



Regular Meeting Agenda

Library, Culture, and Arts Commission

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Tuesday, January 9, 2024 6:00 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

DECLARATION OF POSTING AGENDA

RECOGNITION - LOUIS LATRONICA

1. **Luis Latronica Recognition**
Recommendation:
Make Recognition.

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 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 - Chris Ghione, Public Services Director**
Recommendation:
Receive report.

BUSINESS

1. **Acceptance of Minutes from December 5, 2023**
Recommendation:
Accept Meeting Minutes from December 5, 2023.
2. **David Middlebrook Request for Support**
Recommendation:
Discuss request for financial support from David Middlebrook for the Biennial Art Exhibition Personal Structures In Venice, 2024.

3. International Celebration Debrief

Recommendation:

Debrief on 2023 International Celebration Event.

4. Work Plan Updates

Recommendation:

Provide updates on Work Plan Items.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE COMMISSION AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

NOTICE

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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.

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Remembering Artist Louis Joseph Latronica

**April 10, 1945 –
November 11, 2023**

GRAND OPENING

You are invited

Tuesday, December 6, 5 PM

The City of Morgan Hill & the Library Culture & Arts Commission cordially invite you to the unveiling of the Poppy Jasper Sculpture, 'The Eagle', sculpted and donated by Morgan Hill artist Louis Latronica.

Additionally, a curio cabinet full of sculptures and precious artifacts generously donated by the artist is also on display.

Community Donors: The Edward Boss Prado Foundation, Bob & Nancy Benich, and Rocke & Glenda Garcia.

Join us in the lobby of the Morgan Hill Council Chambers @17555 Peak Avenue to thank the artist, as well as the community donors for their generosity.

Light refreshments served.



LOUIS LATRONICA

Bio



Native Californian artist Louis Latronica grew up on a rural farm near Los Banos, CA, and spent many hours in his youth observing wildlife in wilderness areas. As a current Morgan Hill resident, he continues to be surrounded by wildlife.

Latronica worked with General Electric Co. in the Bay Area for 35 years after receiving his Engineering, Industrial technology, and Product Design degree from Fresno Cal State University.

He was represented in galleries in Carmel, CA, as well as the Bay Area, during the 1970s and 1980s. Since retiring in 2005, he has resumed his artistic pursuits.

Latronica's work shows both his knowledge of engineering and materials and reflects his love for God's creations. His wildlife subjects are portrayed with natural stances and activity in a stylized, smooth form. This style enhances the natural grain and beauty of the woods and material used. Much time and effort is spent in the selecting the natural elements and working of woods to make each piece an original art treasure. Besides wildlife carving, his repertoire includes bowl and kaleidoscope turning, shell art, and crystals and mineral art.



***The Eagle*, sculpted and donated by artist
Louis Latronica**

Made of the semi-precious gemstone, poppy jasper, a rare orbicular jasper, only found in Morgan Hill, CA.

Community donors: The Edward Boss Prado Foundation, Bob and Nancy Benich, Rocke and Glenda Garcia

Sponsored by the Morgan Hill Library, Culture and Arts Commission

(A gift to the residents of Morgan Hill, CA. This sculpture is showcased in the lobby of Morgan Hill City Chambers.

2021



Dec 6, 2022

Unveiling of

**Artist Louis
Latronica's**

Poppy Jasper

Sculpture

'The Eagle'

Picture courtesy *Morgan Hill Times*



**Sculpted and donated by Artist
Louis Joseph Latronica**

**(Various woods + Various
woods with semi-precious
gemstones)**



Sandpiper



Falcon



Wren



Roadrunner



Carousel horse



Cargil



Eagle's head



Swallo



Pygmy owl



Stellar's Jay



Carousel Horse



Zebra wood bowl



**Maple bowl with
maruPOSITE band**



**Walnut bowl
with
abalone band**



Poppy Jasper frog

Additionally, career engineer, nature enthusiast, lifetime environmental aficionado, collector, & artist Louis Latronica was also a benefactor to MHUSD and Santa Clara County of Education students.



Artefacts Donated by Artist Louis Joseph Latronica



Amethyst geode



Pyrite



Mineral rock



Red hematoid fire quartz



Poppy jasper



Malachite



Slab of amethyst geode



Agate



Quartz



Agate slab



Petrified wood fossil

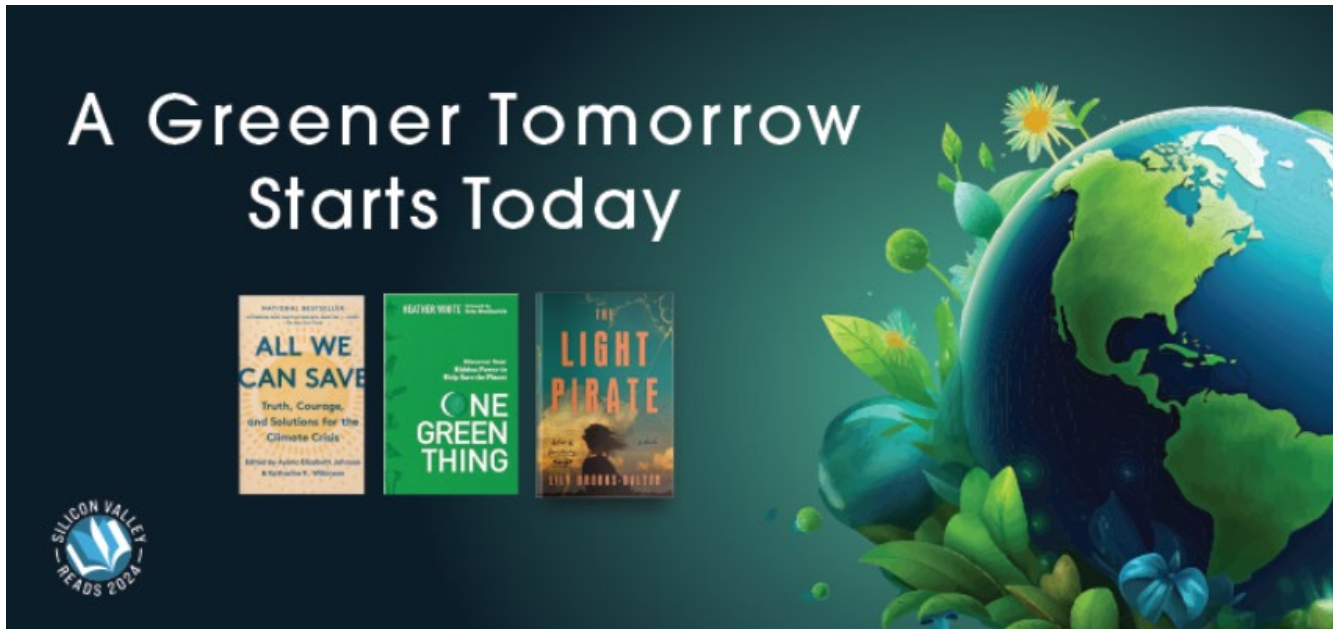


Petrified Squid



R.I.P. Artist Louis Joseph Latronica

January 2024
Library Stakeholder Report
Jennifer Weeks, County Librarian



Silicon Valley Reads Kickoff Event 1/31

Register to attend the kickoff event for Silicon Valley Reads 2024, scheduled for Wednesday, January 31, 7 p.m. at the [Visual Performing Arts Center \(VPAC\)](#) at De Anza College. Doors open at 6 p.m. NBC Bay Area reporter Damian Trujillo will moderate a conversation with featured authors and contributors Heather White ([One Green Thing](#)), Lily Brooks-Dalton ([The Light Pirate](#)), and two contributors to [All We Can Save](#)- President of the Center for Cultural Power Favianna Rodriguez and teen climate activist Alexandria Villaseñor. This should be a lively and informative discussion.

With a theme of ***A Greener Tomorrow Starts Today***, this year's community reading engagement program touches on topics around environmental sustainability. This has been a popular topic of late in the news, with the COP28 conference in Dubai discussing ways to reduce the use of fossil fuels. There are many other steps that can be taken on a local level to help the Earth, starting with each of us.

You can either register to attend the event [in-person](#) or sign up to view it [live-streamed](#) by the Commonwealth Club of Silicon Valley. This is a great opportunity to learn from this esteemed panel and ask them questions. Those who attend in person will have an opportunity to have their books signed by panel members after the event.

Attendees are encouraged to visit the [Euphrat Museum of Art](#), located adjacent to the VPAC lobby, for "Sacred Terrain," an exhibition focused on the beauty and healing power of the natural world that

features Bay Area artists. The museum will be open from 6 – 7 p.m. before the program, and after the program until 9 p.m.

Throughout February and March 2024, a diverse range of free virtual and in-person public programs suitable for all ages will be offered. These will include author talks, panel discussions, educational events, demonstrations, outdoor events, activities for students, storytimes, an art exhibit, and more. Find the complete schedule of events on the [Siliconvalleyreads.org](https://siliconvalleyreads.org) website. We will also include a list of each month's Silicon Valley Reads events in our monthly events calendar that follows this report.

Silicon Valley Reads is presented annually by the Santa Clara County Library District (SCCLD), Santa Clara County Office of Education, and San José Public Library, in collaboration with public libraries, community colleges, universities, and community organizations throughout the county.



Best of 2023 in Books, Music, Film/TV

Each year a team of librarians pick their favorite releases in [music](#), [film and television](#). Check out their picks, which range from Luke Combs and SZA to **Barbie** and **The Menu**.

Our librarians have also created a [blog post](#) that compiles numerous Best Of lists for the year's best [fiction](#) and [nonfiction](#) books. Interested in knowing what selections were most popular with SCCLD patrons? Check out the top [Audiobook and eBook titles](#) for children, teens and adults for 2023 based on circulation.

Career Online High School

For adults looking to earn their accredited high school diploma, Santa Clara County Library District provides the [Career Online High School \(COHS\)](#) program in partnership with the California State Library and Gale Cengage Learning.

The COHS program offers 24/7 access to an online classroom and guidance from an academic coach. Students can earn a diploma in a few as five months, and receive a career certificate in one of ten high-growth, high-demand fields.

There are a limited number of scholarships available. Visit scclld.org/cohs for more details.

Please note: to qualify, individuals must be 19 or older and live in the [Santa Clara County Library District service area](#).





Help an Adult Improve their Literacy Skills

Are you looking for a volunteer opportunity where you can make a huge positive contribution in someone's life? SCCLD is seeking individuals 18 years and older who can devote two hours a week to tutor an adult who is looking to improve their basic reading, writing, speaking and listening skills. Tutor and learner pairs meet weekly either in person at a library, or online.

The Library District's [Reading Program](#) helps learners reach longtime goals like obtaining a high school diploma, getting a job or promotion, assisting children with their homework, and communicating more effectively with teachers, doctors, coworkers and neighbors. By helping learners improve their literacy skills, tutors help learners feel more confident in their everyday lives.

Hear from some of the learners and tutors who have taken part in this program in new [testimonial videos](#). [Training programs](#) start mid-January and are held in North and South County, as well as online. Those interested in becoming a [volunteer literacy tutor](#) can register for a tutor orientation by submitting this [online form](#). For more information, email readingprogram@sccl.org or if you are in Campbell, Cupertino, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Milpitas, Monte Sereno, or Saratoga, call (408) 262-1349. Those who are in Morgan Hill or Gilroy can call (408) 848-5366.

Joint Powers Authority Meeting, SCCLD Forum

SCCLD's [Joint Powers Authority](#) Governing Board will hold its first meeting of 2024 on Thursday, January 25, at 12 p.m. at the Services and Support Center at 1370 Dell Avenue, Campbell, CA 95008. The JPA meetings are open to the public.



The following week, SCCLD will be holding its annual Library Friends, Foundations, Endowments & Commissioners Forum on Saturday, February 3 at the Services & Support Center in Campbell. This year's theme is "Discover & Play," as we delve into the benefits of play at any age. One of the Library District's Strategic Plan projects for 2024 will be the installation of children's play areas at each of our community libraries. Studies have shown the many developmental mental, social and physical benefits from play. The Forum is by invitation only with email invitations sent in December.

SCCLD libraries will be closed on Monday, January 1 for New Year's Day, and Monday, January 15 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Our Online Library is available 24/7 at sccl.org/.

SANTA CLARA COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT JANUARY 2024 EVENTS

***All SCCLD libraries are closed and services unavailable on
Monday, January 1 for New Year's Day and
Monday, January 15 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.***

Silicon Valley Reads events highlighted in blue.

CAMPBELL EXPRESS LIBRARY – 1 West Campbell Avenue, Room 46

ESL Conversation Club

Tuesdays, January 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 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, January 10, 17, 24, & 31, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Q-80, Roosevelt Redwood Room

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.

Winter Rose Care

Tuesday, January 16, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard City Banquet Hall

Learn how to prune, fertilize, mulch and reduce disease for a beautiful display of roses this spring.

CUPERTINO -- 10800 Torre Avenue

Toddler Storytime (ages 1-2)

Tuesdays, January 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 10:30 – 11 a.m.

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

1st & 2nd Grade Winter Book Club

Tuesdays, January 2, 9 – 3 p.m., Room 101

Sign up at the Children's Reference Desk and receive a copy of [*Doggo and Pupper Save the World*](#) by Katherine Applegate. Then come back to discuss and do a craft.

Baby Wearing Dance Program

Wednesdays, January 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, 10:30 – 11 a.m.

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

3rd-4th Grade Winter Book Club

Wednesday, January 3, 2 – 3 p.m., Room 101

Sign up at the Children's Reference Desk and receive a copy of [*CatStronauts: Mission Moon*](#) by Drew Brockington. Then come back to discuss and do a craft.

Bedtime Storytime

Wednesdays, January 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, 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, January 4, 11, 18, & 25, 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 2 adults per family.

New Year's Vision Board (Grades 7-8)

Thursday, January 4, 2 – 3 p.m., Room 101

Students in grades 7-8 are encouraged to start the New Year with intention! Decorate and set your goals for the New Year on your own mini chalkboard/corkboard combo. All supplies will be provided.

5th-6th Grade Bookclub

Friday, January 5, 2 – 3 p.m.

We will discuss [*The Strangers*](#) by Margaret Peterson Haddix and enjoy some snacks. Stop by the Children's Reference Desk to sign up and get the book.

Knit-Alongs at Cupertino Library

Fridays, January 5, 12, 19, & 26, 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.

Mandarin/English Bilingual Family Storytime

Fridays, January 5 & 19, 7 – 8 p.m.

Join us for stories, songs, flannel board story, fingerplay, and a craft project with Children's Librarian Jennifer in Mandarin and English. Children and their caretakers are welcome to join.

兒童圖書館員Jennifer將為小朋友讀圖畫故事書;唱兒歌;用絨布板講故事;手指謠和做美勞。歡迎幼兒們 和家長, 母親一同前來參加。

Family Storytime for All Ages

Saturdays, January 6, 13, 20, & 27, 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.

Family Storytime for 3s-5s

Mondays, January 8, 22, & 29, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Program Room

This storytime is suitable for children ages 3-5 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, January 9, 23, & 30, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Room 201A

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

Chamber Music by the Bay

Wednesday, January 10, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Room 101

Enjoy the performance then visit the instrument petting zoo and try out the violin and viola. While all ages are welcome, this is especially geared to children ages 10 and under.

Mandarin Book Discussion

Thursday, January 11, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Room 201A

We will discuss [往智利的難民船往智利的難民船, \(Wang Zhili de nan min chuan\)/A Long Petal of the Sea](#) by Isabel Allende. Book discussion will be in Mandarin.

Create CU: Collage

Friday, January 12, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Room 201B

Create a collage. All materials and instruction provided. This program is for 18+. Register online.

Nonfiction Book Discussion Group

Sunday, January 14, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Room 201A

We will discuss [Handmade: A Scientist's Search for Meaning Through Making](#) by Anna Ploszajski.

LEGO Club

Tuesday, January 16, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Children's Meeting Room

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

Girls Who Code

Tuesdays, January 16 – April 30, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Room 201A

This series is open to girls in 6 - 11th grades and will run until April 30. Potential participants will need to enter the [registration lottery](#).

Cupertino Adult Book Discussion

Thursday, January 18, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Room 201B

We will be discussing [Dinosaurs: A Novel](#) by Lydia Millet.

Manga Mania Workshop

Saturday, January 20, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Room 201A

Middle and high school students are invited to a manga drawing workshop. Please register.

California Native Plant Society: Understanding and Protecting California's Beautiful Biodiversity

Thursday, January 25, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Room 201

We will discuss the causes of the current biodiversity crisis with a focus on California biodiversity. We will discuss what species are most endangered, what we can do to limit the loss, and efforts to preserve local biodiversity.

GILROY -- 350 W. Sixth Street**Snack Break – Free Snacks for Kids/Pausa de Merienda – Merienda Gratis Para Niños**

Mondays-Fridays, 3 – 4 p.m. (except during school breaks) /lunes a viernes, 3 a 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.

Zumba

Tuesdays, January 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 5:45 – 6:45 p.m., Community Room

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. Dress comfortably and bring some water and a towel. No registration required.

Improve Your Public Speaking with Gilroy Toastmasters

Mondays, January 8 & 22, 6 – 7 p.m., Quiet Room B

The typical meetings consist of 1 or 2 prepared speeches lasting 4-10 minutes. A round robin of “off the cuff” questions follow the prepared speeches. Please register.

Family Storytime

Thursdays, January 4, 11, 18, & 25, 10:30 – 11 a.m., the Nest

Join Miss Elizabeth for stories, rhymes, fingerplays and songs.

Improve Your Public Speaking with Gilroy Toastmasters

Mondays, January 8 & 22, 6 – 7 p.m., Quiet Room B

Typical meetings consist of 1 or 2 prepared speeches lasting 4-10 minutes. A round robin of “off the cuff” questions follow the prepared speeches. Please register.

Pajama Storytime

Mondays, January 8, 22, & 29, 7 – 7:30 p.m., the Nest

Join us for stories, sing songs, and wear your pajamas!

New Year’s Vision Board (ages 13+)

Saturday, January 13, 2 – 3 p.m., Community Room

Conceptualize your New Year’s resolutions with a vision board. Create a collage of images and words that represent all you hope to accomplish in 2024. All supplies will be provided. Register online. Walk-ins welcome as space allows.

Open Poetry Readings with Garlicky Group of Poets

Saturday, January 13, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Downstairs Meeting Room

Read whatever poetry you want to read and join in related discussions.

Disaster Preparedness Workshop

Tuesday, January 16, 6 – 7 p.m., Quiet Study B

Create a disaster kit, make a plan in case you cannot return home, and learn how to reconnect with family and friends after an emergency.

Reading Program Orientation

Wednesday, January 17, 10 – 11 a.m. and 6 – 7 p.m., Reading Program Room

Give back to your community by becoming an adult literacy tutor to support an adult learner improve their English reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills to achieve lifelong goals. Please submit an [online form](#).

Kindness and Crafts

Saturday, January 20, 12:30 – 2 p.m., Community Room

Read books about kindness. Then we will make a kindness bingo that you can take home. There will be free books to take home. All craft materials will be provided. Register online.

Pressed Flower Mason Jars (ages 13+)

Tuesday, January 23, 7 – 8 p.m., Community Room

Decorate a Mason jar with pressed flowers and add a light to create a lovely votive centerpiece. All supplies provided. Register online. Walk-ins welcome, as space allows.

Familias Resilientes, Sesión de 7 Clases en español

Miércoles, 24 de enero al 6 de marzo, 5:30 a 8 p.m., Community Room

¿Tienes un niño de 0 a 3 años? ¿Quieres aprender a manejar el estrés y crear una red de apoyo? ¡Ayude a su hijo o hija a sentirse seguro, amado y mejor preparado para comenzar la escuela! Una cena gratis se servirá de 5:30pm a 6pm y se proporcionará cuidado de niños gratis. Por favor regístrese para reservar su lugar. Todos están bienvenidos sin reserva según lo que permita el espacio.

Resilient Families 7 Class Session in English

Wednesdays, January 24 – March 6, 5:30 – 8 p.m., 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. Free dinner will be served from 5:30 – 6 p.m. and free childcare will be provided.

Owl Pellet Dissection

Saturday, January 27, 1 – 2 p.m., the Nest

Join us for a Silicon Valley Reads program. Pellets are a record of what owls have eaten, and we will study them to learn more about the owl and ecosystems in which they live.

Book Discussion

Tuesday, January 30, 7 – 8 p.m., Quiet Study B

We will be discussing [Mr. Mutter's Marvels](#) by Cristin O'Keefe Aptowicz.

LOS ALTOS -- 13 S. San Antonio Road**Bilingual Spanish Storytime**

Tuesdays, January 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 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!

6-8th Grade Book Club

Tuesdays, January 2, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

We will discuss [Gathering Blue](#) by Lois Lowry, then do a fun activity. Snacks will be provided. Register online then pick up your copy of the book at the Children's Reference Desk.

The Whodunit? Mystery Book Club

Wednesday, January 3, 10:15 – 11:30 a.m., Teen Room

Join us for a monthly discussion of the best in mystery fiction.

Toddler Storytime

Wednesdays & Thursdays, January 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25, 31, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard Room

This interactive storytime is for 1 and 2 year olds, and will feature stories, music and fun activities. Due to limited space, free tickets will be handed out starting at 10 a.m.

Baby Storytime and Stay & Play

Wednesday, January 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, 1 – 2 p.m., Orchard Room

Babies up to age 1 and their caregivers are invited to enjoy songs, rhymes, gentle movements, short books and other fun. This storytime lasts 20 minutes, then enjoy a stay & play.

Book Talk Club for Kids

Wednesdays, January 3 & 24, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Bring a favorite book or recent read that you would recommend to other readers. After that, we'll do a fun activity. Register online, drop-ins are welcome.

World Affairs

Wednesday, January 3, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

World Affairs will discuss a different global issue each month.

ESL Conversation Club

Thursdays, January 4, 11, 18, 25, 1:30 – 3 p.m., Orchard Room

Practice your English conversation skills with friends. This program is for those who speak basic English. No registration required.

Preschool Storytime

Thursdays, January 4, 11, 18, 25, 3:30 – 4 p.m., Orchard Room

Join us for stories, music, movement and more. Preschool storytime is suitable for children ages 3-5 and their caregivers.

Teen Dungeons and Dragons Social Club

Thursdays, January 4, 11, 18, & 25, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m., Conference Room

Teens are welcome to drop in and watch the game. Right now the game is full, but we will occasionally have openings for new players. Please check in at the Adult Reference Desk upon arrival.

Baby Sign Storytime

Saturday, January 6, 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, January 6, 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.

Science Saturday: Electrical Conductivity

Saturday, January 6, 2 – 3 p.m., Orchard Room

Grade school students will be challenged to build a simple circuit, test and classify various materials as conductors or insulators, and add a switch to the circuit. Register to save your spot.

Monday Morning Meditation and Mindfulness

Mondays, January 8, 22, & 29, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard Room

Practice meditation for 20 minutes then ask questions for 10 minutes with instructor Manisha.

Poetry Community Hour

Tuesday, January 9, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard Room

Share good poems, writing resources, where to take classes, and where to send work.

Homework Help

Wednesdays & Thursdays, January 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25, & 31, 3 – 5:30 p.m., Children's Room

Students in grades K-5 who need homework help are encouraged to stop by for free tutoring. No registration is required. Basic school supplies will be provided.

Chamber Music by the Bay

Wednesday, January 10, 6 – 7 p.m., Orchard Room

Enjoy the performance then visit the instrument petting zoo and try out the violin and viola. Free tickets will be given out 30 minutes before the program.

California Native Plant Society: The Year in Pictures

Friday, January 12, 6 – 9 p.m., Orchard Room

Let's enjoy notable plant and nature photos during the previous year.

New Age Fingerstyle Guitar Concert

Saturday, January 13, 3 – 4 p.m., Orchard Room

Guitarist and composer Janet Noguera will perform new age and modern fingerstyle guitar works.

Book Bugs Club for 2nd & 3rd Graders

Tuesday, January 16, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

We will read and discuss [*On the Dog*](#) by J.C. Greenburg, then we will do a craft. Space is limited. Please register and pick up a copy of the book at the Children's Desk at Los Altos or Woodland Library.

Page Turners Book Club for 4th & 5th Graders

Wednesday, January 17, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

We will be discussing [*From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler*](#) by E.L. Konigsburg, then we will do a fun activity related to the book. Please register.

Growing Fabulous Citrus

Wednesday, January 17, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Learn how to take care of your citrus trees to get the best harvest. Topics include pruning, fertilizing and watering, frost protection, and identifying and managing pests and diseases.

Building Community in Neighborhoods

Thursday, January 18, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Discuss what you think you and your family would do after a major earthquake. Then learn what services are available to help you, and what you need to do yourself.

Bay Area Games Day

Saturday, January 20, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m., Orchard Room

Come learn how to play a new board game or bring an old favorite. We welcome newcomers to hobby gaming and families with kids.

Sunday CrafterNoon

Sunday, January 21, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Orchard Room

These crafts are for all ages. It's a time to relax with the community and let your creativity shine.

6-8th Grade Book Club

Tuesdays, January 23, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

We will discuss [*Linked*](#) by Gordon Korman, then do a fun activity. Snacks will be provided. Register online then pick up your copy of the book at the Children's Reference Desk.

Wednesday Travel Nights

Wednesday, January 24, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Join us for a photographic excursion to Cambodia and Vietnam with stops in Phnom Penh, Saigon and Hanoi.

How to Photograph an Eclipse

Thursday, January 25, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Taking photos of eclipses can be harder than you think. Learn equipment, photographic techniques and weather prospects that allow you to take beautiful pictures while enjoying the experience.

Furry Friends Reading Buddies

Saturday, January 27, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Children in grades K-8 can practice their reading skills and read aloud to a friendly dog or cat. Please register for this program.

Now Read This! Book Club

Monday, January 29, 12 – 1:30 p.m., Orchard Room

We will discuss [*The Privatization of Everything: How the Plunder of Public Goods Transformed America and How we Can Fight Back*](#) by Donald Cohen.

Watercolor Workshop for Adults

Wednesday, January 31, 3 – 4:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Join us for a watercolor workshop for adults with a Chinese New Year theme. All supplies will be provided. Register online.

MILPITAS -- 160 N. Main Street**Baby Bouncers Lapsit for Pre-walkers**

Tuesdays, January 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 11:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Activity Room

This program focuses on traditional nursery rhymes, lap bounces, body rhymes, songs, very short and simple picture books.

Bilingual Mandarin/English Storytime

Tuesdays, January 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 6:30 – 7 p.m., Children's Activity Room

This 30- minute storytime features movement, sing, and action! The early literacy focus is on sharing stories and songs in English and Mandarin Chinese. 歡迎小朋友來到故事時間，這是以半小時的雙中英語故事書，兒歌，手指謠，玩遊戲為特色的內容。歡迎兒童們與家長祿母一同前來參加

ESL Conversation Club

Wednesdays, January 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, 3 – 4 p.m., Conference Room

Practice your English conversation skills with friends. This program is for those who speak basic English. No registration required.

Toddler Storytime: 1s and 2s Together

Thursdays, January 4, 11, 18, & 25, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Activity Room

This storytime, aimed at 1 and 2 year olds, features lots of movement, singing and action.

Qi Gong Meditation & Exercise Classes

Fridays, January 5, 12, 19, & 26, 1 – 3 p.m., Auditorium

Relieve stress and anxiety, increase energy and vitality and improve physical health during these exercise sessions. Giảm căng thẳng và lo lắng, tăng năng lượng và sức sống, Cải thiện sức khỏe thể chất.

Knit & Crochet Circle

Fridays, January 5, 12, 19, & 26, 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.

Family Storytime

Saturday, January 6, 13, 20, & 27, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Activity Room

This 30-minute storytime features movement, singing and action with picture books, flannel board stories and fingerplays.

Board Game Day

Saturday, January 6, 12 – 6:30 p.m., Auditorium

Learn different board games or play your favorite one. This program is open to ages 18+.

Financial Aid Office Hours

Saturday, January 6, 1 – 3 p.m., Conference Room

Ask questions about college financial aid and the FAFSA. Registration is not required but encouraged to gauge interest.

Bullet Journaling Workshop

Sunday, January 7, 3 – 5 p.m., Auditorium

Hear the ins and outs of bullet journaling. Learn how to create our own journal that helps you keep track of projects, manage your time and accomplish your goals. This program is for 18+. Please register.

Milpitas Library 15th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, January 13, 11 a.m. – 2:45 p.m., Auditorium

Join us for a special storytime and photo op at 11 a.m. in the Auditorium with picture book characters Elephant & Piggie. Join us at 2 p.m. for a special performance by magician Mr. SHAP.

Crafts Around the World

Wednesday, January 17, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Children's Activity Room

Kids of all ages are invited to make books inspired by traditional Japanese bookbinding. Materials will be provided. Registration required.

LGBTQ Movie Night

Friday, January 19, 4:30 – 7 p.m., Auditorium

Join the Avenidas Rainbow Collective and Milpitas Library as we screen *The Whale* (2022, Rated R). Please RSVP by emailing LBTQ@Avenidas.org.

Adult Book Discussion Group

Wednesday, January 24, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m., Auditorium

We will read and discuss [Easy Beauty](#) by Chloe Cooper Jones.

The Peaceful Poets

Thursday, January 25, 5:30 – 8 p.m., Conference Room

Join other poetry writers and appreciators of poetry.

ACT Practice Exams

Saturday, January 27, 10 a.m. – 1:15 p.m., Auditorium

Get ready for the ACTs by taking a practice test with us. All four topics (English, math, reading and science) will be covered. Please register.

Creative Writing Workshop

Saturday, January 27, 1 – 3 p.m., Auditorium

This workshop will present multiple exercises, strategies, and ways of thinking about your story that will help you fill that blank page with compelling characters and their voices.

Reading Buddies for Grades K-5

Saturday, January 27, 2 – 3 p.m., Activity Room

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

MORGAN HILL -- 660 W. Main Avenue**Kids STEM Club**

Wednesday, January 3, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.

School-aged children will explore different STEM topics with hands-on activities.

College, Career & Life Skills Series: Make a Vision Board

Wednesday, January 3, 6 – 8 p.m., Program Room

Create your own vision board, a hands-on artistic practice to help you manifest your hopes, wishes, dreams and goals. This program is for ages 12-18. All supplies provided. Please register to receive a reminder email.

After Dinner Book Club

Wednesday, January 3, 7 – 8 p.m., Program Room

We will be discussing the Silicon Valley Reads featured book, [The Light Pirate](#) by Lily Brooks-Dalton.

Drop-in Libby Help

Thursday, January 4, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Information Desk

Drop in to get help with eBooks and Audiobooks on your kindles, tablets, and smartphones via the Libby app. Please bring your device with you.

ESL Conversation Club

Saturdays, January 6, 20 & 27, 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. / ¡Únase a nosotros para tener conversaciones divertidas y practicar el inglés! Este programa es para adultos de 18 años y mayores que hablan inglés básico. El espacio está limitado y se requiere que se registre en línea.

Winter and Spring Fruit Tree Care

Tuesday, January 9, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., Program Room

Topics include basic principles of pruning, common diseases, insect pests and control measures.

Family Fun Night

Tuesday, January 9, 6:30 – 8 p.m., Children's Activity Room

Join us for an evening of exploration and fun for families with school-aged children. This month we are focusing on STEM.

Safe Space Meeting for LGBTQ+ Youth (ages 13-25)

Fridays, January 12 & 26, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Small Program Room

LGBTQ+ youth are invited to play games, participate in group activities and discussions, and build community. No registration necessary. The January 12th meeting will be about healthy relationships. We will make a vision board during the January 26th program.

Library Ukulele Society

Tuesday, January 16, 5 – 7 p.m.

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

Dungeons and Dragons for Teens (ages 11-18)

Saturday, January 20, 2:30 – 4:30 p.m., Program Room

This is the first time everyone is gathering to meet, so this is Session 0, a chance to discuss the type of campaign we want to play, go over the basic rules and expectations, see the size of our campaign parties, develop characters and get to know fellow players. Please register.

Lunar New Year Calligraphy

Tuesday, January 23, 6 – 7 p.m., Adult Program Room

Learn the art of traditional Chinese calligraphy basics, including holding a brush, writing basic storks and New Year sayings. This program is for adults 18+. Registration required.

DIY Puzzles for Adults

Monday, January 29, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m., Program Room

Decorate your own puzzle! All materials and supplies provided. This program is for ages 18+. Registration required.

Budgeting 101 for Teens

Wednesday, January 31, 6 – 7:30 p.m., Program Room

This workshop aims to introduce the basics of creating and maintaining a budget for teens. Register online.

SARATOGA -- 13650 Saratoga Avenue**Forms of Emotional Art Exhibit**

Through February 20, Group Study Room

Enjoy this art exhibit by Jeremy Weidner. Weidner works with various forms of art and media including sculpting, painting, drawing, animating and digital art.

Family Storytime

Tuesdays, January 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Orchard Room

Saturdays, January 6, 13, 20, & 27, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room

Join us for stories, rhymes, fingerplays and songs.

Sci-Fi & Fantasy Book Club

Tuesday, January 2, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard Room

We will be discussing [I, Robot](#) by Isaac Asimov. Visit the Adult Reference Desk to register and pick up a copy of the book.

Knit & Crochet Circle

Wednesday, January 3, 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.

Baby Storytime (12 months or younger)

Fridays, January 5, 12, 19, & 26, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room

Join us for stories, rhymes, fingerplays and songs.

Mah Jongg Drop-in for Adults

Mondays, January 8 & 29, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m., Orchard Room

Play American-style Mah Jongg in a friendly environment. This is not an instructional class.

Mystery Book Club

Monday, January 8, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard Room

We will be discussing [And Then There Were None](#) by Agatha Christie. Stop by the Adult Reference Desk to sign up for the meeting and pick up a copy of the book.

Ukulele Jam Session

Tuesdays, January 9, 16, & 23, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room

All players who know basic chords and are beginner to intermediate level are invited to learn new chords and rhythms. Please bring your own uke, other materials will be provided.

STEM Build a Rollercoaster

Tuesday, January 9, 4 – 5 p.m., Community Room

Children in grades K-7 are invited learn about potential and kinetic energy by applying their thinking skills to build a rollercoaster. No registration required. Space is limited.

Bridge Drop-In Session

Fridays, January 12 & 26, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Come play bridge in a drop-in session. This is not an instructional class, rather a way to practice in a friendly environment.

Indian Instrumental Violin Duet Concert

Saturday, January 13, 2 – 4:30 p.m., Community Room

Enjoy a concert with Bay Area musicians from the Indian community. All are welcome.

Travel Program: Zion and Bryce National Parks

Tuesday, January 16, 7:15 – 8:30 p.m., Community Room

Avid hiker Eric Thomson will share highlights including Zion's Canyon Overlook trail, Angel's landing summit and Bryce's Checkerboard Mesa, Sunrise Point and views at Yovimpa Point.

Mandarin/English Storytime

Thursday, January 18, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Orchard Room

Children up to age 5 are invited to enjoy fun stories, fingerplays, action rhymes and songs in Mandarin and English.

Teatime Book Chatter

Thursday, January 18, 1 – 2 p.m.

Visit the Adult Reference Desk to register and pick up a copy of the book.

Helping the Community: Amigos de Guadalupe

Saturday, January 20, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m., Community Room

Amigos de Guadalupe is a local organization focusing on education and empowerment of children and families. Learn how the organization is helping children and families through interim house, education, and other programs and services.

Yoga for Success for Adults

Sunday, January 21, 10:30 – 11:45 a.m., Community Room

Learn simple yet powerful yoga postures to bring stability and balance. Bring your own yoga mat and towel. Register online.

Zero Waste Chef Cooking Demonstration

Monday, January 22, 7 – 8 p.m.

Zero Waste Chef Anne-Marie Bonneau will demonstrate the basic of fermentation with sauerkraut and kombucha.

Spanish/English Storytime

Thursday, January 25, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Orchard Room

Kids up to age 5 are invited to enjoy fun stories, fingerplays, action rhymes and songs in Spanish and English.

Native Plants & DIY Seed Packets

Thursday, January 25, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m., Community Room

This presentation covers the importance of growing native plants and make your own seed packets. There will be plant stations to process seeds to take home. All materials and instruction is provided by Our City Forest. Register online.

Lunar New Year 2024

Sunday, January 28, 1 – 2 p.m., Community Room

Start the Year of the Dragon with Martial Artist Master Yang Li who will give a Wushu demo and then teach basic postures, breathing techniques and steps of Taichi. No experience necessary. Space is limited, register online.

WOODLAND – 1975 Grant Road**Monday Morning Meditation and Mindfulness**

Mondays, January 8, 22, & 29, 7 – 7:30 p.m., Back patio (weather permitting)

Practice meditation for 20 minutes then ask questions for 10 minutes with the instructor.

Hibernation-Themed Family Storytime

Sunday, January 14, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Backyard Patio (weather permitting)

Join us in the backyard of the library for stories, songs, fingerplays as we enjoy a hibernation-themed storytime. Dress for the weather!

Snow-Themed Family Storytime

Sunday, January 28, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Backyard Patio (weather permitting)

Join us in the backyard of the library for stories, songs, fingerplays as we enjoy a snow-themed storytime. Dress for the weather.

ONLINE EVENTS (Please register online)

Online ESL Book Club

Friday, January 5, 4 – 5 p.m.

We will read and discuss [*The Soulmate*](#) by Sally Hepworth.

Virtual Author Talk: Rebecca Serle

Wednesday, January 10, 5 – 6 p.m.

The bestselling author of *One Italian Summer* and *The Dinner List* will talk about her journey writing epic love stories to span generations.

Online English Conversation Club

Thursdays, January 11, 18, & 25, 11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Meet new friends and practice English together.

Virtual Author Talk: Rajiv Nagaich

Tuesday, January 23, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Rajiv Nagaich has developed a step-by-step guide to retirement planning by connecting the various dots of the retirement planning process.

Mastering the Resume and Job Application

Tuesday, January 23, 5 – 6 p.m.

Participants will receive guidance and gain insight as to how these documents are used, differences and similarities, what to expect when completing them, and the importance of tailoring to each job.

Virtual Taichi

Sunday, January 28, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Master Artist Master Yang Li will teach the basic postures, breathing techniques and forms of Taichi. No experience necessary.

Virtual Author Talk: Robert Lustig

Tuesday, January 30, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Dr. Lustig has weaved the interconnected strands of nutrition, health/disease, medicine, environment, and society into a completely new fabric.

January 2024

Morgan Hill Steve Tate Library

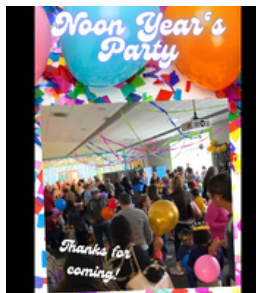
DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

Ragtime to Swing: Thanks to the Friends of the Library for sponsoring a musical journey with musician Mark Getano. 90 of our patrons enjoyed exploring a variety of musical genres at this afternoon concert.

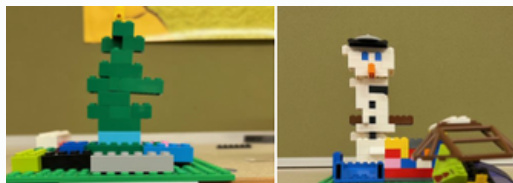
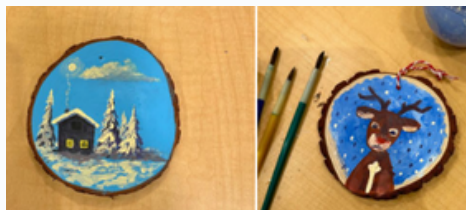


Holiday Magic Show: Full of fun and wonder this magic show captivated 334 children and their caregivers.

Noon Year's Eve : Bringing some early joy to families we celebrated New Year's at noon with a party, crafts, and games for 200 children.



Holiday Crafts: From holiday crafts to holiday grief we hosted a variety of December programs for our community, reaching 144 patrons.



UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Family Fun Night STEM

Tuesday 1/9 6:30pm(ages5+)

Kids Art Club: Winter Art

Wednesday 1/17 3:30pm

Calligraphy Class for Adults

Tuesday 1/23 6:00pm registration required

DIY Puzzles for Adults

Monday 1/29 4:30pm

Budgeting 101 for Teens

Wednesday 1/31 6pm

SILICON VALLEY READS

Author Talk: Lily Brooks-Dalton

The Light Pirate

Thursday 2/1 4:00pm

Story & Tote Bag Activity

Thursday 2/22 4pm

RESOURCE HIGHLIGHT

National Geographic Kids

Discover and learn for fun and school! Find facts about science, nature, archaeology, and space.



ScienceFlix

Hands-on scientific experiments, in-depth STEM careers exploration, and interactive videos, articles and lesson plans.



Monthly Statistics

41,488

Circulation

14,334

Visitors

54

Programs

240

New Library
Cards

2,532

Attendees

January 2024

Every Saturday, January 5th – January 26th:

- [Morgan Hill Farmers Market](#)
 - Time: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
 - Where: Train Station parking lot
(3rd Street and Depot Street in Downtown Morgan Hill)

Every Monday, January 1st – January 29th:

- [Community Supper at St. Catherine Parish Center](#)
 - Time: 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
 - Where: St. Catherine of Alexandria
(17400 Peak Ave., Morgan Hill, CA 95037)

Every Tuesday, January 2nd – January 30th:

- [Community Table at Advent Lutheran Church](#)
 - Time: 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM
 - Where: Advent Lutheran Church
(16870 Murphy Ave., Morgan Hill, CA 95037)

Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday, January 3rd – January 31st:

- [Drive Through Grocery Box: Advent Lutheran Church](#)
 - Time: 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM
 - Where: Advent Lutheran Church
(16870 Murphy Ave., Morgan Hill, CA 95037)

1st Wednesday of every Month, January 3rd – January 31st:

- [MH Photography Club Monthly Meeting](#)
 - Time: 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
 - Where: Centennial Recreation Center's Multipurpose Room
(171 West Edmundson Ave., Morgan Hill, CA 95037)

Every Thursday, January 4th – January 25th:

- [Community Suppers at Community Christian Church](#)
 - Time: 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
 - Where: Advent Lutheran Church

(305 West Main Ave., Morgan Hill, CA 95037)

Friday, January 5th:

- Morgan Hill Pickleball Courts Groundbreaking
- Time: 12noon
- Where: Morgan Hill Community Park

Every Friday, January 5th – January 26th:

- [Community Suppers at Grace Hill Church](#)
 - Time: 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
 - Where: Grace Hill Church
(16970 DeWitt Ave., Morgan Hill, CA 95037)

Sunday, January 7th – February 18th:

- [Morgan Hill Photography Club Virtual Exhibit](#)
 - Time: All Day
 - Where: [Online](#) on the Morgan Hill Photography Website

Every 2nd Saturday of the Month, January 13th:

- [Morgan Hill Historical Society Downtown Walking Tour](#)
 - Time: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM (Noon)
 - Where: Park at Community Garage (Enter on 4th Street)
Meet at 50 E. 3rd street (Garage Exit)

Wednesday, January 31st:

- [Morgan Hill Police Department \(MHPD\): 2024 Community Police Academy Applications Open](#)
 - Time: All Day
 - Where: [Applications are required](#). Session begins in February 2024.

February 2024

Thursday, February 1st:

- [Rotary Club of Morgan Hill: Darren Dean Vocational Grant Application Opens](#)
 - Time: All Day
 - Where: [Applications are available online. Apply online or mail to P.O. Box 238, Morgan Hill, CA 95038.](#) Submissions are due March 31st

Every Saturday, February 3rd – February 24th:

- [Morgan Hill Farmers Market](#)
 - Time: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
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(3rd Street and Depot Street in Downtown Morgan Hill)

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Every Tuesday, February 6th – February 27th:

- [Community Table at Advent Lutheran Church](#)
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 - Where: Advent Lutheran Church
(16870 Murphy Ave., Morgan Hill, CA 95037)

Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday, February 7th – February 21st:

- [Drive Through Grocery Box: Advent Lutheran Church](#)
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1st Wednesday of every Month, February 7th:

- [MH Photography Club Monthly Meeting](#)
 - Time: 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
 - Where: Centennial Recreation Center's Multipurpose Room
(171 West Edmundson Ave., Morgan Hill, CA 95037)

Every Thursday, February 1st – February 22nd:

- [Community Suppers at Community Christian Church](#)
 - Time: 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
 - Where: Advent Lutheran Church
(305 West Main Ave., Morgan Hill, CA 95037)

Every Friday, February 2nd – February 23rd:

- [Community Suppers at Grace Hill Church](#)
 - Time: 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
 - Where: Grace Hill Church

(16970 DeWitt Ave., Morgan Hill, CA 95037)

Sunday, February 4th - February 18th:

- [Morgan Hill Photography Club Virtual Exhibit](#)
 - Time: All Day
 - Where: [Online](#) on the Morgan Hill Photography Website

Every 2nd Saturday of the Month, February 10th:

- [Morgan Hill Historical Society Downtown Walking Tour](#)
 - Time: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM (Noon)
 - Where: Park at Community Garage (Enter on 4th Street)
Meet at 50 E. 3rd street (Garage Exit)



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

Tuesday, December 5, 2023 6:00 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER

6pm

ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

Commissioners Chabra, Blanton and Borchers absent.

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 to receive a response. (See additional noticing at the end of this agenda)

None

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion Ganapathy, second Khera, adopted 4-0.

REPORTS

1. **County Librarian Report – Jennifer Weeks, County Librarian**

Recommendation:
Receive report.

Report provided.

2. **Morgan Hill Library Report - Heather Geddes, Community Librarian**

Recommendation:
Receive report.

Report provided.

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.

Report provided.

5. **City of Morgan Hill Update - Chris Ghione, Public Services Director**

Recommendation:
Receive report.

Report provided.

BUSINESS

1. **Accept October 3, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

Recommendation:
Accept October 3, 2023 Meeting Minutes.

Motion Ganapathy, second Khera, accepted 4-0.

2. **Selection of Galvan Park Art**

Recommendation:
Recommend selection of artist Abigail Dunnivan for Galvan Park Restroom Artwork.

Motion to recommend the artwork of Abigail Dunnivan for approval by the City

Council, with the added inclusion of additional plant life representing other Latinx countries not yet included in the artwork.

Motion Khera, second Lynn, approved 4-0.

3. Public Art Maintenance Update

Recommendation:

Receive informational report on public art maintenance

Public Art maintenance update provided by Keri Russell Maintenance Manager.

4. Work Plan Updates

Recommendation:

Provide updates on Work Plan Items.

Commissioners provided Work Plan updates.

5. International Celebration Debrief

Recommendation:

Discuss recently held international celebration.

Item moved to next regular meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE COMMISSION AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

6:54pm

LIBRARY, CULTURE, AND ARTS COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: January 9, 2024

PREPARED BY:

Chris Ghione, Public Services Director

APPROVED BY: Chris Ghione

DAVID MIDDLEBROOK REQUEST FOR SUPPORT

RECOMMENDATION(S)

Discuss request for financial support from David Middlebrook for the Biennial Art Exhibition Personal Structures In Venice, 2024.

REPORT NARRATIVE:

Artist David Middlebrook has received notification that he has been one of the very select artists from the United States to be selected to exhibit at the Biennial Art Exhibition Personal Structures In Venice, 2024. David Middlebrook is the artist that created Morgan Hill's Peace Pole. Information on the exhibits is available at the following website.

<https://personalstructures.com/the-exhibition/>

David has reached out to the City and Commission to inform the City of the recognition and request sponsorship for him to participate. The typical sponsorship is \$5,000 and a commitment would be needed by the end of January. The City does not currently have funds allocated for this type of sponsorship. The purpose of the report is to inform the Commission of the recognition and allow the Commission to discuss if desired.

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
Community Outreach	Supporting our Youth, Seniors, and Entire Community Enhancing Diversity and Inclusiveness Community Outreach, Engagement, and Messaging	PS Director (minimal) CS Supervisor (moderate)	(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) (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) (3) Explore opportunities for arts programming in conjunction with the new Morgan Hill Magical Bridge Playground (Khera/Chabra/Santiago) (4) Use social media for promotion of Commission initiatives (Chabra/Borchers/Ganapathy) (5) Develop outreach program to the Latinx community through art programming (Santiago/Lyn) (6) Continue open art studio program (physical) (Blanton/Ganapathy/Borchers) (7) Create a Morgan Hill coloring book in partnership with local artists (Santiago/Ganapathy) (8) Explore opportunities for youth engagement in arts (Khera/Chabra/Ganapathy) (9) Develop a cultural calendar (Khera/Lyn/Chabra) (10) Continue the "Morgan Hill Stands United Against Hate" campaign (All) 11) Partner with City Staff and support the Fourth Saturday Downtown Street Closure Events (Ganapathy/Chabra are Leads, All Support)

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