



## **Regular Meeting Agenda**

### **Library, Culture, and Arts Commission**

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*Cindy Blanton* - Vice Chair  
*Emily Borchers* - Commissioner  
*Poonam Chabra* - Commissioner  
*Suman Ganapathy* - Commissioner  
*Katie Khera* - Commissioner  
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**Tuesday, September 5, 2023 6:00 PM**

**Council Chamber  
17555 Peak Avenue, Morgan Hill, CA 95037**

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE**

### **ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE**

### **DECLARATION OF POSTING AGENDA**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

This opportunity for public comment is for items that are not on the agenda. If you would like to make comments on an item that is on the agenda, please wait until we get to that item to offer your comments. Members of the public are entitled to address the Commission concerning any item within the Commission's subject matter jurisdiction. Public comments are limited to no more than three minutes. Except for certain specific exceptions, the Commission is prohibited from discussing or taking action on any item not appearing on the posted agenda. Public comment is intended for comments. Questions posed during public comment are not generally answered. If you have

questions, please send them to the City Clerk at [ccpubliccomment@morganhill.ca.gov](mailto:ccpubliccomment@morganhill.ca.gov) to receive a response. (See additional noticing at the end of this agenda)

## **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

### **REPORTS**

1. **County Librarian Report – Jennifer Weeks, County Librarian**  
Recommendation:  
Receive report.
2. **Morgan Hill Library Report - Heather Geddes, Community Librarian**  
Recommendation:  
Receive report.
3. **Friends of the Morgan Hill Library Report – Vicky Reader, Friends President**  
Recommendation:  
Receive report.
4. **Morgan Hill Historical Society Report - Roger Knopf, Board President**  
Recommendation:  
Receive report.
5. **City of Morgan Hill Update (Verbal)- Chris Ghione, Public Services Director**  
Recommendation:  
Receive report.

### **BUSINESS**

1. **Accept August 2, 2023 Meeting Minutes**  
Recommendation:  
Accept August 2, 2023 Meeting Minutes.
2. **Appoint Commissioners to the Galvan Park Art Selection Panel**  
Recommendation:  
Appoint up to 2 Commissioners to the Galvan Park Art Selection Panel.
3. **Discuss Volunteer Opportunity for Upcoming Fourth Saturday Downtown Events**  
Recommendation:  
Discuss volunteering at upcoming fourth Saturday Events in the Downtown.
4. **Make Appointment of Artist Lina Velasquez to the Art Exhibit Panel**  
Recommendation:  
Appoint Lina Velasquez as the artist representative for the art exhibit panel.

## **5. Work Plan Updates**

Recommendation:

Provide updates on Work Plan Items.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **FUTURE COMMISSION AGENDA ITEMS**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

### **NOTICE**

Any documents produced by the City and distributed to the majority of the Commission less than 72 hours prior to an open meeting, will be made available for public inspection at the City Clerk's Counter at City Hall located at 17575 Peak Avenue, Morgan Hill, CA, 95037 and at the Morgan Hill Public Library located at 660 West Main Avenue, Morgan Hill, California, 95037 during normal business hours. (Pursuant to Government Code 54957.5)

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Members of the Public are entitled to directly address the Commission concerning any item that is described in the notice of this meeting, before or during consideration of that item. If you wish to address the Commission on any issue that is on this agenda, please complete a speaker request card located in the foyer of the Commission Chambers and deliver it to the Minutes Clerk prior to discussion of the item. You are not required to give your name on the speaker card in order to speak to the Commission, but it is very helpful. When you are called, proceed to the podium and the Chair will recognize you. If you wish to address the Commission on any other item of interest to the public, you may do so during the public comment portion of the meeting following the same procedure described above. Please limit your comments to three (3) minutes or less.

Please submit written correspondence to the Minutes Clerk, who will distribute correspondence to the Commission.

Persons interested in proposing an item for the Commission agenda should contact a member of the Commission who may plan an item on the agenda for a future Commission meeting. Should your comments require Commission action, your request may be placed on the next appropriate agenda. Commission discussion or action may not be taken until your item appears on an agenda. This procedure is in compliance with the California Public Meeting Law (Brown Act) Government Code §54950.

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The time within which judicial review must be sought of the action by the Commission, which acted upon any matter appearing on this agenda is governed by the provisions of Section 1094.6 of the California Code of Civil Procedure.

For a copy of Commission Policies and Procedures CP 97-01, please contact the City Clerk's office (408) 779-7259, (408) 779-3117 (fax) or by email [cityclerk@morganhill.ca.gov](mailto:cityclerk@morganhill.ca.gov).

### **AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA)**

September 5, 2023

*In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you are a disabled person and you need a disability-related modification or accommodation to participate in this meeting, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (408)779-7259, (408)779-3117 (fax) or by email [cityclerk@morganhill.ca.gov](mailto:cityclerk@morganhill.ca.gov). Requests must be made as early as possible and at least two-full business days before the start of the meeting.*

September 2023  
Library Stakeholder Report  
Jennifer Weeks, County Librarian



## National Library Card Sign-Up Month

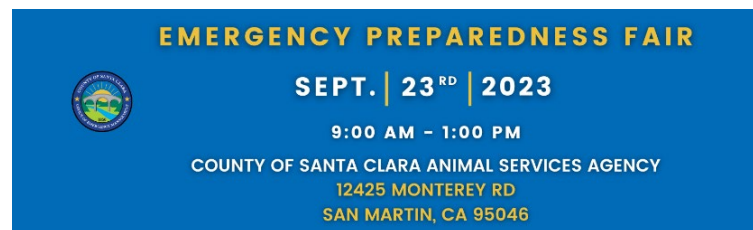
September brings the start of fall on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. School is back in session and summer vacations are winding down. September is also the time when we remind everyone the Santa Clara County Library District (SCCLD) has over 2 million items for you to borrow—for free! Whether you need to access information for a research paper, discover some new recipes for family dinners, or find the perfect picture book for a little one, the library is your one stop shop for trustworthy information and free entertainment. We also offer patrons entry to museums and parks for free, access to computers, fun events for all ages, and so much more.

Did you know a library card can save you hundreds of dollars? Before you purchase that bestseller from the bookstore, Amazon or Audible, check the [SCCLD website](#) first. Use [Flipster](#) in our 24/7 Online Library to read the latest issues of dozens of [newspapers and magazines](#). Family movie night? No need to pay subscription fees, check out our [DVD and Blu-Ray collection](#). We also offer [Kanopy and Kanopy Kids](#) for a variety of streaming videos. The American Library Association's [Library Value Calculator](#) can total up all of your potential savings from fully using your library account.

Visit the Accounts Desk at any of our libraries to sign up each household member with their own library card! Or visit us online to register for an [eCard](#) to provide you with instant access to everything in our Online Library 24/7. For a limited time, new cardholders will receive a free gift, while supplies last.

## National Preparedness Month

September is the time to get ready for emergencies. It's always a good idea to have emergency supplies and a plan in place for you and your household.



The [County Office of Emergency Management](#) is holding an Emergency Preparedness Resource fair at the County of Santa Clara Animal Services Agency at 12425 Monterey Rd. in San Martin on Saturday, September 23 from 9 am to 1 pm. Multiple County agencies and nonprofits will be present at the event. Come for the giveaways and important information that can keep your loved ones safe during an emergency.

**FYI- Libraries will be closed Sep. 4 for Labor Day.** Our Online Library is available 24/7 at [scclld.org](#)



## National Hispanic Heritage Month

It's time to celebrate *la cultura hispana* during [National Hispanic Heritage Month](#), which starts on September 15 and lasts through mid-October. This is a month which marks the accomplishments of Americans with heritage from the countries of Latin America, the Caribbean, and Spain.

Our libraries have a number of events planned for all ages, starting with a special talk by author and educator Francisco Jimenez at Gilroy Library in [English](#) and [Spanish](#). We have a [Paleta Party Storytime](#) at Starlite Park in Milpitas, plus storytimes featuring **Paletero Man** by Lucky Diaz at [Saratoga Library](#), [Cupertino Library](#), [Gilroy Library](#), and [Morgan Hill Library](#). For those who enjoy crafts, we have a **Mexican Tin Art** class for Adults and Teens at [Morgan Hill Library](#) and Teens at [Milpitas Library](#), a [DIY Piñata class](#) at Gilroy Library, and an **Inca: Llamas and Looms** event for adults at [Milpitas Library](#) and [Saratoga Library](#). Morgan Hill Library will also host a [film screening](#) of *Dolores: Rebel, Activist, Feminist, Mother* about farmworker advocate and labor activist Dolores Huerta. For those who enjoy music, check out duo Cascada de Flores for a bilingual concert at [Los Altos Library](#) or [Morgan Hill Library](#).

You can find more details about September events in our calendar that follows, or check out the [Events page](#) on our website. Please register for any event you are interested in attending.

## Are You Registered to Vote?

September 19 is [National Voter Registration Day](#), when all citizens who are 18 years or older are encouraged to take advantage of their right to participate in our democracy by registering to vote. Those who are 16 or 17 can now [pre-register to vote](#) and participate in the next election after they turn 18.



This year, there is a special election on a [Los Altos School District bond measure](#) on November 7. Next year is a presidential election and debates are already starting. We also will have races for U.S. House and State Assembly and Senate, as well as local elections, in 2024.

The County Registrar of Voters is holding a National Voter Registration [celebration](#) at PayPal's downtown San Jose headquarters. Some SCCLD libraries are holding their [own events](#) to make it easy to sign up to vote in person.



## County Poet Laureate Application Closes Sep. 22

Applications for the 2024-25 County Poet Laureate position are open now through September 22 at 5:00 pm. Details are on [SVCreate's website](#). The [County Poet Laureate](#) is an honorary position whose role is to act as an advocate for poetry, literature, and the arts and contribute to Santa Clara County's poetry and literary legacy through public readings and participation in civic events.

## International Literacy Day

UNESCO, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, created [International Literacy Day](#) in 1967 to stress the importance of the ability to read and write as a human right.

Here at SCCLD, we prioritize literacy, starting with reading to babies and then helping them advance in their reading adventure step by step with initiatives like [1,000 books before 6](#). We also offer [booklists](#) for babies, toddlers, preschoolers, and recommended reading lists by grade. SCCLD libraries feature sections to continue to inspire and challenge young readers, as well as collection areas for teens and adults. The importance of reading is also true for adults. The [Reading Program](#) pairs a tutor with an adult learner who wants to improve their reading, writing, speaking and listening skills for 1:1 tutoring sessions.



## Park Passes Flying Off the Shelves

Our patrons love the free California State Library Parks Pass program and have made SCCLD one of the top ten systems in the state in Park Pass circulation during the second quarter of 2023, fourth when considering checkouts per pass available. Including backpacks and exploration kits (available for checkout only at Morgan Hill and Gilroy libraries), passes were circulated 35,914 times during the three-month reporting period.

Passes grant one passenger vehicle per day access to over 200 California State Parks and are available on [our website](#). This month, you can also visit some parks virtually starting out with a California Adventure Pass noontime Facebook event on [Friday, September 1](#) about Samuel P. Taylor State Park in Marin County. The State Library Government Publications Section continues the series of virtual tours along with the California Department of Parks with events on Calaveras Big Trees State Park on [September 26](#), Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park on [October 12](#), and Tijuana River National Estuarine Research Reserve on [October 26](#).

## SANTA CLARA COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT SEPTEMBER 2023 EVENTS

**\*All SCCLD libraries will be closed and services unavailable  
on Monday, September 4 for Labor Day\***

### **CAMPBELL EXPRESS LIBRARY – 1 West Campbell Avenue, Room 46**

#### **ESL Conversation Club**

*Tuesdays, September 5, 12, 19, & 26, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m., Room M-50*

Practice your English conversation skills with friends. This program is for adults who speak basic English. Please register online.

#### **Family Storytime**

*Wednesdays, September 6, 13, 20, & 27, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard City Banquet Hall (Sept. 13 storytime will be in Room Q-80)*

Kids ages 0-5 are invited to join us for stories, songs, and more. Please bring a blanket or towel to sit on for the hard floors.

#### **Chinese Calligraphy Workshop**

*Tuesday, September 12, 7 – 8 p.m., Room M-50*

Celebrate the Mid-Autumn Festival by discovering the art of written Chinese calligraphy and add artistic beauty to the occasion. This workshop welcomes adults. Please register.

#### **Hispanic Heritage Month Storytime**

*Wednesday, September 13, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Room Q-80*

Join us to read [Paletero Man](#) by Lucky Diaz, a picture book celebrating the strength of community. Participating children will get to enjoy a tasty treat after storytime. Paletas will be offered on a first come, first served basis.

#### **Adult Manga Book Club**

*Wednesday, September 20, 7 – 8 p.m., Room E-46*

We will be discussing [Look Back](#) by Tatsuki Fujimoto. Pick up a copy at the service desk.

### **CUPERTINO -- 10800 Torre Avenue**

#### **Knit-Alongs at Cupertino Library**

*Fridays, September 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 2:30 – 4 p.m., Room 201A*

All knitters and crocheters are welcome to drop in. Meet new friends, start new projects, or finish old ones. Participants need to bring their own needles and/or crochet hooks and yarn. No personal instruction will be provided.

**Baby Sign and Sing**

*Sunday, September 3, 11 – 11:30 a.m., 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Program Room*

This program is for infants ages 0-12 months. Adult caregivers will learn basic signs to communicate with their babies.

**Toddler Storytime (ages 1-2)**

*Tuesdays, September 5, 12, 19, & 26, 10:30 – 11 a.m.*

This storytime will feature stories, songs, rhymes and dances that encourage the development of early literacy skills.

**Baby Wearing Dance Program**

*Wednesdays, September 6, 13, 20, & 27, 10:30 – 11 a.m.*

Babies must be held or worn in a carrier while the caregiver learns dance moves to popular songs.

**Chinese Calligraphy Workshop**

*Wednesday, September 6, 4 – 5 p.m.*

Celebrate the Mid-Autumn Festival by discovering the art of written Chinese calligraphy and add artistic beauty to the occasion. This workshop welcomes children ages 10-12. Please register.

**Bedtime Storytime**

*Wednesdays, September 6, 13, 20, & 27, 7 – 7:30 p.m., Program Room*

This storytime is suitable for all ages and will feature stories, songs, rhymes and dances that encourage the development of early literacy skills. Storytime is limited to the first 100 families. Please bring a yoga mat or blanket to sit on.

**Storytime for Babies (ages 0-1)**

*Thursdays, September 7, 14, 21, & 28, 10:30 – 11 a.m., First Floor Program Room*

This storytime features stories and songs that encourage the development of early literacy skills. Storytime is limited to the first 30 babies with a maximum of two adults per family.

**Family Storytime**

*Saturdays, September 9, 16, 23, & 30, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Program Room*

*Mondays, September 11, 18, & 25, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Program Room*

This storytime is suitable for all ages and will feature stories, songs, rhymes and dances that encourage the development of early literacy skills. Storytime is limited to the first 100 families. Please bring a yoga mat or blanket to sit on.

**ESL Conversation Club**

*Tuesdays, September 12, 19, & 26, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Room 201A, Second Floor*

Practice your English conversation skills with friends. This program is for adults who speak basic English. Please register online.

**LEGO Club**

*Tuesday, September 12, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Children's Meeting Room*

Children in grades K-8 are invited to build and create using LEGOs.

**Paying for College with Scholarships: Finding Scholarships that Fit – Search Strategies**

*Wednesday, September 13, 7 – 9 p.m., Room 201A*

Attendees will walk away with a three-step process for online searches and a better sense of how public institutions, private donors, and large organizations advertise scholarship opportunities. Please register.

**Papel Picado with Peopleologie**

*Wednesday, September 20, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Room 201A*

Experiment making your own paper banners with just scissors and your imagination. Please register.

**College Readiness Workshop for Families with Teens**

*Thursday, September 21, 12 – 2 p.m., Community Room*

Learn about the college preparation and admission process, managing pressure from schoolwork, and managing pressure from peers. Please register.

**Cupertino Adult Book Discussion Group**

*Thursday, September 21, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Room 201A*

We will discuss the book, [\*Small Pleasures\*](#) by Clare Chambers.

**Chinese Calligraphy Workshop**

*Sunday, September 24, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.*

Celebrate the Mid-Autumn Festival by discovering the art of written Chinese calligraphy and add artistic beauty to the occasion. This workshop welcomes adults. Please register.

**Mid-Autumn Moon Festival Lantern Craft**

*Tuesday, September 26, 4:30 – 6 p.m., Room 101*

Children ages 5+ and their adult are invited to make a colorful translucent cellophane lantern in celebration of the Mid-Autumn Moon Festival. Please register.

**Learn Poems by Heart Club**

*Wednesday, September 27, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Room 201*

Learning poems by heart is a rewarding practice for poets, poetry lovers, and anyone who needs a break. Please register.

**AARP Smart Driver TEK Workshop**

*Wednesday, September 27, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Room 201A*

Technology is changing the driving experience. The Smart Driver TEK Workshop will keep you in the know about the latest high-tech safety features in your current or future car. Please register.

**GILROY -- 350 W. Sixth Street****Book Discussion**

*Friday, September 1, 10:15 – 11:15 a.m., Upstairs Quiet Study B*

We will discuss [\*The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo\*](#) by Taylor Jenkins Reid.

**Safe Space Meeting for LGBTQ+ Youth**

*Fridays, September 1 & 15, 4 – 6 p.m., First Floor Meeting Room*

This in-person support group is for youth and young adults (ages 13-25). Play games, participate in group activities and discussions and build community. No registration necessary.

**Family Storytime at Gilroy Library**

*Thursdays, September 7, 14, 21, & 28, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Community Room*

Join us for stories, songs and more.

**Knitting and Crochet Weekly Meetup**

*Thursdays, September 7, 14, 21, & 28, 1 – 4 p.m., Upstairs Quiet Study B*

Join us for an informal weekly drop-in knitting and crochet circle. Bring your projects, ask questions, get help, share ideas and meet new people!

**Learn to DJ 101**

*Thursday, September 7, 4 – 6 p.m., Second-Floor Computer Training Lab*

Teens 14+ can learn how to download and organize their music collection, use Rekordbox to prepare playlists and mix harmonically. Please register.

**Classical Guitar Workshop Series**

*Saturdays, September 9 – October 28, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Upstairs Quiet Study B*

This 8-class series will complete a beginner/intermediate guitar course. Please plan to attend all eight dates. This class is for ages 12+.

**Francisco Jimenez: Living and Writing a Migrant's Life**

*Saturday, September 9, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Upstairs Community Room*

*Saturday, September 9, 2 – 3 p.m., Upstairs Community Room (Spanish presentation)*

Francisco Jimenez emigrated with his family from Mexico to California and as a child, worked alongside his parents in the fields. He later went on to get degrees from Santa Clara University and Columbia University. Hear how his personal experiences of growing up in a family of migrant workers helped shape his writing. Please register.

**Open Poetry Readings with Garlicky Group of Poets**

*Saturday, September 9, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Downstairs Meeting Room*

Read whatever poetry you want to read and join in related discussions. No registration necessary.

**Move It! Storytime (ages 2-5)**

*Mondays, September 11 – November 27, 1:15 – 2 p.m., Community Room*

Shake your sillies out during this energetic exploration of movement.

**Improve Your Public Speaking with Gilroy Toastmasters**

*Mondays, September 11 & 25, 6 – 7 p.m., Quiet Room B*

The typical meetings consist of one or two prepared speeches lasting 4-10 minutes. A round robin of “off the cuff” questions follow the prepared speeches. Please register.

**Sign & Sing Storytimes (ages 1-3)**

*Fridays, September 15 – November 17, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., the Nest*

We’ll learn sign language vocabulary through stories, songs, and smiles.

**Chinese Calligraphy Workshop**

*Saturday, September 16, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.*

Celebrate the Mid-Autumn Festival by discovering the art of written Chinese calligraphy and add artistic beauty to the occasion. This workshop welcomes teens and adults. Please register.

**Protecting Your Legacy: An Essential Guide to Preserving Your Heirlooms**

*Saturday, September 16, 2 – 3 p.m., Community Room*

Learn how to protect and preserve your heritage documents and art to last a lifetime and beyond. Please register. Walk-ins welcome.

**National Voter Registration Day**

*Tuesday, September 19, 1 – 6 p.m., Lobby*

Stop by our volunteer-staffed table to register, re-register or pre-register to vote.

**That Pirate, Bouchard: Revolutions, Redemption and the Plunder of Old California**

*Saturday, September 23, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Upstairs Community Room*

Author William Briggs tells the story of Hipolito Bouchard, who became the hero of three South American nations, while considered the scourge of Alta California. Please register. Walk-ins welcome.

**Banned Books Workshop**

*Saturday, September 23, 1 – 2 p.m., Second-Floor Computer Training Lab*

We will be discussing some books that have been banned in the past and completing a writing reflection exercise about censorship and freedom of information. Register to save your space. Walk-ins welcome as space allows.

**Book Discussion**

*Sunday, September 24, 3 – 4 p.m., Library Courtyard*

Sustainable food advocate Peter Ruddock will lead a lively discussion of the book [\*The Death and Life of Great American Cities\*](#) by Jane Jacobs. Everyone is welcome. Register to receive an email reminder.

**Resilient Families/Familias Resilientes**

*Wednesdays, September 27 – November 8, 5:30 – 8 p.m., Upstairs Community Room*

Do you have a child 0-3 years old? Do you want to learn how to handle stress and create a support network? Help your child feel safe, secure, and loved and better prepared to start school! This session will be held in Spanish. ¿Tienes un niño de 0 a 3 años? ¿Quieres aprender a manejar el estrés y crear una red de apoyo? ¡Ayude a su hijo a sentirse seguro, amado y mejor preparado para comenzar la escuela! La sesión será en español.

**College Readiness Workshop for Families with Teens**

*Friday, September 29, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Computer Lab*

Learn the college preparation and admission process, managing pressure from schoolwork, and managing pressure from peers. Please register.

**DIY Piñata Craft for Teens and Adults**

*Saturday, September 30, 2 – 3 p.m., Community Room*

Create a colorful piñata with decorative paper flowers to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month. We provide the supplies and you bring your imagination!

**LOS ALTOS -- 13 S. San Antonio Road****Photography Exhibit**

*Through September 30, Art Wall*

Enjoy this photography exhibit from Joel Stein and his student Jeffrey Mu.

**Bilingual Spanish Storytime**

*Fridays, September 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard Room*

Join us for stories, songs, and movement in Spanish and English. ¡Únase a nosotros para escuchar cuentos, canciones y movimiento en español e inglés!

**Baby Sign Time**

*Saturday, September 2, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard Room*

Babies under a year old and their grownups are welcome to sing songs and learn signs to share with your baby. Please bring a blanket for your baby.

**Stay and Play**

*Saturday, September 2, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Orchard Room*

Non-walking babies and their grownups are invited to play with age-appropriate toys. Bring a blanket and enjoy this socialization for babies.

**Family Bingo Night**

*Sunday, September 3, 5 – 6 p.m., Orchard Room*

Join us for a game of Bingo and try to win a prize.

**Family Storytime**

*Tuesdays, September 5, 12, 19, & 26, 10:30 – 11 a.m. and 11 – 11:30 a.m., Orchard Room*

Join us for a fun, interactive 20-minute family storytime with sing songs, read stories, practice fingerplays and more. There will be a second storytime to accommodate those who weren't able to attend the 10:30 storytime. Free tickets will be given out 30 minutes before storytime.

**Chinese Calligraphy Workshop**

*Tuesday, September 5, 7 – 8 p.m.*

Celebrate the Mid-Autumn Festival by discovering the art of written Chinese calligraphy and add artistic beauty to the occasion. This workshop welcomes adults. Please register.

**The Whodunit? Mystery Book Club**

*Wednesday, September 6, 10:15 – 11:30 a.m., Teen Room*

We will be discussing [A Fatal Thaw](#) by Dana Stabenow.

**World Affairs: The Deer and the Dragon Revisited: Southeast Asia and China Now**

*Wednesday, September 6, 7 – 8:30 p.m.*

Presented by Stanford Professor Donald Emmerson, you'll get his analysis of Southeast Asia's current interactions with China that will acknowledge the disparities in size and power between the region's eleven diverse countries and their gigantic neighbor.

**ESL Conversation Club**

*Thursdays, September 7, 14, 21, & 28, 1:30 – 3 p.m., Orchard Room*

Practice your English conversation skills with friends. This program is for those who speak basic English.

**Teen Dungeons and Dragons Social Club**

*Thursdays, September 7, 14, 21, & 28, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.*

Stop by and watch the ongoing game. Right now the game is full, but we will occasionally have openings for new players.

**Fear and Loathing in the Heavens: The 1910 Return of Halley's Comet**

*Thursday, September 7, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room*

Author and historian Dr. Richard Goodrich was talk about his book, [Comet Madness: How the 1910 Return of Halley's Comet \(Almost\) Destroyed Civilization](#). Join us for an entertaining lecture about why many people believed earth would not survive the encounter.

**Monday Morning Meditation and Mindfulness**

*Mondays, September 11, 18, & 25, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard Room*

Come practice meditation for 20 minutes then ask questions for ten minutes with instructor Manisha.

**Chinese Calligraphy Workshop**

*Monday, September 11, 4 – 5 p.m.*

Celebrate the Mid-Autumn Festival by discovering the art of written Chinese calligraphy and add artistic beauty to the occasion. This workshop welcomes children ages 10-12. Please register.

**Bobbin Wranglers Sewing Club**

*Monday, September 11, 7 – 8 p.m.*

Every month we will learn new skills and create a simple project from start to finish. Please bring your own supplies. Each month we will discuss what will be needed for the next project. Register online.

**Avoid Five Retirement Mistakes**

*Tuesday, September 12, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room*

Learn about five financial retirement mistakes and how to avoid them. Please register.

**Bay Area Games Day**

*Saturday, September 16, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m., Orchard Room*

Stop by and learn how to play a new board game or bring an old favorite.

**Sunday Crafternoon**

*Sunday, September 17, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Orchard Room*

This all-ages craft is a way to relax with your community and let your creativity shine.

**Free ESL Classes**

*Mondays and Wednesdays, September 18- December 13, 2 – 4 p.m., Orchard Room*

Join us for a two-month series to learn and improve your English listening and speaking skills. This class is for high beginners to low intermediate.

**National Voter Registration Day**

*Tuesday, September 19, 1 – 5 p.m., Lobby*

Stop by our volunteer-staffed table to register, re-register or pre-register to vote.

**Book Bugs Club for 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders**

*Tuesday, September 19, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room*

We will be discussing [\*Mercy Watson to the Rescue\*](#) by Kate DiCamillo, then do a craft.

**Author Event and Writing Workshop**

*Tuesday, September 19, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room*

Join author Julia Vee to learn about her books, the path to publication, independent and traditional publishing, and a workshop about how writing flash fiction can improve your writing craft. Please register.

**Know Your Rights: Access to Mental Health Services**

*Wednesday, September 20, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.*

This presentation explains how common mental health conditions are, and how to recognize signs and symptoms. It provides information on rights to mental health care, steps and resources to access care, and what to do if you encounter problems.

**Cascada de Flores and Paleta Party**

*Thursday, September 21, 10:30 – 11:45 a.m., Orchard Room*

Cascada de Flores is a Bay Area-based musical duo who offer a bilingual Spanish music and storytelling experience. After that, there will be a paleta party on a first come, first-served basis. Free tickets will be given out starting at 10 a.m. Space is limited.

**Page Turners Book Club for 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Graders**

*Thursday, September 21, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room*

We will be discussing [\*Where the Mountain Meets the Moon\*](#) by Grace Lin, then we will do a fun activity related to the book.

**Furry Friends Reading Buddies**

*Saturday, September 23, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m., Orchard Room*

Children can buddy up with a furry friend and read one-on-one from a favorite book. Please register.

**Now Read This! Book Club**

*Monday, September 25, 12 – 1:30 p.m., Orchard Room*

We will be discussing [\*Free: A Child and a Country at the End of History\*](#) by Lea Ypi.

**Firefighter Storytime & Truck Event**

*Tuesday, September 26, 10:30 – 11 a.m. and 11 – 11:30 a.m., Orchard Room & Parking Lot*

We are partnering with Santa County Clara Fire for a special storytime and the opportunity to meet a firefighter and see a fire truck. Please note: firefighters will remain in-serve and may need to leave in the event of an emergency.

**Book Club for 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Graders**

*Tuesday, September 26, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room*

We will be discussing [\*Holes\*](#) by Louis Sachar, then we will do a fun activity related to the book.

**Teen Knitting Club**

*Tuesday, September 26, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m., Teen Room*

If you love knitting or want to learn, join us for a cozy sit-down group. All skill levels are welcome, and beginners can use library yarn and needles.

**Book Talk Club for Kids**

*Wednesday, September 27, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.*

Kids in grades 4-8 are invited to share a book to recommend with others and get some recommendations as well. Please register. Drop-ins are welcome also.

**Wednesday Travel Nights: India's Rajasthan**

*Wednesday, September 27, 7 – 8 p.m.*

Take a photographic tour of India's largest state, Rajasthan and experience the intense sunsets and tour ancient temples and historical treasures including the Taj Mahal.

**Moon Festival Lantern Craft**

*Thursday, September 28, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Orchard Room*

Children in grades K+ are invited to drop by for a fun paper lantern craft.

**MILPITAS -- 160 N. Main Street****ESL Assessment for ESL Class**

*Through Saturday, September 9, Computer Training Center or Zoom*

These assessments are required to complete the registration for the upcoming ESL classes that start on September 11.

**Qi Gong Meditation & Exercise Classes**

*Fridays, September 1, 15, 22, & 29, 1 – 3 p.m., Auditorium*

Relieve stress and anxiety, increase energy and vitality and improve physical health during these exercise sessions.

**Knit & Crochet Circle**

*Fridays, September 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 2 – 4 p.m., Conference Room*

Meet other yarn lovers while working on your latest project, get help when you're stuck and share ideas. Instruction available in Hindi, Punjabi and Gujarati. No registration required. Materials not provided.

**Bilingual Cantonese/English Storytime**

*Tuesdays, September 5 & 19, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Activity Room*

Children's librarians Maggie and Emilie will read storybooks and lead children with songs and fingerplays. 兒童圖書館員 Maggie 和 Emilie 將為小朋友讀圖畫故事書, 唱兒歌, 手指謠, 玩遊戲。

**Baby Bouncers Lapsit**

*Tuesdays, September 5, 12, 19, & 26, 11:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Activity Room*

This program has an early literacy focus on traditional nursery rhymes, lap bounces, body rhymes, songs, very short and simple picture books. This program is focused on babies up to 12 months old.

**Fun with Art Presented by First5 Santa Clara County**

*Wednesday, September 6, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Activity Room*

This program is geared towards children ages 2-5 and their caregivers. Join us as we have fun with art!

**ESL Conversation Club**

*Wednesdays, September 6, 13, 20, & 27, 3 – 4 p.m., Conference Room*

Practice your English conversation skills with friends. This program is for adults who speak basic English.

**Toddler Storytime**

*Thursdays, September 7, 14, 21, & 28, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Activity Room*

This storytime is geared to 1-2 year olds, and features lots of movement, singing and action.

**Crafts Around the World: Mid-Autumn Festival**

*Thursday, September 7, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Activity Room*

Children of all ages are welcome to join us for a fun craft activity and some mooncakes. Registration not required. All materials are provided while supplies last.

**Play and Learn**

*Thursdays, September 7, 14, & 21, 5:30 – 6:15 p.m., Activity Room*

Play and Learn is for toddlers and preschoolers. It includes songs, fingerplays and books perfect for your little one. The first ten minutes is a read-aloud session, followed by 30 minutes of free playtime.

**Free ESL Classes**

*Mondays and Wednesdays, September 11- December 6, 6 – 8 p.m., Computer Training Center*  
Join us for a two-month series to learn and improve your English listening and speaking skills. This class is for those at the beginner-intermediate level.

**Mid-Autumn Moon Festival Lantern Craft**

*Wednesday, September 13, 4 – 5 p.m., Activity Room*

Children ages 6+ are invited to make a colorful cellophane lantern in celebration of the Mid-Autumn Moon Festival. Please register.

**Finding Scholarships that Fit**

*Saturday, September 16, 2 – 3 p.m., Auditorium*

Attendees will walk away with a three-step process for online searches and a better sense of how public institutions, private donors, and large organizations advertise scholarship opportunities. Please register.

**Chinese Calligraphy Workshop**

*Sunday, September 17, 2 – 3 p.m.*

Celebrate the Mid-Autumn Festival by discovering the art of written Chinese calligraphy and add artistic beauty to the occasion. This workshop welcomes adults. Please register.

**Mexican Tin Art Craft (ages 12-18)**

*Friday, September 22, 4 – 5 p.m., Auditorium*

Celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month by joining a class about Mexican tin art, a folk art where you work with tin and colors to decorate. All supplies will be provided. Please register.

**Reading Buddies for Grades K-5**

*Saturday, September 23, 2 – 3 p.m., Activity Room*

Children can buddy up with a furry friend and read one-on-one from a favorite book.

**Chinese Calligraphy Workshop**

*Wednesday, September 27, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.*

Celebrate the Mid-Autumn Festival by discovering the art of written Chinese calligraphy and add artistic beauty to the occasion. This workshop welcomes children ages 10-12. Please register.

**Adult Book Discussion Group**

*Wednesday, September 27, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m., Auditorium*

We will be discussing [\*The Apparitionists: A Tale of Phantoms, Fraud, Photography, and the Man who Captured Lincoln's Ghost\*](#) by Peter Manseau.

**Paying for College with Scholarships: Developing Unique Essays**

*Saturday, September 30, 2 – 3 p.m., Auditorium*

Learn how to develop a series of interchangeable written ‘modules’ that can be used to address the most popular aspects of multiple scholarship essay prompts. Please register.

**MORGAN HILL -- 660 W. Main Avenue****Tiny Tot Jamboree**

*Fridays, September 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 11 – 11:45 a.m.*

Toddlers (1-2 years old) and caregivers are invited to join us for short fun stories, rhymes, fingerplays and songs.

**Itty Bitty Jamboree**

*Fridays, September 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 11:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.*

Babies (12 months and younger) and their caregivers are invited to join us for stories, music, movement and more!

**Bilingual Storytime**

*Saturdays, September 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 10:15 – 11 a.m., Children’s Activity Room*

Join us for stories, music, movement and more in English and Spanish!

**DIY Bookmarks for Adults**

*Saturday, September 2, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.*

Adults and seniors are invited to decorate and create their own bookmarks. Please register.

**Snack Break – Free Snacks for Kids/Pausa de Merienda – Merienda Gratis Para Niños**

*Mondays-Thursdays, 3 – 4 p.m./lunes a jueves, 3 – 4 p.m.*

Stop by the library and pick up a free after-school snack. For kids 18 years old and under, while supplies last. ¡Pasa por la biblioteca y recoge una merienda gratis después de la escuela! Para niños de 18 años y menores, mientras duren las reservas.

**LEGO Club**

*Tuesdays, September 5, 12, 19, & 26, 3 – 4 p.m.*

Use LEGOs to build based on our weekly theme or build whatever you want.

**First Tuesday Knit-In**

*Tuesday, September 5, 6:30 – 8:45 p.m., Large Side of Community Room*

Knitters are welcome to come and work together. New knitters can get advice and assistance while advanced knitters can meet new friends.

**After Dinner Book Club**

*Tuesday, September 5, 7:30 – 8 p.m., Program Room*

We will be discussing [\*Killers of the Flower Moon\*](#) by David Grann.

**Kids STEM Club**

*Wednesday, September 6, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Children's Activity Room*

School-aged children ages 5+ can drop in and explore different STEM topics with hands on activities. This month we will play with Cubelets.

**College, Career & Life Skills Series: Introduction to College & Career Readiness**

*Wednesday, September 6, 6 – 7 p.m., Program Room*

Get an introduction to college and career readiness, the California college system, and discuss how to select the right college for you or your child, and the college admissions timeline. A second presentation will be held in Spanish at 7:30 p.m.

**Toddler Storytime**

*Thursdays, September 7, 14, 21, & 28, 10:15 – 11 a.m., Children's Activity Room*

Toddlers (2-3 years old) and caregivers are invited to join us for stories, music, movement and more.

**Preschool Storytime**

*Thursdays, September 7, 14, 21, & 28, 11 – 11:45 a.m., Children's Activity Room*

Children ages 4-5 and caregivers are invited to join us for stories, music, movement and more.

**Safe Space Meeting for LGBTQ+ Youth**

*Fridays, August 8 & 22, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Small Program Room*

This in-person support group is for youth and young adults (ages 13-25). Play games, participate in group activities and discussions and build community. No registration necessary.

**ESL Conversation Club**

*Saturdays, September 9, 23, & 30, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Adult Program Room*

Practice your English conversation skills with friends. This program is for adults who speak basic English. Please register online.

**DIY Flower Vase**

*Monday, September 11, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Program Room*

Decorate small flower vases and bring home a real flower. All materials will be provided. Wear clothing you do not mind getting dirty. Please register online.

**Zumba**

*Mondays, September 11 & 25, 6 – 7 p.m.*

Join us for a free dance and rhythm-based workout. This Latin-inspired, easy-to-follow, fitness party exhilarates your senses and works all major muscle groups in a high-energy cardio blast.

**Movie Night**

*Wednesday, September 13, 6 – 8:30 p.m., Adult Program Room*

Join us for a movie night to watch *In the Heights* (PG-13).

**Wildfire Preparedness: Ready Set Go!**

*Friday, September 15, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.*

Learn about wildfire prevention and preparedness. Ready Set Go guides the public on how to prepare their homes and family before a wildfire, including creating defensible space, preparing go bags, discussing what to do during a wildfire and knowing when to go.

**Mexican Tin Art for Adults & Teens**

*Saturday, September 16, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m., Program Room*

Get a brief history of the traditional cultural practice or *repujado/hojalata*, and then demonstrate techniques on how to emboss your own designs or pre-drawn patterns onto tooling aluminum. Registration is required.

**Paying for College with Scholarships: Developing Unique Essays**

*Monday, September 18, 6 – 7 p.m., Large Program Room*

Learn how to develop a series of interchangeable written ‘modules’ that can be used to address the most popular aspects of multiple scholarship essay prompts. Please register.

**Library Ukulele Society**

*Tuesday, September 19, 5 – 7 p.m., Community Room*

Bring your uke and music stand or come to listen and sing along! No registration required.

**Start Your Own Small Business: For Teens**

*Wednesday, September 20, 6 – 8 p.m., Large Program Room*

This workshop is for teens ages 12-18 who want to learn how to turn their unique skills, passions, and interest into a small business. This workshop will be a mix of hands-on exercise with easy to follow worksheets and a presentation of real-life examples of young entrepreneurs. Please register.

**Chinese Calligraphy Workshop**

*Saturday, September 23, 12 – 1 p.m.*

Celebrate the Mid-Autumn Festival by discovering the art of written Chinese calligraphy and add artistic beauty to the occasion. This workshop welcomes adults and teens. Please register.

**Film Screening**

*Wednesday, September 27, 6 – 8:30 p.m., Program Room*

We will be viewing ***Dolores: Rebel. Activist. Feminist. Mother.*** Film Summary: In the 1950s, a working-class wife and mother of eleven children helps to establish a farmer’s union, which later develops into a platform for feminism and gender equality.

## **SARATOGA -- 13650 Saratoga Avenue**

### **California Color Art Show**

*Through October 31, Main Lobby*

Enjoy an exhibit of paintings by members of the Santa Clara Valley Watercolor Society.

### **Baby Storytime (12 months or younger)**

*Fridays, September 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Orchard Room*

Join us for stories, rhymes, fingerplays and songs.

### **Family Storytime**

*Saturdays, September 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room*

*Tuesdays, September 5, 12, 19, & 26, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Orchard Room*

Join us for stories, rhymes, fingerplays and songs.

### **Ukulele Jam Session**

*Tuesdays, September 5, 12, & 19, 11 – 11:45 a.m., Community Room*

All players who know basic chords in beginner to intermediate levels are welcome to drop in and jam! Bring your uke, all other materials will be provided.

### **Sci-Fi & Fantasy Book Club**

*Tuesdays, September 5, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard Room*

Join our new book club! We will be discussing [Dune](#) by Frank Herbert. Visit the Adult Reference Desk to register and pick up a copy of the book.

### **Knit & Crochet Circle**

*Wednesday, September 6, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Orchard Room*

Bring your own projects, ask questions, receive or give help, share ideas, and meet new people.

### **Opioid Overdose Prevention**

*Saturday, September 9, 1 – 2 p.m.*

SCCLD in partnership with Santa Clara County Behavioral Health is offering training about how to recognize opioid overdoses and how to safely administer the nasal spray, naloxone (aka Narcan). Participants who complete the training will be given naloxone dosages, while supplies last. Please register for this event.

### **California Color Talk and Reception**

*Sunday, September 10, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Community Room*

Susan Butler-Graham, the Exhibits Chair of the Santa Clara Valley Watercolor Society, will describe the mission and activities of SCVWS. She will also discuss some watercolor techniques and introduce participants to the exhibit of paintings by members.

**Watercolor Painting for Kids Ages 5-12**

*Tuesday, September 12, 4 – 5 p.m., Community Room*

Kids between the ages of 5-12 are welcome to our beginner watercolor painting fun. First come, first served as supplies are limited.

**LEGO Club**

*Wednesday, September 13, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room*

Children in grades K-7 are invited to build and create using LEGOs. No registration required. Space is limited.

**Family Bingo**

*Friday, September 15, 4 – 5 p.m., Community Room*

Join us for good times and fun prizes. Bring the whole family as all ages are welcome. Admission is first come, first-served.

**Chinese Calligraphy Workshop**

*Saturday, September 16, 2 – 3 p.m.*

Celebrate the Mid-Autumn Festival by discovering the art of written Chinese calligraphy and add artistic beauty to the occasion. This workshop welcomes adults. Please register.

**Bystander Intervention Training**

*Sunday, September 17, 1 – 3 p.m., Community Room*

Learn how to safely intervene in the event you witness a hate crime or bias incident. Learn specific de-escalation techniques as a bystander in a variety of scenarios.

**Free Multi-Level ESL Classes**

*Mondays and Wednesdays, September 18- December 13, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.*

Join us for a two-month series to learn and improve your English listening and speaking skills. This class is for beginners to intermediate students.

**Mystery Book Club**

*Monday, September 18, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard Room*

We will be discussing [\*The Silent Patient\*](#) by Alex Michaelides.

**Travel Program: Touring the American Southwest**

*Tuesday, September 19, 7:15 – 8:30 p.m.*

Join John Trudeau for a photo journey of his scenic road trip in the American Southwest with stops at the Carlsbad Caverns, Bandelier National Monuments, the Petrified Forest, and Sedona.

**Mandarin/English Storytime**

*Thursday, September 21, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Orchard Room*

Enjoy fun stories, fingerplays, action rhymes and songs in Mandarin and English.

**Teatime Book Chatter**

*Thursday, September 21, 1 – 2 p.m., Orchard Room*

We will be discussing [Yellowface](#) by R.F. Kuang. Visit the Adult Reference Desk to register and pick up a copy of the book.

**Spanish/English Storytime**

*Thursday, September 28, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Orchard Room*

Enjoy fun stories, fingerplays, action rhymes and songs in Spanish and English.

**WOODLAND – 1975 Grant Road****Canine Companions Reading Buddies**

*Fridays, September 8 & 22, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.*

Practice your reading skills with a friendly dog. This program is perfect for emergent readers. This is a drop-in event, registration is not required and space is limited.

**Grandparents Day Family Storytime**

*Sunday, September 10, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Backyard*

Join us in the backyard of the library for stories, songs, fingerplays as we celebrate Grandparents Day.

**Monday Morning Meditation and Mindfulness**

*Mondays, September 11, 18, & 25, 7 – 7:30 p.m., Patio*

Come practice meditation for 20 minutes then ask questions for ten minutes with instructor Manisha.

**Family Storytime: Farms**

*Sunday, September 24, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Backyard*

Join us in the backyard of the library for stories, songs, fingerplays as we learn about farms.

**ONLINE EVENTS (Please register online)****ESL Book Club**

*Friday, September 1, 4 – 5 p.m.*

We will be discussing [The Housekeeper and the Professor](#) by Yoko Ogawa.

**Girls Who Code Registration Lottery**

*Monday, September 4 – Friday, September 15*

The Cupertino Library is holding a 10-week Girls Who Code Program starting September 26. Due to high interest, an online registration process followed by a lottery selection will determine who will be enrolled in this program. Submitting the form does not guarantee entry.

**Get Started with Libby**

*Wednesday, September 6, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.*

Join us for a one-hour presentation to help you get started with OverDrive's app, Libby, and get access to eBooks and Audiobooks.

**Online English Conversation Club**

*Thursdays, September 7, 14, 21, & 28, 11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.*

Meet new friends and practice English together.

**Virtual Author Talk: Lidia Bastianich**

*Thursday, September 7, 4 – 5 p.m.*

Award-winning TV host and bestselling author Lidia Bastianich will discuss her memoir, [\*My American Dream: A Life of Love, Family, and Food\*](#).

**Paying for College with Scholarships: The Complex Landscape of Scholarships**

*Tuesday, September 12, 5 – 6 p.m.*

College scholarships exist for everyone, regardless of academic merit or personal background. We will walk you through the steps to identify, apply for, and manage scholarships.

**Virtual Author Talk: Adam Alter**

*Wednesday, September 20, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.*

Author Adam Alter will discuss his new book, [\*Anatomy of a Breakthrough: How to Get Unstuck When it Matters Most\*](#).

**Welcome to ReadyRosie!**

*Wednesday, September 27, 1:30 – 2 p.m.*

ReadyRosie is a child development resource for parents and caregivers of children 0-6 years old. Discover videos and gain insight on how to best share information and develop early literacy skills for little ones.

**Virtual Author Talk: Amor Towles**

*Wednesday, September 27, 5 – 6 p.m.*

Bestselling author Amor Towles will discuss his career and books [\*A Gentleman in Moscow\*](#) and [\*The Lincoln Highway\*](#).

## AUGUST HIGHLIGHTS

**Lunch at the Library:** This year's program served 3595 meals during the school summer break. A huge thanks to our Reference staff, Library Assistant Orion, interns Madison, Miguel, and Sophia for making this program a success! Our Children's team also partnered with the Barrett school meal program to promote literacy by visiting 14 classes and 330 students. The team read stories, shared crafts and gave every student a book for their home library.



**ESL Club:** ESL is back at Morgan Hill led by Librarian Shannon every Saturday at 11am, with 22 patrons participating in the first month.



**Opioid Workshop:** In partnership with Behavioral Health Services, the library hosted an Opioid Overdose Prevention Workshop and distributed Naloxone to 35 library patrons.



## AUGUST OUTREACH

In partnership with the city and MHUSD our team engaged with 794 residents, sharing library resources at National Night Out, Migrant Family Resource fair and the Doggy Days of Summer.

## WHAT'S CIRCULATING?

| Collection              | Circulation as % of Overall Collection |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Adult Non Fiction Books | 10%                                    |
| Picture Books           | 9%                                     |
| Movies for Adults       | 8%                                     |
| K - 3rd Grade Readers   | 8%                                     |

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We're looking for volunteers ages 14+ to act as volunteer tutors for our homework help program this Fall. More information at [scclid.org/volunteer](http://scclid.org/volunteer)

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

### Kids STEM Club: Cubelets Robot Blocks

Wednesday 9/6 3:30pm (ages 5+)

### Family Fun Night Art

Tuesday 9/12 6:30pm (ages 5+)

### Mexican Tin Art for Adults & Teens

Saturday 9/16 1:30pm

registration Required

### Film Screening: Dolores

### Rebel, Activist, Feminist, Mother

Wednesday 9/27 6:00pm

### Science Experiments for Kids

Saturday 9/30 2-4pm (ages 5+)

57,219

Circulation

Monthly Statistics

102



## **MEETING MINUTES**

### **Library, Culture, and Arts Commission**

*Amanda Santiago* - Chair  
*Cindy Blanton* - Vice Chair  
*Emily Borchers* - Commissioner  
*Poonam Chabra* - Commissioner  
*Suman Ganapathy* - Commissioner  
*Katie Khera* - Commissioner  
*Patrice Lyn* - Commissioner

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**Wednesday, August 2, 2023 6:00 PM**

**Council Chamber  
17555 Peak Avenue, Morgan Hill, CA 95037**

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

6:01pm

### **ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE**

Borchers and Chabra absent

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE**

### **DECLARATION OF POSTING AGENDA**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

This opportunity for public comment is for items that are not on the agenda. If you would like to make comments on an item that is on the agenda, please wait until we get to that item to offer your comments. Members of the public are entitled to address the Commission concerning any item within the Commission's subject matter jurisdiction. Public comments are limited to no more than three minutes. Except for certain specific exceptions, the Commission is prohibited from discussing or taking action on any item not appearing on the posted agenda. Public comment is intended for comments.

Questions posed during public comment are not generally answered. If you have questions, please send them to the City Clerk at [ccpubliccomment@morganhill.ca.gov](mailto:ccpubliccomment@morganhill.ca.gov) to receive a response. (See additional noticing at the end of this agenda)  
None

## **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Motion Khera, Second Lyn, Adopted 5-0

## **REPORTS**

1. **County Librarian Report – Jennifer Weeks, County Librarian**  
Recommendation:  
Receive report.
2. **Morgan Hill Library Report - Heather Geddes, Community Librarian**  
Recommendation:  
Receive report.  
  
Provided by Jennifer Weeks, County Librarian.
3. **Friends of the Morgan Hill Library Report – Vicky Reader, Friends President**  
Recommendation:  
Receive report.  
  
No Report
4. **Morgan Hill Historical Society Report - Roger Knopf, Board President**  
Recommendation:  
Receive report.
5. **City of Morgan Hill Update (Verbal)- Chris Ghione, Public Services Director**  
Recommendation:  
Receive report.

## **BUSINESS**

1. **Accept June 6, 2023 Meeting Minutes**  
Recommendation:  
Accept of June 6, 2023 Meeting Minutes.  
  
Motion Ganapathy, Second Blanton, Accepted 5-0
2. **Work Plan Updates**  
Recommendation:  
Provide updates on Work Plan Items.

Commissioners provided updates on Work Plan Items.

3. **International Celebration Planning**

Recommendation:

Discuss International Celebration Planning

Discussed planning for the event.

4. **Review and Recommend Approval of Utility Box Art for Two Locations**

Recommendation:

1. Review and make recommendations for approval for Utility Box Art proposed by Artist Crystal Romo at the intersection of Church Street and East Dunne Avenue; and
2. Review and make recommendations for approval for Utility Box Art proposed by Artist Amanda Santiago at the intersection of Tennant Avenue and Butterfield Boulevard.

Recommend to the City Council the approval of the Utility Box Art proposed by artist Amanda Santiago with location to be recommended by City Staff.

Motion Lyn, Second Ganapathy, Approved 4-0 (Commissioner Santiago recused herself for the full item).

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**FUTURE COMMISSION AGENDA ITEMS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

7:09pm

## **LIBRARY, CULTURE, AND ARTS COMMISSION STAFF REPORT**

**MEETING DATE: September 5, 2023**

**PREPARED BY:**

Chris Ghione, Public Services Director

**APPROVED BY:** Chris Ghione

### **APPOINT COMMISSIONERS TO THE GALVAN PARK ART SELECTION PANEL**

#### **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

Appoint up to 2 Commissioners to the Galvan Park Art Selection Panel.

#### **REPORT NARRATIVE:**

The City will be evaluating artwork for installation at the new Galvan Park Restroom Building. As part of the review process, a selection panel will review the artwork prior to bringing the item forward to the LCAC. It is recommended that two commissioners serve on this selection panel to support the initial review. The request for proposals for the artwork is available online on the City website, here:

[www.morganhill.ca.gov/bids.aspx?bidID=419](http://www.morganhill.ca.gov/bids.aspx?bidID=419)

## **LIBRARY, CULTURE, AND ARTS COMMISSION STAFF REPORT**

**MEETING DATE: September 5, 2023**

**PREPARED BY:**

Chris Ghione, Public Services Director

**APPROVED BY:** Chris Ghione

### **MAKE APPOINTMENT OF ARTIST LINA VELASQUEZ TO THE ART EXHIBIT PANEL**

#### **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

Appoint Lina Velasquez as the artist representative for the art exhibit panel.

#### **REPORT NARRATIVE:**

The Art Exhibit Panel reviews and selects artists to install their art exhibits at the Community and Cultural Center and Centennial Recreation Center Senior Center. Exhibits rotate throughout the year. Commission Policy for the art exhibits appoints a panel consisting of three members, one from the Commission, one from City staff and one from the local art community. At the previous meeting, the Commission appointed Patrice Lyn as the Commission representative. City staff have appointed Andrew Aguilar as the staff representative. City staff are now recommending Lina Velasquez be appointed to represent the local art community. Lina served on the panel prior to Covid 19, when exhibits were temporarily halted.

## FY 2023-2024 Work Plan

Approved by Council – June 21, 2023

**Overall Mission:** To assist the City Council in accomplishing its goals by fostering an environment conducive to and supportive of the arts, culture, and life-long learning in Morgan Hill, working with existing community groups to promote resources, and facilitate partnerships.

| Project Area       | City Council Goal Supported                                                                                                                                  | Staff Resources Required                                     | Specific Task / Commissioners Assigned                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
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| Community Outreach | <p>Supporting our Youth, Seniors, and Entire Community</p> <p>Enhancing Diversity and Inclusiveness</p> <p>Community Outreach, Engagement, and Messaging</p> | <p>PS Director (minimal)</p> <p>CS Supervisor (moderate)</p> | <p>(1) Participate with other groups to support community outreach and support arts and culture in the community (including Valle del Sur, El Toro Arts, SV Creates, Poppy Jasper International Film Festival, Morgan Hill Diwali Festival, Coyote Creek Music Festival, SJMA Let's Look at Art, Movimiento de Arte y Cultura Latino Americana, Caribbean Meet and Greet, South Valley Civic Theater) (All)</p> <p>(2) Explore development of a calendar relating to library, culture and arts events and/or development of a publication plan for upcoming events (Khera/Borchers/Lyn)</p> <p>(3) Explore opportunities for arts programming in conjunction with the new Morgan Hill Magical Bridge Playground (Khera/Chabra/Santiago)</p> <p>(4) Use social media for promotion of Commission initiatives (Chabra/Borchers/Ganapathy)</p> <p>(5) Develop outreach program to the Latinx community through art programming (Santiago/Lyn)</p> <p>(6) Continue open art studio program (physical) (Blanton/Ganapathy/Borchers)</p> <p>(7) Create a Morgan Hill coloring book in partnership with local artists (Santiago/Ganapathy)</p> <p>(8) Explore opportunities for youth engagement in arts (Khera/Chabra/Ganapathy)</p> <p>(9) Develop a cultural calendar (Khera/Lyn/Chabra)</p> <p>(10) Continue the "Morgan Hill Stands United Against Hate" campaign (All)</p> <p>11) Partner with City Staff and support the Fourth Saturday Downtown Street Closure Events (Ganapathy/Chabra are Leads, All Support)</p> |

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| Art and Culture Events            | Supporting our Youth, Seniors, and Entire Community<br><br>Enhancing Diversity and Inclusiveness | PS Director (minimal)<br>CS Coordinator (minimal)<br>CS Supervisor (minimal) | (1) Facilitate the Art a la Carte event (Lyn/Blanton are the leads/all members will support)<br>(2) Partner with artists on a children's art show at the International Celebration (Khera/Chabra/Ganapathy)<br>(3) Implement second annual International Celebration utilizing entertainment and food from various cultures (All)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Permanent and Proposed Public Art | Supporting our Youth, Seniors, and Entire Community<br><br>Preserving Our Community History      | PS Director (moderate)<br><br>Maintenance Manager (minimal)                  | (1) Continue implementation of the utility box art program (Artists - Ganapathy/Blanton)/(Sponsors - Chabra/Borchers/Lyn)<br>(2) Form subcommittees as needed to support specific art requests that come forward (All)<br>(3) Review art inventory and complete updates to historical items list (Borchers/Lyn/Ganapathy)<br>(4) Creating an artist registry (Khera/Borchers/Lyn)<br>(5) Update google map of existing public art (Borchers)<br>(6) Develop and recommend a plan for the use of Public Arts Funds (All)<br>(7) Explore public art related to a homelessness outreach mural (Santiago/Chabra)<br>(8) Partner with artist to complete a community mural (Santiago/Blanton/Ganapathy/Chabra/Lyn)<br>(9) Complete an Art Master Plan (Santiago/Ganapathy are Leads, All Support) |
| Library Outreach and Support      | Supporting our Youth, Seniors, and Entire Community<br><br>Enhancing Diversity and Inclusiveness | Library Staff (minimal)                                                      | (1) Support Library outreach and advocacy as needed (All)<br>(2) Submit digital recommendations on books to the Library (All interested participating)<br>(3) Participate in annual Library Commissioners Forum (All)<br>(4) Support incorporation of Children's art into the Library (Chabra/Lyn)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Support of Historical Resources   | Preserving our Community History                                                                 | PS Director (minimal)                                                        | (1) Explore opportunities for the Commission to support the Morgan Hill Historical Society partnership, including supporting the Black History Project (Ganapathy/Lyn)<br>(2) Support outreach and advocacy for the Historical Society as needed (All)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

**Staff Resources Required:**

**0-30 hours: Minimal;      31-60 hours: Moderate;      60+ hours: Significant**

### **Future Potential Items (Parking Lot)**

- 1) Explore other opportunities for Library art contests in other media (examples: poetry, photography, literature).