



## In Conversation With Aarti Namdev Shahani and Karla Cornejo Villavicencio

Wednesday, April 28 at 6:00 PM

We all have friends, neighbors, co-workers or family members who immigrated here, yet their unique challenges and experiences often are unseen and unheard. On **Wednesday, April 28 at 6:00 PM**, we are excited to be joined by two award-winning authors who wrote about their experiences as immigrants in America.

**Register** in advance to meet Aarti Namdev Shahani, author of *Here We Are*, and Karla Cornejo Villavicencio, author of *The Undocumented Americans*, at our next virtual author talk. They will be introduced by San Mateo County Libraries Governing Board member and Foster City Council member Sam Hindi.

This conversation is part of our **Equity Author Series**, which highlights authors who write about equity in housing, immigration, education, and LGBTQIA+ issues. For information about **upcoming events** in the series, visit our **blog**.

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### Kelly Yang Takes Us Behind the Desk

Kelly Yang is a bestselling author and has won the 2019 Asian Pacific American Award for Children's Literature for her novel about a recently immigrated Chinese family, *Front Desk*. Since then, she has released her debut Young Adult novel, *Parachutes*, and *Three Keys*, the anticipated sequel to *Front Desk*. Meet Yang to hear about her inspirations, her work as a writing teacher, and to ask questions at our next virtual author event tonight, **Thursday, April 22 at 5:00 PM!**

[Register Now](#)



### Give Yourself a Break Through Self-Compassion

Having compassion for ourselves can be a powerful tool to improve health and well-being! Join a local expert as they take us on a journey to self-compassion this **Saturday, April 24 at 1:00 PM**. We'll explore what science says about the benefits of self-compassion and learn techniques to help us be gentler with ourselves.

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# 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**.

#### Adult Knitting Circle

**Friday, April 23 • 10:00 AM**

Knitters of all skill levels are invited to join us every second and fourth Friday. Bring your current knitting project to unwind, socialize and troubleshoot.

#### Personalized Resume Assistance | Asistencia personalizada para su currículum

**Friday, April 23 • 10:00 AM | Viernes 23 de abril • 10:00 AM**

Book an appointment for a one-on-one session to help tailor your resume to your skills and job search. *Reserve una cita para una sesión individual para ayudarlo a adaptar su currículum a sus habilidades.*

#### 1st and 2nd Grade Virtual Book Club

**Friday, April 23 • 4:30 PM**

Children and their grownups are invited to join this fun book club! This month, we'll discuss *Zoe and Sassafras: Dragons and Marshmallows*.

#### Medicine-Related Falls and Fall Prevention In Older Adults

**Monday, April 26 • 1:30 PM**

Learn to identify specific medicines known to contribute to falls in seniors, manage use of those medicines, and discuss what participants and their caregivers can do to help.

#### Post-Impressionist Masterpieces From the Musée d'Orsay

**Wednesday, April 28 • 7:00 PM**

Join us for an art talk focusing on French art in the wake of Impressionism, including masterpieces by Van Gogh, Gauguin, Cézanne, Seurat and others.

#### Explore Chemistry With Curleus!

**Monday, May 3 • 4:00 PM**

In this hands-on science workshop for kids, we'll discuss interesting chemistry topics followed by experiments and games!

[Explore All Events](#)

# Community Picks

Our Community Picks' titles are available digitally through **online resources** or in print through **Curbside Services** and **Express Service**.



#### Children's Fiction: **Mixed** by Arree Chung

A story about embracing our differences and celebrating diversity. This book is about the Reds, Yellows and Blues who learn that mixing colors creates new, unique colors that are just as special. They realize that their city is much more beautiful as a rainbow of colors where everyone can come together.

*Kenny, East Palo Alto Library*



#### Young Adult Novel: **The Black Flamingo** by Dean Atta

A poetic journey through a young man's life as he examines who he is and who he wants to be. Told with raw honesty, this debut novel examines identity and what allows us to shine as our true selves.

*Gabriella, Millbrae Library*



#### Adult Fiction: **Rules of Civility** by Amor Towles

This novel is about a young woman in post-depression New York who suddenly finds herself thrust into high society after a chance encounter.

*May, Foster City Library*



#### Children's Fiction: **Starfish** by Lisa Fipps

Bullied and shamed her whole life for being fat, 12-year-old Ellie gains the confidence to stand up for herself, with the help of some wonderful new allies.

*Amy, Woodside Library*



#### Television Series Streaming: **800 Words**

A successful newspaper columnist in Sydney decides to make a change and move his family to a quiet seaside town in New Zealand after the passing of his wife. Lessons are learned and laughs are had along the way. The first three seasons are available on **Hoopla**.

*David, San Carlos Library*

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