool snack, while supplies last. No registration necessary. Snacks must be eaten outside or taken home.

**Storytime at Gilroy Library**

*Thursdays, September 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Upstairs Community Room*

Join us for stories, songs and more!

**Knitting & Crochet Weekly Meetup**

*Thursdays, September 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 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, September 2, 10:15 – 11:15 a.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.

**Master Gardeners**

*Saturday, September 10, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.*

Learn how to grow cool season crops like leafy greens, root vegetables, broccoli and more. No registration necessary.

**Intermediate Guitar Workshop**

*Saturday, September 10, 17, 24, and October 1, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Upstairs Quiet Study B*

This is a series of four classes on Saturdays. Please sign up if you can attend all four classes. Space is limited and registration is required. For ages 12+.

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

*Saturday, September 10, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Downstairs Meeting Room*

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

**Free English Classes for Adults**

*Mondays & Wednesdays, September 12, 14, 19, 21, 26 & 28, 6 – 8 p.m., Upstairs Computer Training Lab*

This ESL class is taught at a beginner level and focuses on improving English speaking and listening skills. Testing is required to determine your level for the class. Participants must attend all class sessions. Please register online.

**Safe Space Meeting for LGBTQ+ Youth**

*Tuesday, September 13, 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.

**Library Tips & Tricks**

*Friday, September 23, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Upstairs Quiet Study B*

Learn secret tips on how to get the most out of SCCLD's collections, services, and website. Then join us for a short behind-the-scenes tour of the Gilroy Library. No registration necessary.

**Special Author Visit: Kevin Akers**

*Saturday, September 24, 2 – 3 p.m., upstairs Community Room*

Kevin Akers' novel, [\*The Dunnes of Brittas: An Irish Family's Saga of Endurance\*](#), is based on the true story of his family's immigration from 1940s Ireland to San Francisco, and eventually Petaluma. Akers will discuss how looking through old family letters inspired the book and the research that went into it. Please register online.

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

### **Bilingual Storytime (English and Spanish)**

*Fridays, September 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 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, September 3, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard Room*

*Tuesdays, September 6, 13, 20, & 27, 10:30 – 11 a.m. and 11 – 11:30 a.m., Orchard Room*

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

We will have a second storytime to accommodate those who weren't able to attend the first storytime.

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

*Wednesday, September 7, 10:15 – 11:30 a.m., Teen Room*

We will be discussing [\*The Spy Who Came in From the Cold\*](#) by John le Carré.

### **World Affairs: A Global Strategy to Advance Democracy in Hard Times**

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

Join us for an evening discussion on world affairs with Larry Diamond, senior fellow at the Hoover Institution, the Mosbacher Senior Fellow in Global Democracy at the Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies.

### **DIY Kidz Art Bots**

*Monday, September 12, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room*

Kids will make art bots, robots that make art and decorate them. All materials provided. This program is for students in Grades 3-7. Please register at the Children's Reference Desk.

### **3D Printing 101**

*Tuesday, September 13, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room*

Get a crash course on the basics of 3D printer operations.

### **Bug Bot Racers (Grades K+)**

*Thursday, September 15, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room*

Drop in for a fun tech program. We will make our own cardboard mazes and race little bug robots.

### **Maintaining Cognitive Health and Preventing Dementia**

*Thursday, September 15, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m., Los Altos Community Center Grand Oak Room & Courtyard*

The Los Altos Library Endowment will host Dr. Frank Longo for an evening talk on maintaining cognitive health and the prevention of dementia.

### **Built a Robot with Cubelets (Ages 5+)**

*Friday, September 16, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room*

Drop in for a fun tech program. Cubelets are tiny robots that when combined, light up, make noise and move.

**Bay Area Games Day**

*Saturday, September 17, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m., Orchard Room*

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

**Introduction to Memoir Writing**

*Tuesday, September 20, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Orchard Room*

This class is for beginning memoir writers who want to remember important moments and create a valuable family story collection. This class meets weekly until November. Register online.

**LibraryTECHTalk**

*Friday, September 23, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room*

Bring your phone or tablet and learn about our free eResource, Libby by Overdrive.

**Furry Friends Reading Buddies**

*Saturday, September 24, 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****Spanish Club for Grades K-8**

*Thursday, September 1, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Activity Room*

We will celebrate Morpho and Monarch butterflies that are found in Mexico, Central America and/or South America. This program will be held in English and Spanish.

**Knit & Crochet Circle**

*Fridays, September 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30, 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**

*Wednesdays & Saturdays, September 3, 7, 10, 14, 17, 21, 24 & 28, 10:15 – 10:45 a.m., Activity Room*

This storytime series is suitable for all ages and will feature stories, songs, and end with a short book-based movie. Due to limited space, we will begin handing out free tickets 30 minutes prior to storytime. They can be picked up at the Children's Help Desk. Tickets are first come, first served.

**Engineering for Kids (Grades K-5)**

*Friday, September 9, 4 – 5 p.m., Activity Room*

*Saturday, September 17, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m., Activity Room*

Girl Scout Cadettes (Troop 61192) will host an engineering workshop where kids can build their own flashlight.

**Free Bike Repair Day**

*Sunday, September 11, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m., Milpitas Library Parking Garage, Third level*

The BikeMobile is a free, mobile, hands-on repair clinic that can fix tires, adjust brakes and gears and replace some broken parts. First come, first served. Space is limited. Kids' bikes get priority.

**Milpitas Camera Club 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Artist Reception**

*Sunday, September 11, 2 – 4 p.m., Auditorium*

From September 2-29, the Milpitas Camera Club will feature their works in the Milpitas Library Reading Court. On this day, there will be an artist reception with special presentations and demos.

**Free English Classes**

*Mondays and Wednesdays, September 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, & 28, 6–8 p.m., Auditorium*

This ESL class is taught at an intermediate level and focuses on improving English speaking and listening skills. Testing is required to determine your level for the class. Participants must attend all class sessions. Please register online.

**Aztec, Maya and Inca Art & Crafts**

*Friday, September 16, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Activity Room*

We will celebrate Aztec, Mayan and Incan cultures by creating suns, tin foil art and more. All materials will be provided. This program is for kids in Grades K-5. Register online.

**PSAT Practice Test**

*Saturday, September 17, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., Auditorium*

Get some extra practice with your PSAT with C2 Education in Milpitas. Practice tests are provided and results will be emailed back to you.

**Reading Buddies**

*Saturday, September 24, 2 – 3 p.m., Activity Room*

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

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

*Tuesday, September 27, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Activity Room*

We will discuss [\*Flat Stanley: His Original Adventure!\*](#) By Jeff Brown. Please register online. Pick up your copy of the book at the Children's Desk.

**Milpitas Book Discussion Group**

*Wednesday, September 28, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m., Auditorium*

We will be discussing [\*Tokyo Ueno Station\*](#) by Yu Miri. Please register.

**The Peaceful Poets**

*Thursday, September 29, 5:30 – 8 p.m., Conference Room*

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

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

### **Family Storytime**

*Thursdays, September 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 10:15 – 10:45 a.m., Outside Lawn*

Join us for stories, music, movement and more!

### **Snack Break**

*Mondays-Thursdays through May 2023, 3 -4 p.m. (except during school breaks)*

Free afterschool snacks available for kids 0-18, while supplies last. No registration necessary. Must be eaten outside or taken home.

### **Bilingual Family Storytime**

*Saturdays, September 3, 10, 17, & 24, 10:15 – 10:45 a.m., Outside Lawn*

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

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

*Tuesdays, September 6 & 20, 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, September 6, 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, September 6, 7:30 – 8:45 p.m., Small Program Room*

We will be discussing [\*Celestial Bodies\*](#) by Jokha Alharthi.

### **ZUMBA at the Library**

*Mondays, September 12, 19, & 26, 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.

### **Master Gardeners**

*Wednesday, September 14, 7 – 8 p.m., Community Room*

Learn how to grow cool season crops like leafy greens, root vegetables, broccoli and more. No registration necessary.

### **Water Conservation Day**

*Saturday, September 17, 3 – 5 p.m., Outside Courtyard Area*

Morgan Hill's Environmental Services Department will provide information on storm water, local plans and rebates, and information water conservation informational sessions.

**Library Ukulele Society**

*Tuesday, September 20, 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**

*Fridays, September 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Outdoor Patio next to Friends' Café*

*Tuesdays, September 6, 13, 20, & 27, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Outdoor Patio next to Friends' Café*

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

**Family Bingo**

*Tuesday, September 6, 4 – 5 p.m., Community Room*

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

**Multi-Level ESL Class**

*Mondays and Wednesdays, September 12, 14, 19, 21, 26 & 28, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.*

This class is for beginner and intermediate ESL students. Testing is required to determine your level.

**Kids Fall Crafts**

*Tuesday, September 13, 4 – 5 p.m., Community Room*

Kids in Grades 1+ can come by to make fall-themed crafts to take home. Admission is first come, first served.

**Mandarin for Beginners**

*Tuesdays, September 13, 20 & 27, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Community Room*

Meet new friends while learning about Chinese culture and basic vocabulary and phrases. This is a 10-class series. Register online.

**Teatime Book Chatter**

*Thursday, September 15, 1 – 2 p.m.*

We will be discussing [The Daughter of Doctor Moreau](#) by Silvia Moreno-Garcia. Please visit the Adult Reference Desk to register and pick up a copy of the book.

**Author Event**

*Saturday, September 17, 12 – 1 p.m.*

Join us for a chat with Tamil author S. Suresh as he discusses his book [Thandavalam](#). This program will be in the Tamil language. Register online.

**A Brief Music Tour of Latin America**

*Saturday, September 24, 2 – 3 p.m.*

Get a glimpse into the myriad of styles and narratives of North, Central and South America by listening to the rhythms of different Latin American songs.

**Kids STEM Program**

*Tuesday, September 27, 4 – 5 p.m., Community Room*

Kids in Grades 1+ are invited to build, test and time your zipline vehicle for your chance to win a prize.

**WOODLAND – 1975 Grant Road****Outdoor Family Storytime**

*Sunday, September 11, 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, September 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.*

*Wednesday, September 7, 6 – 7:30 p.m.*

Meet new friends and practice English together.

**A Simple Recipe for Social Media Success**

*Wednesday, September 7, 1 – 2 p.m.*

Learn tips for making your social media presence work for you and your small business.

**Calm the Chaos and Tame the Tantrums**

*Monday, September 12, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.*

Learn tips to build better mental health for you, your partner and your kids.

**Rosetta Stone: Learn a New Language**

*Thursday, September 15, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.*

Rosetta Stone offers language learning for 30 languages. Learn more about this online resource at an introductory program.

**College Prep Workshop**

*Thursday, September 22, 6 – 7 p.m.*

If you are applying to private or out-of-state universities, then you will probably use [commonapp.org](http://commonapp.org).

Get more information about Common App and how you can stand out.

**Online SAT Practice Exam**

*Saturday, September 24, 10 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.*

SCCLD is partnering with FlexPrep to offer a free, proctored online SAT practice exam to help you prepare for the real thing. This can help you gauge how you might score on the actual SAT and identify areas of study to focus on.

**Now Read This! Book Club**

*Monday, September 26, 12 – 1:30 p.m.*

We will be discussing [\*The Home Place: Memoirs of a Colored Man's Love Affair with Nature\*](#) by J. Drew Lanham.

**Online Bookshare**

*Tuesday, September 27, 7 – 8 p.m.*

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

**College Prep Workshop**

*Thursday, September 29, 6 – 7 p.m.*

Essay specialists will guide you on developing strong writing that shows off all the great qualities you'll bring to college life beyond test scores.