



San Mateo County Libraries
Named 2023 National Medal For Museum and Library Service Finalist

Dear Community,

We are delighted to announce we are a [2023 National Medal for Museum and Library Service](#) finalist. This prestigious award is the highest honor given to libraries and museums in the nation. The [Institute of Museum and Library Services](#) recognizes libraries that provide exceptional programs and services that positively impact their communities.

Our libraries have demonstrated an unwavering commitment to promoting literacy, providing access to information and fostering community engagement since 1912. We're honored to bring you programs like [Big Lift Inspiring Summers](#), [free meals service](#), [fine-free policy](#), [mindfulness programs](#), emergency preparedness and [community technology access](#) seven days a week.

Through our diverse range of services, we have become a vital resource for residents. We are incredibly proud of the work we do and the impact we have on our community. We're inspired to continue building and improving our offerings to contribute to a more innovative, equitable San Mateo County.

To celebrate this honor, IMLS is encouraging community members like you to share stories, memories, pictures and videos on social media using the hashtags #ShareYourStory and #IMLSmedals, and engage with [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

We'd also love for you to tag us @SMCLibraries, across [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

[Learn More](#)



Jazz Appreciation Month

Join us throughout the month of April as we honor [jazz music's](#) significant contribution to society for Jazz Appreciation Month. At [San Mateo County Libraries](#), we celebrate with Jazz in the Library, a series of [free jazz events](#) you're invited to come enjoy!

[Explore More](#)



2023 Peninsula Libraries Comic Arts Fest

The [7th Annual Peninsula Libraries Comic Arts Fest](#) is returning this month! We're celebrating the importance of comics, both as an art form and as valid literature, and enabling aspiring artists and readers of all ages through author visits, workshops and comics-related programs.

[Discover Now](#)



National Poetry Month 2023

April is National Poetry Month! Poetry is the literary genre which lends expression of ideas through form, rhyme and rhythm. Celebrate by browsing through staff poetry picks or by joining us for programs at [San Mateo County Libraries](#) to celebrate poets past and present!

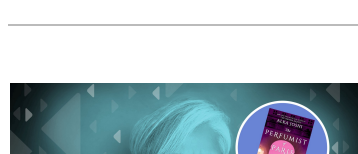
[Learn More](#)



Celebrate Month of the Young Child 2023

We are celebrating Month of the Young Child with family-friendly activities, free books, music and storytimes aimed to please and entertain young children and support caregivers. It will be a month full of [celebrations](#) for the youngest members of our families and communities.

[Celebrate Now](#)



Meet Alka Joshi, Author of *The Perfumist of Paris*

On [Thursday, April 20 at 6:30 PM](#), join author [Alka Joshi](#) to virtually discuss the final book in her Jaipur Trilogy, [The Perfumist of Paris](#).

[Register Now](#)



Easter Closure

All [San Mateo County Libraries](#) and [Customer Care](#) will close for Easter, **Sunday, April 9**. We're always open at [smcl.org](#).

Explore More

Explore, learn and connect at our [library programs](#)! You might also be interested in...

[Ready, Set, Go: Preparing for Kindergarten](#)

Saturday, April 8 • 10:30 AM • [Foster City Library](#)

Know what to expect from kindergarten programs and learn to recognize signs of readiness for elementary school. Discuss ways to help your child prepare socially, emotionally, and academically for this important transition. Registration is required.

[Master Gardeners: Gardening for Bees and Butterflies & Seed Swap](#)

Saturday, April 8 • 1:00 PM • [Pacifica Sanchez Library](#)

Hear from a Master Gardener about gardening for bees and butterflies. Afterwards, let's grow together with a Seed Swap at the library! Bring your seeds and cuttings and swap, share or take new seeds to start growing your garden.

[Bug Out: Python Ron's Reptile Kingdom](#)

Saturday, April. 8 • 2:00 PM • [Brisbane Library](#)

Look, touch and hold exotic reptiles in astonishing colors and sizes. You will be fascinated to see all the different creatures that travel with [Python Ron](#).

[Senior Tech Help](#)

Saturday, April 15 • 1:00 PM • [Belmont Library](#)

Senior Tech Help supports the acquisition of digital literacy skills for those in need of in-person assistance. Help is available on a first come, first served basis. This is a partnership service put on by The City of Belmont & San Mateo County Libraries.

[Clean Up Your Email Inbox!](#)

Thursday, April 20 • 1:30 PM • [Millbrae Library](#)

We'll learn tips on clearing out unwanted junk emails, organizing the messages you want to keep and better ways to manage incoming emails.

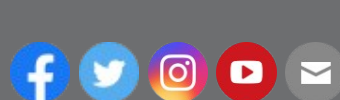
[Urban Agriculture Community Forum](#)

Thursday, April 20 • 5:00 PM • [East Palo Alto Library](#)

The [USDA](#) Urban Agriculture Project is hosting a forum to get your input and thoughts on the kinds of green spaces you want to see for your East Palo Alto community, including discussing open spaces to be used for farming and growing food.

[Explore All Events](#)

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



Stay connected with our family of libraries!

San Mateo County Libraries

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