



# Annual Report

2022-2023

Open For Exploration



Dear Community,

It brings us great joy to share with you our [2022–2023 Annual Report](#), which highlights some of our most inspiring work.

This year we've launched powerful new services that help patrons thrive, and opened many more opportunities for discovery, creativity and inquiry. We rolled out the brand-new [Makermobile](#), increased [world language books](#), began offering [mental health trainings](#) to the public and introduced our [period equity](#) program. All our inclusive offerings, crucial resources and uplifting events play a key role in positively impacting the lives of countless residents.

Thank you for being a part of another successful year!

Sincerely,  
Anne-Marie Despain  
Director of Library Services

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## [The Town of Atherton's Centennial Celebration](#)

You're invited to a special centennial celebration of the Town of Atherton's incorporation. Join us at [Atherton Library](#) on **Sunday, September 24**, as we come together as a community, share stories and memories, make memorable keepsakes and celebrate all that makes Atherton a special place to call home.

[Learn More](#)



## [Meet Earlonne Woods and Nigel Poor, Authors of This Is Ear Hustle](#)

Help us welcome [Nigel Poor](#) and [Earlonne Woods](#), co-hosts of the podcast *Ear Hustle*, on **Thursday, September 28 at 6:30 PM** as they discuss their new book, *This Is Ear Hustle*. Hear their stories and ask them questions during a virtual Q&A.

[Register Now](#)



## [Celebrate Mid-Autumn Festival](#)

The Mid-Autumn Festival is a traditional Chinese holiday that has been celebrated for over 3,000 years, providing a time to reconnect with family members. This year's festival is approaching on September 29 and we've been celebrating all month long. Explore your creativity through [watercolor painting](#), [calligraphy](#) and [Tai Chi](#).

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## [Celebrate Latinx Heritage Month](#)

Celebrate Latinx Heritage Month with us through October 15! Delight in cultural festivities and music that showcase the beauty of Latinx heritage through dance, music, art and more. We're excited to celebrate and honor the diverse cultures, traditions and contributions of the Latinx community.

[Celebrate Now](#)

# Explore More

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

### [Wood Art](#)

Friday, September 22 • 11:30 AM • [North Fair Oaks](#)  
Tuesday, September 26 • 11:00 AM • [Belmont](#)  
Wednesday, September 27 • 11:00 AM • [Atherton](#)

Discover tips and techniques to create beautiful still life paintings using acrylic paint on wooden coasters. You'll improve your observation skills as you learn about composition, shape, tone, color, pattern and texture. This fun and unique art class is intended for adults. Space is limited so please register.

### [Paying for College With Scholarships: The Complex Landscape of Scholarships for College](#)

Sunday, September 24 • 11:00 AM • [Brisbane](#)

Prepare for tuition payments by demystifying the complex network of college scholarships. Participants will learn why merit- and community-based scholarships are hard to navigate, as well as how to approach scholarship searches, applications and timelines.

### [Be Sensitive, Be Brave for Suicide Prevention](#)

Monday, September 25 • 2:00 PM • [Belmont](#)  
Wednesday, September 27 • 6:00 PM • [Atherton](#)  
Thursday, September 28 • 5:30 PM • [Half Moon Bay](#)

Our suicide prevention workshops teach community members how to identify signs of suicide, sensitively and confidently ask if someone is considering suicide, connect individuals to support, and approach suicide prevention in a culturally sensitive manner. This training is for teens and adults. This training may be eligible for service or volunteer credits—please check with your local high school for details. Registration is required.

### [Owl Pellet Discovery](#)

Monday, September 25 • 3:30 PM – 4:30PM • [Woodside](#)

Join us for an engaging event featuring a hands-on owl pellet dissection where you'll uncover the secrets of owl adaptations, diet, behavior and their crucial role in the wild! Best for youth ages 6–18. Registration required.

### [Fall Flower Crowns](#)

Thursday, September 28 • 3:30 PM – 4:30PM • [Pacifica Sharp Park](#)

Embrace the beauty of autumn by creating fall flower crowns at the library. Youth ages 6–18 can join us for a creative and seasonal crafting experience that celebrates the colors of fall.

### [U.S. Citizenship Test Class | Clase del examen de ciudadanía](#)

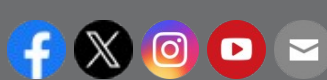
Tuesday, October 3 • 5:30 PM • [Millbrae](#)

We invite you to practice the 100 civics questions from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services office with an instructor for a six-week class. Free study materials will be provided. Everyone is welcome!

Te invitamos a practicar las 100 preguntas de educación cívica proporcionadas por la oficina de United States Citizenship and Immigration Services con un instructor para una clase de 6 semanas. Se proporcionarán materiales de estudio gratuitos. ¡Todos son bienvenidos!

[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

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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