

SAN MATEO COUNTY STANDS UNITED AGAINST HATE

Dear Community,

Have you seen United Against Hate signs around your neighborhood or city? They are part of a growing movement with a simple goal: to unite communities against hate.

Civic leaders created [United Against Hate](#) in response to a rise in expressions of hate. Like many grassroots movements, United Against Hate relies on the power of civic action, calling on neighbors and residents to post signs, hold events and connect with each other to stand united against hate in all its forms.

In honor of this year’s United Against Hate Week, **November 13–19**, [San Mateo County Libraries](#) is helping spread the word about this powerful grassroots movement.

Our mission is to strengthen our community by creating an inclusive sense of place and environment for learning.

[County of San Mateo](#) is honoring United Against Hate Week with upcoming events, online resources and items to print including posters. All are welcome in [our libraries](#) to read, learn, play, make, discover and explore.

Learn More



[Meet Priya Fielding-Singh, Author of *How the Other Half Eats*](#)

[Dr. Priya Fielding-Singh](#) will join us on **Monday, November 7 at 7:00 PM**, in conversation with Portola Valley council member and San Mateo County Libraries JPA Governing Board member Maryann Derwin. Fielding-Singh will discuss her newest book, [How the Other Half Eats: The Untold Story of Food and Inequality in America](#). In it, she brings us into the kitchens of Bay Area families to explore why we eat the way we do. By following real families’ daily food decisions, she reveals how being rich or poor in America impacts not only the food we can access, but the very meaning of food itself.

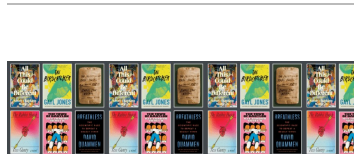
Register Now



[Come Write at the Library With NaNoWriMo](#)

November is National Novel Writing Month, or NaNoWriMo for short. At [San Mateo County Libraries](#), we celebrate all writing, long and short, poems and comics, and stories or memoirs. There are many ways to participate by joining our [author events](#) and [Come Write In](#) workshops.

Write Now



[National Book Award Finalists 2022](#)

Check out the 25 finalists for this year's National Book Awards for fiction, nonfiction, poetry, translated literature and young people’s literature before the winners are announced on Wednesday, November 16. The award is given by [The National Book Foundation](#) and has been one of the most prestigious literary prizes in the country since 1950. The Foundation is dedicated to helping connect readers to books in new and meaningful ways.

Read Now



[Honoring Veterans Day 2022](#)

[San Mateo County Libraries](#) will be closed **Friday, November 11** in observance of Veterans Day. Veterans Day honors all Americans who served in the U.S. military. Connect with our online resources and visit us at [smcl.org](#).

Explore More

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

[Día de Muertos Celebration](#)

Friday, November 4 • 4:00 PM • [Friendship Park](#)

Join us at Friendship Park along with the [San Mateo County Park Rangers](#), [CalFresh](#) and [San Mateo County Health Department](#) for a fun celebration of [Día de Muertos](#)! We will be decorating sugar skulls, making paper flowers, and have free books and goodies for kids! We will also have a musical performance by Danza Colibri, as well as an ofrenda at the park so that families can learn about this Latin American tradition.

¡Acompañanos al parque de la amistad (Friendship Park) junto con [los guardabosques del Condado de San Mateo](#), [CalFresh](#) y [el departamento de salud del Condado de San Mateo](#) para una celebración divertida de [Día de Muertos](#)! ¡Estaremos decorando calaveras de azúcar, haciendo flores de papel y también tendremos libros y golosinas gratis para los niños! También tendremos una presentación musical de Danza Colibrí así como una ofrenda en el parque para que las familias conozcan esta tradición latinoamericana.

[Corn Husk Dolls With Peopleologie](#)

Wednesday, November 9 • 2:00 PM • [Belmont Library](#)

Tuesday, November 15 • 3:30 PM • [Half Moon Bay Library](#)

Wednesday, November 16 • 3:30 PM • [Portola Valley Library](#)

Hand crafting with corn husks is a centuries old tradition throughout the Americas and wherever corn grows. Endless possibilities abound connecting this activity to academics or celebration – of Indigenous peoples, history, social sciences, plant and physical sciences, and of course making things for entertainment, role playing or playing in general. Registration is required.

[To Distant Shores: Author Talk With Huân Phan](#)

Saturday, November 12 • 2:00 PM • [Belmont Library](#)

Join us to meet Belmont author, [Huân Phan](#), as we discuss his debut memoir, [To Distant Shores](#). *To Distant Shores* chronicles a family’s experience of war, escape and resettlement from Vietnam to the United States after the Fall of Saigon in 1975.

[Homeschool Social](#)

Monday, November 14 • 1:00 PM • [Millbrae Library](#)

Engage with other home-educated families and let us know how the library can continue to support your learning. Youth and adults will also have an opportunity to engage in a crafty activity. We're looking forward to meeting you!

[NASA Solar System Ambassador Talk: Artemis I](#)

Monday, November 14 • 6:00 PM • [San Carlos Library](#)

[Dr. Stephanie Demaree](#), a [NASA Solar System Ambassador](#), will be discussing the Artemis program, NASA's first moon exploration program in 50 years. In this presentation, Dr. Demaree will highlight the Artemis launch, the Space Launch System (SLS) and the Orion crew capsule. Presentation will be followed by a Q&A session.

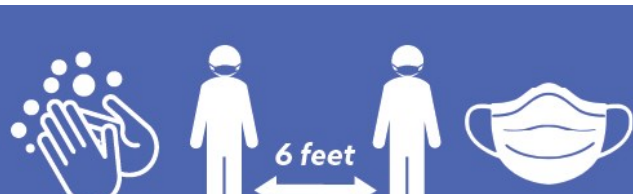
[Virtual Poetry Night Featuring Kim Shuck](#)

Tuesday, November 15 • 7:00 PM

In honor of Native American Heritage Month, we invite you to an evening of poetry featuring artist and poet, Kim Shuck, and hosted by Belmont Poet Laureate, Monica Korde. The reading will be followed by an open mic. Registration is required.

Explore All Events

Make sure to **follow our blogs** for updates on new events, resources and services.



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