

Summer at the Library

Dear Community,

Summer is a time where we have boundless freedom to explore, play and create, and your local library is always a great place to start! Young learners can participate in our summer-long [Families Create](#) experiences where we'll explore STEAM concepts through making and building! Whether it's building a hovercraft or searching for cool bugs, each event comes with maker kits that you can pick up at one of our [locations](#) while supplies last. Register today, and be sure to add the kit giveaway dates mentioned in the event [descriptions](#) to your calendar. Want more science fun? Explore our curated [reading lists](#) from our Families Create experts!

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Summer Learning Challenge

It's not too late to join our Summer Learning Challenge! [Register](#) today and grab two free books from your nearest library [location](#). Read 20 minutes a day and try six activities for the chance to win a \$1000 scholarship and other fun prizes! Check out our [blog](#) for more information.

Library Explorers

Get in on the fun with Library Explorers, our free and fun hands-on STEAM camps for kids who will be entering Kindergarten – 5th grade in the fall. Library Explorers takes place Monday – Wednesday from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM and 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM at our libraries, now through July 14. [Register](#) for one of our remaining camp locations today!

Summer Events

Looking for even more fun and exploration? Join us on [Friday, June 18 at 4:00 PM](#) for a family magic show with Dan Chan and his son James. Be on the lookout for our special virtual [performances](#) for all ages featuring music, science and storytelling throughout the summer!



A Conversation about LGBTQIA Intersectionality

Join our next Community Conversation, in partnership with the [San Mateo County Pride Center](#), where we explore what it means to acknowledge and embrace the diverse voices of the LGBTQIA+ community. Our conversation tonight, [June 17 at 6:00 PM](#) will provide opportunities to learn from each other's differences, and expand our notion of allyship within the LGBTQIA+ community. Looking for more ways to celebrate Pride Month with us? Enjoy our [recording](#) of our latest Equity Series Author Talk with George M. Johnson and visit our [blog](#) for Pride Month!

[Register Now](#)



The Craft of the Cocktail

Cocktails and mocktails are an entertaining way to experiment with bold and complex drink flavors. Learn to craft a satisfying dirty martini or refreshing pomegranate sparkler, with or without alcohol. Chef Laura will help us create exciting, mature drinks for you to enjoy on [Wednesday, June 23 at 5:30 PM](#). Signing up for this event also registers you for our Guide to Garden Grillin' experience on [Wednesday, July 28 at 5:30 PM](#).

[Register Now](#)



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Opening For Exploration

Welcoming our community members back into our library spaces has been a wonderful experience for staff and patrons! Our In-library [Express Service](#) is available at most locations Thursday through Saturday from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Express Service includes in-library browsing, Wi-Fi access, and computer and printer access. We want to ensure our spaces remain safe and welcoming environments for all, and ask that everyone continue to mask up and maintain social distancing when visiting our libraries. Check out our [service page](#) for more information and service updates. We'll see you at the library!

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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](#).

Labor Market Information: Find Your Next Job

Tuesday, June 22 • 10:00 AM

Learn how to effectively use Labor Market Information as a tool to make informed decisions on how to get a job, improve skills, or enhance your career.

English Conversation Club | Club de Conversación en Inglés | 英語會話学习社

Tuesday, June 22 • 5:00 PM

Thursday, June 24 • 1:30 PM

Improve your English and make new friends while discussing [Pride Month](#)—all online! | Mejore su inglés y haga nuevos amigos mientras hablamos del Mes del Orgullo LGBTQ+, ¡todo en línea! | 在網上就能提高您的英語水平，還可以在討論同志驕傲月的同時結識新朋友！

Vinyasa Yoga

Thursday, June 24 • 11:30 AM

Join certified yoga instructors for accessible, well-rounded vinyasa-inspired flow yoga.

Adult Knitting Circle

Friday, June 25 • 10:00 AM

We're inviting all knitters, aspiring or experts, to join the Knitting Circle to create and socialize!

Calder-Picasso Art Talk

Wednesday, June 30 • 7:00 PM

Explore the relationship between two legends of 20th-century art in this presentation by the Fine Art Museums of San Francisco.

Meet NYT Bestselling Author Taylor Jenkins Reid

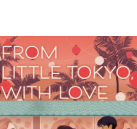
Wednesday, July 14 • 6:00 PM

Delve into [Malibu Rising](#) and meet the author, Taylor Jenkins Reid! We will be giving away copies of the book at all our [locations](#) starting June 28, 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 Fiction: [It's Big Sister Time](#) by Nandini Ahuja

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"!

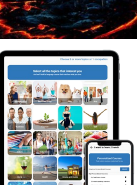
Daniela, East Palo Alto Library



Young Adult Fiction: [From Little Tokyo, With Love](#) by Sarah Kuhn

If Rika's life as an orphan with two bossy cousins seems like the beginning of a familiar fairy tale, she would be the first to reject that foolish notion. All that changes the instant she locks eyes with America's reigning rom-com sweetheart Grace Kimura. From there, Rika embarks on a madcap adventure exploring Little Tokyo's hidden treasures with author Hank Chen... and figuring out if Grace is her long-lost mother.

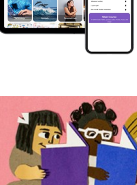
Jessica, Pacifica Libraries



Adult Streaming: [Along With The Gods: The Last 49 Days](#)

In this Korean fantasy epic, a firefighter navigates the afterlife with the help of three guides. Available from [hoopla](#).

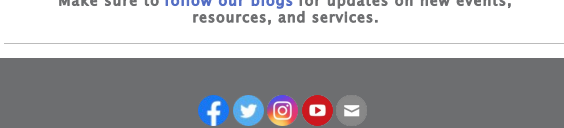
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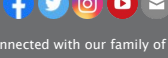
eResource Spotlight: [Pronunciator](#)

Learn any language IN any language. Pronunciator is a language learning service that has support for 164 languages and a variety of ways to learn, including camera and mic support! I've found these dictio lessons incredibly helpful for developing a clear accent and correct pronunciation. The customizable courses by occupation are also incredibly useful for career development.

Ginny, San Mateo County Libraries



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