Dear Community,

Our upcoming STEAM programs are hands-on, in-person, outdoor events that are sure to spark your interest. Check out our full event calendar at smcl.org/explorer to learn more. If you are not already subscribed to our weekly eNewsletter or would like to browse past issues, visit our eNewsletter page.

Explore More

San Mateo County Libraries explore a wide variety of community events and programs throughout the year. Many of these events are available as in-person or virtual programs.

San Mateo County Reads - November 6, 8, 10, 12 & 17

Join us for one of our special storytime sessions in honor of San Mateo County Reads November 6, 8, 10, 12 & 17. The Goal of San Mateo County Reads is to create an environment of shared reading where everyone in the community has access to books. You can participate in any of these events or check them out on our website.

Critter Tales - Wednesday, November 10 • 4:00 PM

Do you have a reluctant reader? Sign your child up to have their own session to practice reading to a therapy dog through Zoom. Participants will participate in a virtual storytime, where they will read along while the dog follows along. Each session lasts 30 minutes and is limited to 1 child per session. The program will be repeated on November 10, 12, 17, and 24 at 4:00 PM. Registration is required and should be completed on the library website.

Get A Life, Chloe Brown - Book Giveaway and Author Talk - Saturday, December 4 • 12:00 PM

Get a Life, Chloe Brown - Book Giveaway and Author Talk. Enjoy Talia Hibbert’s heartwarming romance novel while learning about the future of self-care. Join us online December 4 for this special event, featuring a book giveaway and an author talk with Talia Hibbert, the award-winning author of Get A Life, Chloe Brown.

Now Let's Get Moving!

This month, we’re bringing a new series to our virtual programming: Let’s Move! Join us for one of our special events in November, including Let’s Move: Ugokou! and Let’s Move: Ugokou! Seventh Edition for Older Adults.

Explore Now

Equity Through Art: Ohlone Culture Past and Present - Thursday, November 18, at 5:00 PM

Join us for a virtual author talk and live reading of Milk & Cardamom by Hetal Vasavada, a memoir that follows her American upbringing and experience on MasterChef to American Indian handcrafts. You will connect with Ohlone culture and history and learn about the diverse heritage of Indigenous peoples.

Supporting Our Veterans - The Ramaytush Ohlone peoples are the original inhabitants of the San Francisco Peninsula. Register to join us on Thursday, November 18, at 5:00 PM for a virtual author talk and live reading of Milk & Cardamom by Hetal Vasavada, a memoir that follows her American upbringing and experience on MasterChef to American Indian handcrafts. You will connect with Ohlone culture and history and learn about the diverse heritage of Indigenous peoples.

Milk & Cardamom Author Talk

Milk & Cardamom Author Talk. Milk & Cardamom is the memoir by Hetal Vasavada, who combines her love of food and her love of MasterChef to bring readers a memoir that showcases her Indian-American upbringing and her experience on MasterChef. Vasavada's memoir is a blend of personal history and culinary exploration, drawing inspiration from her Indian-American heritage.

Grumpy Monkey

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Rainbow Rowell

Rainbow Rowell. Rainbow Rowell is the New York Times bestselling author of the hit young adult novel Carry On, which is a contemporary fantasy novel written as a love letter to Simon and Schuster, and a fast-paced conclusion to the trilogy! How exactly does a Chosen One fight evil in their final year of school? Let Rowell take you on a wild ride as you learn about the magic of this book.

Harry Potter

Harry Potter. Harry Potter is a series of fantasy novels by British author J. K. Rowling. The series follows the adventures of Harry Potter, a young wizard who attends Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, and his friends Ron Weasley and Hermione Granger. The series has sold over 500 million copies worldwide and has been adapted into a successful film franchise.

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