



Author Talk With Fonda Lee

Thursday, May 6 at 6:00 PM

Dear Community,

Join us **Thursday, May 6 at 6:00 PM** to meet Fonda Lee, author of *Jade City*, *Jade War*, and the upcoming *Jade Legacy*, critically-acclaimed installments in her *Green Bone Saga*.

Over the years, Lee has garnered numerous awards for her writing which has included Young Adult novels, short stories, and comics for Marvel. These exciting works led to the creation of the *Green Bone Saga*, her first novel series for adults. This series skillfully draws from genres like high fantasy and hard-boiled crime, pulling the reader into the middle of an Asian-inspired urban fantasy chock-full of clan blood feuds, vicious politics, and inter-generational family drama!

Don't forget to register in advance to hear Lee read excerpts from her novels and discuss her writing process, followed by an audience Q&A.

[Register Now](#)



Explore Immigration Equity in Conversation

Are you committed in learning more about Immigration policy in San Mateo County? Join us on **Tuesday, May 4 at 6:00 PM** for a presentation from the **Immigrant Legal Resource Center** as part of our Community Conversation on Immigration. This event will be moderated by the **Peninsula Conflict Resolution Center**, and will provide participants with an opportunity to learn and share their perspectives.

Miss our impactful conversation last night hosted by San Mateo Libraries Governing Board member and Foster City Council member Sam Hindi? You can now view a **recording** of our **Equity Author Series** conversation with Aarti Namdev Shahani and Karla Cornejo Villavicencio on our YouTube **channel**.

[Register Here](#)



Curbside and Express Services

Our libraries now offer both Curbside Services and in-library Express Service!

The first half of the week we are open for **Curbside Services** (Mondays – Wednesdays from 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM) at most locations. Curbside provides the public with minimal to no contact with others and allows you to pick up your holds by appointment or at the walk-up kiosk.

The second half of the week offers our new in-library **Express Service** (Thursdays – Saturdays from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM, closed from 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM for cleaning, then open again from 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM). All communities will have in-library Express Service, which includes computer and printing access, browsing and checking out items, picking up holds, and Wi-Fi access. For details and a list of participating locations visit our **blog**.

[Learn More](#)



Get Drawing with Shawn Harris

Are you ready to celebrate spring through art? Join local author and illustrator Shawn Harris on **Wednesday, May 12 at 5:00 PM** to hear him read from his latest picture book, *Have You Ever Seen a Flower?* and talk about his artistic process. After the talk, sharpen your colored pencils and try your hand at drawing along with Shawn as we create our own colorful flower garden! Free copies of the book, along with a mini set of colored pencils will be available at all of our locations while supplies last beginning Tuesday, May 4 during curbside and express services.

[Register Now](#)



Latin American Inspired Vegan Eats

Join us for the first installment in our “Summer Fresh With Chef Laura” series. Learn how to incorporate Latin American cooking techniques to prepare sustainable, plant-forward foods on **Wednesday, May 5 at 5:30 PM!** With a focus on roasted peppers, we'll create robust vegan dishes that delight the palate and leave a minimal footprint.

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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**.

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Interactive Storytime With Michelle

Friday, April. 30 • 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 Chemistry With Curieus!

Monday, May. 3 • 4:00 PM

Join us for a hands-on chemistry workshop for kids. We'll learn about chemistry topics, try some experiments, and play some chemistry themed games!

Music and Trivia for Older Adults

Friday, May. 7 • 4:00 PM

Test your music knowledge on a variety of themes. We'll even mix in some fun word games related to our musical topics!

Beginning Parkour

Monday, May. 10 • 10:30 AM

Want to get moving? Learn the fundamental skills of parkour, the practice of maneuvering through natural or man-made environments with efficiency and speed by running, jumping, and vaulting.

Let's Talk About Retirement

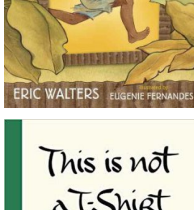
Tuesday, May. 11 • 1:00 PM

Are you newly retired and trying to figure out what to do at this new stage of your life? Richard Haiduck will share tips from his book *Shifting Gears* on how to live a fulfilling and adventurous retirement.

[Explore All Events](#)

Community Picks

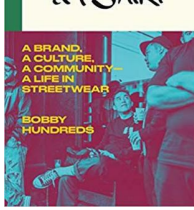
Our Community Picks' titles are available digitally through **online resources** or in print through **Curbside Services** and **Express Service**.



Children's Fiction: **My Name is Blessing** by Eric Walters

Based on the life of a boy in Kenya, this book explores the topics of poverty, family, hopelessness and hope all while showing the strength of a child's spirit and how people are not limited in what they can do despite physical setbacks.

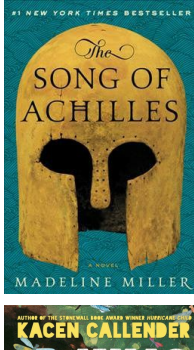
Felicia, East Palo Alto Library



Young Adult Nonfiction: **This is Not a T-Shirt** by Bobby Hundreds

Bobby Kim grew up in a traditional Asian-American household in suburban California and never thought he quite fit in. Between shooting photos at local punk shows, skateboarding, collecting rare sneakers and making the difficult decision to drop out of law school, Kim found his true calling in starting The Hundreds — a popular streetwear fashion brand that helped create a welcoming culture for a niche community. eBook available on **hoopla**.

Kenny, East Palo Alto Library



Adult Fiction: **The Song of Achilles** by Madeline Miller

If you want to be transported to Ancient Greek times, I highly recommend this novel. This is a story of love, friendship and finding yourself. The writing is absolutely beautiful that it leaves you on the edge of your seat.

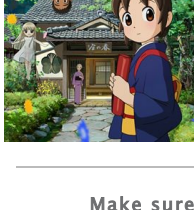
Sabrina, Half Moon Bay Library



Children's Book: **King and the Dragonflies** by Kacen Callender

Twelve-year-old Kingston James' older brother Khalid unexpectedly passes away and watches as grief transforms his family. It would be easier if King could talk with his best friend, Sandy, but Sandy goes missing, sparking a town-wide search. King finds his former best friend hiding in a tent in his backyard, he agrees to help Sandy escape from his abusive father, and the two begin an adventure as they build their own private paradise down by the bayou and among the dragonflies.

Jessica, Pacifica Libraries



Movie Streaming: **Okko's Inn**

After losing her parents in a car accident, Okko prepares to be the next owner of her grandmother's inn with guidance from some friendly ghosts. Available on **hoopla**.

Gabriella, Millbrae Library

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