

Celebrate National Poetry Month With San Mateo County Libraries

Dear Community,

April is a time to express our passion for poetry. **San Mateo County Poet Laureate Aileen Cassinetto** shared her love of Shel Silverstein, Maya Angelou and poems about ecology, nature, and "small acts of love" in a [recent Q&A](#). You can share your love of poetry with us during National Poetry Month, too!

Not sure where to start? Listen to poems and ask questions with local poets during our poetry reading parties on **Wednesday, April 7** and **Monday, April 12**. Then, explore the tradition of haiku during our online haiku writing workshops on **Friday, April 16** and **Tuesday, April 20**. Got kids? Join our poetry-themed storytime on **Friday, April 16!**

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Sharing an Abundance of Wellness

Self-care and stress management are necessary in the best of times, let alone when things get tough. Browse our upcoming [wellness events](#) below or download the [Calm](#) app, our online resource that offers meditations, sleep stories, and mindfulness exercises.

- **Make a Vision Book With Artist Lisa Fulmer:** Thursday, April 1 at 6:30 PM
- **Soulful Spring Cleaning, Marie Kondo Style:** Monday, April 5 at 6:30 PM
- **Gentle Chair Yoga:** Thursday, April 8 and 22 at 11:30 AM
- **Don't Wait - Meditate!:** Thursday, April 8 at 6:00 PM
- **Vinyasa Yoga:** Thursday, April 15 and 29 at 11:30 AM
- **Meditation as an Approach to Handle Anxiety and Uncertainty:** Wednesday, May 12 at 6:00 PM

[Register Now](#)



Free Meals at the Library

In addition to our regular [Curbside Services](#), you can find library staff at both [East Palo Alto](#) and [Half Moon Bay](#) handing out meals to youth and families three days a week. These full servings include fruit, vegetables and milk, and are handed out starting at 2:30 PM on Tuesdays and Thursdays. On Saturdays, East Palo Alto serves meals at 2:30 PM, and Half Moon Bay serves meals at 11:30 AM.

Comida Gratis en la Biblioteca

Además de nuestros servicios de [Ordena y Recoge](#), hay personal de la biblioteca en [East Palo Alto](#) y [Half Moon Bay](#) repartiendo comidas a jóvenes y familias tres días a la semana! Estas porciones completas incluyen fruta, verduras y leche, y se sirven a partir de las 2:30 PM los martes y jueves. Los sábados, East Palo Alto se sirve comidas a las 2:30 PM y Half Moon Bay se sirve comidas a las 11:30 AM.

[Learn More | Aprende Más](#)



The Astounding, Untold Story of ... You!

Do you feel like there's a story in you that's just dying to come out? Join Professor Janet Stickmon, author of *To Black Parents Visiting Earth*, for a two-part workshop at 4:00 PM on Wednesday, April 7 and Wednesday, April 14. You'll learn how to bring your experiences to life through words and will hear about Professor Stickmon's own process writing her latest book.

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Explore More

Explore, learn, and connect at our [virtual library programs!](#) And check out our new [English, Spanish, and Chinese](#) printable event calendars.

Beginning Ukulele

Every Thursday • 6:00 PM

Interested in improving your ukulele skills? Julie will teach you the basics and then get you started with some fun, easy to learn songs.

Interactive Storytime With Michelle

Friday, Apr. 2 • 10:30 AM

Join Michelle for a silly, funny, song and dance-filled storytime! Hear your favorite songs and stories from the comfort of your own home in this interactive storytime for all ages.

Explore Sustainability With Curieus

Monday, Apr. 5 • 4:00 PM

These hands-on science workshops will teach students about sustainability through the context of climate change. We'll supply kits to the first 50 registrants.

Improv Comedy

Monday, Apr. 5 • 5:00 PM

Join other adults to learn and practice the basics of improv comedy, using cinema as a guide. We'll think on our feet and laugh a lot!

The Buzz on Beekeeping

Wednesday, Apr. 7 • 5:00 PM

Have you ever wondered what it would take to keep honeybees in your own backyard? Learn the basics of honeybee biology and how to care for your bees.

Author Talk With Rebecca Traister

Thursday, Apr. 15 • 6:00 PM

Traister's bestselling novel *Good and Mad* explores the transformative power of female anger and its ability to transcend into a political movement.

[Explore All Events](#)

Community Picks

Our Community Picks' titles are available digitally through [online resources](#) or in print through [Curbside Services](#).



Children's Fiction: **Hug Machine** by Scott Campbell

I've been a big fan of Scott Campbell's charming illustrations and goofy sense of humor, so *Hug Machine* really speaks to me. Get ready for some giggles, silly antics, and major HUGGING!

Debbie, Millbrae Library



Children's Fiction: **Show Me a Sign** by Ann Clare LeZotte

Show Me a Sign follows young Mary Lambert, a deaf resident of Martha's Vineyard in 1805. When a cunning young scientist arrives hoping to discover the origin of the island's prevalent deafness, his maniacal drive to find answers brings Mary into his orbit. Written by a deaf author and based on the true story of the historic community on Martha's Vineyard.

Jessica, Pacifica Sanchez Library



Young Adult Fiction: **Swing** by Kwame Alexander With Mary Rand Hess

Written in the form of poetry, this novel follows Noah and his best friend Walt in their quest for love and baseball stardom. This story will have you laughing, bring you hope for a happy ending, and then leave you crying at the end. *Content warning: contains depictions of police violence.*

Alice, Portola Valley Library and Woodside Library



Adult Fiction: **Heroine Complex Series** by Sarah Kuhn

A hilarious, tongue-in-cheek superhero story for adults taking place in San Francisco! I love the world-building and characters like our two female Asian-American superhero leads who must juggle demon invasions as with their changing friendship. eAudiobooks available on [Hoopla](#).

Jenna, Foster City Library



Movie Streaming: **Lean on Pete**

As 15-year-old Charley's home life deteriorates, he finds purpose and friendship at a local racetrack. When his racehorse is destined for slaughter, Charley takes matters into his own hands. Just a heads up: this slow-burn, coming-of-age story isn't a Disney style feel-good horse movie. Available on [Kanopy](#).

Brady, San Mateo County Libraries

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