San Mateo County Libraries

Dear Community,

It's time to celebrate our new Brisbane Library! After breaking ground in 2019 and completing construction through the pandemic, we'll officially mark the Library's opening on **October 23**.

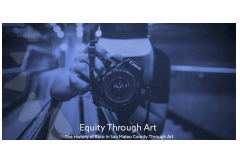
Join us in person or tune in virtually to hear from guest speakers and get an on-site tour of the library's Children's Area, Teen Space, History Room, Community Room, Makerspace and more. We will also have a fun-filled day of engaging (in-person and virtual) library programs for all ages. Our newest location is ready to welcome you with 3D printers, GoPro camera kits and an increased collection of books. We can't wait to see you there and online!

Join the Celebration

Understanding the Work of the Supreme Court

We're teaming up with The American Association of University Women, Half Moon Bay Branch to bring you a discussion of the work of the Supreme Court led by Barbara Creed on Saturday, October 16 at 1:00 PM. You'll leave this interactive, engaging discussion with a better understanding of how the Court works and the complexities of the cases it handles.

Learn More



Exploring Equity Through Art

Our Equity Through Art series takes you on a journey into the history of some of our Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) communities, culminating in a vision for the future of BIPOC in San Mateo County. Communities will share their stories and experiences through the lens of art. View the recording of our Seeing Silicon Valley program and join us for our upcoming programs:

Tanforan – From Race Track to Assembly Center
Thursday, October 7 at 7:00 PM
Silent No More: A History of Anti-Asian Discrimination
Tuesday, October 12 at 7:00 PM

Explore Now

Meet Bob Calhoun

Discover the story of murder and mayhem that shaped the SF Bay Area into the political and economic force it is today in an author talk with Bob Calhoun, author of The Murders That Made Us on Wednesday, October 20 at 7:00 PM.

Delve In

Explore More

Explore, learn, and connect at our virtual library programs! You might also be interested in …

DIY Food Preservation – Dehydrating
Saturday, October 9 • 2:00 PM
Join UCCE Master Food Preservers to learn the basics of making dried foods both with and without a dehydrator.

Intro to Queer Poetics – A Virtual Writing Workshop
Wednesday, October 13 • 1:00 PM
Join this six-part series to study the work of contemporary queer poets and write your own poetry through generative prompts, inspirational readings and meaningful community support.

High Low Movie Club Presents House on Haunted Hill
Thursday, October 14 • 8:00 PM
Kick off the Halloween season with this campy film classic, sure to thrill hard-core horror and classic film fans alike. Audience interaction is strongly encouraged.

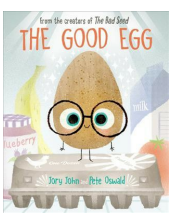
Medicare Open Enrollment for 2022
Tuesday, October 19 • 6:00 PM
Medicare open enrollment runs from October 15 – December 7. This is the presentation for you if you want assistance navigating the open enrollment period.

Container Gardening
Thursday, October 21 • 4:00 PM
Learn how to grow almost anything in a container with UC Master Gardener Laurel Nagle, who will guide us through every aspect of creating a successful container garden.

Explore All Events

Community Picks

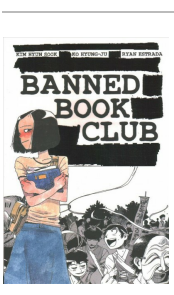
Our Community Picks titles are available digitally through online resources or in print at our libraries.



Children's Fiction: The Good Egg by John Jory

The Good Egg tackles complex and deep feelings and struggles that kiddos face with humor and ease. Our friend the Good Egg puts immense pressure on themself to keep the misbehaving eggs in their carton acting properly. This egg tries so hard to be good and make others be good that they lose sight of themselves in the process. This is a whimsical tale of learning how to create balance in your life and letting go of the need to have control over all things.

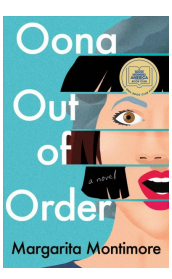
Gwyneth, Atherton Library



Young Adult Graphic Novel: Banned Book Club by Kim Hyun Sook, Ko Hyung-Ju and Ryan Estrada

1983, South Korea: New college student Kim joins a book club, unknowingly taking a divisive political stance against her country's totalitarian regime.

Jessica, Pacifica Libraries



Adult Fiction: Oona Out of Order by Margarita Montimore

It's New Year's Eve 1982, and Oona Lockhart has her whole life before her. At the stroke of midnight, she will turn nineteen, and the year ahead promises to be one of consequence. At the stroke of midnight Oona is torn from her life and everyone she loves, finding herself in her 51-year-old body thirty-three years into the future. Greeted by a friendly stranger in a beautiful house she's told is her own, Oona learns that with each passing year she will leap to another age at random.

Amy, Portola Valley and Woodside Libraries

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eResource Spotlight: Kanopy

I can't recommend Kanopy enough. They have a robust collection of rare films and documentaries, do a great job of catering to viewers of all ages and interests, and their interface is really easy to navigate. I personally love their "The Arts" section and have often been surprised when I've found specific documentaries that are not available to stream elsewhere online. A Kanopy account allows users to stream 10 movies a month with no wait time -- just find something you want to watch and press play!

Kenny, East Palo Alto Library

Make sure to follow our blogs for updates on new events, resources, and services.

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