



Finding Community in Book Clubs

Dear Community,

One of the many wonderful things about reading is connecting with fellow readers. We can find inspiration for our next read by talking with people who like the same genres as us, who share our interests or who can introduce us to something new.

It's through community that you just might discover authors or stories you never would have given a chance on your own.

San Mateo County Libraries offers a variety of book clubs that regularly meet online to discuss a shared reading material. Each book club has its own focus and identity, offering the chance for you to find community. Connect with a book club to help you out of a reading slump, make new friends or spread the love for a great read.

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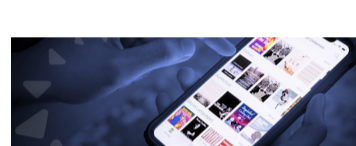
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[Starting the New Year With Meditation](#)

Tuesday, January 18 • 6:00 PM

Join Doug Frankel, a longtime meditator for this powerful workshop. Bring joy, peace, positivity and relaxation into your daily life and begin the New Year with a fresh start.

[Breaking Down the Emergency Rental Assistance Program/Explicación del Programa de Asistencia de Emergencia para Inquilinos](#)

Wednesday, January 19 • 2:00 PM

The Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) helps eligible tenants and landlords who have been financially impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Join the San Mateo Superior Court and Project Sentinel in learning more about the program as well as how you may qualify and apply.

[Citrus Tree Care](#)

Thursday, January 20 • 4:00 PM

Master Gardeners Lisa Putnam and Kathleen Putnam, "The Putnam Sisters," will teach which citrus trees will thrive in our area, how and where to plant them, plus common problems and diseases.

[LinkedIn for Job Search – Basics](#)

Tuesday, January 25 • 4:30 PM

Get an initial overview of LinkedIn and learn how to create a strong profile. Learn tips and resources for how to get noticed by recruiters and present the most impressive professional version of yourself!

[Art Talk – Lunar New Year With the Asian Art Museum](#)

Wednesday, January 26 • 7:00 PM

The Lunar New Year is the most important celebration of the year in China and for Chinese people all over the world. People from Vietnam, Korea, Tibet, Singapore, Laos, Cambodia and Thailand also celebrate the Lunar New Year. Welcome in the Lunar New Year by learning about the traditions and symbolism which enrich this global celebration.

[Disability and Etiquette](#)

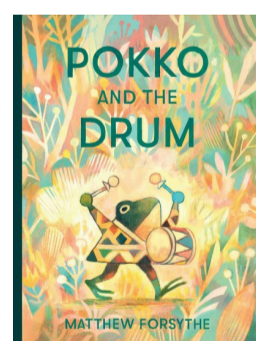
Thursday, January 27 • 7:00 PM

Join the Center for Independence of Individuals with Disabilities (CID) for an engaging interactive workshop on disability etiquette. We'll provide a short overview and discussion highlighting different disabilities and how to respectfully and effectively work with individuals with disabilities.

[Explore All Events](#)

Community Picks

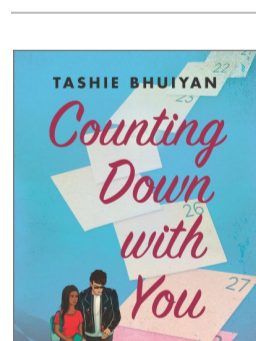
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Children's Fiction: [Pokko and the Drum](#) by [Matthew Forsythe](#)

When Pokko plays her drum in the forest, she suddenly finds herself surrounded by an entire band of animal musicians.

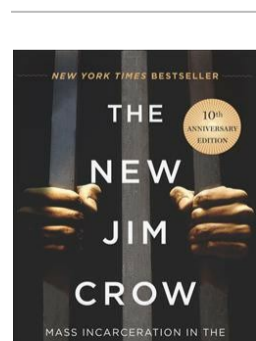
Gabriela, Millbrae Library



Young Adult Fiction: [Counting Down With You](#) by [Tashie Bhuiyan](#)

A reserved Bangladeshi teenager has 28 days to make the biggest decision of her life after agreeing to fake date her school's resident bad boy. How do you make one month last a lifetime?

Jessica, Pacifica Libraries



Adult Nonfiction: [The New Jim Crow](#) by [Michelle Alexander](#)

An amazing piece that helps to understand the racial inequalities that continue to contribute to mass incarceration today in our country.

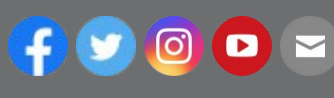
Elena, Brisbane Library

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