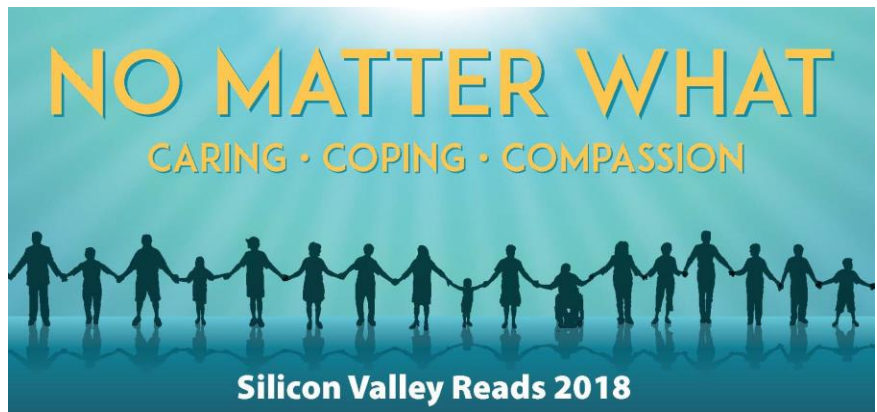


November 2017
Commission Report
Nancy Howe, County Librarian

Silicon Valley Reads 2017

Silicon Valley Reads (SVR) recently selected its theme for 2018, along with two powerful tales about renewed love and commitment to assist our loved ones in times of need. The theme, “No Matter What: Caring, Coping, Compassion” encompasses the selected works, “Goodbye, Vitamin” by first-time novelist Rachel Khong and “My Lovely Wife in the

Psych Ward” by writer and TEDx presenter Mark Lukach. Both spotlight the challenges of caregiving and the importance of family and community support during tough times. SVR will kick off on Thursday, Feb 1, 2018 at 7:30pm at the Visual and Performing Arts Center at De Anza College in Cupertino moderated by Mercury News columnist, Sal Pizarro interviewing both authors. For more information, visit www.SiliconValleyReads.org



Bilingual Storytime - Reading is Fun in all Languages!



November is a time for family and community gatherings and focusing on all of the many things we are thankful for. SCCLD libraries offer programs that celebrate all cultures in our diverse communities giving families the opportunity to enjoy stories in multiple languages. Bilingual storytimes promote early literacy skills, language learning and parent engagement.

Families are invited to join our librarians and enjoy stories, songs and rhymes in English, Spanish and Mandarin at bilingual storytimes at SCCLD libraries.

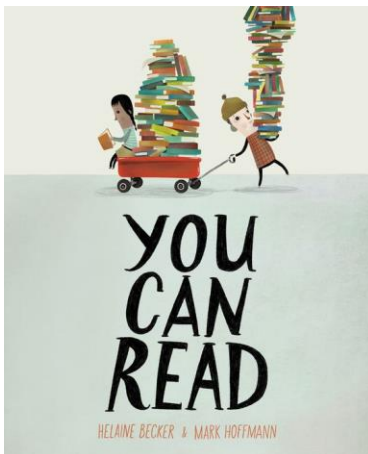
- Campbell- English/Spanish Bilingual Storytime is the first Tuesday of the month at 7:15 pm
- Cupertino- English/Mandarin Bilingual Storytime is the third Friday of every month at 11 am
- Gilroy-Spanish Family Storytime is every Tuesday at 4 pm
 - Cuentos para familias en español en la biblioteca Gilroy
- Los Altos- English/Mandarin storytime every Thursday at 11 am
- Milpitas- English/Mandarin Storytime is held monthly- check the calendar for dates
 - Coming Spring 2018 to Milpitas- English/Vietnamese Bilingual Storytime!
- Morgan Hill- English/Spanish Family Storytime is every Saturday at 10:15 am

Celebrating Picture Book Month at SCCLD

Pictures and books go together like peanut butter and jelly. Join us all November long as we celebrate Picture Book Month with our librarian favorites. Each day a different picture book champion will be posting online at www.picturebookmonth.com about why they love this art form and some top recommendations.

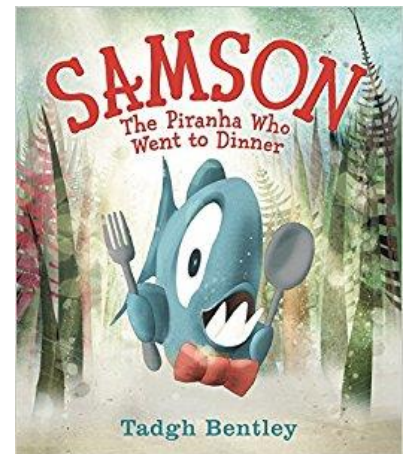
Of course, SCCLD has many great picture books to choose from. Here are a couple of our favorites:

Top 2017 Children's Picture Books



You Can Read by Helaine Becker:
Discover that the act of reading is a daring adventure that can take you anywhere! And you can read anywhere!

Samson: the Piranha Who Went to Dinner by Tadgh Bentley: A piranha who is bored with the usual routine, decides to check out the new fine dining restaurants in the neighborhood. Little does he know that piranhas are not usually welcome visitors, especially to fancy restaurants!



Giving Thanks to Our Veterans

Get help transitioning from military to civilian life.



Free live
online interview
coach



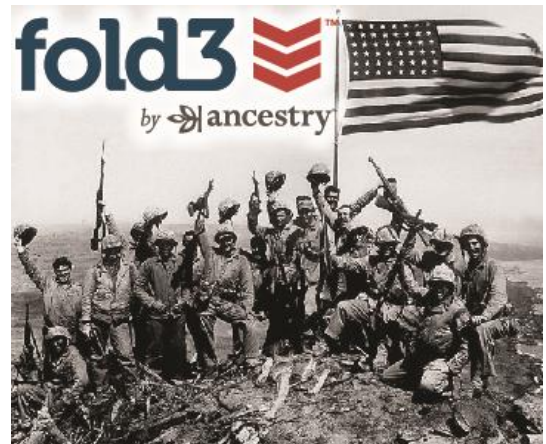
Resume Lab
featuring
expert feedback



Standardized
test practice

SCCLD has free, online resources to assist veterans and their families' transition from military to civilian life. VetNow offers veteran benefit support in career, education, housing and healthcare. This includes interview coaching, resume tools, college skills tools including free tutoring, local and national resource lists and best of all, live experts—all Veterans themselves—are available to help navigate through the steps involved. Find VetNow at www.sccl.org/vetnow.

The 21st century has seen a tremendous interest in genealogy and family ancestry. SCCLD is offering a new service called Fold3 aimed specifically at veterans of American conflicts, dating back to the Revolutionary War. Fold3 merges a huge database of over 500 million records of photos, official documents such as military records and personal records to provide a rich historical record of U.S. soldiers. Searches can be conducted by name or by military unit. For all Veteran resources offered by SCCLD, please visit www.sccl.org/veterans



Listening to Trump's America- Bridging the Divide

While only 21% in Santa Clara County voted for Donald Trump, 46% of the American electorate voted for President Trump. Why did the other parts of the Country see the contest so differently? To get some answers, County Supervisor Joe Simitian traveled to three states and had more than 100 conversations in counties that historically voted for Democratic candidates but “flipped” in 2016 to support Donald Trump. “My goal was to listen, learn and understand. And I learned a lot” said Supervisor Simitian.



SCCLD will host several speaking engagements as Supervisor Joe Simitian shares what he learned about America beyond the Bay Area.

Thur, Nov 9 at 7pm
Saratoga Library
13650 Saratoga Ave
Saratoga, CA 95070

Mon, Nov 13 at 7pm
Campbell Library
77 Harrison Ave
Campbell, CA 95008

Tue, Nov 14
Los Altos Library
13 S. San Antonio Rd
Los Altos, CA 95022