



Regular Meeting Agenda

Library, Culture, and Arts Commission

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Tuesday, February 6, 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

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
LCACpubliccomment@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. **Approve January 9, 2014 Meeting Minutes**
Recommendation:
Accept January 9, 2014 Meeting Minutes.
2. **Work Plan Updates**
Recommendation:
Provide updates on Work Plan Items.
3. **Art a la Carte and International Celebration Planning**
Recommendation:
Discuss planning for future events.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE COMMISSION AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

NOTICE

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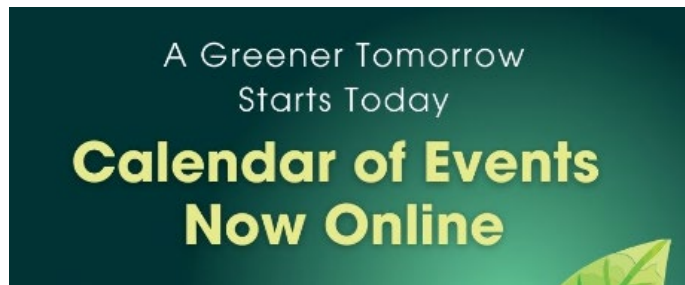
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February 2024
Library Stakeholder Report
Jennifer Weeks, County Librarian



Silicon Valley Reads Events throughout February and March

A Greener Tomorrow Starts Today, with hundreds of events planned across Santa Clara County as part of this year's community reading engagement program touching on topics around environmental sustainability. For the next two months, there are events planned for all ages.

Throughout February and March 2024, a diverse range of free virtual and in-person public programs 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 at [Siliconvalleyreads.org/calendar](https://siliconvalleyreads.org/calendar). You can also find a list of this month's Silicon Valley Reads events in our monthly events calendar that follows this report.

Featured authors Heather White ([One Green Thing](#)) and Lily Brooks-Dalton ([The Light Pirate](#)) will be visiting libraries in the days following the kickoff. Register for the program that works best for you.

Black History Month Programming

The 2024 theme for Black History Month is [African Americans and the Arts](#). SCCLD is marking this year's commemoration with a series of events, a special [Beanstack Challenge](#), and a digital art collection.



Titled [Black and White in Black and White: Images of Dignity, Hope, and Diversity in America](#), curator Douglas Keister has put together a digital art collection in partnership with Exhibit Envoy that depicts the "New Negro Movement" era of 1910 to 1925, showcasing friends and neighbors of African American photographer and son of slaves John Johnson from his hometown of Lincoln, Nebraska.

Patrons can also attend one of our more than two dozen [programs](#) being held all month long, for adults, teens, and children. These range from [author talks](#) by Professor Ajuan Mance of Mills College ([Living While Black](#)), crafts, book clubs, music performances by West African-style drummers [Onye Onyemaechi](#) and [Mister Boom Boom](#), and a film screening of [Harriet](#) on [February 28](#) at Morgan Hill Library. All month long patrons can also take part in a [Book Title Guessing Game](#) at our libraries and Bookmobile. Three booklists spanning ages [0-13](#), [14-17](#), and [18+](#) are also available.

Find the full list of events and details in the Calendar that follows.



Ringling in the Year of the Dragon

February 10 marks the start of the Lunar New Year. Celebrated across Asia and among the diasporas across the world, including the Bay Area, our libraries are taking part in marking the Year of the Dragon. You'll find special displays at our libraries, which also have several special events planned.

Come early to make sure you catch the Rising Phoenix Lion Dance performances on Saturday, February 3 at [Saratoga](#), [Cupertino](#), [Los Altos](#) and [Milpitas](#) Libraries.

Join us on Tuesday, February 6 as we kickoff a new online series with the Asian Art Museum. The first discussion is titled [The Silk Road: Globalization in the Art World](#). Five more art talks follow on the first Tuesday of each month.

Other events taking place include Milpitas Library's [Yun Yee Tong Kung Fu](#) group on Wednesday, February 7, a Paper Firecrackers craft for kids on Thursday, February 8 at [Gilroy Library](#) and Saturday, February 10 at [Cupertino Library](#). The outstanding musicians of the [Firebird Youth Chinese Orchestra](#) play at Cupertino Library on Sunday, February 11 and a Lion Dance and kung fu performance takes place at [Gilroy Library](#) on Sunday, February 18.

Make sure to sign up for any event that requires registration. These events fill up quickly so please check the calendar for availability and for other events that have yet to be added. There also will be a blog post with recommended booklists on our website.

County Poet Laureate for 2024-25 Appointed

On January 23, the County Board of Supervisors appointed Yosimar Reyes as the eighth County Poet Laureate. This honorary position helps promote the art of poetry at local community events, including during National Poetry Month in April, and represents the County of Santa Clara County through outreach related to poetry.



Learn more about the new Poet Laureate and upcoming poetry events at our libraries: scclld.org/poet/. There you will find social media handles to follow Yosimar. We also have short readings of poems by our prior Poet Laureates on our [YouTube page](#). Our libraries have thousands of works of poetry in [our collection](#). SCCLD's Online Library also offers the Columbia Granger's [World of Poetry resource](#).

FYI- SCCLD Libraries will be closed on Monday, February 19 for Presidents' Day. Our Online Library is available 24/7 at scclld.org/. You can also check out our nation's many [presidential libraries](#), which are maintained by the National Archives.



Helping Your Child Get Kinder Ready

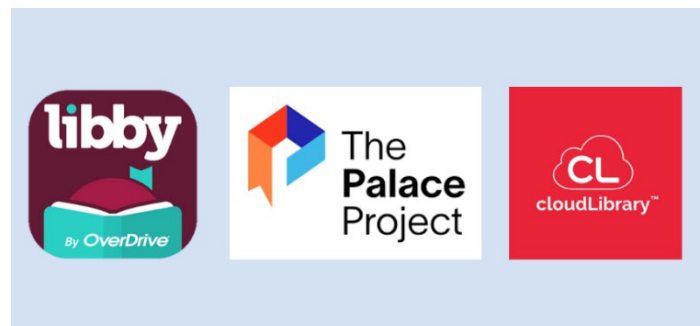
Parents of children nearing five years of age who would like to help prepare their little ones for kindergarten will love our revamped [Get Ready for Kindergarten](#) page. We've given it a fresh look, with more information than ever, including links to a number of helpful websites from other agencies.

Caregivers and parents [can register](#) their incoming Transitional Kindergarten or Kindergarten student and pick up a free booklet at any of our libraries that includes readiness resources for caregivers and skill-building activities that they can work on together with their youngsters. The skill-set activities follows the six critical areas for preparing to be successful in Kindergarten laid out in SCCLD's [Kinder Readiness program](#) of Health and Well-being, Early Literacy, Social and Emotional Development, Language and Communication Skills, Mathematical Thinking, and Science.

This six-week, self-paced program kicks off at all SCCLD libraries in February. Children entering Transitional Kindergarten and/or Kindergarten in Fall 2024 who complete all activities can pick up their certificate of completion and a prize from their local SCCLD library. Registration for the program can be at any of our libraries, ends on June 30. The last day to pick up a prize is August 31.

Update Around Library Resources

As a reminder, the SimpleE reader app is being discontinued by its creator and is no longer offered by SCCLD. We recommend several other options, including [OverDrive/Libby](#), [The Palace Project](#) and [Cloud Library](#). This [blog](#) provides you with more information. Those who have questions can [ask a librarian](#) for guidance. We also offer video tutorials and how-to guides to use our various online resources on our [website](#).



Libraries to Serve as Early Voting, Voting Centers

The March 7, 2024 Presidential Primary Election is just a little over a month away. Early Voting starts in Santa Clara County at the end of February and three SCCLD libraries (Cupertino, Milpitas, and Saratoga) will be taking part. From February 24 through March 4 they will have voting taking place from 10 am to 6 pm. Two of our libraries (Gilroy and Morgan Hill) will serve as Election Day Voting Centers from 7 am to 8 pm on Tuesday, March 5. They will also serve as Early Voting Centers from March 2 to 4 from 10 am to 6 pm. Find more info about how to

register to vote, voting by mail, and the full list of in-person Voting Centers and ballot drop-off sites [here](#).

SANTA CLARA COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT FEBRUARY 2024 EVENTS

***All SCCLD libraries are closed and services unavailable on
Monday, February 19 for Presidents' Day***

Silicon Valley Reads programs are highlighted in blue.

CAMPBELL EXPRESS LIBRARY – 1 West Campbell Avenue, Room 46

ESL Conversation Club

Tuesdays, February 6, 13, 20, & 27, 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.

SVR Teen Craft: Upcycled Paper Bag Succulents

Tuesday, February 6, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard City Banquet Hall

Join us for an evening of creativity, fun and eco-friendly crafting as we repurpose ordinary paper bags into a mini succulent garden.

Family Storytime

Wednesdays, February 7, 14, & 21, 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.

Zero Waste Chef Cooking Demonstration

Thursday, February 15, 7–8 p.m., Orchard City Banquet Hall

Zero Waste Chef Anne-Marie Bonneau will show us how to use materials around the kitchen to create a delicious stir-fry. Register online.

Black History Month: Gee's Bend Quilts Craft

Tuesday, February 20, 4 – 5 p.m.

Learn how fabric in the U.S. made an impact during the times of slavery, then create art inspired by traditional quilting patterns. This program is for grade-school children. Kids ages 5 – 7 will need a grown up helper. Registration is required.

Lunar New Year Craft: Make a Dragon Lantern

Tuesday, February 20, 7 – 8 p.m.

Celebrate the Year of the Dragon and create a lantern. If time allows, we will play the traditional lantern riddle game together. For kids 10+. Registration is required.

Swap it Like it's Hot

Sunday, February 25, 1 – 4 p.m., Room Q-84

We're hosting a free clothes-swap for North County residents to refresh wardrobes while being more sustainable. Leading up to the event, Cupertino and Los Altos Libraries are accepting clean, gently-used clothing donations.

Kids Craft: Teeny Tiny Terracotta Potted Plant

Thursday, February 29, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Orchard City Banquet Hall

Kids in grades K-8 are able to paint and decorate their pot. We will provide the pot, dirt, moss, and tiny succulents. Register online.

CUPERTINO -- 10800 Torre Avenue**Storytime for Babies (ages 0-1)**

Thursdays, February 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 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.

Homework Help

Mondays and Thursdays, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Children's Study Room

Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 6 – 7:30 p.m., Children's Study 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.

Community Birding

Thursday, February 1, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Room 201

Presented by the Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society, you'll learn about the local birds who share space with us in Cupertino, and how we can be better neighbors to these wild animals.

Knit-Alongs at Cupertino Library

Fridays, February 2, 9, 16, & 23, 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, February 2 & 16, 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.
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Family Storytime for All Ages

Saturdays, February 3, 10, 17 & 24, 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.

Lunar New Year: Rising Phoenix Lion Dance Performance

Saturday, February 3, 12:30 – 12:45 p.m.

Join us for an exciting performance in honor of Lunar New Year. These performances will be short, so please arrive on time.

Silicon Valley Reads Author Event: Heather White

Saturday, February 3, 3 – 4 p.m., Room 101

Featured author Heather White will discuss her book, [*One Green Thing*](#). Register online. Walk-ins welcome as space allows.

Baby Sign and Sing

Sunday, February 4, 11 – 11:30 p.m., First Floor Program Room

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

Hobby Beekeeping

Sunday, February 4, 1 – 2 p.m., Room 201

The Santa Clara County Beekeeper's Guild will share tips to beekeeping. Also learn about protecting pollinators and the pleasures and responsibilities that go with urban beekeeping.

Natural Grass vs. Artificial Turf

Sunday, February 4, 3 – 4 p.m., Room 201

This informational presentation looks at the difference between grass and turf, including water savings, better playing experience, and what is better for the environment.

Family Storytime for 3s-5s

Mondays, February 5, 12, & 26, 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, February 6, 13, & 27, 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.

Toddler Storytime (ages 1-2)

Tuesdays, February 6, 13, 20, & 27, 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, February 7, 14, 21, & 28, 10:30 – 11 a.m.

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

Black History Month: Gee's Bend Quilts Craft

Wednesday, February 7, 4 – 5 p.m.

Learn how fabric in the U.S. made an impact during the times of slavery, then create art inspired by traditional quilting patterns. This program is for grade-school children. Kids ages 5 – 7 will need a grown up helper. Registration is required.

Bedtime Storytime

Wednesdays, February 7, 14, 21, & 28, 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.

Black History Month: Author Talk with Ajuan Mance

Thursday, February 8, 7 – 8 p.m., Room 201

Mance will discuss her book, [Living While Black](#). Mance is a professor at Mills College in Oakland. In her art, Mance uses humor and bright colors to explore race, gender, power, and the people and places in which they intersect.

Create CU: Watercolor Doodling

Friday, February 9, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Room 201A

We will experiment with watercolor paints. All materials and instruction will be provided. Please register. This program is intended for adults 18+.

Lunar New Year Craft: Paper Firecracker

Saturday, February 10, 2 – 3 p.m., Room 101

Children 5+ and their adult are invited to make a paper roll firecracker in celebration of the Lunar New Year. Craft is available for the first 100 participants.

Nonfiction Book Discussion Group

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

We will discuss [Island of the Lost: Shipwrecked at the Edge of the World](#) by Joan Druett.

Lunar New Year Craft: Firebird Youth Chinese Orchestra

Sunday, February 11, 3:45 – 5 p.m., Room 201

Join us for a special Lunar New Year performance.

LEGO Club

Tuesday, February 13, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Children's Meeting Room

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

Cupertino Adult Book Discussion

Wednesday, February 14, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Room 201B

Thursday, February 15, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Room 201B

We will be discussing [*The Immortal King Rao*](#) by Vauhini Vara.

Clue Caper: The Mystery of the Missing Valentines

Saturday, February 17, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Room 101

Help Princess Ethel and see if you can solve the mystery of the missing Valentines. Register at the Children's Reference Desk. This is for children grades 4+.

TAB Teen Trivia

Saturday, February 17, 4 – 5 p.m., Room 201

Join us for Pop Culture Trivia Night. We will be playing a Jeopardy-style game with lots of food and friends. Register at the 2nd floor reference desk as a team or individual.

Cupertino Sunday Line Dance Program

Sunday, February 18, 2 – 3 p.m., Room 201

Get started with step-by-step instruction of dance movements choreographed to the rhythms of Waltz, Rumba, Cha-Cha, Salsa, Pop and more. This class is for anyone. No partner needed. Online registration required.

Black History Month: Drums and Dance with Onye Onyemaechi

Sunday, February 18, 4 – 5 p.m.

Onye will introduce concepts of different African musical instruments, rhythms, and historical context of traditional Nigerian society. Registration is not required, but seating is limited and on a first come, first served basis.

STEAM Reads Book Club for Grades 5 -- 8

Tuesday, February 20, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Room 101

We will discuss [*One Step Further*](#) by Katherine Johnson. Afterwards, we will design, build and launch our own astronaut launchers. Register in person at the Children's Desk.

Learn & Travel with Road Scholar

Tuesday, February 20, 3 – 4 p.m., Room 201

Road Scholar is a not-for-profit educational travel organization providing learning opportunities for older adults. You will hear from a Road Scholar Ambassador about her experiences on trips to New Zealand, Puerto Rico, Glacier National Park and the Ozarks.

Black History Month: Mister Boom Boom

Wednesday, February 21, 4 – 5 p.m.

Learn about a variety of West African hand drums including djembe, talking drum, and more. Registration is not required, but seating is limited and on a first come, first served basis.

Master Gardeners: California Native Flowers for Cupertino

Wednesday, February 21, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Room 201

Get an overview about growing native flowers with a particular emphasis on natives that are naturally found in Cupertino. There will be some seeds available for participants.

Black History Month: Changemakers Book Club

Wednesday, February 28, 4 – 5 p.m., Room 101

We are celebrating Black History Month with our book selection, [*J.D. and the Great Barber Battle*](#) by J. Dillard. Register online.

GILROY -- 350 W. Sixth Street**Family Storytime**

Thursdays, February 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 10:30 – 11 a.m., the Nest

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

Knitting and Crochet Weekly Meetup

Thursdays, February 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 1 – 4 p.m., Upstairs Quiet Study B

Bring your projects, ask questions, get help, share ideas and meet new people.

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

Mondays-Fridays, 3 – 4 p.m./lunes-viernes, 3 – 4 p.m. (except school breaks 2/19-2/23)

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.

Book Discussion

Friday, February 2, 10:15 – 11:15 a.m., Quiet Study B

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

Safe Space Meet-Up for LGBTQ+ Youth

Fridays, February 2 & 16, 4 – 5:30 p.m., First Floor Meeting Room

Our staff-led meetings offer a safe space for youth to play games, participate in group activities and discussions and build community. No registration necessary.

Silicon Valley Reads Author Event: Heather White

Saturday, February 3, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Community Room

Featured author Heather White will discuss her book, [*One Green Thing*](#). Register online. Walk-ins welcome as space allows.

Pajama Storytime

Mondays, February 5, 12, & 26, 7 – 7:30 p.m., the Nest

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

Spanish Storytime/Hora de Cuentos Español

Tuesdays, February 6, 13, 20, & 27, 4 – 5 p.m., the Nest

Join us for stories and songs in Spanish, followed by music and play time with Librarian Patty. Acompáñenos a escuchar cuentos y canciones en español, seguido por música y tiempo para jugar con la Bibliotecaria Patty.

Zumba

Tuesdays, February 6, 13, 20, & 27, 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.

Lunar New Year Craft: Paper Firecracker

Thursday, February 8, 4 – 5 p.m., the Nest

Children 5+ and their adult are invited to make a paper roll firecracker in celebration of the Lunar New Year. ¡Acompañenos en creando fuegos artificiales de papel en celebración del Año Nuevo Lunar! Esta manualidad es autodirigida y para niños/as en el grado K y adelante.

Attracting Pollinators & Beneficial Insects to Your Garden

Saturday, February 10, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room

Help provide pollen and nectar for healthy hummingbirds, bees, butterflies and beneficial insects by growing top-rated annual and perennial flowers and flowering shrubs.

AAUW Environmental Justice Group: Climate Change is Here

Saturday, February 10, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Community Room

We will discuss ways we as individuals can make a difference.

Open Poetry Readings with Garlicky Group of Poets

Saturday, February 10, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Downstairs Meeting Room

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

Improve Your Public Speaking with Gilroy Toastmasters

Mondays, February 12 & 26, 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.

LEGO Club

Tuesday, February 13, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m., the Nest

We provide Legos, children build fun creations! These will be displayed in the library. Children can follow our prompts or build based on their imagination. Nosotros proporcionamos los Legos, los niños construyen creaciones divertidas! Estas serán exhibidas en la biblioteca. Niños y niñas pueden seguir nuestras indicaciones o construir algo basado en su imaginación.

Ukulele Class Session for All Ages

Saturdays, February 17 – March 9, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Quiet Room B

Learn the basics of playing a ukulele. No experience necessary. Please plan to attend all four classes. Register if you will be using a library-provided ukulele. No registration required if you bring your own. Children under 12 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

Lunar New Year: Lion Dance & Kung Fu Performance

Sunday, February 18, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Community Room

Evergreen Wushu will perform an exciting dance and Martial Arts demonstration. This program is suitable for children ages 3+. Registration isn’t required but seating is limited.

Black History Month: Mister Boom Boom

Thursday, February 22, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

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Black History Month: Drums and Dance with Onye Onyemaechi

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Swap it Like it's Hot

Saturday, February 24, 1 – 4 p.m.

We're hosting a free clothes-swap for South County residents to refresh wardrobes while being more sustainable. Leading up to the event, Gilroy and Morgan Hill Libraries are accepting clean, gently-used clothing donations.

Book Discussion

Sunday, February 25, 3 – 4:30 p.m., Courtyard (weather permitting)

Local sustainable food advocate Peter Ruddock will lead a discussion on the Silicon Valley Reads featured book [One Green Thing](#).

Black History Month: Book Discussion

Tuesday, February 27, 7 – 8 p.m., Quiet Study B

We will be discussing [The Moor's Account](#) by Laila Lalami in recognition of Black History Month.

LOS ALTOS -- 13 S. San Antonio Road**Toddler Storytime**

Wednesdays & Thursdays, February 1, 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, & 29, 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.

ESL Conversation Club

Thursdays, February 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 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.

Homework Help

Wednesdays & Thursdays, February 1, 7, 8, 14, 15, 28, & 29, 3 – 5:30 p.m., Children's Room

Students in grades K-6 who need homework help are encouraged to stop by for free tutoring. No registration is required. Basic school supplies will be provided.

Black History Month: Preschool Storytime with Author Ajuan Mance

Thursday, February 1, 3:30 – 4 p.m., Orchard Room

Local author Ajuan Mance will read her book [What Do Brothas Do All Day?](#) There will be a short coloring activity to follow. Preschool storytime is suitable for children ages 3-5 and their caregivers.

Teen Dungeons and Dragons Social Club

Thursdays, February 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 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.

Neighborhood Naturalists

Thursdays, February 1, 8, & 15, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room

This educational program for adults will introduce participants to the natural history of Santa Clara County with an emphasis on the local region's geology, native plants, and common wildlife. Register online.

Silicon Valley Reads Author Event: Heather White

Friday, February 2, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Featured author Heather White will discuss her book, [*One Green Thing*](#). Register online. Walk-ins welcome as space allows.

Baby Sign and Stay & Play

Saturday, February 3, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.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. After storytime, stay and play with age-appropriate toys.

Lunar New Year: Rising Phoenix Lion Dance Performance

Saturday, February 3, 1:30 – 1:45 p.m.

Join us for an exciting performance in honor of Lunar New Year. These performances will be short, so please arrive on time.

Black History Month: Gee's Bend Quilts Craft

Sunday, February 4, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Orchard Room

Learn how fabric in the U.S. made an impact during the times of slavery, then create art inspired by traditional quilting patterns. This program is for grade-school children. Kids ages 5 – 7 will need a grown up helper. Registration is required.

Monday Morning Meditation and Mindfulness

Mondays, February 5, 12, & 26, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard Room

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

Celebrate Lunar New Year with Art

Monday, February 5, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

Stop by this drop-in event. Children should be accompanied with their adult art-companion.

Bilingual Spanish Storytime

Tuesdays, February 6, 13, 20, & 27, 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!

Title IX Community Forum

Tuesday, February 6, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. and 4:30 – 5:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Learn more about how the county is making schools safer, share your experience, and/or ask questions related to school-based discrimination, harassment and/or violence.

Zero Waste Chef Cooking Demonstration

Tuesday, February 6, 7–8 p.m.

Zero Waste Chef Anne-Marie Bonneau will show us how to use materials around the kitchen to make kombucha and sauerkraut.

The Whodunit? Mystery Book Club

Wednesday, February 7, 10:15 – 11:30 a.m., Teen Room

We will discuss [Lethal White](#) by Robert Galbraith.

Baby Storytime and Stay & Play

Wednesdays, February 7, 14, 21, & 28, 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.

World Affairs

Wednesday, February 7, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

World Affairs will discuss a different global issue each month.

Preschool Storytime

Thursdays, February 8, 15, 22, & 29, 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.

Board Game Sunday

Sunday, February 11, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Come with family and friends for an afternoon of fun and games. We have board games for children, teens, and adults – plus LEGOs!

Valentine Craft Drop-In

Monday, February 12, 3 – 4:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Children 3+ and their adult caregivers are invited to make Valentine cards with hearts, doilies and ribbon.

Bay Area Games Day

Saturday, February 17, 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.

Black History Month: Drums and Dance with Onye Onyemaechi

Sunday, February 18, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Onye will introduce concepts of different African musical instruments, rhythms, and historical context of traditional Nigerian society. Free tickets will be available at the Children's Desk 30 minutes before the event.

Sunday CrafterNoon

Sunday, February 18, 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.

Book Bugs Club for 2nd & 3rd Graders

Tuesday, February 20, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

We will read and discuss [The Case of the Lost Boy](#), the first book in The Buddy Files series by Dori Hillestad Butler, 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.

Silicon Valley Reads: Page Turners Book Club for 4th & 5th Graders

Wednesday, February 21, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

We will be discussing featured SVR book, [Two Degrees](#) by Alan Gratz, then we will do a fun activity related to the book. Please register.

Learn & Travel with Road Scholar

Wednesday, February 21, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard Room

Road Scholar is a not-for-profit educational travel organization providing learning opportunities for older adults. You will hear from a Road Scholar Ambassador about her experiences on trips to New Zealand, Puerto Rico, Glacier National Park and the Ozarks.

Black History Month: Mister Boom Boom

Saturday, February 24, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Orchard Room

Children will learn about a variety of West African hand drums including djembe, talking drum, and more. Free tickets will be given out at the Children's Reference Desk at 10 a.m.

Furry Friends Reading Buddies

Saturday, February 24, 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, February 26, 12 – 1:30 p.m., Orchard Room

We will discuss [The Year of the Flood](#) by Margaret Atwood.

Mandarin/English Storytime

Tuesday, February 27, 11:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Orchard Room

Join us for stories, songs, and movement in Mandarin and English on Tuesday mornings at 11:30 a.m.! This program is designed for children up to age 5 and their caregivers, and will be held indoors in the Orchard Room. 從一月三十日起, 每個月最後一個星期二, 早上11:30開始, 我們有中英文雙語說故事、唱兒歌和玩遊戲。這個節目是專為五歲以下的兒童設計的, 將會在圖書館的 Orchard Room 舉行。歡迎兒童們和家長、保姆一同前來參加。

Black History Month: 6-8th Grade Book Club

Tuesday, February 27, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

We will discuss [*The Parker Inheritance*](#) by Varian Johnson in celebration of Black History Month 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.

Black History Month: Adult Book Discussion

Tuesday, February 27, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room

In honor of Black History Month, we will read and discuss a contemporary title. Email lpasternack@sccl.org to register and learn more.

Book Talk for Grades 4 – 8

Wednesday, February 28, 4 – 5 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.

Wednesday Travel Nights: Village Life in West Africa

Wednesday, February 28, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Enjoy a video presentation that offers an inside view of the less traveled nation of Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast) in West Africa.

MILPITAS -- 160 N. Main Street**Toddler Storytime: 1s and 2s Together**

Thursdays, February 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Activity Room

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

Homework Help

Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Conference Room

Students in grades K-6 who need homework help are encouraged to stop by for free tutoring. No registration is required. Basic school supplies will be provided. Homework Help will not be available during the week of February 19.

Preschool Storytime

Thursdays, February 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 6:30 – 7 p.m., Activity Room

This storytime, aimed at preschoolers aged 3 – 5 focuses on picture books, flannel board stories and other storytelling activities. Librarians will also share kindergarten readiness resources.

Qi Gong Meditation & Exercise Classes

Fridays, February 2, 9 & 16, 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, February 2, 9, 16 & 23, 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

Saturdays, February 3, 10, 17, & 24, 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

Saturdays, February 3 & 10, 12 – 6:30 p.m., Auditorium

Learn different board games or play your favorite one. This program is open to ages 18+. Online registration is encouraged but not required.

Lunar New Year: Rising Phoenix Lion Dance Performance

Saturday, February 3, 4 – 4:15 p.m.

Join us for an exciting performance in honor of Lunar New Year. These performances will be short, so please arrive on time.

Silicon Valley Reads: Zero Waste 101

Sunday, February 4, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Auditorium

The author of [*Sustainable Home*](#), Christine Liu, will share practical tips to reduce waste in your household.

Baby Bouncers Lapsit for Pre-walkers

Tuesdays, February 6, 13, 20, & 27, 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, February 6, 13, 20, & 27, 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

Fun with Art Presented by First5 Santa Clara County

Wednesday, February 7, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Activity Room

Come make some art with us and learn about the resources provided at the resource center. This program is for children ages 3 – 5.

ESL Conversation Club

Wednesdays, February 7 & 14, 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.

Lunar New Year Celebration

Wednesday, February 7, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m., Auditorium

Come and celebrate the Lunar New Year with music, crafts and the Yun Yee Tong Kung Fu group to bring prosperity and good fortune. No registration required.

Teen Valentine Card Making

Saturday, February 10, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Conference Room

We will be using mixed media with watercolors to make that perfect card. This program is for ages 12-18 only. Registration is required.

LEGO Club for Grades K-8

Monday, February 12, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Activity Room

Children will use their creativity and engineering skills to free build anything they can imagine. This is a drop-in program.

Master Gardener Series

Saturday, February 17, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Auditorium

Learn how to select and plant bare root fruit trees that will flourish and bear fruit.

Black History Month: Drums and Dance with Onye Onyemaechi

Saturday, February 17, 3 – 4 p.m.

Onye will introduce concepts of different African musical instruments, rhythms, and historical context of traditional Nigerian society.

Black History Month: Author Talk with Ajuan Mance

Saturday, February 17, 4 – 5 p.m.

Mance will discuss her book, [Living While Black](#). Mance is a professor at Mills College in Oakland. In her art, Mance uses humor and bright colors to explore race, gender, power, and the people and places in which they intersect.

ICAN Read!

Wednesday, February 21, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

International Children Assistance Network (ICAN) is partnering with Milpitas Library to introduce a world of creativity and storytelling. Join us for children's stories in Vietnamese and English, then some craft activities.

Black History Month: Mister Boom Boom

Thursday, February 22, 4 – 5 p.m.

Children will learn about a variety of West African hand drums including djembe, talking drum, and more. Registration is not required, but seating is limited and on a first come, first served basis.

Reading Buddies for Grades K-5

Saturday, February 24, 2 – 3 p.m., Activity Room

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

The Peaceful Poets

Thursday, February 29, 5:30 – 8 p.m., Conference Room

Join other poetry writers and appreciators of poetry.

MORGAN HILL -- 660 W. Main Avenue**Toddler Storytime**

Thursdays, February 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 10:15 – 10:45 a.m., Children's Activity Room

Join us for stories, music, movement and more. This program is geared towards children ages 2-3 and their caregivers.

Drop-in Libby Help

Thursday, February 1, 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.

Preschool Storytime

Thursdays, February 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 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.

Silicon Valley Reads Author Event: Lily Brooks-Dalton

Thursday, February 1, 4 – 5 p.m., Program Room

Featured author Lily Brooks-Dalton will discuss her book, [*The Light Pirate*](#).

Learn Stop Motion Animation

Thursday, February 1, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Children's Activity Room

Learn new technology skills and basic animation with the help of CMAP (Community Media Access Partnership). All ages are welcome but parents and teens aged 12 – 18 are encouraged to attend. Parents must attend with their children. Register online.

Tiny Tot Jamboree

Fridays, February 2, 9, 16, & 23, 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, February 2, 9, 16, & 23, 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 for All Ages

Saturdays, February 3, 10, 17, & 24, 10:15 – 10:45 a.m., Children's Activity Room

Join us in the Children's Activity Room for family fun with your little one! Stories, music, movement, and more! Storytimes are bilingual (Spanish/English). ¡Acompáñenos en la sala de actividades de niños para divertirse en familia con su pequeño! ¡Cuentos, música, movimiento y más! Las horas de cuentos son bilingües (español/inglés).

ESL Conversation Club

Saturdays, February 10, & 24, 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. 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.

LEGO Club

Tuesdays, February 6, 13, 20, & 27, 3 – 4 p.m.

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

Teen Craft: Polymer Clay Jewelry and Keychains

Tuesday, February 6, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Program Room

Make customized jewelry and keychains using polymer clay. All supplies are provided. Registration is required. This program is for teens ages 12 – 18.

First Tuesday Knit-In

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

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

Kids STEM Club

Wednesday, February 7, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.

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

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

Wednesday, February 7, 6 – 8 p.m., Program Room

Community colleges often has something to offer students of all ages, and many are free. Learn what services and opportunities are available.

Black History Month: After Dinner Book Club

Wednesday, February 7, 7 – 8 p.m., Program Room

We will discuss [*The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store*](#) by James McBride.

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

Fridays, February 9 & 23, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Program Room

LGBTQ+ youth are invited to play games, participate in group activities and discussions, and build community. No registration necessary.

Black History Month: Author Talk with Ajuan Mance

Saturday, February 10, 2 – 3 p.m., Children's Activity Room

Mance will discuss her book, [*Living While Black*](#). Mance is a professor at Mills College in Oakland. In her art, Mance uses humor and bright colors to explore race, gender, power, and the people and places in which they intersect.

Zumba

Mondays, February 12 & 26, 6 – 7 p.m., Program 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.

Family Fun Night

Tuesday, February 13, 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 will work on art and make Valentine's cards.

Master Gardeners

Tuesday, February 13, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Now is the time to plan for your tomato garden. This program will teach you the correct planting methods, pest control, irrigation, soil management and fertilizer.

Seed Bombs and Bird Cookies

Saturday, February 17, 3 – 5 p.m., Children’s Activity Room

Make bird cookies to help birds survive the colder months and create wildflower seed bombs to increase plant diversity. This program is for teens and adults only. Registration required.

Library Ukulele Society

Tuesday, February 20, 5 – 7 p.m.

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

Great Decisions: A Discussion

Tuesday, February 20, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Program Room

The program includes reading the Great Decisions Briefing Book, watching the video series, and engaging in discussions within a group to explore the most pressing global issues confronting American today.

Lunar New Year: Kids Art Club

Wednesday, February 21, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Children’s Activity Room

School-aged children will explore different techniques, styles, and art materials each month. This drop in program is for children ages 5+ and their adults. The theme of this month is Lunar New Year.

Silicon Valley Reads: Story and Tote Bag Activity for Kids

Thursday, February 22, 4 – 5 p.m., Children’s Activity Room

We will listen to a recording from Anne Matheson, author of [*The Forest Man*](#). Then we will create our own tote bag. Recommended for kids 5+.

Introduction to Birding

Thursday, February 22, 4 – 5:30 p.m.

Presented by the Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society, you’ll learn about the local birds who share space with us in Santa Clara County, and introduce you to a few hotspots for finding birds in Morgan Hill.

Black History Month: Drums and Dance with Onye Onyemaechi

Friday, February 23, 4 – 5 p.m., Children’s Activity Room

Onye will introduce concepts of different African musical instruments, rhythms, and historical context of traditional Nigerian society. Seating is limited and on a first come, first served basis.

Black History Month: Film Screening

Wednesday, February 28, 5:30 – 8:45 p.m., Program Room

Join us for a screening of the 2019 biographical film, *Harriet*, which highlights one of America’s renowned Black heroes. No registration is needed.

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.

Handmade Books Art Exhibit

Through February 28, Lobby

Take a look at our beautiful collection by Pacific Scribe members on display.

Innocent Smiles of Gansu Farm Children

Through February 28, Lobby

Tali Kuan's works were inspired by her memories of working in the farm region of Gansu, China.

Silicon Valley Reads Author Event: Lily Brooks-Dalton

Thursday, February 1, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Program Room

Featured author Lily Brooks-Dalton will discuss her book, [*The Light Pirate*](#). Please register.

Baby Storytime (12 months or younger)

Fridays, February 2, 9, 16, & 23, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room

Join us for stories, rhymes, fingerplays and songs.

Family Storytime

Saturdays, February 3, 10, 17, & 24, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Orchard Room

Tuesdays, February 6, 13, 20 & 27, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Orchard Room

Join us for stories, rhymes, fingerplays and songs.

Lunar New Year: Rising Phoenix Lion Dance Performance

Saturday, February 3, 11:30 – 11:45 a.m.

Join us for an exciting performance in honor of Lunar New Year. These performances will be short, so please arrive on time.

Mah Jongg Drop-in for Adults

Mondays, February 5, 12, & 26, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

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

Family Bingo: Valentine's Day

Monday, February 5, 4 – 5 p.m., Community Room

Join us for Bingo and get a chance to win Valentine's Day-themed prizes.

Black History Month: Mystery Book Club

Monday, February 5, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard Room

We will be discussing [The Violin Conspiracy](#) by Brendan Slocumb. Stop by the Adult Reference Desk to sign up for the meeting and pick up a copy of the book.

Ukulele Jam Session

Tuesdays, February 6 & 13, 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.

Sci-Fi & Fantasy Book Club

Tuesday, February 6, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard Room

We will be discussing [The Year of the Witching](#) by Alexis Henderson. Visit the Adult Reference Desk to register and pick up a copy of the book.

Knit & Crochet Circle

Wednesday, February 7, 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.

Chinese Book Club - 中文書友會

Thursday, February 8, 10:15 a.m. – 12 p.m., Orchard Room

The February book selection is [The Four Winds](#) by Kristin Hannah/[風再度吹起](#), 原文作者: 克莉絲汀·漢娜, 譯者: 顏湘如

Encouraging Literacy at Home

Thursday, February 8, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Orchard Room

Attend this workshop to learn strategies you can practice at home to help your children read better. The program is for parents/caretakers with children ages 4 – 6. Register online.

Silicon Valley Reads: A Winter Start for your Greener Summer Garden

Tuesday, February 13, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Community Room

[Learn how to grow your own garden transplants from seed and get better results for your summer garden.](#)

Digital Literacy Class

Thursday, February 15, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., Learning Lab

Learn about basic computer skills, practice accessing the internet and staying safe online. You can also get help using your smartphone, tablet or laptop. No registration required.

Mandarin/English Storytime

Thursday, February 15, 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.

Black History Month: Teatime Book Chatter

Thursday, February 15, 1 – 2 p.m.

Visit the Adult Reference Desk to register and pick up a copy of this month's pick, [*The Underground Railroad*](#) by Colson Whitehead.

Introduction to Local Invasive Plants

Thursday, February 15, 4:30 – 5:15 p.m., Community Room

A Parks & Recreation volunteer will share information about invasive plants in Saratoga and the work being done to remove them from Quarry Park.

Black History Month: Drums and Dance with Onye Onyemaechi

Saturday, February 17, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Onye will introduce concepts of different African musical instruments, rhythms, and historical context of traditional Nigerian society. Seating is limited and on a first come, first served basis.

Classical Guitar Concert with Juan Carlos Navarro

Sunday, February 18, 2 – 3 p.m.

Navarro has given hundreds of concerts throughout Europe and Southeast Asia and is currently a professor at the Detmold University of Music in Germany.

Spanish/English Storytime

Thursday, February 22, 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.

SERVICES AND SUPPORT CENTER – 1370 Dell Avenue, Campbell**Donations Accepted for Upcoming Clothing Swap**

All day February 17 – 23

Donate your clean, gently used clothing for an upcoming clothing swap.

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

Mondays, February 5, 12 & 26, 7 – 7:30 p.m., Back patio (weather permitting) or children's area

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

Valentine's Day-Themed Family Storytime

Sunday, February 11, 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 Valentine's Day themed storytime. Dress for the weather!

Black History Month: Adult Book Discussion

Tuesday, February 13, 2 – 3:15 p.m.

In honor of Black History Month, we will read and discuss [*Better Living Through Birding*](#) by Christian Cooper. Email lpasternack@sccl.org to register and learn more.

Fox-Themed Family Storytime

Sunday, February 25, 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 fox-themed storytime. Dress for the weather!

ONLINE EVENTS (Please register online)**Online English Conversation Club**

Thursdays, February 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Meet new friends and practice English together.

The New Digital SAT

Saturday, February 3, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

High school students thinking about taking the new digital SAT should join this virtual presentation for information, tips, and strategies on how to get the best results.

Silicon Valley Reads Storytime: Dial-a-Story

Monday, February 5 – Sunday, February 11

Listen to the Silicon Valley Reads children's pick, [*The Forest Man*](#), by Anne Matheson on our special storytime hotline. Call (408) 615-2909 and press 3.

Lunar New Year: An Art Talk About the Silk Road

Tuesday, February 6, 7 – 8 p.m.

This is the first program of six in SCCLD's inaugural Asian Art Museum Art Talk Series. In this webinar, travel the ancient routes that connected countries from the Mediterranean to the Pacific and discover the historic transformations that resulted from these complex cultural exchanges.

Teen Career Day – Engineering Edition

Wednesday, February 7, 5 – 6 p.m.

Join us for a virtual career day with three engineers who will talk about their career paths and what they enjoy about their professions.

Virtual Author Talk: Tessa Bailey

Thursday, February 8, 5 – 6 p.m.

NYT bestselling author and BookTok sensation Tessa Bailey will discuss the launch of her new sports romance duology, [*Fangirl Down*](#).

Highlighting History: One Institute

Monday, February 12, 12 – 1 p.m.

The One Institute is the oldest active LGBTQ+ organization in the United States, focused on LGBTQ+ history through education, arts, and social justice. This engaging presentation will be led by the director of the One Institute, Tony Valenzuela.

Virtual Author Talk: Jason Mott

Tuesday, February 20, 1 – 2 p.m.

NYT bestselling author Jason Mott will discuss his recent novel, [*Hell of a Book*](#).

Personal Finance: 2024 Market and Economic Outlook

Tuesday, February 27, 7 – 8 p.m.

A Certified Financial Planner will discuss what happened last year and will give her perspective on how the market could unfold going forward. This is the first workshop of a series of virtual personal finance talks in 2024.

Virtual Author Talk: Kim Scott

Wednesday, February 28, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

NYT bestselling author Kim Scott will discuss her book, [*Radical Candor: Be a Kick-Ass Boss Without Losing Your Humanity*](#).

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Morgan Hill Steve Tate Library

RESOURCE HIGHLIGHT

- Drop in Ebook & device help now available the first Thursday every month at 11am.
- Homework help available every Monday & Tuesday 4-6pm for students k-6



UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Black History Month: Author Talk with Ajuan Mance

Saturday, February 10, 2 – 3 p.m.

Family Fun Night: Valentine Card Making

Tuesday, February 13, 6:30 – 8 p.m.
kids ages 5+

Lion Dance and Kung Fu Demonstration

Sunday, February 18, 1:30pm

Lunar New Year: Kids Art Club

Wednesday, February 21, 3:30 – 5 p.m.
kids ages 5+

Introduction to Birding

Thursday, February 22, 4 – 5:30 p.m.

Black History Month: Drums and Dance with Onye Onyemaechi

Friday, February 23, 4 – 5 p.m.
All ages welcome.

Friends of the Library Booksale

Saturday, February 24, 10am-3pm

SILICON VALLEY READS

Story and Tote Bag Activity for Kids

Thursday, February 22, 4 – 5 p.m.

Seed Bombs and Bird Cookies Saturday,

February 17, 3 – 5 p.m., for Teens & Adults

STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE MORGAN HILL PROJECTS

We Innovate: Lobby Project

Design and implement flexible public spaces that encourage library visits and elevate patron experiences. Assess and reconfigure lobby spaces to increase circulation of materials.

Action Plan Update: Assessment completed Fall 2023.

Next Steps: Begin work with a design firm.

We Listen: Expand community

partnerships using an EDI lens Expand understanding of and support for relevant partnerships across the District, with a focus on building relationships to increase community connections.

Action Plan Update: Our team has partnered with MHUSD and identified schools that we can support.

Next Steps: Literacy Night with PA Walsh, Library Presence at food distributions, outreach at Adult School.



Monthly Statistics

54,957

Circulation

16,588

Visitors

59

Programs

329

New Library
Cards

2,540

Attendees

Library, Culture, and Arts Commission Public Services Director Report

Announcements

- City Council has approved Galvan Park Restroom Artwork – Staff is coordinating on installation dates.
- Charter School of Morgan Hill is currently exhibiting at the Community and Cultural Center. A complete art schedule is available here:
<https://morganhill.ca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/47685/2024-Art-Exhibit-Schedule-CCC-PDF?bidId=>
- South Valley Civic Theater will opening The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical on February 23 at the Community Playhouse. More information here:
<https://www.svct.org/>

Calendar of Upcoming Items

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
 - Where: Train Station parking lot
(3rd Street and Depot Street in Downtown Morgan Hill)

Every Monday, February 5th – February 26th:

- [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, February 6th – February 27th:

- [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, February 7th – February 21st:

- [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, 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)

Saturday, February 10th:

- [Magical Bridge Valentine's Party](#)
 - Time: 3:00 PM – 5:00PM
 - Where: Magical Bridge Playground
(171 W Edmundson Ave., Morgan Hill, CA 95037)

March 2024

Every Saturday, March 2nd – March 30th:

- [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, March 4th – March 25th:

- [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, March 5th – March 26th:

- [Community Table at Advent Lutheran Church](#)
 - Time: 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM
 - Where: Advent Lutheran Church
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Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday, March 6th and March 20th:

- [Drive Through Grocery Box: Advent Luther Church](#)
 - Time: 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM
 - Where: Advent Lutheran Church
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1st Wednesday of every Month, March 6th:

- [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, March 7th – March 28th:

- [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, March 1st – March 29th:

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

Every 2nd Saturday of the Month, March 9th:

- [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)

Sunday, March 31st:

- [Rotary Club of Morgan Hill: Darren Dean Vocational Grant Application Closes](#)
 - Time: 11:59 PM
 - Where: [Applications are available online. Apply online or mail to P.O. Box 238, Morgan Hill, CA 95038.](#) Submissions are due March 31st



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, January 9, 2024 6:00 PM

Council Chamber
17555 Peak Avenue, Morgan Hill, CA 95037

CALL TO ORDER

6:01pm

ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

Borchers absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

DECLARATION OF POSTING AGENDA

RECOGNITION - LOUIS LATRONICA

1. Luis Latronica Recognition

Recommendation:
Make Recognition.

Recognition made and presented by Commiison Suman Ganapathy.
Public comment by Marji McMillan and Steve Betando.

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 Chabra, Second Khera, Adopted 6-0.

REPORTS

1. County Librarian Report – Jennifer Weeks, County Librarian

Recommendation:

Receive report.

Report provide by Marlen Iwamoto, Deputy County Librarian.

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

Recommendation:

Receive report.

Report provided by Brandy Maldonado,

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.

No 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.

Motion Lyn, Second Ganapathy, Accepted 6-0.

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.

Received report.

3. **International Celebration Debrief**

Recommendation:

Debrief on 2023 International Celebration Event.

Discussed event and area for improvement.

4. **Work Plan Updates**

Recommendation:

Provide updates on Work Plan Items.

Updates provided.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE COMMISSION AGENDA ITEMS

Event Workshop - Art a la Carte and International Festival

ADJOURNMENT

7:34pm

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).