



Connect and make friends while activating creativity, innovation and learning.

Dear Community,

This week we launched [Power Up Afternoons](#) to enrich and activate after-school experiences for K–12 students two hours a day, Monday through Friday. Power Up Afternoons is a chance for school-aged students to connect and make friends while activating creativity, innovation and learning, every weekday afternoon with us.

We have amazing things planned for you and your family, whether you have a kindergartner or a high school student. Experiences may center around mental wellness, art and self-expression, STEAM, and lifting up the many different voices and perspectives in our communities.

All [13 of our libraries](#) are offering the new Power Up Afternoons. Every day will be a little different but will always surprise and delight you. Every week, we will welcome special guests—experts to host engaging hands-on experiences for youth, including live insect labs, interactive drumming workshops and tech design challenges.

Visit our [events calendar](#) to see when Power Up Afternoons is offered at your local library and the energizing events we have planned!

[Learn More](#)



[Meet Mallory O'Meara, Author of *Girly Drinks: A World History of Women and Alcohol*](#)

[San Mateo County Libraries](#) welcomes [Mallory O'Meara](#) and [Alex Brown](#) on **Wednesday, November 2, at 6:30 PM**. O'Meara will discuss her newest book, [Girly Drinks: A World History of Women and Alcohol](#), before taking questions from the audience. Register now to receive your Zoom invitation!

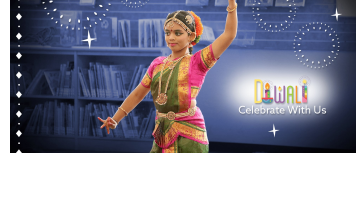
[Register Now](#)



[Join Us in Celebrating Día de Muertos](#)

Día de Muertos, or Day of the Dead, is an annual tradition celebrated in many Latin American countries on November 1 and 2. During this time, many families create ofrendas for their homes which are tables or a small shelf that hold mementos and “offerings” to loved ones who are no longer with them. [Our libraries](#) will have community ofrendas along with crafts and events to celebrate.

[Celebrate Now](#)



[Diwali, Celebrate With Us](#)

Diwali is a five-day “festival of lights” celebrated in most of India. It's centered around the triumph of light over dark, new beginnings and the blessings of victory, freedom and enlightenment. Diwali begins on **October 22**. We'll start our celebrations early on **October 15**, and offer events through the end of the month with a series of [music](#) and [dance performances](#).

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[Cooking with Fall Vegetables!](#)

It's the season for fall vegetables, and if you're looking for recipe inspiration, check out our blog with recommended titles! From showstopping recipes like Burnt Carrots with Honey and Almonds to a comforting Swiss Chard and Butternut Squash Stew, we have cookbooks for all appetites!

[Explore Now](#)

Explore More

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

[Halloween BOO...K Exchange](#)

Saturday, October 22 • 10:00 AM • [Millbrae Library](#)

Looking for a cheap and easy way to refresh your book collection? Ready to show off your Halloween costume? Join us for a community-sponsored book exchange and costume contest with raffle prize giveaways. Everyone can participate in the book exchange.

[Pressure Canning](#)

Saturday, October 22 • 2:00 PM

Join the [Master Food Preservers of San Mateo and San Francisco Counties](#) for this 60-minute online workshop where we'll walk you through all the steps to can low-acid foods safely at home. We will discuss the science behind pressure canning recommendations and the equipment you'll need, demonstrate the key techniques, and answer your questions to get you started with pressure canning. Registration is required.

[Papel Picado With Peopleologie](#)

October 24, 26, 29 & 30 • [In person at some San Mateo County Libraries](#)

Celebrate [Día de los Muertos](#) at the library by making papel picado! Linda from Peopleologie will teach us how to fold and cut tissue paper to make designs in honor of this cultural celebration. Take your papel picado home or leave it at the library and decorate our library ofrenda. Registration is required.

[Influenza Vaccine | Vacuna Contra La Influenza](#)

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

The flu vaccine is the best way to prevent the flu. Anyone 2 years of age or older can get the flu vaccine. [The Stanford Flu Crew](#) will give flu vaccines at the North Fair Oaks Library. An appointment is not needed, and no identification is necessary. No fee, nor insurance is required. For more information, call (650) 573-2877. Everyone 2 years and older are asked to wear a face covering. Please note: The COVID-19 vaccine and high-dose flu vaccine for 65 years and older will not be available.

La vacuna contra la influenza es la mejor forma de prevenir esta enfermedad. Toda persona mayor de 2 años de edad puede vacunarse. [Stanford Flu Crew](#) ofrecerá vacunas contra la influenza en la biblioteca de North Fair Oaks. Cita no es necesaria. No se necesita identificación. No habrá costo, y no necesita aseguranza. Para mas información, llame (650) 573-2877. Se les pide a los mayores de 2 años que usen una mascarilla. Tenga en cuenta: la vacuna COVID-19 y la vacuna contra la gripe de dosis alta para mayores de 65 años no estarán disponibles.

[Cascada de Flores: Una ofrenda musical](#)

Sunday, October 30 • 2:00 PM • [North Fair Oaks Library](#)

Build a musical ofrenda with us! Join us for a bilingual and participatory concert that explores the meaning of Day of the Dead ([Día de Muertos](#)) with songs, dance, tradition, personal stories and a large variety of musical instruments. Dance and sing with Cascada de Flores in this musical journey sharing día de muertos traditions from Mexico.

¡Construye una ofrenda musical con nosotros! Acompañanos a un concierto bilingüe y participativo que explora el significado del día de muertos con canciones, danza, tradición, historias personales y una gran variedad de instrumentos musicales. Baila y canta con Cascada de Flores en este viaje musical compartiendo las tradiciones del día de muertos de México.

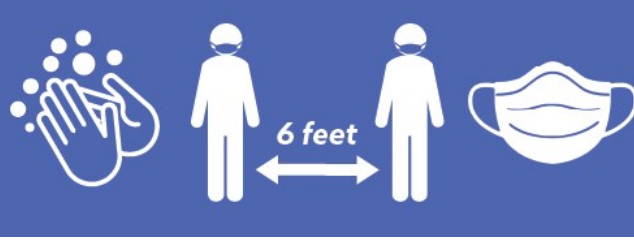
[Spice Up Your Holiday Preserving Kitchen](#)

Tuesday, November 1 • 4:00 PM

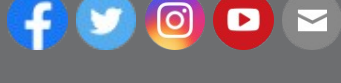
The holidays will be here before you know it! Spice them up with tasty gifts from the kitchen. The [Master Food Preservers of San Mateo and San Francisco Counties](#) will share some of their favorite research-based preserving recipes and mouthwatering suggestions for how your friends and family can enjoy them. Registration is required.

[Explore All Events](#)

Make sure to [follow our blogs](#) for updates on new events, resources and services.



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