



SAY HELLO TO EXPRESS SERVICE!



San Mateo County Libraries



Dear Community,

Did you hear the exciting news? Beginning Thursday, April 22, you're invited to visit all of our San Mateo County Libraries communities to browse our shelves, access our Wi-Fi, and use our computers and printers. We're so excited to welcome you back inside — we will be smiling through our masks!

Express Service, which includes modified in-library services, will be available Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM at most of our libraries. For more information about modified services, safety guidelines, and locations, visit smcl.org/express. **Curbside Services** will continue to be available at all locations with new hours of operations. Beginning Monday, April 19 at most locations, Curbside Services hours will move to Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. For updated locations and hours, visit smcl.org/curbside.

We can't wait to welcome you back to explore with us! Just a reminder, book donations are on hold and Friends of the Library book sales will be returning soon. We hope to see you inside our libraries next week.

[Express Service](#)



Meet Author Rebecca Traister Tonight

Ready to get mad? Join us tonight at 6:00 PM for an inspiring conversation with award-winning journalist and author Rebecca Traister on her bestselling book, *Good and Mad*. From the suffragettes to the #MeToo movement, Traister's work explores the history and transformational potential of women's anger. She'll be interviewed by Tanya Beat, Director of the County of San Mateo Commission on the Status of Women, with an audience Q&A to follow.

[Register Now](#)



Explore the World of Food Preserves!

Do you want to learn how to make jam, jelly and preserves? At our workshop on hot water bath canning, expert Master Food Preservers will show you how! On **Saturday, April 17 at 2:00 PM**, we'll explore the tools and techniques needed to safely preserve nature's bounty at home. Stay tuned for a follow up workshop in July where you'll get to put your new canning skills into practice!

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Considering Our Classics

While classic stories bring us a sense of comfort and nostalgia, recent conversations about Dr. Seuss and Dav Pilkey remind us to think critically about whether the books we share with our children perpetuate harmful stereotypes. With so many amazing new books that feature and celebrate diversity, we put together a list of a **few of our favorites** that we hope will become cherished classics for generations to come!

[Read More](#)



Learn To Be a Zero-Waste Chef

Just in time to celebrate Earth Day, author and blogger Anne-Marie Bonneau will join us on **Wednesday, April 21 at 7:00 PM** to share insights from her blog and debut book, *Zero Waste Chef*. Come hear Bonneau's best tips for living with as little plastic, food waste, and excess stuff as possible, all while making mouthwatering meals and saving money.

[Register Now](#)

Explore More

Explore, learn, and connect at our [virtual library programs](#)! You can also save or print our event calendars in [English](#), [Spanish](#), and [Chinese](#).

Interactive Storytime With Ashley

Friday, Apr. 16 • 10:30 AM

Join Ashley for some silly rhyming time stories and songs in honor of [National Poetry Month](#).

Haiku Writing Workshop

Friday, Apr. 16 & Tuesday, Apr. 20 • 6:30 PM

Join us for a hands-on interactive haiku workshop to learn the historical tradition of haiku and how to write your own.

Explore Outer Space With Curieus

Monday, Apr. 19 • 4:00 PM

In this hands-on science workshop for kids, we'll learn interesting things about outer space, like why there are craters on the moon and how orbits work!

Preserve a Life With a Story

Monday, Apr. 19 • 7:00 PM

Have you ever thought about writing your life story? Join our expert to learn how to create a memoir that is meaningful and fun to read.

Experience Life Behind the Front Desk With Kelly Yang

Thursday, Apr. 22 • 5:00 PM

Meet winner of the 2019 Asian Pacific American Award for Children's Literature and *New York Times* bestselling author of *Front Desk* and *Parachutes*, Kelly Yang. Learn about her inspirations and her experience working as a writing teacher.

In Conversation With Aarti Namdev Shahani and Karla Cornejo Villavicencio

Wednesday-Apr. 28 • 6:00 PM

Two award-winning authors join us to discuss their books about living in the United States while undocumented. Free copies of Shahani's *Here We Are* and Cornejo Villavicencio's *The Undocumented Americans* are now available at [Curbside Services](#) while supplies last.

[Explore All Events](#)

Community Picks

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



Children's Fiction: **This Is Not My Hat** by Jon Klassen

The sequel to the classic picture book *I Want My Hat Back*, the mad-CAP adventures of these animal characters and their headwear are funny for kids but also a delight for grown-ups who love irony and subtle visual gags.

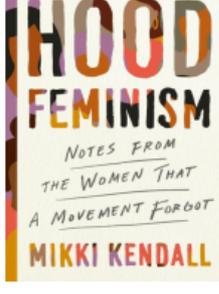
Gabriela, Millbrae Library



Young Adult Nonfiction: **True Or False** by Cindy L. Otis

Fake news has been around a lot longer than the past decade. Former CIA analyst Cindy Otis gives us a scandalous history of propaganda across the globe and shares real-world methods that the CIA uses to identify false intel online and in the news. Available as an eAudiobook on [hoopla](#).

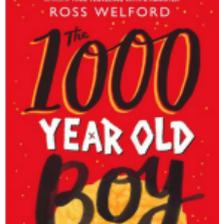
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Adult Nonfiction: **Hood Feminism** by Mikki Kendall

A must-read. This book addresses overlooked issues that affect women of color and discusses how race and class divides women. Drawing on her own experiences, author Mikki Kendall's debut essay collection reveals the need for a more inclusive, intersectional feminism.

Elena, Brisbane Library



Children's Fiction: **The 1,000 Year Old Boy** by Ross Welford

What do you think it is like to be 11 years old for 1,000 years? After a millennium of childhood, Alve is ready to grow up! He enlists the help of his friends Roxy and Aidan to help him find the last life pearl to reverse the process. A fun and quick-paced read for Grades 5-7.

Angela, Pacifica Libraries

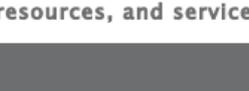


Movie Streaming: **Antonia's Line**

Winner of the Academy Award for Best Foreign Language Film in 1995, *Antonia's Line* is the story of a woman who creates a happy and meaningful life, for herself and others, in postwar Europe. Antonia is the quiet center of a chosen community. When things are terrible outside, *Antonia's Line* is a reminder that everything can be all right. Available on [Kanopy](#).

Nicole, San Mateo County Libraries

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