



Regular Meeting Agenda

Library, Culture, and Arts Commission

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Tuesday, April 1, 2025 5:30 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

DECLARATION OF POSTING AGENDA

WORKSHOP - ART A LA CARTE

START OF REGULAR PORTION OF MEETING - 6:00 PM

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 March 4, 2025 Meeting Minutes**
Recommendation:
Accept March 4, 2025 Meeting Minutes.
2. **Discuss Artist Opening for Exhibits at the Community and Cultural Center**
Recommendation:
Commission discussion.
3. **Work Plan Updates**
Recommendation:
Provide updates on Work Plan Items.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE COMMISSION AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

NOTICE

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

Please submit written correspondence to the Minutes Clerk via email at LCACpubliccomment@morganhill.ca.gov, who will distribute correspondence to the Commission.

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

City Council Policies and Procedures (CP 03-01) outlines the procedure for the conduct of public hearings. Notice is given, pursuant to Government Code Section 65009, that any challenge of Public Hearing Agenda items in court, may be limited to raising only those issues raised by you or on your behalf at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Commission at, or prior to the Public Hearing on these matters.

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

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April 2025 Library Report
Jennifer Weeks, County Librarian



Take Me Out to the Ballgame

The Library District is taking part in the first ever San Francisco Giants [Library Night](#) on Monday, April 7 at their beautiful home, Oracle Park. This is a chance to gather with fellow bibliophiles and seamheads (baseball fans) to enjoy a nighttime game and support a great cause. A portion (\$5) of every ticket sold [using this link](#) will go toward the SCCLD Foundation, which

supports special events, library materials, and services to our eight libraries and Bookmobile patrons.

Best yet, those who come early to the game can be the first to receive our brand-new exclusive SF Giants branded library cards! Visit staff in China Basin Park (on the other side of McCovey Cove from the stadium) from 4:30 to 6:30 PM. The game starts at 6:45 PM and will feature a special acknowledgement of the great work Bay Area libraries provide on a daily basis. We hope you can join us. The Giants have suggestions for [how to get to the stadium](#) and where to park if you drive.

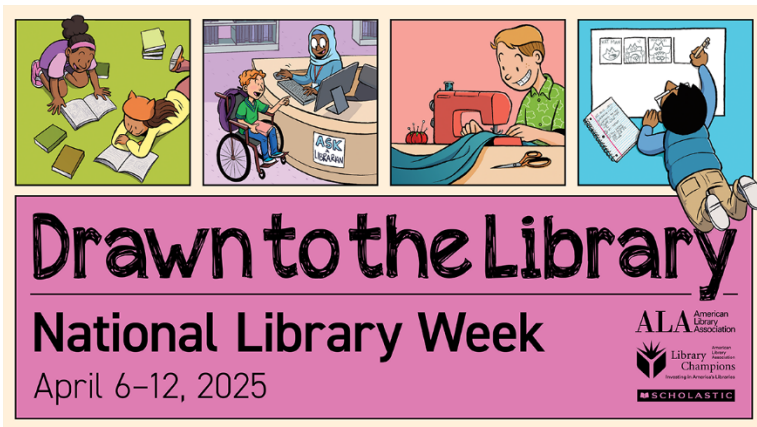
Next Chapter of Storybook SCCLD

March 15 was a memorable day for hundreds of children who took part in the inauguration of the first Storybook SCCLD Redwood Romp play space at the Saratoga Library. A ribbon cutting ceremony took place featuring County Librarian Jennifer Weeks, Community Librarian Saralyn Otter, plus special guests County Supervisor Margaret Abe-Koga, Saratoga Mayor Belal Aftab, Saratoga Council members and City Manager. [Enjoy a video](#) of the Grand Opening.



The early reviews from parents and kids are very positive, with many compliments on the attention to detail in the play space design. The children's play space is something they may expect from a children's discovery museum, but completely unexpected and delighted that it is available at their local library. We heard from families they will be visiting the library much more frequently as their children played and left the library with stacks of books. Every nook and cranny are filled with thoughtful touches, from log seating around the campfire, to nature-themed sensory panels in the Bird Nest for babies and pre-walkers to touch and explore. Each community library will have a different theme for their Storybook SCCLD space, with unique graphics and distinct features.

Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 26 at 10:00am for the Grand Opening event of the Morgan Hill Library Trusty Trails! Next to open will be Gilroy in mid-May. The Milpitas Library is scheduled to begin construction on April 7, with a mid-June target to open. We're so excited to introduce everyone to Trusty Trails, Earthen Excursion and Railway Rollick with their ambassadors, HikerBot, MoleBot and WhistleBot. [Read more online](#) about each space's theme, the latest news around construction and where to find children's books while work is underway.



Let's Hear it for Libraries!

[National Library Week](#) is a special time of year when we reflect on the many great things about our hubs of civic and literary life. From Sunday, April 6 to Saturday, April 12 we focus on several different aspects of shelf life and the wonderful people who make libraries such special places.

Things kick off Monday with [Right to Read Day](#), which focuses on the importance of intellectual freedom. This includes the

release of the [State of America's Libraries Report](#), which has the Top Ten Most Challenged Books of 2024 list.

Tuesday highlights library workers. Make sure to keep an eye on our website and social media for salutes to our great team and plan a visit to your local library to give a quick thanks to staff for their contributions. Our Bookmobile will make a [special visit](#) to the Cupertino Library that day, where they will invite children to create hats, wands, and portions. Wednesday is all about community outreach, which has a special focus on Bookmobiles! Thursday is [Take Action for Libraries Day](#), which is particularly important this year due to [threatened cuts](#) to federal support for libraries.

April also features [Children's Day/Book Day](#), also known as El día de los libros, or Día. This is an opportunity to celebrate books that showcase different languages and cultures. The Bay Area is resplendent with such diversity. Our Gilroy Library has a [daylong series of events](#) planned on Wednesday, April 23. Things kick off with a Bookmobile visit, a bilingual Loteria, arts and crafts, a storytime, and a movie!



Poetry is in Motion this Month

As spring kicks into full bloom, creativity and ideas spring forth. Now is the perfect time to celebrate all things rhythm and verse. We have several events and activities planned for this year's celebration of [National Poetry Month](#).

Our County Poet Laureate Yosimar Reyes will lead a [trio of writing workshops](#) to help budding poets unleash their creativity at the Milpitas, Saratoga and Morgan Hill Libraries. This is a great chance for poets to hone their craft.

Other [poetry-related events](#) at our libraries include a screening of [Dead Poets Society](#) at the Morgan Hill Library, an [Open Mic Night](#) at the Los Altos Library, [Open Poetry Readings](#) at the Gilroy Library, and a [Teen Blackout Poetry and Publishing Workshop](#) at the Cupertino Library with their city's Poet Laureate.

Speaking of teens, keep an eye out for a [blog post](#) on April 1 about our 19th annual Teen Poetry Contest. Like last year, there will be two age categories of competition, with cash prizes for winners.

We have over 2,500 works of poetry in [our collection](#), plus our [Granger's World of Poetry](#) resource.

And all that jazz...

Each year [Jazz Appreciation Month](#) draws attention to an artform that originated in the U.S. and has gone on to worldwide fame. This year's featured act at our libraries will be [Charged Particles](#), a trio of musicians who cross styles between modern and traditional. They will be performing at the [Gilroy](#) and [Morgan Hill](#) Libraries on April 24 and 26, with more shows in May and June.



Jazz lovers should check out our [Contemporary World Music](#) and [Jazz Music](#) collections offered through Alexander Street. Our [Freegal Music](#) and new [hoopla](#) service also offer jazz selections, or visit [MediciTV](#) for recordings of Jazz concerts.

VIRTUAL *April 2025*
Author Talks

- *Jodi Picoult*
April 2 at 4-5 pm
New York Times bestseller
- *Matthew Fleming*
April 8 at 11 am - 12 pm
Smithsonian Horticulturalist
- *Gregg Hurwitz*
April 24 at 4-5 pm
Author of Orphan X series

SCCLD.ORG/EVENTS

April Virtual Author Talks

Arriving two days after the end of Women's History Month but very much related, bestselling author Jodi Picoult will talk about her latest novel, [*By Any Other Name*](#). Set in two different time periods, the novel tells the story of a 16th-century playwright who secretly wrote works using a man's name in order to gain proper recognition. [Register here](#) for the Wednesday, April 2 event.

Smithsonian Horticulturalist Matthew Fleming takes his audience into the fascinating world of the world's largest plants in [*The Tree Book*](#). Learn about the key role that trees have played across history in our planet's many ecosystems. On Thursday, April 8. [Please register](#).

Closing us out for the month is novelist Gregg Hurwitz, author of the [*Orphan X*](#) series. He will share the inspiration behind the series as well as his writing process. On Thursday, April 24. [Please register](#).

SANTA CLARA COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT

APRIL 2025 EVENTS

*All SCCLD libraries will be closed and services unavailable on
Sunday, April 20 for Easter*

CAMPBELL EXPRESS LIBRARY – 1 West Campbell Ave., Room 46

ESL Conversation Club

Tuesdays, April 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m., Room Q-84 or Room Q-80

Practice your English conversation skills with friends. Registration is required.

Family Storytime

Wednesdays, April 2, 9, 16, & 30, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Room Q-80

Join us for stories, songs, and more. Please bring a blanket or towel to sit on.

CUPERTINO -- 10800 Torre Avenue

Toddler Storytime (ages 1-2)

Tuesdays, April 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 10:30 – 11 a.m.

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

LEGO Club (Grades K-8)

Tuesday, April 1, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Children's Meeting Room

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

Homework Help

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4:30 – 6 p.m. (except April 15 and April 17)

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

Wednesday Afternoon Meditation and Mindfulness

Wednesdays, April 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 4:30 – 5 p.m., Room 201A

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

Bedtime Storytime

Wednesdays, April 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 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, April 3, 10, 17, & 24, 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, April 3 and Monday, April 14, 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.

Knit-Alongs at Cupertino Library

Fridays, April 4, 11, 18, & 25, 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.

Family Storytime

Saturdays, April 5, 12, 19, & 26, 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.

Baby Sign and Sing

Sunday, April 6, 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.

Babywearing Dance

Sundays, April 6, 13, 20, & 27, 11 – 11:30 a.m.

Join us for babywearing dance.

Line Dancing for Beginners

Mondays, April 7, 14, 21, & 28, 1:30 – 3 p.m., Room 201

Have fun, meet new friends, improve your balance/coordination while you learn and master shuffles, sweeps, and turns to the tunes of Waltz, Rumba, Cha-Cha, Country, and other music.

ESL Conversation Club

Tuesdays, April 8, 15, 22, & 29, 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.

Bookmobile Visit

Tuesday, April 8, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Parking Lot

Children are invited to make wizard hats, wands and potions, and tour the Santa Clara County Library District's Bookmobile!

Children's Literature for Adults Book Club

Tuesday, April 8, 7 – 8 p.m.

We will be discussing [Sweep: The Story of a Girl and her Monster](#) by Jonathan Auxier. Please register at the Children's Reference Desk. This program is for adults only.

Create CU: Paper Weaving

Friday, April 11, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Room 201B

Turn strips of colored paper into woven art. All materials and instruction will be provided. This craft event is for adults aged 18 and older. Space is limited, please register online.

Teen Blackout Poetry and Publishing Your Work

Saturday, April 12, 2 – 3 p.m., Room 201

Past Cupertino Poet Laureate Kaecey McCormick will lead this workshop which includes using existing texts to create original poetry. Then boost your CV for college applications by submitting work for publication in literary magazines and contests. No experience necessary. Please register.

Nonfiction Book Discussion Group

Sunday, April 13, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Room 201A

We will discuss [Satellite Boy](#) by Andrew Amelinckx.

Sterling Bubbles

Sunday, April 13, 3 – 4 p.m.

Join us for a mesmerizing bubble show with Sterling Bubbles. Witness incredible feats of bubble artistry, from giant bubbles to intricate formations.

Earth Day STEAM Challenge (Grades 1+)

Tuesday, April 15, 4 – 5 p.m., Room 101

Celebrate Earth Day everyday - learn some ways we can take care of our planet and make a fun nature-themed craft. Please note: Your hands will get dirty.

Book Discussion for Adults

Wed., April 16, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., and Thur., April 17, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Room 201B

We will discuss [The Berry Pickers](#) by Amanda Peters.

Shakespeare Storytime (Grades 1-2)

Wednesday, April 16, 3 – 3:30 p.m., Room 101

This storytime will focus on one story from a Shakespeare play and use socio-emotional learning to highlight themes. The program will also involve an interactive warmup, rhymes and a picture book adaptation of a Shakespeare play! Limited to the first 30 kids.

Master Gardeners: Low Water Lawn Alternatives

Wednesday, April 16, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Room 201

Learn how to downsize or eliminate your lawn and replace it with low water ornamentals, grasses, and ground covers. Assessing your needs and evaluating your site will be discussed and suggestions for hardy plants and grasses for our climate will be given.

April Origami for School Aged Children

Thursday, April 17, 4 – 5 p.m., Community Room 101

Learn to fold three different projects from easy to hard. Origami paper will be provided.

Art Therapy for Tweens (Kids 10+)

Friday, April 18, 4 – 5 p.m., Room 101

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

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

Fridays, April 18 & 25, 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。

Collage Like Romare Bearden (Grades 2+)

Monday, April 21, 4 – 5 p.m., Room 201

In honor of National Poetry Month, we will learn about writer and artist Romare Bearden and create a collage that you can bring home. Supplies and seating are limited.

Tuesday Travel Nights

Tuesday, April 22, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Room 201

We'll visit portions of Italy's lake district and the Dolomites, taking scenic hikes along the rocky cliffs bordering Lake Garda and Lake Como.

Police Read Along

Wednesday, April 23, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Room 101

A sheriff's deputy will read books and share safety tips. Please arrive on time as seating is limited.

Retirement Roadmap

Tuesday, April 29, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Room 201

Our financial experts will equip you with the knowledge and tools to build your personalized retirement plan. Please register.

GILROY -- 350 W. Sixth Street

Beginning Ukulele Part 2 (5 meetings)

Tuesdays, April 1, 8, 15, & 29 and May 6, 4 – 5 p.m., Quiet Study B

This session is for students who've already learned chords C, F, G7, AM, and C7. Open to ages 9+, children under 12 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Please register if you need to borrow a ukulele.

Homework & Reading Help/Ayuda con la Tarea y Lectura

Monday – Fridays, 4:30 – 6 p.m., Children's Area

Students in grades K-8 can visit the library for help with reading and homework.

Ayuda con las tareas y lectura gratis. Algunos tutores hablan español.

Zumba at the Library

Tuesdays, April 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 5:45 – 6:45 p.m., Community Room

Join us for an easy-to-follow dance that works all major muscle groups in a high-energy cardio blast. No registration required. Wear comfortable clothes and shoes and bring your own water and towel.

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

Wednesdays, April 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 4:30 – 5 p.m.

Let's read stories, sing songs, dance, and play games with Miss Như Ý.

Chúng ta cùng đọc sách, ca múa, và vui chơi cùng cô Như Ý nhé.

Family Storytime/Hora de Cuentos

Thursdays, April 3, 10, 17, & 24, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Join us for fun stories, rhymes, fingerplays, and songs to nurture early literacy skills.

Knitting and Crochet Weekly Meetup/Tejido Semanal

Thursdays, April 3, 10, 17, & 24, 1 – 4 p.m., Upstairs Quiet Study B

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

¡Trae tus proyectos, haz preguntas, recibe ayuda, comparte ideas y conoce gente nueva!

Intercambio: Practice English & Spanish Conversation/Practica la conversación en inglés y español

Thursdays, April 3, 10, 17, & 24, 5 – 5:45 p.m., Quiet Study B

Adults are invited to join us to practice English or Spanish listening and speaking skills and learn about other cultures in a supportive environment. Les invitamos a adultos para unirse a nosotros para practicar habilidades de comprensión auditiva y expresión oral en inglés o español y mejor conocer otras culturas en un ambiente de apoyo.

Book Discussion

Friday, April 4, 10:15 – 11:15 a.m., Quiet Study B

We will be discussing [Small Pleasures](#) by Clare Chambers.

Adaptive Adventures for Teens & Adults

Friday, April 4, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m., Community Room

Join us for accessible activities for teens and adults with disabilities, and their family, friends, and caregivers. No registration is required.

Baby Bounce and Lapsit Storytime

Fridays, April 4 & 11, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m., 1st Floor Meeting Room

Baby bounce shares short stories, nursery rhymes, fingerplays and songs that reinforce early literacy skills.

Food Smarts: Cooking & Nutrition Classes/Inteligencia Alimentaria: Clases de Cocina y Nutrición

Fridays, April 4, 11, & 18, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

Register to attend this multi-class session of Food Smarts, a cooking and nutrition series to help you learn how to make healthy food choices. Regístrese para participar en Food Smarts, una serie de clases gratuitas de cocina y nutrición que le ayudarán a aprender cómo elegir alimentos saludables.

Safe Space Meet-Up for LGBTQ+ Youth

Fridays, April 4 & 18, 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 Bilingüe: Ingles y Español

Saturdays, April 5, 12, 19, & 26, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

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

Growing Citrus in your Home Garden

Saturday, April 5, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., 1st Floor Meeting Room

Learn about citrus varieties for our climate, planting tips, soil preparation, nutrient requirements, irrigation, pruning, and managing pests.

San Francisco Shakespeare Presents: Romeo and Juliet

Saturday, April 5, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Experience the passion and tragedy of two star-crossed lovers as they navigate a world of bitter feuds and forbidden romance.

The San Francisco Scottish Fiddlers

Saturday, April 5, 2 – 3 p.m., Courtyard (weather dependent)

Join us as the San Francisco Scottish Fiddlers bring to life the rich history and infectious energy of this beloved musical tradition, creating a unique experience that will have you tapping your feet and feeling the spirit of Scotland.

1-on-1 Tech Help/Ayuda con la Tecnología

Mondays, April 7, 14, 21, & 28, 1 – 5 p.m., Computer Area Upstairs

Drop by to get help with opening an email account, connect to Wi-Fi/hotspots, use laptops/Chromebooks, and use Microsoft Office. Ellos pueden ayudarte a abrir una cuenta de correo electrónico, conectarse a Wi-Fi/puntos de acceso, Utilizar computadoras portátiles/Chromebooks y utilizar Microsoft Office.

Pajama Storytime/Cuentos en Pijama

Mondays, April 7, 14, 21, & 28, 7 – 8 p.m.

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

STEAM: DIY LED Light Saber & LED Flower Bouquet (Grades 2-6)

Wednesday, April 9, 2 – 3 p.m., Community Room

Join us for a hands-on STEAM adventure. Children will discover the magic of LEDs and build an LED Light Saber or LED Flower Bouquet to take home! Registration required.

LEGO Club

Friday, April 11, 3 – 4:30 p.m.

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.

Open Poetry Readings

Saturday, April 12, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Downstairs Meeting Room

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

Stuffie Sleepover/Pijamada de Peluches

Tuesday, April 15, 1 – 9 p.m., 1st Floor Children's Desk

Drop off your stuffed pal on April 15, so they can join us for an unforgettable time making friends, exploring the library, reading books, attending storytime, and playing lots of fun games. When you pick them up, get a mini-book keepsake that includes photos of the activities they did. Please remember to pick up your pal up on April 18.

Deja a tu amigito de peluche el 15 de abril para que pase un rato inolvidable con nosotros haciendo amigos, explorando la biblioteca, leyendo libros, asistiendo a la hora del cuento y jugando a un montón de juegos divertidos. Al recogerlo, recibirás un minilibro de recuerdo con fotos de sus actividades. Recuerda recoger a tu amigito el 18 de abril.

Emergency Preparedness / Taller Gratuito de Preparación Para Emergencias

Tuesday, April 15, 3 – 4:30 p.m., Community Room

Attend this free workshop to learn about home safety, wildfire safety, family emergency planning and emergency alert systems. Receive a free go-bag with emergency preparedness items. Asista a este taller gratuito para informarse sobre seguridad contra incendios domésticos y forestales, seguridad en el hogar, planificación de emergencias familiares y sistemas de alerta de emergencia. Los asistentes recibirán una bolsa de viaje gratuita con artículos de preparación para emergencias, hasta agotar existencias.

Reading Program Orientation

Wednesday, April 16, 10 – 11 a.m. and 6 – 7 p.m., Reading Program Reading Room

Become an adult literacy tutor to support an adult learner improve their English reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills to achieve their lifelong goals. Please register.

High Tea at the Library

Saturday, April 19, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Community Room

You are cordially invited to an elegant afternoon of delectable treats, jocular conversation, and an exquisite sampling of tea. Come dressed in your best tea party couture.

Registration is required.

Día: El día de los niños/libros (Children's Day/Book Day)

Wednesday, April 23, 3:30 – 8 p.m., Outside Paseo

Visit the Bookmobile, play Loteria, make crafts and take home free books and activities.

Children can make their own cardboard boxcar and stay to attend a “drive-in” movie on the lawn. Adults are invited to bring their own camp chairs for the outdoor movie viewing.

Blind Date with a Book

Saturday, April 26, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Quiet Study B

Meet your next favorite book! Each participant will have a chance to get to know a book in disguise. No registration needed. This program is for patrons 12+.

Live Jazz Music: Charged Particles

Saturday, April 26, 2 – 3 p.m., Outside Courtyard (weather dependent)

Charged Particles delivers a unique blend of traditional and contemporary jazz, igniting audiences with their passion and virtuosity.

Book Discussion

Tuesday, April 29, 7 – 8 p.m., Quiet Study B

We will be discussing [The Feather Thief: Beauty, Obsession, and the Natural History Heist of the Century](#) by Kirk Wallace Johnson.

LOS ALTOS -- 13 S. San Antonio Road

Bilingual Spanish Family Storytime/Hora de cuentos bilingüe para familias

Tuesdays, April 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard Room

Join us for stories, songs, and movement in Spanish and English. ¡Venga a la biblioteca para cuentos, canciones y movimiento en inglés y español!

Bilingual Mandarin/English Storytime/中英雙語故事時間

Tuesdays, April 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 1 – 1:30 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

The Whodunit? Mystery Book Club

Wednesday, April 2, 10:15 – 11:30 a.m., Teen Room

We will discuss [The Feather Thief: Beauty, Obsession, and the Natural History Heist of the Century](#) by Kirk Wallace Johnson.

Toddler Storytime

Wed. & Thurs., April 2, 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24, & 30, 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

Wednesdays, April 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30, 1 – 2 p.m.

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.

Children's Concert

Thursday, April 3, 10:30 – 11 a.m. and 11 – 11:30 a.m., Orchard Room

MaryLee Sunseri is a singer/songwriter/performer of traditional and original songs for young children.

ESL Conversation Club

Thursdays, April 3, 10, 17, & 24, 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, April 3, 10, 17, & 24, 3:30 – 4 p.m., Orchard Room

Children ages 3-5 and their caregivers are invited to join us for stories, music, movement and more!

Teen Dungeons and Dragons Social Club

Thursdays, April 3, 10, 17, & 24, 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, April 5, 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.

Monday Morning Meditation and Mindfulness

Mondays, April 7, 14, 21, & 28, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard Room

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

Poetry Open Mic

Monday, April 7, 7 – 8 p.m., Pod D

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

Healing Art Workshop

Tuesday, April 8, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard Room

This session combines soothing soundscapes with guided visual art activities, such as painting, journaling, or mindful drawing.

Watercolor Workshop for Adults

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

Join us for a watercolor workshop. All supplies will be provided. Seating is first come, first served.

San Francisco Shakespeare Presents: Romeo and Juliet

Saturday, April 12, 1 – 2 p.m., Orchard Room

Experience the passion and tragedy of two star-crossed lovers as they navigate a world of bitter feuds and forbidden romance.

Piggy Bank Pioneers

Sunday, April 13, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Orchard Room

This month's game will be "Piggy Bank Theater," designed for children ages 3-6.

Participants will gather for an interactive, story-driven show. Participants may be pre-readers or early readers but should have some language skills.

Board Game Sunday

Sunday, April 13, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Orchard Room

We have board games for adults, teens, and children – plus LEGOs and DUPLOs.

Book Bugs Club (Grades 2 – 3)

Tuesday, April 15, 4 – 5 p.m.

We will discuss [The Storm](#) by Cynthia Rylant. Please read the book at home so we can discuss, then make a fun craft. Pick up a copy of the book at the Children's Desk at Los Altos or Woodland Library. Please register.

Page Turners Book Club (Grades 4 – 5)

Wednesday, April 16, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

We will discuss [Beyond the Bright Sea](#) by Lauren Wolk. Please read the book at home so we can discuss, then do a fun activity. Please register online then pick up a copy of the book at the Children's Desk at Los Altos or Woodland Library.

Discovery Poetry

Wednesday, April 16, 7 – 8 p.m., Pod D

Read, write, and share poetry. You do not have to be a poet to attend.

Bay Area Games Day

Saturday, April 19, 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.

To Be Read Book Club (Grades 6 – 8)

Tuesday, April 22, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

We will discuss [The Crossover](#) by Kwame Alexander. After our discussion we will do a fun activity. Please register then pick up your copy of the book at the Children's Reference Desk at Los Altos or Woodland Library.

Los Altos Book Discussion for Adults

Tuesday, April 22, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard Room

Please email lpasternack@sccl.org to join the group.

Story Explorers Book Club (TK—Grade 1)

Wednesday, April 23, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

We will do a read-aloud and discussion of two books, then move to music and do a craft.

Furry Friends Reading Buddies

Saturday, April 26, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Bring a book from home or borrow one from the Children's Room. Children in grades K-8 are welcome to participate. You may register for a 10-minute session online beginning two days before the event.

Sunday CrafterNoon (all ages)

Sunday, April 27, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Orchard Room

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

Now Read This Book Club

Monday, April 28, 12 – 1:30 p.m., Orchard Room

We will discuss [At the Edge of Empire: A Family's Reckoning](#) with China by Edward Wang.

MILPITAS -- 160 N. Main Street

Baby Bouncers Lapsit

Tuesdays, April 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 11:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Activity Room

This is a baby and caregivers program with an early literacy focus on traditional nursery rhymes, lap bounces, body rhymes, songs, very short and simple picture books. Caregivers are encouraged to bring a blanket for their babies to lay on.

Homework Help

Mondays – Thursdays, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Program Room (except April 14 - 17)

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.

Bilingual Mandarin Family Storytime/ 中英雙語故事時間

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

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Fun with Art Presented by First5 Santa Clara County

Wednesday, April 2, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Auditorium

Join us as we read a book, do a craft activity based on the book, and then learn about resources provided at the Guerrero Family Resource Center in Milpitas.

ESL Conversation Club

Wednesdays, April 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 2:45 – 3:45 p.m., Program Room

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

Toddler Storytime: 1s and 2s Together

Thursdays, April 3, 10, 17, & 24, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Activity Room

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

Preschool Storytime: 3s & 4s Budding Bookworms

Thursdays, April 3, 10, 17, & 24, 6:30 – 7 p.m., Activity Room

This storytime, aimed at 3 to 5-year-olds, features longer picture books and flannel board stories and other storytelling activities and fingerplays.

Qi Gong Meditation & Exercise Classes

Fridays, April 4, 11, 18, & 25, 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, April 4, 11, 18, & 25, 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.

Teen Safe Space

Fridays, April 4 & 18, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Program Room

Join us for in-person LGBTQIA+ support. Teens and young adults are invited to games, crafts, discussion and community. No registration necessary.

Board Game Day

Saturday, April 5, 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.

Family Storytime

Saturdays, April 5, 19, & 26, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Activity Room

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

Teen Rubik's Cube Club

Saturday, April 5, 4 – 5 p.m., Conference Room

Kids 12+ are invited to meet other cubers, learn new techniques and have fun.

VITA: Volunteer Tax Preparation

Sundays, April 6 & 13, 10:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Please bring all W2s, 1092s, 1099s and SSA forms. Please bring your 2023 tax return if available. You will also need to create an email address ahead of time. Please register.

Poetry Writing Workshop with Poet Laureate Yosimar Reyes

Sunday, April 6, 2 – 3 p.m.

Santa Clara County Poet Laureate Yosimar Reyes will host a welcoming, engaging space for writers of all levels. The session will feature fun, thought-provoking prompts and exercises designed to inspire your imagination and spark new ideas. Please register.

Little Learners STEAM (ages 3-5)

Tuesday, April 8, 3:30 – 4:15 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.

Homebuying Seminar

Saturday, April 12, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Computer Training Center

Topics covered will include preparing to buy a home, buying vs. renting, down payments, credit checks, mortgage terms, first-time homebuyer credits, and much more.

LEGO Club (Grades K-8)

Monday, April 14, 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. Space is limited.

Science Fiction and Fantasy Book Club

Monday, April 14, 7 – 8 p.m., Auditorium

Sign up and pick up a copy of *There is No Antimemetics Division* by Sam Hughes.

Crafts Around the World

Wednesday, April 16, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Children's Activity Room

We will be making koinobori from Japan. Supplies will be provided. This craft is for all ages.

LGBTQ Movie Night

Friday, April 18, 4:30 – 7 p.m., Auditorium

Join the Avenidas Rainbow Collective and Milpitas Library to screen LGBTQ films. Bring a friend, family member or a date. Please RSVP.

Worm Composting Workshop

Saturday, April 19, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Auditorium

Come join us at our composting workshop and learn how to create your own natural fertilizer from kitchen scraps. Take home your very own worm bin (while supplies last).

Please register to gauge interest, but walk-ins are welcome.

Master Gardeners: Gardening in Our Changing Climate

Saturday, April 19, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Program Room

This talk will cover how higher temperatures, shifting precipitation patterns, unpredictable growing seasons, and other climate-related changes could affect your garden and find out how we can update our gardening practices to mitigate these changes.

Adult & Teen Crafternoon (ages 13+)

Saturday, April 19, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Program Room

We will upcycle magazine pages to create wearable paper beads.

The Peaceful Poets

Thursday, April 24, 5:30 – 8 p.m., Conference Room

Spend time with a Milpitas-based group of writers and appreciators of poetry.

Music and Movement for Ages 3-8

Friday, April 25, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Activity Room

Join us as we focus on early literacy through movement, songs and dance. Children and their caregivers will have fun exploring music and dance together!

Reading Buddies for Grades K-5

Saturday, April 26, 2 – 3 p.m., Activity Room

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

MORGAN HILL -- 660 W. Main Avenue

Snack Break: Free Snacks for Kids/Meriendas Gratis Para Niños

Mondays-Fridays except during school breaks, 3 – 4 p.m.

Snacks provided by the YMCA, for kids 18 years old and under.

Meriendas proporcionadas por la YMCA, para niños de 18 años y menores.

Homework Help

Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays except April 14-18, 4 – 5:30 p.m.

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.

Planning for the End

Tuesday, April 1, 6 – 7 p.m., Program Room

The American Association of University Women is hosting this talk about Planning for the End. This talk will cover your legacy. Hosts will discuss preserving memories through photos and the process of crafting an obituary.

Kids LEGO Club

Wednesdays, April 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 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.

After Dinner Book Club

Wednesday, April 2, 7 – 8 p.m., Program Room

Choose your own poetry book to read, then get ready for a fun and lively discussion.

Family Storytime (Toddlers and Preschoolers)

Thursdays, April 3, 10, 17, & 24, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Children's Activity Room

This story time features lots of movement, singing, and action. Early literacy focus is on short picture books, with flannel board stories, fingerplays, and lots of repetition.

Movie Night: Dead Poets Society

Thursday, April 3, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m., Program Room

Join us for the film, Dead Poets Society (rated PG).

Tiny Tot Jamboree

Fridays, April 4, 11, 18, & 25, 10:30 – 11 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, April 4, 11, 18, & 25, 12 – 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!

Bilingual Family Storytime for All Ages

Saturdays, April 5, 12, 19, & 26, 10:15 – 11 a.m., Children’s Activity Room

Join us for 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, April 5, 12, & 26, 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 básico.

San Francisco Shakespeare Presents: Romeo and Juliet

Saturday, April 5, 3 – 4 p.m.

Experience the passion and tragedy of two star-crossed lovers as they navigate a world of bitter feuds and forbidden romance.

Growing Vegetables in your Summer Garden

Tuesday, April 8, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m., Program Room

We will discuss improving your soil, weed and pest control, and tips on selecting productive vegetable varieties. Find out about space saving techniques like containers and trellising to increase your harvest through the summer.

Family Fun Night

Tuesday, April 8, 6:30 – 8 p.m., Children’s Activity Room

Families with school-aged children will create art or do a STEM activity. This month’s project is seed pots.

Literary Lounge Book Club

Wednesday, April 9, 7 – 8:15 p.m., Program Room

The Literary Lounge is a book club for sharing and discovering books. Connect with fellow readers in a casual and friendly setting.

Novel-Teas

Starting Thursday, April 10 through Wednesday, April 30, Pick up at the Information Desk
Pick up a curated tea kit featuring Matcha tea. Each kit includes two tea sachets, a brochure featuring details about Matcha tea, book pairings, and a recipe to complement the tea. Kits are available while supplies last.

Vehicle Basics and Safety

Thursday, April 10, 4 – 5:45 p.m., Community Room and Parking Lot

Teens and new drivers are invited to learn the basics of auto maintenance and the safety features of a vehicle. This includes going over the features on the dashboard, as well as a hands-on, under-the-hood portion to learn how to correctly identify the components of your engine.

Adaptive Adventures for Teens & Adults

Friday, April 11, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Program Room

Join us for accessible activities for teens and adults with disabilities, and their family, friends, and caregivers. No registration is required.

Safe Space for LGBTQ+ Teens and Young Adults

Friday, April 11, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Community Room

During our in-person support group for LGBTQ+ youth and young adults and allies, we will make a unique plant arrangement using kokedamas.

Sterling Bubbles

Saturday, April 12, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Join us for a mesmerizing bubble show with Sterling Bubbles. Witness incredible feats of bubble artistry, from giant bubbles to intricate formations.

Drop-in Libby, eBook and eAudiobook Help

Sundays, April 13 & 27, 3 – 4 p.m., Information Desk

Drop in to receive help with using the Libby app. You will need to bring your smart-phone, kindle or tablet. No registration needed.

Zumba

Monday, April 14, 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.

Library Ukulele Society

Tuesday, April 15, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m., Program Room

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

Kids Art Club (ages 5+)

Wednesday, April 16, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Children’s Activity Room

Join us for an afternoon of creativity. Drop in and create pastel close-ups inspired by Georgia O’Keeffe.

Poetry Writing Workshop with Poet Laureate Yosimar Reyes

Thursday, April 17, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Santa Clara County Poet Laureate Yosimar Reyes will host a welcoming, engaging space for writers of all levels. The session will feature fun, thought-provoking prompts and exercises designed to inspire your imagination and spark new ideas. Please register.

Live Jazz Music: Charged Particles

Thursday, April 24, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Charged Particles delivers a unique blend of traditional and contemporary jazz, igniting audiences with their passion and virtuosity.

Sensory Playtime (ages 4-10 with a parent/caregiver)

Friday, April 25, 4 – 5 p.m., Children’s Activity Room

Sensory playtime is a hands-on, interactive experience designed to engage children through a variety of activities. Designed for kids with sensory processing differences, autism, or who have other special needs. Please register.

Safe Space Meet-Up for LGBTQ+ Youth

Friday, April 25, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Community 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.

Arabic Belly Dance

Saturday, April 26, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Program Room

Award winning dancer Nicole Maria will bring to life this dynamic art form through an engaging, interactive performance.

Ready Together: Emergency Preparedness

Monday, April 28, 5 – 6:15 p.m., Program Room

Stay prepared and protected during emergencies based on the City of Morgan Hill’s Do 1 Thing program initiative. This workshop will cover emergency supplies and first aid.

Community Craft Supply Swap

Tuesday, April 29, 1 – 6:30 p.m., Community Room

We will have tables filled with all kinds of art and craft supplies to take home, from both the library, as well as donations from fellow community members. Our library is unable to store the art and craft supplies prior to the event, so please bring your donations with you.

Poetry Craft for Adults

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

Participants will write short poems and turn them into beautiful, one-of-a-kind crafts like blackout poetry, poem collages, or mini poetry zines.

SARATOGA -- 13650 Saratoga Avenue

Fragments of Life Art Exhibit

Through April 29, Library Lobby

The paintings in this exhibit showcase the artist's exploration of the fluid and expressive nature of watercolors.

Family Storytime

Tuesdays, April 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Maple Room

Saturdays, April 5, 12, 19, & 26, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room

Join us for stories, rhymes, and songs.

Sci-Fi & Fantasy Book Club

Tuesday, April 1, 7 – 8 p.m., Maple Room

We will be discussing [The Princess Bride](#) by William Goldman. Stop by the Adult Reference Desk to sign up for the meeting and pick up a copy of the book.

Knit & Crochet Circle

Wednesday, April 2, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Maple Room

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

Chinese Book Club - 中文書友會

Thursday, April 3, 10:15 a.m. – 12 p.m., Oak Room, Orchard Room or Group Study Room

The book selection is [地球之籽: 播種者寓言](#) / [Parable of the Sower](#) by Octavia E. Butler.

Drop-in Tech Help

Thursdays, April 3, 10, 17, & 24, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Oak Room

Get help using your laptop, tablet or cell phone. Help is first come, first-served.

Baby Storytime (12 months or younger)

Fridays, April 4, 11, 18, & 25, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Maple Room

Join us for fun, interactive nursery rhymes, fingerplays, action rhymes, and songs!

Mystery Book Club

Monday, April 7, 7 – 8 p.m., Maple Room

We will be discussing [Everyone on This Train is a Suspect](#) by Benjamin Stevenson. 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, April 8, 15, & 29, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room

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

Building Structures in the Garden

Tuesdays, April 8, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Community Room

Learn how to build structures in your garden from beds, boxes, cages, and trellises.

Saratoga Garden Club

Saturday, April 12, 12 – 2 p.m., Maple Room

Share your garden stories, discuss current horticulture, host plant swaps/trades, or learn tips & tricks of gardening from the group!

Poetry Writing Workshop with Poet Laureate Yosimar Reyes

Sunday, April 13, 1 – 2 p.m.

Santa Clara County Poet Laureate Yosimar Reyes will host a welcoming, engaging space for writers of all levels. The session will feature fun, thought-provoking prompts and exercises designed to inspire your imagination and spark new ideas. Please register.

Travel Program: Grand Canyon

Tuesday, April 15, 7:15 – 8:30 p.m., Maple Room

Join Eric Thomson as he shares photos from a hike of the Grand Canyon from the North Rim to the South Rim.

LEGOS

Wednesday, April 16, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

Kids ages 5+ can come play with LEGOs, while kids under 5 can play with Duplos.

Mandarin Storytime

Thursday, April 17, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Maple Room

Join us for stories, fingerplays, action rhymes and songs in Mandarin.

Teatime Book Chatter

Thursday, April 17, 1 – 2 p.m.

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

Digital Literacy Class

Thursday, April 24, 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, April 24, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Maple Room

Join us for fun stories, fingerplays, action rhymes and songs in Spanish.

Opioid Overdose Prevention Training

Monday, April 28, 7 – 8 p.m., Community Room

Learn how to recognize an opioid overdose and administer NARCAN Nasal Spray.

Registration is not necessary, but you can RSVP to get an email reminder.

Saratoga Safety: Neighborhood Watch

Tuesday, April 29, 7 – 7:45 p.m., Maple Room

Neighborhood Watch is a great way to maintain a healthy and vibrant neighborhood while helping local law enforcement and first responders keep neighborhoods safe.

Saratoga Safety: CERT & Emergency Preparedness

Tuesday, April 29, 7:45 – 8:30 p.m., Maple Room

Community Emergency Response Teams or CERTs are crucial in bridging the gap between emergencies and professional responders and fostering a more resilient community. Learn what CERT training includes and how you can contribute to community preparedness and response to disasters in addition to preparing your own family.

SERVICES & SUPPORT CENTER – 1370 Dell Ave., Campbell

Joint Powers Authority (JPA) Boarding Meeting

Thursday, April 24, 12 – 1 p.m., Campbell Conference Room

The Santa Clara County Joint Powers Authority (JPA) Board meets minimally four times each year. For information about the meetings, agendas, and packets, please visit: <https://scclld.org/jpa/>.

WOODLAND – 1975 Grant Road

Homework Help

Mondays-Thursdays except during school breaks, 4 – 5 p.m.

Students in grades K-6 who need homework help are encouraged to stop by for free tutoring. No registration is required.

Family Storytime: Opposites

Sunday, April 6, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Backyard Patio (weather dependent)

Families are invited to join us for a storytime with songs, fingerplays, and fun. This week's theme is Opposites. Dress for the weather!

Monday Meditation and Mindfulness

Mondays, April 7, 14, 21, & 28, 7 – 7:30 p.m.

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

Book Discussion for Adults

Tuesday, April 8, 2 – 3:15 p.m.

Email lpasternack@sccl.org to join the monthly email reminders.

Grant Park Senior Book Club

Wednesday, April 16, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Email Janet Harp (janetharp421@gmail.com) for more information and to register.

Family Storytime: Hello!

Sunday, April 27, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Backyard Patio (weather dependent)

Families are invited to join us for a storytime with songs, fingerplays, and fun. This week's theme is Hello! Dress for the weather!

ONLINE EVENTS (Please register online)

Teen Poetry Contest

Tuesday, April 1 – Wednesday, April 30

Teens can submit up to 3 original poems. Visit scclld.org/contests for more information.

Virtual Author Talk: Jodi Picoult

Wednesday, April 2, 4 – 5 p.m.

Join us for a virtual discussion with New York Times bestselling author Jodi Picoult about her latest novel, [By Any Other Name](#).

Online English Conversation Club

Thursdays, April 3, 17, & 24, 11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Meet new friends and practice English together.

Virtual Author Talk: Matthew Fleming

Tuesday, April 8, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Join Smithsonian Horticulturalist Matthew Fleming for a talk about [The Tree Book](#). This visually stunning guide delves into the scientific intricacies, ecological significance, and historical importance of trees, from ancient oaks to towering redwoods.

Maximize Your Summer: An OpenAdmit Summer Panelist Series

Wednesday, April 9, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

Whether you or your student is exploring research, internships, or leadership projects, this session will provide practical insights to help students make the most of their summer and set them up for success in the college admissions process.

Reading for Children's Emotional Growth

Thursday, April 10, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

Join us for an online workshop on supporting your children's emotional growth through reading! All parents and caregivers of children aged 0 to 5 are invited to attend.

Virtual Author Talk: Gregg Hurwitz

Thursday, April 24, 4 – 5 p.m.

Join us for an electrifying conversation with New York Times bestselling author Gregg Hurwitz, creator of the thrilling "Orphan X" series.

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Morgan Hill Librarian Report

MARCH HIGHLIGHTS

AI Petting Zoo: This Silicon Valley Reads program provided youth with an opportunity to explore and interact with friendly AI creatures and technology. Experiencing hands-on adventures with interactive robots and engaging with exciting technologies like Loona PETBOT and Merge Cubes. This event was attended by 96 patrons.

Explore Steam outreach: This outreach event hosted by the South Valley Science and Engineering Initiative shared free hands on STEAM activities with local students in k-12. Our library highlighted engineering with Keva planks to 76 students while sharing information on our resources.

Retro Road Show: 148 patrons attended this interactive event, learning about the history of video game art and science while exploring a range of classic video game consoles featuring nearly five decades of Mario-centric games



APRIL PROGRAMS

Planning for the End: Your Legacy

Tuesday 4/1 6pm

Vehicle Basics and Safety

Thursday 4/10 4:00pm

Adaptive Activities: Inclusive Games for Adults & Teens

Friday 4/11 11am

Sterling Bubbles

Saturday 4/12 10:30am

Kids Art Club: Close-up Pastel Drawings

Wednesday 4/16 3:30pm

Poetry Workshop with Poet Laureate Yosimar Reyes

Thursday 4/17 4:30pm

Charged Particles: Jazz Concert

Thursday 4/24 4:30pm

Arabic Belly Dance

Saturday 4/26 11am

Ready Together: Emergency Preparedness

Monday 4/28 5pm

Community Craft Supply Swap

Tuesday 4/29 1pm-6:30pm

Monthly Inclusive Programming Adults, Teens, & Children

Adaptive Activities: Inclusive Games for Adults and Teens

Friday 4/11 11am-12pm

Sensory Playtime

Friday, March 28, 4:00-5:00

Friday, April 25, 4:00-5:00

Friday, May 23, 4:00-5:00

GET READY FOR KINDER

Helping familiarize caregivers with the different skillsets children need to be ready for kindergarten.

- Health and Well-Being
- Early Literacy
- Social and Emotional Development
- Language and Communication Skills
- Mathematical Thinking
- Science



Our Children's Librarians are visiting preschools and TK programs this Spring to promote Get Ready For Kinder.

74 workbooks were distributed in March.

February Statistics

Monthly Circulation: 42,210

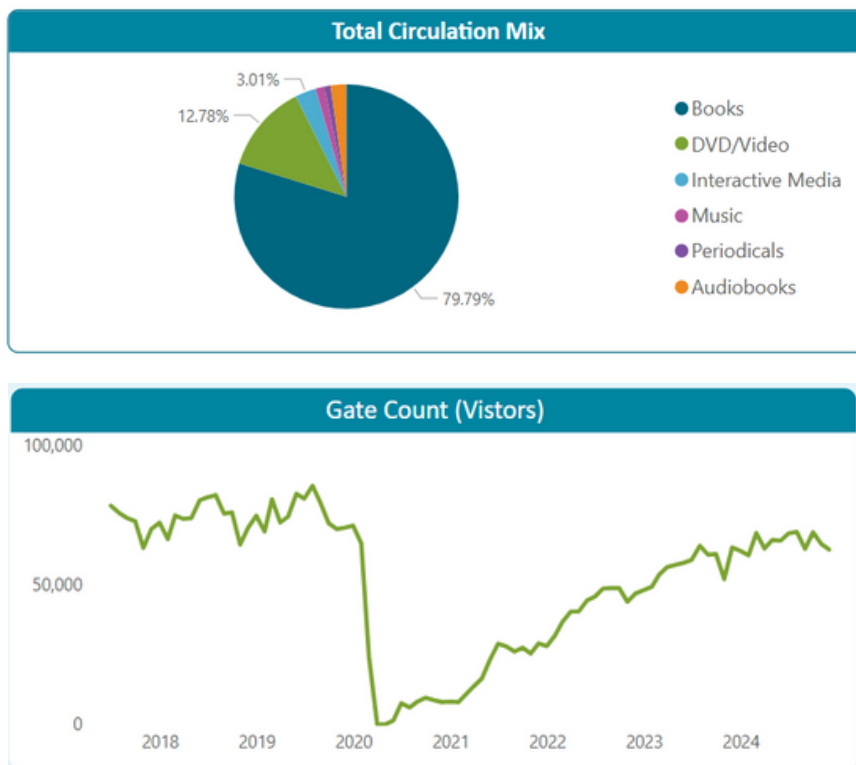
Number of Borrowers: 4,521

New Cards: 181

Visitors: 15,700

Programs & Outreach: 100

Participants: 3083





Report to the Library, Culture and Arts Commission

March 28, 2025

Vicky Reader, FMHL President

On the Move

- The Interactive Playhouse in the Children's area gifted by the Friends in 2021 is headed for a library at the Navajo Nation in Arizona.
- Friends were asked by community members recently to support book drives - 40 Library Project in Tanzania and Awasa International Academy in Ghana.



Friends Bookstore Customer Survey in April

- QR code will be posted at the Friends Bookstore for a 2 minute, 6 item anonymous survey.
- Survey objectives include getting a better sense of our customer base, improving their experience, and making them aware that the Friends volunteer operation serves as a year-round fundraiser for our MH Library.

Focus areas

- Fill open volunteer needs
- Work with Heather on best use of Friends \$50K Donation for 50 Years of Service
- Send annual membership renewal reminders
- Confirm other Friends programs to be hosted this year

Library, Culture, and Arts Commission Public Services Director Report

Announcements

- Next show for South Valley Civic Theater at the Playhouse is Unnecessary Farce beginning April 22
- Current art exhibit at the Community and Cultural Center is by Pamala Meador
- The Poppy Jasper Film Festival runs this month from April 9-16.

Calendar of Upcoming Items

April 2025

Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday, April 2nd, and April 16th:

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

1st Wednesday of every Month, April 2nd:

- [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, April 3rd – April 24th:

- [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 Saturday, April 5th – April 26th:

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

Every Monday, April 7th – April 28th:

- [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, April 8th – April 29th:

- [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 Friday, April 4th – April 25th:

- [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, April 12th:

- [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, April 26th:

- [Earth Day Festival](#)
 - Time: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
 - Where: Morgan Hill Community & Cultural Center
(17000 Monterey St., Morgan Hill, CA 95037)

Saturday, April 26th:

- [Annual 50+ Ball by Youth Action Council](#)
 - Tickets are \$35 and can be purchased at the Centennial Recreation Senior Center Welcome Desk
 - Time: 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM
 - Where: Morgan Hill Community & Cultural Center
(17000 Monterey St., Morgan Hill, CA 95037)

Saturday, April 27th:

- [Morgan Hill Downtown Association Wine Stroll](#)
 - Time: 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM
 - Where: Plaza in front of the Parking Structure in Downtown on East Third

May 2025

Every Thursday, May 1st – May 29th:

- [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, May 2nd – May 30th:

- [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 Saturday, May 3rd – May 31st:

- [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)

Sunday, May 4th:

- [Art a La Carte: “May the 4th Be with You”](#)
 - Time: 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
 - Where: Morgan Hill Community and Cultural Center
(17000 Monterey St., Morgan Hill, CA 95037)

Every Monday, May 5th – May 26th:

- [Community Supper at St. Catherine Parish Center](#)
 - Time: 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
 - Where: St. Catherine of Alexandria
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Every Tuesday, May 6th – May 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, May 7th, and May 21st:

- [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, May 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 2nd Saturday of the Month, May 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, May 10th:

- [Healthy Morgan Hill Kick off at Open Streets Morgan Hill](#)
 - Time: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
 - Where: Morgan Hill Community & Cultural Center
(17000 Monterey St., Morgan Hill, CA 95037)

Saturday and Sunday, May 24th – 25th:

- [Morgan Hill Mushroom Festival](#)
 - Time: Saturday 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM
Sunday 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM
 - Where: Morgan Hill Community and Cultural Center
(17000 Monterey St., Morgan Hill, CA 95037)



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, March 4, 2025 5:30 PM

Council Chamber
17555 Peak Avenue, Morgan Hill, CA 95037

CALL TO ORDER

5:31pm

ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

Commissioner Fiorenza absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

DECLARATION OF POSTING AGENDA

WORKSHOP - ART A LA CARTE

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)

None

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion Ganapathy, second Lyn, adopted 6-0.

REPORTS

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

Recommendation:

Receive report.

Report provided.

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

Recommendation:

Receive report.

Report provided.

3. **Friends of the Morgan Hill Library Report – Vicky Reader, Friends President**

Recommendation:

Receive report.

Written report provided in advance no verbal report.

4. **Morgan Hill Historical Society Report - Roger Knopf, Board President**

Recommendation:

Receive report.

Report provided.

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

Recommendation:

Receive report.

Report provided.

BUSINESS

1. **Accept February 4, 2025 LCAC Commission Minutes**

Recommendation:

Accept February 4, 2025 LCAC Commission Minutes.

Motion Lyn, second Carrillo, accepted 6-0.

2. **Discuss the status of the Public Art Master Plan.**

Recommendation:

Share updates on the development of the Plan.

Discussed. Commissioner Santiago will meet with Public Services Director

Ghione and report back on process at a future meeting.

3. **Work Plan Updates**

Recommendation:

Provide updates on Work Plan Items.

Updates provided.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements made

FUTURE COMMISSION AGENDA ITEMS

None

ADJOURNMENT

7:16pm

FY 2024-2025 Work Plan

Approved by City Council on November 6, 2024 – Updated Assignments 2/4/25

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/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 (Program: Ganapathy/Blanton/Lyn) (Sponsorship: Carrillo) (Inventory of Sites: Fiorenza) (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)