

Change a Life as an Adult Literacy Tutor

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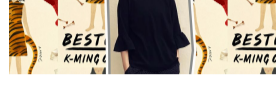
We are actively seeking volunteers for our [Adult Literacy tutoring program](#) to meet with adult learners once a week in a caring virtual or in-person learning environment. Did you know that [43 million adults](#) in the United States cannot read, write or do basic math above a 3rd grade level? Join this wonderful program and be part of making a difference in someone's life. Our current volunteers love the experience so much so, they shared the following messages.

"I started to tutor because I needed something to do after I retired but it became a real joy and I've really bonded with the learners I've mentored over the years."

"I wanted to be able to help someone continue on their literacy journey, even with the pandemic going on. Using Zoom has been an easy way for us to make a connection every week. We can see each other and share the experience even though we are many miles apart."

We are especially seeking in-person volunteers at the [East Palo Alto Library](#) and [North Fair Oaks Library](#), though we encourage volunteers to apply from all over the county. We provide training and all necessary materials. Learn more about our [Adult Literacy programs](#) or [apply to volunteer](#) today!

[Learn More](#)



Talk With Author of Bestiary, K-Ming Chang

Join author K-Ming Chang on [Tuesday, September 7 at 7:00 PM](#) for a conversation on her debut novel, *Bestiary*, a spellbinding and visceral tale of three generations of Taiwanese-American women haunted by the myths of their homeland, their family's queer desires, violent impulses, and buried secrets. Free copies of the book will be available at all our [locations](#) beginning Monday, August 23 while supplies last.

[Register Now](#)



Meditate: Breathe in, Breathe out

With all the noise happening around us, it's important to find time to slow down and let our bodies, minds, and spirits be centered and grounded. Join us for a meditation workshop series where we'll have the opportunity to practice various mediation techniques. This three-part series begins on [Monday, August 23 at 11:00 AM](#) and continues August 25 and August 27. Please plan to attend all three sessions.

[Register Now](#)



Meeting Room and Equipment Reservations

Earlier this month we announced the [expansion of services and hours](#) at [our libraries](#). In addition to our updated open hours, many of our in-person services are available once again. You can now reserve and make use of our meeting rooms and a variety of equipment (including 3D printers, sewing machines, and more). See what's available on our [Rooms/Equipment Reservation page](#). Hope to see you soon!

Not ready to come into the library? We're still offering [curbside services](#) at all our locations. Just pull into the designated parking spot, give us a call, and we'll bring out your holds to you.

[Reserve Now](#)



Preserve that Spicy Chile

The UCCE Master Food Preservers are returning to teach us all about preserving the Hatch chile pepper. This New Mexican chile has a short season, so you'll want to stock up on them to make sure you'll have plenty to last throughout the year. Join us on [Thursday, August 19 at 4:00 PM](#) to learn how to safely store and prepare them, and how to find tried-and-true recipes for salsa and more.

[Register Now](#)

Explore More

Explore, learn, and connect at our [virtual library programs](#)! You might also be interested in ...

[San Carlos Library Friends of the Library Book Sale](#)

Sunday, August 15 • 1:00 PM

Support the library by buying used books at the Friends of the Library monthly Book Sale. Books for all ages are available!

[Vinyasa Yoga](#)

Thursday, August 19 • 11:30 AM

Join Certified Yoga instructors for accessible well-rounded vinyasa-inspired flow yoga. Sessions will focus on relieving stress and rejuvenating your body!

[Fall Edible Food Growing](#)

Thursday, August 19 • 4:00 PM

There's still time to plan your fall vegetable patch! Learn what you can grow in the fall and winter and when to plant it from UC Master Gardener Jonathan Propp.

[Haiku Club](#)

Thursday, August 19 • 7:00 PM

Whether you're a haiku beginner or you've got the syllables down pat, join us to discuss haiku, haiku theory, writing tips and strategies, and share your own poems.

[Beginning Guided Autobiography](#)

Friday, August 20 • 10:30 AM

Join our guided autobiography group led by Liz Dossa to learn how to share your own story. No prior experience is needed!

[Art Talk – Wengachi Mutu: I Am Speaking, Are You Listening?](#)

Wednesday, August 25 • 7:00 PM

Join us for an art talk on the powerful work of Wengachi Mutu, a Kenyan American artist currently featured at the Legion of Honor.

[Explore All Events](#)

Community Picks

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



Children's Fiction: [The Girl and the Ghost](#) by [Hanna Alkaf](#)

This is a modern retelling of a Malaysian folktale. Suraya has inherited a ghost from her grandmother. He is her only friend. She names him Pink and carries him around in her pocket in the form of a grasshopper. But then Suraya becomes friends with a human and Pink gets jealous and despite himself, starts mischief. Can Suraya have a human and a demon friend?

Angela, Pacifica Libraries



Young Adult Graphic Novel: [Bad Machinery](#) by [John Allison](#)

Do you miss [Giant Days](#) and just need your regular John Allison read? Look no further than Bad Machinery! Visit Tackleford (aka Esther's hometown!) as a group of tween detectives hunt down the mysterious and the paranormal. With John Allison's signature humor and heart, you'll love the surprise cameos from familiar faces! Also available in eBook format on [Hoopla](#).

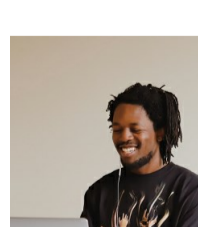
Jenna, Foster City Library



Graphic Novel: [Ooku, Vol. 1](#) by [Fumi Yoshinaga](#)

In Edo period Japan, a strange new disease called the Red Pox has begun to prey on the country's men. Within eighty years of the first outbreak, the male population has fallen by seventy-five percent. Women have taken on all the roles traditionally granted to men, even that of the Shogun. The men, precious providers of life, are carefully protected. And the most beautiful of the men are sent to serve in the Shogun's Inner Chamber.

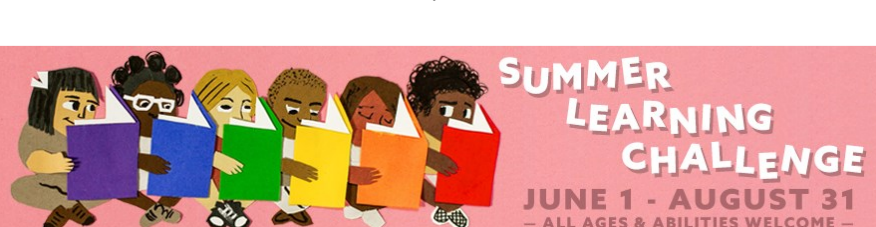
Gabriela, Millbrae Library



eResource Spotlight: [LinkedIn Learning](#)

I can always find something new and interesting to explore in LinkedIn Learning, and the courses are high-quality. I especially liked Customer Service Foundations with Jeff Toister, and at the beginning of the pandemic, I shared ideas from Microsoft Teams Tips and Tricks with my co-workers to help us be more productive working remotely.

Garrett, Portola Valley and Woodside Libraries



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