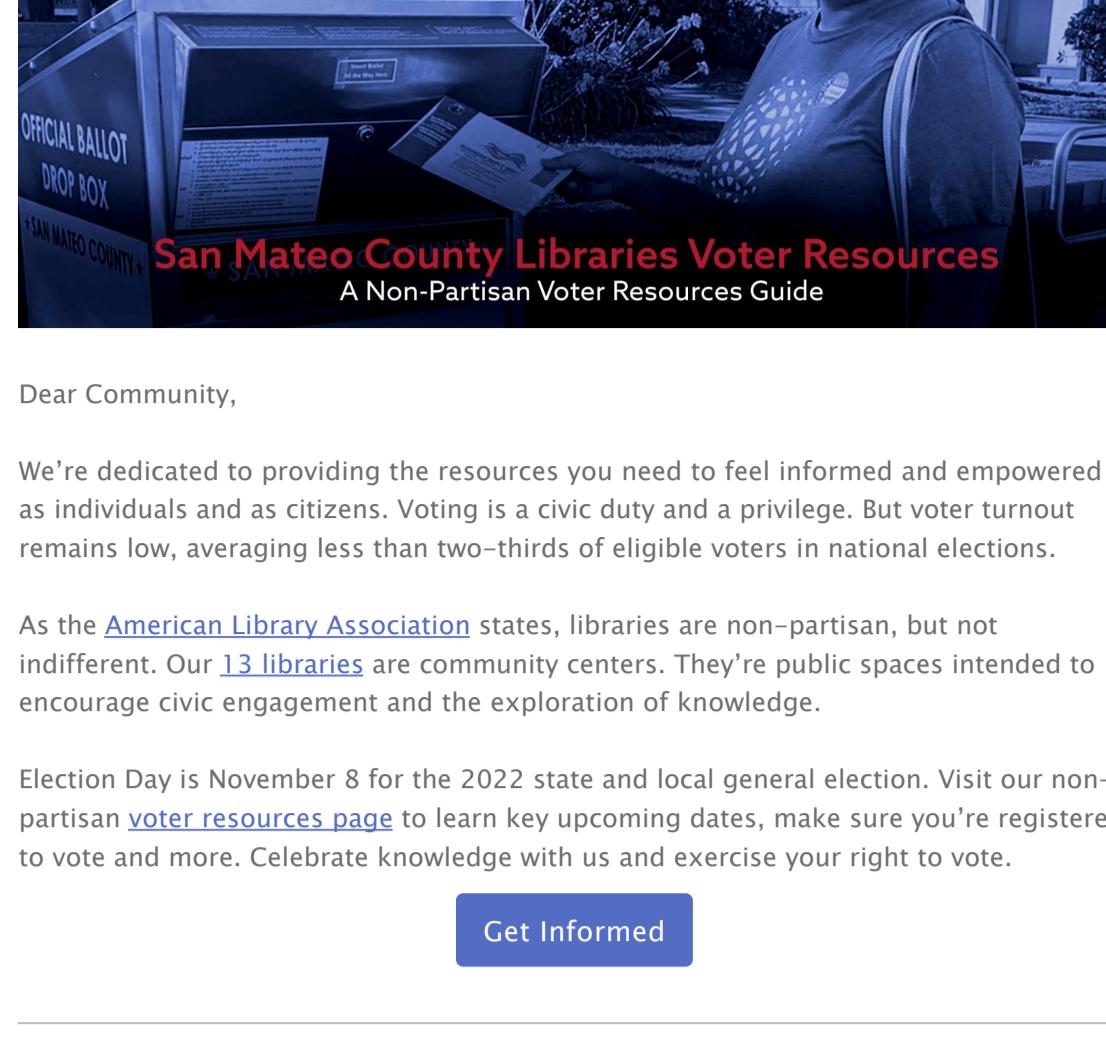




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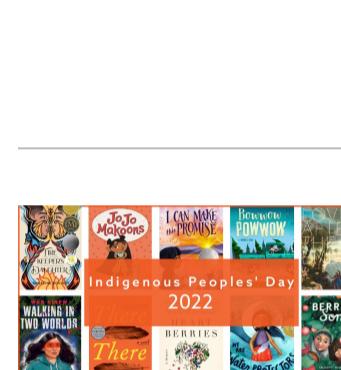
Dear Community,

We're dedicated to providing the resources you need to feel informed and empowered as individuals and as citizens. Voting is a civic duty and a privilege. But voter turnout remains low, averaging less than two-thirds of eligible voters in national elections.

As the [American Library Association](#) states, libraries are non-partisan, but not indifferent. Our [13 libraries](#) are community centers. They're public spaces intended to encourage civic engagement and the exploration of knowledge.

Election Day is November 8 for the 2022 state and local general election. Visit our non-partisan [voter resources page](#) to learn key upcoming dates, make sure you're registered to vote and more. Celebrate knowledge with us and exercise your right to vote.

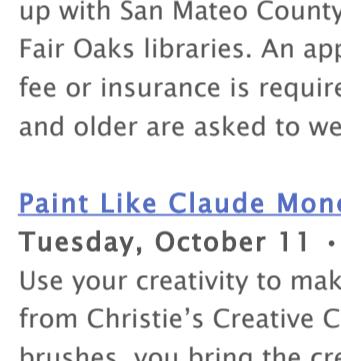
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### [Cook-Along! With Vasanti Bhadkamkar-Balan, Cookbook Author](#)

Cook-along virtually with author [Vasanti Bhadkamkar-Balan](#) on Thursday, October 20, at 6:30 PM. Learn new recipes from her book, [Authentic Indian Cooking With Your Instant Pot](#). Register to receive your Zoom invitation for the event and ingredient list if you want to cook along from home.

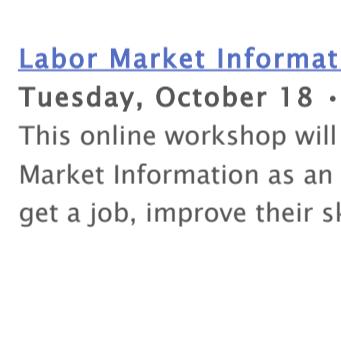
[Register Now](#)



### [Catch Us Coastsider at the Half Moon Bay Costume Contest](#)

The [Half Moon Bay Library](#) continues its pumpkin festival tradition of judging the costume contest! Show off your costumes on Saturday, October 15, at 10:00 AM and join the parade celebrating the Half Moon Bay Art & Pumpkin Festival's 50th anniversary. Get into the fall spirit with our [Pumpkins and Costumes](#) book list!

[Celebrate Fall](#)



### [Let's Draw Together This Ink in October!](#)

Stop by any of our [San Mateo County Libraries locations](#) throughout the first two weeks of October to join us for Ink in October. Not sure where to start or what to draw? Check out [cartooning lessons](#) with artists from the Charles M. Schulz Museum and [storytelling workshops](#) with the Walt Disney Family Museum!

[Draw More](#)



### [Indigenous Peoples' Day](#)

Indigenous Peoples' Day recognizes the history and celebrates the culture and diversity of Indigenous communities. Take a look at our staff-picked reads in honor of Indigenous Peoples' Day with lists for [adults](#), [teens](#), children's [picture books](#) and [chapter books](#).

[San Mateo County Libraries](#) and [Customer Care](#) will be closed in observance of Indigenous Peoples' Day on Sunday, October 9, and Monday, October 10. Visit us at [smcl.org](#).

## Explore More

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

### [Influenza Vaccine Clinic | Vacuna Contra la Influenza](#)

October 8 • 11:30 AM • [Belmont Library](#)

October 29 • 11:30 AM • [North Fair Oaks Library](#)

Anyone 2 years of age or older can get the flu vaccine. The Stanford Flu Crew is teaming up with San Mateo County Libraries to give free flu vaccines at the Belmont and North Fair Oaks libraries. An appointment is not needed, and no identification is necessary. No fee or insurance is required. For more information, call (650) 573-2877. Ages 2 years and older are asked to wear a face covering.

### [Paint Like Claude Monet](#)

Tuesday, October 11 • 6:00 PM • [Half Moon Bay Library](#)

Use your creativity to make a painting at this Paint Like Claude Monet event. Christie from Christie's Creative Cupboard will provide the 8x10 canvas, acrylic paints and brushes, you bring the creativity. Registration is required.

### [Belmont Talks – The History of BRSSD](#)

Thursday, October 13 • 6:30 PM • [Belmont Library](#)

Have you ever wanted to learn about the history and stories behind the Belmont-Redwood Shores School District? Join us as we look back to the 1860s, all the way to present day. Presented by Karl Mittelstadt, City of Belmont Historian. This talk will be held both in person and virtually.

### [Gentle Chair Yoga](#)

Thursday, October 20 • 11:30 AM

Join certified yoga instructors online for accessible well-rounded vinyasa-inspired flow yoga and chair yoga classes. Sessions will focus on relieving stress and rejuvenating your body!

### [Decorating Calaveras / Sugar Skulls](#)

Thursday, October 20 • 3:30 PM • [Foster City Library](#)

Celebrate Día de los Muertos with us by learning how to decorate sugar skulls! These fun calaveras are perfect for placing on your ofrenda at home or at the library in honor of a departed loved one.

### [Labor Market Information: Find Your Next Job](#)

Tuesday, October 18 • 10:00 AM

This online workshop will provide job seekers with the basics of effectively using Labor Market Information as an essential tool to make informed, accurate decisions on how to get a job, improve their skills or enhance their careers. Registration is required.

[Explore All Events](#)

## Community Picks

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



### [Children's Fiction: \*Jennifer Chan Is Not Alone\* by Tae Keller](#)

Can a person be bad and good at the same time? Mal is 12 years old and becomes one of the popular kids when Reagan befriends her. But to be one of the popular kids, she abandons her old friends and engages in bullying. When Jennifer Chan moves in across the street during the summer, Mal reluctantly befriends her, but then tries to "help" her fit in at school by telling her that she needs to change. After Jennifer ends up running away, Mal feels responsible, and examines her own motivations and struggles with what makes a person good. For grades 5-7.

Angela, *Pacifica Sharp Park Library*



### [Young Adult Fiction: \*Instructions for Dancing\* by Nicola Yoon](#)

A story about a young girl who does not have the most faith in love, until she does. Nicola Yoon's writing feels like you are talking to a friend.

Sabrina, *Half Moon Bay Library*



### [Adult Fiction: \*Mystical Stitches\* by Christi Johnson](#)

I loved Christi's ability to interweave empowerment, mindfulness and technique in this beautifully illustrated book about embroidery. A great read for beginners or intermediate embroiderers. There is a section in the back to help transfer featured designs, but Christi also encourages the reader to venture into their own freeform designs and symbols to create wearable talismans for self-empowerment.

Carmen, *North Fair Oaks Library*

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