



**Thanksgiving Closures**  
Thursday November 25 & Friday November 26

Dear Community,

Thanksgiving is just a week away. A reminder that our libraries will be closed Thanksgiving Day on [Thursday, November 25](#) and [Friday, November 26](#).

The holiday can be a time for loved ones to gather, share what they're grateful for and celebrate the fall harvest with favorite family recipes. It also marks a time when we can reflect on our nation's history and colonization.

Our event [Equity Through Art: Ohlone Culture Past and Present](#) at 5:00 PM tonight, **Thursday, November 18**, will include a discussion on the effects of Spanish colonization on California Indian culture, especially the culture of the Ramaytush [Ohlone peoples](#), the original inhabitants of the San Francisco Peninsula.

[Register](#) for this online event to secure your space and read on below for Thanksgiving-related picks from our [San Mateo County Libraries](#) community.



**[New Online Learning Resources](#)**

Thanks to a generous program through the California State Library, San Mateo County Libraries cardholders now have access to even more online job and learning resources! Explore new opportunities to find a job, learn a new skill or make your resume shine.

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**[Outdoor In-Person Events](#)**

Some in-person events have returned to our libraries. We have several in-person, outdoor events coming up for all ages. Wondering if weather has canceled an event? [Get in touch](#) with our staff at 1-833-YES-SMCL.

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# Explore More

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

**[Meet Hetal Vasavada, Author of Milk & Cardamom](#)**

**Friday, November 19 • 6:00 PM**

Join us to learn about MasterChef contestant [Hetal Vasavada](#), her blog and her book, [Milk & Cardamom](#).

**[Learn Ukulele with MixLife](#)**

**Saturday, November 20 • 10:00 AM**

Join MixLife and professional ukulele player UkuLenny for a workshop on ukulele basics and a mini jam session. Ukuleles are available for check-out from our libraries! [Contact us](#) at 1-833-YES-SMCL to check availability.

**[Food Smarts Waste Reduction Workshops](#)**

**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.

**[Art Talk – Judy Chicago: A Retrospective](#)**

**Tuesday, November 30 • 7:00 PM**

This talk will explore pioneering feminist artist Judy Chicago's full body of work, from her early forays into minimalism to her current work that addresses mortality and environmental issues.

**[LGBTQ+ Book Club with San Mateo Pride Center](#)**

**Wednesday, December 1 • 4:30 PM**

The San Mateo County Pride Center and Peninsula Family Service co-host the LGBTQ+ Book Club in partnership with San Mateo County Libraries every first Wednesday of the month.

**[Art with Lisa Fulmer – Bird Collage](#)**

**Thursday, December 2 • 6:00 PM**

Let's cut up some old magazines and catalogs to create a colorful bird collage. The supply list and bird outlines will be emailed after you register.

[Explore All Events](#)

# Community Picks

Our Community Picks titles are available digitally through [online resources](#) or in print at [our libraries](#).



**Children's Nonfiction: [Thank You, Sarah](#) by [Laurie Halse Anderson](#)**

You may think you know the story of Thanksgiving, but what you may not know is that we probably would not be celebrating it today if not for a woman named Sarah Hale, who spent 38 years writing letters (with a quill pen!) asking U.S. Presidents to make it a national holiday. This fascinating picture book tells the story of this determined "dainty little lady" who found a way to bring our country together during one of the most challenging times in our history.

*Ashley, Pacifica Libraries*



**Nonfiction for the Whole Family (Ages 8 and Up): [1621 a New Look at Thanksgiving](#) by [Catherine O'Neill Grace](#) and [Margaret M. Bruchac](#)**

A reenactment of the first Thanksgiving with the Wampanoag people at the Plimoth Plantation museum provides a realistic depiction based on historical facts. Color photos and balanced text dispel myths that are commonly associated with the event.

*Julie, Half Moon Bay Library*



**Adult Nonfiction: ["All the Real Indians Died Off" and 20 Other Myths About Native Americans](#) by [Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz](#) and [Dina Gilio-Whitaker](#)**

A fascinating historical account by scholars and activists Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz and Dina Gilio-Whitaker (Colville Confederated Tribes), this book challenges several myths about Native Americans and their culture that have been perpetuated since before the founding of the United States.

*Elizabeth, Half Moon Bay Library*

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