



Regular Meeting Agenda

Library, Culture, and Arts Commission

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Tuesday, March 3, 2026
6:00 PM

Council Chamber
17555 Peak Avenue, Morgan Hill, CA 95037

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

DECLARATION OF POSTING AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

REPORTS

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

BUSINESS

1. **Accept January 20, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes**
Recommendation:
Accept January 20, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes.
2. **Accept February 3, 2026 Commission Meeting Minutes**
Recommendation:
Accept February 3, 2026 Commission Meeting Minutes.
3. **Receive Music Day Presentation**
Recommendation:
Recieve presentation from Aaron Friedman, Executive Director, Make Music Alliance, Inc, on hosting a Make Music Day event.
4. **Conduct Art a La Carte Event Planning**
Recommendation:
Receive report.

5. Work Plan Updates

Recommendation:

Provide updates on Work Plan Items.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE COMMISSION AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

NOTICE

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March 3, 2026

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March 2026 Library Report
Jennifer Weeks, County Librarian



Women's History Month

This year's [Women's History Month](#) has a theme of "Leading the Change: Women Shaping a Sustainable Future."

Here in the Bay Area, the epicenter of the technology industry, women are working to shape the direction that the [industries of the future](#) are taking.

Keep an eye out for special displays at most of our libraries around the month with featured books. Our website will also offer a [blog post](#) with selected reads for each age group.

We also are offering [several events](#), including crafts and book discussions. Dr. Farima Berenji, a distinguished expert on Iranian mysticism and rituals, will help lead the [celebration of Persian New Year](#) at the Gilroy Library on Sun., Mar. 1. A [Virtual Author Talk](#) featuring [Valerie Neal](#), author of [On a Mission](#) about the 45-year history of U.S. women astronauts, will take place on Thur., Apr. 2.

Campbell Library Updates

The Campbell Library construction is nearing completion, allowing the library staff to implement the final process of moving in books, equipment, furniture and staff over the next two months. Mark your calendar for Saturday, May 9 for the Grand Opening event! The last day of service at the Campbell Express is scheduled for Sat., Apr. 4. All holds must be picked up by this date. The book returns will also be unavailable at the Campbell Express after Apr. 4.



The last day to place hold on items at the Campbell Express will be Fri., Mar. 20. All materials checked out from the Campbell Express with a due date between Apr. 4 and Sat., May 9 will be extended through May 9. We hope to see you on May 9 for the Grand Opening celebration of the Campbell Library.

FYI- All SCCLD libraries will be closed on Tuesday, March 31 for the Cesar Chavez Day holiday. Find us 24/7 at our [Online Library](#).



Come See the Upgraded Milpitas Library Storybook SCCLD Play Space

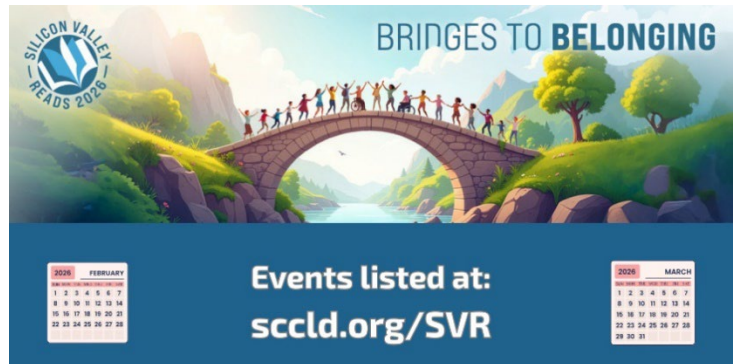
The [Storybook SCCLD](#) early education play space at the Milpitas Library was improved during the last week of February. Bring your little ones to check out the updated carpet design and balance feature.

Read the latest blog post in the [Elements of Play](#) series, [Babies and Play](#), to learn about how play promotes healthy brain development and lifelong well-being.

Silicon Valley Reads Month Two

Thanks to everyone who took part in Silicon Valley Reads during February. SCCLD libraries will host [two dozen events](#) in March, the final month. A list of events happening at library systems across the County can be found on the Silicon Valley Reads [website](#).

Two great events take place on Sun., Mar. 1- a [discussion at the Saratoga Library](#) about the piano concerto by Jiang Weyne that was inspired by the color-and-ink paintings of Xu Beihong, and a Persian New Year (or Nowruz) [presentation and dance performance](#) at the Gilroy Library. The Cupertino Library has a Nowruz [celebration](#) on Mon., Mar. 16 and the Los Altos Library on [Mon., Mar. 23](#).



Thank you to our celebrity storytime readers in January and February, including Cupertino Councilmember J.R. Fruen, Gilroy Councilmember Dion Bracco, Milpitas Mayor Carmen Montano, and Saratoga Vice Mayor Tina Walia.

Mark your calendars for the March celebrity storytime readers including:

- Mar 4 @ 10:30am with Sally Meadows- Los Altos Mayor- Los Altos Library
- Mar 12 @ 10:30am with Mark Turner- Morgan Hill Mayor – Morgan Hill Library
- Mar 18 @10:30am with Anne Bybee- Campbell Councilmember- Campbell Community Center
- Mar 19 @ 10:30am with Sylvia Arenas- County Supervisor- Gilroy Library
- Mar 19 @ 10:30am with Stanley Mok- Los Altos Hills Councilmember- Los Altos Library
- Mar 24 @ 11:00am with Burton Craig- Monte Sereno Councilmember – Saratoga Library
- Mar 25 @ 10:30am with Susan Ellenberg- County Supervisor – Campbell Community Center

The San Francisco Shakespeare Festival is back, with [performances of Julius Caesar](#) at libraries on Sat., Mar. 14 (Morgan Hill), Sat. Mar. 28 (Milpitas), Sat. Apr. 11 (Los Altos) and Sun., Apr. 12 (Cupertino). Pokémon Go trainers have a chance to “Catch them all” at the Morgan Hill and Milpitas Libraries on [Sat., Mar. 21](#) and [Sun., Mar. 29](#). Join us for an a-lure-ing time.

Vinita Gupta, a Silicon Valley entrepreneur who was the first woman of Indian origin to take a company public in the U.S., will be interviewed about her life and career by Supervisor Margaret Abe-Koga on [Sat., Mar. 21](#) at the Cupertino Library and Saratoga City Councilmember Belal Aftab on [Sun., Mar. 29](#) at the Saratoga Library.

Kids will have a blast making bridges using KEVA blocks at the Morgan Hill Library’s [Family Fun Night](#) on Tue., Mar. 10. There are also several events for those who like arts or crafts. Check out SCCLD’s [Silicon Valley Reads page](#) for more details about this year’s program, including links to our catalog for the companion and children’s book selections.

VIRTUAL

Author Talks

March 2026

Michael Perry
March 4 from 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
NYT bestselling author captures the humor, heart, and complexity of rural life in both memoir and fiction.

Michelle Carr
March 11 from 11:00 pm - 12:00 pm
How understanding nightmares, lucid dreams, and dream engineering can improve sleep and waking health.

Kate Quinn
March 12 from 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm
A secret library that transports readers into classic literary worlds, a high-stakes fight to preserve imagination itself.

Shoshana Walter
Guest Interviewer Barbara Kingsolver
March 24 from 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
An examination of multiple failures that define America’s drug-treatment system and hinder true recovery.

Kate Messner
March 26 from 4:00 - 5:00 pm
Over and Under series introduces readers to diverse ecosystems and the hidden wonders of the natural world.












March Virtual Author Talks

We’re expanding our popular Virtual Author Talks series. Starting this month, we will now feature five intimate discussions with authors across a variety of fields and topics, including both works of fiction and nonfiction.

We start off on Wed., Mar. 4 with bestselling author and humorist [Michael Perry \(*Population 485*\)](#). His latest work is [Jesus Cow](#), a fictional tale set in rural America full of wit and sincerity. [Please register.](#)

On Wed., Mar. 11, [Dr. Michelle Carr](#) explores lucid dreaming, nightmares, and the emerging field of dream engineering in [Nightmare Obscura](#). [Please register.](#)

[Kate Quinn](#) takes readers through her magical world of classical literature in [The Astral Library](#), set at the Boston Public Library, on Thu., Mar. 12. [Please register.](#)

Best-selling author [Barbara Kingsolver](#) leads a conversation with Pulitzer Prize finalist [Shoshana Walker](#) on Tue., Mar. 24. In [Rehab: An American Scandal](#), Walker exposes the nation’s failed response to the opioid crisis and the many failings of the drug rehabilitation industry. [Please register.](#)

We wrap up on Thu., Mar. 26 with children’s author [Kate Messner](#), whose [Over and Under](#) series has been a huge hit with K-3rd grade readers. These beautifully illustrated books introduce children to the ecosystems of the world, nurturing their natural curiosity. [Please register.](#)

SANTA CLARA COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT

MARCH 2026 EVENTS

SCCLD libraries will be closed on Tuesday, March 31 for Cesar Chavez Day. Our Online Library is always available at scclld.org/Online-Library

Silicon Valley Reads programs are denoted in blue.

CAMPBELL EXPRESS LIBRARY – 1 W. Campbell Ave., Room E46

Silicon Valley Reads Storytime

Wednesdays, March 18 & 25, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard City Banquet Hall

This storytime will feature books, songs, and a special celebrity reader from our local government.

CUPERTINO -- 10800 Torre Avenue

Baby Sign and Sing

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

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

Baby Wearing Dance

Sundays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Participants must bring their own baby carrier.

VITA: Volunteer Tax Preparation

Sundays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 2 – 4 p.m., Room 201A

Volunteers can help people file their taxes. Please bring all: W2, 1098, 1099 and SSA forms; Social Security cards or ITIN numbers; Bank account and routing numbers for refunds; and 2024 tax return. People will be helped on a first come, first served basis.

ESL Parent & Caregiver Conversation Club

Mondays, March 2 & 16, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m., Room 101

This program is designed to support families and spark 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, March 3, 10, 17, & 24, 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, March 3, 10, 17, & 24, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Room 101

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

LEGO Club

Tuesday, March 3, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Students in Kindergarten to 8th grade are welcome to play and create with LEGOs.

Homework Help for Grades K-6

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4:30 – 6 p.m., Room 101

Students can get free homework help. No registration is required.

Poponta Japanese Storytime

Wednesday, March 4, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Room 101

This Japanese storytime includes traditional kamishibai (paper theater), puppets & books.

Dancheong Suncatcher Craft (Grades K-5)

Wednesday, March 4, 4 – 5 p.m., and Saturday, March 14, 2 – 3 p.m.

Participants create their own suncatchers by coloring traditional Korean dancheong patterns onto translucent discs. Seating is limited to the first 50 attendees.

Bedtime Storytime

Wednesdays, March 4, 11, 18, & 25, 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.

Baby Storytime (ages 0-1)

Thursdays, March 5, 12, 19, & 26, 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. Bring a yoga mat or blanket to sit on.

Reading Buddies (completed Grades K-5)

Thursday, March 5, and Monday, March 9, 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 (ages 18+)

Fridays, March 6, 13, 20, & 27, 2:30 – 4 p.m., Room 201

Knitters and crocheters can 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, March 6 & 20, 7 – 8 p.m., Room 101

Wednesday, March 25, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Room 101

Join us for stories, songs, flannel board stories, 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, 祇母一同前來參加。

Family Storytime

Saturdays, March 7, 14, 21, & 28, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Program Room

This storytime is suitable for all ages and will feature stories, songs, rhymes and dances that encourage the development of early literacy skills. Storytime is limited to the first 100 families. Bring a yoga mat or blanket to sit on.

Nonfiction Book Discussion

Sunday, March 8, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Room 201B

We'll discuss [How to Change Your Mind](#) by Michael Pollan.

Introduction to UV Resin

Monday, March 9, 3 – 4:30 p.m., Room 201

Adults (ages 18+) will learn how to work with UV resin while designing and personalizing a unique creation using a variety of provided materials. Seating is limited to 25 people.

Adult Literacy Roundtable for Volunteers

Tuesday, March 10, 5:30 – 7 p.m., Room 201

Reading Program tutors are invited to learn and share tutoring tips, resources and experiences.

Children's Literature for Adults Book Club

Tuesday, March 10, 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.

Police Read Along

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

A Sheriff's Deputy will read books and share safety tips.

Origami for School Age Children (ages 5+)

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

Learn to fold three models. Paper will be provided. No registration required.

Art Therapy for Tweens (ages 10+)

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

We will explore different techniques and art materials each month. Create your own unique piece of art to take home. Materials will be provided. While supplies last.

Celebrate Persian New Year

Monday, March 16, 7 – 8 p.m., Room 201

Enjoy traditional spring dances and learn about the cultural significance behind these movements and their connection to renewal and community.

Book Discussion for Adults

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

We will discuss [Yellowface](#) by R.F. Kuang.

Teen Watercolor: Spring Animals (Teens ages 13-18)

Wednesday, March 18, 4 – 5:30 p.m.

Guided step by step, you'll discover watercolor techniques that bring your art to life while expressing your own unique style. Seating is limited to the first 20 attendees.

Persian Heritage Month Author Visit (ages 4-8)

Wednesday, March 18, 4 – 4:45 p.m., Room 101

Author Nikoo Yahyazadeh will read her picture book [Yasi and Mina's Pomegranate Tree](#). Then talk about traditional Nowruz symbols and do a small craft.

Family Game Night

Thursday, March 19, 7 – 8 p.m., Room 101

Join us for a fun-filled hour of new and classic board and card games! Relax, play, meet new friends, and learn new games. All games are provided and must remain in the library.

Silicon Valley Reads Author Talk

Saturday, March 21, 1:30 – 3 p.m., Room 101

We welcome Vinita Gupta, the author of [The Woman In Deed - Road to IPO Bridge Tables and Beyond](#) for a lively discussion on leadership, legacy, and the power of connection.

Women's History Month Craft (Grades K-6)

Monday, March 23, 4 – 5 p.m., Room 101

Yayoi Kusama uses art to navigate her struggles with mental illness while bringing joy to others. Create art inspired by her work. Materials will be provided while supplies last.

Tuesday Travel Nights: Roaming Romania

Tuesday, March 24, 7 – 8:15 p.m., Room 201

Meander medieval towns, marvel at Transylvania's fortified Saxon churches, engage in traditional Easter celebrations in the Maramures, and roam the rural countryside.

Cell Phone Photography for Teens

Saturday, March 28, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Room 201

This covers the essential foundations of photography, including mastering the use of light and understanding the rules of composition to create compelling images. Please register.

GILROY -- 350 W. Sixth Street**Spice Up Your Life Kit / Kit de Especies (ages 13+)**

Sunday, March 1 – Tuesday, March 31, while supplies last at Upstairs Information Desk

Tamarind's flavor profile is sweet and tangy, considered slightly bitter. The kit contains a sample of the spice, a few recipes, and book recommendations!

El sabor del tamarindo es dulce y ácido, ligeramente amargo. ¡El kit incluye una muestra de la especia, algunas recetas y recomendaciones de libros!

Celebrate Persian New Year

Sunday, March 1, 2 – 3 p.m., Community Room

Enjoy traditional spring dances and learn about the cultural significance behind these movements and their connection to renewal and community.

1 on 1 Tech Help / Ayuda con la Tecnología

Mondays, March 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30, 1 – 5 p.m., Computer Area

Volunteers can help you open an email account, connect to Wi-Fi/hotspots, use laptops and Chromebooks, and use Microsoft Office.

Ellos pueden ayudarte abrir una cuenta de correo electrónico, conectarse a Wi-Fi/puntos de acceso, utilizar computadoras portátiles y Chromebooks, y utilizar Microsoft Office.

Free Snacks for Kids! / ¡Meriendas Gratis Para Niños!

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

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

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

Pajama Storytime / Hora de Cuentos en Pijama

Mondays, March 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., Children's area, 1st floor / Zona infantil

We read stories, sing songs, play games, and wear our pajamas.

Leemos cuentos, cantamos canciones, y jugamos.

Homework Help / Ayuda con la Tarea

Tuesdays-Thursdays, 4 – 5:30 p.m., 1st Floor Meeting Room / 1º piso, Salon de juntas

Kids in grades K-6 can come in and receive homework help.

¿Eres un estudiante de 1.º a 6.º grado y necesitas ayuda con sus tareas? Tenemos tutores disponibles para ayudarte.

Zumba Fitness Class / Clase de Zumba Fitness

Tuesdays, March 3, 10, 17, & 24, 5:45 – 6:45 p.m., Community Room

This Latin-inspired, easy-to-follow dance exhilarates your senses and works all major muscle groups. Este baile de inspiración latina y fácil de seguir estimula tus sentidos y trabaja todos los grupos musculares principales.

Reading Buddies / Compañeros de Lectura (PreK-Grade 6)

Tuesday, March 3, 6 – 7 p.m., 1st Floor, Burrow 1º piso, Madriguera

Practice your reading skills and read aloud 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.

Books and Boogie Storytime / Hora de Cuentos

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

Children and their caregivers are invited to enjoy engaging stories, playful rhymes, lively fingerplays, and music and movement activities that nurture early literacy skills.

Compartiremos historias divertidas, rimas, canciones y baile con la bibliotecaria Rosa.

Knitting and Crochet Weekly Meetup / Tejido y Crochet

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

Bring your projects, ask questions, receive help, share ideas, and meet new people!

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

Baby Bounce Storytime (12 months and younger)

Fridays, March 6, 13, 20, & 27, 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 Meetup for LBGTQ+ / Encuentro de Espacio Seguro para Personas LBGTQ+

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

Our staff-led meetings offer a safe space for youth (ages 13-25) to play games, participate in group activities & discussions, and build community. Nuestras reuniones, dirigidas por nuestro personal, ofrecen un espacio seguro para que los jóvenes (13-25) jueguen, participen en actividades y debates grupales, y forjen una comunidad.

Basic Computer Skills Class / Curso Básico de Computación (for adults)

Fridays, March 6, 13, & 20, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Reading Program Room

Identify and use basic parts of a computer, operating systems basics, use common computer programs, manage files and folders, Internet and email use, and computer safety. Identificación y uso de los componentes básicos de una computadora, conceptos básicos de sistemas operativos, uso de programas de computadoras, gestión de archivos y carpetas, uso de Internet y correo electrónico y seguridad informática. Call 408-848-5366 to register and schedule your initial assessment.

Kindertopia Early Learning / Fiesta Educacional

Saturday, March 7, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Courtyard/El Patio

Families can learn about enrolling students in kindergarten, explore homeschooling options, and register for free books with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. Las familias podrán informarse sobre los requisitos para inscribir a los estudiantes en el kínder, explorar opciones de educación en casa, registrarse para libros gratis de Dolly Parton's Imagination Library.

Financial Planning Basics / Taller de básicos de planificación financiera en español

Saturday, March 7, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room (Spanish presentation at 11:30 a.m.)

Learn strategies to help increase your savings, minimize taxes and build a more secure future for yourself and your loved ones. No registration needed. Aprenda y aproveche de estrategias para aumentar sus ahorros, minimizar los impuestos y construir un futuro más seguro para usted y sus seres queridos. No se requiere inscripción.

Kids in STEM (Grades 2-5) / Niños en STEM (Grados 2 a 5)

Saturdays, March 7 & 21, 2 – 3 p.m., 1st Floor, Burrow / 1° piso, Madriguera

Our Kids in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) program will explore these subjects and teach kids about careers in STEM. Nuestro programa "Niños en STEM" (ciencia, tecnología, ingeniería y matemáticas) explorará estas materias y les enseñará a niños sobre las carreras en estos campos.

Start Smart: Driving Smart to Stay Safe for Teens

Tuesday, March 10, 5 – 7 p.m., Community Room

Start Smart is aimed at helping newly licensed or soon to be licensed teen drivers become more aware of the responsibilities that accompany being a licensed California driver.

Reading Program: Learner Orientation

Wednesday, March 11, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. and 6 – 7 p.m., Reading Program Room

This learner orientation is required for new students to learn about the program's structure, services and expectations. Esta orientación es obligatoria para que los nuevos estudiantes conozcan la estructura, los servicios y las expectativas del programa.

Kindergarten Skills and Fun / Clases Para Prepararse Para el Kínder

Wednesdays, March 11, 18, & 25, 3 – 4 p.m., Children’s Area/Area Infantil

We invite children and their families to join a fun, interactive series of classes designed to help young learners build confidence and excitement for school. Invitamos a los niños y a sus familias a unirse a una serie de clases divertidas e interactivas diseñadas para ayudar a los pequeños a desarrollar confianza y entusiasmo por el aprendizaje escolar.

Bike Repair / Reparación de Bicicletas

Friday, March 13, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Outside in the Parking Lot

Community cycles will be offering free bicycle repair at the Gilroy Library! Service is provided on a first-come, first-served basis, and space is limited.

¡Community Cycles ofrecerá reparación gratuita de bicicletas en la Biblioteca de Gilroy! El servicio se ofrece por orden de llegada y el cupo es limitado.

Book Discussion

Friday, March 13, 10:15 – 11:15 a.m., Quiet Study B

We will discuss [*Pride and Joy*](#) by Louisa Onomé in honor of Black History Month.

LEGO Club

Friday, March 13, 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! Niños y niñas pueden seguir nuestras indicaciones o construir algo basado en su imaginación.

Teen Craft: Slime (ages 12-18)

Friday, March 13, 4:30 – 5:45 p.m., Courtyard (weather permitting) or Community Room

Join us for a gooey afternoon of science and fun. Register to reserve your spot. Walk-ins welcome as space allows.

Family Storytime/Hora de Cuentos

Saturdays, March 14, 21, & 28, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., 1st Floor Burrow / 1º piso Madriguera

Join us for stories, songs, music & movement with Librarian Patty, followed by play time. Acompáñenos a escuchar cuentos, música y movimiento con la Bibliotecaria Patty, seguido por tiempo para jugar.

Happy Holi: Festival of Colors for Children

Saturday, March 14, 2 – 3 p.m., Paseo

The Festival of Colors celebrates the arrival of spring, love, and new life. We will be throwing brightly colored powders at the library plaza.

El Festival de los Colores celebra la llegada de la primavera, el amor y la renovación de la vida. Lanzaremos polvos de colores brillantes en la plaza de la biblioteca.

Open Poetry Readings

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

Everyone is welcome to attend and listen or read poetry and join in related discussions.

Beginner Acoustic Jam

Wednesday, March 18, 6 – 8 p.m., Community Room

This event is designed specifically for beginners, "rusty" musicians, and anyone who wants to make music in a supportive group setting. No registration needed.

Growing Culinary Herbs in Your Garden

Saturday, March 21, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room

Learn the basic requirements of popular annual and perennial herbs. Herb varieties, planting, care, and pests will be discussed.

Card Games and Board Games for Teens

Saturday, March 21, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. Community Room

We'll have an assortment of party games to play. Bring your friends or make some new ones. Light refreshments provided.

Bookcaterpillars Book Club (Grades K-1)

Monday, March 23, 3 – 3:30 p.m., Children's Area / área infantil

Stop by the Children's Reference Desk to register and pick up your copy of the book. We will read the book together, but you can read it ahead of time also. Crafts and snacks will be provided.

Pasa por el escritorio de Referencia Infantil para inscribirte y recoger tu copia del libro. Leeremos el libro juntos durante el club de lectura. Habrá manualidades y merienda.

Bookworms Book Club (Grades 2-3)

Monday, March 23, 4 – 5 p.m., Children's Area / área infantil

This month we are reading [*Sideways Stories from Wayside School*](#) by Louis Sachar. Este mes estaremos leyendo [*Sideways Stories from Wayside School*](#) by Louis Sachar.

Magic Hour: Sensory-Friendly Library Playtime / Tiempo de Juego Sensorial Amigable

Tuesday, March 24, 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.

Age Well, Drive Smart: Senior Driver Education Class

Tuesday, March 24, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m., Community Room

The curriculum addresses such topics as aging and its effects on safe driving, maintaining good physical health, self-assessment, and more.

Bookcrops Book Club (Grades 4-5)

Tuesday, March 24, 3 – 4 p.m., 1st Floor Burrow/Madriguera

We will discuss [*Front Desk*](#) by Kelly Yang. Stop by the Children's Reference Desk to register and pick up your copy of the book. Este mes estaremos leyendo [*Front Desk*](#) por Kelly Yang. Pasa por el Mostrador de Referencia Infantil para inscribirte y recoger tu copia del libro.

Bookdragons Book Club (Grades 6-8)

Tuesday, March 24, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m., 1st Floor Burrow / Madriguera

We will discuss [*The Iron Trial*](#) by Holly Black. Stop by the Children's Reference Desk to register and pick up your copy of the book.

Este mes estaremos leyendo [*The Iron Trial*](#) por Holly Black. Pasa por el Mostrador de Referencia Infantil para inscribirte y recoger tu copia del libro.

Book Discussion

Tuesday, March 24, 7 – 8 p.m., Quiet Study B

In honor of Women's History Month, we will discuss [*Free: A Child and a Country at the End of History*](#) by Lea Ypi.

Sit and Be Fit: Low Impact Exercise

Wednesday, March 25, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m., Community Room

Join us for a light-hearted, chair-based exercise class designed for all ages and abilities.

LOS ALTOS -- 13 S. San Antonio Road**Piggy Bank Pioneers (ages 7-10)**

Sunday, March 1, 2 – 3 p.m., Orchard Room

The Mountain View High School Personal Finance Club can help improve financial literacy skills through a fun, interactive game. This month's game will be "Shark Tank," in which players will collaborate in teams to develop business ideas and create simple prototypes of their products or services, and then request funding to bring their inventions to life.

Poetry Open Mic

Monday, March 2, 7 – 8 p.m., Pod D

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

Bilingual Spanish Family Storytime / Hora de cuentos bilingüe para familias

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

Join us for stories, songs, and movement in Spanish and English.

Pasa por la biblioteca para cuentos, canciones y movimiento.

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

Tuesdays, March 3, 10, 17, & 24, 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. 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。

Silicon Valley Reads: Art with Drawn2Art

Tuesday, March 3, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Join instructors from Drawn2Art studio for this fun Silicon Valley Reads-themed art program! This program is designed for adults and teens. All materials will be provided.

The Whodunit? Mystery Book Club

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

We will discuss [*The Widow*](#) by John Grisham.

Toddler Storytime (ages 1-2)

Wednesdays, March 4, 11, 18, & 25, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard Room

Thursdays, March 5, 12, 19, & 26, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard Room

Storytimes will be filled with stories, music, and fun activities! Due to limited space, we will begin handing out free tickets starting at 10 a.m.

Baby Storytime & Stay and Play (ages 0-1)

Wednesdays, March 4, 11, 18, & 25, 1 – 2 p.m., Orchard Room

We invite non-walking babies and their caregivers to 20 minutes of catchy songs and rhymes, gentle movement and baby sign language, and short books. Stay for our "Stay & Play" session, where babies can explore fun, age-appropriate toys.

ESL Conversation Club

Thursdays, March 5, 12, 19, & 26, 1:30 – 3 p.m., Orchard Room

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

Preschool Storytime (ages 3-5)

Thursdays, March 5, 12, 19, & 26, 3:30 – 4 p.m., Orchard Room

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

Teen Dungeons and Dragons Social Club

Thursdays, March 5, 12, 19, & 26, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

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 and Play (ages 0-1)

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

Join us for a special storytime featuring American Sign Language along with songs and stories and fun. After storytime stay or join us to play with age-appropriate toys.

Board Game Sunday

Sunday, March 8, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Orchard Room

We have board games for adults, teens, and children.

The Art of Science and Happiness

Tuesday, March 10, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

Participants gain practical insights into why achievement alone doesn't deliver lasting happiness—and how relationships, ability to regulate emotions, and meaning matter more than we're often led to believe.

Crafts with Gigi

Wednesday, March 11, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Local artist Gigi Farmer will lead adults and teens in the creation of an easy, no-sew bohemian fiber bracelet. All materials will be provided. No registration necessary.

Finding Marian Abel at Los Altos Library

Thursday, March 12, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard Room

Join longtime library commissioner Pierre Bedard and LAHS' Gustav Herhne for a special book club celebrating *Marian Abel's History of the Los Altos Library (1914-1964)*. The history, written in 1972, explores the library's first 50 years.

Adult Watercolor Workshop

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

Join us for a watercolor workshop for adults. Registration is not required. Seating is limited to the first 20 attendees and is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Media, Information and AI Literacy

Saturday, March 14, 2 – 4 p.m.

Through hands-on examples, guided discussion, and take-home strategies, families will walk away with: tools to spot misinformation and manipulated media; simple questions to ask when evaluating online content; and a better understanding of how AI is reshaping what we see and what we believe. Please register.

Sunday CrafterNoon

Sunday, March 15, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Adults, teens, and kids can join us for an afternoon of relaxed crafting. Supplies are provided. Children must come with their responsible adult crafting-buddy.

Book Bugs Club (Grades 2-3)

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

Our March book selection is [*Mr. Summerling's Secret Code*](#) by Dori Hillestad Butler. Please pick up a copy of the book at the Children's Desk at Los Altos or Woodland Library.

Getting to Zero Waste

Tuesday, March 17, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Join GreenTown Los Altos for clear answers and practical ways to reduce waste and improve recycling and composting in Los Altos.

Page Turners Book Club (Grades 4-5)

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

This month we are reading [*A Wrinkle in Time*](#) by Madeleine L'Engle. Please pick up a copy of the book at the Children's Desk at Los Altos or Woodland Library.

Growing Fabulous Citrus

Wednesday, March 18, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room

UC Master Gardener Candace Simpson will discuss planting location and method, pruning, fertilizing and watering, and identifying and managing pests and diseases.

Starfront Observatories: All About Remote Observing

Thursday, March 19, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room

This talk will cover everything you need to know to feel comfortable with remote imaging, whether it is from your bedroom to your backyard or all the way at Starfront Observatories.

Bay Area Games Day

Saturday, March 21, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m., Orchard Room

Learn how to play a new board game or enjoy an old favorite.

Celebrate Persian New Year

Monday, March 23, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard Room

Enjoy traditional spring dances and learn about the cultural significance behind these movements and their connection to renewal and community.

To Be Read Book Club (Grades 6-8)

Tuesday, March 24, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

This month we are reading [*Hoops*](#) by Matt Tavares. Pick up a copy of the book at the Children's Desk at Los Altos or Woodland Library.

Author Visit: Ballet and War

Tuesday, March 24, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

In this presentation, local author Ginny Kubitz Moyer will discuss her latest novel, [*The World at Home*](#).

Wednesday Travel Nights

Wednesday, March 25, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Years before the civil war that is now continuing to envelop the African nation of Sudan, a small group of intrepid travelers visited this fascinating country of welcoming people. This program will be an eye-opening look into a land less traveled but should not be forgotten.

Crafts with Leila

Thursday, March 26, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Local artist Leila Ghasempour will lead adults and teens in the creation of a unique project: a personalized fabric butterfly, perfect for a keychain or zipper pull. All materials provided.

Nature Storytime with Author Ruchi Shah

Saturday, March 28, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Orchard Room

Join us for an interactive storytime with author Ruchi Shah and as she shares her book [*Carbon's Magic Is Everywhere*](#) and leads us in a fun, nature-inspired craft. This is best for children ages 3-7.

Furry Friends Reading Buddies (Grades K-8)

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

Come practice your reading skills and read aloud to a friendly dog or cat – your very own furry audience. You may register for a 10-minute session online two days before the event.

Piggy Bank Pioneers (ages 5-9)

Sunday, March 29, 2 – 3 p.m., Orchard Room

The Mountain View High School Personal Finance Club can help improve financial literacy skills through fun, interactive games.

Monday Morning Meditation and Mindfulness

Monday, March 30, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Orchard Room

Practice meditation for 20 minutes then have 10 minutes to speak with the instructor.

Now Read This Book Club

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

We will be discussing [*Cursed Daughters*](#) by Oyinkan Brathwaite.

Before Your Eyes: An Immersive Music Performance

Monday, March 30, 7 – 8 p.m., Orchard Room

Before Your Eyes is an immersive, participatory performance that integrates harp, violin, piano, water-based instruments, and creative coding to explore how sound, nature, and technology can unite performers and audiences in real time.

MILPITAS -- 160 N. Main Street**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 March 30-31.

Baby Bouncers Lapsit (12 months and younger)

Tuesdays, March 3, 10, 17, & 24, 11:30 – 11:45 a.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.

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

Tuesdays, March 3, 10, 17, & 24, 6:30 – 7 p.m., Children's Activity Room

The early literacy focus is on sharing stories and songs in English and Mandarin Chinese. 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。

Fun with Art presented by First5 Santa Clara County

Wednesday, March 4, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Activity Room

Staff from the Guerrero Family Resource Center will read a book, lead a craft activity based on the book, and then share resources provided at the resource center.

ESL Conversation Club

Wednesdays, March 4, 11, 18, & 25, 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 K-8)

Wednesdays, March 4, 11, 18, & 25, 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.

Toddler Storytime (Ages 1-2)

Thursdays, March 5, 12, 19, & 26, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Activity Room

This storytime features lots of movement, singing, and action. The early literacy focus is on short picture books, with simple flannel board stories, fingerplays, and lots of repetition.

Preschool Storytime (Ages 3-5)

Thursdays, March 5, 12, 19, & 26, 6:30 – 7 p.m., Children's Activity Room

The early literacy focus is on longer picture books and flannel board stories and other storytelling activities and fingerplays. Children's librarians will share kindergarten readiness resources with caregivers.

Qi Gong Meditation & Exercise Classes

Fridays, March 6, 13, 20, & 27, 1 – 3 p.m., Auditorium

Relieve stress and anxiety, increase energy and vitality and improve physical health during these exercise sessions.

Giảm căng thẳng và lo lắng, tăng năng lượng và sức sống, Cải thiện sức khỏe thể chất.

Knit & Crochet Circle

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

Meet other yarn lovers, get help or share ideas. Limited instruction available in English, Hindi, Punjabi and Gujarati, but note this is not a class. Materials not provided.

Music & Movement (ages 3-8)

Friday, March 6, 3:30 – 4:15 p.m., Activity Room

Children and their caregivers will have fun exploring music and dancing together.

Family Storytime

Saturdays, March 7, 14, 21, & 28, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Activity Room

This 30-minute storytime features lots of movement, singing, and action. The early literacy focus is on picture books, flannel board stories and fingerplays and an early introduction to group dynamics and socialization.

Teen Rubik's Cube Club

Saturday, March 7, 4 – 5 p.m., Conference Room

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

LEGO Club for Grades K-8

Monday, March 9, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Activity Room

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

Science Fiction and Fantasy Book Club

Monday, March 9, 7 – 8 p.m., Auditorium

Sign up and pick up a copy of [Solaris](#) by Stanislaw Lem.

Little Learners STEAM (Ages 3-5)

Tuesday, March 10, 3:30 – 4:15 p.m., Auditorium

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

Stay and Play Café for Kids 0-5

Friday, March 13, 11:15 a.m. – 12 p.m., Activity Room

Stay, play and learn with music, toys, and snacks.

Family Board Game (Ages 6+)

Fridays, March 13 & 27, 4 – 5 p.m., Children's Activity Room

Whatever your interest level, join us for a variety of games to enjoy.

Board Game Day

Saturday, March 14, 10 a.m. – 6:30 p.m., Auditorium

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

Mend with Friends

Saturday, March 14, 11 a.m. – 12:30 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 appreciated.

Intro to Business for Teens

Saturday, March 14, 2 – 4 p.m., Program Room

The program provides a strong foundation in entrepreneurship, finance, and innovation through interactive, project-based learning.

Dungeons & Dragons: Spring Mini Campaign (Ages 13+)

Saturdays, March 14 & 28, 2 – 4 p.m., Conference Room

Our DM will guide you through the process from character creation and basic rules. Make your own character and get lost in the world of Dungeons and Dragons. Walk-ins welcome.

Lil Athletes (ages 18 months-4 Years)

Wednesday, March 18, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Auditorium

Stories, stretches, and sports-themed activities for tots on the move! Parents/caregivers must stay and participate with their children.

Folk Art Craft (Grades K-8)

Friday, March 20, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Activity Room

Join us this Women's History Month to create watercolor folk art inspired by the vibrant, whimsical style of artist Karla Gerard.

Adult and Teen Crafternoon (Ages 13+)

Saturday, March 21, 3 – 4:30 p.m., Program Room

Use your imagination to create a small, magical entryway to a fairy world. We'll have several aesthetic options so come explore your whimsical side. No registration is required; walk-in while supplies last.

Gentle Flow Yoga (ages 13+)

Sundays, March 22 & 29, 10:15 – 11:15 a.m., Auditorium

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

The South Bay Needlepointers Stitch-In

Monday, March 23, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Conference Room

The South Bay Needlepointers present programs which encourage and inspire members to explore new techniques in needlepoint, learn about design, color, texture and perspective, and provide an opportunity to network with others who share a passion for needlepoint.

Books & Bricks Book Club (Grades 4-6)

Tuesday, March 24, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Activity Room

Join our book and Lego building club for 4th-6th graders! This month we are reading [*The Misfits: A Royal Conundrum*](#) by Lisa Yee. Register online.

Milpitas Book Discussion Group for Adults

Wednesday, March 25, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. and Thursday, March 26, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m., Program Room

We will discuss [*The Saint Laurent Muse*](#) by C. W. Gortner.

The Peaceful Poets

Thursday, March 26, 5:30 – 8 p.m., Conference Room

The Peaceful Poets are a Milpitas-based group of writers and appreciators of poetry.

Summer Planning: Research Opportunities

Saturday, March 28, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Program Room

Summer planning is one of the most critical components of the college admissions process. Our counselor will break down the key strategies behind effective summer planning, clarify common misconceptions, and highlight the most important factors to consider when selecting summer programs.

Reading Buddies (Grades K-5)

Saturday, March 28, 2 – 3 p.m., Children’s Activity Room

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

San Francisco Shakespeare Festival Special Performance

Saturday, March 28, 2 – 3 p.m., Auditorium

Experience one of Shakespeare’s most powerful political dramas as the San Francisco Shakespeare Festival brings *Julius Caesar* to life inside the library.

Pokémon GO at the Library

Sunday, March 29, 2 – 4 p.m.

We will be activating lures on our in-house PokéStops, turning the library into a hotspot for rare encounters and rapid fire catching.

MORGAN HILL -- 660 W. Main Avenue**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 a 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. Homework Help will not be offered on March 30 & 31.

Zumba Fitness Class/Clase de Zumba Fitness

Mondays, March 2 & 16, 6 – 7 p.m., Community Room

This Latin-inspired, easy-to-follow dance exhilarates your senses and works all major muscle groups. Este baile de inspiración latina y fácil de seguir estimula tus sentidos y trabaja todos los grupos musculares principales.

Evening Itty Bitty Jamboree (ages 0-12 months)

Tuesdays, March 3 & 17, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., Activity Room

Adults and babies are invited to short, fun stories, rhymes, fingerplays, and songs.

Adaptive Hour Open House

Wednesday, March 4, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Children, teens, and adults who are neurodivergent and/or have intellectual/physical disabilities, along with their families and caregivers, are invited to explore the library, join self-guided activities, and learn how we can build Bridges to Belonging.

Kids LEGO Club

Wednesdays, March 4, 11, 18, & 25, 1 – 2:30 p.m., Children’s Activity Room

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

After Dinner Book Club

Wednesday, March 4, 7 – 8 p.m., Community Room

We will discuss [*Atmosphere*](#) by Taylor Jenkins Reid.

Toddler Storytime (ages 2-3)

Thursdays, March 5, 12, 19, & 26, 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!

Preschool Storytime

Thursdays, March 5, 12, 19, & 26, 11:15 a.m. – 12 p.m., Children’s Activity Room

Join us for a fun-filled storytime featuring stories, songs, rhymes, and lots of interactive movement!

Tiny Tot Jamboree (ages 1-2)

Fridays, March 6, 13, 20, & 27, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Children’s Activity Room

Parents and toddlers: Join us for short stories, rhymes, fingerplays, activities, and songs.

Itty Bitty Jamboree (ages 0-12 months)

Fridays, March 6, 13, 20, & 27, 12 – 1 p.m., Children’s Activity Room

Adults and their babies: Join us for short, fun stories, rhymes, fingerplays, and songs. Itty-Bitty Jamboree is 30 minutes followed by Stay & Play time.

Kids Keva Club (Ages 5+)

Friday, March 6, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Children’s Activity Room

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

ESL Conversation Club

Saturdays, March 7 & 21, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Come to improve your English speaking and listening skills, while learning about other cultures in a safe and supportive environment.

Bilingual Spanish & English Family Storytime

Saturdays, March 7, 14, 21, & 28, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m., Children’s Activity Room

Storytimes are bilingual (Spanish/English) and all ages are welcome to attend. Las horas de cuentos son bilingües (español/inglés) y todas las edades son bienvenidas.

No-Sew Bookmarks for Adults (ages 18+)

Monday, March 9, 6 – 7:30 p.m., Community Room

Join us for an evening of hands-on fun in designing unique, custom bookmarks to keep your place in style. All materials and supplies provided.

Four Shillings Short Concert

Tuesday, March 10, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., Community Room

International touring master musicians Aodh Og O'Tuama and Christy Martin entertain with Celtic, folk and world music.

Family Fun Night

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

Families with school-aged children will create art, crafts, or participate in STEM activities. This month we will create KEVA Bridge Building for Silicon Valley Reads.

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

Fridays, March 13 & 27, 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.

San Francisco Shakespeare Festival Special Performance

Saturday, March 14, 2 – 3 p.m.

Experience one of Shakespeare's most powerful political dramas as the San Francisco Shakespeare Festival brings *Julius Caesar* to life inside the library.

Kids Art Club (Ages 5+)

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

Join us for an afternoon of creativity with the Kids Art Club. We will explore brushstroke painting inspired by Alma Thomas.

Vehicle Basics and Safety

Wednesday, March 18, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Program Room

Learn the basics of auto maintenance and the safety features of your vehicle from professional automotive technicians. This class is aimed at teens and new drivers.

Retro Roadshow: Console Chaos

Saturday, March 21, 12:30 – 3:30 p.m., Community Room

This action-packed multimedia presentation dives into the multi-decade battle between video game companies vying to be number one.

Pokémon GO at the Library

Saturday, March 21, 2 – 4 p.m.

We will be activating lures on our in-house PokéStops, turning the library into a hotspot for rare encounters and rapid fire catching.

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

Friday, March 27, 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.

Chat & Craft: ESL Conversation Club

Monday, March 30, 6 – 7:30 p.m., Community Room

Improve your English listening and speaking skills while making a craft in a fun, supportive environment. We will make “no sew bookmarks.” All supplies will be provided.

SARATOGA -- 13650 Saratoga Avenue**My Father Xu Beihong – Music Inspired by His Art**

Sunday, March 1, 2 – 4 p.m., Community Room

Xu Beihong is considered the father of modern Chinese painting. Xu Beihong's daughter, Xu Fangfang, presents his story in the book, *Xu Beihong's Ink and Color Paintings*.

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 drop-in for free homework help. No registration is required. Caregivers of children under 10 years old must stay with their child.

Mystery Book Club

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

Drop by the Adult Reference Desk at Saratoga Library to sign up for the meeting and pick up a copy of the book.

Band Jam: Guitar and Ukulele

Tuesdays, March 3, 10, 17, & 24, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room

Meet people who are also working on their music journey, learn new chords/strums, and get encouragement to practice towards mastering your instrument. Bring your own guitar or ukulele, all other materials will be provided.

Family Storytime

Tuesdays & Saturdays, March 3, 7, 10, 14, 17, 21, 24 & 28, 11 – 11:30 am, Community Room

Join us for stories, rhymes, and songs.

Sci-Fi & Fantasy Book Club

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

To celebrate Women's History Month, we will discuss [*The Left Hand of Darkness*](#) by Ursula Le Guin. You can sign up and get a copy of the book from the adult reference desk.

Knit & Crochet Circle

Wednesday, March 4, 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, March 4, 11, 18, & 25, 11 – 11:15 a.m., Community Room

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

Drop-in Tech Help

Thursdays, March 5, 12, 19, & 26, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., Oak Room

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

Pruning Fruit Trees

Saturday, March 7, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Saratoga Heritage Orchard

Learn the basics behind why we prune fruit trees, the main forms, different types of cuts, and how to prune stone fruit. Please register.

Board Game Night for Adults

Mondays, March 9 & 23, 6 – 8 p.m., Maple Room

Drop in and play a variety of board games.

Kid's Marble Paint Craft (all ages)

Tuesday, March 10, 4 – 5 p.m., Community Room

Create your very unique marble paint craft! All materials provided, while supplies last.

Furry Reading Buddies (completed Grades K-5)

Fridays, March 13 & 27, 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.

Open Mic

Sunday, March 15, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room

This is your opportunity to share your musical talents in a safe, inviting community of teens of all levels and ages 13+. Bring your guitar, ukulele, voice, or any fun instruments you have been practicing to perform in an open mic setting.

Persian New Year Celebration

Sunday, March 15, 3 – 5 p.m., Community Room

Join us for Persian dance performances, a children's storytime with arts and crafts, and Norooz inspired snacks and photo opportunities.

Kid's Clover Spinner Craft

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

Join us in creating and decorating a paper spinner. No registration necessary.

Canada: Quebec to Niagara Falls

Tuesday, March 17, 7:15 – 8:30 p.m., Community Room

Enjoy the experience of traveling through the provinces of Quebec and Ontario, the two most populated provinces.

Mandarin Storytime

Thursday, March 19, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Maple Room

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

Teatime Book Chatter

Thursday, March 19, 1 – 2 p.m.

Please visit the Adult Reference Desk to register and pick up a copy of the book.

Repair Cafe

Sunday, March 22, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., Community Room and Patio

Repair Cafe will bring tools, materials, and volunteer experts to help you make any repairs you need on clothes, furniture, small appliances, bicycles, crockery, electronics, lamps, toys, and more. Their goal is to extend the life of everyday items.

Make a Toy for a Shelter Animal

Saturday, March 28, 2 – 4 p.m., Maple Room

Participants will braid or sew clothing into dog toys for local shelters.

Silicon Valley Reads Author Talk

Sunday, March 29, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m., Community Room

We welcome Vinita Gupta, the author of [*The Woman In Deed - Road to IPO Bridge Tables and Beyond*](#) for a lively discussion on leadership, legacy, and the power of connection.

WOODLAND – 1975 Grant Road**Family Dance Party**

Sunday, March 1, 11:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Backyard Patio (dress for weather!)

Join performers Simmy Willemann and Mariella Lauriola for a fun and engaging concert of kid-friendly songs with a beat!

Monday Meditation and Mindfulness

Monday, March 30, 7 – 7:30 p.m.

Practice meditation for 20 minutes, then have 10 minutes to talk to the instructor.

ONLINE EVENTS (Please register online)**Virtual Author Talk: Michael Perry**

Wednesday, March 4, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Join us for a conversation with bestselling author Michael Perry, whose wide-ranging work captures the humor, heartbreak, and everyday magic of rural communities.

Online English Conversation Club

Thursdays, March 5, 12, 19, & 26, 11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Meet new friends and practice English together.

Virtual Author Talk: Michelle Carr

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

Dr. Michelle Carr explores nightmares, lucid dreaming, and the emerging field of dream engineering in [*Nightmare Obscura*](#).

Virtual Author Talk: Kate Quinn

Thursday, March 12, 4 – 5 p.m.

Step into a world where stories become real as we explore Kate Quinn's imaginative new novel [*The Astral Library*](#).

Reading Program Tutor Orientation

Tuesday, March 17, 1 – 2 p.m. and 6 – 7 p.m.

Learn how to become an adult literacy tutor for the Reading Program and support an adult learner improve their English reading, writing, listening and speaking skills.

Reading Program Tutor Training

Monday, March 23, and Wednesday, March 25, 5:30 – 8 p.m.

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

Virtual Author Talk: Shoshana Walter with Special Guest Host Barbara Kingsolver

Thursday, March 24, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Join us for a special conversation between journalist Shoshana Walter and award-winning author Barbara Kingsolver as they discuss Walter's book [*Rehab: An American Scandal*](#).

Virtual Author Talk: Kate Messner

Thursday, March 26, 4 – 5 p.m.

Join us for an engaging discussion with bestselling author Kate Messner as we explore her [*Over and Under series*](#), a perfect fit for K–3rd grade readers.

March 2026 Morgan Hill Librarian Report

FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS

Lion Dance: In celebration of the Lunar New Year performers from The Buu Kim Tu Dragon and Lion Dance Association performed intricately crafted lion dances and music for 218 library patrons.

Vietnamese Dance: This program highlighted the tradition of Vietnamese dance from traditional movement to contemporary styles.

Not A Box: In this unique and imaginative program 30 children turned ordinary boxes into creative cars, ships and rockets.

From Gumbo to Greatness: This program filled with delicious tastes and aromas honored the rich traditions of Mardi Gras cooking.

MARCH PROGRAMS

Adaptive Hour Open House

Wednesday, 3/4 10:30am

No Sew Bookmarks Craft (ages 18+)

Monday, 3/9 6pm

Four Shillings Short Concert

Tuesday, 3/10, 6:30pm

San Francisco Shakespeare Festival presents Julius Caesar

Saturday, 3/14 2pm

Vehicle Basics and Safety for Teens & New Drivers

Wednesday 3/18, 4pm

Retro Roadshow: Console Chaos

Saturday, 3/21 12:30pm

January Statistics

Monthly Circulation: 46,097

Number of Borrowers: 5,240

New Cards: 201

Visitors: 18,403

Programs & Outreach: 72

Program Participants: 2,399

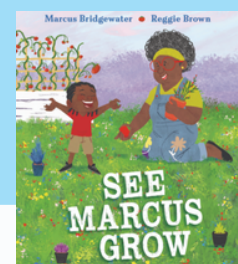
Open Access Visits: 54



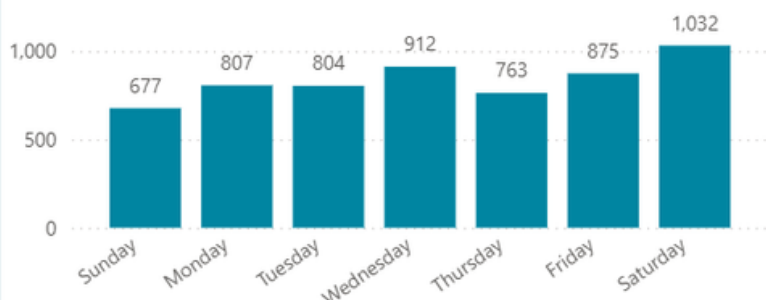
READ FOR THE RECORD

Read for the Record is an annual campaign that engages millions of people world wide to read the same book on the same day to raise awareness about literacy.

Morgan Hill Library celebrated with featured story "See Marcus Grow" and a garden craft.



Average Checkouts by Day of the Week - FY 2026



Register Your Child for

FREE BOOKS

Register your child in Dolly Parton's Imagination Library and get a FREE BOOK every month until their 5th birthday.

If your child lives in Santa Clara County, register for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library at <https://scclid.org/imaginationlibrary>

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DPIL Impact Globally

- Closes Literacy Gaps
 - After receiving just 10 books children were 4x more likely to demonstrate stronger emerging literacy skills.
- Inspires Reading Globally
 - Children were 9x more likely to be interested in books.
- Strengthens Home Literacy Environments
 - Children were 9x more likely to be read to 4 or more days per week.

In Morgan Hill,

- There are 3726 eligible children (age 0-5)
- Books are available in English or bilingual Spanish
- 60% of 3rd graders are not reading at grade level
- The cost is \$2.60 per book



Santa Clara County



Winter, 2026

THE BOOKWORM BULLETIN

News & Events from the Friends of the Morgan Hill Library

A Look Inside This Issue

- **Friends fund \$50,000** in Library patio improvements.
- **More volunteers mean more support and funding** — celebrating Friends who wear many hats.
- **Big Book Sale** news, programs, and upcoming events.
- **Membership perks**, renewals, and ways to get involved.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY
MORGAN HILL, CALIFORNIA

Winter Book Sale

Saturday, February 14
Library Program Room

Members Early Preview 9-10am

2026 Memberships Available

Sale Open to All 10am-3pm

Children's Books 25¢ Each
Other Books \$1 or Less
Special Sets Available

Unique Sewn Handicrafts
Fill Your Grocery Sized Bag
2-3 pm for \$5

santa clara county library district

**NEW
BOOK SALE
SCHEDULE**

Second Saturdays
• February • June
• October

Going forward



● ● ● Notes from Vicky

Vicky Reader, President
vevreader@gmail.com

Looking back at last year, Community Librarian Heather Geddes thanked the Friends again for supplementing our Library's budget.

She highlighted these specific areas where Friends made an impact:

- Children's Art and STEM programs
- Puppet Art Theater
- Happy Birds
- Dance and Cultural Programs
- Musical Performances
- Snacks at Teen Programs
- Adult Art and Crafts
- Summer Reading Prize Books

This year, our Library received a special FMHL donation of over \$50,000 for our 50th Anniversary in 2024, including \$5,000 received from donors.

Collaborating with Heather and Chris Ghione with the City, we have installed new patio tables, including an ADA-compliant one. Shade protection and a book-themed bronze bench will arrive by spring.

Board officers returning this year are Joy Safakish (Vice President), Sheila Dunwoodie (Secretary), and Sherrie Wren (Treasurer).

Shout Outs to Standouts!

Donna Cotich has actively contributed to the Friends organization through her work at the Bookstore, Big Book Sales, and as Membership Coordinator since 2019. During COVID, she made masks for Library staff. Since then, her variety of handmade items have boosted FMHL income by \$8,700. Her dedication has been invaluable.

Denise Schroeder is taking over the Membership role, having quickly proven to be an asset by covering Bookstore shifts, training cashiers, and assisting at Big Book Sales. She now is a Board member.

Roberta Henderson created our Friends e-commerce presence on Amazon and eBay and handles all the online activity from posting items to Post Office mailings. Since 2018, her efforts have generated over \$100,000 of income to be used toward Library needs.

**The entire Board values our dedicated members and volunteers,
our welcoming Library staff, and our patrons who generously support us.
It is a privilege for us to serve our community.**

**Thank you for being
an important part of it.** *V*

LIBRARY NEWS

by Heather Geddes, Community Librarian

Congratulations New Faces & New Roles!

Marissa Jacobo is now the Supervising Librarian for Adult & Teen Services, focusing on enhancing adult programming and outreach in the community. She has over twenty years of library experience, previously serving as the Supervising Librarian for Children's Services.

Tammy Kearin is the new Library Circulation Supervisor, overseeing Library Clerks and Pages responsible for Library Account and Material Services. She began her career with the SC County Library District in Campbell and has spent eight years in Morgan Hill as a Library Clerk and Senior Clerk. Last year, she received a County Employee Excellence Award and led an in-house professional conference, as well as planning for a new Automated Material Handling System.

Lobby Self Service Hours

The Morgan Hill Library now provides self-service access for patrons to browse new books, pick up holds, check out materials, read, and use WiFi in the lobby.

To register, visit during open hours to fill out a form and receive a demonstration on using Open Plus Access services.

Self-service available daily from 9:00am.

NEW



**Tammy
with Taylor**

Taylor is the new Children's Services Librarian leading the Lego Club and upcoming Storytimes programs.



Justin with Jocelyne

Justin, a full-time Library Clerk, works at the Accounts Desk and on Snack and Lunch at the Library programs.

John, the Senior Library Clerk, manages Library Pages and the Volunteer programs.

Jocelyne, the new Adult Services Librarian, oversees crafting and ESL programs.

Volunteer Coordinator

KAREN MACDONALD

karenmacdmhca@gmail.com

Volunteer Dispatch

Volunteer Spotlight

Joy Safakish, Vice President



In addition to serving as Vice President, Joy supports multiple areas of Friends operations, helping keep the Bookstore, Membership, and day-to-day volunteer efforts running smoothly.



Can you help? Email me.
karenmacdmhca@gmail.com

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BOOK STORE

Help Wanted at Bookstore

Have some time to spare? We're seeking friendly volunteers for Bookstore shifts, with cashier training provided.

Open Shifts:

- Sat: 1:00pm
- 1st Thu: 1:00pm-4:00pm
- 2nd Thu: 10:00am-1:00pm
- 5th Thu: 10:00am-1:00pm
and 1:00pm-4:00pm

The Friends Who Make it All Happen

The FMHL and our community are fortunate to have so many dedicated volunteers who make our organization so great. Most of our volunteers help the public in our Bookstore. Others work behind-the-scenes sorting, processing, and organizing materials donations from donors or from the library.

Some of the same volunteers, plus others, work at our Big Book Sales held in February, June, and October - before, during, and/or after the event. In fact, many volunteers hold multiple roles, including training others, helping with communication pieces, or serving on the board. There are so many busy Friends who keep us running smoothly.

Thanks to you all!

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eBay VOLUNTEER

Help Us Sell on eBay

One dedicated volunteer has handled our entire online sales process through Amazon and now we have a Friends presence on eBay. If you use that marketplace as a seller and have a possible interest in taking on this piece of our online sales, let me know.

CLASSIFIEDS

BIG BOOK SALES

UPDATE

Going forward, Big Book Sales will now be held on the **second Saturday of February, June, and October.**



Friday Setup Crew

Help set up for the Big Book Sale on Friday! Light lifting and book unloading. Trolleys provided. Your time matters!

Friday, Feb 13

- 12:15pm-2:30pm: Arrive early to set up tables and display genre signs.
- 1:00pm-2:30pm: Retrieve books from the shed, set them out in the Program Room, put up informational flyers, and tidy the area.

Sale Day Volunteers

Volunteers are needed for sale day to assist with setup, teardown, cashiering, arranging books, and general help.

Saturday, Feb 14

- 8:30am-noon: Cashier duties, tidy book boxes, stack empty boxes for storage.
- Noon-3:30pm: Same tasks, plus take leftover books to parking lot crates.

BOOK REVIEW

Joy Safakish, Vice President

SHOCKED EARTH

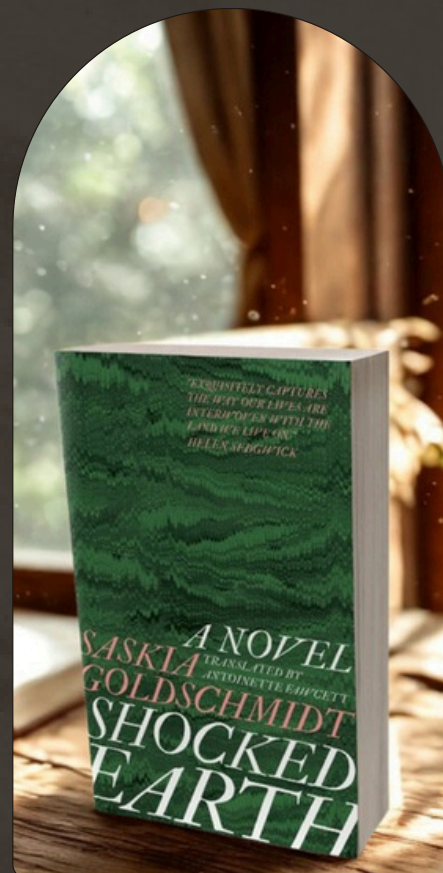
by Saskia Goldschmidt

A story from the Netherlands about a family in turmoil as they struggle to save their family farm. The setting is the providence of Groningen where gas extraction conducted by international oil companies is an actual historical event.

On their farm, earthquakes have damaged their home, have caused the deaths of livestock and their neighbors are experiencing similar events. Tensions rise between mother, Trijin, and her grown daughter, Femke. Femke envisions a farm based on sustainable growing practices while her mother wants to maintain the traditional ways.

Femke finds some relief in her first romantic relationship that builds her emotional maturity. As the characters gain insight into their plight, the community comes together to voice their dissent. Trijin contributes an energizing morale boost to these efforts while the state-owned gas company seeks to minimize the crisis.

Author Goldschmidt's depiction of the struggle against corporate tyranny with the underlying theme of conventional values versus progressive ideas is a compelling story.



Find BOOKS like this

at the Friends of the Library BOOKSTORE.

- Monday–Wednesday: 12:00pm–5:30pm
- Thursday and Friday: 10:00am–4:00pm
- Saturday: 10:00am–1:00pm

Hours may change based on volunteer availability.

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MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

By Donna Cotich

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the Morgan Hill Library
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**CLICK
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Membership
Renewal

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Welcome to the New Year, and thank you to our Friends of the Morgan Hill Library. **We're glad to see new members joining through the Bookstore and hope to see many of you at our Big Book Sale on Saturday, February 14.** Members enjoy Early Preview at 9:00am; the sale opens to all at 10:00am.

Calling all members who haven't yet renewed for 2026. Many annual and five-year memberships expired at the end of December. **You can renew at the Big Book Sale or online at Friends of the Morgan Hill Library — Help The Friends, where you can print a form or pay by debit, credit, or PayPal.** Not sure of your status? Ask a Bookstore cashier and they'll look it up for you.

Thank you to everyone who supports FMHL through monetary and book donations. **Every dollar raised in our Bookstore goes directly back to the Morgan Hill Library** to augment programs, supplies, and improvements that benefit the entire community.

You help make that impact possible by shopping in the Bookstore, enjoying your books, and donating them back when finished. Gently used book donations in good or better condition are always welcome, and gifting a membership or \$10 gift certificate from the Bookstore is another easy way to support the Friends.

Members and non-members alike are invited to explore our volunteer opportunities, listed on the membership form. If you're not yet a member, we hope you'll pick up a form at the Bookstore or at the Big Book Sale. We'd love to welcome you as a Friend of the Library.



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Individual Membership
\$10 one-year, \$50 five-years

Family Membership
\$20 one-year, \$100 five-years

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patron, corporate and lifetime-
tier membership info.*

**Membership fees directly
benefit the library.**

Becoming a **FRIEND** has **BENEFITS**

- **Early access** to thrice yearly book sales.
- **Exclusive updates** on library programs.
- **Tax-deductible** membership fees.
- **Members-only** discount card.

For a little extra savings each month at our Bookstore.

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**FRIENDS
Bookstore**
at MH Library

to get your **Membership Form**.

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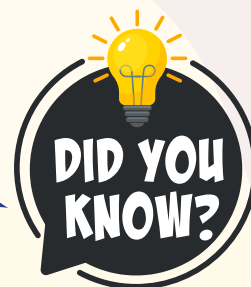
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Morgan Hill, CA 95037.**

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to **find out more.**



Many of the books in our store are
like new, popular, and in great condition
yet most sell for just \$1 or \$2!

Our hardworking volunteers carefully curate
a high-quality collection
with your generous book donations.

TREASURER'S REPORT

January 21, 2026

At the 4th quarter closing on December 31, 2025, the value of our two CDs total \$112,726 and our other cash assets are \$128,759 making our total current assets \$241,635.

Our 2025 Books and Media, and Online income was \$52,156. Our two CDs earned \$2,400 in 2025.

Total donations and grants received are \$15,923. Donations include Crafts sales of \$1,894 thanks to Donna Cotich, our "crafty" member.

In 2024 our total income was \$62,563 and our net after expenses was \$32,224.

Our total 2025 income was \$72,300 and our net after expenses is \$34,771. This is an increase from 2024 of \$2,550.

\$21,000 have been donated by Friends to the SCCLD for spending on the Morgan Hill Library. The additional amount spent on local library programs brings the total to \$27,457.

We also made \$500 donations to both the Santa Clara County Library District (SCCLD) Foundation and the Silicon Valley Reads 2026 "Bridges to Belonging" program which continues through the end of March, including a recent author visit to our library.

We have paid a 50% deposit of \$6,400 on a bronze bench Friends is donating to the MH Library patio. It is being cast at Randolph Rose Collection in New York and should be completed and shipped by March 2026. Three new tables for the patio (one with an accessible opening) and a shade sail are also donated by the Friends.

A recent \$4,000 corporate match donor commented "My family loves this library and everything you all do there!"

We continue to fulfill our goal of supporting our wonderful Morgan Hill Library.

by Sherrie Wren, Treasurer
treasurer@friendsmhlibrary.org



FMHL contributed \$27,457 toward our Library's programs, services, and materials in 2025.

Our contributions toward district-wide programs and services benefit us as one of seven community libraries in the SC County Library District.

Special thanks to Joy Safakish,
Vice President of the Friends,
for coordinating this celebration and
capturing these moments on camera.



NATIONAL Friends OF Libraries WEEK
OCTOBER 19-25, 2025
AN INITIATIVE OF UNITED FOR LIBRARIES



Hello,
Happy National Friends of Libraries Week!
This is the 20th annual celebration of
this fun week celebrating your good work for
public libraries. Thank you for your leadership
that brings together the community to support
reading and libraries. Yet, even with all the boxes
and sales, the Friends are about much more
than books. You build positive relationships,
encourage collaboration, and strengthen social
connection, not to mention, make the world
brighter and greener! Thank you for all
that you do.

Gratefully,
Jennifer

Jennifer Weeks,
County Librarian

Best of Friends
October 18, 2025
Chocotella Morgan Hill

FRIEND



Grupo Folklórico

Los Laureles



Karen Chavez

The Dukes of Ukes

Program HIGHLIGHTS

In 2025, programs funded by the Friends filled the Morgan Hill Library with music, movement, storytelling, and shared experiences.

These moments highlight the diverse ways the Friends support programming that brings people together and celebrates learning, culture, and creativity.



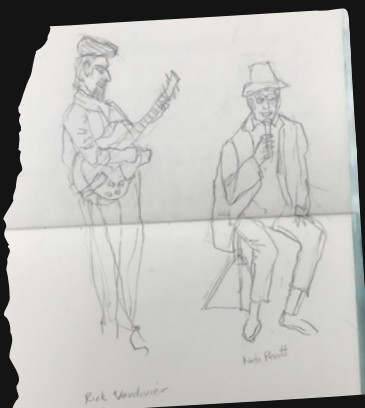
ROSE

A Mother's Story

performed by:



Kathy Esteves-Bates



Jazz Afternoon Sketch by: Friend and Bookstore volunteer Bill Barnhart

Jazz Afternoon Photos by: Friend Randy Moeller, who supports library programs and recently joined our Bookstore volunteer team.

Jazz Afternoon



Nate Pruitt



Rick Vandivier

Returning by popular demand



Four Shillings Short

Celtic, Folk
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Celebration of Ireland

a concert by Four Shillings Short

Returning by popular demand



**CELTIC, FOLK &
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FREE FAMILY CONCERT

TUE, MAR 10

6:30 PM till 7:30 PM

Morgan Hill Library Program Room

Don't miss Aodh Og O'Tuama & Christy Martin!
Internationally touring master musicians
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MHHS Report to Library, Culture and Arts Commission – March 3, 2026

Tere Johnson, Marketing & Communications Director

MHHS Recognition

We are pleased to share that key members of our team will receive well-deserved recognition at tomorrow night's City Council meeting.

- **Kathy Devine** – The Morgan Hill City Council will present Kathy (MHHS Museum Curator) with a Certificate of Appreciation for her many years of extraordinary service in managing our museum.
- **Documentary Film Team** – A commendation from the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors will be presented to our Documentary Film Team. Supervisor Arenas' aide, Joseph Farfan, will present the commendation on behalf of the BOS.

Women's History Month Support

At her request, Tere Johnson provided Brittany Sherman with eight profiles of women who have made significant historical and cultural contributions to Morgan Hill:

1. Beth Wyman – Former MH Mayor and MHHS President
2. Mary Blair – Raised in Morgan Hill; became a celebrated Disney artist
3. Sada Coe – Daughter of rancher Henry Coe, who donated the 12,000-acre Pine Ridge Ranch that became Coe State Park
4. Diana Murphy Hill – Granddaughter of Martin Murphy Sr.; married Hiram Morgan Hill
5. Virginia Mae Days – First woman Mayor of Morgan Hill
6. Catherine Dunne – Major landowner and sponsor of the first St. Catherine's Church
7. Isola Kennedy – Fought off a mountain lion to save several boys
8. Kathy Sullivan – Long-time MHHS volunteer and former MHHS President

Brittany plans to publish two profiles per week throughout March. Heather Geddes may also use the information for the Library's Women's History Month programming.

2026 Student Field Trip Program

The MHHS Student Field Trip Program launches this week (March 5) and runs through May 15.

MHHS Support of Morgan Hill's 120th Anniversary Celebration

While plans are still being finalized, the MHHS is planning the following activities to celebrate the city's 120th anniversary:

- **Living History Day** – MHHS and Leadership Morgan Hill will co-sponsor a Living History Day at Villa Mira Monte on May 2nd.
- **New Documentary Film** – Our Film Team plans to debut a new documentary on the history of the Freedom Fest Parade on July 3rd.
- **Commemorative Magnets** – The Society will produce commemorative magnets featuring Morgan Hill historical landmarks (artwork drafts are complete).
- **Mary Blair Disney Art Exhibit** – We plan to bring an art exhibit to Morgan Hill featuring the work of celebrated Disney concept artist and former MH resident Mary Blair.
- **Ghost Tour / Paranormal Adventure** – We will host a Ghost Tour and Paranormal Adventure in October at the Hiram Morgan Hill House.
- **Wine Trolley Mobile History Tour** – We will partner with the Wine Trolley to offer a mobile history tour in September.

MHHS and Leadership Morgan Hill Class of '26 Collaboration

The Leadership Morgan Hill Class of 2026 and Society will partner to establish a self-guided downtown history trail. The trail will use QR codes linking to our website to provide historical information about each landmark. Planning meetings are currently underway.

Library, Culture, and Arts Commission Public Services Director Report

Announcements

- South Valley Civic Theater is currently showing High School Musical – On Stage! at the Community Playhouse, through March 14.
- The current art exhibit at the Community and Cultural Center is Barbara Carlisle, through March 18.

Calendar of Upcoming Items

March 2026

Every Monday, March 2nd – 30th:

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

Every Tuesday, March 3rd – 31st:

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

1st Wednesday of every month, March 4th:

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

1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month, March 4th and 18th:

- [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, March 5th – 26th:

- [Community Suppers at Community Christian Church](#)
 - Time: 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
 - Where: Advent Lutheran Church

(305 West Main Ave., Morgan Hill, CA 95037)

Every Friday, March 6th – 27th:

- [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, March 7th – 28th:

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

Wednesday, March 11th:

- [Mayor's State of the City Address](#)
 - Time: 6:00 PM
 - Where: Granada Theatre
(17440 Monterey Road, Downtown Morgan Hill)

Every 2nd Saturday of the month, March 14th:

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

Saturday, March 21st:

- [18th Annual 50+ Ball "Broadway Night" Fundraiser Event](#)
 - Time: 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM
 - Where: Where: Morgan Hill Community & Cultural Center
(17000 Monterey St, Morgan Hill, CA 95037)

April 2026

1st Wednesday of every month, April 1st:

- [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, April 1st and 15th:

- [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, April 2nd – 30th:

- [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, April 3rd – 24th:

- [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, April 4th – 25th:

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

Every Monday, April 6th – 27th:

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

Every Tuesday, April 7th – 28th:

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

Every 2nd Saturday of the month, April 16th:

- [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, January 20, 2026
5:30 PM

Council Chamber
17555 Peak Avenue, Morgan Hill, CA 95037

CALL TO ORDER

5:30pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

Commissioners Fiorenza and Santiago Absent.

DECLARATION OF POSTING AGENDA

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None

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion Ganapathy, Second Lyn, Adopted 5-0.

BUSINESS

1. 120th Anniversary Logo Design Contest Selection

Recommendation:

Select 120th Anniversary Logo

Brittney Sherman, Economic Development Coordinator, provided background on
the contest.

Commissioners selected

Motion to approve the Evan Kelly Design. Motion Carrillo, Second Lyn, approved
5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

6:21pm



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Robyn Carrillo - Chair
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**Tuesday, February 3, 2026
6:00 PM**

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

CALL TO ORDER

6pm

ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

Commissioners Rose and Fiorenza absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion Ganapathy, Second Lyn, Adopted 5-0.

RECOGNITIONS

None

REPORTS

1. **County Librarian Report – Jennifer Weeks, County Librarian**
Recommendation:
Receive report.

2. **Morgan Hill Library Report - Heather Geddes, Community Librarian**
Recommendation:
Receive report.

3. **Friends of the Morgan Hill Library Report – Vicky Reader, Friends President**
Recommendation:
Receive report.

No report.

4. **Morgan Hill Historical Society Report - Roger Knopf, Board President**
Recommendation:
Receive report.

Report provided by Tere Johnson

5. **City of Morgan Hill Update - Chris Ghione, Public Services Director**
Recommendation:
Receive report.

BUSINESS

1. **Accept January 6, 2026 Meeting Minutes**
Recommendation:
Accept January 6, 2026 Meeting Minutes.

Motion Blanton, Second Santiago, Accepted 5-0.

2. Public Art Maintenance Update

Recommendation:

Receive informational report on public art maintenance.

Update provided by Keri Russell, Maintenance Manager.

3. Art a la Carte Planning Discussion

Recommendation:

Discuss event planning.

Andrew Giba, Recreation Specialist, coordinated planning for the event with the Commissioners.

4. Discuss Funding for Artist Receptions

Recommendation:

Have discussion on opportunities to fund artist receptions for artists at the Community and Cultural Center.

The Commission discussed options for supporting the receptions for the artists hosting exhibits at the Community and Cultural Center.

5. Work Plan Updates

Recommendation:

Provide updates on Work Plan Items.

Commissioners provided Work Plan updates.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE COMMISSION AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

7:10pm

AALC Report

I. Site logistics and Materials

- A fire truck will be present during the event.
- Andrew will sign the required waiver and utilize the CCC-provided ladder to install banners.
- Painter's tape or something similar will be used to mark vendor locations, and numbered paper sheets will designate each booth space.
- Mayor Turner is confirmed to serve as the event MC.
- Andrew will prepare and distribute an updated event itinerary.

II. AV System

- The CCC will set up the AV system on the morning of the event.
- The same setup method used during last year's event will be followed.
- A practice session will be scheduled with Christina a few weeks prior to the event to review AV setup procedures.

III. Marketing, Promotion, Flyers

- Social media promotion on Instagram and Facebook has not yet begun.
- The 411 and Ride Guide platforms can be used to help promote the event.
- A printed flyer will be placed at the CCC welcome desk for public distribution.
- 2 draft flyer designs have been completed.

IV. Sponsorship

- Currently, one organization has confirmed sponsorship.

V. Booth Vendor Coordination

- 7 booth vendors are registered as of today.
- Titan Academy has requested their standard setup, which can be accommodated.
- Vendors are encouraged to bring their own tables to reduce CCC equipment needs.
- Vendor placement information will be provided 1–2 days prior to the event (with a possible advance notification email sent one week prior).
- The CCC will need advance notice of vendors requiring tables.

VI. Food Trucks

- One food truck and one dessert truck are confirmed.
- Food trucks should not be positioned behind the fire truck or other vehicles.
- Parking spaces closest to the splash pad in front of the CCC will be reserved for food vendors.

VII. Performers

- Robyn will collect soundtrack files from performers and place them in google drive folder.
- Splash the Dolphin is scheduled to appear.
- Final Youth Action Council attendance numbers will be available after their April 7 meeting. Chiquy will provide an update though not attending in person.
- Balloon twisting was suggested as an alternative activity option.

VIII. Raffle Coordination

- Patrice has requested to independently manage the raffle.

IX. Vendor Map

- Mark's term concludes in April; however, he has offered to meet with Andrew via Zoom to review the map creation process.
- The vendor map does not need to be finalized until April when additional vendors are confirmed.

X. Event Day Support

- Andrew will manage sound and AV support during the event.
- An additional volunteer is recommended as backup support for the AV system.

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.

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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/Lyn)

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.