

Dear Community,

We still have weeks of summer left to enjoy, which means more opportunities for fun, learning and exploration with [San Mateo County Libraries](#). We've rounded up some of our best summer offerings to remind you to mark your calendars and join us.

First up on the list of can't miss summer programming is our [Summer Learning Challenge!](#) The challenge is intended to keep children, teens and adults learning, reading and discovering all year long. We encourage you to track your reading with our [reading logs](#) and invite you to join us for [live music shows](#), [insect-themed events](#), [author talks](#) and more. Sign up for the Summer Learning challenge [online](#) or at [your local library](#).

Is your middle schooler bored of summer already? Get them to the library for our [Middle Scholars](#) program! This summer we've partnered with the [County of San Mateo](#) to offer these learning opportunities focused on STEAM – science, technology, engineering, arts and math. In August, we'll host [Middle Scholars: Animals Engineers](#). Together we'll explore aspects of engineering in nature and learn about biomimicry through a presentation and hands-on learning.

We also have [Summer Movie Mondays](#) at [Millbrae Library](#), [Tech Tuesdays](#) at [East Palo Alto Library](#) and [storytimes](#) with opportunities to dance and sing across all [our locations](#). Come cool off and celebrate summer at the library!



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### [Adult Crime Comics](#)

One of the things we love about fiction is getting to experience the world through a lens you've never encountered yourself. Heist, crime, pulp and mystery stories grab us on the page, and really POP when you add the visual element of comic books and graphic novels. We promise these modern crime comics for adults will get your pulse racing and pages flipping!

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### [Jumpstart Your Language Learning Goals](#)

Are you ready to learn a new language? We're here to help with [Pronunciator](#), a browser-based platform you can access on a computer, tablet or smartphone. Courses are offered for 163 languages worldwide, and each course offers audio lessons, vocabulary, translations and thousands of instructional phrases. For young language learners, we also have options to stream language lesson videos on [Kanopy](#) and [Hoopla](#).

[Jumpstart Now](#)

## Explore More

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

### [NOVAworks Job Center Resource Hour](#)

July 29, August 3, 5, 10 & 12 • Some San Mateo County Libraries

Are you looking for a job or a change of career? [NOVAworks](#) representatives will be inside the library to share job search resources. Come learn about workshop opportunities, career advisors and more! No appointment is necessary.

### [Attracting Hummingbirds to Your Garden](#)

Saturday, July 30 • 10:30 AM • Foster City Library

This workshop will help home gardeners explore a small selection of native and drought-tolerant perennial plants that attract hummingbirds year-round. We will feature several plants for each season and talk a little about these magical birds! Space is limited, so please register in advance.

### [Tech Tuesdays: 3D Printing Using Scratch and Tinkercad](#)

Tuesday, August 2 • 6:00 PM • East Palo Alto Library

Join us with local educator Jon Bryant of [EdTech Tours](#) for an evening of prototyping, designing and 3D printing that children and teens will enjoy! Bring your ideas and drawings (and STL files if you have them) to create a keychain, stamp and more.

### [中英雙語故事時間 | Mandarin/English Bilingual Storytime](#)

Friday, August 5 • 10:30 AM • Belmont Library

歡迎參加中英雙語故事時間！任何年齡的孩子都歡迎一起聆聽故事、放聲歌唱跟玩耍。請記得帶上您自己的帽子、口罩以及防曬霜，也請帶著自己的毯子或坐墊以舒適地坐在地上。如果天候狀況不佳或空氣品質惡劣，故事時間可能取消。

Join us for bilingual Mandarin and English stories and music the whole family will love! Children of all ages will enjoy listening, singing and playing along. Please remember to bring a blanket or mat to sit on, hats, masks and sunscreen. Storytime may be canceled in the event of inclement weather or poor air quality.

### [Uncle Jer's Traveling Bee Show](#)

August 6, 17 & 24 • Some San Mateo County Libraries

Come learn about the amazing society of honeybees, demonstrated by Ms. Ellen and [Uncle Jer](#) through storytelling and puppetry. Learn the bee dance, taste honey and see live bees in a safe observation hive!

### [SaveNature: Owl Pellet Discovery](#)

August 11 & 17 • 3:30 PM • Portola Valley & Woodside Libraries

WHOOP! wants to learn all about owls! Through a hands-on owl dissection, students will learn about owl adaptations, diet, behavior and their critical role in the wild. Our presenters will also cover what an owl pellet is and where it comes from – and the answer may surprise you!

[Explore All Events](#)

## Community Picks

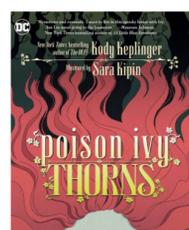
Our Community Picks titles are available digitally through [online resources](#) or in print at [our libraries](#).



**Children's Picture Book:** [The Lost Package](#) by [Richard Ho](#), illustrated by [Jessica Lanan](#)

Take a tour of the busy work that takes place at post offices depicted in the journey of a lost package. Follow the lost package as it receives a little help reaching its destination, proving that distance cannot keep loved ones apart.

*Jessica, Pacifica Libraries*



**Young Adult Graphic Novel:** [Poison Ivy](#) by [Kody Keplinger](#), illustrated by [Sara Kipin](#)

Even if you don't enjoy [DC Comics](#) origin stories, this graphic novel is a great read. Tense personal and family issues are dealt with using fantasy solutions which make sense as we get to know the character and her story. Ivy may not want it, but she deserves more attention.

*Kat, Portola Valley Library*



**Adult Romance:** [A Caribbean Heiress in Paris](#) by [Adriana Herrera](#)

A scorching hot historical romance featuring a diverse cast and read by [Nneka Okoye](#) on our [Hoopla](#) platform! When a Caribbean head Heiress seeking to gain a foothold for her business in Europe crosses paths with an Irish Whiskey distiller, sparks fly. Set against the backdrop of the 1899 Paris Expo and the opening of the Eiffel Tower, this book is rich with culture, fun characters and, of course, love.

*Elise, Millbrae Library*

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