



Regular Meeting Agenda

Library, Culture, and Arts Commission

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Tuesday, November 4, 2025
6:00 PM

Council Chamber
17555 Peak Avenue, Morgan Hill, CA 95037

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

DECLARATION OF POSTING AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENT

This opportunity for public comment is for items that are not on the agenda. If you would like to make comments on an item that is on the agenda, please wait until we get to that item to offer your comments. Members of the public are entitled to address the Commission concerning any item within the Commission's subject matter jurisdiction. Public comments are limited to no more than three minutes. Except for certain specific exceptions, the Commission is prohibited from discussing or taking action on any item not appearing on the posted agenda. Public comment is intended for comments. Questions posed during public comment are not generally answered. If you have questions, please send them to the City Clerk at

LCACpubliccomment@morganhill.ca.gov to receive a response. (See additional noticing at the end of this agenda)

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

RECOGNITION - HAUNT WINNERS

REPORTS

1. **County Librarian Report – Jennifer Weeks, County Librarian**
Recommendation:
Recieve report.
2. **Morgan Hill Library Report - Heather Geddes, Community Librarian**
Recommendation:
Recieve report.
3. **Friends of the Morgan Hill Library Report – Vicky Reader, Friends President**
Recommendation:
Recieve report.
4. **Morgan Hill Historical Society Report - Roger Knopf, Board President**
Recommendation:
Recieve report.
5. **City of Morgan Hill Update - Chris Ghione, Public Services Director**
Recommendation:
Recieve report.

BUSINESS

1. **Accept October 7, 2025 Meeting Minutes**
Recommendation:
Accept October 7, 2025 Meeting Minutes.
2. **South Valley Civic Theater Update**
Recommendation:
Receive update.
3. **Proposition 28 Discussion**
Recommendation:
Commission discussion on how to support implementation of proposition 28.
4. **Work Plan Updates**
Recommendation:

Provide updates on Work Plan Items.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE COMMISSION AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

NOTICE

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PUBLIC COMMENT

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

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

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

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

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must be made as early as possible and at least two-full business days before the start of the meeting.

November 2025 Library Report
Jennifer Weeks, County Librarian



Cooking up a Feast at the Library

Thanksgiving is around the corner, and the nights are getting longer starting on Sun., Nov. 2 as we fall back an hour. Now is the time to get cozy with a good book.

Drop by one of our libraries to check out your next read and discover something new. Make your own decorations using tips from our DIY

[Creativebug](#) resource. Looking for a new recipe to share at the dinner table on Turkey Day? We have [cookbooks](#) at the library as well as digital offerings from [New York Times Cooking](#), [hoopla](#), [Flipster](#) (check under Food & Cooking), and [OverDrive](#). Keep an eye out as well for our staff Thanksgiving blog on our website.

Thank you and Happy Thanksgiving to you and yours. We are grateful for your continued advocacy, participation, and support.

Native American Heritage Month

November marks [Native American Heritage Month](#), which celebrates the cultures and contributions of American Indians and Alaskan natives. SCCLD has a number of in-person and virtual [events planned](#) around the month. These include book clubs and special presentations by the Indian Health Center of Santa Clara County.



Several of our libraries will host a Native American Song and Dance Celebration featuring local artists. Join us Sat., Nov. 15 at [Gilroy](#) and [Morgan Hill](#), [Sun., Nov. 16](#) at Saratoga, [Tue., Nov. 18](#) at Los Altos, and [Sun., Nov. 23](#) at Cupertino. We have two Virtual Author talks from Aquinnah Wampanoag tribe member Joseph Lee on [Wed., Nov. 5](#) and novelist Amanda Peters (Mi'kmaq tribe of Maine) on [Thu., Nov. 13](#). Find more details about their talks at end of this report.

Author [D.M. Rowell](#) (*Mud Sawpole Mysteries*) will share her unique journey from Silicon Valley tech executive to mystery writer, touching on her heritage as a member of the Kiowa Tribe of the Great Plains. She will speak [Sun., Nov. 2](#) at the Gilroy Library, [Mon., Nov. 3](#) at the Saratoga Library, [Wed., Nov. 12](#) at the Los Altos Library and [Tue., Nov. 18](#) at the Morgan Hill Library.



Imagination Library a Huge Hit

More than a tenth of children ages 0-5 in the County of Santa Clara are already enrolled in Dolly Parton's [Imagination Library](https://www.scclld.org/imaginationlibrary) after its first month in operation. Families with age-eligible children who live in the county can enroll online at [scclld.org/imaginationlibrary](https://www.scclld.org/imaginationlibrary) to receive a free age-appropriate book per child sent to their home every month, with English and Spanish

titles available. Books will arrive approximately 8-12 weeks after registration.

The Santa Clara County Library District Foundation is the lead organization providing the Imagination Library to all Santa Clara County families, instilling the love of reading in our county's youngest residents.

Cupertino Kids Dive into New Aquarium Adventure, Updates

The latest [StoryBook SCCLD](https://www.scclld.org/storybook) play space at the Cupertino Library opened on Saturday, [October 18](https://www.scclld.org/storybook). Not even a temporary power outage that delayed opening could dampen the enjoyment of the children who got to experience the new Aquarium Adventure. New friends the SwimmerBots help kids and their families explore an imaginary world filled with colorful creatures.



Storybook SCCLD Dreamy Downtown will be part of the opening of the fully remodeled Campbell Library. The interior building construction is almost finished, and we will soon have access to begin installing shelving, resources and equipment, with an early 2026 opening now expected. Service at the Campbell Express Library has been extended. The Los Altos Library Orchard Outing play space has also been delayed. The Los Altos Library children's room will reopen in the interim. We'll provide an update as soon as we have more information.

FYI- All SCCLD Libraries will be closed on Monday, November 11 for Veterans Day and Thursday and Friday, November 27 and 28 for the Thanksgiving holiday. Find us 24/7 at our [Online Library](https://www.scclld.org).

NEW ONLINE RESOURCES



New Resources in Online Library- NYT

Read all about it! SCCLD has expanded its [New York Times](#) offerings to also include access to:

- [NYT Cooking](#), a cooking guide and interactive kitchen tool with a diverse recipe collection
- [Wirecutter](#), which provides reviews and building advice for thousands of consumer products
- Enjoy [Games](#) like The Crossword, Wordle, Spelling Bee, Connections and more
- [The Athletic](#) provides high-quality local, national and international news coverage of professional and collegiate sports teams

EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS

Gilroy Library
Milpitas Library
Saratoga Library

November 1 – 3
10 AM TO 6 PM

ELECTION DAY
November 4
7 AM TO 8 PM

More info at scclld.org/voting_resources

A New Way to Better Connect to Your Chinese Heritage

SCCLD patrons now have access to a powerful new set of tools for tracking their ancestors from China and other nations with members of the Chinese diaspora. [My China Roots](#) combines the best databases of U.S. immigration and other records with a wealth of documents from mainland China and across Asian.



Use Family Tree books (zupus) to trace your family's lineage. Search Chinese Exclusion Records from the U.S., Canada and Australia. If you know how to spell your family name in Chinese or know the exact village or province where your ancestor originated, you can delve into Chinese records. There's even a scanning function that will input your family name for you if you can't input the symbols yourself.

VIRTUAL

Author Talks

NOVEMBER 2025

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

Joseph Lee
November 5 from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Lee explores what it means to be Indigenous today amid the pressures of land loss, cultural erosion, and colonial legacy.




Amanda Peters
November 13 from 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Drawing from her *Mikmaq* heritage, Peters explores themes of family, grief, and identity.




Charles Duhigg
November 18 from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Duhigg explores science behind meaningful conversations and how we can connect more effectively in every part of life.




November Virtual Author Talks

Three authors will delve into their works this month online.

First up on Wed., Nov. 5 journalist and author [Joseph Lee](#) discusses his powerful memoir, [Nothing More of this Land](#) in which he explores what it means to be Indigenous today amid the pressures of land loss, cultural erosion and colonial legacy. [Please register.](#)

Author [Amanda Peters](#) shares about her debut novel [The Berry Pickers](#) and short stories on Thu., Nov. 13. Peters' novel deals with themes of family, grief and identity through the story of a girl who vanishes. [Please register.](#)

Rounding out the trio on Tue., Nov. 18 is bestselling author [Charles Duhigg](#), whose latest work is [Supercommunicators: How to Unlock the Secret Language of Connection](#). Hear about the science behind meaningful conversations. [Please register.](#)

SANTA CLARA COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT NOVEMBER 2025 EVENTS

SCCLD libraries will be closed on Tuesday, November 11 for Veterans Day and Thursday & Friday, November 27 & 28 for Thanksgiving. Our Online Library is always available at scclld.org/Online-Library/.

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

Family Storytime

Wednesdays, November 5, 12, 19, & 26, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard City Banquet Hall

This storytime is children ages 0-5 and will feature stories, songs and more. Please bring a blanket or towel to sit on.

Distinguished Author Series: Twice the Wisdom: Mitch Albom Returns

Thursday, November 13, 7 – 8 p.m., Campbell Heritage Theatre

Mitch Albom will discuss his latest novel, [Twice](#), which explores second chances. There will be Q&A with the audience after the talk. Participants can purchase a copy of the book, *Twice*, at the talk and have it signed by Albom.

CUPERTINO -- 10800 Torre Avenue

Family Storytime

Saturdays, November 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 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.

How and Why to Learn Poems by Heart

Saturday, November 1, 4 – 6 p.m., Room 201

Memorizing and reciting poetry is a rewarding practice for poets and poetry lovers.

Cupertino Poet Laureate Keiko O'Leary will share tips that make memorizing poems easier.

Babywearing Dance

Sundays, November 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Join us for babywearing dancing.

Baby Sign and Sing

Sunday, November 2, 11 – 11:30 a.m., First Floor Program Room

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

ESL Parent and Caregiver Conversation Club

Mondays, November 3 & 17, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m., Room 101

Join us for an engaging series designed to support families and spark meaningful conversations about children and parenting. Learn practical tips and insights from special guest speakers. Connect with other parents and caregivers in the community.

ESL Conversation Club

Tuesdays, November 4 & 18, 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.

Toddler Storytime (ages 1-2)

Tuesdays, November 4, 18, & 25, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Room 101

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

LEGO Club (Grades K-8)

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

We provide LEGOs, children build creations! Please leave your LEGOs at home.

Homework Help for Grades K-5

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4:30 – 6 p.m., Torre Room

Students can get free homework help. No registration is required. Basic school supplies will be provided.

Children's Literature for Adults Book Club

Tuesday, November 4, 7 – 8 p.m.

Adults will discuss, reminisce, or discover a beloved children's classic. Please register at the Children's Reference Desk. This program is for adults only.

Wednesday Afternoon Meditation and Mindfulness

Wednesdays, November 5, 12, 19, & 26, 4:30 – 5 p.m., Room 201A

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

Tariffs, Global Trade, and Your Investments

Wednesday, November 5, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Room 201

Whether you are watching your stocks climb or wondering why your returns are shrinking, international trade policies may be playing a bigger role than you think. This program is sponsored by the Financial Planning Association of Silicon Valley.

Bedtime Storytime

Wednesdays, November 5, 12, 19, & 26, 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, November 6, 13, & 20, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., First Floor Program Room

This storytime features stories and songs that encourage the development of early literacy skills. Storytime is limited to the first 30 babies with a maximum of 2 adults per family.

Reading Buddies (completed Grades K-5)

Thursday, November 6, 7 – 8 p.m., Room 101

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.

Knit-Alongs at Cupertino Library

Fridays, November 7, 14, & 21, 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.

Mandarin/English Family Storytime/ [中/英文雙語說故事時間](#)

Fridays, November 7 & 21, 7 – 8 p.m., Room 101

Join us for stories, songs, flannel board story, fingerplay and a craft project in Mandarin and English. 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。歡迎幼兒們 和家長, 祿母一同前來參加。

Discover Ilocano Traditional Weaving

Saturday, November 8, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Room 201

Discover its socio-cultural and historical significance and explore iconic design patterns, their symbolism, and try weaving on small looms.

The Essential Guide to Mushroom Foraging

Saturday, November 8, 3 – 4 p.m.

This program provides a comprehensive introduction to recognizing edible varieties like chanterelles, morels, and porcini, while emphasizing the critical importance of distinguishing them from poisonous species.

Nonfiction Book Discussion

Sunday, November 9, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Room 201B

We will discuss [All the Beauty in the World](#) by Patrick Bringley.

Japanese Bilingual Storytime

Sunday, November 9, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Room 101

This bilingual Japanese storytelling session will include traditional kamishibai (paper theater), puppets and books!

Sunday Line Dance

Sunday, November 9, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Room 201

Learn and master shuffles, sweeps, and turns while improving your balance, coordination, stamina, footwork, and arm styling. Wear comfortable shoes.

Reading Program Family Literacy Club

Wednesday, November 12, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Community Room 101

We will make a tree with just cotton balls and paint, while practicing some strategies to help build literacy skills. All supplies will be provided. No registration required but spots are limited.

Mandarin Book Discussion Meeting: [像這樣的小事 \(Xiang zhe yang de xiao shi\)](#)

Thursday, November 13, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Room 201A

The Cupertino Library Chinese Book Discussion will talk [about 像這樣的小事 Xiang zhe yang de xiao shi \(Small Things Like These\)](#) by Claire Keegan.

Rangoli for Kids (ages 6+)

Thursday, November 13, 4 – 5 p.m., Room 101

Learn about and create your own rangoli to take home. Arrive on time, supplies are limited!

Art Therapy for Tweens (ages 10+ and caregiver)

Friday, November 14, 4 – 5 p.m., Room 101

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

Create CU: Suminagashi (ages 18+)

Friday, November 14, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Room 201B

Learn suminagashi, a Japanese paper marbling technique. Materials and instruction will be provided. Please register.

HTML for Teens Workshop

Saturday, November 15, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Room 201

The session includes building a simple web page, giving participants hands on experience and deepening their understanding of basic HTML. This workshop is hosted by Together We AI, a nonprofit organization that aims to make AI education accessible to everyone.

Discovering Data: An Intro to SQL

Saturday, November 15, 2 – 4 p.m., Room 201

Join us for a hands-on workshop on the basics of SQL! You'll be learning about database querying and data analysis. Please be sure to bring a fully charged laptop and charging cord to this workshop.

Police Read Along

Wednesday, November 19, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Room 101

A deputy will read books and share safety tips. Please arrive on time; seating is limited.

Book Discussion for Adults

Wednesday, November 19, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., and Thursday, November 20, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Room 201B

We will discuss [The Bandit Queens](#) by Parini Shroff.

Origami for School Aged Kids (ages 5-13)

Thursday, November 20, 4 – 4:45 p.m., Room 101

Learn how to fold 3 different origami projects. Each project will be demonstrated, step-by-step. Origami paper is provided. No registration required.

Fall Science Craft (ages 6+)

Friday, November 21, 4 – 5 p.m., Room 101

Join us as we learn about this non-Newtonian substance, is it a liquid or a solid? Afterward, make your own Oobleck to take home and run further experiments with!

Native American Song and Dance Celebration

Sunday, November 23, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Room 201

Future Generations is a cultural collaboration of Native American singers, dancers, and artists. Guided by our mission to honor our ancestors and their teachings through cultural expressions of the past, present, and future, we strive to educate the public about the songs, dances, art, food, and traditions of the Indigenous Peoples of America.

Family Game Day

Wednesday, November 26, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m., Room 101

We have Monopoly, Scrabble, Clue, Sorry!, Twister, puzzles, card games and more! Family Game Day also features Library Mini Golf.

Jigsaw Puzzle Competition for Adults

Wednesday, November 26, 3 – 5 p.m., Room 201

10 teams, 4 people each, 2 hours, 500 pieces, and bragging rights. The goal is to be the team that finishes the jigsaw puzzle in the shortest amount of time. Please register.

GILROY -- 350 W. Sixth Street

StoryWalk Celebration

Saturday, November 1, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Christmas Hill Park (7050 Miller Avenue)

Celebrate with us and receive a free book. Special music and dance performance by Los Panaderos. Ven a celebrar con nosotros y recibe un libro gratis.

Seed Kits for Teens and Adults

Saturday, November 1 – Sunday, November 30, Upstairs Information Desk

Pick up a packet of chive seeds. These kits include seeds, how to care for the plant, a recipe and book pairings. Available while supplies last.

Planting & Growing California Wildflowers

Saturday, November 1, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room

Learn about native wildflowers that are easy to grow from scattered seeds. Find out which ones attract beneficial insects and various pollinators. We'll cover soil preparation, competition from weeds, and possible problems.

Family Storytime/Hora de Cuentos

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

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

Native American Heritage Month Author Visit: D.M. Rowell

Sunday, November 2, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Community Room

Rowell brings her unique perspective as a member of the Kiowa Tribe and a lifelong storyteller rooted in Plains Indian oral tradition. She'll explore themes of identity, culture, and place as reflected in her novels, which follow a protagonist returning to her childhood home to solve chilling mysteries steeped in tribal history.

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

Mondays, November 3, 10, 17, & 24, 1 – 5 p.m., Computer Area Upstairs

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

Create N Play/Crear Y Jugar (Kids 12 and under)

Mondays, November 3, 10, 17, & 24, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m., Children's Area

Join us for a crafty exploration of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math. No registration needed. ¡Acompañenos para explorar todo lo relacionado con Ciencia, Tecnología, Ingeniería, Arte y Matemáticas. ¡Inscripción no es necesaria!

Pajama Storytime/Hora de Cuentas en Pijama

Mondays, November 3, 10, 17, & 24, 6:30 – 7 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.

Reading Program Family Literacy Club

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

We will make a tree with just cotton balls and paint, while practicing some strategies to help build literacy skills. All supplies will be provided. No registration required but spots are limited.

Homework Help/Ayuda con la Tarea

Tuesdays-Thursdays, 4 – 5:30 p.m., the Nest/Nido

Are you a student in grades 1st - 6th and need help with homework? We have tutors for you to receive homework help. ¿Eres un estudiante de 1.º a 6.º grado y necesitas ayuda con la tarea? Tenemos tutores disponibles para ayudarte con tus tareas.

Zumba at the Library/Clase de Zumba Fitness

Tuesdays, November 4, 18, & 25, 5:45 – 6:45 p.m., Community Room

Drop in for an easy to follow dance that works all major muscle groups in a high-energy cardio blast. Únase a nosotros para un entrenamiento gratuito basado en baile y ritmo.

Reading Buddies/Compañeros de Lectura

Tuesday, November 4, 6 – 7 p.m., the Nest/Nido

Practice your reading skills and read aloud one on one with a furry friend! Sign-ups are first come, first serve until all slots are filled. ¡Ven a practicar tus habilidades de lectura y lee en voz alta uno a uno con un amigo peludo! Las inscripciones serán por orden de llegada hasta que se llenen todos los espacios.

Teen Unity Through Arts & Crafts/Jóvenes Unidos creando arte y manualidades
Wednesdays, November 5 & 19, 4 – 6 p.m.

Join us to work on art projects together. All supplies will be provided. Earn community service hours for school. Enjoy snacks and make new friends. No registration needed. ¡Ven a crear regalos hechos a mano, gana horas de servicio comunitario con amigos disfrutando snacks! Se proporcionarán todos los suministros.

Books and Boogie Storytime/Hora de Cuentos

Thursdays, November 6, 13, & 20, 10:30 – 11 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, November 6, 13, & 20, 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!

Book Discussion for Adults

Friday, November 7, 10:15 – 11:15 a.m., Quiet Study B

We will be discussing [Once There Were Wolves](#) by Charlotte McConaghy.

Baby Bounce Storytime (12 months and younger)

Fridays, November 7, 14, & 21, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room

Baby bounce shares short stories, nursery rhymes, fingerplays and songs that reinforce early literacy skills. Baby Bounce comparte cuentos cortos, canciones infantiles, y canciones que refuerzan habilidades de lectura.

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

Fridays, November 7 & 21, 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.

The Essential Guide to Mushroom Foraging

Saturday, November 8, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

This program provides a comprehensive introduction to recognizing edible varieties like chanterelles, morels, and porcini, while emphasizing the critical importance of distinguishing them from poisonous species.

Sewing for Beginners (ages 13+)

Saturday, November 8, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m., Quiet Study B

Learn how to use a sewing machine and sew your own fabric water bottle holder with strap. No registration necessary. Space is available on a first come, first served basis.

Open Poetry Readings

Saturday, November 8, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Downstairs Meeting Room

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

Playdoh Playtime/Hora de juego con plastilina (ages 2-7)

Wednesday, November 12, 3 – 4 p.m., Community Room

Children can shape, roll, and squish playdoh using cutters in the shape of dinosaurs. Los niños podrán amasar, moldear y aplastar plastilina usando divertidos cortadores en forma de dinosaurios.

LEGO Club

Friday, November 14, 3 – 4:30 p.m., Community Room

We provide LEGOs, children build creations! Follow prompts or use your imagination. ¡Nosotros proporcionamos los Legos, los niños construyen creaciones divertidas! Pueden seguir nuestras indicaciones o construir algo basado en su imaginación.

Native American Heritage Month: Indian Health Center of Santa Clara Valley

Saturday, November 15, 10 – 10:45 p.m., Community Room

Learn about the center's mission to support the health and well-being of American Indians, Alaska Natives, and the wider community through culturally responsive, high-quality medical and wellness services.

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Image Transfer Tote Bags (ages 13+)

Saturday, November 15, 2 – 3 p.m., Community Room

Learn how to move pictures from one surface to another and make yourself a one-of-a-kind tote bag. Please wear clothes you don't mind getting stained.

Family Board Games

Friday, November 21, 3 – 4:30 p.m., Community Room

We have games for all ages and skill levels. Tenemos juegos para todas las edades y niveles de habilidad.

Dino Day/Dino Fiesta

Saturday, November 22, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Community Room

We will have a dino-storytime, dino games, dino costume crafts, fossil digging, dino eggs, dino painting, dino dance, and a volcano eruption. Tendremos una hora de cuentos con dinosaurios, juegos de dinosaurios, manualidades con disfraces de dinosaurios, excavación de fósiles, huevos de dinosaurio, pintura de dinosaurios, baile de dinosaurios y una erupción volcánica.

Sensory-Friendly Library Playtime/Tiempo de Juego Sensorial Amigable

Tuesday, November 25, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Children's Play Area

We keep the lights low and use natural lighting, computers are turned off, and the doors are closed to reduce outside noise and keep everyone safe. Mantenemos las luces bajas y utilizamos la luz natural. Las computadoras estarán apagadas y las puertas cerradas para reducir el ruido exterior.

Book Discussion for Adults

Tuesday, November 25, 7 – 8 p.m., Quiet Study B

We will be discussing [The One Hundred Years of Lenni and Margot](#) by Marianne Cronin.

Bookworms Book Club (Grades 2-3)

Wednesday, November 26, 3 – 4 p.m., the Nest

We will discuss [Mercy Watson to the Rescue](#) by Kate DiCamillo. Register at the Children's Reference Desk and read the book before the meeting.

Bookdragons Book Club (Grades 4-5)

Wednesday, November 26, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m., the Nest

We will discuss [The One and Only Ivan](#) by Katherine Applegate, then do some crafts and have a snack. Register at the Children's Reference Desk and read the book before the meeting.

LOS ALTOS -- 13 S. San Antonio Road

Los Altos Art Club Exhibit

Saturday, November 1 – November 29, Art Wall

Enjoy art featuring local artists.

Monday Morning Meditation and Mindfulness

Mondays, November 3, 10, 17, & 24, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Teen Room

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

Poetry Open Mic

Monday, November 3, 7 – 8 p.m., Pod D

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

The Whodunit? Mystery Book Club

Wednesday, November 5, 10:15 – 11:30 a.m., Teen Room

We will discuss [Malice](#) by Keigo Higashino.

Discover Ilocano Traditional Weaving

Wednesday, November 5, 1 – 3 p.m., Teen Room

Discover its socio-cultural and historical significance and explore iconic design patterns, their symbolism, and try weaving on small looms.

ESL Conversation Club

Thursdays, November 6, 13, & 20, 1:30 – 3 p.m., Teen 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, November 6, 13, & 20, 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.

Board Game Sunday

Sunday, November 9, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Orchard Room

We have board games for adults, teens, and children -- plus LEGOs and DUPLOS.

Native American Heritage Month Author Visit: D.M. Rowell

Wednesday, November 12, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Teen Room

Rowell brings her unique perspective as a member of the Kiowa Tribe and a lifelong storyteller rooted in Plains Indian oral tradition. She'll explore themes of identity, culture, and place as reflected in her novels, which follow a protagonist returning to her childhood home to solve chilling mysteries steeped in tribal history.

Watercolor Workshop for Adults

Friday, November 14, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and 1 – 2:30 p.m., Teen 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.

Book Bugs Club (Grades 2-3)

Tuesday, November 18, 4 – 5 p.m., Los Altos Community Center's Apricot Room

We will discuss [Please Write in This Book](#) by Mary Amato, then make a craft. Please pick up a copy of the book at the Children's Desk at Los Altos or Woodland Library.

Native American Song and Dance Celebration

Tuesday, November 18, 7 – 8 p.m., Los Altos Community Center Grand Oak Room

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Page Turners Book Club (Grades 4-5)

Wednesday, November 19, 4 – 5 p.m., Conference Room

We will discuss [Save Me a Seat](#) by Sarah Weeks and Gita Varadarajan. Please pick up a copy of the book at the Children's Desk at Los Altos or Woodland Library.

Ten Years, Billions of Galaxies, One Sky: The Rubin Observatory Story

Thursday, November 20, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Teen Room

Learn how Rubin's images could help us tackle some of the biggest questions in cosmology: What is dark matter made of? What is driving the accelerated expansion of the Universe? And how did cosmic structures evolve over billions of years?

Now Read This Book Club

Monday, November 24, 12 – 1:30 p.m., Conference Room

We will be discussing [Held](#) by Anne Michaels.

To Be Read Book Club (Grades 6-8)

Tuesday, November 25, 4 – 5 p.m., Conference Room

We will discuss [Mascot](#) by Charles Waters and Traci Sorell. Please pick up a copy of the book at the Children's Desk at Los Altos or Woodland Library.

Los Altos Book Discussion for Adults

Tuesday, November 25, 7 – 8 p.m., Conference Room

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

MILPITAS -- 160 N. Main Street

Mend with Friends

Saturday, November 1, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Conference Room

Bring your own items to mend. Limited mending supplies and casual instruction are available, but bringing your own favorite tools, extra buttons, fabric scraps, or experience to share is always appreciated.

Family Storytime

Saturdays, November 1, 8, 15, & 22, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Activity Room

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

Family Movie Matinee

Saturday, November 1, 2 – 4 p.m., Activity Room

Celebrate the Day of the Dead with a showing of Coco.

Embroidery for Teens (Ages 13-18)

Saturday, November 1, 2 – 4 p.m., Program Room

You'll receive your own very embroidery kit to work on! All materials and step-by-step guidance are included. No experience needed - just patience! First 20 people to arrive will get a seat.

Teen Rubik's Cube Club

Saturday, November 1, 4 – 5 p.m., Conference Room

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

Gentle Flow Yoga (ages 13+)

Sunday, November 2, 10 – 11 a.m., Program Room

This practice combines mindful movement, simple breathing techniques, and a calming guided meditation to reduce stress, improve flexibility, and restore balance. Bring a mat.

Character Election

Sunday, November 2 and Saturday, November 8, 2 – 4 p.m., Activity Room

Help choose the new president of the Milpitas Library Children's Area and vote in our character election.

LEGO Club for Grades K-8

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

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

Baby Bouncers Lapsit

Tuesdays, November 4, 18, & 25, 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, and very short and simple picture books. Bring a blanket for babies to lay on.

Little Learners STEAM (Ages 3-5)

Tuesday, November 4, 3:30 – 4:15 p.m., Activity Room

Each month we will nurture curiosity and discover new things through engaging and fun activities. Registration is required.

Homework Help for Grades K-6

Mondays -- Thursdays, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Program Room

Students can get free homework help. No registration is required. Basic school supplies will be provided. Parents are asked to stay nearby. Homework Help will not be offered November 3, 11, and 24 – 28.

Bilingual Mandarin Family Storytime/ [中英雙語故事時間](#)

Tuesdays, November 4, 18, & 25, 6:30 – 7 p.m., Children's 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。

Fun with Art with First5 Santa Clara County (ages 3-5)

Wednesday, November 5, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., Activity Room

Join us for a story and craft activity, then learn about resources provided by the Guerrero Family Resource Center.

ESL Conversation Club

Wednesdays, November 5, 12, 19, & 26, 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.

Milpitas Children's Chess Club (Grades 1-8)

Wednesdays, November 5, 12, 19, & 26, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., Activity Room

Play chess and make new friends in a fun and relaxed environment! Registration is not required but space is limited. Attendees are expected to know the rules of chess and must be able to play independently.

Preschool Storytime: 3s & 4s Budding Bookworms

Thursdays, November 6, 13, & 20, 6:30 – 7 p.m., Activity Room

This storytime features longer picture books and flannel board stories and other storytelling activities and fingerplays.

Qi Gong Meditation & Exercise Classes

Fridays, November 7, 14, & 21, 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, November 7, 14, & 21, 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.

Music & Movement (ages 3-8)

Friday, November 7, 3:30 – 4:15 p.m., Activity Room

Children and their adult caregiver will have fun exploring music and dancing together.

Family Board Game (Ages 6+)

Fridays, November 7 & 21, 4 – 5 p.m., Activity Room

Learn about different types of games, whatever your interests.

Board Game Day

Saturday, November 8, 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+)

Saturday, November 8, 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.

Foundations of Resilient Health

Saturday, November 8, 3 – 4 p.m., Program Room

This talk focuses on the connection between the gut and the brain.

Science Fiction and Fantasy Book Club

Monday, November 10, 7 – 8 p.m., Auditorium

Sign up and pick up a copy of [What Moves the Dead](#) by T. Kingfisher.

Fall Crafts (Grades K-5)

Friday, November 14, 3:30 – 4 p.m., Activity Room

Make fall-inspired crafts with us! All materials will be provided. Please register.

UC Admissions Info Session

Saturday, November 15, 11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m., Program Room

Each UC campus offers unique programs, specialties, and admission opportunities. This seminar will share what UCs are looking for in applicants and which student profiles succeed most in gaining acceptance.

Retro Roadshow: Console Chaos

Saturday, November 15, 2 – 3 p.m., Auditorium

Engage in an insightful journey through three decades of intense rivalry in the video game industry, then participate in the competition alongside fellow enthusiasts.

Adult & Teen Crafternoon (ages 13+)

Saturday, November 15, 3 – 4:30 p.m., Program Room

Use felt to create artistic slices of fabric pie and string them into a decorative garland in honor of the fall baking season! Walk-in while supplies last.

The Peaceful Poets

Thursday, November 20, 5:30 – 8 p.m., Conference Room

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

Reading Buddies (Grades K-5)

Saturday, November 22, 2 – 3 p.m., Activity Room

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

Dream Top Presents Super Vision! – Super U!

Wednesday, November 26, 7 – 8 p.m., Auditorium

Join in the fun as Drea stumbled into a blast-o-rama machine that zapped her with super vibes! Join Drea and her accomplice, Quakers the Emu puppet, to discover your own super powers and go on a top-secret mission! Space is limited.

MORGAN HILL -- 660 W. Main Avenue

Bilingual Family Storytime for All Ages

Saturdays, November 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m., Children's Activity Room

Stories, music, movement, and more! Storytimes are bilingual (Spanish/English).

¡Cuentos, música, movimiento y más! Las horas de cuentos son bilingües (español/inglés).

Snack Break-Free Snacks for Kids!/¡Meriendas Gratis Para Niños!

Mondays-Fridays, 3 – 4 p.m. (except during holidays)

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

¡Pasa por la biblioteca y recoge una merienda gratis después de la escuela! No es necesario registrarse.

Homework Help for Grades K-6

Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Children’s Activity Room

Students can get free homework help. No registration is required. Basic school supplies will be provided. Help will not be available on November 11, and 24 – 27.

Zumba

Monday, November 3, 6 – 7 p.m., Program Room

This Latin-inspired, easy-to-follow, fitness dance party exhilarates your senses and works all major muscle groups in a high-energy cardio blast.

Evening Itty Bitty Jamboree

Tuesdays, November 4 & 18, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Parents and babies can join us for short fun stories, rhymes, fingerplays and songs. Our Itty Bitty Jamboree is 30 minutes followed by Stay & Play time.

Kids LEGO Club

Wednesdays, November 5 & 19, 1 – 2:30 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.

Amah Mutsun: Discussion with Chairman Lopez

Wednesday, November 5, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m., Program Room

In honor of Native American Heritage Month, we welcome the Chair of the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band, Valentin Lopez.

After Dinner Book Club

Wednesday, November 5, 7 – 8 p.m., Program Room

In honor of Native American Heritage Month, we will discuss [The Berry Pickers](#) by Amanda Peters.

Toddler Storytime

Thursdays, November 6, 13, & 20, 10:30 – 11 a.m.

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

Thursdays, November 6, 13, & 20, 11:15 – 11:45 a.m.

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

Fiber Arts Club

Thursday, November 6, 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, November 7, 14, & 21, 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, November 7, 14, & 21, 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!

Kids Keva Club (Ages 5+)

Friday, November 7, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Children's Activity Room

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

Craft Night for Teens (ages 12-18)

Wednesday, November 12, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Program Room

We will be taking basic candles and personalizing them with your own original designs! There will be different candle shapes and methods to use to create your own unique candle creations. All supplies and snacks will be provided.

Native American Heritage Month: Indian Health Center of Santa Clara Valley

Thursday and Friday, November 13 & 14, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Library Entrance

Monday, November 17, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m., Program Room

Learn about the center's mission to support the health and well-being of American Indians, Alaska Natives, and the wider community through culturally responsive, high-quality medical and wellness services.

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

Friday, November 14, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Program 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.

Native American Song and Dance Celebration

Saturday, November 15, 2 – 3 p.m.

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Library Ukulele Society

Tuesday, November 18, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m., Program Room

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

Family Fun Night

Tuesday, November 18, 6:30 – 8 p.m.

Families with school-aged children will create art, crafts, or participate in STEM activities.

Native American Heritage Month Author Visit: D.M. Rowell

Tuesday, November 18, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

Rowell brings her unique perspective as a member of the Kiowa Tribe and a lifelong storyteller rooted in Plains Indian oral tradition. She'll explore themes of identity, culture, and place as reflected in her novels, which follow a protagonist returning to her childhood home to solve chilling mysteries steeped in tribal history.

Kids Art Club

Wednesday, November 19, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Children's Activity Room

Join us for a fun afternoon of creativity with the Kids Art Club.

Discover Ilocano Traditional Weaving

Wednesday, November 19, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Discover its socio-cultural and historical significance and explore iconic design patterns, their symbolism, and try weaving on small looms.

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

Friday, November 21, 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.

Mind Magic: Student-Led Workshop on the Brain and Illusions (Kids 8-13)

Friday, November 21, 4 – 5 p.m., Program Room

Through mind-bending illusions and DIY crafts, participants will explore why we see things that aren't really there, discover how our brain processes shapes, color, and motion, and create their own optical illusion to take home!

SARATOGA -- 13650 Saratoga Avenue

Sun and Sea Art Exhibit

November 1 – December 30, Library Lobby

Anil Sawe's exhibit consists of oil paintings on canvas depicting colorful sunsets and the power of the ocean.

Family Storytime

Saturdays, November 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room

Tuesdays, November 4, 18, & 25, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Maple Room

Join us for stories, rhymes, and songs. The November 1 storytime will be held in the Maple Room.

Wildlife Rehabilitation: Learn About the Saratoga Wildlife Care Center

Saturday, November 1, 1 – 2 p.m., Maple Room

Learn about wildlife programs that treat sick, injured and orphaned wildlife using state-of-the-art facilities, eventually releasing them back into their natural habitats.

Homework Help for Grades K-6

Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4 – 5:30 p.m. and Wednesdays, 3 – 4:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Students can get free homework help. No registration is required. Basic school supplies will be provided. Caregivers of children under 10 years old must stay with their child.

Homework Help will not be offered on November 11, and 24 – 27.

Art Beyond the Obvious Exhibit

November 4 – December 31, Group Study Room

This exhibit is by women from the art group - Art Beyond the Obvious.

Native American Heritage Month Author Visit: D.M. Rowell

Monday, November 3, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

Rowell brings her unique perspective as a member of the Kiowa Tribe and a lifelong storyteller rooted in Plains Indian oral tradition. She'll explore themes of identity, culture, and place as reflected in her novels, which follow a protagonist returning to her childhood home to solve chilling mysteries steeped in tribal history.

Mystery Book Club

Monday, November 3, 7 – 8 p.m.

We will discuss [Never Name the Dead](#), by D.M. Rowell in honor of Native American Heritage Month. Stop by the Adult Reference Desk to sign up and get a copy of the book.

Sci-Fi & Fantasy Book Club

Tuesday, November 4, 7 – 8 p.m., Maple Room

We will discuss [Gideon the Ninth](#) by Tamsyn Muir. Register and pick up a copy of the book at the adult reference desk.

Knit & Crochet Circle

Wednesday, November 5, 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.

Baby Storytime (12 months or younger)

Wednesdays, November 5, 12, 19, & 26, 11 – 11:15 a.m., Maple Room

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

Drop-in Tech Help

Thursdays, November 6, 13, & 20, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Oak Room

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

Discover Ilocano Traditional Weaving

Saturday, November 8, 2:30 – 4:30 p.m., Maple Room

Discover its socio-cultural and historical significance and explore iconic design patterns, their symbolism, and try weaving on small looms.

Behind the Scenes of an Opera

Sunday, November 9, 10:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., Community Room

Join us for a special open rehearsal featuring scenes from *The Telephone*, *Amahl and the Night Visitors*, and *La Bohème*! Come enjoy beautiful music, witness the creative process, and see our talented artists bring these beloved works to life.

Craft Club for Adults

Thursday, November 13, 1 – 2 p.m., Community Room

Register to make a miniature gratitude tree. All supplies will be provided.

Furry Reading Buddies (completed Grades K-5)

Friday, November 14, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

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.

Understanding the Backlash to the 51st State Idea

Saturday, November 15, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m., Maple Room

Santa Clara University professor Greg Wigmore will discuss the United States' relationship with Canada.

Native American Song and Dance Celebration

Sunday, November 16, 2 – 3 p.m.

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Board Game Night for Adults

Monday, November 17, 6 – 8 p.m., Maple Room

Drop in and play a variety of board games.

Travel Program: The Tribes of India

Tuesday, November 18, 7:15 – 8:30 p.m., Community Room

Pam Perkins presents a photographic journey into India's tribal villages, showcasing the culture, the strength, and the enduring spirit of indigenous communities, balancing tradition with changing times.

LEGOs

Wednesday, November 19, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

Kids 5+ can stop by to build LEGOs. For kiddos under 5, we have Duplos.

Mandarin Storytime

Thursday, November 20, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Orchard Room

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

Teatime Book Chatter

Thursday, November 20, 1 – 2 p.m.

In celebration of Native American Heritage Month, we will discuss [The Berry Pickers](#) by Amanda Peters. Stop by the Adult Reference Desk to register and get a copy of the book.

WOODLAND – 1975 Grant Road

Monday Meditation and Mindfulness

Mondays, November 3, 10, 17, & 24, 7 – 7:30 p.m.

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

Tiny Twirls and Tales Storytime

Sunday, November 16, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Backyard Patio (dress for weather!)

This special storytime is full of stories, wiggles, music, and fingerplays.

ONLINE EVENTS (Please register online)

Virtual Author Talk: Joseph Lee

Wednesday, November 5, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Author and journalist Joseph Lee will discuss his memoir, [Nothing More of This Land](#).

Drawing on his experience growing up Aquinnah Wampanoag on Martha's Vineyard, Lee explores what it means to be Indigenous today amid the pressures of land loss, cultural erosion, and colonial legacy.

Reading Program Orientation

Wednesday, November 5, 1 – 2 p.m. and 6 – 7 p.m.

Give back to your community by becoming an adult literacy tutor and supporting an adult learner improve their English reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills to achieve their goals. Learn more about the Reading Program during this orientation.

Online English Conversation Club

Thursdays, November 6 & 13, 11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Meet new friends and practice English together.

Virtual Author Talk: Amanda Peters

Thursday, November 13, 4 – 5 p.m.

In her book, [The Berry Pickers](#), Amanda Peters explores themes of family, grief, and identity through the haunting story of Ruthie, a young girl who vanishes and her brother, who is forever changed by her disappearance.

Virtual Author Talk: Charles Duhigg

Tuesday, November 18, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Bestselling author [Charles Duhigg](#) will discuss his latest book [Supercommunicators: How to Unlock the Secret Language of Connection](#), which explores the science behind meaningful conversations and how we can connect more effectively in every part of life.

Reading Program Tutor Training

Tuesday, November 18, and Thursday, November 20, 5:30 – 8 p.m.

Tutors who have completed the orientation are invited to this training session.

Building a Strong Financial Future: Strategies for Age 45 to Retirement

Wednesday, November 19, 3 – 4 p.m.

Topics include retirement saving needs including Social Security benefits and the impact of inflation, asset allocation strategies, and challenges people may encounter as they try to build a nest egg.

November 2025 Morgan Hill Librarian Report

OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS

Sugar Skulls: We had 164 adults, children and families use their creativity to decorate sugar skulls and Day of the Dead crafts.

Teal Pumpkin Party: 178 patrons attended this annual event to learn about allergy awareness with Halloween crafts and activities.

Diana Gameros Concert: 30 patrons attended this solo concert, enjoying original songs in both English and Spanish.

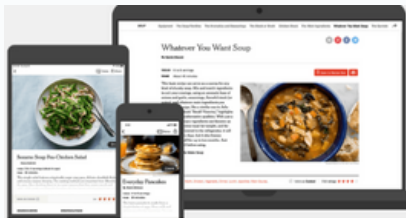
Outreach: Our team interacted with 1600 residents at the city's Employee Wellness Fair, LATI Family event, and Martial Cottle Fall Festival.

Congratulations

Please join us in welcoming Tammy Kearin as our newly promoted Library Circulation Supervisor and Taylor Bellitto as a Children's Librarian.



Holiday Entertaining



New York Times Online Cooking is an inspiring cooking guide, innovative, and interactive kitchen tool, and diverse recipe collection.

Enjoy our extensive collection of holiday and party recipe books, perfect for the upcoming holiday season.



NOVEMBER PROGRAMS

Amah Mutson: A Discussion with Chairman Lopez

Wednesday, 11/5 5:30pm

Design Your Own Candles for Teens

Wednesday, 11/12 6:30pm

Native American Song and Dance Celebration

Saturday, 11/15, 2:00pm

Rose: A Mother's Story

Sunday 11/16, 2:00pm

Family Fun Night: Abstract Wood Collage

Tuesday, 11/18 6:30pm

Author Visit: D.M.Rowell

Tuesday, 11/18 7pm

Discover Ilocano Traditional Weaving

Wednesday, 11/19 6:30pm

Robot Play Day

Monday, 11/24 3pm

September Statistics

Monthly Circulation: 46,583

Number of Borrowers: 5,099

New Cards: 295

Visitors: 17,482

Programs & Outreach: 68

Program Participants: 2130

Our Team Recommends:

The Pioneer Woman Cooks / Ree Drummond
The Complete Autumn & Winter Cookbook
Baking for the Holidays / Sarah Kieffer
Plants Only Holidays/ Gaz Oakley
Classic Cookies / Kate Woodson

Library, Culture, and Arts Commission Public Services Director Report

Announcements

- At the Community Playhouse, South Valley Civic Theater will be showing “Fun Home” from November 7 through 23.
- Lina Velasquez will have the temporary art exhibit at the Community and Cultural Center from November through January.

Calendar of Upcoming Items

November 2025

Saturday, November 1st:

- [Magical Bridge Day of the Dead Celebration](#)
 - Time: 9:45 AM – 12:00 PM
 - Where: Magical Bridge Park
(171 West Edmundson Ave., Morgan Hill, CA 95037)

Every Saturday, November 1st – 29th:

- [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)

Saturday, November 2nd:

- [Open Space Allies Ride Morgan Hill Open Streets](#)
 - Time: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
 - Where: Various Streets in Morgan Hill

Every Monday, November 3rd – 24th:

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

Every Tuesday, November 4th – 25th:

- [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, November 5th:

- [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, November 5th and 19th:

- [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, November 6th – 27th:

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

Every Friday, November 7th – 28th:

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

Saturday, November 8th:

- [Whiskey Walk](#)
 - Time: 4:00 PM – 10:00 PM
 - Where: Downtown Morgan Hill

Every 2nd Saturday of the Month, November 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 St. (Garage Exit)

December 2025

Every Monday, December 1st – 29th:

- [Community Supper at St. Catherine Parish Center](#)
 - Time: 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
 - Where: St. Catherine of Alexandria

(17400 Peak Ave., Morgan Hill, CA 95037)

Every Tuesday, December 2nd – 30th:

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

1st Wednesday of every month, December 3rd:

- [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, December 3rd and 17th:

- [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, December 4th – 25th:

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

Every Friday, December 5th – 26th:

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

Saturday, December 6th:

- [Morgan Hill Holiday Lights Parade](#)
 - Time: 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM
 - Where: Downtown Morgan Hill

Every Saturday, December 6th – 27th:

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

Saturday, December 13th:

- [Magical Bridge Holiday Event](#)
 - Time: 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM
 - Where: Magical Bridge Park
(171 West Edmundson Ave., Morgan Hill, CA 95037)

Every 2nd Saturday of the month, December 13th:

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



MEETING MINUTES

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, October 7, 2025
6:00 PM**

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

CALL TO ORDER

6:02pm

ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

Commissioners Carrillo and Santiago absent.
Commissioner Fiorenza arrived during the reports.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

DECLARATION OF POSTING AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENT

This opportunity for public comment is for items that are not on the agenda. If you would like to make comments on an item that is on the agenda, please wait until we get to that item to offer your comments. Members of the public are entitled to address the Commission concerning any item within the Commission's subject matter jurisdiction. Public comments are limited to no more than three minutes. Except for certain specific exceptions, the Commission is prohibited from discussing or taking action on any item not appearing on the posted agenda. Public comment is intended for comments.

Questions posed during public comment are not generally answered. If you have questions, please send them to the City Clerk at LCACpubliccomment@morganhill.ca.gov to receive a response. (See additional noticing at the end of this agenda)
None

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion Ganapathy, Second Lyn, Adopted 4-0.

REPORTS

1. County Librarian Report – Jennifer Weeks, County Librarian

Recommendation:
Receive report.

Report provided by Diane Roche, Director of County Library Communication and Marketing.

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

Recommendation:
Receive report.

Report provided.

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

Recommendation:
Receive report.

No report.

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

Recommendation:
Receive report.

Report provided.

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

Recommendation:
Receive report.

Report provided.

BUSINESS

1. Accept Minutes from September 2, 2025 Library Culture and Arts Commission Meeting.

Recommendation:
Accept Minutes from September 2, 2025 Meeting.

Motion Blanton, Second Ganapathy, accepted 5-0.

2. **Potential Participation and Support by the Commission for the City's 120th Anniversary**

Recommendation:

1. Receive report on draft planning for City's 120th Anniversary; and
2. Discuss Commission support for associated activities.

Report provided by Brittney Sherman.
Commissioners volunteered to support the logo contest.

3. **Review Draft Public Art Master Plan**

Recommendation:

1. Review draft Public Art Master Plan; and
2. Recommend approval of the Plan to the City Council.

Report provided by Edith Ramirez.

Motion to recommend approval the Plan to the City Council with incorporation of comments by the Commissioners.
Motion Ganapathy, Second Blanton, Approved 5-0.

4. **Discuss Setup for Tabling at Future Events**

Recommendation:

Discuss Setup for Tabling at Future Events and materials needed to support this effort.

Commissioners discussed tabling items and future direction on tabling items.

5. **Work Plan Updates**

Recommendation:

Provide updates on Work Plan Items.

Commissioners provided Work Plan updates.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE COMMISSION AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

7:50pm

From: [D. Muirhead](#)
To: [Chris Ghione](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] comment Morgan Hill LCAC Nov 4 #3 Prop 28 [AMS]
Date: Monday, November 3, 2025 11:19:37 AM

Hello Morgan Hill Library, Culture, Arts (LCAC) Commission,
A comment for your November 4 meeting
Agenda Item #3. Proposition 28 Discussion

I think you do a disservice to our community by having
an agenda title that means nothing to most of us and also
having no staff report to allow for preparation of discussion.

To reduce the workload on Assistant City Manager Ghione,
your City Commission Liaison, you could have the Commissioner
proposing an agenda item prepare a short description in lieu
of a formal staff report.

If nothing else, for this item it would have noted that
Proposition 28 is the California Arts and Music in Schools (AMS)
Funding Guarantee and Accountability Act.
And although not "user friendly" for someone like me with only a
casual interest in the subject, the California Department of Education
does provide a Frequently Asked Questions (aka FAQ).

Since eligible recipients include public preschools and transitional
kindergarten through grade twelve public schools (including charter
schools), and those are the jurisdiction of Morgan Hill Unified
School District and not the City, what are the goals of your discussion?

Which MHUSD schools and grade levels currently receive AMS funds?
And for which programs? A non-exhaustive list of examples is contained in
FAQ #11 for categories Dance, Theater, Music, Visual Arts, and Media Arts.

Perhaps you are looking at how some "AMS funds may be used for ... arts educational
partnership programs", which includes outside contractors?
FAQ #14 notes that community-based organizations are considered to be
outside contractors.

While I am an atypical opinionated resident, my approach is
"4R": Read, Research, Reflect, Respond.

Thank you for your consideration, Doug Muirhead, Morgan Hill

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Library, Culture & Arts Commission
FY 2025-2026 Work Plan
Council Approved August 20, 2025

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, 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) Support arts programming in conjunction with the Morgan Hill Magical Bridge Playground (All) (1.c) Use social media for promotion of Commission initiatives, cultural activities and announcements (Ganapathy/Carrillo) (1.d) Develop outreach program to the Latinx community through art programming (Santiago/Lyn) (1.e) Continue open art studio program (physical) (Blanton/Ganapathy) (1.f) Explore opportunities for youth engagement in arts through tabling at events with youth (Ganapathy/Rose) (1.g) Support the "Morgan Hill Stands United Against Hate/Morgan Hill Cares" campaign (Ganapathy/Blanton) (1.h) Monitor and support use of Prop 28 – Arts and Music in Schools (Carrillo/Ganapathy)
Project Area 2 Art and Culture Events	Supporting our Youth, Seniors, and Entire Community Enhancing Diversity and Inclusiveness	PS Director (minimal) Rec Manager (minimal) CS Supervisors (minimal)	(2.a) Support City Staff in producing the Art a la Carte event (All) (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 (Lyn/Ganapathy/Rose/Carrillo) (3.c) 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
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)

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) Implement second annual International Celebration utilizing entertainment and food from various cultures
- 3) Explore opportunities for the Commission to support the Morgan Hill Historical Society partnership, including supporting the Black History Project
- 4) Explore public art related to a homelessness outreach mural (Santiago)
- 5) Partner with artist to complete a community mural (Santiago/Blanton/Ganapathy)
- 6) Update identified potential art locations annually after completion of the public Art Master Plan.