

Services and Hours Expansion Beginning Monday, August 2

Dear Community,

We're happy to announce the next phase in our progression to a fully open library! Starting Monday, August 2 you will be able to enjoy increased access to library services, spaces, and expanded hours. Most* [library locations](#) will be open Monday – Saturday under the following schedule:

- Monday – Tuesday: 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM
- Wednesday – Saturday: 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

*Pacifica libraries will operate under adjusted hours.

Additionally, you'll once again have access to our makerspaces and the ability to reserve our private study rooms. Of course, you'll still be able to browse collections, pick up holds, use computers and Wi-Fi access points, and print and copy. [Visit our blog for more information on these updated services and the adjusted hours of our two Pacifica Library locations.](#)

Since libraries are designated youth zones, we ask that you mask up when you visit us so we can share our spaces safely. Thank you for lending your support in this transition. We can't wait to see you in the library!

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Let's Make it Out of Paper!

Does your child dream of being an engineer? All youth in rising 1st – 6th grades are invited to join us on **Friday, July 30 at 4:00 PM** for an online workshop provided by [The Tech](#) that will take us through the steps in prototyping and designing everyday objects out of paper. All you'll need to join is some paper and a creative imagination!

[Register Now](#)



Belonging and Inclusion: Picture Books for All

Inclusion and belonging are one of the first concepts children encounter in social situations. We've curated a [reading list](#) that features stories from a variety of perspectives to help connect young readers to experiences different from their own. By looking at the world through the eyes of others, we can develop kindness and embrace other cultures and ways of thinking.

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A Tale About Treasures | Un cuento sobre tesoros

Join us for an original story spoken, danced, and sung in English and Spanish! On **Friday, August 6 at 4:00 PM**, Cascada de Flores will perform "The Treasure of Aquiles", a live play where the audience will have the opportunity to join the performers in song and dance. This virtual event will be fun for the whole family!

¡Únase a nosotros para disfrutar de un cuento hablado, bailado, y cantado en inglés y español! El **viernes 6 de agosto a las 4:00 PM**, Cascada de Flores presentará "El tesoro de Aquiles", una obra en vivo donde el público tendrá la oportunidad de unirse a los artistas en canto y baile. ¡Este evento virtual será divertido para toda la familia!

[Register Now | Regístrate](#)



Fall Into Your Next Garden

Get ready for your next fall harvest! On **Thursday, August 19 at 4:00 PM**, UC Master Gardeners will show us what we can grow in the fall and winter, and when to plant it. They'll also share techniques for soil maintenance and improvement, cover cropping, crop rotation, and pest management. Always wanted to grow seasonal veggies but weren't sure where to start? This is the virtual event for you!

[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](#).

First Wednesday Book Club

Wednesday, August 4 • 7:00 PM

Join us the first Wednesday of every month for a lively discussion around books selected by the group. This month we're discussing *Five-carat Soul* by James McBride.

Citizenship Learning Circle | Grupo de Aprendizaje de Ciudadanía

Every Monday • 3:00 PM | Lunes • 3:00 PM

In this program, we will use the online programs [ProCitizen](#) and [USA Learns](#) to practice for the N-400 interview and study for the English and Civics exam together. | En este Grupo de Aprendizaje de Ciudadanía, usaremos los programas en línea [ProCitizen](#) y [USA Learns](#) para practicar para la entrevista N-400 y estudiar juntos para el examen de inglés y educación cívica.

Labor Market Information: Find Your Next Job

Tuesday, August 10 • 10:00 AM

Learn how to effectively use [Labor Market Information](#) (LMI) as a tool to make informed, accurate decisions on how to get a job, improve skills, or enhance your career.

Meet Deborah Madison, Queen of Greens

Tuesday, August 10 • 6:30 PM

Join us as Deborah Madison discusses her memoir *An Onion in My Pocket: My Life With Vegetables*, following her life journey along with the story of the vegetarian movement.

Name that Tune for Older Adults

Thursday, August 12 • 4:00 PM

Play along with Ben Pernick for Name That Tune, a music therapy program based on Jeopardy, the classic TV brain game.

Preserving Hatch Chiles

Thursday, August 19 • 4:00 PM

Join the Master Food Preservers for a free workshop on these beloved green chilies.

[Explore All Events](#)

Community Picks

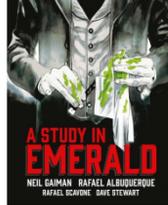
Our Community Picks' titles are available digitally through [online resources](#) or in print through [Curbside Services](#) and [Express Service](#).



Children's Fiction: *The Stars of Whistling Ridge* by Cindy Baldwin

When twelve-year-old Ivy steals her mother's wishing jars, all she wants is an end to living on the road in an RV with her family. But wishes have unexpected consequences, and soon Ivy is stricken with an illness that makes it hard to breathe. The family rushes to her Aunt Agatha's house, a place where Ivy feels instantly at home. But something is seriously wrong: the town's famous apples are full of smoke, and Agatha is struggling with a mysterious illness. With the help of some new friends, Ivy discovers secrets that might help solve the mystery afflicting the town.

Ashley, Pacifica Library



Young Adult Fiction: *A Study in Emerald* by Neil Gaiman

A Study in Emerald is set in an alternate version of Doyle's Sherlock Holmes universe, where Lovecraft's eldritch horrors have taken residence. Two new flatmates are tasked with tracking down the murderer of a member of the royal family in this sinister take on the classic mystery. Also available via Hoopla in [graphic novel](#) or [digital audiobook](#) format.

Jamie, Portola Valley Library



Adult Fiction: *Trail of Lightning* by Rebecca Roanhorse

While most of the world has drowned beneath the sudden rising waters of a climate apocalypse, Dinéthah (formerly the Navajo reservation) has been reborn. The gods and heroes of legend walk the land, but so do monsters. Maggie Hoskie is a Dinéthah monster hunter and when a new strange type of creature begins appearing, Maggie knows she must find its source before it puts the Diné at risk.

Gabi, Millbrae Library



eResource Spotlight: Cell-Ed

Cell-Ed is a radically accessible learning resource that doesn't require a Wi-Fi connection or even a smart phone! Learn English, job skills, citizenship, reading & writing, math, and more. New courses were just added like "Reading Tips for Parents & Caregivers" and "English for Customer Service." Use Cell-Ed through the app, website, or simply through text/call.

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Emily, San Mateo County Libraries



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