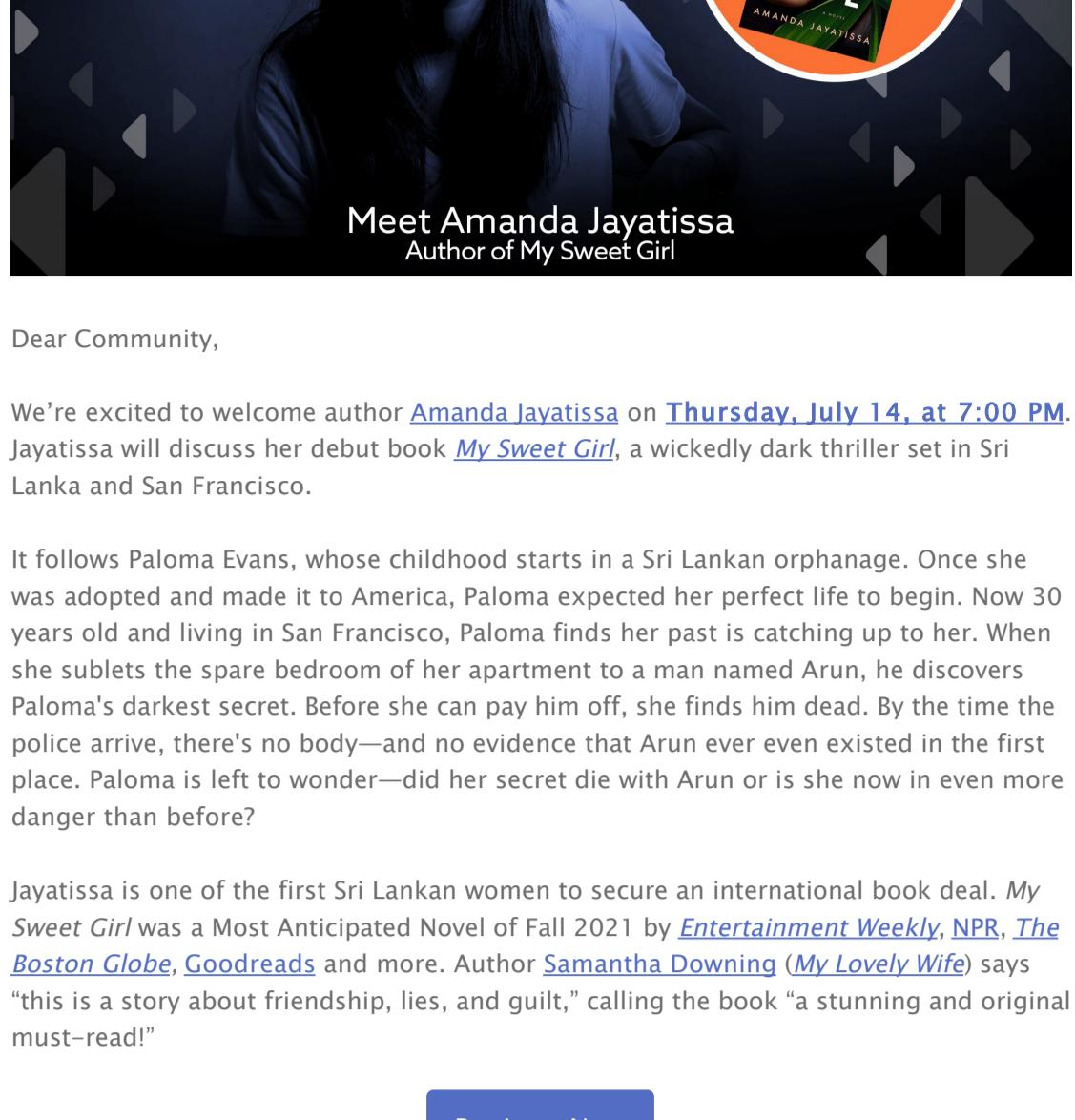




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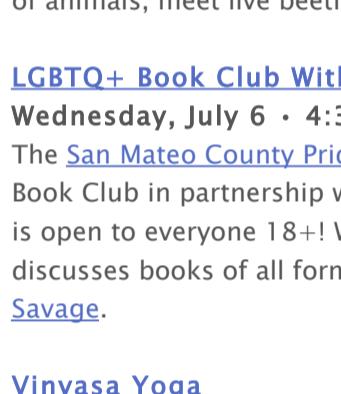
Dear Community,

We're excited to welcome author [Amanda Jayatissa](#) on **Thursday, July 14, at 7:00 PM.** Jayatissa will discuss her debut book [My Sweet Girl](#), a wickedly dark thriller set in Sri Lanka and San Francisco.

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. Paloma is left to wonder—did her secret die with Arun or is she now in even more danger than before?

Jayatissa is one of the first Sri Lankan women to secure an international book deal. *My Sweet Girl* was a Most Anticipated Novel of Fall 2021 by [Entertainment Weekly](#), [NPR](#), [The Boston Globe](#), [Goodreads](#) and more. Author [Samantha Downing](#) (*My Lovely Wife*) says "this is a story about friendship, lies, and guilt," calling the book "a stunning and original must-read!"

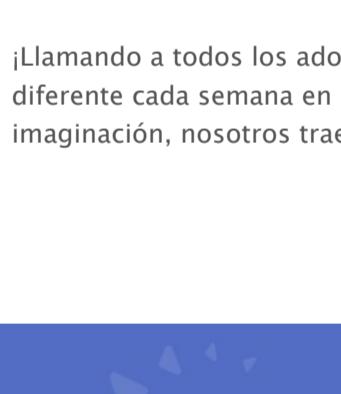
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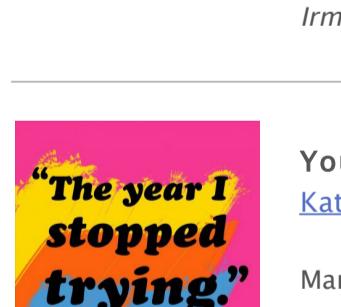
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[Looking for a New Hobby? Give Knitting or Crocheting a Try!](#)

While crocheting may be easier for beginners, both knitting and crocheting are creative and relaxing, and produce beautifully finished products. [Foster City Library](#) and [Millbrae Library](#) have knitting and crochet circles that meet regularly, where you can bring your current project to unwind, socialize and troubleshoot!

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[Independence Day Closures](#)

A reminder that [San Mateo County Libraries](#) will be closed and [Customer Care](#) will not be available on Sunday, July 3 – Monday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day. We will reopen on Tuesday, July 5, when [Portola Valley Library](#) will launch 7-day-a-week service with new expanded hours! You can always find us online at [smcl.org](#).

Explore More

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

[Beetlelady: Beautiful Beetles](#)

Friday, July 1 • 2:00 PM • Foster City Library

More than 350,000 species of beetles have been discovered and described by scientists – that's one out of every five species known on Earth! Learn about this fascinating group of animals, meet live beetles and learn about their incredible diversity.

[LGBTQ+ Book Club With San Mateo Pride Center](#)

Wednesday, July 6 • 4:30 PM

The [San Mateo County Pride Center](#) and [Peninsula Family Service](#) co-host the LGBTQ+ Book Club in partnership with [San Mateo County Libraries](#) every month. This 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 *The Power of the Dog* by [Thomas Savage](#).

[Vinyasa Yoga](#)

Thursday, July 7 • 11:30 AM

Join certified yoga instructors for accessible well-rounded vinyasa-inspired flow yoga on alternating Thursdays. Enjoy grounded breathing and a gentle warm-up before getting into a moving meditation as you flow from one pose to another. Sessions will focus on relieving stress and rejuvenating your body.

[Writing Your Memoir](#)

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

Linda Parker Hamilton covers all aspects of a memoir including: why we write our stories, how to get started, how to keep going, how to make it a page-turner, how to finish the project and even alternatives to writing. Participants will leave this interactive workshop with a partial outline and story as well as resources to keep them going.

[ESL Book Club](#)

Monday, July 11 • 4:00 PM

Read books and learn English at the same time. Join other language learners in a virtual meeting to read together and discuss the text. Attendees read aloud and discuss the book *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time* by [Mark Haddon](#). Please be aware that this program has limited space.

[Teen Craft Club / Arte Para Jovenes](#)

Tuesday, July 12 • 3:00 PM • Half Moon Bay Library

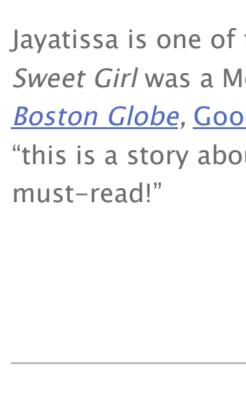
Calling all teens! Join us for a different project and activity every week in the Teen Room. You bring the creativity and imagination, we bring the supplies!

¡Llamando a todos los adolescentes! Acompañanos para un proyecto y actividad diferente cada semana en la sala de adolescentes. ¡Tú traes la creatividad y la imaginación, nosotros traemos los materiales!

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Community Picks

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



[Children's Fiction: *Cattywampus* by Ash Van Otterloo](#)

Cattywampus is a coming-of-age story following two teenage witches, Katybird Hearn and Delpha McGill, who have to keep their powers a secret outside of their families. Delpha must learn to practice witchcraft on her own since it is forbidden by her mother, and Katybird is unsure if she will ever develop magical abilities. Things go awry when these two novice witches start practicing witchcraft on their own. Follow along as things unravel, and they confront animated sheds, ghosts and zombies!

Irma Ramos Arreaga, North Fair Oaks Library



[Young Adult Fiction: *The Year I Stopped Trying* by Katie Heaney](#)

Mary, an excellent student who is never in trouble, doesn't turn in a school assignment... and nothing happens. So she does it again, and still nothing happens. Mary begins to wonder why she has been working so hard and following the rules all this time, and what will happen if she just stops trying?

Amy Selmi, Atherton Library



[Adult Fiction: *Interior Chinatown* by Charles Yu](#)

Imagine your life as a television show. This novel by [Charles Yu](#) does exactly that. He cleverly crafts a story that seamlessly weaves between script and reality, leaving the reader wondering which is which. The protagonist is Willis Wu, an Asian American who questions when Asians will become and be recognized as Americans. This story explores the racial structure of the United States and especially the Chinese American experience.

Angela Luis, Pacifica Sanchez Library

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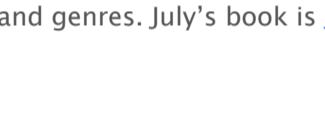


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