Dear Community,

We're excited to welcome author Amanda Jayatissa on Thursday, July 14, at 7:00 PM. Jayatissa will discuss her debut book, *A Thousand Words for Nothing*, which is a coming-of-age story following two teenage girls in Sri Lanka and San Francisco. "This is a story about friendship, lies, and guilt," saying the book "is a stunning and original read!". It follows Paloma Evans, whose childhood starts in a Sri Lankan orphanage. Once she was adopted and made it to America, Paloma expected her perfect life to begin. Now 30 years old and living in San Francisco, Paloma finds her past is catching up to her. When she sublets the spare bedroom of her apartment to a man named Arun, he discovers Paloma’s darkest secret. Before she can pay him off, she finds him dead. By the time the police arrive, there’s no body—and no evidence that Arun ever even existed in the first place.

Stay tuned for updates on new events, and if you are not already subscribed to our weekly eNewsletter or would like to browse past issues, visit our eNewsletter page. Libraries. You can make sure to continue to receive messages related to your library account, including holds and due dates. *Open for Exploration*

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You bring the creativity and imagination, we bring the supplies! Join us for a fun project at the Half Moon Bay Library! You can make use of our creative supplies and return them to us when you're done. You don’t need any previous skills to join in! Bring your friends to make it more fun. Give yourself a break from the kids for a few hours so you can get back to exploring your creative side. No reservations necessary—just drop in! Please be aware that this program has limited space.

**Youth DIY: Make a Magic Kit**
**Tuesday, July 12 • 3:00 PM • Half Moon Bay Library**

You know about the old-fashioned magic kits. Learn how to make your own DIY magic kit using household items. Our staff will teach you how to make and perform five different tricks. Come ready to have fun and make your own magic kit to take home!

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**Want to try it out?**
**Look for a new book every Sunday by checking out BiblioBoard!**

To sign up for BiblioBoard

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**LGBTQ+ Book Club With San Mateo Pride Center**
**Wednesday, July 6 • 4:30 PM**

This monthly book club is open to everyone 18+! While queer literature is a common theme, the club reads and discusses books of all forms and genres. July's book is *My Lovely Wife* by Charles Yu. "This is a story about a woman named Paloma Evans, whose husband Arun is missing. Years after Arun disappears, Paloma discovers that Arun is alive, and that she has a son. She sets off on a quest to find her husband and son, even if it means confronting the truth about her own identity."

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**ESL Book Club**
**July 9, August 4, 16 & 22 • In person at some San Mateo County Libraries**

Savage discusses books of all forms and genres. July's book is *Cattywampus* by Ash Van Otterloo. "This is a coming-of-age story following two teenage girls who are practicing witchcraft on their own. They have to learn how to master their powers and keep their secrets a secret from their families. Delpha and Katybird are two teenage girls who have to keep their powers a secret outside of their families. Delpha must learn how to control her witchcraft, while Katybird must learn how to control her own powers."

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**Vinyasa Yoga**
**Thursday, July 7 • 11:30 AM**

Vinyasa yoga is a flow style that includes a combination of asanas and pranayama. This style of yoga is known for its smooth transitions between poses, allowing for a continuous flow of movement. Vinyasa yoga is a great choice for those who enjoy a challenging and dynamic practice. Join us for a class and experience the benefits of this popular style of yoga.

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**Foster City Library**

More than 350,000 species of beetles have been discovered and described by scientists around the world. In this family-friendly presentation, author and nature advocate Mark Haddon will introduce you to the incredible diversity of beetles and discuss their role in the ecosystem. You can learn about the different types of beetles, their habits, and how they interact with other animals. This is a perfect opportunity to get up close and personal with these fascinating creatures.

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**Linda Parker Hamilton covers all aspects of a memoir including: why we write our stories and how to turn them into books.**

**July 9, August 4, 16 & 22 • In person at some San Mateo County Libraries**

This memoir workshop is open to everyone 18+. Linda Parker Hamilton covers all aspects of writing your memoir, including why we write our stories and how to turn them into books. Participants will leave this interactive workshop with a clear understanding of the memoir writing process and the tools they need to start or continue their own memoirs.

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**Library Programs**

Find out more about our family of libraries! You can always find us online at smcl.org. We're thrilled to announce a powerful suite of writing tools and resources, including Pressbooks, Discover, and Indie Author Project. With these tools, you can easily create, manage, and promote your content. Whether you're an established author or just getting started, we have the resources you need to succeed.

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**Community Picks**

Our Community Picks titles are available digitally through online resources or in print at a library near you. If you prefer not to receive future emails, you will still have access to all our library programs and resources. Please be aware that this program has limited space.

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**FAQs**

What are your library programs about?

Our library programs are designed to engage and educate our community. We offer a wide range of programs, including book clubs, workshops, and events for all ages. Whether you're a reader, a writer, or just looking for something new to try, we have something for you. If you have any questions about our library programs, please feel free to contact us at info@smcl.org.

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San Mateo County Libraries

Opening Hours

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**Covid-19**

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