

# WELCOME BACK!

## NEW IN-LIBRARY EXPRESS SERVICE

Dear Community,

We're so excited to welcome you back and reopen our doors with limited in-library services. All our communities will offer [Express Service](#), which includes computer and printing access, browsing materials, and Wi-Fi access, beginning Thursday, April 22. Express Service will be available Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 10:00 AM-1:00 PM and 2:00-5:00 PM.

[Curbside Services](#), which include holds pickup, printing, and no-appointment walk-up service, will continue to be available at most locations on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM starting Monday, April 19.

These services are our next step in a phased approach to safely restore library offerings, access, and exploration. To view participating locations and times, visit [smcl.org/express](http://smcl.org/express). After a year of connecting with you digitally through virtual programs, online resources, and remote services, we can't wait to welcome you back inside your community libraries!

[Express Service](#)



### Explore the Power of Women's Anger

Do you want to be inspired to make change? Join us on **Thursday, April 15 at 6:00 PM** for a conversation with award-winning journalist and author Rebecca Traister as she discusses her bestselling book, *Good and Mad: The Revolutionary Power of Women's Anger*. Traister will be interviewed by Tanya Beat, Director of the County of San Mateo Commission on the Status of Women and County of San Mateo LGBTQ Commission, with an audience Q&A to follow.

[Register Now](#)



### Family Café Discussion With Healthcare Providers

Connect with expert healthcare providers for a Family Café discussion about COVID-19 on **Friday, April 9 at 4:30 PM**. This virtual program, presented by our community partner [StarVista](#), will offer a safe space to discuss the disproportionate impact the pandemic has on communities of color. [Register](#) in advance to hear healthcare providers discuss COVID-19, the vaccine, and answer your questions live.

[Register Now](#)



### Discover Our Book Communities

We have an exciting menu of book clubs for you to explore! Whether you want join one of them or five, finding the right virtual book club for you is just a click away.

#### Adults:

- 聖馬刁縣圖書館中文讀書會
- ESL Book Club
- First Wednesday Book Club
- Hoopla Book Club
- LGBTQ+ Book Club
- Lit Lovers Book Club
- Sanchez Book Club
- Walk and Talk Book Club

#### Youth and Families:

- 1st & 2nd Grade Virtual Book Club
- 3-5th Grade Book Club
- Middle School Graphic Novel Book Club

[Find a Club](#)



### Learn To Be a Zero-Waste Chef

Are you interested in learning the secret to living with as little plastic and food waste as possible? Join author Anne-Marie Bonneau as she tells us about her debut book, *The Zero-Waste Chef*, on **Wednesday, April 21 at 7:00 PM**! Bonneau will show us how reducing trash not only benefits the planet, but also improves our well-being. Free copies of the book will be available while supplies last at all our [community libraries](#) during [Curbside Services](#) hours from Thursday, April 15 to Saturday, April 17.

[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](#).

### High Low Movie Club: Lowbrow Experience

**Thursday, April 8 • 8:00 PM**

See a cult classic film in a community setting. We'll watch "[Nightmare Beach](#)," a gory tale of a motorcycle helmet wearing madman's rampage during spring break.

### Build It!

**Tuesday, April 13 • 3:30 PM**

Join us every Tuesday this month to show off your creations and stretch your engineering skills using your favorite building materials!

### Critter Tales

**Wednesday, April 14 • 4:00 PM**

Do you have a reluctant reader at home? Sign them up to have their own online read-aloud session with a therapy animal.

### Adult Game Night

**Wednesday, April 14 • 7:00 PM**

Join us to play fun party games like trivia, ad-libs, joke writing, and more in a friendly online environment.

### English Conversation Club | Club de Conversación en Inglés | 英語會話學習社

**Thursday, April 15 • 1:30 PM | Jueves 15 de abril • 1:30 PM |**

**四月十五日星期四 • 下午一點三十分**

Practice your speaking skills with fluent speakers and other English language learners in a small group. *Practique sus habilidades con gente que habla con fluidez y otros estudiantes del inglés en un grupo pequeño.* 您可以和說流利英語的人士和其他英語學習者練習口語。

### Using iNaturalist to Identify Plants, Animals, and Insects

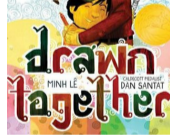
**Friday, April 16 • 11:30 AM**

Want to explore a fun way to identify local plant and animal life? Learn how to map and share observations of biodiversity across the globe with the iNaturalist app.

[Explore All Events](#)

# Community Picks

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



### Children's Fiction: [Drawn Together](#) by Minh Lê

A sweet and colorful story about a young child and his grandfather who, even though they speak different languages, create an everlasting bond when they learn to communicate through their mutual love for drawing. The illustrations in this book are just as awesome as the story itself.

*Kenny, East Palo Alto Library*



### Young Adult Fiction: [What I Carry](#) by Jennifer Longo

Growing up in foster care, Muir has learned to pack light and carry only what fits in a suitcase (no emotional attachments and baggage!) Muir has one year left before she ages out of the system. One year to avoid anything, or anyone, that could get in her way. Then she meets Francine. And Kira. And Sean.

*Amy, Woodside Library*



### Children's Nonfiction: [Become a Leader Like Michelle Obama](#) by Caroline Moss

This book on Michelle Obama was such a sweet story and a fun way of introducing your child to who she is. This book was full of inspiration, interesting information, and positivity.

*Elena, Brisbane Library*



### Adult Nonfiction: [Becoming an Ethical Hacker](#) by Gary Rivlin

Curious about cyber security and hacking? This is a concise, beginner-friendly entry into the world of information security. Journalist Gary Rivlin follows a group of ethical hackers, people hired to find exploits for companies so they can fix them before malicious hackers attack. eAudiobook available on [Hoopla](#).

*Kajah, Millbrae Library*

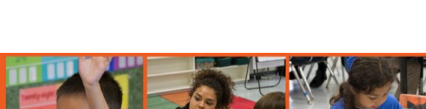


### Movie Streaming: [What We do in the Shadows](#)

Housemates Viago, Deacon, and Vladislave are three vampires trying to get by in modern society. They are just like anyone else, except they're immortal and must feast on human blood. This very funny mockumentary is the perfect comedy with just a touch of horror. Rated R. Available on [Kanopy](#).

*Jessica, Pacifica Libraries*

We're Hiring Summer Interns!



Make sure to [follow our blogs](#) for updates on new events, resources, and services.



Stay connected with our family of libraries!

## San Mateo County Libraries

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PACIFICA SANCHEZ | PACIFICA SHARP PARK | PORTOLA VALLEY | SAN CARLOS | WOODSIDE | BOOKMOBILE

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