



Middle Scholars Returns This Summer!

STEAM Learning Opportunities for Middle School Youth

Dear Community,

Looking for some engaging, enlightening and most importantly, fun summer activities for middle school youth? We're thrilled to bring back [Middle Scholars](#) this summer!

We've got exciting STEAM learning opportunities lined up, just for you. In partnership with three [County of San Mateo](#) agencies, we're highlighting the diversity of STEAM experiences available, in hopes of sparking a lifelong curiosity and interest in science, technology, engineering, arts and math. Discover more about sustainability and resource conservation, insects, biomimicry and engineering.

Plus, all of [our libraries](#) will host at least one STEAM-themed escape room-style challenge for middle schoolers. Check our [event listings](#) to join us for exciting programs near you. We hope you can join us!

Discover More



Meet Lisa See! Author of *Lady Tan's Circle of Women*

We'll welcome *New York Times* bestselling author [Lisa See](#) on **Tuesday, July 11, at 6:30 PM**. Lisa will tell us about her newest book, *Lady Tan's Circle of Women*, before answering your questions. A limited number of free copies of the book will be available at all [libraries](#) on a first come, first served basis.

Register Now



San Mateo County Libraries Has Seed Libraries

Did you know we have [seed libraries](#) at several of our locations? They are free for community members to browse, take seeds from and donate to. Learn more about this offering and discover titles about seed saving, California native plants and how we can help the climate through gardening.

Discover Now



Take a Nature Walk: Free Apps, Resources & Park Passes

We all deserve to spend some time relaxing in nature, which comes with health benefits. [San Mateo County Libraries](#) provides tools to help you get outdoors and improve your mood by being in nature. From recommended reads to [Park Passes](#) and [outdoor field trips](#), we've got you covered.

Explore More



California State Digital Equity Plan

One in five Californians including many in San Mateo County don't have access to affordable devices or reliable and affordable broadband service. This is the "digital divide." The [State of California](#) and [San Mateo County Libraries](#) want to ensure everyone has access to affordable, reliable internet, but we need your help! Take the [Digital Equity Online Survey](#).

Take the Survey



Independence Day Closure

All our [libraries](#) will be closed and [Customer Care](#) will not be available on **Tuesday, July 4**, in observance of Independence Day. We will reopen on Wednesday, July 5. Browse our [catalog](#) to discover Independence Day history, crafts and more to make the most of your holiday.

Explore More

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

[U.S. Citizenship Study Group | Clase de Ciudadania](#)

Monday, July 3 • 5:00 PM • [North Fair Oaks](#)

Visit the North Fair Oaks Library to practice answering the 100 civics questions provided by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services office. You will also get a chance to practice a mock interview. Everyone is welcome!

¡Visita nuestra biblioteca de North Fair Oaks para practicar respondiendo las 100 preguntas de civismo proporcionadas por la oficina de United States Citizenship and Immigration Services. También tendrás la oportunidad de practicar una entrevista simulada. ¡Todos son bienvenidos!

[Restorative Yoga and Sound Healing](#)

Wednesday, July 5 • 6:00 PM • [North Fair Oaks](#)

Thursday, July 6 • 6:00 PM • [Foster City](#)

Join us for restorative yoga and sound healing, which are designed to provide space for you to slow down, relax, rest and replenish yourself. This class starts with centering, continues with gentle stretching then incorporates mindfulness techniques into each restorative pose. No prior yoga experience is necessary. Please bring a yoga mat, blanket and bolster.

[Save Nature: Insect Discovery Lab](#)

Wednesday, July 5 • 3:00 PM • [Foster City](#)

Thursday, July 6 • 3:00 PM • [Millbrae](#)

Wednesday, July 12 • 3:30 PM • [Pacifica Sanchez](#)

Explore the fantastic lives of beetles, millipedes, tarantulas, walking sticks, whip scorpions and more! Our presenters will introduce you to the extraordinarily diverse world of insects and other arthropods and teach you about their key role in the web of life.

[Red Cross Disaster Program: Pillowcase Project](#)

Friday July 7 • 2:00 PM • [Belmont Library](#)

Come visit the Belmont Library and participate in the [Pillowcase Project](#), an educational preparedness program from the Red Cross that teaches kids and families basic coping skills. Kids will receive a sturdy pillowcase to build their personal emergency supplies kit.

[Silly Library Puppet Show](#)

Tuesday, July 11 • 2:30 PM • [Half Moon Bay](#)

Wednesday, July 12 • 3:30 PM • [San Carlos](#)

Thursday, July 13 • 2:00 PM • [Atherton](#)

Join us for a special performance with Ricky Roo and Friends. This engaging and interactive silly puppet show is filled with humor and candor for all ages. Kids will roll around on the floor laughing so much from the silly stories and characters.

[Paper Mosaic Art](#)

Tuesday, July 11 • 1:00 PM • [East Palo Alto](#)

Thursday, July 13 • 1:30 PM • [San Carlos](#)

Friday, July 14 • 10:30 AM • [Portola Valley](#)

Paper mosaics are a great way to explore colors and patterns and can be a fun project for teens and adults. Turn your mosaic into cards, wall art or use it to decorate objects like picture frames or boxes. Stop by the library and wind down with this creative and relaxing activity!

Explore All Events

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

Summer Learning Challenge 2023!

summerlearners.org



Stay connected with our family of libraries!

San Mateo County Libraries

ATHERTON | BELMONT | BRISBANE | EAST PALO ALTO | FOSTER CITY | HALF MOON BAY | MILLBRAE | NORTH FAIR OAKS
PACIFICA SANCHEZ | PACIFICA SHARP PARK | PORTOLA VALLEY | SAN CARLOS | WOODSIDE | BOOKMOBILE

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