



Regular Meeting Agenda
Library, Culture, and Arts Commission

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

Tuesday, July 1, 2025
6:00 PM

Council Chamber
17555 Peak Avenue, Morgan Hill, CA 95037

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

WORKSHOP - COMMUNITY ART MASTER PLAN

1. **Workshop Materials**
Recommendation:
Conduct Workshop

START OF REGULAR MEETING - 7:00PM OR LATER

DECLARATION OF POSTING AGENDA

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ADOPTION OF AGENDA

BUSINESS

1. **Accept June 3, 2025 Meeting Minutes**

Recommendation:

Accept June 3, 2025 Meeting Minutes.

2. **Work Plan Updates and Development**

Recommendation:

1. Provide Work Plan updates; and
2. Develop Fiscal Year 2025/26 Work Plan.

3. **Finalize Art a la Carte Date**

Recommendation:

Select Date for 2026 Art a la Carte event.

REPORTS

1. **Partner Reports (Written Only, No Presentations)**

Recommendation:

Receive written reports, no discussion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE COMMISSION AGENDA ITEMS

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NOTICE

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Morgan Hill Public Art Master Plan

Goals

Build Community Pride Through Connection and Belonging

Objective: Create public art that resonates deeply with Morgan Hill residents, fostering a sense of shared ownership, identity, and collective pride in the community.

Celebrate Downtown as the Heart of the Community and the City's Cultural Hub

Objective: Enhance downtown Morgan Hill's vibrancy and appeal through distinctive public art, further recognizing that Downtown is the community's living room and center of cultural expression.

Improve Vibrancy and Place Branding by Honoring Heritage, Diversity, and Local History

Objective: Use public art as a powerful narrative tool that visually communicates Morgan Hill's rich history, diverse cultural fabric, and unique identity, strengthening its brand as a welcoming and historically conscious community.

Increase Public Appreciation, Knowledge, and Access to Art

Objective: Ensure that residents and visitors can easily discover, understand, and engage with public art, fostering a deeper appreciation for its value and impact.

Sustainability and Management of the Public Art Program

Objective: Sustainable creation, conservation, and management of public art, ensuring the longevity and integrity of artworks, while establishing efficient policies and procedures that optimize the use of limited resources for the program's long-term success.

Strategies

Build Community Pride Through Connection and Belonging

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Strategies:

- ❖ **Celebrate Shared Values and Identity**
- ❖ **Foster Co-Creation and Community Ownership**
- ❖ **Support Interactive Public Engagement**

Celebrate Downtown as the Heart of the Community and the City's Cultural Hub

Objective: Enhance downtown Morgan Hill's vibrancy and appeal through distinctive public art, further recognizing that Downtown is the community's living room and center of cultural expression.

Strategies:

- ❖ **Transform Downtown into an Iconic Art Destination**
- ❖ **Integrate Art into Downtown Events and Spaces**
- ❖ **Activate Underutilized Spaces**

Strategies

Improve Vibrancy and Place Branding by Honoring Heritage, Diversity, and Local History

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Strategies:

- ❖ **Celebrate Cultural Diversity**
- ❖ **Strengthen Place Branding**
- ❖ **Tell Authentic Historical Narratives**

Increase Public Appreciation, Knowledge, and Access to Art

Objective: Ensure that residents and visitors can easily discover, understand, and engage with public art, fostering a deeper appreciation for its value and impact.

Strategies:

- ❖ **Support Comprehensive Information and Interpretation**
- ❖ **Support Accessible Learning Opportunities**
- ❖ **Broaden Physical and Digital Access**
- ❖ **Nurture Local Artistic Talent and Partnerships**

Strategies

Sustainability and Management of the Public Art Program

Objective: Sustainable creation, conservation, and management of public art, ensuring the longevity and integrity of artworks, while establishing efficient policies and procedures that optimize the use of limited resources for the program's long-term success.

Strategies:

- ❖ **Ensure New Works of Art Are Designed with Durable and Adaptable Materials**
- ❖ **Develop a Proactive and Phased Maintenance and Conservation Program**
- ❖ **Establish Clear Policies and Procedures for Art Repair, Deaccessioning, and Curation**
- ❖ **Preserve the future of public art in Morgan Hill through philanthropy and strategic partnerships**

Goals, Strategies, and Tactics

Build Community Pride Through Connection and Belonging	
Objective: Create public art that resonates deeply with Morgan Hill residents, fostering a sense of shared ownership, identity, and collective pride in the community.	
Strategies	Tactics
Celebrate Shared Values and Identity:	
	"Symbols of Our City" Series: Commission art pieces that interpret Morgan Hill's core values, natural beauty, or collective aspirations, derived from broad community input.
	Temporary Public Art Exhibitions: Expand rotating temporary installations that showcase local artists and diverse themes, providing fresh experiences and encouraging ongoing dialogue about art in public spaces.
	Culturally Representative Art: Create works that represent the various ethnic, cultural, and socio-economic groups within Morgan Hill.
Foster Co-Creation and Community Ownership:	
	Community-Led Art Projects: Implement initiatives where residents are actively involved in the design and creation of public art. Examples include: • Mural Programs: Encourage mural projects public and private properties, where residents collaborate with artists on themes and imagery that reflect their unique stories and aspirations. • "Pop-Up" Art Workshops: Explore workshops in various community spaces (parks, community centers, schools) where participants contribute individual art pieces (e.g., painted tiles, woven elements, sculpted forms) that may be assembled into a larger, permanent public artwork. • High School Competition: Encourage the student competition at local schools where

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	paintings, ceramic pieces, or other artworks are displayed for one year in an outdoor display.
	Youth Art Voice: Dedicate specific projects to engage Morgan Hill's youth (e.g., through local schools, Boys & Girls Club, CRC teen center) in the conceptualization and creation of public art such as the Mural by Central High School behind the Granada Theatre.
	Volunteer Opportunities: Foster community responsibility for the maintenance of public art.
Support Interactive Public Engagement:	
	"Art & Conversation" Hubs: Establish temporary or permanent interactive stations near public art pieces where residents can learn and engage with the artwork.
	Community Art Challenges: Launch city-wide art challenges (e.g., drawing contests, photography competitions) inspired by existing public art or future themes. Submissions may influence future art projects or be displayed digitally.
	"Adopt-Public-Art-Piece" Program: Expand programs where local businesses, community groups, or individuals can "adopt" a public art piece, taking responsibility for its ongoing maintenance and promotion.
	Accessible Feedback Channels: Explore adding QR codes to public art where community can learn more about the work of art, the artist and provide feedback.

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Strategies	Tactics
Transform Downtown into an Iconic Art Destination:	
	Gateway Art Installations: Commission memorable public art pieces at key entry points or significant intersections of downtown to serve as welcoming beacons and visual landmarks.
	Themed Art Zones: Allow for distinct "art zones" within downtown that feature cohesive themes or styles, creating a sense of discovery as visitors explore.
	Promote Artist Housing and Maker's Spaces: Promote development and creation of an artist colony that supports local artists to live and work and display their art in Downtown.
Integrate Art into Downtown Events & Spaces:	
	"Art in Action" during Festivals and Events: Encourage downtown events (e.g., Sidewalk Saturdays, Freedom Fest, Holiday Parade) to host live art creation and pop-up galleries alongside the festivities.
	Gallery Partnerships: Deepen collaboration with Cura Contemporary, Colibri Gallery and Open Studios for joint art walks, public art exhibit previews, artist talks, and workshops that encourage visitors to explore both indoor gallery spaces and outdoor public art installations.
	Interactive and Experiential Art: Prioritize art that invites physical or digital interaction, such as digital art installations, soundscapes or musical art, and a mix of playful versus thought-provoking pieces.

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Activate Underutilized Spaces:	
	Mural Programs: Identify and commission murals on blank walls, downtown alleyways, and the sides of buildings to revamp neglected spaces into vibrant art canvases.
	Temporary Art in Vacant Storefronts: Utilize vacant retail spaces for temporary art installations, pop-up galleries, or artist studios to add vitality and visual interest while attracting potential new businesses.

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Strategies	Tactics
Celebrate Cultural Diversity:	
	Multicultural Murals and Installations: Commission art that specifically celebrates the various cultural groups that comprise Morgan Hill, including their traditions, symbols, and contributions. This may include folk art elements, textile-inspired designs, or portraits of community members.
	"Heritage Pillars" Project: Create a series of sculptural pillars, each designed by a different cultural group or inspired by a specific heritage, placed in a public space to represent the city's diverse foundations.
	Cultural Exchange Programs: Encourage programs like Plain Air that facilitate artist residencies or exchange programs that bring diverse artists to Morgan Hill to create public art inspired by the local culture, fostering cross-cultural understanding.
	Broad Range of Projects: Commission a broad range of public art projects with varying subjects, materials, and artists to reflect the full spectrum of community interests and expression.
	Diversify Art Collection: Commission projects that increase the diversity of Morgan Hill's art collection.
Strengthen Place Branding:	
	Strategic Placement: Identify and utilize priority sites where residents will most enjoy public art, such as parks, plazas, prominent civic spaces, and areas with high pedestrian activity.

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	Signature Art Identifiers: Develop a distinctive artistic motif inspired by Morgan Hill's unique characteristics (e.g., poppy jasper, rolling hills, agricultural patterns) that can be integrated into various public art pieces across the city, creating a cohesive visual brand.
	"Instagrammable" Art Locations: Strategically place art installations that are visually striking and encourage social media sharing, contributing to Morgan Hill's online presence and attracting visitors.
Tell Authentic Historical Narratives:	
	Historical Timeline Murals: Commission murals that depict key moments, industries (e.g., agriculture), and figures from Morgan Hill's past, visually illustrating its evolution.
	Interpretive Sculptures: Install sculptures or installations that evoke historical tools, agricultural products, or significant events (e.g., a piece representing the impact of the railroad, or a tribute to the prune industry).
	History Integration: Encourage artists to engage with local historians and long-time residents to weave history into the conceptualization of historical art pieces, making them more personal and relatable.
	Partnership with Morgan Hill Historical Society: Foster relationships between local artists and museum volunteers to align historical themes, objects, and events with public artwork.

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Increase Public Appreciation, Knowledge, and Access to Art	
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Strategies	Tactics
Support Comprehensive Information and Interpretation:	
	Interactive Public Art Map & App: Develop a user-friendly digital map and mobile application that provides locations, images, artist information, audio tours, and context for every public art piece in Morgan Hill.
	Enhanced On-Site Signage: Install clear, concise, and aesthetically pleasing interpretive signage at each public art location. Employ warm, inviting lighting as opposed to harsh fluorescent lighting because creates a more welcoming ambiance.
	"Art Fact Fridays" and "Public Art Spotlight" Series: Utilize city social media channels and local media partnerships to regularly highlight individual art pieces, sharing stories, trivia, and behind-the-scenes glimpses to build public interest and knowledge.
	Detailed Inventory List: Establish a comprehensive inventory of all public and private works of art that are accessible to the public so people can easily seek and learn about specific artworks.
Support Accessible Learning Opportunities:	
	Public Art Education Kits: Develop downloadable educational kits for families and schools that include scavenger hunts, activity sheets, and discussion questions related to specific public art pieces.
	Self-guided Tours: Develop self-guided tours of public art installations, accompanied by mobile

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	apps or brochures that provide information about the artists and the meaning behind the works.
	"Art Talk" Series: Host periodic presentations or panel discussions at local venues (e.g., Library, Community & Cultural Center, Cura Contemporary) featuring artists, art historians, or urban planners discussing public art's role and impact.
Broaden Physical and Digital Access:	
	Effective Event Promotion: Utilize various communication strategies (e.g. city website, social media, community calendars, local media, flyers, etc.) to advertise all public art events and programs.
	Universal Design Principles: Ensure all new public art installations adhere to universal design principles that consider social inclusion as well as physical, sensory, and cognitive accessibility.
	Pop-Up Art Lending Library: Explore a program where residents can "borrow" small, temporary art pieces (or reproductions) for short periods, bringing art directly into homes and neighborhoods.
Nurture Local Artistic Talent and Partnerships:	
	Hire Local Art Teachers: When commissioning artworks involving youth or community participation, engage local art teachers or artists with educational experience to lead workshops, providing educational opportunities for them to display their art.
	Develop an Artist Registry: Maintain an accessible artist registry and promote local artists for commissioning projects, proposal writing, and project management.
	Collaborate with Local Art Organizations: Partner with organizations like the Morgan Hill

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	Community Foundation, Morgan Hill Open Studios, Poppy Jasper Film Festival, South Valley Civic Theater, SV Creates, and local galleries to identify artists, co-host events, and leverage their expertise and networks.
	Regional Arts Organization Connections: Collaborate with local and regional arts organizations to identify and secure public art and placemaking grants that specifically support local artists.
	Develop Regional Art Partnerships: Collaborate with regional art partners and art institutions, art non-profits, and museums such as MACLA, Empire Seven Studios, Local Color, San Jose Museum of Art and encourage their engagement to support and collaborate with local artists in the development of works of art, workshops, and exhibits.

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Sustainability and Management of the Public Art Program	
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Strategies	Tactics
Ensure New Works of Art Are Designed with Durable, Adaptable Materials:	
	Integrate Lifecycle Costing & Maintenance Plans: Require all artist proposals to include a detailed budget not just for fabrication and installation, but also a projected maintenance plan for the first 5-10 years, including estimated annual costs and recommended conservation procedures. This forces artists to consider long-term viability and provides the city with essential data for future budgeting.
	Implement a Technical Review Panel: Before final artist selection and contract, convene a small, independent panel of experts (e.g., a conservator, structural engineer, public works representative) to review the technical specifications and assess material durability, structural soundness, and maintenance feasibility.
	Create a "Public Art Design & Material Specifications Guide": Develop a guide that outlines preferred durable materials and requirements for ease of cleaning and maintenance access. It should also specify materials or designs to avoid due to high maintenance, short lifespan, or environmental concerns.
Develop a Proactive and Phased Maintenance and Conservation Program:	
	"Public Art Watch" Volunteer Program: Recruit and train community volunteers (e.g., local art enthusiasts, retired individuals, scout groups) to conduct regular visual inspections of assigned artworks, report graffiti, damage, or excessive wear via a simple online form or app.
	Create a Dedicated Public Art Conservation Fund: Work with Leadership Morgan Hill and other non-profits to establish a public art

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	conservation fund for structural repairs, significant cleaning or re-painting to ensure consistent care and avoid large, unexpected expenses.
Establish Clear Policies and Procedures for Art Repair, Deaccessioning, and Curation:	
	Draft and Adopt a Formal Public Art Collection Management Policy: Develop a comprehensive policy covering all aspects of collection management, including: • Conservation & Repair • Deaccessioning Criteria • Deaccessioning Process • Guidelines for Sales, Donations and Storage
	Implement Robust Digital Archiving and Record-Keeping: Maintain a comprehensive digital database for each artwork that includes not only initial "as-built" documentation but also all condition reports, maintenance logs, conservation treatments, costs, public feedback, relevant news articles, and any discussions or decisions regarding repair or deaccessioning.
Preserve the future of public art in Morgan Hill through philanthropy and strategic partnerships:	
	Proactively Seek Grants from Arts Foundations and Government Agencies: Research and apply for grants from national (e.g., NEA), state (e.g., California Arts Council), and private foundations that support public art, cultural preservation, and community development.
	Host Public Art Fundraising Events & Campaigns: Organize targeted events (e.g., "Art Walk & Wine Tasting," "Sculpture Garden Gala," "Community Mural Day" with donation stations) that engage the community, raise awareness, and directly solicit funds for specific projects or the overall maintenance fund. Utilize online crowdfunding platforms for specific, popular projects.
	Forge Cross-Sector Partnerships: Collaborate with Visit Morgan Hill, the Morgan Hill Chamber of Commerce, the Downtown Association and Downtown Property Based Improvement District,

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	Villar Mira Monte and other community groups to jointly promote public art as a cultural asset, potentially unlocking shared marketing budgets or joint grant applications.
	Develop an Annual Sponsorship and Donor Recognition Program: Create attractive sponsorship packages for corporations, local businesses, and individuals that outline various levels of financial contribution (e.g., "Art Patron," "Collection Sustainer," "Project Sponsor"). Clearly define tangible benefits and recognition opportunities for each tier, such as prominent signage, naming rights for specific artworks or benches, inclusion in promotional materials, private tours, or invitations to exclusive events.



MEETING MINUTES

Library, Culture, and Arts Commission

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June 3, 2025

Council Chamber
17555 Peak Avenue, Morgan Hill, CA 95037

CALL TO ORDER

6:03pm

WORKSHOP - COMMUNITY ART MASTER PLAN

1. COMMUNITY ART MASTER PLAN

Recommendation:
Conduct workshop.

Assistant City Manager Edith Ramirez and Housing and Economic Mobility Director John Lang conducted the workshop with Commissioners and members of the public.

START OF REGULAR MEETING - NO EARLIER THAN 7:00PM

Regular meeting began at 7:10pm.

ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

Commissioner Fiorenza absent.

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None

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion Ganapathy, Second Lyne, 6-0

BUSINESS

1. Accept May 7, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Recommendation:

Accept May 7, 2025 Meeting Minutes.

Motion Blanton, Second Santiago, Accepted 6-0.

2. Receive Update and Provide Feedback on Downtown Gateway Arch Project

Recommendation:

Receive update and provide feedback on the project.

Postponed until August.

3. Workplan Updates and Planning

Recommendation:

1. Provide Work Plan updates; and
2. Develop FY25/26 Work Plan.

Provided updates. Worked on development for FY25/26 Work Plan.

REPORTS

1. Receive Written Reports - No Action Necessary

Recommendation:

Written Reports Attached for Review.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE COMMISSION AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

8:24pm

Library, Culture & Arts Commission
FY 2025-2026 Work Plan
Draft

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 , Cura Contemporary , Colibri , 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, cultural activities and announcements (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/ Morgan Hill Cares " campaign (Ganapathy/Blanton) (1.g) Monitor and support use of Prop 28.
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) (2.b) Evaluate implementing a Fine Arts Fair/Festival in 2027.

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 public art webpage annually complete updates to historical items list (Lyn/Ganapathy/Rose/Carrillo) (3.c) Update public art webpage (Rose) (3.c) Develop Review and recommend a plan for the use of Public Arts Funds (All) (3.d) Creating an artist registry (Lyn/Santiago) (3.e) Explore creation of digital artwork brochure (Carrillo) (3.f) Continue implementation of the utility box art program (Program: Ganapathy/Blanton/Lyn) (Sponsorship: Carrillo) (Inventory of Sites: Fiorenza) (3.g) 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/Carrillo) (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)

Library, Culture, and Arts Commission Public Services Director Report

Announcements

- Leadership Morgan Hill continues to work on fundraising to replace the Loki Sculpture. [Class of 2025 — Leadership Morgan Hill](#)
- South Valley Symphony is looking for Board Members.

Calendar of Upcoming Items

July 2025

Every Tuesday, July 1st – 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)

1st Wednesday of every Month, July 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 1st and 3rd Wednesday, July 2nd – 16th:

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

Every Thursday, July 3rd – 31st:

- [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)

Thursday and Friday, July 3rd and 4th:

- [Morgan Hill Freedom Fest](#)
 - **July 3rd**
 - Youth Patriotic Sing
 - Time: 5:00PM – 6:00 PM

- Where: Downtown Amphitheater - 17000 Monterey Rd.
- Family Music Fest
 - Time: 6:00PM – 10:00 PM
 - Where: Monterey Rd. between Main and Dunne Ave.
- July 4th**
 - Freedom Run
 - Time: 7:45 AM/8:10 AM
 - Where: SW corner of Peak and Main
 - Parade
 - Time: 10:00 AM
 - Where: Downtown Morgan Hill; northbound Monterey Rd.
 - Car Show
 - Time: 12:00PM – 2:00 PM
 - Where: Downtown Morgan Hill; southbound Monterey Rd.
 - Freedom Fest Gates
 - Time: Open at 3:00 PM
 - Where: Morgan Hill Outdoor Sports Center (parking \$15, entrance free)
 - Fireworks on the Green
 - Time: Starts at 9:30 PM
 - Where: Morgan Hill Outdoor Sports Center

Every Friday, July 4th – 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 Saturday, July 5th – 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, July 7th – 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 2nd Saturday of the Month, July 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)

August 2025

Every Friday, August 1st – 29th:

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

Every Saturday, August 2nd – 30th:

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

Every Monday, August 4th – 25th:

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

August 5th:

- [National Night Out 2025](#)
 - Time: 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM
 - Where: Civic Center Plaza
(17575 Peak Ave., Morgan Hill, CA 95037)

Every Tuesday, August 5th – 26th:

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

1st Wednesday of every Month, August 6th:

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

1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month, August 6th and 20th:

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

Every Thursday, August 7th – 28th:

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

Every 2nd Saturday of the Month, August 8th:

- [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)

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Jennifer Weeks, County Librarian



Distinguished Author Event

Our Distinguished Author Series is back! We are thrilled to host spy novelist [Daniel Silva](#) on Friday, July 18 at the [Campbell Heritage Theatre](#) at 7 PM.

Silva began his career writing fiction after spending a decade as a journalist, serving as a Middle East correspondent and producer. He has written over two

dozen novels, almost all featuring his protagonist, art restorer, spy and assassin, Gabriel Allon.

Silva will be in conversation with moderator CNN special correspondent Jamie Gangel, who is also his wife. The first 200 people in line at the venue will receive a free copy of Silva's latest work, [An Inside Job](#). After the talk there will be an audience Q&A and then a book signing. Please register in advance to save your space for this special event.

Summer Reading Continues

Chapter 2 of Summer Reading 2025 is loading up, giving readers a chance to [Level Up at Your Library](#). We hosted dozens of fun events in June, with [many more in store](#) during July for patrons of all ages to enjoy.



The circus is coming to town! There will also be magic shows, music performances, and puppet adventures. Our libraries also have multiple arts and crafts events planned, food prep and cooking programs, as well as opportunities to play games. Teens can explore their creative sides with painting and other crafts, learn repair or sewing skills, and take part in a Dungeons and Dragons Social Club or Mario Kart Tournament. Other highlights include free bike repair clinics, storytimes for kids 0-5 years old, and learning workshops on bugs and animals.

Don't forget to log your books online in [Beanstack](#), complete the activities and collect your prize at your local library in August, while supplies last...



Celebrating our Nation and Freedom

The American Revolution started not with a gun, but with a quill. Signed on July 4, the [Declaration of Independence](#) is one of the most important documents ever written. This precious founding statement is of course housed at a library!

Libraries remain central to our democracy, helping to share new ideas among the public and inspiring new generations of leaders. We also host public events like election forums and provide materials for people to register to vote. Read more about the Declaration of Independence and the impact it made with the new American nation, as well as library resources around military service records, the Founding Fathers (and mothers!), and the history of Independence Day in a [staff blog](#).

Storybook SCCLD Reaches Midpoint

With the June 14 opening of the Railway Rollick early learning play space at the Milpitas Library, we are more than half-way done rolling out new Storybook SCCLD sites. The remaining three installations will be at the Cupertino, Los Altos and Campbell libraries. Cupertino is slated to begin construction in mid-August and Los Altos will start in September, with both spaces opening in the fall. The renovated Campbell Library will also feature a special play space with this refreshed library opening planned for late 2025.



Visit all four early learning play spaces at the Saratoga, Morgan Hill, Gilroy, and Milpitas Libraries. Find videos showcasing each space's themes and features on our [Storybook SCCLD webpage](#).

Photo: Representatives of Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors President Otto Lee's office and State Senator Dr. Aisha Wahab, Supervisor Otto Lee, JPA Governing Board Chair and Mayor of Morgan Hill Mark Turner, County Librarian Jennifer Weeks, and Milpitas Community Librarian Kelly McKean.

FYI- All SCCLD Libraries will be closed on Friday, July 4 for Independence Day. Find our 24/7 [Online Library](#) at [scclld.org](#)

THE SANTA CLARA COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT PRESENTS

VIRTUAL Author Talks July 2025

- Raúl the Third**
Tuesday, July 8
11:00 am-12:00 pm (Spanish)
Tuesday, July 8
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm (English)
- Marie Lu**
Thursday, July 17
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm
- Rex Ogle**
Wednesday, July 23
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm
- Pria Anand**
Thursday, July 31
11:00 am -12:00 pm

REGISTER AT: [SCCLD.ORG/EVENTS](https://scclld.org/events)

July Virtual Author Talks

July is jam packed with four top notch speakers. We begin on Tue., July 8 with English and Spanish language chats with illustrator [Raúl The Third](#) about his new book, [¡Vamos! Let's Go Read!](#) which tells the story of Little Lobo and his friends as they explore their library's book festival. Please register: [11 AM Spanish](#), or [1 PM English](#).

Novelist [Marie Lu](#) will talk about the intricate world of her book [Legend](#), on Thu., July 17 at 1 PM. Delve beyond the surface and uncover hidden secrets. [Please register](#).

Award-winning author [Rex Ogle](#) recounts his experiences as a sixth grader experiencing poverty in [Free Lunch](#) on Wed., July 23 at 1 PM. [Please register](#).

Author [Pria Anand](#) will discuss her new book, [The Electric Mind: A Neurologist on the Strangeness and Wonder of Our Brains](#) on Thu., July 31 at 11 AM. [Please register](#).

Lucky Day for eBook, Audiobooks Lovers

Want to enjoy the hot new eBook or Audiobook but stuck on a waiting list on Libby? **Starting July 1**, patrons can enjoy instant checkouts for up to one week of select in demand new and classic titles. Deemed "Lucky Day," you will feel like you've discovered a virtual four-leaf clover.

Eligible titles will be marked as Lucky Day selections with a four-leaf clover. Borrow up to 10 such items at a time. Keep in mind that Lucky Day checkouts count toward your overall Libby checkout limit (10). Titles will rotate frequently, so check back often for fresh reads and listens. If you can't finish a title in the one week borrowing period, you can check it out again as a Lucky Day selection, if available, or place a hold on a regular three-week borrow period copy.

Check out our blog post on Tuesday, July 1 for more information when the Lucky Day feature launches.





New AMHS System Coming to Libraries

SCCLD libraries are getting a big upgrade over the next six months, with new Automatic Material Handling Systems (AMHS) being installed to replace our existing end-of-life equipment. These machines are crucial for processing and routing the millions of items that our patrons borrow and return each year.

The new system is state of the art- plus more reliable, faster, efficient, ergonomic and quieter. The new AMHS model is more accurate at scanning items, so there will be fewer issues with items being missed or sorted to the wrong destination. Patrons will also find the return process more intuitive, with a better interface (see picture above).

The Gilroy Library install was recently completed, to be followed this month by the Services & Support Center, which is our central hub that routes materials to all SCCLD libraries. Processing times will be faster, meaning that items should arrive at libraries and onto the shelves sooner.

The tentative installation schedule at the other libraries is Milpitas (mid-August to mid-September), Woodland (mid-September), Campbell (late September to mid-October), Saratoga (Mid-October to early November), Morgan Hill (Mid-November to Late November), Los Altos (late November to early December) and Cupertino (Mid-January to last January 2026). These are all subject to change. Construction will have limited impact for our patrons.

Park and Recreation Month- Passes

This year marks the 40th celebration of [Park and Recreation Month](#). The theme is “Build Together, Play Together,” which speaks to both the importance of preserving our natural spaces and the joy that comes with being outdoors.

Our libraries offer [free vehicle entry passes](#) for 28 [County](#) and over 200 [California State Parks](#).

Good for three weeks, these passes are available to borrow, while supplies last. With recent state budget cuts, the State parks pass program is [not expected to continue](#) in 2026, so take advantage now!



Check out our [blog post](#) for booklists for adults and kids, including guides for local parks and hiking trails, as well as stories about nature and the great outdoors. A tip for South County library patrons- backpacks with helpful items for your explorations (binoculars, compass, First Aid kit, and guidebooks for birds, wildflowers and animal tracks) can be checked out at the front desk of the Gilroy and Morgan Hill libraries.

SANTA CLARA COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT

JULY 2025 EVENTS

****All SCCLD libraries will be closed and services unavailable on Friday, July 4 for Independence Day****

Summer Reading programs are highlighted in blue.

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

Do It Yourself Basic Haircutting for Kids

Tuesday, July 1, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard City Banquet Hall

A hairstylist and licensed cosmetologist will demonstrate how to cut a child's hair. Registration is not required.

Outdoor Family Storytime (ages 0-5)

Wednesdays, July 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Courtyard

Join us for stories, songs, and more. Please bring a blanket or towel to sit on. Use the Campbell Avenue entrance for closest parking.

Teen Embroidery Workshop

Thursday, July 3, 3 – 5 p.m., Orchard City Banquet Hall

Teens ages 13-18 will learn embroidery techniques and receive materials to complete an originally designed kits to finish at home. No previous experience.

Kids Crafts with Cathy (ages 7-13)

Thursday, July 3, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Room Q-80

Blast off into a world of physics and fun with this hands-on stomp rocket craft! This activity combines creativity, engineering, and the thrill of flight. All materials are provided.

Free Bike Repair

Wednesday, July 9, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Bike Repair Mobile is a free bicycle repair clinic offered on a drop-in basis. They address a wide range of common bicycle malfunctions, including flat tires, brake issues, and shifter problems. Bicycles must be equipped with gears and wheels.

Kids Crafts with Cathy (ages 7-13)

Thursday, July 10, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Room Q-80

Unlock your imagination with our Perler bead keychain craft! Design and create personalized keychains using colorful beads. All materials are provided.

Do It Yourself Basic Haircutting for Men

Tuesday, July 15, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard City Banquet Hall

A hairstylist and licensed cosmetologist will demonstrate how to cut men's hair. Registration is not required.

Kids Crafts with Cathy (ages 7-13)

Thursday, July 17, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Room Q-80

Unlock your imagination with our Craftapalooza Day. We are bringing out lots of great stuff and you make whatever you want. All materials are provided. Please register.

Do It Yourself Basic Haircutting for Women

Tuesday, July 22, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard City Banquet Hall

A hairstylist and licensed cosmetologist will demonstrate how to cut women's hair. Registration is not required.

CUPERTINO -- 10800 Torre Avenue**Toddler Storytime (ages 1-2)**

Tuesdays, July 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.

ESL Conversation Club

Tuesdays, July 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Room 201A

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

Summer Reading: Level Up Readers

Mondays and Tuesdays, July 1, 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, & 29, 2 – 4 p.m., Room 101

Level Up Readers is a dedicated space where your child can read to a tutor and accomplish their summer reading goal of 5 books. This program is for grades TK-2.

LEGO Club (Grades K-8)

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

Children can build and create using LEGOs. Please leave your own LEGOs at home.

Summer Reading: Sean's Music Factory

Tuesday, July 1, 7 – 8 p.m.

Sean's Music Factory is a unique, high-energy performance for children of all ages.

Summer Reading: Early Literacy Music and Stories

Wednesday, July 2, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Room 101

Children ages 0-5 and their families will enjoy early literacy performances. This week features Bri Reads. Please arrive on time as space is limited.

Bedtime Storytime

Wednesdays, July 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 early literacy skills. Seating is limited to the first 100 families. Bring a yoga mat or blanket to sit on.

Storytime for Babies (ages 0-1)

Thursdays, July 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, 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.

Family Storytime

Saturdays, July 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. Bring a yoga mat or blanket to sit on.

Babywearing Dance

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

Join us for babywearing dance.

Baby Sign and Sing

Sunday, July 6, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Room 101

Babies ages 0-12 months and adult caregivers will learn basic signs to communicate.

Summer Music in the Courtyard

Sunday, July 6, 3 – 4 p.m., Courtyard

Enjoy a mix of pop, rock, R&B, and country original and cover tunes with Kimberlye Gold.

STEAMini Camp (Grades 1-2)

Mondays, July 7, 14, 21, & 28, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Room 101

Creativity, critical thinking, problem solving and reasoning skills will be developed through this project-based program. Online registration is required.

Children's Literature for Adults Book Club

Tuesday, July 8, 7 – 8 p.m.

Adults can join us to discuss, reminisce, or discover for the first time a beloved children's classic. Please register at the Children's Reference Desk. This program is for adults only.

Summer Reading: NorCal Bats

Tuesday, July 8, 7 – 8 p.m., Room 101

NorCal Bats offers exciting, informative lectures on bats. This program consists of live bats of California native species being presented for viewing and discussion. Arrive on time, space is limited.

Summer Reading: Early Literacy Music and Stories

Wednesday, July 9, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Room 101

Children ages 0-5 and their families will enjoy early literacy performances. This week features Poponta Children's Cultural Society. This bilingual Japanese storytelling session will include traditional kamishibai (paper theater), puppets and books! Please arrive on time as space is limited.

Summer Reading: Drawing Class for Adults

Wednesday, July 9, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Room 201

This class explores the challenge of drawing ordinary objects into artwork. All drawing materials will be supplied. Space for 16 is on a first come, first served basis.

Summer Reading: Teen Paint-Your-Own Pottery Workshop

Wednesday, July 9, 1 – 2 p.m.

Teens ages 13-18 are invited to select a piece of pottery and decorate it. It will later be glazed and fired, available for pickup later. This program is offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

Supa Dupa Pawsome Dog Man Program

Thursday, July 10, 3 – 4 p.m., Room 101

Kids in grades K-8 are invited for some crafts and activities, while supplies last.

Knit-Alongs at Cupertino Library

Fridays, July 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.

Art Therapy for Tweens

Friday, July 11, 4 – 5 p.m., Room 101

Kids aged 10+ can create their own unique piece of art to take home. Space is limited, please arrive on time.

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

Fridays, July 11 & 25, 7–8 p.m., Room 101

Join us for stories, songs, a flannel board story, 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。

Intro to Nature Journaling with the Beetlelady

Saturday, July 12, 2–3 p.m., Room 101

Nature journaling is a way to observe and learn while increasing curiosity, wonder, and attention. Learn the basics of nature journaling with local entomologist, Dr. Stephanie Dole (Beetlelady). Registration required.

Nonfiction Book Discussion

Sunday, July 13, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Room 201B

We will discuss *The Secret Life of Groceries: The Dark Miracle of the American Supermarket* by Benjamin Lorr.

Summer Music in the Courtyard

Sunday, July 13, 3–4 p.m., Courtyard

Join us for a blend of soul, jazz, R&B and folk with singer-songwriter Kira Hooks.

Reading Buddies (Grades K-5)

Monday, July 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.

Summer Reading: Unique Derique

Tuesday, July 15, 7–7:45 p.m.

Join us for an unforgettable comedic performance with juggling by Unique Derique a.k.a. Clown Prince of Fools. Please arrive on time. Space is limited.

Summer Reading: Early Literacy Music and Stories

Wednesday, July 16, 11–11:30 a.m., Room 101

Children ages 0-5 and their families will enjoy early literacy performances. This week features Golden Acorn Music. Please arrive on time as space is limited.

Book Discussion for Adults

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

We will discuss *Catalina* by Karla Cornejo Villavicencio.

DIY: Games From Around the World

Thursday, July 17, 3–4 p.m., Room 101

Kids in grades 1+ will learn how to make a mancala board, while supplies last.

Summer Reading: Blast Off, Isaac Newton!

Friday, July 18, 4 – 5 p.m., Room 101

We are going to be visited by Sir Isaac Newton as he explains his three laws, then we will put them in motion!

Summer Music in the Courtyard

Sunday, July 20, 3 – 4 p.m., Courtyard

Bowen Zheng is a Shanghai-born classical guitarist who brings a unique blend of artistry, intellect, and empathy to his music.

Summer Reading: Smiley Stories

Tuesday, July 22, 7 – 7:45 p.m.

Attendees will hear charming stories from Latin American oral tradition. For all ages. Space is limited. Please arrive on time.

Tuesday Travel Nights

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

Go on a video presentation of Iran, which offers an inside view of the rich cultural heritage, welcoming people and an eye-opening contrast with modern Iran's reputation.

Summer Reading: Police Read Along

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

A law enforcement officer from the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office will read books and share safety tips. Please arrive on time. Space is limited.

Teen Paint Party (ages 13-18)

Wednesday, July 23, 1 – 3 p.m., Room 201

Express yourself through paint! We'll have everything you need. No registration, seating is limited.

Origami for School Aged Children

Thursday, July 24, 3 – 4 p.m.

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

Native Plant Garden Maintenance

Thursday, July 24, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Room 201

This talk will include pruning guidelines for native plants, the time of year to prune, strategies for weed control, and overview of basic irrigation scheduling.

Un-Bee-Livably Delicious: Cooking Dinner with Locally Sourced Honey

Saturday, July 26, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

This program guides you through creating a complete and delicious dinner, highlighting the unique flavors locally sourced honey can bring to every course.

DJing Workshop (Grades 6-12)

Saturday, July 26, 2 – 3 p.m., Room 201

Learn how to download and organize your music collection and use Rekordbox to prepare your playlists and mix harmonically. Attendees must bring their own laptops.

Summer Music in the Courtyard

Sunday, July 27, 3 – 4 p.m., Courtyard

Grateful Brass is an ensemble from the Bay Area's Jazz Mafia collective that reimagines the music of the Grateful Dead through a vibrant fusion of brass, drums, and vocals.

Summer Reading: ComedySportz

Tuesday, July 29, 7 – 7:45 p.m., Room 101

Join us for lots of laughs for the whole family from Silicon Valley's longest running show: ComedySportz! All ages are welcome. Space is limited, please arrive on time.

Summer Reading: Early Literacy Music and Stories

Wednesday, July 30, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Room 101

Children ages 0-5 and their families will enjoy early literacy performances. This week features Soul 4Kidz. Please arrive on time as space is limited.

GILROY -- 350 W. Sixth Street**Zumba at the Library**

Tuesdays, July 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. Únase a nosotros para un entrenamiento gratuito basado en baile y ritmo. No es necesario registrarse.

Level Up Your Hot Sauce

Tuesday, July 1, 7 – 8:45 p.m., Community Room

Learn the hot sauce creation process, get recipes, and enjoy a taste of spice. Adults and teens are welcome to register for this program.

Mario Kart Tournament for Teens (ages 12-18)

Wednesday, July 2, 2 – 4 p.m., Community Room

We'll be hosting a bracket-style tournament to find out who will be the Mario Kart 8 champion of the summer. Prizes will be given to our champions! Register to reserve your spot; walk-ins welcome as space allows.

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

Wednesdays, July 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 4:30 – 5 p.m., the Nest

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.

Jump Rope and Hula Hoop Fun

Wednesday, July 2, 5 – 6 p.m., Paseo

Kids will practice jumping rope, learn new jump rope games, and enjoy practicing with hula hoops. Jump ropes and hula hoops will be provided! Los niños practicarán saltar la cuerda, aprenderán nuevos juegos y disfrutarán de un rato activo. ¡Las cuerdas para saltar y los aros estarán disponibles durante la actividad!

Family Storytime/Hora de Cuentos

Thursdays, July 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Children's Area

Join us for fun stories, rhymes, fingerplays, and songs to nurture early literacy skills. Compartiremos historias divertidas, rimas, y canciones.

Knitting and Crochet Weekly Meetup/Tejido Semanal

Thursdays, July 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, 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!

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

Saturdays, July 5, 12, 19, & 26, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., the Nest

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.

Summer Reading: Video Game Truck Tournament (ages 8+)

Saturday, July 5, 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., Paseo

The Mobile Gaming Theater is a video game truck stocked with multiplayer games on several different platforms. Video games for the tournament are Super Smash Bros and Mario Kart. El *Mobile Gaming Theater* es un camión de videojuegos de última generación, equipado con excelentes juegos multijugador en varias plataformas. Durante el evento, los jugadores rotarán para tomar turnos. Los videojuegos del torneo serán *Super Smash Bros* y *Mario Kart*.

Pastel & Charcoal Drawing Class/Clase de Dibujo al Pastel y Carboncillo

Saturday, July 5, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Community Room

All adult & teen artists are welcome. No experience necessary! All supplies will be provided. Register to reserve your spot. Walk-ins welcome, space permitting. Todos los artistas, adultos y adolescentes, son bienvenidos. ¡No se requiere experiencia! Se proporcionarán todos los materiales. Se aceptan visitas sin cita previa, siempre que haya espacio. Regístrese para reservar su lugar.

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

Mondays, July 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: abrir una cuenta de correo electrónico, conectarse a Wi-Fi/puntos de acceso, utilizar computadoras portátiles/Chromebooks y utilizar Microsoft Office.

Horror Writing Workshop for Teens and Adults (ages 13+)

Monday, July 7, 6 – 7:30 p.m., Quiet Study B

Join us to study a horror story, discuss it, and use it in a writing exercise! Learn what makes a scary story tick and use those skills to level up your own writing. Register to reserve your spot. All reading, writing materials and supplies will be provided.

Pajama Storytime/Cuentos en Pijama

Mondays, July 7, 14, 21, & 28, 7 – 8 p.m., the Nest

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.

Age-Friendly Community Listening Session

Tuesday, July 8, 2 – 4 p.m., Community Room

Did you know that Santa Clara County was the first county to have all its cities designated as “Age-Friendly” by the World Health Organization? To maintain this designation, the county began work to update its age-friendly planning which includes a survey. During this program, survey results will be presented to the community.

Teen Paint Party (ages 13-18)

Wednesday, July 9, 2 – 4 p.m., Community Room

Express yourself through paint! We'll have everything you need. No registration, seating is limited.

Summer Reading: Coventry & Kaluza Circus

Thursday, July 10, 2 – 3 p.m., Community Room

Award-winning circus comedians Coventry & Kaluza are bringing an incredible show filled with juggling, acrobatics, music, and comedy. Come enjoy this amazing performance and have a great time. Fun for all ages!

Book Discussion

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

We will discuss *Easy Beauty: A Memoir* by Chloe Cooper Jones.

Summer Reading: Everybody Drummm!

Friday, July 11, 12 – 1 p.m., Community Room

You'll be amazed by the energy and talent of the professional performers who will put on a show that will have you clapping, tapping, and moving to the beat. Te sorprenderá la energía y el talento de los artistas profesionales, quienes ofrecerán un espectáculo que te hará aplaudir y moverte al ritmo.

LEGO Club

Friday, July 11, 3 – 4:30 p.m., Community Room

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

Summer Reading: Magician Brian Scott

Saturday, July 12, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 – 2:30 p.m., Community Room

Brian Scott's *Biblio Spectacular* is an interactive show packed with magic and comedy that will spark your imagination and leave you wondering about the magical world all around you. **A sensory-friendly experience performance is scheduled for 1:30 p.m.**

Biblio Spectacular de Brian Scott es un espectáculo interactivo lleno de magia y comedia que despertará tu imaginación y te hará pensar en el mundo mágico que te rodea. **A las 13:30 horas está prevista una actuación con experiencia sensorial.**

Open Poetry Readings

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

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

Adult Paint Party/Fiesta de Pintura Para Adultos

Sunday, July 13, 2 – 4 p.m., Community Room

This paint party is perfect for adults looking to explore their artistic side. We'll provide all the materials. Esta fiesta de pintura es perfecta para adultos que buscan explorar su lado artístico. Te proporcionaremos todos los materiales.

Conozca sus Derechos/Know Your Rights

Monday, July 14, 6:30 – 8 p.m., Community Room

Infórmese sobre la Red de Respuesta Rápida del Condado de Santa Clara, su funcionamiento y la importancia de contactar con la línea directa. Aprenda qué debe hacer si se encuentra con ICE en casa, dentro de un vehículo, en su lugar de trabajo o en público. Learn about the Santa Clara County Rapid Response Network, how the network functions and the importance of contacting the hotline. Learn what you should do if you encounter ICE at home, inside a vehicle, a place of employment, or in public.

Mend it! Basic Sewing Skills for Teens (ages 12-18)

Wednesday, July 16, 2 – 4 p.m., Community Room

We'll be teaching the absolute beginner skills, including how to thread a needle, what types of needle and thread you'll need for different mending jobs, and how to do several basic stitches. No sewing knowledge or experience needed! Register to reserve your spot.

Summer Reading: Slim Chance Circus

Thursday, July 17, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room

Join Gilroy Library as Slim artfully blends circus, vaudeville and slapstick comedy to create a multitude of magical moments and surprises. Acompaña a la Biblioteca de Gilroy para disfrutar de Slim, quien combina de manera creativa el circo, el vodevil y la comedia física para crear momentos mágicos y llenos de sorpresas.

Summer Reading: Polyhedra Party

Friday, July 18, 2 – 4 p.m., Community Room

Come color and construct your own polyhedron, while learning about woven, geometric art and some of the mathematical connections between shapes.

Ven a colorear y construir tu propio poliedro, mientras aprendes de Stacy Speyer sobre su arte geométrico tejido y algunas de las conexiones matemáticas entre las formas.

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

Friday, July 18, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Quiet Study B

Our staff-led meetings offer a safe space for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning and ally (LGBTQ+) youth to play games, participate in group activities and discussions, and build community. No registration necessary.

Summer Reading: Insect Discovery Lab

Saturday, July 19, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 – 2:30 p.m., Community Room

Learn about insects you rarely get to see. **The 1:30 program is sensory-friendly.**

Aprende sobre insectos que rara vez se pueden ver.

Level Up Your Tote with Bag Charms

Saturday, July 19, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Community Room

If you want to change up the look of your bag or tote, learn how to make bag charms. We will be using basic jewelry supplies and recycled materials to personalize and restyle your own tote/purse. Adults and teens welcome. Please register.

DIY Terrariums for Adults

Sunday, July 20, 2 – 3 p.m., Community Room

Join us for a hands-on workshop where you'll learn how to create your own miniature ecosystem. We'll provide the materials and guidance to build a terrarium. Please register.

Yo-Yo Performance and Class

Tuesday, July 22, 5 – 6 p.m., Civic Plaza

Meet National Yo-Yo Champion Ernest Kahn as he delivers an exciting yo-yo performance, followed by a guided yo-yo class for children 5 years and above. Conoce a Ernest Kahn, Campeón Nacional de Yo-yo, mientras presenta un emocionante espectáculo de yo-yo, seguido de una clase guiada para niños de 5 años en adelante.

Basic Kitchens for Teens (ages 12-18)

Wednesday, July 23, 2 – 4 p.m., Community Room

We'll be teaching the absolute beginner skills, including an introduction to common kitchen tools, an overview of cooking terms, and some very basic general skills. No kitchen experience needed! Register to reserve your spot.

WERC's Silent Hunters

Friday, July 25, 2 – 3 p.m., Community Room

Engage in an in-depth study of native California owls, observe the natural habitat of a live owl and examine a variety of hands-on specimens such as skulls, bones, feet, talons, wings and feathers. Participa en un estudio detallado de los búhos nativos de California, observa el hábitat natural de un búho vivo y examina una variedad de especímenes interactivos, como cráneos, huesos, patas, garras, alas y plumas.

Summer Reading: Chalk It Up

Saturday, July 26, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Civic Plaza

Join us for a family fun time creating art, drawings, and games with chalk. Acompáñanos para pasar un momento divertido en familia creando arte, dibujos y juegos con tizas.

Retro Roadshow: Mario Through the Ages

Saturday, July 26, 2 – 5 p.m.

Delve into an interactive presentation tracing the evolution of video game art and science through the lens of Nintendo's iconic "Mario" character. Then explore a range of classic video game consoles featuring nearly five decades of Mario-centric games.

Summer Reading: Bingo Fun!

Tuesday, July 29, 2 – 3 p.m., Community Room

Grab your friends and join us for a lively afternoon of classic Bingo—complete with prizes and light refreshments!

¡Invita a tus amigos y acompáñanos a una divertida tarde de Bingo clásico—con premios!

Book Discussion

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

We will discuss [*Plan A*](#) by Deb Caletti.

Summer Reading: Basic Repair Skills for Teens (ages 12-18)

Wednesday, July 30, 2 – 4 p.m., Community Room

We'll be teaching the absolute beginner skills, including an introduction to basic hand tools and power tools, a demonstration of how to use them and in what situations, and general safety tips. No tool experience needed! Register to reserve your spot; walk-ins welcome as space allows.

LOS ALTOS -- 13 S. San Antonio Road**Summer Reading: Camp Read S'More (Grades 4-5)**

Tuesdays, July 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 2 – 3 p.m., Orchard Room

Camp Read S'more is a great way to keep your incoming 4th or 5th grader engaged and entertained during the summer. We will discuss a different book and have engaging discussions and activities. Please register.

The Whodunit? Mystery Book Club

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

We will discuss [*What the Dead Leave Behind*](#) by Rosemary Simpson.

Baby Storytime & Stay and Play

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

Let's enjoy songs, rhymes, gentle movement, short books, and other fun. The storytime will last about 20 minutes, the rest of the time is Stay & Play with baby-appropriate toys.

Summer Reading: Coventry & Kaluza Circus

Wednesday, July 2, 3 – 4 p.m. and 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

Award-winning circus comedians Coventry & Kaluza are bringing an incredible show filled with juggling, acrobatics, music, and comedy. We will begin handing out free tickets 30 minutes before the performance.

ESL Conversation Club

Thursdays, July 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, 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.

Teen Dungeons and Dragons Social Club

Thursdays, July 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, 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, July 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, July 7, 14, 21, & 28, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard Room

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

Bilingual Spanish Family Storytime/Hora de Cuentos Bilingüe Para Familias

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

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

Tuesdays, July 8, 15, 22, & 29, 1 – 1:30 p.m., Orchard Room

These 30-minute sessions focus on early literacy by sharing stories and songs in both 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。

Healing Art Workshop

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

This program helps participants relax, de-stress, and reconnect with their emotions. Soothing soundscapes are paired with guided visual art practices like intuitive painting, reflective journaling, or mindful drawing.

Toddler Storytime

Wednesdays & Thursdays, July 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24, 30, & 31, 10:30 – 11 am, Orchard Room

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

Summer Reading: Puppet Art Theater

Wednesday, July 9, 3 – 4 p.m. and 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

Puppet Art Theater presents *2 Billy Goats Gruff*.

Preschool Storytime (ages 3-5)

Thursdays, July 10, 17, 24, & 31, 3:30 – 4 p.m., Orchard Room

Join us for stories, music, movement, and more at our preschool storytime.

Watercolor Workshop for Adults

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

Join us for a watercolor workshop. All supplies will be provided. Registration is not required. Seating will be determined on a first-come, first-serve basis, and no seat saving.

Retro Roadshow: Mario Through the Ages

Saturday, July 12, 2 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

Delve into an interactive presentation tracing the evolution of video game art and science through the lens of Nintendo's iconic "Mario" character. Then explore a range of classic video game consoles featuring nearly five decades of Mario-centric games.

Board Game Sunday

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

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

Poetry Open Mic

Monday, June 14, 7 – 8 p.m., Pod D

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

Book Bugs Club (Grades 2 – 3)

Tuesday, June 15, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

We will discuss [*Humphrey's Really Wheely Racing Day*](#) by Betty G. Birney. 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.

Dividend Investing for Financial Growth

Tuesday, June 15, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room

This in-depth program provides you with the crucial knowledge and actionable strategies to confidently build a portfolio of dividend-paying stocks for both consistent passive income and substantial long-term growth.

Summer Reading: Mike the Magician

Wednesday, July 16, 3 – 4 p.m. and 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

Join Magician Mike Della Penna as he creates wonder and laughter with a family magic performance that is equal parts playful and astonishing! Pick up a free ticket 30 minutes before the performance.

Bay Area Games Day

Saturday, July 19, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m., Orchard Room

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

Sunday CrafterNoon (all ages)

Sunday, July 20, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Orchard Room

This is a time to relax with the community and let your creativity shine. Children must come with their responsible adult crafting-buddy (this is not a drop-off program).

To Be Read Book Club (Grades 6 – 8)

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

We will discuss [Absolutely Normal Chaos](#) by Sharon Creech. After our discussion we will do a fun activity. Please register online 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, July 22, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard Room

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

Summer Reading: Dream Top

Wednesday, July 23, 3 – 4 p.m. and 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

Join Drea and her accomplice, Quakers the Emu puppet, to discover your own superpowers and go on a top-secret mission! Free tickets will be handed out 30 minutes before the performance.

Wednesday Travel Nights

Wednesday, July 23, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Nestled between the Pacific Ocean and the Sea of Cortez, Mexico's Baja Peninsula is full of adventure. Its unique combination of cactus-filled desert and mountain landscapes bordering beautiful ocean waters offer new exploration with every visit.

Summer Reading: Teen Paint-Your-Own Pottery Workshop

Saturday, July 26, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Teens ages 13-18 are invited to select a piece of pottery and decorate it. It will later be glazed and fired, available for pickup later. This program is offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

Furry Friends Reading Buddies (Grades K-8)

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

Practice your reading skills by reading aloud to a friendly cat or dog. Please register.

Summer Reading: Arabic Belly Dance

Sunday, July 27, 2 – 3 p.m.

Immerse yourself in the captivating world of Arabic dance. Discover the beauty and dynamism of this art form, culminating in a dance lesson open to everyone.

Now Read This Book Club

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

We will be discussing [*Demon Copperhead*](#) by Barbara Kingsolver.

Summer Reading: Make a Bag Craft

Wednesday, July 30, 3 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

Drop in for this fun program. We will provide the bags, felt die-cut pieces, stencils, and markers. Then use those beautiful bags to carry your library books.

MILPITAS -- 160 N. Main Street**Baby Bouncers Lapsit**

Tuesdays, July 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. Bring a blanket for babies to lay on.

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

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

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

ESL Conversation Club

Wednesdays, July 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.

Summer Reading: Magician Perry Yan

Wednesday, July 2, 3:30 – 4:15 p.m. and 7 – 7:45 p.m., Auditorium

Perry incorporates plenty of clean comedy that will keep you laughing while his sleight of hand magic will leave you in awe! Free tickets will be handed up 30 minutes before the performance.

Toddler Storytime: 1s and 2s Together

Thursdays, July 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, 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, July 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, 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.

Family Storytime

Saturdays, July 5, 12, 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.

Summer Reading: Teen Paint-Your-Own Pottery Workshop

Saturday, July 5, 2 – 3 p.m.

Teens ages 13-18 are invited to select a piece of pottery and decorate it. It will later be glazed and fired, available for pickup later. This program is offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

Teen Rubik's Cube Club

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

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

Summer Reading: Video Game Film Festival

Sundays, July 6, 13, & 27, 11 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., Auditorium

Join us for movies about gaming and games rather than based on a specific video game. Enjoy such films as “War Games,” “A Minecraft Movie,” and “Ready Player One.”

Summer Reading: Science is for Me (Grades K-2)

Monday, July 7, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Auditorium

Participate in hands-on science experiments. This week we will learn about Redwood trees. This program is self-paced and adult caregivers will need to help their little learners.

Summer Reading: Puppet Art Theater

Wednesday, July 9, 3:30 – 4:15 p.m. and 7 – 7:45 p.m., Auditorium

Puppet Art Theater presents Tommy's Pirate Adventure. Free tickets will be handed out 30 minutes before the performance.

Qi Gong Meditation & Exercise Classes

Fridays, July 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, July 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.

Summer Reading: Gaming Day (grades 3-8)

Fridays, July 11 & 25, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Activity Room

Let's play video games like Super Smash Bros, Mario Kart, and more. There will also be board games available. Participants can bring their own Switch controller, but they will have to be responsible for it.

Board Game Day

Saturday, July 12, 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.

Dungeons and Dragons Mini Campaign (ages 13+)

Saturdays, July 12 & 26, 2 – 4 p.m., Conference Room

Our DM will guide you through the process of character creation and rules. No registration required, walk-ins welcome.

DJing Workshop (Grades 6-12)

Saturday, July 12, 2 – 4 p.m., Program Room

Learn how to download and organize your music collection and use Rekordbox to prepare your playlists and mix harmonically.

Summer STEM with the Tech Interactive (grades K-8)

Monday, July 14, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Auditorium

Participants will build earthquake safe structures and test them on a shake table. Register online.

Family BINGO for Ages 5-12

Monday, July 14, 3 – 4 p.m., Activity Room

Join us for fun and friendly competition. Registration not required, space is limited.

Science Fiction and Fantasy Book Club

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

Sign up and pick up a copy of *Piranesi* by Susanna Clarke to read before we meet.

Summer Reading: For Goodness Snakes

Wednesday, July 16, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. and 7 – 8 p.m., Auditorium

Learn about the fascinating world of reptiles and bust myths and misconceptions about our cold-blooded friends. Free tickets will be handed out 30 minutes before the performance.

LGBTQ Movie Night

Friday, July 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.

Adult and Teen Crafternoon

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

We will provide a selection of miniature figurines to paint and admire.

No Fuss Meal Prep

Sunday, July 20, 2 – 3 p.m., Orchard Room

Discover the joy of having delicious, ready-to-eat meals at your fingertips.

Summer STEM with the Tech Interactive (grades K-8)

Monday, July 21, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Auditorium

Participants will build paper airplanes to carry passengers and fly.

Summer Reading: Mr. SHAP

Wednesday, July 23, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. and 7 – 8 p.m., Auditorium

Celebrate summer with Mr. SHAP's magic and balloon animals. Free tickets will be handed out 30 minutes before the performance. Limit 2 adults per family.

Reading Buddies for Grades K-5

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

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

Summer Reading: Science is for Me (Grades K-2)

Monday, July 8, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Auditorium

Participate in hands-on science experiments. This week we build houses for stuffed animals. This program is self-paced and adult caregivers will need to help their little learners.

Summer Reading: Spencer Grey Magic

Wednesday, July 30, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. and 7 – 8 p.m., Auditorium

With a one-of-a-kind blend of mystery, humor, and interactive fun, Spencer Grey's magic will have you laughing. Free tickets will be handed out 30 minutes before the performance.

The Peaceful Poets

Thursday, July 31, 5:30 – 8 p.m., Conference Room

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

MORGAN HILL -- 660 W. Main Avenue

Lunch at the Library

Mondays-Fridays, 12 – 1 p.m. (except during holidays)

Children ages 0-18 can stop by for lunch, while supplies last. No registration required.

¡Almuerzos gratuitos para niños de 0 a 18 años! No es necesario registrarse.

Kids LEGO Club

Wednesdays, July 2, 16, & 30, 1 – 3 p.m., Children's Activity Room

Children will use their creativity and engineering skills to build anything they can imagine.

LEGOs are available for ages 2+. No registration required.

STEAM Club for Ages 10-12

Wednesdays, July 2, 16, & 20, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., Children's Activity Room

Curious creators will make a new project such as paper circuits and solar bugs.

After Dinner Book Club

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

We discuss [*True Biz*](#) by Sara Novic.

Toddler Storytime

Thursday, July 3, 17, & 31, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Children's Activity Room

Join us for a fun-filled storytime featuring stories, songs, rhymes, and lots of interactive movement aimed at 2–3-year-olds and their caregivers.

Preschool Storytime

Thursday, July 3, 17, & 31, 11:15 – 11:45 a.m., Children's Activity Room

Join us for a fun-filled storytime featuring stories, songs, rhymes, and lots of interactive movement aimed at 3- to 4-year-olds and their caregivers.

Bilingual Family Storytime for All Ages

Saturdays, July 5, 12, 19, & 26, 10:30 – 11:15 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).

Zumba

Mondays, July 7 & 21, 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.

STEM Club

Tuesdays, July 8 & 22, 1 – 2:30 p.m.

We will create and investigate science through crafts like watercolor hats and slime.

Seed Mosaic Workshop for Adults

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

Discover the art of using colorful seeds to create beautiful, textured designs. All supplies provided—just bring your imagination! No registration required.

Family Fun Night

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

Families with school-aged children (ages 5+) will create art, crafts, or participate in hands-on STEM activities. This month we will do shimmer mosaics.

Kids Art Club

Wednesday, July 9, 1 – 2:30 p.m., Children’s Activity Room

We will create foil sculptures inspired by Roy De Forest. This is a drop-in program for children ages 5+ and their adults.

Dungeons & Dragons Writing Workshop: Design Your Own Universe

Wednesday, July 9, 3 – 5 p.m., Program Room

Forge your own fantasy world from the ground up—lands, cultures, religions, and more! Learn how to turn a simple map or idea into a living, breathing setting your players will never forget. This program is for ages 11-18. Registration required.

Summer Reading: Coventry & Kaluza Circus

Thursday, July 10, 11 – 11:45 a.m., Children’s Activity Room

Award-winning circus comedians Coventry & Kaluza are bringing an incredible show filled with juggling, acrobatics, music, and comedy.

Fiber Arts Club

Thursday, July 10, 4 – 5:45 p.m., Program Room

This is a welcoming community for anyone interested in crafts such as knitting, crocheting, weaving and more. Learn new skills, share your projects and connect with fellow crafters. This program is for adults 18+.

Tiny Tot Jamboree

Fridays, July 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 stories, rhymes, fingerplays and songs.

Itty Bitty Jamboree

Fridays, July 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!

Summer STEM with the Tech Interactive (ages 5+)

Friday, July 11, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

Participants will build paper airplanes to carry passengers and fly.

Safe Space for LGBTQ+ Teens and Young Adults (ages 13-25)

Fridays, July 11 & 25, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Community Room

Our staff-led meetings offer a safe space for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning and ally (LGBTQ+) youth to play games, participate in group activities and discussions, and build community. No registration necessary.

ESL Conversation Club

Saturdays, July 12 & 19, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Program Room

Practice your English conversation skills with friends. This is for adults 18+ who speak basic English. No registration required.

Dungeons & Dragons: One-Shot Game

Saturday, July 12, 2:30 – 5:30 p.m., Program Room

We will have tables available for kids (ages 11-18) who have never played before, players who want experience playing with high level characters, or playing a Chaos-themed campaign.

Vintage-Inspired Ribbon Bookmarks

Monday, July 14, 6 – 7 p.m., Program Room

Adults are invited to join us for a relaxing craft session where you'll design and make your own ribbon or lace bookmark, complete with metal charms. No registration required.

Summer Reading: Pop Up Bug Museum

Tuesday, July 15, 1 – 4 p.m., Children’s Activity Room

This Pop Up Bug Museum includes displays of arthropods from around the world, live bug terrariums, and activities for all ages. No registration is required.

Library Ukulele Society

Tuesday, July 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.

Summer Reading: Karaoke & Chill

Tuesday, July 15, 7 – 8:45 p.m., Program Room

Adults are invited to a night full of music, laughs and unforgettable performances. No registration required.

Dungeons & Dragons Writing Workshop: Creating Campaigns That Captivate

Wednesday, July 16, 3 – 5 p.m., Program Room

Design thrilling adventures, weave compelling story arcs with engaging villains and dynamic NPCs. This workshop dives into how to craft campaigns that keep players coming back for more. This program is for ages 11-18. Registration required.

DJing Workshop (ages 12-18)

Saturday, July 19, 3 – 5 p.m., Program Room

Learn how to download and organize your music collection and use Rekordbox to prepare your playlists and mix harmonically. Please bring a laptop and USB drive.

Kids Art Club

Wednesday, July 23, 1 – 2:30 p.m., Children's Activity Room

We will create postage stamp designs inspired by Robert Indiana. This is a drop-in program for children ages 5+ and their adults.

Dungeons & Dragons Writing Workshop: How to be a Dungeon Master

Wednesday, July 23, 3 – 5 p.m., Program Room

Master the art of storytelling, improvisation, and running unforgettable sessions. Learn the tricks, tools, and confidence-building skills every great DM needs. This program is for ages 11-18. Registration required.

Summer Reading: Python Ron's Reptile Kingdom

Thursday, July 24, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. and 1 – 2 p.m., Children's Activity Room

From 18-foot pythons to 4-foot-long lizards, Python Ron gives everyone the opportunity to get up close and personal with these awesome creatures.

Movie Night

Thursday, July 24, 2:30 – 5:45 p.m., Program Room

We will screen "Independence Day" (PG-13).

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

Friday, July 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.

Embroidery Bookmark Workshop

Tuesday, July 29, 2 – 3 p.m., Program Room

Design and make your own string art bookmark—a beautiful and practical keepsake for all your favorite books. No experience is needed, and all materials are provided. This program is for adults and teens ages 13+.

SARATOGA -- 13650 Saratoga Avenue**Wax Nostalgic Exhibit**

Glass Case in the Lobby Through July 29

Wax Nostalgic is an exhibit of a wide variety of tiny sculptures carved out of everyday crayons by Hoang Tran.

Pen Women in the Arts Exhibit

Group Study Room Through July 29

This exhibit is an introduction to the National League of American Pen Women (NLAPW) and showcases a sampling of the work by professional artists of the Santa Clara County Branch.

Family Storytime

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

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

Join us for stories, rhymes, and songs.

Sci-Fi & Fantasy Book Club

Tuesday, June 3, 7 – 8 p.m., Maple Room

We will discuss [*The Player of Games*](#) by Iain M. Banks. Stop by the Adult Reference Desk to sign up for the meeting and pick up a copy of the book.

Knit & Crochet Circle

Wednesday, July 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.

Summer Reading: Magician Perry Yan

Wednesday, July 2, 11 – 11:45 a.m., Community Room

Perry incorporates plenty of clean comedy that will keep you laughing while his sleight of hand magic will leave you in awe! Please leave strollers in the Children's Room.

Summer Reading: Kids Summer Movie

Wednesday, July 2, 2 – 4 p.m., Community Room

Kids in preschool-Grade 7 can stop by to enjoy a showing of "Puss in Boots: The Last Wish."

Drop-in Tech Help

Thursdays, July 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Oak Room

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

Mystery Book Club

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

We will discuss [*Listen for the Lie*](#) by Amy Tintera. Drop by the Adult Reference Desk to sign up and pick up a copy of the book.

Summer Reading: Kids Craft

Tuesday, July 8, 2 – 3 p.m., Community Room

Create your own ocean/sea scene with shells, popsicle sticks, and yarn.

Summer Reading: Puppet Show

Wednesday, July 9, 11 – 11:45 a.m., Community Room

Kids ages 0-12 can enjoy a Little Red Riding Hood puppet show.

Summer Reading: Kids Summer Movie

Wednesday, July 9, 2 – 4 p.m., Community Room

Kids in preschool-Grade 7 can stop by to enjoy a showing of “Kung Fu Panda 4.”

Baby Storytime (12 months or younger)

Fridays, July 11, 18, & 25, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room

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

Summer Reading: Sean’s Music Factory

Saturday, July 12, 11:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Community Room

In lieu of our usual storytime, get ready to go on a fun, musical adventure with Sean's Music Factory.

Kids Craft: Soctopus

Tuesday, July 15, 2 – 2:45 p.m., Community Room

Children of all ages can come and make a sock octopus. All materials will be provided.

Craft is available on a first come, first served basis.

Summer Reading: Coventry & Kaluza Circus

Wednesday, July 16, 11 – 11:45 a.m., Community Room

Award-winning circus comedians Coventry & Kaluza are bringing an incredible show filled with juggling, acrobatics, music, and comedy.

Summer Reading: Kids Summer Movie

Wednesday, July 16, 2 – 4 p.m., Community Room

Kids in preschool-Grade 7 can stop by to enjoy a showing of “Despicable Me 4.”

Mandarin Storytime

Thursday, July 17, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Orchard Room

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

Teatime Book Chatter

Thursday, July 17, 1 – 2 p.m., Orchard Room

We will be discussing *Ikigai* by Héctor García and Francesc Miralles. Stop by the Adult Reference Desk to register and pick up a copy of the book.

Teen Paint Party (ages 13-18)

Friday, July 18, 3 – 5 p.m., Community Room

Express yourself through paint! We'll have everything you need. Seating is limited, please register to reserve your spot.

No Fuss Meal Prep

Saturday, July 19, 1 – 2 p.m.

Discover the joy of having delicious, ready-to-eat meals at your fingertips.

Repair Cafe

Sunday, July 20, 1 – 4 p.m., Community Room

Volunteers will not only help repair your broken items, but they will also teach you how to fix things yourselves. Repairs include small electrical appliances, small non-electrical items, bike repair and clothes mending. Please register. Volunteers with skills also needed.

Board Game Night for Adults

Monday, July 21, 6 – 8 p.m., Maple Room

Drop in at any time and play from one of a variety of board games.

Dungeons & Dragons Paint Party

Tuesday, July 22, 6 – 8:30 p.m., Community Room

Bring your own miniature or choose a model from our selection, then paint it with us!

Wild Animals

Wednesday, July 23, 11 – 11:45 a.m., Community Room

Kids 0-12 years will learn all about armadillos, augur buzzards, crested porcupines, and spectacled owls.

Summer Reading: Kids Summer Movie

Wednesday, July 23, 2 – 4 p.m., Community Room

Kids ages preschool-Grade 7 can stop by to enjoy a showing of “Garfield.”

Spanish Storytime

Thursday, July 24, 11 – 11:30 a.m.

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

Family Bingo

Thursday, July 24, 2 – 3 p.m., Community Room

Join us for Family Bingo and win some prizes. Bring the whole family, all ages are welcome.

No registration necessary, just drop in.

Doug the Surfin’ Magician

Wednesday, July 30, 11 – 11:45 a.m., Community Room

Kids 0-12 years, get ready to be amazed by Doug the Surfin' Magician and his cute bunny.

Summer Reading: Kids Summer Movie

Wednesday, July 30, 2 – 4 p.m., Community Room

Kids in preschool-Grade 7 can stop by to enjoy a movie.

Summer Reading: Teen Paint-Your-Own Pottery Workshop

Thursday, July 31, 3 – 4 p.m.

Teens ages 13-18 are invited to select a piece of pottery and decorate it. It will later be glazed and fired, available for pickup later. This program is offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

WOODLAND – 1975 Grant Road

Monday Meditation and Mindfulness

Mondays, July 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, July 8, 2 – 3:15 p.m.

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

ONLINE EVENTS (Please register online)

Online English Conversation Club

Thursdays, July 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, 11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Meet new friends and practice English together.

Conversación Virtual con el Autor: Raúl the Third/Virtual Author Talk: Raúl The Third

Tuesday, July 8, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. (Spanish) and 1 – 2 p.m. (English)

Acompaña al autor e ilustrador [Raúl The Third](#) en su charla sobre su libro [¡Vamos! Let's Go Read!](#) Join author and illustrator [Raúl The Third](#) as he discusses his book [¡Vamos! Let's Go Read!](#).

Reading Program Orientation

Wednesday, July 16, 1 – 2 p.m. and 6 – 7 p.m.

Tuesday, July 22 and Thursday, July 24, 5:30 – 8 p.m.

GIVE BACK TO YOUR COMMUNITY by becoming an adult literacy tutor for the Reading Program to support an adult learner improve their English reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills to achieve their lifelong goals. Learn how to get started in this orientation.

Virtual Author Talk: Marie Lu

Thursday, July 17, 1 – 2 p.m.

Explore the intricate world of [Marie Lu's Legend](#), where readers are invited to delve beyond the surface and uncover hidden secrets.

Virtual Author Talk: Rex Ogle

Wednesday, July 23, 1 – 2 p.m.

Join us for an online discussion with award-winning author [Rex Ogle](#) as he shares his experiences navigating the challenges of sixth grade, chronicled in his poignant memoir, [Free Lunch](#).

Legion of Honor 100: Global Connections

Tuesday, July 29, 7 – 8 p.m.

This talk will explore how contact between different people and cultures resulted in exchanges of ideas, resources, philosophies, and spiritual beliefs. Whether it was migration, trade, or conquest, these cultural exchanges are reflected in the art seen at the Legion of Honor.

Virtual Author Talk: Priya Anand

Thursday, July 31, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

You are invited to an online conversation with neurologist and author [Priya Anand](#), who will discuss her forthcoming book, [The Electric Mind: A Neurologist on the Strangeness and Wonder of Our Brains](#).