



Meet Alka Joshi
New York Times Bestselling Author

Dear Community,

On [Tuesday, March 8 at 7:00 PM](#), New York Times bestselling author [Alka Joshi](#) will join [San Mateo County Libraries](#) for a discussion on her writing and books, [The Henna Artist](#) and [The Secret Keeper of Jaipur](#).

The books transport readers back in time, following Lakshmi Shastri, a skilled 30-year-old henna artist and herbalist in India. Joshi has been praised for her depiction of complex characters in her beautifully told stories, including by author [Bryn Turnbull](#), who describes the world within *The Henna Artist* series as one where “power, money and secrets abound.”

Joshi published her debut novel, *The Henna Artist*, at age 62. It immediately became a New York Times bestseller, a Reese's Book Club pick, was longlisted for the Center for Fiction First Novel Prize and is being developed into an episodic series by Miramax TV.

Join us to take in the discussion and share your questions with this acclaimed author.

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[Meet Bryant Terry: Award-Winning Chef and Educator](#)

We're welcoming James Beard award-winning chef and educator [Bryant Terry](#) on [Monday, March 14 at 6:30 PM](#) to discuss his newest book, *Black Food: Stories, Art and Recipes From Across the African Diaspora*. In this online event, Terry will talk about how his book explores Black foodways within America and around the world.

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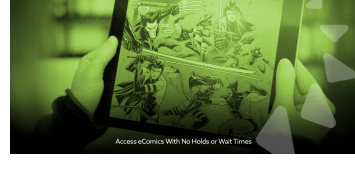
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[Disability History and Activism](#)

Thursday, February 24 • 7:00 PM

Join the Center for Independence of Individuals with Disabilities to learn about how the Independent Living Movement and advocacy created the laws protecting individuals with disabilities. We'll focus on the rich history of disability activism in the Bay Area and local figures who pioneered the movement.

[ESL Book Club](#)

Monday, February 28 • 4:00 PM

Read books and learn English at the same time. Join other language learners in a virtual meeting to read aloud and discuss the book [The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time](#) by [Mark Haddon](#).

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

Wednesday, March 2 • 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. This month we will be reading [Untamed](#) by [Glennon Doyle](#).

[Food Smarts 食物減廢課程](#)

Thursday, March 3 • 2:00 PM

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加入 Leah's Pantry 的虛擬研討會, 學習如何減少食物浪費, 包括食物保存技術和堆肥的好處。您參加的每節課都將通過郵件收到免費的 6 美元農貿市場代金券!

[Developing Your Business Idea: Part I, II & III](#)

Thursday, March 3, 10 & 17 • 6:00 PM

Have an idea for a business but don't know how to get it off the ground? In this three-week series, Ron Visconti will help you define your unique value proposition, outline your key channels and relationships and give you an overview of legal entities and business formation. Participants must attend all three sessions.

[Intro To Jam](#)

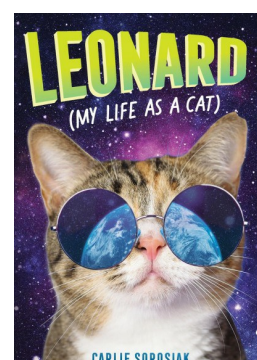
Tuesday, March 8 • 4:00 PM

Have you always wanted to make your own jam, jellies or preserves, but felt intimidated? Learn how to safely and successfully create a variety of homemade fruit spreads with the San Mateo/San Francisco County Master Food Preservers, from a simple freezer jam to shelf-stable canned goods.

[Explore All Events](#)

Community Picks

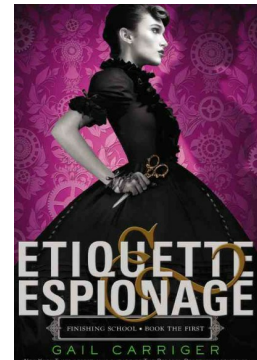
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Children's Fiction: [Leonard \(my Life as a Cat\)](#) by [Carlie Sorosiak](#)

A humorous story of an alien who comes to earth as a cat and in his quest to find a way back home, he finds a family on Earth. For Grades 4-7.

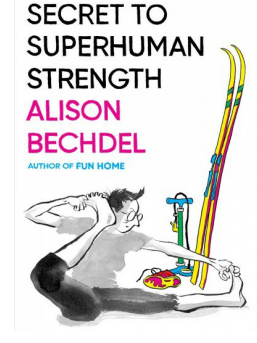
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Young Adult Novel: [Etiquette & Espionage](#) by [Gail Carriger](#)

In this fun supernatural steampunk world, students at Mademoiselle Geraldine's academy learn not just how to be ladies, but the art of espionage.

Gabriela, Millbrae Library

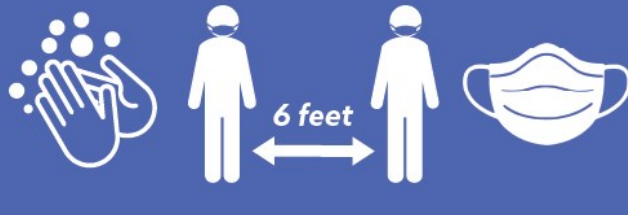


Adult Graphic Novel: [The Secret to Superhuman Strength](#) by [Alison Bechdel](#)

Alison Bechdel is back! Although I appreciated [Are You My Mother?](#), I didn't love it nearly as much as her smash hit [Fun Home](#). Bechdel's most recent graphic novel again demonstrates her prowess in this media. This time around the reader is carried along on her lifelong love affair with exercise as the prism through which she explores her mental health and relationships.

Darren, Millbrae Library

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