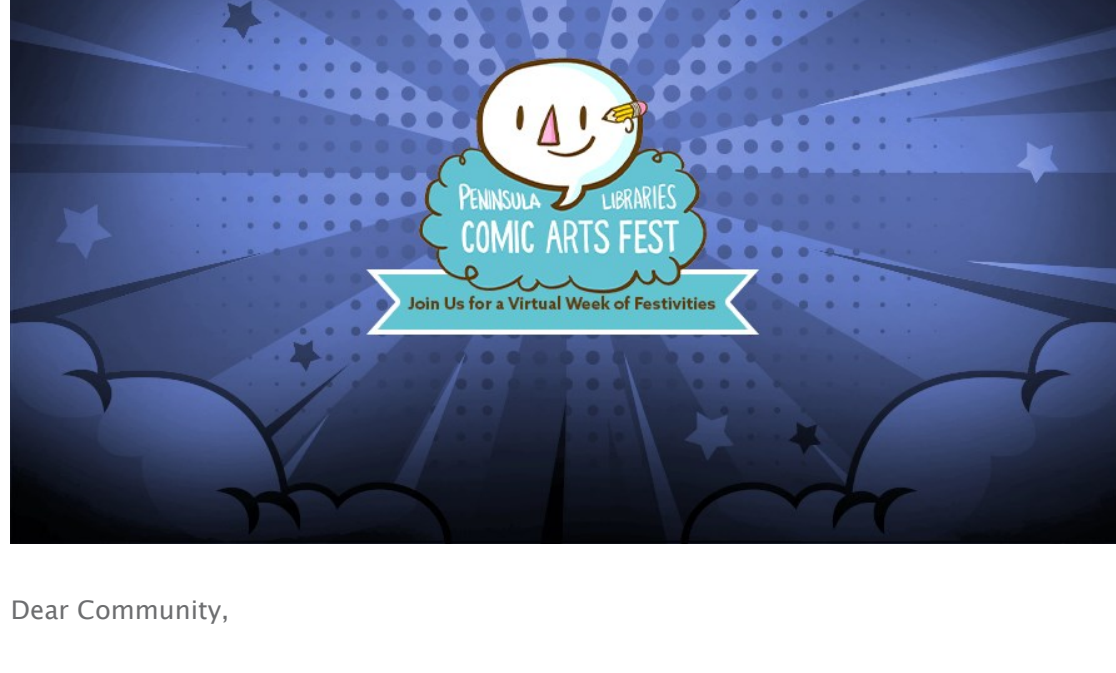




Dear Community,

We're excited to say the [Peninsula Libraries Comic Arts Fest](#) is returning this year! Join us for a virtual week of festivities, from **April 23 to April 30**. We're celebrating the importance of comics, both as an art form and as literature, and encouraging aspiring artists and readers of all ages through author visits, workshops, panel discussions and other comics-related programs.

After a two-year hiatus, we know comic arts fans are excited to see this fest return with sessions hosted by familiar faces as well as new authors and illustrators in the comics scene. Want to get in the spirit ahead of the events? [San Mateo County Libraries](#) users can now [access eComics](#) with no holds or wait times.

We'll be hosting a dozen events with other library systems across the peninsula, all virtually so you can watch, ask questions or draw along right from home. Check out the panel on queer comics for teens, a session on graphic memoirs, drawing workshops and more.

[Register Now](#)



[National Poetry Month: Celebrate at the Library](#)

Celebrate National Poetry Month with [San Mateo County Libraries](#) throughout the month of April. Pick up this month's poetry-themed Take & Make activity for kids at [our libraries](#). Looking for ways the whole family can celebrate National Poetry Month? Check out these

[upcoming events](#) in April, including one with [San Mateo County Poet Laureate Aileen Cassinotto](#).

[Celebrate Now](#)



[More Books in More Languages Are Coming Soon!](#)

We love our diverse community. And we're celebrating the many languages spoken in San Mateo County with some exciting news. We are expanding our collection of world language books! Coming soon, you'll find books in Chinese, Hindi, Japanese, Korean, Russian and Spanish at every [San Mateo County Libraries location](#). To start, check out some of our favorite children's books in all of these world languages!

[Read Now](#)



[In-Person English Conversation Clubs](#)

[San Mateo County Libraries](#) offers resources and programming to support English language learners. Our [in-person conversation clubs](#) allow you to practice with fluent speakers and other English language learners in small groups at our libraries. We're currently accepting [volunteers](#) to be adult literacy tutors. We also offer an Online ESL Book Club, Online ESL Classes and [more](#).

[Learn More](#)



[World Book Online: A Digital Encyclopedia Experience](#)

[San Mateo County Libraries](#) is thrilled to announce that we are now offering our library customers access to [World Book Online](#). World Book Online transforms the popular print World Book Encyclopedias into a dynamic online learning experience. Patrons can interact with World Book Online with six different modules.

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

[Tai Chi Class](#)

Ongoing in-person series

San Mateo County Libraries is offering a series of Tai Chi classes at its libraries across the county. Chen-style Taijiquan (Tai Chi) is widely acknowledged as the ancestor of all other styles of Taijiquan. This class will introduce the Chen-style Taijiquan form, Silk-reeling Exercises and Wuji Qigong.

[Paws for Tales](#)

Ongoing in-person series

Do you have a reluctant reader? Studies show that children who may not want to read in front of their peers are much less anxious with an animal present. Sign your child up to have their own session to practice reading with a therapy dog at the library.

[Composting With Fresh Approach](#)

Monday, April 11 • 11:00 AM

Join us to learn about composting! Get an in-depth view of where food waste comes from, what is compost, the benefits of composting, the different types of composting and how you can be a part of the solution! We will also learn about the Community Compost hub led by [Fresh Approach](#).

[From Sonnets to Satellites: Fostering Makers Through STEAM](#)

Tuesday, April 12 • 7:00 PM

How is a sonnet like a satellite? What is the connection between poetry and STEAM? Using a makerspace means learning processes common to technology-building, art-making, design and scientific exploration. Join us for an interactive discussion with San Mateo County Poet Laureate Emerita Lisa Rosenberg. We'll explore the A in STEAM by looking at poetry as a powerful laboratory for the process of making.

[聖馬刁縣圖書館中文讀書會 | Chinese Book Club](#)

Wednesday, April 20 • 4:00 PM

歡迎參加我們的網上中文讀書會。我們每月第三個星期三下午四點都會一起討論一本書。

Join our virtual monthly Chinese book club on Zoom! We meet online every third Wednesday of the month to [discuss the book we read](#).

[Atlas of Disappearing Places Earth Day Talk With Christina Conklin](#)

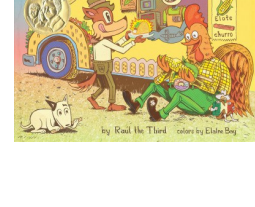
Wednesday, April 20 • 6:30 PM

Join us for our virtual Earth Day talk with Half Moon Bay author-illustrator [Christina Conklin](#)! Christina will discuss her book *The Atlas of Disappearing Places* with Deborah Penrose, Library Governing Board member and Half Moon Bay vice mayor, before taking questions from the audience.

[Explore All Events](#)

Community Picks

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



Children's Picture Book: [¡Vamos! Let's Go Eat](#) by [Raúl the Third](#)

Artists [Raúl the Third](#) and [Elaine Bay](#) take readers on a visual and sensory journey in this colorful story all about food! Get lost in each page's vivid and tantalizing illustrations, accompanied by a fusion of English and Spanish narration. Don't be surprised if you find yourself with an appetite after reading this book. ¡Provecho!

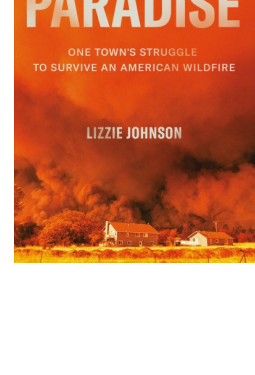
Kelly, East Palo Alto Library



Young Adult Fiction: [Patron Saints of Nothing](#) by [Randy Ribay](#)

I've not read many books with Filipino characters, so this YA Novel was refreshing and a great read to say the least! The main character, Jay, will take the reader on a journey of self discovery and what it means to be a part of something bigger than ourselves. Fun fact: Randy Ribay (the author) is a local Bay Area high school teacher!

Nancy, Half Moon Bay Library

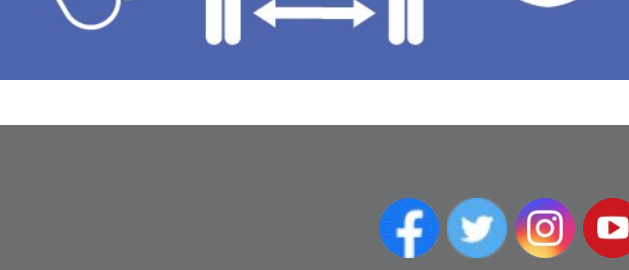


Adult Nonfiction: [Paradise: One Town's Struggle to Survive an American Wildfire](#) by [Lizzie Johnson](#)

Paradise is the definitive account of the unprecedented destruction of the rural community of Paradise, CA, by the historic Camp Fire in 2018. The stories of the residents of Paradise, who were caught unprepared by a wildfire that spread faster than any other in history, are told in vivid riveting detail. Named one of the Best Books of the Year by the *San Francisco Chronicle*, *Paradise* is an unputdownable page-turner.

Julie, Foster City Library

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