Dear Community,

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Our library teams have made the following adjustments to our Thanksgiving Week schedule of programs and events.

Food Smarts Waste Reduction Workshops (3 sessions)
December 1, 8, 15 • 3:00 PM
Learn from registered dietitians from Leah’s Pantry how to practice food waste reduction, food preservation techniques and benefits of composting. Those who register are encouraged to attend all three classes in the series.

Let’s Cut Up Some Old Magazines and Catalogs to Create a Bird Collage (Heinemann Branch)
Thursday, December 2 • 6:00 PM
Let’s cut up some old magazines and catalogs to create a colorful bird collage. The event is free and open to all ages. Registration is required.

Adult Nonfiction: “All the Real Indians Died Off” and Other Myths About Native Americans by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz and Dina Gilio-Whitaker (Colville Confederated Tribes)
Thursday, November 18 • 7:00 PM
Join us for a discussion of the book “All the Real Indians Died Off” and Other Myths About Native Americans.” The book dispels myths that are commonly associated with the American holiday of Thanksgiving. The authors challenge the misconception that Native Americans disappeared at the hands of early European explorers. They also explore the contributions of Native Americans to American culture and history.

Equity Through Art: Ohlone Culture Past and Present
Thursday, November 5 • 7:00 PM
This program will be held at the San Mateo County History Museum. It will feature a presentation by Robert Young on the cultural history of the Ohlone people in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Launch Your Book Club
Thursday, November 18 • 11:00 AM
Our event will be held at the San Mateo County History Museum. It will feature a discussion of the book “All the Real Indians Died Off” and Other Myths About Native Americans.” The book dispels myths that are commonly associated with the American holiday of Thanksgiving. The authors challenge the misconception that Native Americans disappeared at the hands of early European explorers. They also explore the contributions of Native Americans to American culture and history.

The San Mateo County Pride Center and Peninsula Family Service co-host the LGBTQ+ Book Club with San Mateo Pride Center. The book club meets on the first Wednesday of the month at Peninsula Family Service.

We want to remind you that our libraries will be closed on Thanksgiving Day. However, we will have several outdoor events coming up for all ages.

Stay connected with our family of libraries!

Order your tickets to our Thanksgiving Day showing of the film “Milk & Cardamom” at the San Mateo Public Library. This film is part of the San Mateo County Library’s virtual film festival. The film tells the story of the Their creator, Mary Jo Fernandez, is a San Mateo County resident.

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