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Dear Community,

April is just a week away, and we're excited to have [Jazz Appreciation Month](#) return to [San Mateo County Libraries](#)! To celebrate, we have [live jazz concerts](#) lined up throughout the month of April.

Besides allowing us to jam out to jazz all April long, Jazz Appreciation Month works to support today's jazz scene, pay tribute to jazz history and inspire an appreciation of jazz music in people of all ages. We encourage you to explore all sorts of jazz-related happenings, whether it's [studying the music](#), [attending concerts](#), [reading about famous jazz musicians](#) or simply [listening to some good jazz tunes](#).

We'll feature a wide variety of jazz musicians and styles playing at or nearby [San Mateo County Libraries locations](#) across the county. Join us in recognizing one of America's most iconic art forms. Take a look at our [full list of free jazz concerts near you](#) and come enjoy the music!

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[Equity Through Art: Filipinx Kwentuhan](#)

Every culture has a storytelling tradition. In the Filipinx diaspora, kwentuhan (storytelling) is a way of remembering and honoring ancestors, preserving histories and reconnecting with kapwa. Join us for our upcoming event, Equity Through Art: Filipinx Kwentuhan, on [Thursday, March 31 at 6:00 PM](#). Moderated by [Aileen Cassinetto](#), San Mateo County Poet Laureate, the online event will feature unique stories of resilience, healing and bayanihan in the Filipinx community in San Mateo County.

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[Financially Savvy Online Resources](#)

Make smart financial decisions during tax season and all year-round with our selection of online resources. Discover resources that can help you learn more about good money habits, budgeting, investing and more. Learn about forms, filing, deadlines and more with our [Tax Preparation Resources](#). We also share books from our collection that can help you expand your personal finance knowledge.

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[Vote for Your Favorite Characters!](#)

[為您最喜歡的故事角色投票！](#)

[¡Vota por tus personajes favoritos!](#)

Which characters should join the Famous Friends picture book neighborhood? [Mark the characters that you like best](#). We'll use these results to add some new characters to the picture book neighborhoods at [San Mateo County Libraries](#)!

哪些角色應該加入我們的Famous Friends (著名的朋友)繪本類別呢？[標記您最喜歡的角色](#)。我們將會根據票選結果為聖馬刁縣圖書館的繪本類別增添一些新角色！

¿Qué personajes deberían unirse al vecindario de libros ilustrados de Famous Friends? [Marca los personajes que más te gusten](#). ¡Usaremos estos resultados para agregar algunos personajes nuevos a los vecindarios de libros ilustrados en [Las Bibliotecas del Condado de San Mateo](#)!

Explore More

Explore, learn and connect at our [library programs](#)!

[Assistive Technology and Universal Design](#)

Thursday, March 24 • 7:00 PM

Join the [Center for Independence of Individuals with Disabilities \(CID\)](#) to learn about assistive technology, tools for learning and universal design and how they benefit everyone in the community. CID's mission is to provide support services, community awareness and systems change advocacy to promote full and equal community integration and participation for people with disabilities.

[Art Talk – Alice Neel: People Come First](#)

Wednesday, March 30 • 7:00 PM

[Alice Neel](#) spent most of her life in New York City. [Alice Neel: People Come First](#) is an ambitious retrospective and the first comprehensive West Coast museum exhibition of Neel's work. It includes portraits of her neighbors in Spanish Harlem, as well as bohemians, activists, mothers, LGBTQ performers and those who were historically left on art history's margins.

[STEAM Team! Science – Bouncing Chemistry](#)

March 30 & 31 • 3:30 PM

Our STEAM Team! series designed for 2nd – 5th graders takes place once a month with a new theme based on science, technology, engineering, art or mathematics. This month, we still have spots open at [Belmont Library](#) and at [Friendship Park](#) near [North Fair Oaks Library](#). Register and join us in using common household items to conduct chemistry experiments, make predictions, note observations and have fun!

[Meet Jordan Steven Sher, Author of And Still We Rise](#)

Thursday, March 31 • 7:00 PM

Join us to meet [Jordan Steven Sher](#), author of [And Still We Rise: A Novel about the Genocide in Bosnia](#). A former social worker and teacher, Sher will discuss his new book, which is dedicated to giving a voice to the truth about the genocide in Bosnia and its aftermath for survivors.

[Food Preservation to Prevent Food Waste](#)

Saturday, April 2 • 2:00 PM

In this workshop, the [UCCE Master Food Preservers of San Mateo and San Francisco Counties](#) will help you make the most of your food – without fancy equipment. They'll share community food waste prevention resources, pointers for making the most of your fridge and freezer and demo recipes for when you want to hold on to surplus produce but don't have time to cook up a fancy jam.

[Intuitive Eating Nutrition Workshops](#)

April 4 & 11 • 6:30 PM

Join the experts of [Beyond Measure: A Wellness Collaborative](#) to learn more about the nutrition aspects of Intuitive Eating with the Beyond Measure dietitians, who work with people wanting to find balance with food. This is a two-part workshop series with limited virtual seats.

[Explore All Events](#)

Community Picks

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

[Children's Fiction: *Lotería* by Karla Arenas Valenti](#)

Lotería follows the life of young Clara in the City of Oaxaca, Mexico. Clara's young cousin Esteban has vanished after a fateful wind blows through the city. It is now up to Clara to travel to the Mythical Kingdom of Las Posadas and uncover what happened. Author Karla Arenas Valenti's magical realism writing has been influenced by her own Mexican heritage and life experiences.

Emmanuel, North Fair Oaks Library

[Young Adult Fiction: *We Were Liars* by E. Lockhart](#)

This mystery follows a group of four teenagers ("the Liars") who travel to a private island with their families every summer. During their fifteenth summer together, one of the teens is involved in an accident resulting in a head injury and falls out of touch with the other three Liars. When she returns to the island two years later, she tries to piece together what happened through the fog of memory loss and pain medication. A very gripping novel with dynamic and complex characters. You won't want to put it down!

Devon, Foster City Library

[Adult Nonfiction: *If They Come for Us* by Fatimah Asghar](#)

In this poetry collection, Asghar explores her identity as a Pakistani Muslim in America and the difficult history that brought her here.

Gabriela, Millbrae Library

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