

Dear Community,

Summer is in full swing – so let's make time for celebrations, prizes, and exploration as we continue the Summer Learning Challenge! Whether you've been visiting the beach, going on family trips, or reading something new, we encourage everyone to stay engaged with our [Summer Learning Challenge](#) through August 31.

Dive into Summer Learning and enjoy our [virtual events](#) and activities from the comfort of your home. Youth that participate will earn chances to win a \$1,000 scholarship and other fun prizes. Visit our [blog](#) to find more ways to make this a memorable summer full of discovery!

Ready to join the Summer Learning Challenge? Here are the steps:

1. Register at [summerlearners.org](#).
2. Grab a free book at one of our libraries.
3. Complete a reading and activities [log](#).
4. Fill out the [Finisher Form](#).
5. Grab another free book.
6. Repeat steps 2–6 for more chances to win!

[Register Now](#)



### Two Air-Powered Programs for Families

Our [Families Create](#) experiences are going full-STEAM ahead this summer! Youth 6–8 years of age can explore forces like friction and air pressure [Tuesday, August 3 at 4:00 PM](#) during our Hovercraft program, and youth 9–11 years of age are invited to create their own pinwheel in our wind-themed experience [Thursday, August 5 at 4:00 PM](#). Pick up a kit from one of our [locations](#) starting July 26, while supplies last. Visit our [summer blog](#) for more info!

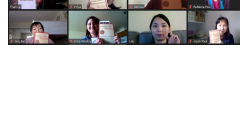
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### Meet an Original Voice in Vegetarianism!

Celebrated chef and author Deborah Madison will join us [Tuesday, August 10 at 6:30 PM](#) to discuss her memoir, *An Onion in My Pocket: My Life With Vegetables*, which follows her life journey alongside the story of the vegetarian movement, followed by questions from the audience. Beginning Monday, July 26, all of our [locations](#) will give away promotional copies of *An Onion in My Pocket* while supplies last. Visit our [blog](#) to learn more!

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### ESL Book Club! | ¡Club de lectura de ESL! | 的英語讀書俱樂部

Learning a new language like English is an exciting challenge and we want to provide you with as many opportunities as possible to succeed. Our English as a Second Language Book Club is a fun way to join others in reading beginner-friendly books in a group setting with native English speakers. You can discuss the story and improve your English skills at this club every Monday at 2:00 PM.

Aprendiendo un idioma nuevo como el inglés es un desafío divertido y queremos brindarte tantas oportunidades para que tengas éxito. Nuestro club de lectura para participantes que están aprendiendo inglés como segundo idioma es una forma divertida de unirnos y leer libros para principiantes en un grupo con hablantes nativos de inglés. Puedes discutir el libro y mejorar tus habilidades en inglés en este club todos los lunes a las 2:00 PM.

學習英語語言是一個令人興奮的挑戰，因此我們希望為您提供盡可能多的學習機會幫助你挑戰成功。我們的英語讀書俱樂部是其中一種有趣的方式，可以讓你與其他語言學習者和母語是英語的人一起閱讀適合初學者的書籍，討論書中的故事，和提升自己的英語語言技能。您可以在每週一下午 2:00 參與這個英語讀書俱樂部。

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### Get Rent Relief | Obtenga ayuda para su renta | 獲得租金減免

Are you or a loved one a renter or landlord in need of help with your monthly payments? Eligible renters and property owners may apply for assistance regardless of immigration status and can be reimbursed for rent and utilities dating back to April 1, 2020. Check now to see if you qualify for this assistance by visiting [HousingKey.com](#), calling 833-430-2122 or texting RENT to 211-211.

¿Eres un inquilino o propietario que necesita ayuda con sus pagos mensuales? Inquilinos y propietarios elegibles pueden solicitar asistencia financiera independientemente de su estado migratorio. Puedes recibir un reembolso retroactivo desde el 1 de abril de 2020 para pagar tu renta o los servicios públicos. Verifica si calificas para esta asistencia visitando [HousingKey.com](#), llamando al 833-430-2122, o enviando un mensaje de texto con la palabra RENT al 211-211.

您或您關愛的人是位租客或是房東有需要幫助支付每月的付款嗎？無論移民身份如何，符合條件的租客和業主都可以申請租金和水電費援助，並且可以追溯到 2020 年 4 月 1 日。立即上網 [HousingKey.com](#)，致免費電話 833-430-2122 或發送短信 RENT 至 211-211。

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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](#).

#### Haiku Club

**Thursday, July 15 • 7:00 PM**

Join us on the third Thursday of every month from 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM. We'll discuss haiku writing tips and strategies, and share our own poems. Register for this series [here](#).

#### DIY Food Preservation – Jams and Jellies

**Saturday, July 17 • 2:00 PM**

Join the Master Food Preservers as they make basil banana pepper jelly and other preserves using hot water bath and steam canning techniques. Register [here](#).

#### Vinyasa Yoga | Gentle Chair Yoga

**Thursday, July 22 • 11:30 AM | Thursday, July 29 • 11:30 AM**

Our yoga classes happen every Thursday at 11:30 AM, and alternate between gentle chair yoga and highly active Vinyasa yoga. Register for both classes [here](#).

#### A Guide to Garden Grillin'

**Wednesday, July 28 • 5:30 PM**

Grilling is a beloved summer pastime. We'll explore how to feature veggies and fruits as the main dish and meat as the garnish! Register [here](#), and visit our [blog](#) to learn more!

#### Paper Engineering With The Tech

**Friday, July 30 • 4:00 PM**

Let's prototype together and learn how to design an everyday object out of paper that can be used around your home! Register [here](#).

#### Hoopla Book Club

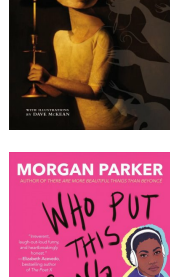
**Monday, August 9 • 4:00 PM**

Read a wide range of eBook titles available on the [Hoopla](#) platform that we'll discuss in this online club that meets the second Monday of the month at 4:00 PM. Register [here](#).

[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: [Coraline](#) by Neil Gaiman

Neil Gaiman is a master of drawing us into mysterious worlds just below the surface of our own, and *Coraline* is a potent example. Young Coraline moves to a new home and discovers a doorway to a mirror world where everyone has buttons for eyes. This novel and the [film](#) it inspired are both worth a look!

*Kajah, Millbrae Library*



#### Young Adult Fiction: [Who Put This Song On](#) by Morgan Parker

Morgan is 17-years-old and dealing with the usual teen problems (parents, dating, fashion) while attending a predominantly white school where she is one of the few black students. She also suffers from clinical depression, a subject her family and her town don't handle well. Will the community of outcasts she befriends become the support she needs? Once you read this book, you won't forget it.

*Kathryn, Portola Valley and Woodside Libraries*



#### Adult Nonfiction: [You Will Get Through This Night](#) by Daniel Howell

This book takes a raw look at mental health and gives practical strategies to cope with anxiety and depression. Drawing on the assistance of a qualified professional as well as his own experiences, the author presents the realities of living with anxiety and depression while keeping a sense of humor.

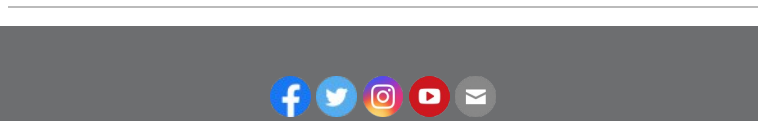
*Gwyneth, Atherton Library*



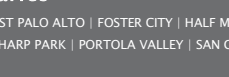
#### eResource Spotlight: [Creativebug](#)

Creativebug has thousands of video courses featuring professional instructors who cover subjects like ceramics, baking, sketching, quilting, and more. There's material to inspire both seasoned crafters and first-timers. I'm most excited about pattern drafting classes, so I can design my own clothing!

*Alice, Portola Valley Library*



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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