



Dear Community,

February is Library Lovers Month, and to celebrate, we're welcoming you to share your library love with us! If you're a library lover, we want to hear from you. What is it that you appreciate about the library?

Is it the [thousands of books](#)? Our [bikes for checkout](#)? Our weekly [events](#)? Our incredible [makerspaces](#)? Or maybe the fact that everything—yes, everything—is free!

We've set up a special Library Lovers voicemail box. You'll be able to call us at this special number to leave a voicemail message about why you love the library!

Call us to leave a voicemail valentine:

- **English**
Call 650-549-7971 to leave a message in English
- **Spanish**
Call 650-549-7924 to leave a message in Spanish
- **Chinese**
Call 650-549-7978 to leave a message in Chinese

Head to [our libraries](#) to celebrate Valentine's Day on February 14, and Library Lovers Month all February long!

We'll have:

- fun, heart-themed 3D printing designs
- book-themed valentines to fill out for friends and loved ones
- special notes you can leave with us to show your library love
- "Blind Date With a Book" displays—our staff has wrapped up some recommendations so you can't judge a book by its cover!

We'd love to see your social posts sharing your library love, hashtag it [#SMCLove](#) and tag us [@SMCLibraries](#) across [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

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[Celebrate Black History Month With Us!](#)

Join us as we celebrate the history, culture and achievements of our Black and African American communities with a wonderful slate of programs all throughout the month.

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[Young Adult Novelist Convention \(YANovCon\)](#)

The Peninsula Libraries' 8th annual Young Adult Novelists' Convention (YANovCon) will take place **Saturday, February 11**. The free celebration will include panel discussions and book signings with notable and new YA novelists.

The [Teen Short Story Writing Contest](#) will accept submissions through **February 25** based on the theme of "Family and Chosen Family."

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[Meet Annalee Newitz, Author of *The Terraformers*](#)

On **Tuesday, February 21 at 6:30 PM**, welcome local author and innovative literary world-builder [Annalee Newitz](#), author of *The Terraformers*. We're excited to host Annalee in conversation with fellow local sci-fi author, [Mike Chen](#) (*Light Years From Home*).

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[Volunteer in Our Adult Literacy Program](#)

Be part of changing an adult learner's life and become an adult literacy tutor today! Volunteer to help an adult improve their reading and writing. No previous teaching experience or educational background is required. We provide all training and materials necessary to become a successful, high-impact volunteer.

Commitment is for two hours per week for at least six months. Tutors meet with learners in a safe and caring learning environment. Questions about this volunteer opportunity? Contact us at [learning@smcl.org](#). Find more volunteer opportunities on [our website](#).

[Volunteer Now](#)



[Presidents Day Closures](#)

[San Mateo County Libraries](#) and [Customer Care](#) will be closed in observance of Presidents Day on **Sunday, February 19**, and **Monday, February 20**. We're always open at [smcl.org](#).

Explore More

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

[Chinese New Year: 2023 Year of the Water Rabbit Feng Shui Outlook](#)

Saturday, February 11 • 3:00 PM • [Millbrae Library](#)

Learn about what your luck level has to offer in this Year of the Water Rabbit from Feng Shui Master Woody Chan.

[Guinea Pig Adoption Event](#)

Sunday, February 12 • 1:00 PM • [Belmont Library](#)

Show some love for guinea pigs! Come meet and potentially adopt guinea pigs through the [Peninsula Humane Society](#).

[Connecting to the Love Within Through Meditation](#)

Monday, February 13 • 6:00 PM

Join this engaging workshop on how to use the practice of meditation to incorporate more love and peace in your life. Registration is required.

[Basics of Fresh Sausage Making](#)

Thursday, February 16 • 4:00 PM

Tune in with [UC Master Food Preservers of San Mateo and San Francisco Counties](#) to learn our favorite sausage-making recipes and tips. Registration is required.

[Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia](#)

Thursday, February 16 • 6:00 PM • [East Palo Alto Library](#)

Learn about the impact of Alzheimer's, the difference between Alzheimer's and dementia, Alzheimer's disease stages and risk factors, current research and treatments available to address some symptoms and Alzheimer's Association resources.

Registration is required.

[Black Literature from the 1920s to the Present](#)

Tuesday, February 21 • 6:00 PM • [Brisbane Library](#)

Award-winning publisher, humanities scholar and producer Heather Buchanan will discuss the significant contributions of Black poets and writers across two centuries. She'll also talk about the *Black Fire This Time* anthologies (2022–2024) that showcase the greatest Black works in the past 60 years and her upcoming reissue of *God's Trombones: Seven Negro Sermons in Verse*.

[Explore All Events](#)

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



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