



Banned Books Week



Dear Community,

At [San Mateo County Libraries](#), we want anyone who walks through our doors to find exactly what they're looking for, now during [Banned Books Week](#) October 1-7, and year round. We work diligently to ensure that all points of views and perspectives are represented in our collection. Preserving the freedom to read means that not everything in the library will interest or appeal to you but it's important to remember the library collection is for everyone.

Banned Books Week was established by the [American Library Association](#) "to emphasize that imposing information restraints on a free people is far more dangerous than any ideas that may be expressed in that information." Censorship attacks free speech and the free exchange of ideas protected by the [First Amendment](#).

[Stay informed](#) and [unite against book censorship](#). Celebrate Banned Books Week by reading some of [the most challenged books of 2023](#), seeing our fun library displays, and engaging with our social media.

[Let Freedom Read](#)



Filipinx American History Month 2023

October is Filipinx/o/a American History Month, a time dedicated to celebrating and honoring the history and contributions of Filipinos in the United States. Dive into Filipino history through food, art and cultural events. Explore traditional cuisine and discover the creative expressions of Filipino American artists through painting workshops.

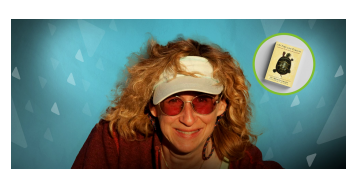
[Explore More](#)



Get Ready for a Spooktacular Howloween Costume Contest

We're calling all animal and library lovers to participate in our spooktacular Howloween Pet Costume Contest. If you're a proud pet owner who loves Halloween, dress your pet in their cutest costume or your own design. Get ready to showcase your furry friend and your creativity.

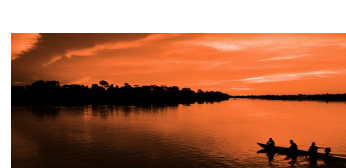
[Paw-ticipate Now](#)



Meet Sy Montgomery, Author of *Of Time and Turtles*

Join us as we welcome [Sy Montgomery](#) on [Tuesday, October 24](#), at 6:00 PM at the [Foster City Library](#). Montgomery will discuss her newest book [Of Time and Turtles: Mending the World, Shell by Shattered Shell](#). Uncover the majesty of turtles and learn why they have devoted admirers worldwide.

[Register Now](#)



Indigenous Peoples' Day Closure

In observance of Indigenous Peoples' Day, [San Mateo County Libraries](#) will be closed and [Customer Care](#) will not be available on [Sunday, October 8](#) and [Monday, October 9, 2023](#).

Explore More

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

[Flu Crew for a Healthy You, Vacuna Contra la Influenza, 流感疫苗接種服務](#)

[Saturday, October 7](#) • 11:30 AM • [Half Moon Bay](#)

[Saturday, October 14](#) • 11:30 AM • [North Fair Oaks](#)

San Mateo County Libraries will host free flu vaccines at two libraries. An appointment isn't needed and no identification is necessary. No fee or insurance is required.

San Mateo County Libraries ofrecerá vacunas contra la influenza en dos bibliotecas. Cita no es necesaria. No se necesita identificación. No habrá costo, y no necesita aseguranza.

聖馬刁縣圖書館將在其中兩個圖書館提供免費流感疫苗。本次服務不需要預約或出示任何身份證明。此外亦無需要收取費用或使用保險。

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

[Tuesday, October 10](#) • 5:30 PM • [Millbrae](#)

Practice the 100 Civics questions with an instructor for a six-week class. Free study materials will be provided. Everyone is welcome!

Practica las 100 preguntas de educación cívica proporcionadas con un instructor para una clase de seis semanas. Se proporcionarán materiales de estudio gratuitos. ¡Todos son bienvenidos!

[Tai Chi Class](#)

[Wednesday, October 11](#) • 6:00 PM • [Brisbane](#)

[Thursday, October 12](#) • 10:00 AM • [Half Moon Bay](#)

[Friday, October 13](#) • 10:00 AM • [Portola Valley](#)

Learn Chen-style Tai Chi, a soft and graceful form with strong rooted stands. Students will develop strength, balance, coordination and an understanding of basic Taiji principles.

[Power Up Afternoons: Pumpkin Painting](#)

[Thursday, October 12](#) • 3:30 PM • [Woodside](#)

Celebrate the beauty of autumn by transforming ordinary (fake) pumpkins into extraordinary works of art! Join us for a fun-filled session of seasonal creativity and crafty fun using a variety of colorful paints, brushes and your imagination.

[Power Up Afternoons: Dog Man Book Club](#)

[Friday, October 13](#) • 3:30PM • [North Fair Oaks](#)

Visit the North Fair Oaks Library every Friday for our exciting *Dog Man* book club. No need to register, just come and share your love for the hilarious graphic novel *Dog Man*!

[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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PACIFICA SANCHEZ | PACIFICA SHARP PARK | PORTOLA VALLEY | SAN CARLOS | WOODSIDE | BOOKMOBILE

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