



Regular Meeting Agenda

Library, Culture, and Arts Commission

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Tuesday, December 3, 2024 6:00 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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. **Accept November 5, 2024 Meeting Minutes**
Recommendation:
Accept November 5, 2024 Meeting Minutes.
2. **Discuss Potential Virtual Art Presentations Program**
Recommendation:
Discuss item.
3. **Work Plan Updates**
Recommendation:
Provide updates on Work Plan Items.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE COMMISSION AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

NOTICE

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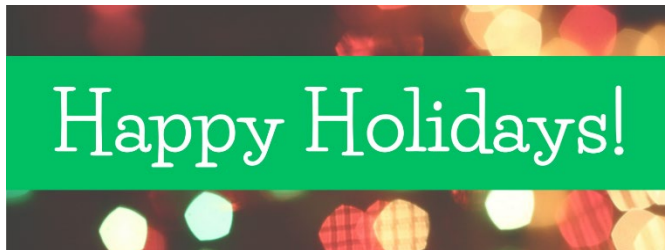
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December 2024
Library Monthly Report
Jennifer Weeks, County Librarian



Make the Library Your Home Away from Home this Holiday Season

This month, take time to recharge and spend time with family and loved ones. December has a number of important cultural events, from the Winter Solstice (Dec. 21), to Christmas (Dec. 25),

Hanukkah (Dec. 25 to Jan. 2), Kwanzaa (Dec. 26 to Jan. 1), and of course New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

The Library is here to help make your season bright with a variety of activities and resources. Interested in arts and crafts? Our [Creativebug](#) resource offers unlimited access to over 1,000 online art and craft video classes and tutorials. Whether you're looking to start a new hobby or find ideas for holiday décor, you'll find it there. [New York Times Cooking](#) has a wide variety of recipes that you can explore to find fun new flavors.

Want to curl up with a great read? Our librarians have compiled booklists for you to enjoy. There are multiple categories of [novels](#), [nonfiction](#) titles and more for adults, [teens](#) and [kids](#).

And of course we have lots of great events. From visits by Santa, [film screenings](#), and crafts for making ornaments, wreaths and holiday cards, to board games and book clubs, we're a winter wonderland of activity. Make sure your household is safe at a [Holiday Fire Safety Workshop](#). We also have New Year's celebrations and a puppet show at three of our libraries. Check our Event Calendar for details.

For those considering large purchases for the holidays, make sure to check out the latest issue of *Consumer Reports* for product reviews and ratings, available for free with your library account. This and other helpful resources can be found in the [Consumer & Automotive](#) section of our 24/7 Online Library, where you can also find current issues of *Consumer Reports Buying Guide* and *AARP: The Magazine*, accessible through our free eResource, [Flipster](#).

Learn Coding, Web Development and More

[Treehouse](#) is an online video and interactive learning platform that teaches coding and web development skills. Topics include HTML, CSS, Python, JavaScript, AI, SQL, and business and development tools. Patrons 16 years and older are welcome to register for a free account. [Give it a try](#).



Learn How to Save a Life

SCCLD is partnering with Santa Clara County Behavioral Health Department to hold opioid overdose prevention workshops in South County during the month of December. These free sessions teach attendees what they need to know to properly administer naloxone nasal spray (better known by its commercial name of Narcan).



While the number of overdose deaths has recently [dropped of late](#), there are still far too many people dying from fentanyl and other drugs. Luckily, there is hope with knowledge and access to this life-saving drug. Those who attend the classes, which will be led by the Q Corner's Harm ReduQion Project, will receive doses to take home (while supplies last). [Registration](#) for the classes is not required, but is recommended.

Gilroy Library:

December 2 at 7 p.m.
December 12 at 4 p.m.

Morgan Hill Library:

December 2 at 4 p.m.
December 16 at 6:30 p.m.



Fun with the Big Bad Wolf

The Puppet Art Theater Co. is back with another delightful children's tale told through the magic of puppetry. They will be presenting the Little Red Riding Hood Puppet Show (Holiday Edition) at three libraries, all on [Saturday December 28](#).

There are two shows in South County, performing at 10:30 AM at [Morgan Hill Library](#), followed by a 2 PM [Gilroy Library](#) show. Or you can attend the performance at 4:30 PM at the [Los Altos Library](#). Just beware of any wolves that talk to you on the way there.

Please note that SCCLD Libraries and Bookmobile Service will be closed on Wed., Dec. 25 for Christmas Day and Wed., January 1 for New Year's Day. We are also closing at 5PM on Tue., Dec. 24 and Tue., Dec. 31. Our [Online Library](#) is open 24/7.

Bet You Can't Watch Just One...

Have you explored our [Hoopla](#) resource, which we added this year? A one-stop entertainment stop, it has streamable eBooks, Audiobooks, comics, movies and TV series. Premium content includes Hallmark+ and their many beloved holiday films and TV shows.



You can watch dozens of meet-cute, mystery, comedy and drama movies and shows using Hoopla's BingePass option, which allows unlimited access to their selections for seven days from a computer, tablet or cell phone. If you don't finish your watchlist, which the site will save, you can renew the pass for another week. Our [eMovies, TV and eMusic page](#) has even more options for you to enjoy.



December Virtual Author Talks

End 2024 with some exciting virtual author talks!

Join us on Wednesday, December 4 at 11 a.m. for a dazzling presentation with the emeritus curator of the Smithsonian's National Gem Collection, Dr. Jeffrey E. Post as he talks about [***The Smithsonian National Gem Collection Unearthed: Surprising Stories Behind the Jewels***](#). Learn about some of the world's greatest and most famous gemstones. Register [here](#).

On Wednesday, December 11 at 11 a.m., we welcome bestselling author Laura Dave, who will talk to us about her newest book, [***The Night We Lost Him***](#). With her trademark combination of suspense and family drama, this latest novel is a page-turner! Please [register](#).

New Story to Enjoy a StoryWalk® Together

A new set of characters has buzzed into our StoryWalk® sites, which feature pages from children's books installed in a beautiful city park setting. The new selection is [***The Bugliest Bug***](#) by Carol Diggory Shields. Different types of insects compete to see who is the "bugliest" of all, but a surprise awaits.



[Jack Fischer Park](#) in Campbell, [Community Park](#) in Morgan Hill and [Kevin Moran Park](#) in Saratoga (pictured here) host these early literacy skill building activities. StoryWalks® are a great partnership between SCCLD and local cities. We hope to announce at least one more site in early 2025. Stay tuned!

SANTA CLARA COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT DECEMBER 2024 EVENTS

****All SCCLD libraries will be closed and services unavailable on
Wednesday, December 25 for Christmas. Libraries will close at 5 p.m.
on Tuesday, Decembers 24 and Tuesday, December 31****

CAMPBELL EXPRESS LIBRARY – 1 West Campbell Avenue, Room 46

Family Storytime

*Wednesdays, December 4 & 11, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard City Banquet Hall on 12/4 and
Roosevelt Room/Room Q-80 on 12/11*

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

CUPERTINO -- 10800 Torre Avenue

Babywearing Dance

Sundays, December 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Room 101
Join us for babywearing dance.

Baby Sign and Sing

Sunday, December 1, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Room 101

This program is for infants and pre-walking babies under 12 months. Adult caregivers will learn basic signs to communicate with their babies.

Homework Help

*Monday & Thursday, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Tuesday & Wednesday, 6 – 7:30 p.m., December 2 – 6,
Children's Room Small 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.

Do You Want to Build a Snowman? (Grades 3 – 8)

Monday, December 2, 4 – 5 p.m., Room 101

Arrive on time to get a seat and create a clay snowman. All materials will be provided.

ESL Conversation Club

Tuesdays, December 3, 10, & 17, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Room 201A

Improve your English listening and speaking skills, and learn about other cultures in a supportive environment. This program is for adults who speak basic English. Register online.

Toddler Storytime (ages 1-2)

Tuesdays, December 3, 10, & 17, 10:30 – 11 a.m.

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

Bedtime Storytime

Wednesdays, December 4, 11, & 18, 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, December 5, 12, & 19, 10:30 – 11:30 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.

Reading Buddies

Thursday, December 5, and Monday, December 9, 7 – 8 p.m.

Children can buddy up with a furry friend and read one-on-one from a favorite book. Children must register themselves in-person at the Children's Reference Desk. This is for students who have completed kindergarten through 5th grade.

CNPS: Ten Easy Steps to Create a Bird-Friendly Garden

Thursday, December 5, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

We'll take a look at gardening from a bird's perspective and then delve into the ten elements that can transform your garden into a bird paradise. Attendees will also receive a packet of California native wildflowers.

Knit-Alongs at Cupertino Library

Fridays, December 6, 13, & 20, 2:30 – 4 p.m., Room 201A

All knitters and crocheters are welcome to drop in and socialize while starting new projects or finishing old ones. Participants need to bring their own needles and/or crochet hooks and yarn. No personal instruction will be provided.

中/英文雙語說故事時間/Mandarin-English Bilingual Family Storytime

Fridays, December 6 & 20, 7 – 8 p.m., Room 101

Join us for stories, songs, a flannel board story, fingerplay, and a craft project in Mandarin and English. Children and their caretakers are welcome to join. 兒童圖書館員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, 祿母一同前來參加。

Family Storytime

Saturday, December 7, 14, 21, & 28, 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.

Unlocking AI Potential: Tips for Better Interactions and Results

Saturday, December 7, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Room 201

We will explore how to interact with AI tools like ChatGPT to enhance everyday experiences, like “prompting.” Laptops are optional for those who want to try prompts during the session.

Navigating Securely in the Age of AI

Saturday, December 7, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Room 201

As reliance on technology grows, so do security risks, making it essential to assess how we engage with these innovations and identify ways to safeguard ourselves.

Pop Up Bug Museum

Saturday, December 7, 1 – 4 p.m., Room 101

The Beetle Lady will share displays of terrestrial arthropods from around the world, live bug terrariums and activities for all ages.

Nonfiction Book Discussion Group

Sunday, December 8, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Room 201A

We will discuss [*The Wild Truth*](#) by Carine McCandless.

LEGO Club (Grades K-8)

Tuesday, December 10, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Children’s Meeting Room

Children are invited to build and create using LEGOs. Please leave your own LEGOs at home.

STEAM Challenge: Penguin Problems

Thursday, December 12, 4 – 5 p.m., Room 101

Children in grades 1+ can learn some fun facts about penguins and how they survive in the wild, then “rescue” a penguin who needs some assistance. Registration required.

Art Therapy for Tweens (Kids 10+)

Friday, December 13, 4 – 5 p.m., Room 101

We will explore different techniques and art materials each month. Materials will be provided, while supplies last.

Create CU: Eteгами

Friday, December 13, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Room 201B

We will explore etegami, the art of the picture letter. Materials will be provided, while supplies last. This program is for adults 18+. Register online.

Cupertino Line Dance Program

Sunday, December 15, 2 – 3:15 p.m., Room 201

Learn master shuffles, sweeps, and turns while improving your balance, coordination, stamina, footwork and arm styling. December's featured dance is cumbia. No registration required.

Police Read Along

Monday, December 16, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Room 101

A sheriff's deputy will read holiday books and share safety tips during the busy holiday season.

Book Discussion for Adults

Wed., December 18, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., and Thur., December 19, 7 – 8:15 p.m., Room 201B

We will be discussing [Meet Me at the Museum](#) by Anne Youngson.

Santa Visit

Wednesday, December 18, 7 – 8 p.m., Room 101

Meet and take a photo with Santa!

Afternoon Movie: Home Alone

Tuesday, December 24, 2 – 3:45 p.m., Community Room 101

Join us for the holiday movie, *Home Alone* (Rated PG).

Winter Origami

Thursday, December 26, 4 – 5 p.m., Community Room 101

School aged children will learn to fold 3-4 different origami projects. Paper will be provided.

Spool Knitting

Saturday, December 28, 2 – 3 p.m., Room 101

School aged children can learn how to use a paper tube and popsicle sticks to knit a scarf.

Winter Book Clubs (Grades 1 & 2)

Monday, December 30, 3 – 4 p.m., Room 101

We will discuss [Sydney and Taylor Explore the Whole Wide World](#) by Jacqueline Davis. Register at the Children's Reference Desk.

Noon Year's Eve Dance Party

Tuesday, December 31, 11:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Room 101

Join us as we countdown to the new year with a dance party.

GILROY -- 350 W. Sixth Street

Cinema Sunday/Domingo de Cinema

Sundays, December 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 1:30 – 4 p.m., The Nest/el Nido

Join us at the Gilroy Library for family movies. Únase a nosotros para películas familiares.

Homework & Reading Help

Mondays – Fridays, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Saturdays, 10:30 a.m. & 3 p.m., Children's Area

Students in grades K-8 who need homework help are encouraged to stop by for free tutoring.

No registration is required. Basic school supplies will be provided. Some tutors are bilingual and speak Spanish and Vietnamese.

Pajama Storytime/Cuentas en Pijama

Mondays, December 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 7 – 7:30 p.m., the Nest

Join us for stories, sing songs, and wear your pajamas! Lee cuentos, canta canciones y ponte los pijamas para una hora de cuentos para niños de todas las edades.

Opioid Overdose Prevention Training

Monday, December 2, 7 – 8 p.m. and Thursday, December 12, 4 – 5 p.m.

This free training will teach you how to recognize an opioid overdose and administer Narcan nasal spray. Registration is not necessary.

Zumba

Tuesdays, December 3, 10, & 17, 5:45 – 6:45 p.m., Community Room

Zumba features rhythms like salsa, merengue, cumbia, and samba set to Latin and international beats. Wear comfortable workout clothes and shoes. No registration is required.

Zumba presenta estilos músicos como salsa, merengue, cumbia y samba con ritmos latinos e internacionales. Use ropa y zapatos deportivos cómodos. No es necesario registrarse.

Bilingual English and Vietnamese Storytime/Độc Truyện Song Ngữ Anh Việt

Wednesdays, December 4, 11, & 18, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m., the Nest

Come read, sing, dance, and play with Miss Như Ý. Mời bé đến đọc sách, ca múa, và vui chơi cùng cô Như Ý.

Family Storytime

Thursdays, December 5, 12, 19, & 26, 10:30 – 11 a.m., First Floor Children's Area

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

Knitting and Crochet Weekly Meetup

Thursdays, December 5, 12, 19, & 26, 1 – 4 p.m., Upstairs Quiet Study B

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

Book Discussion

Friday, December 6, 10:15 – 11:15 a.m., Quiet Study B

We will be discussing [The Seed Keeper](#) by Diane Wilson.

Safe Space Meet-Up for LGBTQ+ Youth

Fridays, December 6 & 20, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Quiet Study B

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.

Bilingual Storytime: English & Spanish / Hora de Cuentos Bilingües: Inglés y Español

Saturdays, December 7, 14, 21, & 28, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., the Nest

Join us for stories and songs in English and Spanish, followed by music and playtime with Librarians Patty and Cameron. Acompáñenos a escuchar cuentos y canciones en inglés y español, seguido por música y tiempo para jugar con los Bibliotecarios Patty y Cameron.

Film Screening and Discussion

Monday, December 9, 7 – 8:45 p.m., Community Room

Watch the film [Right to Harm](#) and join the discussion led by local sustainable food advocate Peter Ruddock.

Just Doodle It! / ¡Simplemente Garabatéa!

Thursday, December 12, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m., Community Room

Stop by with your family to learn about the art of doodling and enjoy the benefits of doodling. Pasa con tu familia para aprender sobre el arte de los garabatos y disfrutar de los beneficios de dibujar.

LEGO Club

Friday, December 13, 3 – 4:30 p.m., the Nest

We provide LEGOs, children build fun creations that will be displayed in the library.

Nosotros proporcionamos los legos, los niños construyen creaciones divertidas! Estas serán exhibidas en la biblioteca.

Holiday Kickoff / Celebración de Invierno

Saturday, December 14, 11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Children's Area

Santa will be visiting us for family photos, and he's bringing books as presents. While you wait to be photographed, enjoy some hot cocoa, hanging out with the community, and other fun activities. Santa nos visitará para tomar fotografías familiares y llevará libros como regalo. Mientras espera que le fotografíen, disfrute de un chocolate caliente, pase tiempo con la comunidad y otras actividades divertidas.

Poetry Readings with Garlicky Group of Poets

Saturday, December 14, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Downstairs Meeting Room

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

DIY Ornaments and a Movie / Adornos de Bricolaje y Una Película

Saturday, December 21, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Community Room

Join us for a classic movie and craft. Create a simple ornament or sit and relax while watching the comedy-mystery, *The Thin Man*. Supplies are provided on a first come, first served basis. Únase a nosotros para ver una película clásica y manualidades. Crea un adorno sencillo o siéntate y relájate mientras miras la comedia de misterio *The Thin Man*. Las instrucciones y los suministros se proporcionarán por orden de llegada.

Reading Buddies / Compañeros de Lectura

Monday, December 23, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m., the Nest

PreK-6th grade children can buddy up with a furry friend and read one-on-one from a favorite book. Children must register themselves in-person at the Children's Reference Desk.

¡Ven a practicar tus habilidades de lectura y lee en voz alta uno a uno con un amigo peludo!

Pasa por el Escritorio de Niños cada mes para registrarte para una sesión de lectura de 15 minutos. Para niños desde Prekínder hasta 6to grado.

Little Red Riding Hood Puppet Show

Saturday, December 28, 2 – 2:45 p.m., the Nest

Join Little Red and her trusty side kick, Fifi, on a pizza-filled adventure.

Acompaña a Caperucita Roja y su fiel compañera, Fifi, en una aventura llena de pizza.

LOS ALTOS -- 13 S. San Antonio Road**Monday Morning Meditation and Mindfulness**

Mondays, December 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard Room

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

Bilingual Spanish Family Storytime / Hora de cuentos bilingüe para familias

Tuesdays, December 3, 10, 17, & 31, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard Room

Join us for stories, songs, and movement in Spanish and English. This program is designed for children up to age 5 and their caregivers.

¡Venga a la biblioteca para cuentos, canciones y movimiento en inglés y español! Este programa está diseñado para niños hasta 5 años de edad y sus cuidadores.

The Whodunit? Mystery Book Club

Wednesday, December 4, 10:15 – 11:30 a.m., Teen Room

We will discuss [Verity](#) by Colleen Hoover.

Toddler Storytime

Wednesdays & Thursdays, December 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, & 19, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard Room

This interactive storytime is for early walkers, 1s and 2s. Free tickets will be handed out 30 minutes before storytime.

Baby Storytime & Stay and Play

Thursdays, December 4, 11, & 18, 1 – 2 p.m., Orchard Room

Non-walking babies and their caregivers will enjoy songs, rhymes, gentle movement, short books and other fun. After storytime, enjoy the Stay & Play. Please bring a blanket to lay your babies on when they are not cuddling in your lap.

World Affairs

Wednesday, December 4, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room

World Affairs will discuss a different global issue each month. Doors open at 6:30.

Poetry Open Mic

Wednesday, December 4, 7 – 8 p.m., Pod D

Share poetry, hear poetry. You do not have to be a poet to attend.

ESL Conversation Club

Thursdays, December 5, 12, & 19, 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, December 5, 12, & 19, 3:30 – 4 p.m., Orchard Room

Children 3-5 and their caregivers will enjoy stories, music, movement and more! The Oct. 31 storytime will be Halloween-themed so wear your costume! There will be a parade following storytime where you can trick or treat at service desks!

Teen Dungeons and Dragons Social Club

Thursdays, December 5, 12, 19, & 26, 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.

Baby Sign and Stay & Play

Saturday, December 7, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Orchard Room

Babies ages 0-12 months 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.

Medicare 2025 Updates

Monday, December 9, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Learn important Medicare changes that will take effect on January 1. Counselors will provide free and unbiased information, and do not sell or endorse insurance plans. Please register.

TK – 1st Grade Book Club: Winter Fox Tales

Wednesday, December 11, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

Join us for a cozy read-aloud of winter tales and fun activities.

Watercolor Workshop for Adults

Friday, December 13, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Join us for a watercolor workshop. All supplies will be provided. Content will be the same for both sessions. Seating is first come, first served.

Sunday CrafterNoon (all ages)

Sunday, December 15, 2 – 3 p.m., Orchard Room

This is a time to relax with the community and let your creativity shine.

Happier Aging

Monday, December 16, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Orchard Room

This workshop will share local resources including senior transportation, as well as safety tips in the home.

Teen Cooking Decorating

Monday, December 16, 3 – 4 p.m., Orchard Room

Join us to decorate cookies and celebrate winter. Registration is required.

Bilingual Mandarin/English Storytime

Tuesday, December 17, 11:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Orchard 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

Book Bugs Club (Grades 2 – 3)

Tuesday, December 17, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

We will discuss [PeeWee's Tale](#) by Patience Brewster. We will talk about the book and make a fun craft. Pick up a copy of the book at the Children's Desk at Los Altos or Woodland Library.

Page Turners Book Club (Grades 4 – 5)

Wednesday, December 18, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

We will discuss [Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library](#) by Chris Grabenstein. We will talk about the book and do a fun activity. Please pick up a copy of the book at the Children's Desk at Los Altos or Woodland Library.

Bay Area Games Day

Saturday, December 21, 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.

Reading Buddies

Saturday, December 28, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Children can buddy up with a furry friend and read one-on-one from a favorite book. This is for students in grades K-8.

Little Red Riding Hood Puppet Show

Saturday, December 28, 4:30 – 5:15 p.m.

Join Little Red and her trusty side kick, Fifi, on a pizza-filled adventure.

Acompaña a Caperucita Roja y su fiel compañera, Fifi, en una aventura llena de pizza.

Now Read This Book Club

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

We will read books that help us make sense of the world we are living in.

MILPITAS -- 160 N. Main Street**Teen Poster Contest**

Submissions Accepted Through December 31

Design a poster about reading, books, the library, just be creative. All posters will be hung, as space allows. Earn a chance to win a prize for best poster design.

LEGO Club (Grades K-8)

Monday, December 2, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Activity Room

Children will use their creativity and engineering skills to free build. This is a drop-in program. Space is limited. Younger siblings and parents are asked to wait outside.

Homework Help

Mondays – Thursdays, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Program 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 is not available December 23 – January 6.

Fun with Art Presented by First5 Santa Clara County (Ages 3 – 5)

Wednesday, December 4, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Auditorium or Activity Room

Come make some art with us and learn about the resources provided at the resource center.

ESL Conversation Club

Wednesdays, December 4, 11, & 18, 3 – 4 p.m., Conference Room

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

Bilingual Cantonese Family Storytime/粵語雙語故事時間

Wednesday, December 4, 5 – 5:30 p.m., Activity Room

Children's librarians Maggie and Emilie will read storybooks and lead children with songs and fingerplays in English and Cantonese. 每月第一個周三下午5點 兒童圖書館員 Maggie 和 Emilie 將為小朋友讀圖畫故事書, 唱兒歌, 手指謠, 玩遊戲。歡迎兒童們與家長祿母一同前來參加

Knit & Crochet Circle

Fridays, December 6, 13, 20, & 27, 2 – 4 p.m., Conference Room

Meet other yarn lovers, get help or share ideas. Limited instruction available in Hindi, Punjabi and Gujarati, but note this is not a class. No registration required. Materials not provided.

Interactive Matinee Movie: Home Alone (Rated PG)

Saturday, December 7, 2 – 4 p.m., Children's Activity Room

Join us for this fun holiday classic family movie with a twist! We'll provide props so that you can participate during the movie! Space is limited and materials will be provided on a first come, first serve basis.

Little Learners STEAM (ages 3-5)

Tuesday, December 10, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Activity Room

Each month we will learn, nurture curiosity and discover new things through engaging and fun activities. Registration is required. Parents must participate with their child. Siblings welcomed.

Speculative Fiction Book Club

Tuesday, December 10, 7 – 8 p.m., Auditorium

We will discuss [Roadside Picnic](#) by Arkady and Boris Strugatsky.

Tiny Toots Concert: Soul4Kidz

Thursday, December 12, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Auditorium

This musical trio will have kids and families grooving and singing to a mix of fresh beats and timeless tunes.

Holiday Fire Safety Workshop

Thursday, December 12, 7 – 8 p.m., Program Room

Topics will include safe cooking tips, fire extinguisher use, fire suppression blanket use, and a Q&A safety session.

Qi Gong Meditation & Exercise Classes

Fridays, December 13, 20, & 27, 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.

Board Game Day

Saturday, December 14, 10 a.m. – 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.

Holiday Card Making for Adults

Sunday, December 15, 2 – 4 p.m., Auditorium

Let's make cards in celebration of the winter holidays. This is a walk-in program, while supplies last. This program is for adults 18+.

ICAN Read!

Wednesday, December 18, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Activity Room

Join us for children's stories in Vietnamese and English that nurture imagination, and inspire a love for learning! Furthermore, children will be able to showcase and practice their creative abilities with a variety of crafts activities. Chương trình ICAN Read! mở ra một thế giới đầy màu sắc cùng nhiều câu truyện khơi dậy niềm yêu thích đọc sách ở trẻ. Ngoài ra, các bé có cơ hội thể hiện khả năng sáng tạo của mình thông qua các hoạt động thủ công.

Tiny Toots Concert: Bingo Schmingo

Thursday, December 19, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m., Auditorium

Bingo Schmingo will have us dancing and singing along to favorite children's songs.

LGBTQ Movie Night

Friday, December 20, 4:30 – 7 p.m., Auditorium

Join the Avenidas Rainbow Collective and Milpitas Library as we screen an LGBTQ movie. Bring a friend, family member or date to this free and inclusive event for all.

Holiday Hullabaloo

Saturday, December 21, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Auditorium

We will have fun crafts, holiday music, and Santa! Wear your favorite holiday sweater and get ready to have some family fun.

Tiny Toots Concert: Holiday Sing-Along

Thursday, December 26, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m., Auditorium

We will be singing, dancing, and making music to holiday-themed songs and rhymes.

Noon Year's Eve Celebration

Tuesday, December 31, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Auditorium

Children and their families will make crafts, play games, and celebrate 2025 with music and dancing.

MORGAN HILL -- 660 W. Main Avenue**Homework Help**

Mondays & Thursdays, December 2, 5, 9, 12, 16, & 19, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Tuesdays, December 3, 10, & 17, 4 – 5:45 p.m., Children’s Activity 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.

Opioid Overdose Prevention Training

Mon., December 2, 4 – 5 p.m. and Mon., December 16, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., Community Room

This free training will teach you how to recognize an opioid overdose and administer Narcan nasal spray. Registration is not necessary.

First Tuesday Knit-In

Tuesday, December 3, 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.

LEGO Club

Wednesdays, December 4, 11, & 18, 1 – 2:30 p.m., Children’s Activity Room

Children will use their creativity and engineering skills to free build anything they can imagine. LEGOs are available for ages 2+. No registration required.

Preschool Storytime

Thursdays, December 5, 12, 19, & 26, 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.

Drop-in Libby, eBook and eAudiobook Help

Thursday, December 5, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Information Desk

Drop in to receive help with using the Libby app. You will need to bring your smartphone and kindle or tablet. No registration needed.

Keva Planks: Adaptive Programs for Adults and Teens

Thursday, December 5, 12:15 – 1:30 p.m., Program Room

We invite adults, teens and caregivers, to join us for some hands-on fun building cool structures with Keva planks. No registration needed.

Tiny Tot Jamboree

Fridays, December 6, 13, 20, & 27, 11 – 11:45 a.m., Children’s Activity Room

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

Itty Bitty Jamboree

Fridays, December 6, 13, 20, & 27, 11:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Children's Activity Room

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

Kids Keva Club (ages 5+)

Friday, December 6, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Children's Activity Room

Create structures, sculptures, and ball-runs out of wooden planks. Practice your artistic and architectural skills without tools, glue, nails or tape.

Bilingual Storytime for All Ages

Saturdays, December 7, 14, 21, & 28, 10:15 – 10:45 a.m., Children's Activity Room

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

ESL Conversation Club

Saturdays, December 7, 14, & 21, 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. ¡Únase a nosotros para tener conversaciones divertidas y practicar el inglés! Este programa es para adultos de 18 años y mayores que hablan inglés a nivel básico.

Special Performance: Mark Gaetano

Saturday, December 7, 1 – 2 p.m., Program Room

Enjoy a musical journey through classic American melodies. No registration required.

Film Screening and Craft

Monday, December 9, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m., Program Room

Watch early innovations in space exploration and its early influence on today's space program. Then, create a bookmark. No registration required.

Family Fun Night

Tuesday, December 10, 6:30 – 8 p.m., Children's Activity Room

Families with school-aged children will create holiday cards and paper lanterns.

DIY Holiday Ornaments for Adults

Wednesday, December 11, 5:30 – 7 p.m., Program Room

Join us as we make holiday ornaments while watching *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*. This program is for adults 18+, with all materials provided while supplies last.

Gingerbread House Building with Safe Space

Friday, December 13, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Community Room

Teens 13+ are invited to build gingerbread houses. All supplies and snacks will be provided.

Safe Space is our in-person support group for LGBTQ+ youth and young adults. No registration necessary.

Holiday Jazz Concert: Caesura Lines

Saturday, December 14, 2 – 3 p.m., Program Room

Enjoy a live holiday jazz performance by Caesura Lines, a vibrant young adult jazz ensemble, as they bring the magic of the winter season to life.

Exam Essential Kits for Teens

Monday – Wednesday, December 16 – 18, 3:30 – 9 p.m., Teen Area

Stop by to pick up kits, which include snacks and other goodies to help you focus and de-stress while you study. Kits are available on a first come, first served basis.

Library Ukulele Society

Tuesday, December 17, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

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

Kids Art Club

Wednesday, December 18, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Children's Activity Room

Children ages 5+ will create holiday cards and paper lanterns.

Indigenous Perspectives: Amah Mutsun Tribal Band

Wednesday, December 18, 4:30 – 6 p.m., Program Room

Hear from Valentin Lopez, the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band Chair. Valentin is active in efforts to restore tribal indigenous knowledge and ensure their history is accurately told.

Morgan Hill Movie Night

Friday, December 20, 3:45 – 6:45 p.m., Program Room

Join us for a screening of *Wonka* (Rated PG)

Little Red Riding Hood Puppet Show

Saturday, December 28, 10:30 – 11:15 p.m.

Join Little Red and her trusty side kick, Fifi, on a pizza-filled adventure.

Acompaña a Caperucita Roja y su fiel compañera, Fifi, en una aventura llena de pizza.

SARATOGA -- 13650 Saratoga Avenue**Free & Expressive Art Exhibit**

Through December 20, Main Lobby

Enjoy the art by Tanvi Buch.

Mystery Book Club

Monday, December 2, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard Room

We will be discussing [The Murder of Roger Ackroyd](#) by Agatha Christie. Stop by the Adult Reference Desk to sign up for the meeting and pick up a copy of the book.

Band Jam: Guitar and Ukulele

Tuesdays, December 3 & 10, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room

Bring your instrument and meet people who are also working on their musical journey.

Family Storytime

Tuesdays, December 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Orchard Room

Saturdays, December 7, 14, 21, & 28, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room

Join us for stories, rhymes, and songs.

Wreath Making Workshop

Tuesdays, December 3, 7 – 8 p.m., Community Room

We will provide the greenery. Please bring a wire clothes hanger or wreath form for the base. Consider also bringing pine cones, bows, ribbons, and other ornaments. Please register.

Sci-Fi & Fantasy Book Club

Tuesday, December 3, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard Room

We will be discussing [Black Sun](#) by Rebecca Roanhorse. Stop by the Adult Reference Desk to sign up for the meeting and pick up a copy of the book.

Knit & Crochet Circle

Wednesday, December 4, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Maple or Orchard Room

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

Drop-In Tech Help

Thursdays, December 5, 12, & 19, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Oak or Maple Room

Our volunteer can provide one-on-one help with using laptops, tablets, or cell phones. Help is on a first-come, first served basis.

Baby Storytime (12 months or younger)

Fridays, December 6, 13, 20, & 27, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room

Join us for stories, rhymes, fingerplays and songs.

Family Bingo

Friday, December 6, 4 – 5 p.m., Community Room

Bring the whole family for bingo. Play and possibly win prizes.

Computer Aided Design (CAD) Workshop for Grades 4 – 7

Saturday and Sunday, December 7 & 8, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Maple Room

Learn to ideate and design 3D objects with TinkerCAD and take home 3D printed models. All participants must be able to attend both sessions. Registration is required. Each child will need to have an active email account.

Teen Study Hall

Sundays, December 8 & 15, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., Saturday, December 14, 12:30 – 6 p.m., Community Room

We are opening up our Community Room to high school students looking for a place to study for finals. Snacks and hot chocolate will be provided.

Winter Rose Care and Pruning

Tuesday, December 10, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Community Room

Learn the basics on how to prune roses and other perennial bushes in the winter, and keys to giving roses a great start for their next growing season.

Chinese Book Club/中文書友會

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

The December book selection is [赤腳醫生 \(殘雪著\)](#)/[Barefoot Doctor](#).

Polar Bear Marshmallow

Tuesday, December 17, 4 – 5 p.m., Community Room

Students in grades K-7 can drop in and make a sweet treat to give to someone or to enjoy, while supplies last. No registration is necessary.

LEGOs

Wednesday, December 18, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

Kids 5+ are invited to join us for an hour of fun. Kids younger than 5 can enjoy Duplos.

Mandarin Storytime

Thursday, December 19, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Orchard Room

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

Teatime Book Chatter

Thursday, December 19, 1 – 2 p.m.

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

How to Introduce the Joy of Music to Your Child

Sunday, December 22, 3 – 4 p.m., Community Room

The Back to Bach Project will showcase a variety of classical instruments, explain how they are played, then perform a Disney musical medley. No registration required.

Digital Literacy Class

Thursday, December 26, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Maple Room

Learn basic computer skills, practice accessing the internet and how to stay safe online.

Spanish Storytime

Thursday, December 26, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Orchard Room

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

WOODLAND – 1975 Grant Road**Family Storytime: Rainy Days**

Sunday, December 1, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Patio (weather dependent)

Join us for a Rainy Day-themed storytime filled with stories, songs, fingerplays, and fun.

Monday Meditation and Mindfulness

Mondays, December 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 7 – 7:30 p.m.

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

Homework Help

Tuesdays, December 3, 10, & 17, 4:30 – 6 p.m., Children's Area

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.

Family Storytime: Holidays

Sunday, December 15, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Patio (weather dependent)

Join us for a holiday-themed storytime filled with stories, songs, fingerplays, and fun.

ONLINE EVENTS (Please register online)**Virtual Author Talk: Dr. Jeffrey Post**

Wednesday, December 4, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Separating fact from fiction, Dr. Jeffrey Post will reveal the mysteries and stories behind the world's greatest gems featured in the book, [*Unearthed: Surprising Stories Behind the Jewels*](#).

Online English Conversation Club

Thursdays, December 5 & 12, 11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Meet new friends and practice English together.

Virtual Author Talk: Laura Dave

Wednesday, December 11, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

New York Times bestselling author Laura Dave will chat about her newest book, [*The Night We Lost Him*](#).

Morgan Hill Librarian Report

NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

Diwali Puppet Show: 71 families joined us on a Sunday afternoon to enjoy a puppet show based on the tales of The Panchatantra, a book of fairy tales from India.

Star Party: 51 adults & families joined us along with the San Jose Astronmer’s Society to view Saturn and the 4 moons of Jupiter.

November Bees: Between our beekeeping workshop and DIY Beeswax candle program, 70 patrons joined us to either taste honey, learn about these amazing animals, or engage in crafting.

Family Literacy Night: Families from San Martin Gwinn Elementary joined us at the library for a special night, engaging in literacy activities and learning about library resources.

DECEMBER PROGRAMS

Holiday Lettering Series for Kids
Thursdays 4pm-5pm, 12/5, 12/12, 12/19

Live Music: Mark Gaetano
Saturday 12/7 1pm
A musical journey through clasic American melodies.

Family Fun Night: Holiday Cards & Paper Lanterns
Tuesday 12/10 6:30pm

DIY Holiday Ornaments for Adults
Wednesday 12//11 5:30pm

Gingerbread House Building for Teens with Safe Space
Friday 12/13 4pm

Holiday Jazz Concert: Caesura Lines
Saturday 12/14 2pm

Indigenous Perspectives: Amah Mutsun Tribal Band
Wednesday 12/18 4:30pm

Little Red Riding Hood Puppet Show
Saturday 12/28 10:30am

October Statistics

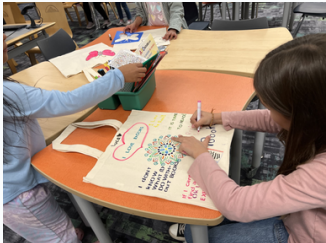
Monthly Circulation
62,837

New Cards: 400

Visitors: 18,093

14.5% ↑ from Oct. 2023

Programs & Outreach: 115
Participants: 4,163



Lobby Enhancement



Check out our lobby's new look!

Circulation of children's materials has seen a 5% increase.

Resource Share: Digital Magazines



Digital magazines in,

- English
- Spanish
- Simplified Chinese
- Hindi
- And more!



Unlimited 7 day access to popular magazines. Titles include Us Weekly, Prevention, Cosmopolitan, Reader's Digest, In Touch, TIME, and more.



Report to the Library, Culture and Arts Commission

December 3, 2024

Vicky Reader, FMHL President

Book Sales

- Patrons and library clearing shelves → increase in Friends Bookstore inventory
- Themed mini-sales are back → cookbooks featured first
- Like-new materials → early holiday gift shoppers pleased with bargains
- Low prices still attracting patrons → some minor price increases not affecting sales volume

2025 Grant Activity

- Shout out to Morgan Hill Rotary for \$500 grant to partner with City on Emergency Preparedness project starting in January
- Will pursue other grant opportunities and in-kind donations locally

Friends-sponsored programs

- Working on quarterly schedule for 2025
- Saturday, December 7 - Mark Gaetano live on keyboard with new *"5 Composers"* show
- Wednesday, Feb 25 - 7-8 pm international touring Four Shillings Short duo use old and new instruments to play Celtic, folk, and world music
- 70+ attendees for Russell Zimmer jazz group



Focus Areas

- Conservative 2024 budget results allow exceeding planned support of library
- \$50 for 50 Years of Service appeal, plus new members and volunteers provide a boost
- Slate of current board officers approved to continue in 2025, duties to be reviewed

Library, Culture, and Arts Commission Public Services Director Report

Announcements

- ***At the Community Playhouse - South Valley Civic Theater is performing Pippin through December 7***
- ***The showcased artist for the month of December at the Community and Cultural Center will be Lina Velasquez***
- ***The CURA Art Gallery has offered a private tour for the Commission if there is interest.***
- ***Encompass Sculpture repainting scheduled to be underway the week of December 2nd***
- ***Unfortunately, no updates or leads on the missing Loki Sculpture.***
- ***The City approved introducing the Public Art Ordinance on November 20 and the ordinance is set for adoption on the Council's consent calendar at the December 5 Council meeting.***

December 2024

Sunday, December 1st:

- **CURA Contemporary Inaugural Exhibition Continues**
 - Time: All day
 - Where: Downtown Morgan Hill

Every Monday, December 2nd – 30th:

- **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, December 3rd – 31st:

- **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 Wednesday, December 4th – 25th:

- Community Suppers at United Methodist Church
 - Time: 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM
 - Where: United Methodist Church
(17175 Monterey Road, Morgan Hill, CA 95037)

1st Wednesday of every month, December 4th:

- 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)

Thursday, December 5th:

- Living Above the Influence Hosts Teen Series "Chill Out"
 - Time: 5:45 PM – 7:30 PM
 - Where: Morgan Hill Community & Cultural Center
(17000 Monterey St, Morgan Hill, CA 95037)

Every Thursday, December 5th – 26th:

- Community Suppers at Community Christian Church
 - Time: 5:15 PM – 7:15 PM
 - Where: Advent Lutheran Church
(305 West Main Ave., Morgan Hill, CA 95037)

Every Friday, December 6th – 27th:

- Community Suppers at Grace Hill Church
 - Time: All Day
 - Where: Grace Hill Church
(16970 DeWitt Ave., Morgan Hill, CA 95037)

Saturday, December 7th:

- South County Fire Fighters Association Pancake Breakfast
 - Time: 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM
 - Where: 380 W Dunne Ave, Morgan Hill, CA
- Merry Market Holiday Bazaar
 - Time: 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
 - Where: Community Cultural Center
(17000 Monterey Rd)
- South Bay Singers Concert: That Christmas Morning Feeling
 - Time: 3:00 PM
 - Where: Advent Lutheran Church
(16870 Murphy Ave, Morgan Hill, CA 95037)
- Kiwanis Holiday Parade in Downtown Morgan Hill
 - Time: 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM
 - Where: Downtown Morgan Hill, Monterey Rd. from Main St. to 5th Street

Saturday, December 7th – Sunday, December 8th:

- MH Historical Society Hosts Holiday Tea
 - Time: 12:00 PM (Noon) – 2:30 PM
 - Where: Villa Mira Monte
(17860 Monterey Road, Morgan Hill, CA 95037)

Every Saturday, December 7th – 28th:

- 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)

Thursday, December 12th:

- Living Above the Influence Hosts Teen Series "Chill Out"
 - Time: 5:45 PM – 7:30 PM
 - Where: Morgan Hill Community & Cultural Center
(17000 Monterey St, Morgan Hill, CA 95037)

Every 2nd Saturday of the Month, December 14th:

- 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)
- Sidewalk Saturdays
 - Time: 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
 - Where: East 3rd Street in Downtown Morgan Hill

Saturday, December 14th:

- South Valley Symphony Presents Holiday Gifts, Masterpieces and Memories
 - Time: 3:00 PM
 - Where: Gavilan College Theater, Gilroy

Friday, December 20th:

- CURA Contemporary Children's Movie Night
 - Time: 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM
 - Where: Cura Contemporary in the Edes Building
(17395 Monterey Road, Morgan Hill CA, 95037)
 - Must register in advance

January 2025

Every Wednesday, January 1st – 29th:

- Community Suppers at United Methodist Church
 - Time: 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM
 - Where: United Methodist Church
(17175 Monterey Road, Morgan Hill, CA 95037)

1st Wednesday of every month, January 1st:

- MH Photography Club Monthly Meeting
 - Time: 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
 - Where: Centennial Recreation Center's Multipurpose Room
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Every Thursday, January 2nd – 30th:

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 - Where: Advent Lutheran Church
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- Community Suppers at Grace Hill Church
 - Time: All Day
 - Where: Grace Hill Church
(16970 DeWitt Ave., Morgan Hill, CA 95037)

Every Saturday, January 4th – 25th:

- 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 6th – 27th:

- 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)

Tuesday, January 7th:

- County's Behavioral Health Services Free Suicide Prevention & Mental Wellness Series
 - Time: 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
 - Where: Virtual (Zoom link on flyer)

Every Tuesday, January 7th – 28th:

- 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 2nd Saturday of the Month, January 11th:

- 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 22nd:

- County's Behavioral Health Services Free Suicide Prevention & Mental Wellness Series
 - Time: 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
 - Where: Virtual (Zoom link on flyer)



MEETING MINUTES

Library, Culture, and Arts Commission

Cindy Blanton - *Chair*
Robyn Carrillo - *Vice Chair*
Mark Fiorenza - *Commissioner*
Suman Ganapathy - *Commissioner*
Patrice Lyn - *Commissioner*
Tanaya Rose - *Commissioner*
Amanda Santiago - *Commissioner*

Tuesday, November 5, 2024 6:00 PM

Council Chamber
17555 Peak Avenue, Morgan Hill, CA 95037

CALL TO ORDER

6:04pm

ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

Commissioners Carrillo, Lyn and Santiago Absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

DECLARATION OF POSTING AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENT

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None.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion Rose, Second Ganapathy, adopted 4-0.

RECOGNITION - POPPY JASPER FILM FESTIVAL

Commissioner Ganapathy provided a recognition to Mattie Scariot of the Poppy Japsper Film Festival.

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.

Report provided.

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. **Approve October 1, 2024 Meeting Minutes**

Recommendation:

Accept October 1, 2024 Meeting Minutes.

Motion Rose, Second Fiorenza, Accepted 4-0.

2. Discussion on Virtual Art Presentations and Creative Youth Awards

Recommendation:

Discuss Potential Virtual Arts Presentations and Creative Youth Awards Program.

Tabled to next meeting.

3. Discussion on Use of Art Funds for Events and Activities

Recommendation:

Discuss Commission use of Art Funds held with the Community Foundation for events and activities outside of Art a la Carte.

Commission discussed the item and continued to next meeting.

4. Review of Art Review and Approval Process

Recommendation:

Review Policies on Public Art.

Reviewed art policies. Discussed reviewing again following Council action on the art ordinance.

5. Review Commission Work Plan

Recommendation:

Provide updates on Work Plan Items.

Commissioners discussed Work Plan items.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

FUTURE COMMISSION AGENDA ITEMS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

7:14pm

FY 2024-2025 Work Plan

Approved by City Council on November 6, 2024

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
Project Area 1 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.a) 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, Juneteenth, Kwanzaa, Caribbean Meet and Greet, South Valley Civic Theater) (All) (1.b) Explore development of a calendar relating to library, culture and arts activities/events and/or development of a publication plan for upcoming events (Lyn/Rose/Carrillo) (1.c) Support arts programming in conjunction at the Morgan Hill Magical Bridge Playground (All) (1.d) Use social media for promotion of Commission initiatives (Ganapathy/Carrillo) (1.e) Develop outreach program to the Latinx community through art programming (Santiago/Lyn/Carrillo) (1.f) Continue open art studio program (physical) (Blanton/Ganapathy) (1.g) Explore opportunities for youth engagement in arts through tabling at events with youth (Ganapathy/Rose) (1.h) Continue the "Morgan Hill Stands United Against Hate" campaign (Ganapathy/Santiago/Blanton)
Project Area 2 Art and Culture Events	Supporting our Youth, Seniors, and Entire Community Enhancing Diversity and Inclusiveness	PS Director (minimal) CS Coordinator (minimal) CS Supervisor (minimal)	(2.a) Facilitate the Art a la Carte event (Lyn is the lead/all members will support)

Project Area	City Council Goal Supported	Staff Resources Required	Specific Task / Commissioners Assigned
Project Area 3 Permanent and Proposed Public Art	Supporting our Youth, Seniors, and Entire Community Enhancing Diversity and Inclusiveness	PS Director (moderate) Maintenance Manager (minimal)	(3.a) Complete an Art Master Plan (Santiago/Ganapathy are Leads, All Support) (3.b) Review art inventory and complete updates to historical items list (Lyn/Ganapathy/Rose/Carrillo) (3.c) Update public art webpage (Rose) (3.d) Develop and recommend a plan for the use of Public Arts Funds (All) (3.e) Creating an artist registry (Lyn/Santiago) (3.f) Explore creation of digital artwork brochure (Carrillo) (3.g) Continue implementation of the utility box art program (Ganapathy/Blanton/Lyn) (3.h) Form subcommittees as needed to support specific art requests that come forward (All)
Project Area 4 Library Outreach and Support	Supporting our Youth, Seniors, and Entire Community Enhancing Diversity and Inclusiveness	Library Staff (minimal)	(4.a) Support Library outreach and advocacy as needed (All) (4.b) Participate in annual Library Commissioners Forum (All) (4.c) Support Children's art show at the Library (Blanton/Carrillo) (4.d) Support Adaptive programming (Rose/Carrillo) (4.e) Support Storywalk (All)
Project Area 5 Support of Historical Resources	Preserving our Community History	PS Director (minimal)	(5.a) Support outreach and advocacy for the Historical Society as needed (Santiago) (5.b) Update City Historical Artifact Inventory in coordination with item 3.b. (Lyn/Ganapathy/Rose)

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).
- 2) Create a Morgan Hill coloring book in partnership with local artists
- 3) Implement second annual International Celebration utilizing entertainment and food from various cultures
- 4) Explore opportunities for the Commission to support the Morgan Hill Historical Society partnership, including supporting the Black History Project
- 5) Explore public art related to a homelessness outreach mural (Santiago)
- 6) Partner with artist to complete a community mural (Santiago/Blanton/Ganapathy)