



Dear Community,

We've had the pleasure of hosting so many incredible authors already this year. Now, the trend continues with another all-star author lineup.

We are thrilled to be welcoming bestselling authors [Emily St. John Mandel](#) and [Janelle Brown](#) for upcoming events, and we hope you will join us!

[Emily St. John Mandel](#) will join us virtually on [Wednesday, April 27 at 6:00 PM](#). She will discuss her newest book, [Sea of Tranquility](#), with fellow author [Annalee Newitz](#) ([The Future of Another Timeline](#)). Emily's newest novel takes readers from Vancouver Island in 1912 to a dark colony on the moon 500 years later. It tells a story of art, love, plague and humanity across time and space, precisely capturing the reality of our current moment.

[Janelle Brown](#) will be discussing her latest book, [I'll Be You](#), answering questions and offering a book signing at the [Woodside Library](#) on [Sunday, May 1 at 1:00 PM](#). This author talk will be a hybrid event held in person at Woodside Library and online via a [Facebook](#) livestream. [I'll Be You](#) is a story packed with surprising revelations and sharp insights about the choices that define our families and our lives—and could just as easily destroy them.

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[We're Hiring for Big Lift Inspiring Summers Learning Facilitators!](#)

We're hiring! Know someone who loves kids and wants a summer job? We are looking for caring and dependable people **age 16 and older** to help support young learners in an active classroom environment this summer! Pay is competitive at **\$23.11 – \$33.00 per hour**. We have multiple positions open and both part-time and full-time opportunities are available.

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[Discover California State Parks On Us!](#)

We're thrilled to begin offering free California State Parks passes for checkout at some San Mateo County Libraries today, Friday, April 22. The [California State Library Parks Pass](#) program is a partnership between [California State Parks](#) and the [California State Library](#). Check out one of our Explore Our Parks Packs to borrow a hiking backpack complete with a California State Parks vehicle day-use pass, good to use at more than 200 State Parks!

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[Recognize Earth Day April 22](#)

Learn more and get inspired this Earth Day today, Friday, April 22, with new reading lists and recent events. Check out our [Earth Day 2022](#) list for resources on the impact of waste and how to minimize it. Our [Queer Ecology Resources](#) list shares materials that explore the environmental sustainability movement and its relationship to the queer community. Want to view a recent Earth Day-related event? Visit our [YouTube](#) to watch a recording of [Meet Christina Conklin, Author of Atlas of Disappearing Places](#).

[Explore Now](#)



[Celebrate Ramadan](#)

This year, Ramadan began April 1 and will end the evening of May 1. Celebrate Ramadan or learn more about this month focused on fasting and reflection with this list of children's books chosen by our team and available at [San Mateo County Libraries](#). Ramadan Mubarak!

[Celebrate Now](#)

# Explore More

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

[Peninsula Comic Arts Fest](#)

**Saturday, April 23 – Sunday, April 30**

Join us for a virtual week of festivities including author visits, workshops, panel discussions and other comics-related programs to celebrate the importance of comics.

[Labor Market Information: Find Your Next Job](#)

**Tuesday, April 26 • 8:00 AM**

Are you interested in finding a job or changing careers? This workshop will provide job seekers with the basics of how to effectively use Labor Market Information as an essential tool to make informed, accurate decisions on how to get a job, improve your skills or enhance your career.

[Art Talk – Adornment: Displays of Wealth and Power](#)

**Wednesday, April 27 • 7:00 PM**

For thousands of years, people of all countries and cultures have ornamented themselves with costly, intricate and often symbolic jewelry to attest to their wealth, status and importance. Cultures from the ancient Persians and Koreans to 18th century ethnic Indonesians to modern Chinese and South Asians have loved beautifully crafted adornment. Join us online to see examples of eye-catching and meaningful wearable art from the [Asian Art Museum](#).

[STEAM Team!](#)

**Upcoming events April 27 & 28**

Our STEAM Based! series takes place once a month in person at [our libraries](#) with a new theme based on science, technology, engineering, art or math. The series is designed for 2nd – 5th graders and space is limited to 20 participants at each library each month. Register for the event to guarantee your slot. Bring your curiosity, imagination and excitement, and we'll provide the rest!

[Meet Bestselling Author V. E. Schwab](#)

**Join us and meet the bestselling author V. E. Schwab**

as they discuss their new book [Gallant](#). In it, V.E. Schwab crafts a vivid and lush novel that grapples with the demons that are often locked behind closed doors. Register to save your virtual seat and receive information on how to receive a free promotional copy of [Gallant](#).

[Food Smarts Waste Reduction Workshops](#)

**May-June**

Join Leah's Pantry in these workshops and learn how to reduce food waste, including food preservation techniques and the benefits of composting. This is a three-class series. You don't have to attend all three classes to earn farmers market vouchers, but we highly encourage you to participate in all for the best learning experience! This workshop will be offered in person at multiple San Mateo County Libraries.

[Explore All Events](#)

# Community Picks

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



**Children's Fiction: [The In-Between](#) by [Rebecca K.S. Ansari](#)**

Are you a young fan of the macabre? This book is for you! The story follows Cooper and his sister as they uncover the truth about the connection between the creepy girl next door and a boy who died in a deadly train crash years ago. It is fast-paced and includes elements of magic and the supernatural, as well as themes of friendship, loneliness and what it means to be a family. For ages 8–12.

*Angela, Pacifica Sharp Park Library*



**Young Adult Fiction: [Beasts of Prey](#) by [Ayana Gray](#)**

[Beasts of Prey](#) is an exhilarating coming-of-age story with many twists and turns. Koffi, an indentured beastkeeper, and Ekon, a soon-to-be warrior, create an alliance to capture the Shentani, a beast that lives in the greater jungle! Along the journey, both Ekon and Koffi uncover secrets about their village and learn more about themselves. From the start, the reader is sucked into a different world and is entranced the entire time. [Beasts of Prey](#) is the first book of a trilogy and the second novel comes out this summer! This book is not your typical YA fantasy novel.

*Irma, North Fair Oaks Library*



**Adult Documentary: [Dawson City: Frozen Time](#) directed by [Bill Morrison](#)**

Part film studies, part Gold Rush-era history, part fever dream, this unique and compelling documentary has everything. In 1978, a cache of silent films and newsreels from the 1900s were found under the permafrost in the Yukon territory. The documentary fuses the long-lost films with a history of Dawson City, the Canadian boomtown where the reels were discovered, and film production of that era. All backed by a Sigur Rós soundtrack, this documentary is not to be missed! Stream it free on [Kanopy](#) or borrow it on [Blu-ray](#) or [DVD](#).

*Claire, Pacifica Sanchez Library*

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