

Dear Community,

June 1st is always a big day for us here in library-land. Not only do we welcome the summer months filled with outdoor fun and exploration, but it's also the first official day of the Summer Learning Challenge! We want to keep our minds active and happy over the summer, so what better way than to participate in a challenge that gets you reading and trying new things!

Starting Tuesday, June 1 visit [summerlearners.org](#) to sign up online or visit a local San Mateo County Libraries [location](#) to sign up in person. All participants are invited to pick up a free, brand-new book of their choice during [Curbside Services](#) or [Express Service](#) hours. All youth who complete the program will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win a \$1,000 college scholarship. The more you read and participate, the more chances you have to win the scholarship!

We also made it easier to participate in the Summer Learning Challenge by automatically enrolling all San Mateo County Libraries youth cardholders into the program, which guarantees at least one chance to win one of 13 \$1,000 college scholarships!

In addition to our Summer Learning Challenge and our impactful Big Lift Inspiring Summers (BLIS) camps, we are accelerating youth learning gains with exciting new, free learning experiences for youth. Here's to a summer of exploration and discovery!

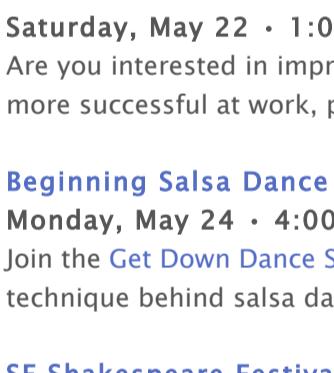
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#### Service Updates for June 1st

We're making a few changes to our services starting in June. Our in-library Express Service schedule will now be Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM in all our communities. Curbside Walk-up Services will continue to be offered Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays from 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM. Starting June 1st, Curbside appointments will be going away, so just head to one of our 13 [locations](#) and friendly staff will retrieve your holds and check them out to you, with no appointment needed.

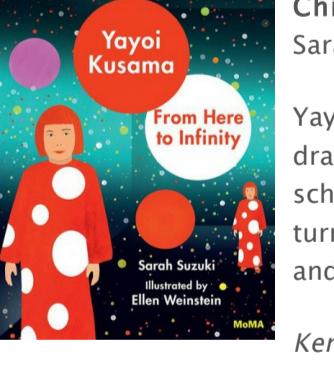
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#### Meditating On Poetry

Poets practice mindfulness to look at the world with new eyes and express their vision through the power of language. We'll begin our mindfulness journey by hearing celebrated local poets read their work and discuss mindfulness, followed by an introduction to the [Calm](#) app. Join San Mateo County Poet Laureate Aileen Cassinetto, San Mateo County Poets Laureate Emerita Caroline Goodwin and Lisa Rosenberg, and San Mateo County Supervisors Carole Groom and Warren Slocum on [Wednesday, May 26 at 7:00 PM](#) for this special event.

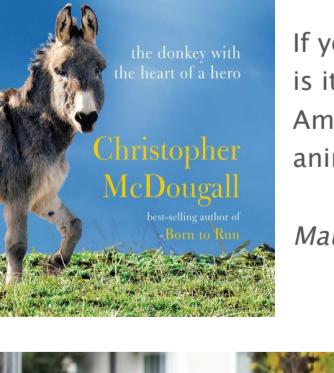
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#### Asian History Talk with Local Author Joy Ma

*The Deoliwallahs* chronicles a harrowing and overlooked page of the internment of Chinese-Indian citizens at a POW camp in Rajasthan during a war between China and India in 1964. Through interviews and stories, Ma weaves together an oral history of how Chinese communities in India came to be, and how they changed after the war. On [Thursday, May 27 at 6:30 PM](#), we'll meet Ma and learn about the internment, its aftermath, and the impact of its silence up until now.

[Register Now](#)



#### Working Towards an Equitable San Mateo County

As we continue to work on our equity goals, we invite you to join us in our equity series conversations and author talks. On [Tuesday, May 25 at 6:00 PM](#) join our Community Conversation for a facilitated discussion on equitable education access in San Mateo County. Then on [Wednesday, June 9 at 6:00 PM](#) we are celebrating Pride month by welcoming author George M. Johnson to speak about the experiences that informed their hugely successful memoir *All Boys Aren't Blue*. Free copies of the book will be available at all of our [locations](#) while supplies last beginning [Tuesday, June 1](#).

[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](#).

#### How to Plant a Bee and Butterfly Garden

[Thursday, May 20 • 4:00 PM](#)

Join us for this presentation from a Master Gardener where you'll learn how to attract pollinators like bees and butterflies to your garden by creating an inviting habitat.

#### Concert and Conversation With Gaby Castro

[Thursday, May 20 • 7:00 PM](#)

Playing original songs from her two albums, Gaby will share the lived experiences of life with depression and anxiety that inspired her music.

#### Interactive Bilingual Storytime (English/Mandarin) | 互动双语故事时间(英语/普通话)

[Friday, May 21 • 10:30 AM | 5月21日星期五, 上午10:30](#)

Join us for a fun storytime in both Mandarin and English! We'll sing songs, do fingerplays and read a great story together! All kids are welcome! | 請跟我們用中英雙語一起唱歌, 動動身體, 讀一本很棒的故事書! 不限年齡, 歡迎所有孩子參加!

#### Growth Mindset: How Changing Your Mindset Can Change Your Life

[Saturday, May 22 • 1:00 PM](#)

Are you interested in improving your life? Learn how a growth mindset can help you be more successful at work, parenting, school and relationships!

#### Beginning Salsa Dance

[Monday, May 24 • 4:00 PM](#)

Join the [Get Down Dance Studios](#) for a footwork class designed to teach beginners the technique behind salsa dancing.

#### SF Shakespeare Festival's Take on Shakes: Romeo and Juliet

[Tuesday, May 25 • 6:30 PM](#)

Director Chris Steele joins us to discuss the evolution of gender norms and casting in one of Shakespeare's most iconic love stories.

#### Art Talk: Demons, Creatures, and Monsters, Oh My!

[Wednesday, May 26 • 7:00 PM](#)

Learn about thrilling and terrifying mythical beings from stories, songs, and works of art in this virtual art talk from the Asian Art Museum.

#### Soil: A Solution to Climate Change

[Thursday, June 3 • 6:00 PM](#)

Are you concerned about global warming, and hoping to make small changes in your life to help? This presentation from a soil expert can help you get started.

[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 Book:** [Yayoi Kusama: From Here to Infinity](#) by Sarah Suzuki

Yayoi Kusama is a Japanese contemporary artist who began drawing her famous polka dots when she was in elementary school. This book highlights Kusama's story about how she turned simple dots into beautiful pieces of art that are celebrated and recognized all over the world.

*Kenny, East Palo Alto Library*



**Young Adult Fiction:** [Last Night at the Telegraph Club](#) by Malinda Lo

This excellent historical fiction novel centers on a high school student growing up in 1950s Chinatown. Lily Hu is a good student and a dutiful daughter. When she sees an ad for a nightclub act starring a male impersonator, her whole world changes. As Lily learns more about San Francisco's burgeoning lesbian scene and begins to discover more about herself, she runs the risk of losing her place with her family and old friends.

*Deidre, San Carlos Library*



**Adult Nonfiction:** [Running With Sherman](#) by Christopher McDougall

If you love animals and/or running, this book is for you. Not only is it highly entertaining, but it also taught me a lot about the Amish community, endurance sports, and the benefits of human-animal partnerships throughout history.

*Maureen, Atherton Library*



**Bike To Your Library Day**  
**Saturday, May 22**

[smcl.org/BikeDay](#)

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



Stay connected with our family of libraries!

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