

October 2022
Library Stakeholder Report
Jennifer Weeks, County Librarian

A Visit from a Civil Rights Icon



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The Library District is continuing to celebrate [Hispanic Heritage Month](#) with special [booklists](#), displays, and [events](#). This year's theme is "[Unidos: Inclusivity for a Stronger Nation](#)." One of the best examples of the power of unity is the organizing efforts by the United Farm Workers (UFW) beginning in the mid-1960s. SCCLD is proud to announce UFW co-founder Dolores Huerta will be the focus of a new exhibit at Gilroy Library.

The exhibit, titled [Dolores Huerta: Revolution in the Fields/Revolución en los Campos](#), was organized by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service in collaboration with the Smithsonian's National Portrait Gallery and will be featured in the **Gilroy Library from Saturday, November 5, 2022 through Monday, January 23, 2023**. This exhibition received federal support from the Latino Initiatives Pool, administered by the Smithsonian Latino Center.

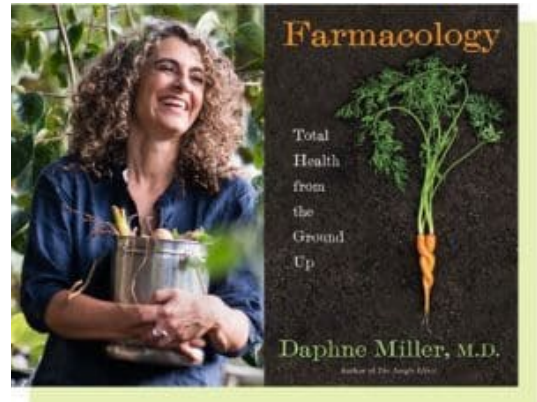
In addition to the exhibit, Dolores Huerta will make a special appearance as part of a panel discussion with film director and actor Luis Valdez, and educator Francisco Jimenez. Spanish translation will be provided for those who wish it. Aztec Dance group [Danza Conchera Nauhcampa](#) will perform at 1 pm before the event, with [Mariachi Tapatio](#) slated to perform after the panel presentation at 3:30 pm. The event is fully booked, but you can [join the waitlist](#).

- [Panel Discussion with Dolores Huerta](#) 2 pm Sat. Nov. 12, Wheeler Center
270 W. Sixth St., Gilroy, CA 95020

Distinguished Authors Series

[Dr. Daphne Miller](#) will be the third and final author featured as part of SCCLD's 2022 Distinguished Authors Series, following the October 1 talk by [Silvia Moreno-Garcia](#). Dr. Miller will be in conversation with County Supervisor, Joe Simitian about the connections between health, food, and agriculture with the goal of building a healthier and more resilient food system.

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*.



- **Dr. Daphne Miller: Saturday October 22**
Forum 1 Building at De Anza College
21250 Stevens Creek Blvd., Cupertino, CA 95014

If you missed the first two events featuring Emily Chang or Silvia Moreno-Garcia, video recordings of the talks will be available for a limited time. Visit the [Distinguished Author site](#) and register for a passcode to view.

Gilroy Library Patio's New Look



The Gilroy Library is dramatically enhancing its patio area adjacent to the lobby and children's room. Now open and nearly finished, this beautiful space has improved shade, lighting, and power options for future Library events in an outdoor setting.

There is seating for studying, reading, and relaxation alongside play and create areas. With a focus on experiential learning, the library aims to create a fun space for young children and their grownups focused on skill building with imaginative play, art, and motor development. The redesigned patio space includes moveable Activity Centers for families and durable patio furniture.

Important Staff Announcements

SCCLD recently appointed a second Deputy County Librarian. Marlene Iwamoto, who previously has served as the Community Librarian for Los Altos and Woodland and mostly recently as the Library Service Manager for Organizational Development, will be responsible for Strategy and Staff Development. Iwamoto has worked for SCCLD for over 20 years and served at each library at one point in a variety of frontline and management positions.



Nichole King, who is the Community Librarian for Saratoga, is returning to the Campbell Express Library effective October 17 as its new Community Librarian following the retirement of Community Librarian Peggy Tomasso. King had served as the Children's Supervising Librarian for many years at Campbell Library before her promotion to Community Librarian.

Please join us in congratulating Marlene Iwamoto and Nichole King!

An announcement regarding the Saratoga Community Librarian will be forthcoming.

Free Homework Help at the Library

School is back in session and the Library is here to help all students be successful. Academic coaches from the Bay Area Tutoring provide help in English, History, Math, and Science for K-9th graders. The coach to student ratio is 1 to 8 (one coach for up to eight students).

In-person coaching is available at the [Cupertino](#), [Gilroy](#), [Los Altos](#), [Milpitas](#), [Morgan Hill](#), and [Saratoga](#) Libraries. Sessions are available Mondays through Thursdays from 3:30 – 5 pm continuing through December. No registration required. Walk-ins will be welcome only as space allows.



SANTA CLARA COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT OCTOBER 2022 EVENTS

**All libraries will be closed and services unavailable on
Monday, October 10 for Indigenous Peoples' Day**

CAMPBELL EXPRESS LIBRARY – 1 West Campbell Avenue, Room 46

Watercolor Tips & Techniques

Monday, October 3, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m., Orchard City Banquet Hall

Award-winning artist [Rich Bloechl](#) will show participants how to mix wet-in-wet paint, layer color, create shape and form, textures and more. This is a presentation with no hands-on practice. Please register.

ESL Conversation Club

Tuesdays, October 4, 11, 18, & 25, 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m., Room M-50 at the Campbell Community Center
Practice your English conversation skills with friends. Please register online.

Cascada de Flores

Wednesday, October 5, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard City Banquet Hall

Celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month with Cascada de Flores. Learn or practice your Spanish with songs, stories, dancing and lots of imagination. No registration required.

Indoor Storytime for Kids 0-5

Wednesdays, October 12, 19, & 26, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard City Banquet Hall (10/26 storytime will be held in Room Q84)

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

CUPERTINO -- 10800 Torre Avenue

Family Storytime

Saturdays, October 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Room 101

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.

Homework Help for K-9th Grade

Monday-Thursday through December, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Room Q-80

Academic coaches from the Bay Area Tutoring Association can provide help in English, history, math and science. No registration required. Walk-ins welcome as space allows.

Storytime for 1s and 2s

Tuesdays, October 4, 11, 18, & 25, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Room 101

This storytime is suitable for kids ages 1-2 years old, and will feature stories, songs, rhymes and dances that encourage the development of early literacy skills. Storytime is limited to the first 100 families.

ESL Conversation Club

Tuesdays, October 4, 18, & 25, 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.

Avenidas Rainbow Collective: Sexual Orientation Gender Identity Expression Workshop

Wednesday, October 5, 11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m., Program Room 201A

Thomas Kingery will lead this discussion about how to become informed, mindful and inclusive so we can better connect with our community. Learn basic terms and concepts related to gender identity and sexual orientation, as well as the relevant history and context of today's LGBTQ older adult population.

Flex Prep Seminar: Getting into Computer Science and Engineering Colleges

Wednesday, October 5, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Program Room 201A

There is fierce competition to get into science, technology, engineering, art and math programs. Flex Prep counselors will explore the top-ranked computer science and engineering colleges, give an example of a competitive candidate and offer strategies to boost your admissions odds. Register online.

Evening Storytime

Wednesdays, October 5, 12, 19, & 26, 7 – 7:30 p.m., Room 101

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.

Storytime for 3-5s

Thursdays, October 6, 13, 20, & 27, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Room 101

This storytime is suitable for kids ages 3-5 years old, and will feature stories, songs, rhymes and dances that encourage the development of early literacy skills. Storytime is limited to the first 100 families.

CreateCU: Suminagashi

Friday, October 14, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Program Room 201A

Learn the art of Suminagashi, a Japanese paper marbling technique. All materials will be provided. Online registration is required. This event is for adults 18+.

Halloween Pumpkin Painting and Movie for Teens

Saturday, October 15, 4 – 6 p.m., Program Room 201A

Teens ages 12-17 are invited to paint and decorate a mini pumpkin while watching a fun Halloween movie. Registration is required.

Library Book Discussion

Thursday, October 20, 7 – 8:15 p.m., Program Room 201A

We will discuss [*Mexican Gothic*](#) by Distinguished Author Silvia Moreno-Garcia.

Cascada de Flores

Saturday, October 22, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Room 101

Celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month with Cascada de Flores. Learn or practice Spanish with songs, stories, dancing and lots of imagination. Free tickets will be handed out at the Children's Reference Desk 30 minutes before the show. Tickets are first come, first served.

Distinguished Author Series: Dr. Daphne Miller

Saturday, October 22, 3 – 4:30 p.m., Forum 1 Building at De Anza College

The final installment of the Distinguished Author Series features Dr. Daphne Miller, who studies the connections between health, food and agriculture. She has written two books: [*The Jungle Effect*](#) and [*Farmacology*](#). Please register online.

GILROY -- 350 W. Sixth Street

Snack Break for Kids

Mondays-Fridays through May, 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.

Homework Help for K-9th Grade

Monday-Thursday through December, 3:30 – 5 p.m.

Academic coaches from the Bay Area Tutoring Association can provide help in English, history, math and science. No registration required. Walk-ins welcome, as space allows.

Storytime at Gilroy Library

Thursdays, October 6, 13, & 20, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Upstairs Community Room

Join us for stories, songs and more!

Knitting & Crochet Weekly Meetup

Thursdays, October 6, 13, 20, & 27, 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, October 7, 10:15 – 11:15 a.m., Upstairs Quiet Study B

We will be discussing [*Sigh, Gone*](#) by Phuc Trac. Registration is encouraged in case we need to contact you with any updates.

Road to Home Ownership

Saturday, October 8, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Upstairs Community Room

Understand the steps of buying a home, and get helpful tips and valuable information about the loan pre-approval and the loan application process. Please register online to save your space. Walk-ins welcome, as space allows.

Open Poetry Readings with Garlicky Group of Poets

Saturday, October 8, 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, October 11, 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.

Sugar Skull Decorating for Teens & Adults

Tuesday, October 18, 5 – 7 p.m., Community Room

Decorate a sugar skull in celebration of Día de los Muertos/Day of the Dead. Sugar skulls are for decorating purposes only. All materials will be provided. Register online.

Workshop: Access Digital Resources

Tuesday, October 18, 7 – 8 p.m., Upstairs Quiet Study B

Bring your tablet or smartphone and learn how to access free digital resources like movies, eBooks, audiobooks, magazines, and more. No registration necessary. You must have your library card number and PIN.

Reading Program Orientation

Wednesday, October 19, 1 – 2 p.m. or 5 – 6 p.m., Quiet Study B (upstairs)

Learn what it takes to be a literacy tutor and help other adults who want to improve their reading, writing and speaking skills. No prior experience necessary. Email readingprogram@sccl.org to register.

Sculpey Clay for Teens & Adults

Saturday, October 22, 2 – 3 p.m., Community Room

Create earrings, a Halloween ornament, or another item using Sculpey clay. All materials will be provided. Register online. This program is limited to teens ages 13+ and adults.

Sugar Skull Decorating for Kids K-8th Grade

Monday, October 24, 4 – 6 p.m.

Decorate a sugar skull in celebration of Día de los Muertos/Day of the Dead. Sugar skulls are for decorating purposes only. All materials will be provided.

LOS ALTOS -- 13 S. San Antonio Road

Distinguished Author Series: Silvia Moreno-Garcia

Saturday, October 1, 3 – 4:15 p.m., Smithwick Theater at Foothill College

The Distinguished Author Series continues with bestselling author and editor Silvia Moreno-Garcia. Her works include [Mexican Gothic](#) and [The Daughter of Doctor Moreau](#). Please register online.

Homework Help for K-9th Grade

Monday-Thursday through December, 3:30 – 5 p.m.

Academic coaches from the Bay Area Tutoring Association can provide help in English, history, math and science. No registration required. Walk-ins welcome, as space allows.

Learn to Prevent Teen Substance Abuse

Tuesday, October 4, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Get information to help prevent addition and overdose, spot warning signs, and find support to help children in making healthy and safe choices.

The Whodunit? Mystery Book Club

Wednesday, October 5, 10:15 – 11:30 a.m., Teen Room

We will be discussing [The Cellist](#) by Daniel Silva.

World Affairs: The War in Ukraine and Where We Are Now

Wednesday, October 5, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Join us for an interesting discussion with Steven Pifer, senior fellow at the Hoover Institution, and the Mosbacher Senior Fellow in Global Democracy at the Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies.

Author Talk with Robin Chapman

Thursday, October 6, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Learn some unique stories from Robin Chapman in the new book, [The Valley of Heart's Delight: True Tales From Around the Bay](#).

Bilingual Storytime

Fridays, October 7, 14, 21, & 28, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard Room

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

Fire Safety Awareness Event

Saturday, October 8, 2 – 4 p.m., Grant Park Multi-Purpose Room (1575 Holt Avenue, Los Altos)

We have a fun-filled afternoon scheduled! We will welcome author Misty Knightly, who wrote [Wildfire! Kameika and Joey Prepare](#). Then learn safety tips from the Los Altos Hills County Fire Department and check out one of their fire engines. Finally – a craft and/or activity! No registration required.

Vector Control Education Program

Thursday, October 13, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Orchard Room

The County of Santa Clara Vector Control District will talk about the efforts to prevent and control vector-related health risks. Learn about the different pests in our area and what you can do to protect yourself and your family.

Bay Area Games Day

Saturday, October 15, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m., Orchard Room

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

Book Bugs Club for 2nd and 3rd Grade Readers

Tuesday, October 18, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

We will discuss [The Haunted Library](#) by Dori Hillestad Butler. Please register at the desk in the Children's Room. Space is limited.

Heat-Pump Presentation

Wednesday, October 26, 7 – 9 p.m., Orchard Room

Find out how heat-pumps work, who should get them, how to find a contractor and how to get the best price.

Now Read This! Virtual Book Club

Monday, October 21, 12 – 1:30 p.m., Register for Zoom link

We will be discussing [Finding the Mother Tree: Discovering the Wisdom of the Forest](#) by Suzanne Siniard.

MILPITAS -- 160 N. Main Street

Family Storytime

Wednesdays & Saturdays, October 1, 5, 8, 12, 19, 22, 26, & 29, 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 15 minutes prior to storytime. They can be picked up at the Children's Help Desk. Tickets are first come, first served.

The 579th Hangeul (Korean Alphabet) Day Celebration

Sunday, October 2, 3 – 5 p.m., Auditorium

Join us for Korean cultural performances and many booths where you can learn about Korean culture, including Korean rice cakes, costumes and more.

Homework Help for K-9th Grade

Monday-Thursday through December, 3:30 – 5 p.m.

Academic coaches from the Bay Area Tutoring Association can provide help in English, history, math and science. No registration required. Walk-ins welcome as space allows.

Spanish Club for Grades K-3

Thursday, October 6, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Activity Room

We will celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month and craft different flags from Latin America using various craft materials. This program will be held in English and Spanish.

Knit & Crochet Circle

Fridays, October 7, 14, 21, & 28, 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.

Fall Crafts for Grades K-5

Friday, October 7, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Activity Room

We will create different crafts such as an autumn leaf wreath, tree art with foil printed leaves and/or your own owl. All materials will be provided. Please register.

LGBTQ Older Adult Social Space

Friday, October 7, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m., Conference Room

Enjoy good company, snack and fun as we make new friends and socialize over board games, card games and conversation.

Spooky Crafts for Grades K-5

Wednesday, October 12, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Activity Room

Celebrate October and make something spooky. All materials will be provided. Please register.

Chinese Club for Grades K-3

Thursday, October 13, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Activity Room

Celebrate Chinese culture with us. We will do an activity and craft. All materials will be provided. Please register.

Cascada de Flores

Saturday, October 15, 10:15 – 10:45 a.m., Auditorium

Celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month with Cascada de Flores. Learn or practice Spanish with songs, stories, dancing and lots of imagination.

Diwali Program for Teens and Adults

Sunday, October 16, 2 – 4 p.m., Auditorium

Join us for henna designs and a craft. Please arrive 30 minutes before the program to reserve a spot. All supplies will be provided.

Diwali Program for Grades K-5

Friday, October 21, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Activity Room

Learn about the festival of lights and create a craft. All materials will be provided. Please register online.

Halloween LGBTQ Movie Night

Friday, October 21, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m., Auditorium

We will be watching the spooky slasher film, **They/Them**. This film is Rated R. This event is aimed at adults and seniors.

Reading Buddies

Saturday, October 22, 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.

Darshana Exhibition and Reception

Sunday, October 23, 4 – 6 p.m., Auditorium

Darshana: A Glimpse into Hindu Civilization is a 24-poster exhibit on display through Nov. 10. It offers a colorful overview of Hinduism and India, including information about yoga, science, architecture, math.

Book Club for 2nd and 3rd Grades

Tuesday, October 25, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Activity Room

We will discuss [*Eerie Elementary: The School is Alive!*](#) by Jack Chabert. Please register online. Pick up your copy of the book at the Children's Desk.

Fratello Marionettes

Tuesday, October 25, 7 – 7:45 p.m., Auditorium

Join us for our fall puppet show series. We are kicking it off with Spooktacular by the Fratello Marionettes. Free tickets will be available at the Children's Help Desk 30 minutes before the show starts.

Sugar Skull Decorating for Kids 11-18

Wednesday, October 26, 3:30 – 5 p.m.

Decorate a sugar skull in celebration of Día de los Muertos/Day of the Dead. Sugar skulls are for decorating purposes only. All materials will be provided.

Book Discussion Group and Author Visit

Wednesday, October 26, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m., Auditorium

We invite you to hear from author Yangsze Choo, who will discuss her first book [*The Ghost Bride*](#), which was adapted to screen. Choo is also the author of [*The Night Tiger*](#), which was recently selected as one of the official Jubilee Reads for Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee. Please register.

Itty Bitty Halloween SBooktacular

Thursday, October 27, 10:30 – 11:30 p.m., Children's Room

Join us for slightly spooky activities and trick-or-treating in the library. Wear your spookiest costumes and join the fun! This program is geared for children ages 0-6 and their caregivers.

The Peaceful Poets

Thursday, October 27, 5:30 – 8 p.m., Conference Room

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

Hocus Pocus Interactive Movie Matinee

Saturday, October 29, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Activity Room

Join us for a viewing of this Halloween classic, but we are doing it with a twist! We will have all the props and you can take part of the action with sound effects. Registration is required. This film is recommended for kids age 10+.

MORGAN HILL -- 660 W. Main Avenue

Bilingual Family Storytime

Saturdays, October 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 10:15 – 10:45 a.m., Outside Lawn

Join us for stories, music, movement and more. Storytimes will be in Spanish and English. The October 8 storytime will feature musical group Cascada de Flores.

Snack Break

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

Free afterschool snacks available for kids 0-18 while supplies last. No registration necessary.

Homework Help for K-9th Grade

Monday-Thursday through December, 3:30 – 5 p.m.

Academic coaches from the Bay Area Tutoring Association can provide help in English, history, math and science. No registration required. Walk-ins welcome, as space allows.

ZUMBA at the Library

Mondays, October 3, 17, 24, & 31, 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.

LEGO Club

Tuesdays, October 4, 11, 18, & 25, 3 – 4 p.m.

Use LEGOs to build whatever you want, or based on our weekly theme. Creations will be displayed until our next meeting. LEGOs available for ages 2+. No registration required.

Safe Space Meeting for LGBTQ+ Youth

Tuesdays, October 4 & 18, 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, October 4, 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, October 4, 7:30 – 8:45 p.m., Small Program Room

We will be discussing Parts 1-3 of [*The Invention of Nature*](#) by Andrea Wulf.

Fall Book Bingo

Through November 30

Pick up a Fall Book bingo card, and read five books that correspond to the boxes on the card to make a bingo. Return your card by November 30 and get entered into a drawing for a gift card.

Family Storytime with Cascada de Flores

Thursday, October 6, 10:15 – 10:45 a.m., Outside Patio

This special storytime features musical group Cascada de Flores, who will perform a bilingual and participatory story exploding with song, music and sweet characters.

Family Storytime

Thursdays, October 13, 20, & 27, 10:15 – 10:45 a.m., Outside Lawn

Join us for stories, music, movement and more!

Library Ukulele Society

Tuesday, October 18, 5 – 7 p.m.

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

All Hallow's Read

Saturday, October 22 to Monday, October 31, All Day

Spin the wheel at the Information Desk and find out what you win! Everyone wins a prize. This is for children and teens, one spin per person. No registration required.

Sugar Skull Decorating for Kids K-8th Grade

Wednesday, October 26, 3 – 5 p.m.

Decorate a sugar skull in celebration of Día de los Muertos/Day of the Dead. Sugar skulls are for decorating purposes only. All materials will be provided.

Teal Pumpkin Painting Party

Saturday, October 29, 3 – 5 p.m.

Decorate pumpkins with us! All paint and decorations will be provided, while supplies last. No registration required.

SARATOGA -- 13650 Saratoga Avenue

Homework Help for K-9th Grade

Monday-Thursday through December, 3:30 – 5 p.m.

Academic coaches from the Bay Area Tutoring Association can provide help in English, history, math and science. No registration required. Walk-ins welcome, as space allows.

Cascada de Flores

Tuesday, October 4, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Parking Lot

Celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month with Cascada de Flores. Learn or practice Spanish with songs, stories, dancing and lots of imagination. No registration required.

International Card Games

Tuesday, October 4, 4 – 5 p.m., Community Room

Learn how to play the Spanish card games. Materials and instructions provided. All ages welcomed.

Learn the Ukulele

Thursday, October 6, 4 – 5 p.m., Community Room

Learn the basics utilizing chords, rhythm and coordination. Please bring your own ukulele, all other materials will be provided. Please register for this four-session class.

Family Storytime for All Ages

Fridays, October 7, 14, 21 & 28, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Outdoor Patio next to Friends' Café

Tuesdays, October 11, 18, & 25, 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.

Kids Halloween Crafts

Tuesday, October 11, 4 – 5 p.m., Community Room

Use your imagination, sense of humor, construction paper, tape, scissors, glue and googly eyes to create Halloween magic. No registration necessary.

Craft Club for Adults

Thursday, October 13, 1 – 2 p.m., Community Room

We will be hand-sewing eye pillows. All supplies will be provided. Register online.

Family Bingo: Halloween

Friday, October 14, 4 – 5 p.m., Community Room

Feel free to wear your Halloween costumes as we play Halloween-themed Bingo. All ages welcome. Admission is first come, first served.

Diwali Celebration

Saturday, October 15, 12 – 4 p.m., Community Room

Drop by and celebrate with music, dance, henna and craft activities!

STEM: Mostly Ghostly Science

Tuesday, October 18, 4 – 5 p.m., Community Room

Explore science concepts with this month's spooky theme. All materials will be provided. All ages are welcomed, no registration necessary.

Teatime Book Chatter

Thursday, October 20, 1 – 2 p.m.

We will be discussing [*Born a Crime: Stories From a South African Childhood*](#) by Trevor Noah. Please visit the Adult Reference Desk to register and pick up a copy of the book.

WOODLAND – 1975 Grant Road

Distinguished Author Series: Silvia Moreno-Garcia

Saturday, October 1, 3 – 4:15 p.m., Smithwick Theater at Foothill College

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Fall and Halloween Family Storytime

Sunday, September 11, 11:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., backyard

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

ONLINE EVENTS (Please register online)

Gilroy City Council Election Forum

Saturday, October 1, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Meet the candidates running for City Council and find out where they stand on local issues.

Parenting Post-Pandemic

Tuesdays, October 4, 11, & 18, 12 – 1:30 p.m.

Life is stressful, let's come up with solid solutions to build resilience, happiness and calm in our families.

Straight Talk About Dementia & Brain Health

Tuesday, October 4, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

Get a real-world perspective on dementia. Are we prepared for it? How will it impact our families? Who are the most vulnerable?

Virtual Yoga for Adults

Wednesday, October 5, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Vinyasa yoga seamlessly connects each yoga pose to the next through a series of movements using breath. No experience necessary.

Online English Conversation Club

Wednesdays, October 5, 12, 19, & 26, 6 – 7:30 p.m.

Thursdays, October 6, 13, 20, & 27, 11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Meet new friends and practice English together.

Getting Started with Medicare

Saturday, October 8, 12 – 1 p.m.

A representative from the Health Insurance Counseling Advocacy Program will detail all one needs to know about enrolling and finding the best opportunities for quality care.

Online Chinese Book Club

Wednesday, October 12, 10:15 a.m. – 12 p.m.

This discussion will be held in Mandarin. This month's selection is 活著 by 余華.

Scholastic Services for Middle & High School

Wednesday, October 19, 3 – 3:45 p.m.

This webinar will cover the educational tools and resources provided in Scholastic Go!, ScienceFlix, TrueFlix, and FreedomFlix. Learn how to navigate these online services, the topics and school subjects they include, and how they can help you learn and study.

Online Bookshare

Tuesday, October 25, 7 – 8 p.m.

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

Desis of Silicon Valley Speak: An Oral History

Thursday, October 27, 6 – 7 p.m.

The King Library at San Jose State University has developed an oral history archive to curate the stories of Indians or Desis in Silicon Valley. Interested in contributing your story? Attend this virtual event to learn more.