



Dear Community,

Have you ever thought about getting into cave exploration or "spelunking?" Is the prospect of finding yourself in darkness scary?

Visit our libraries in January for an opportunity to learn about caves and test your careful-explorer skills with [CaveSim](#), an all-in-one portable caving experience.

We're excited to host this interactive experience where all ages can crawl and climb through CaveSim to learn about caves and discover what it's like to explore one. CaveSim is like a portable cave on wheels, and it will be parked at some of our libraries this month! As you crawl your way through 60 feet of artificial cave passage, you will learn about responsible caving while trying to preserve delicate cave "formations."

Plus, get hands-on practice with simulated cave rescue practices and learn about bat biology from cave experts. Join us for one these [six upcoming events](#) to experience CaveSim for yourself.

We also put together a few staff picks for you to learn more about caves before heading "underground" with us. We can't wait to explore together.

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[Meet Lee Kravetz, Author of The Last Confessions of Sylvia P.](#)

On [Wednesday, January 25 at 6:30 PM](#), [San Mateo County Libraries](#) welcomes Bay Area local [Lee Kravetz](#), author of the celebrated novel [The Last Confessions of Sylvia P.](#) He'll discuss renowned writer [Sylvia Plath](#), confessional poetry and his journey towards telling this story. Register now to join us for this online event.

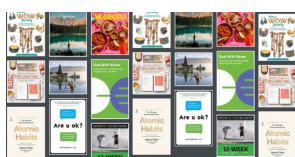
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[Lunar New Year: Prosperity Cakes](#)

For many Asian families around the world, Lunar New Year is one of the most important holidays of the year. The celebration starts on Lunar New Year's Eve, **Sunday, January 22** and ends on **Sunday, February 5**. Learn how to make prosperity cakes and join the [celebration](#) with dances, art talks and crafts.

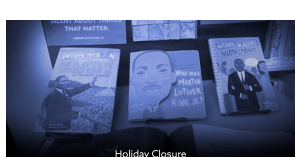
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[New Year, New Hobby Book List](#)

Ready to start a new hobby in 2023? Check out this list of eBooks and books put together by staff to get you started. Get inspired to organize your life, venture into cooking or hike the most scenic spots on Earth with these staff picks.

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[Holiday Closure](#)

All [San Mateo County Libraries](#) and [Customer Care](#) will be closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day on **Monday, January 16**. Visit us where we're always open at [smcl.org](#).

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[Walk and Talk Book Club](#)

Tuesday, January 17 • 9:30 AM • [Pacifica Sanchez Library](#)

Join the Walk and Talk Book Club! We meet the third Tuesday of the month and walk to [San Pedro Valley Park](#). We discuss the book while walking the flat [Weiler Ranch Trail](#) (Over 2 miles).

[Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body](#)

Tuesday, January 17 • 6:00 PM • [Half Moon Bay Library](#)

Join us to learn about diet and nutrition, exercise, cognitive activity and social engagement with hands-on tools to help you incorporate these recommendations into a plan for healthy aging.

[Virtual Poetry Night Featuring Veronica Kornberg](#)

Tuesday, January 17 • 7:00 PM

Welcome Belmont Poet Laureate [Monica Korde](#) and guest poet [Veronica Kornberg](#) to a virtual Belmont Poetry Night in the theme of 'New Year Meditations in Poetry'. Reflect on the year we've had and the year ahead. Registration is required.

[Working in the Cloud for Beginners](#)

Thursday, January 19 • 1:30 PM • [Millbrae Library](#)

What is cloud computing? How does it work? Let's take a closer look and learn how working in the cloud can promote flexibility, collaboration and safeguarding of important documents and photographs.

[Meditation for New Beginnings in 2023](#)

Monday, January 23 • 6:00 PM

Practice the art of meditation with our virtual workshop and start the New Year on the right track! Registration is required.

[Información para entender el Alzheimer y la Demencia](#)

miércoles, 25 de enero • 6:00 PM • [Biblioteca de North Fair Oaks](#)

La enfermedad de Alzheimer no es una parte normal del envejecimiento. Este programa proporciona información sobre detección, causas y factores de riesgo, las etapas de la enfermedad, los tratamientos y mucho más. Esta presentación será en español. Se requiere registro para participar.

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