



Dear Community,

It's official – the 2022 [Summer Learning Challenge](#) is on! We're excited to invite you to a full lineup of fun, engaging, entertaining and educational programs and performers for this year's challenge, running from **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. This includes reading, of course, but it can also mean going outside to explore a new park, practicing a new language or coming to one of our many [fun events and performances](#). We'll have offerings for all ages featuring multicultural celebrations, music, animal shows, [author talks](#) and a little bit of magic.

Children can even win fun prizes like a family membership to [CuriOdyssey](#) or a \$1,000 college scholarship! Filling out Summer Learning Challenge reading logs increases your chances of winning. Pick up a log at [your local library](#), register online by going to [summerlearners.org](#) or [download and print](#) a copy of the log if you'd prefer.

And remember, all reading counts! Whether you read a book yourself, listen to an audiobook, read to someone or have them read to you. So, what are you going to read this summer?

[Take the Challenge](#)



[Kick off Summer With the San Mateo County Fair!](#)

[San Mateo County Libraries](#) has tons of summer fun waiting for you at the [San Mateo County Fair June 4 – June 12](#). The County Fair is one of our favorite events of the year! We will have engaging activities to offer, including a reading garden, an opportunity for hands-on learning with our [Bookmobile](#) and crafts, and the opportunity to sign up for the [Summer Learning Challenge](#).

[Kick Off Summer Now](#)



[San Mateo County Libraries Voter Resources](#)

Tuesday, June 7 is Election Day. [San Mateo County Libraries](#) has non-partisan voter resources available online for you to learn about election information, voter registration, deadlines and more. On Election Day, June 7, all 45 San Mateo County [Vote Centers](#) will be open from 7:00 AM – 8:00 PM.

[Get Informed](#)



[Meet Sandor Katz, Author of Fermentation Journeys](#)

[San Mateo County Libraries](#) welcomes James Beard Award winner and *New York Times*-bestselling author Sandor Katz on **Thursday, June 9 at 6:00 PM**. Sandor will share his global travels and insight into the magic of fermentation from his book, [Sandor Katz's Fermentation Journeys](#), before taking questions from the audience. A self-taught experimentalist who lives in rural Tennessee, his explorations in fermentation developed out of his overlapping interests in cooking, nutrition and gardening.

[Register Now](#)



[Explore Your Family History With the 1950 Census](#)

There's exciting news in the genealogy world! The [National Archives](#) have released the data from the 1950 Census to the public. For the first time, they used artificial intelligence software to identify names, so you can immediately search your family to discover where they were living in 1950! We share some ideas on how to celebrate your family's history, including links to free, helpful online resources.

[Discover Now](#)

Explore More

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

[It's a Celebration! Summer Kickoff Party](#)

Friday, June 3 • 1:00 PM • [Half Moon Bay Library](#)

Find out what the library has to offer this summer. Join us as we celebrate the beginning of a fun-filled summer. We will have crafts, games and much more!

Descubra lo que la biblioteca tiene para ofrecer este verano. Únase a nosotros para celebrar el comienzo de un verano lleno de diversión. ¡Tendremos manualidades, juegos y mucho más!

[The New Atherton Library Celebration](#)

Saturday, June 4 • 12:00 PM • [Atherton Library](#)

It's time for a grand celebration to mark the opening of [the new Atherton Library](#), and you're invited! Join us for a day of activities, tech demos, storytime readings and more. Come see familiar faces and meet new library staff who are here to show you how to use tech, sign you up for a [free library card](#), help you check out materials from our expanded collection and more.

[San Mateo County Mosquito and Vector Control Workshop](#)

Monday, June 6 • 3:00 PM • [North Fair Oaks Library](#)

Learn how to control mosquitoes, ticks, yellowjackets and other pests from the [San Mateo County Mosquito and Vector Control District](#).

Obtenga información sobre cómo controlar los mosquitos, las garrapatas, las chaquetas amarillas y otras plagas con el [Distrito de Control de Mosquitos y Vectores del Condado de San Mateo](#).

[Juan Sánchez Presents a Musical Fiesta](#)

June 9, August 4 & August 27 • In person at some San Mateo County Libraries

Let's play and sing together! ¡Vamos a jugar y a cantar juntos! This interactive show will have children of all ages playing musical cooperative games from different cultures. Everyone will be playing, dancing, clapping, giggling and singing to Juan's catchy multilingual tunes.

[Paint Like Georges Seurat](#)

June 10, 14 & 16, July 28 & August 18 • In person at some San Mateo County Libraries

Use your creativity to make a painting at our Paint Like Georges Seurat event. [Georges Pierre Seurat](#) was a French post-Impressionist artist. Christie from Christie's Creative Cupboard will provide the 8 x 10 canvas, acrylic paints and brushes, you bring the creativity! Christie will bring examples of the artist's work to inspire you as well as encourage and provide tips while you paint. Registration is limited.

[Secrets to Successful Succulent Landscaping](#)

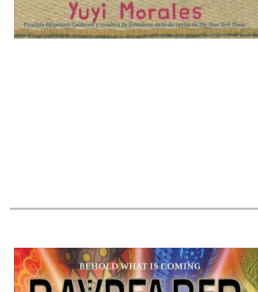
Thursday, June 16 • 4:00 PM

Learn the secrets to a successful, healthy and colorful succulent landscape from Janice Moody, a local Master Gardener, nursery owner and garden designer in this online event. She will offer pre-planting considerations before you go out and buy a truckload of plants and then ponder where to put them. She will also discuss garden design basics, her favorite hardy landscape succulents for the Bay Area and how to care for and maintain your succulents.

[Explore All Events](#)

Community Picks

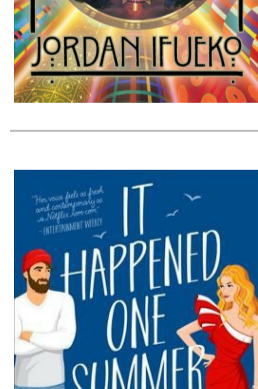
Our Community Picks titles are available digitally through [online resources](#) or in print at our [libraries](#).



Children's Nonfiction: [Lucero / Bright Star](#) by [Yuyi Morales](#)

The latest release from one of my favorite author-illustrators, [Yuyi Morales](#). Beautifully illustrated with simple, yet empowering bilingual text. There is so much to explore and uncover in this borderlands story.

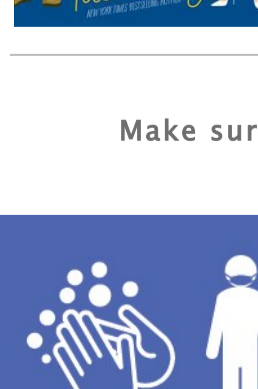
Kelly, East Palo Alto Library



Young Adult Fiction: [Raybearer](#) by [Jordan Ifueko](#)

A beautifully immersive world, this fantasy novel is a wonderful read if you, like me, love some good world-building! With court drama, life and death stakes, and a creative magic system, this book was a fun listen and a perfect choice for a road trip!

Gwyneth, Atherton & San Carlos Libraries



Adult New Romance: [It Happened One Summer](#) by [Tessa Bailey](#)

A grumpy and sunshine romance with a spoiled rich girl and a hard-working captain. Funny and will keep you on your toes.

Sabrina, Half Moon Bay Library

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For the latest updates on COVID-19

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