



# PRIDE

Celebrate PRIDE with San Mateo County Libraries

Dear Community,

Pride Month is here! Join us as we recognize and celebrate the history, culture and lives of LGBTQIA+ communities everywhere. Pride is about being proud to be who you are, as well as a reminder to learn from each other so that we can be supportive to everyone in our communities. We invite you to explore these experiences that are open to all:

- Meet George M. Johnson, award-winning journalist, activist and author of *All Boys Aren't Blue* on **Wednesday, June 9 at 6:00 PM!**
- Learn to ask someone's preferred pronouns at our Become a Pro at Pronouns virtual experience **Tuesday, June 15 at 6:00 PM.**
- As part of our Equity Series we are holding a Community Conversation exploring intersectionality within the LGBTQIA+ community on **Thursday, June 17 at 6:00 PM.**
- Join our English Conversation Club discussion on Pride Month for ESL learners of all levels on **Tuesday June 22 at 5:00 PM.**

The library is a place for community members to come together all year long, and we encourage you to connect with programs like our LGBTQIA+ Book Club With [San Mateo County Pride Center](#) happening on the first Wednesday of the month at 4:00 PM.

If you want to discover more about Pride Month and its history visit our [blog](#) that discusses the Stonewall riots and the activists and coalitions that worked to make Pride happen.

[Explore More](#)



## Keep Up to Date on Our Services

We're updating our service hours! Starting this week, Curbside Services are now on-demand, so no need to make an appointment to pick up holds or print jobs.

From Monday – Wednesday stop by one of our Walk-up windows between 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM, and our friendly staff will retrieve your holds for you! Want to come inside the building to browse or use a computer? Libraries in all our [communities](#) are open for in-library Express Service Thursday – Saturday from 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM. Check out our [Library Services page](#) for the latest updates on Walk-up and in-library Express Services, or [contact us](#) for more information.

[Learn More](#)



## The Summer Challenge Begins!

We're inviting youth ages 0 – 18 to visit any of our library [locations](#) to pick up a free book and sign up for the [Summer Learning Challenge](#). This year, we're challenging you to try six new activities and read or listen to any book you want for 20 minutes a day for 30 days. Once you complete the challenge, you can enter a drawing for the chance to win a \$1,000 scholarship and other fun prizes. Check out our [blog](#), full of reading recommendations and events to keep you engaged throughout the summer!

[Register Now](#)



## Get the Dirt on Climate Change

Are you concerned about global warming, and hoping to make small changes in your life to help? Join us for a presentation this evening, **Thursday, June 3 at 6:00 PM** from Melinda MacNaughton, Soil Advocate for Kiss the Ground, and Regenerative Lawn Care Specialist. Melinda will share some changes you can make at home right under your feet, then open it up for a Q&A to answer all your soil-related questions.

[Register Now](#)



## Stand By Your Neighbor

Responding to an incident of public harassment can be a difficult task for anyone, but it's possible to be equipped with the tools to confidently and responsibly support a targeted person and ensure safety to the best of your abilities. Join us on **Monday, June 14 at 5:00 PM** for a training with The Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) to learn how to properly respond when you witness somebody being harassed.

[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](#).

### A San Mateo County Parks Summer!

**Friday, June 4 • 4:00 PM**

Join Ranger Katherine from San Mateo County Parks to get the low-down on our parks and ask her questions about local flora and fauna.

### DIY Food Preservation – Preserving Strawberries

**Thursday, June 10 • 4:00 PM**

Join the UCCE Master Food Preservers for a jam-packed workshop on strawberries.

### High Low Movie Club Presents a Lowbrow Movie

**Thursday, June 10 • 8:00 PM**

Join a group of movie lovers online to watch, heckle, and laugh over the 2014 B-movie "Slaughter Daughter".

### Hoopla Book Club

**Monday, June 14 • 4:00 PM**

This virtual book club is open to anyone 16 and older! This month, we'll be discussing *Writers and Lovers* by Lily King.

### Name That Tune for Older Adults

**Thursday, June 17 • 4:00 PM**

It's time to play Name That Tune! Flex your musical knowledge in this music therapy program based on Jeopardy, the classic TV brain game.

### Families Create: Insects

**Tuesday, June 22 • 4:00 PM for 1st–3rd Grade**

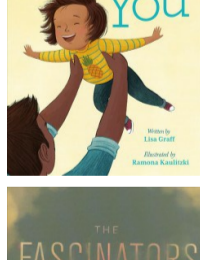
**Thursday, June 24 • 4:00 PM for 4th–6th Grade**

Learn all about insects, their habitats, and their prey from naturalists! Pick up a kit from any of our [locations](#) starting June 14, while supplies last.

[Explore All Events](#)

# Community Picks

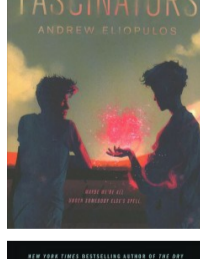
Our Community Picks' titles are available digitally through [online resources](#) or in print through [Curbside Services](#) and [Express Service](#).



### Children's Book: **Wonderful You** by Lisa Graff

Beautifully diverse families all await the arrivals of their babies. A simple but fun rhyme scheme takes kids and families through the preparations and excitement that come with waiting for a baby, which the narrator addresses directly as "the Wonderful You"!

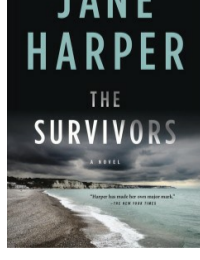
*Daniela, East Palo Alto Library*



### Young Adult Fiction: **The Fascinators** by Andrew Eliopoulos

Bonding over a shared love of magic in a disapproving community, three high school friends are unexpectedly tested by confusing crushes and the dangerous activities of an underground group that wishes them harm.

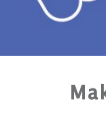
*Jessica, Pacifica Libraries*



### Adult Nonfiction: **The Survivors** by Jane Harper

The locale is a small seaside town in Tasmania, Australia. The story is contemporary and includes family drama, a missing person, a murder, and friendship angst.

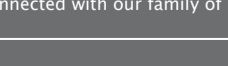
*Sharon, Pacifica Libraries*



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