



## Introducing Middle Scholars

STEAM Learning Opportunities for Middle School Youth

Dear Community,

We're excited to launch [Middle Scholars](#), a new summer science program for middle school students that we can't wait for you to explore!

We'll be providing engaging STEAM learning opportunities to middle school youth this summer, in partnership with three [County of San Mateo](#) agencies. STEAM stands for science, technology, engineering, arts and math. Each hands-on session will highlight the diversity of STEAM experiences available to help spark a lifelong curiosity and interest in these areas.

This month, we'll have an educator from the [San Mateo County Mosquito and Vector Control District](#), in July we'll be joined by the County's [Office of Sustainability](#) and in August our Middle Scholars will learn from the San Mateo County [Parks Department](#).

In addition to these partner programs, every library location will host at least one STEAM-themed [escape room-style challenge](#) for middle schoolers! We're looking forward to a summer of discovery with our Middle Scholars.

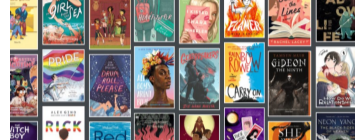
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### [Celebrate Juneteenth](#)

Juneteenth on June 19 is a day known as Freedom Day and was made a national holiday in 2021. It was on this day when enslaved people in Galveston, Texas, learned from the Union Army that the Civil War was over and they were free from slavery. Learn more about this day, find ways to celebrate and see our Juneteenth-themed reading lists for [youth](#) and [adults](#). [San Mateo County Libraries](#) and [Customer Care](#) will be closed in observation of Juneteenth on Sunday, June 19, and Monday, June 20. We are always open at [smcl.org](#).

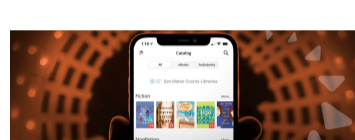
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### [Celebrate Pride 2022](#)

Celebrate Pride this June by delving into our reading lists! These staff-picked reads are perfect for honoring Pride for [adults](#), [teens](#) and [children](#). Discover stories from various genres, covering life, love and self-discovery with LGBTQ+ characters.

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### [Introducing The Palace Project App](#)

We're excited to announce that we're piloting [The Palace Project](#) app! This new app is an all-in-one eBook and audiobook platform that combines content from our popular digital content resources [Axis 360](#), [OverDrive](#) and [enki](#) with a richer feature set. Patrons can continue to use [SimplyE](#) during The Palace Project pilot. Let us know what you think!

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### [Celebrate National Audiobook Month With Us](#)

Each June marks National Audiobook Month and we welcome you to celebrate with your [local library](#)! Audiobooks provide important access to books for those with impaired vision, help English Language Learners, give readers of different levels equal access to books and they are also a fun way to read. Resources including [Axis 360](#), [Hoopla](#), [OverDrive](#) and CDs in our catalog make it easy for you to borrow audiobooks for free.

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# Explore More

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

### [Meditation in the 21st Century – Why Meditation Matters Even More](#)

Thursday, June 16 • 6:00 PM

Incorporating meditation into one's life has many positive effects. With all the stresses in today's modern world, meditation is needed more than ever. Learn a simple meditation technique from long-time meditator Ajili Hodari, Esq. that can help you in all aspects of your life.

### [Blood Drives With Stanford Blood Center](#)

June 17 & June 26 • 10:00 AM • Foster City Library and Belmont Library

It's time to make your appointment for our upcoming blood drives at [Foster City Library](#) and [Belmont Library](#)! Every day, blood donors save lives and improve the well-being of people right here in our community. There are limited time slots available for donation so please register. This program is offered with the [Stanford Blood Center](#).

### [Library Explorers](#)

June 21, 22, 24, 28 & 29 • In person at some San Mateo County Libraries

Reimagined Library Explorers programs, based on our popular summer 2021 camps, are scaled down so kids can enjoy these "bite-sized" experiences without having to register, available instead on a first come, first served basis. Join us as we explore slime, kinetic sand and more!

### [Food Smarts Waste Reduction Workshop](#)

June 22, 23, 24 & 27 • In person at some San Mateo County Libraries

Learn how to reduce food waste, including food preservation techniques and the benefits of composting. You'll receive free \$6 farmers' market vouchers in the mail for every class you attend. If you attend all three classes, you can earn up to \$18 in vouchers!

### [STEAM Team! Art: Faux Stained Glass](#)

June 22 & 30 • In person at some San Mateo County Libraries

Our [STEAM Team!](#) series for 2nd – 5th graders takes place once a month with a new theme based on science, technology, engineering, art or mathematics. Come learn how to make spectacular, sophisticated faux stained glass art using simple supplies. Register for the event to guarantee your slot. Walk-ins will be welcomed based on availability.

### [Pickle Fermentation Workshop](#)

Saturday, June 25 • 2:00 PM

A perfectly tart and crispy lacto-fermented pickle is easier to make than you think! All it takes is a little patience and the help of some friendly microbes. Join the [UCCE Master Food Preservers of San Mateo and San Francisco Counties](#) to learn how.

[Explore All Events](#)

# Community Picks

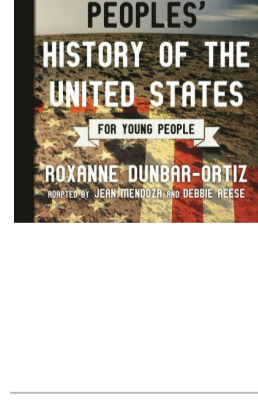
Our Community Picks titles are available digitally through [online resources](#) or in print at our [libraries](#).



Children's Nonfiction: [Classified: The Secret Career of Mary Golda Ross, Cherokee Aerospace Engineer](#) by [Traci Sorell](#)

Mary Golda Ross designed classified projects for Lockheed Air Corporation as the company's first female engineer. Find out how her passion for math and the Cherokee values she was raised with shaped her life and work.

Jessica, Pacifica Libraries



Young Adult Nonfiction: [An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States for Young People](#) by [Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz](#), adapted by [Jean Mendoza](#) and [Debbie Reese](#)

The [original academic text](#) has been adapted for middle-grade and young adult readers. It includes maps, illustrations and photographs, as well as sidebars that encourage young readers to analyze the ideas, open up opportunities for discussion and empathy and encourage them to apply the content in their life.

Rachel, Foster City Library

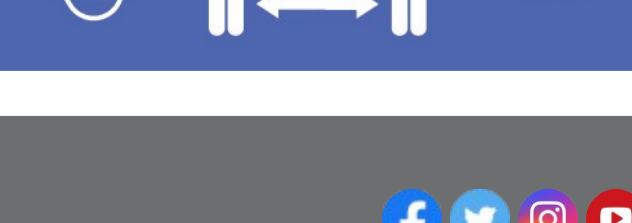


Adult New Fiction: [The Witch's Heart](#) by [Genevieve Gornichec](#)

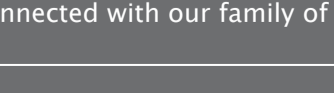
[The Witch's Heart](#) centers on Angrboda, wife of the Norse god Loki, and how her struggle with the gods leads to Ragnarok. I would recommend this book to fans of [Circe](#) by [Madeline Miller](#).

Gabriela, Millbrae Library

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