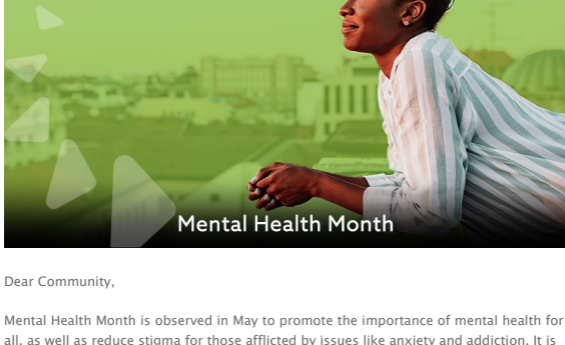




Thank you for reading. We wanted to let you know that moving forward you'll be able to enjoy our newsletter on a biweekly schedule.



Dear Community,

Mental Health Month is observed in May to promote the importance of mental health for all, as well as reduce stigma for those afflicted by issues like anxiety and addiction. It is also a great reminder to build community awareness around available mental health resources. The pandemic has had many of us searching for creative ways to cope with isolation and the stress of uncertainty, and our libraries are committed to offering options that will inspire well-being.

Join us for regularly offered virtual programming like yoga and meditation, and find your Zen with free access to the popular Calm app. Or, stop by one of our unique virtual events like Music and Trivia for Older Adults on Friday, May 7 at 4:00 PM and Concert and Conversation With Gaby Castro Thursday, May 20 at 7:00 PM to explore fun activities in a community setting.

Our community partners offer an impressive variety of resources and expertise as well. Visit San Mateo County's Mental Health Month page to see how local organizations are answering the call to action and visit the Behavioral Health and Recovery Services division to learn more.

Explore More



Films For All at Superfest

Do you love film and its ability to empower people of all backgrounds to share their stories? Then join us at 5:30 on Wednesday, May 19 to meet the creators behind the short films shown at the Superfest Disability Film Festival, the longest running disability film festival in the world. You'll get to watch and hear six short films, followed by a Q&A with Reid Davenport, director of "Garden Variety" and former Superfest juror, Shaina Ghuraya, filmmaker of "Wheelchair Wendy", and IndieWire film critic Kristin Lopez. American Sign Language (ASL) Interpretation and Live Captioning will be available.

Register Here



Find Your Next Great Job

Are you looking for tools to help you transition your career or ace your next interview? We've got you covered! Through our online resources and programs, you'll gain new skills to help you land that job offer. We're offering everything from one-on-one sessions to help you fine tune your resume and practice your interview skills, to how-tos on landing a California State Job and using Labor Market Information to choose your career. Learn more about the services provided by our amazing partners, and check out our Job and Career Resources page for more information on our services and upcoming events!

Learn More



Celebrate the Bounty of Nature

Learn the magic art of pickling. Many of us love the crunchy tang of pickled cucumber, but did you know you can pickle almost any vegetable? Keep your garden bounty crunchy and increase their shelf life with vinegar, salt, and a little know-how. On Thursday, May 13 at 4:00 PM, food preservation experts will join us for an introduction on how to safely and successfully pickle your own preserves from the comfort of your home.

You can also join us on Thursday, May 20 at 4:00 PM for another nature event titled How to Plant a Bee and Butterfly Garden! Register to hear master gardeners share techniques to make your garden welcoming to pollinators, then watch your cucumbers and squash thrive!

Register Now



You Can't Have a Book Without an Author

We know you love books, and so do we! That's why we're so excited about the many author talks coming up this month

- **Fonda Lee's Green Bone Saga Author Talk Tonight! Thursday, May 6 at 6:00 PM**
Fonda Lee discusses her writing process followed by an audience Q&A.
- **Draw Along With Author Shawn Harris Wednesday, May 12 at 5:00 PM**
Local favorite Shawn Harris will read from *Have You Ever Seen a Flower?* and lead us on a draw-along.
- **Learn to Make Boba With the Boba Guys Friday, May 14 at 4:00 PM**
Meet the Boba Guys! They'll share their story and do a live demonstration from their new book.
- **Equity Author Talk With Rucker C. Johnson Tuesday, May 18 at 6:00 PM**
Rucker C. Johnson, discusses *Children of the Dream: Why School Integration Works*.

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 Michelle

Friday, May 7 • 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.

Beginning Parkour

Monday, May 10 and Wednesday May 19 • 10:30 AM

Want to get moving? Learn the fundamental skills of parkour, the practice of maneuvering through environments by running, jumping, and vaulting.

Mosquito Maker Kits

Monday, May 10

Science! Pick up a kit provided by the county Mosquito and Vector Control District at one of our locations starting Monday, May 10 to learn about the life cycle of mosquitoes.

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 on how to live a fulfilling and adventurous retirement.

High Low Movie Club

Thursday, May 13 • 8:00 PM

Want some lowbrow movie fun and a chance to comment with other movie fans? See "Astro Zombies" with us, plus an hour and a half of Cold War espionage and horror.

Make Together: Tissue Paper Flowers

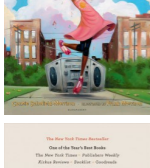
Monday, May 17 • 4:00 PM

Celebrate Spring by making tissue paper flowers together! Kits are available for pickup at our locations starting Monday, May 10 during Curbside Services while supplies last.

Explore All Events

Community Picks

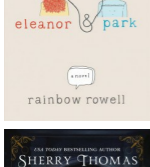
Our Community Picks' titles are available digitally through online resources or in print through Curbside Services and Express Service.



Children's Picture Book: *I Got the Rhythm* by Connie Schofield-Morrison

Use your whole body to feel the rhythm! This was a favorite singable storytime book of mine that incorporates a song from childhood.

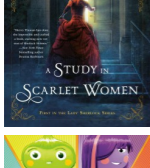
Elise, Millbrae Library



Young Adult Novel: *Eleanor & Park* by Rainbow Rowell

This book is still one of my favorites. This is a young teen love story, with so much charm! It was so great I finished this book in a day. This book has definitely made me seek more books by the author Rainbow Rowell.

Elena, Brisbane Library



Adult Fiction: *A Study in Scarlet Women* by Sherry Thomas

What if Sherlock Holmes was really a woman trying to make it on her own in Victorian London? This reimagination Arthur Conan Doyle's iconic detective was riveting, and Thomas's descriptions of food, especially pastries, will leave your mouth watering!

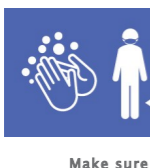
Alice, Portola Valley Library



Children's Picture Book: *A New Day* by Brad Meltzer

When Sunday threatens to leave the week, which Day will take its place? This is a fun tale full of a hilarious cast of characters, excellent illustrations and a message of the importance of kindness.

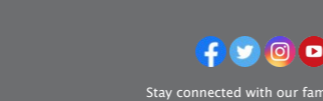
Debbie, Millbrae Library



Movie Streaming: *Save Yourselves!*

This film skillfully shifts between offbeat romantic comedy, hipster satire, and sci-fi horror. A poignant and entertaining observation on modern adulthood. Available on Kanopy.

Kajah, Millbrae Library



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For the latest updates on COVID-19

Make sure to follow our blogs for updates on new events, resources, and services.



Stay connected with our family of libraries!