



Dear Community,

May is [Mental Health Awareness Month](#) and at [San Mateo County Libraries](#), we're committed to raising awareness about the importance of mental health.

We're offering a range of [events](#) and [resources](#) designed to help you prioritize your well-being. From mental health webinars and book discussions to free access to the [Calm App](#), we've got you covered.

Whether you're looking to learn new coping strategies, connect with others who share similar experiences or take time to focus on yourself, we've got something for you. Our events are always free and open to everyone.

Join us in our effort to prioritize mental health! Check out our [events calendar](#) and sign up for the events that resonate with you.

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[Atherton Library Awarded for Standout Design](#)

We're honored to share that the [Atherton Library](#) was awarded the [2023 AIA/ALA Library Building Award](#) for its outstanding design. This recognition once again highlights the library's unwavering commitment to providing a beautiful and functional space for our community to enjoy. With every new library project, we focus on building spaces that are beautiful, eco-friendly and most importantly, serve our communities well.

[Learn More](#)



[Join a Book Club!](#)

If you enjoy reading as much as we do, you may have considered joining a book club. Perhaps you're unsure of where to look for one or feel apprehensive about joining. We're pleased to have you join our book clubs! Book clubs provide more than a book discussion, they foster a sense of community. Join us from the comfort of your own home as we discuss books and build community! You'll also have the option to use the [Fable App](#), designed for book clubbers on-the-go.

[Discover Now](#)



[Explore the Outdoors: Spring Wildflowers](#)

It's time to get your hiking boots ready as the Bay Area's wildflower season is in full bloom! Whether you're a seasoned naturalist or just looking for a fun adventure, we've got you covered. Head to your nearest community library, where you can borrow a [County Parks pass](#), a [State Parks pass](#) or even an Explore our Parks Pack, which includes binoculars, hiking guidebooks and wildflower identification guides. Explore and learn more about the area's natural beauty.

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[Shelf Life: Katherine Wright](#)

Meet [Katherine Wright](#), the inspiring Interpretive Park Ranger making a difference in [San Mateo County Parks](#). In her work, she educates the community about environmental issues and promotes equitable access to nature. Her recommendations will ignite your passion for the planet.

[Read More](#)



[Memorial Day Closures](#)

All [San Mateo County Libraries](#) and [Customer Care](#) will be closed for Memorial Day on [Sunday, May 28](#) and [Monday, May 29](#). Libraries will open again on Tuesday, May 30. Visit us where we're always open at [smcl.org](#).

Explore More

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

[This Is Not My Home: Author Storytime With Vivienne Chang & Eugenia Yoh](#)

May 18, 19, 21, 22, 23 & 25 • In person at some San Mateo County Libraries

Meet author-illustrator duo, [Vivienne Chang](#) and [Eugenia Yoh](#) for a storytime of [This Is Not My Home](#). Explore the meaning of home with us as they read their debut picture book and lead us in an interactive activity. Best for ages 4-8. Registration required.

[Bicycle Safety Inspection Clinics](#)

May 19, 20 & 21 • In person at some San Mateo County Libraries

To celebrate [Bike to Your Library Weekend](#), we've partnered with Velofix, a mobile bicycle maintenance team, to offer free bicycle safety inspections. During the bicycle inspection, bicycle technicians will inspect your bicycle, make minor bicycle adjustments and share findings. Registration required.

[My Two and a Half Years Behind Barbed Wire in the U.S. During WWII](#)

Friday, May 19 • 1:00 PM • [Foster City Library](#)

Tuesday, May 23 • 6:00 PM • [San Carlos Library](#)

Yukio Shimomura will share his family's experience when WWII started and how Executive Order 9066 affected his family. He will discuss leaving San Francisco and entering the incarceration camps at Tanforan Race Track in San Bruno and in Topaz (Delta), Utah. Yukio will also talk about lifestyle, dynamics and ironies within the camps.

[How To Take Action on Climate Change: What You \(Yes, You!\) Can Do](#)

Saturday May, 20 • 3:30 PM • [Belmont Library](#)

Want to take climate change action but don't know where to start? Learn from local climate leaders how you (yes, YOU!) can make a difference. You'll also learn how and why to go electric at home as one Belmont resident shares her story. We'll hear from Belmont Council Member Davina Hurt, Belmont resident Jennifer Hennings and Diane Bailey of Menlo Spark. Leave this conversation knowing how you can fight climate change in your own life. Registration required.

[ESL Classes](#)

Learn English at our free in-person or online classes taught by certified instructors. We will learn and practice English that will be helpful in your everyday life. Choose from six classes.

Aprenda inglés en nuestras clases gratuitas en línea o en persona enseñadas por instructores certificados. Aprenderemos y practicaremos inglés que le ayudará en su vida diaria.

[Water Wisdom](#)

Tuesday May 23 • 4:00 PM • [Half Moon Bay Library](#)

Thursday, June 1 • 4:00 PM • [Pacifica Sharp Park Library](#)

Tuesday, June 6 • 4:00 PM • [Belmont Library](#)

Come see Water Wisdom, a live theatre production that offers a unique blend of environmental education and entertainment involving storytelling, juggling, magic, circus arts, technology and music. The show is an enchanting, audience-grabbing celebration of practical steps that we can all take to conserve, protect and respect precious H2O.

[Explore All Events](#)

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



Stay connected with our family of libraries!

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