



Try It Out:
Introducing Karaoke Machines!

Dear Community,

Add some musical fun to your next family gathering or backyard barbecue with our new addition to our library of things: [karaoke machines](#)!

Along with GoPros, ukuleles, [Book-A-Bikes](#), [hotspots and laptops](#), you can now check out a karaoke machine for one week at all of our libraries. Karaoke machines will be available on a first come, first served basis as an In-Luck item.

The karaoke machines can stream music via Bluetooth or play CDs. Each karaoke kit comes with two rechargeable cordless microphones, plus built-in disco lights so you can turn any occasion into a party.

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[Digital Detox Week](#)

Smartphones are an important tool in our daily lives, but it's essential for us to be more conscious of how we use them, especially around family and friends. Join [Digital Detox Week](#) from July 17-23 and keep track of your device-free activities. Visit your local library to pick up an [activity log](#) or print one out at home and return it when you're done for the chance to win awesome prizes.

Explore More



[Meet Rita Chang-Eppig, Author of *Deep as the Sky, Red as the Sea*](#)

We'll welcome author [Rita Chang-Eppig](#) on [Wednesday, July 26, at 6:00 PM](#). Rita will discuss her debut novel, [Deep as the Sky, Red as the Sea](#). She will be joined in conversation by Sasha Vasilyuk author of *Your Presence Is Mandatory* (2024). Join us as we delve into a powerful and adventure-packed story.

Register Now



[Making Summer Savory and Sweet](#)

Summer and the [Summer Learning Challenge](#) are in full swing. The Summer Learning Challenge is a fun — and FREE — way to engage people of all ages by challenging you to read, explore new activities and learn new skills all summer. Adults who want to complete the challenge are invited to check out seasonal [cooking guides](#) with step-by-step techniques highlighting the best fired-up dishes for all to enjoy.

Discover Now



[Making Sense of Reading Levels](#)

Looking for books to help your child recognize letters and simple words? Has your child's teacher asked you to find books at Level 1, 1.5, C, or 200? Learning to identify books at the right level for your beginning reader can be confusing. We have a basic guide to get you started.

Learn More

Explore More

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

[Cunamacué Family Show](#)

Friday July 14 • 2:00 PM • [Foster City](#)

Friday, July 21 • 3:00 PM • [Millbrae](#)

Wednesday, July 26 • 3:30 PM • [East Palo Alto](#)

Join us for an interactive performance for all ages as we introduce Afro-Peruvian music and dance. Dances performed include Zamacueca, Festejo, Zapateo, Landó and Son de los Diablos. Each piece is introduced with a brief description of its cultural and historical context. Audience members are invited to play an instrument and participate in a short dance class.

[Golden Thread Fairytale](#)

Saturday July 15 • 11:00 AM • [Atherton](#)

Sunday, July 16 • 2:00 PM • [Brisbane](#)

Experience a colorful performance adapted from folktales centered around the comedic personage Nasrudin Hoja, a wise fool renowned in Central Asia, Turkey, Iran and the Arab world. Will Nasrudin and his faithful donkey ever make it to Samarkand, the center of arts and crafts on the ancient Silk Road? There's only one way to find out!

[Big Ideas Story Club: Food Insecurity](#)

Wednesday, July 19 • 3:30 PM • [Portola Valley](#)

Stories can help kids understand the world around them. At Big Ideas Story Club, we'll read social justice books aloud then engage in related activities. This program is designed for rising 1st first through 3rd graders. Parents and guardians are welcome to join.

[Free In-Person ESL Class | Clase de ESL en persona gratuita](#)

Monday, July 17 • 6:15 PM • [Millbrae](#)

Learn English in this in-person class taught by a certified instructor. We'll learn and practice English that will be helpful in your everyday life.

Aprende inglés en esta clase en persona enseñada por un instructor certificado.

Aprenderemos y practicaremos inglés que le ayudará en su vida diaria.

[Maker Exploration Block](#)

Tuesday, July 18 • 3:00 PM • [Brisbane](#)

Come and explore the equipment in our Makerspace! We'll have 3D printing, laser cutting, LEGOs, button making and more. This is a great opportunity to test out some equipment you've been wanting to try.

[Preserving for Summer Cocktails and Mocktails](#)

Saturday, July 22 • 2:00 PM • [Online Event](#)

If you're looking for fresh ideas for summery beverages, try something preserved! Homemade shrubs, syrups and flavored sugars and salts are all easy ways of adding your personal twist to a special drink. The UCCE Master Food Preservers of San Mateo and San Francisco will provide you with recipes to preserve this summer's bounty of fruits and herbs.

Explore All Events

Make sure to [follow our blogs](#) for updates on new events, resources and services.

Summer Learning Challenge 2023!

summerlearners.org



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