

Dear Community,

We know how excited community members are to celebrate the brand-new [Atherton Library](#), and we feel the same way!

On [Saturday, June 4, at 12:00 PM](#), we will be hosting a grand celebration to mark the opening of the new library and welcome you for a day of activities, tech demos, storytime readings and more. We'll kick off the day with remarks from community leaders before heading inside.

Come see familiar faces and meet new library staff who are here to help you. We'll be ready to teach you how to use the tech, lead sing-alongs, help you check out materials and more. Architecture tours will share insights about the building and its sustainable features.

This light-filled new library tucked among old-growth trees will feature an expanded collection, makerspace and digital lab, a quiet reading room, Willie Mays room and three outdoor decks that invite you to relax, read or explore.

[RSVP on Facebook](#) to let us know you're coming! We'll also share a livestream of the speakers on the day of the event.

[Celebrate With Us](#)



[Bike to Your Library Weekend 2022](#)

Grab your helmet, fill up your water bottle, hop on your bicycle and ride out to your nearest [San Mateo County Libraries](#) location during our Bike to Your Library Weekend starting this [Friday, May 20 – Sunday, May 22](#). This Bike to Your Library Weekend comes with special news. San Mateo County Libraries is expanding our [Book-A-Bike](#) service to all locations starting Friday, May 20!

[Explore Now](#)



[Library on the Go! Download Our Updated App](#)

[San Mateo County Libraries](#) has released an updated mobile app with improved features, and we can't wait for you to explore it! Our updated app offers a streamlined design and new features, including self-service check-in and check-out right from your [iOS](#) or [Android](#) mobile device.

[Discover Now](#)



[Take the 2022 Summer Learning Challenge!](#)

Join us for the [Summer Learning Challenge June 1 – August 31](#)! The Summer Learning Challenge is just that: a challenge for children, teens and adults to keep the learning fun going all year long. We've got a full lineup of fun, engaging, entertaining and educational programs and offerings. Log your reading, visit us in person, take part in our upcoming activities and get inspired to do some exploring this summer!

[Take the Challenge](#)



[Memorial Day Closures](#)

A reminder that [San Mateo County Libraries](#) will be closed and [Customer Care](#) will not be available on [Sunday, May 29 – Monday, May 30](#) in observance of Memorial Day. Libraries will open again on Tuesday, May 31.

Explore More

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

[Food Dehydrating for Backpacking](#)

Tuesday, May 24 • 4:00 PM

Looking to lighten the load in your backpack and have delicious meals on the trail that fit your food preferences? Learn how to dehydrate your backpacking meals from the [UCCE Master Food Preservers of San Francisco & San Mateo Counties](#). They will go over the basics on how to dehydrate, put together meals and portion what you make.

[Storytime](#)

Ongoing Offering

Join us for a storytime offering at one of [our locations](#) near you. Enjoy stories, songs and dance. Find the storytime theme that fits you and your family – whether [bilingual](#) or geared for [baby bouncing!](#)

[Be Sensitive, Be Brave for Mental Health](#)

Wednesday, May 25 • 6:30 PM

This free workshop from [San Mateo County Behavioral Health & Recovery Services Office of Diversity & Equity](#) and [StarVista](#) prepares community members to help friends and loved ones during times of distress. Learn how to recognize mental health conditions, what to do when someone needs support and how to use tools to maintain good mental health.

[Equity Through Art: Black Indigenous Youth of Color: Experiences in San Mateo County and Aspirations for the Future](#)

Wednesday, May 25 • 6:30 PM

Hearing directly from diverse youth leaders is critical for San Mateo County's understanding of who we are, as well as who we can be in the future. But not all BIPOC youth feel accepted or celebrated in all settings across the county. This webinar panel is organized by a subcommittee of the [County Youth Commission](#) and will feature several additional youth from across the county who will share their experiences and aspirations through stories and other art forms.

[Art Talk – Honoring the Dead: Afterlife Beliefs and Funerary Practices in Ancient Asia](#)

Wednesday, May 25 • 7:00 PM

Rituals that honor and respect the dead are part of all cultures and religions. Belief in an afterlife state is reflected in these rituals, whether it is that the honored person passes to another life, to a paradise existence or to union with the universe. Come explore some of the fascinating practices that accompany death in various Asian belief systems and countries.

[Film Screening & Panel: Angst](#)

Saturday, May 28 • 2:00 PM

Join us at the [San Carlos Library](#) for a free special screening of [Angst](#), a film that combines personal stories from teenagers suffering from anxiety with expert perspectives. A Q&A panel from the [StarVista Crisis Center](#) will follow. This event aims to help remove stigma when talking about anxiety and other mental health conditions and orient youth and families to mental health resources in their community.

[Explore All Events](#)

Community Picks

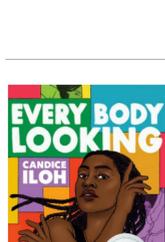
Our Community Picks titles are available digitally through [online resources](#) or in print at [our libraries](#).



Children's Fiction: [Dawn Raid](#) by [Pauline Vaeluaga Smith](#)

Sofia is a typical 12-year-old in 1976 New Zealand who likes to go-go boots and disco music. Her father is Samoan and her mother is of European descent. Sofia soon learns about dawn raids, where police come into the homes of Pacific Islanders in the early morning hours looking for people who have overstayed their work permits. Pretty soon, Sofia's family becomes a target. This is an accessible account of the civil rights activities in 1970s New Zealand and the Polynesian Panthers told from the perspective of a young person. For Grades 4–6.

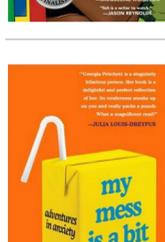
Angela, Pacifica Sharp Park Library



Young Adult New Fiction: [Every Body Looking](#) by [Candice Iloh](#)

A story in verse written with powerful and empowering words about leaving home and finding your place in the world.

Kathryn, Woodside Library



Adult Nonfiction: [My Mess is a Bit of a Life: Adventures in Anxiety](#) by [Georgia Pritchett](#)

A British comedy writer shares a series of autobiographical vignettes, covering topics from her childhood to sexism in the entertainment industry to parenthood. Her anecdotes are at turns funny, frustrating and poignant.

Amy, Portola Valley Library

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