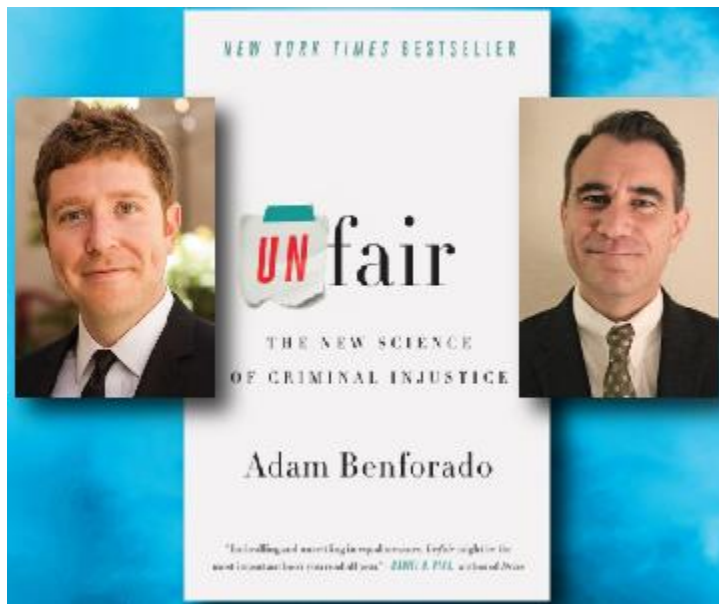


Los Altos Library and Woodland Branch Library, February 2017



Silicon Valley Reads

Adam Benforado, author of “Unfair, the New Science of Criminal Injustice” and Santa Clara County Assistant District Attorney James Gibbons-Shapiro captivated the audience as they discussed and debated the hidden biases in the current legal system.

Friday, February 24 at 7 p.m.

Los Altos Library Use

	January 2017	January 2016
Adult Circulation	56,373	53,991
Children Circulation	45,117	39,863
Total Circulation	101,490	93,854
Programs	71	20*
Program Attendance	3158	340
New Library Cards	311	314
Number of Visitors	42,079	40,216**
Volunteer Hours	520	560

Woodland Branch Library Use

	January 2017	January 2016
Adult Circulation	5,328	8,851
Children Circulation	3,608	7,052
Total Circulation	8,936***	15,903
Programs	11	11
Program Attendance	180	127
New Library Cards	39	45
Number of Visitors	6,196	6,628
Volunteer Hours	65	46.5

Note: *Children programs were not reported. **Corrected statistic. ***WO borrowed LA Self-Check and stats were reported as LA circulation.

News

The new Community Librarian, Marlene Iwamoto, joined the Los Altos Library and Woodland Branch Library on Monday, February 28, 2017.

Highlights

Chinese Dynasty Fashion Show



A Chinese Dynasty Fashion Show in celebration of Chinese New Year delighted attendees. Fashions from different dynasties were modeled, and children had the opportunity to perform traditional Chinese folk dances.

“Read to Me” Reading Sessions with a Teen Volunteer



Beginning readers spent time with a teen volunteer who will help a child with their reading skills. Saturday, February 4, 2017.

Celebrating New Extended Hours

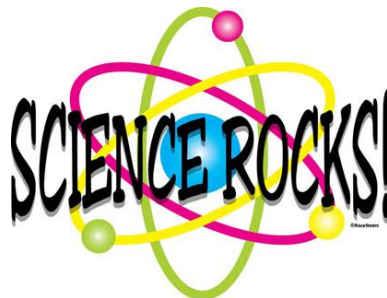


Celebrating the Los Altos Library's new extended hours, children of all ages and their families were invited to a fun-filled puppet show presented by Fratello Marionettes. Saturday, February 18, 2017.

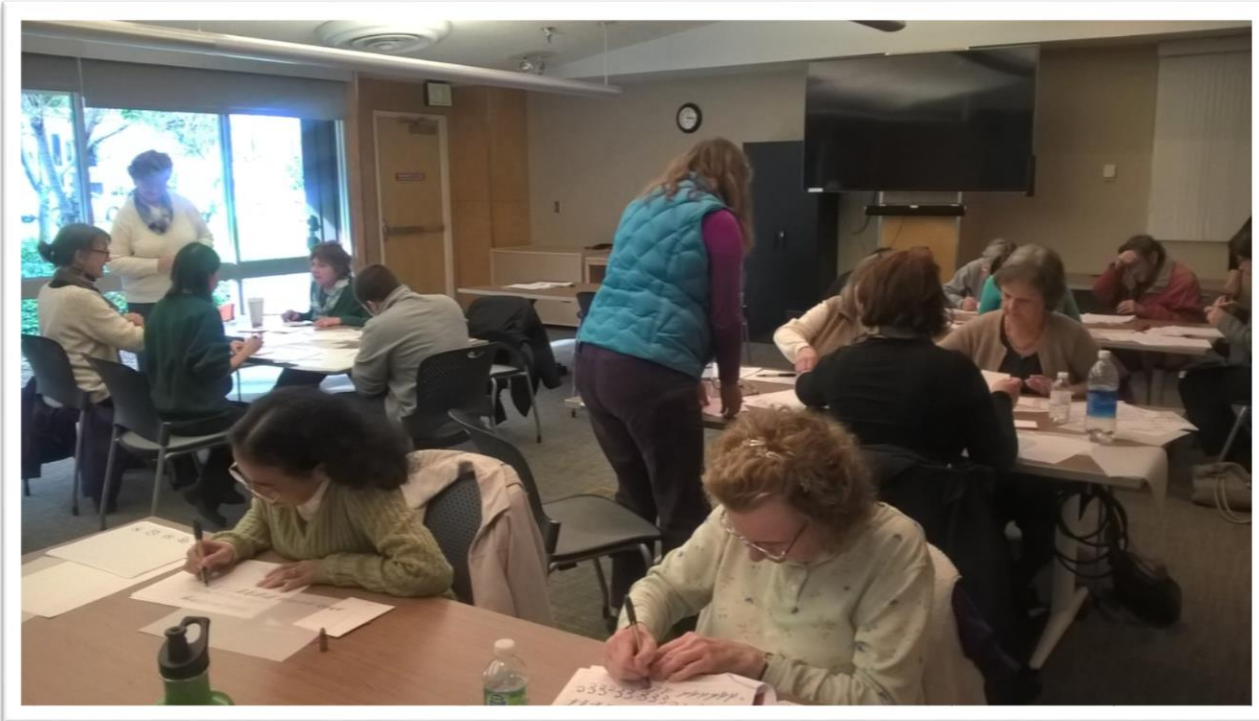
STEAM Art Bot for Children in 3rd Grade and Up



Each child successfully made a functioning robot that creates art. The children were very creative with designing their robots, as well as experimenting with the functionality of the robots. They created motor circuits, adjusted placement of the motors, battery packs and flags to achieve different amounts of wind resistance and some even created propellers or windmills out of popsicle sticks which made them go even faster. Saturday, February 25, 2017.

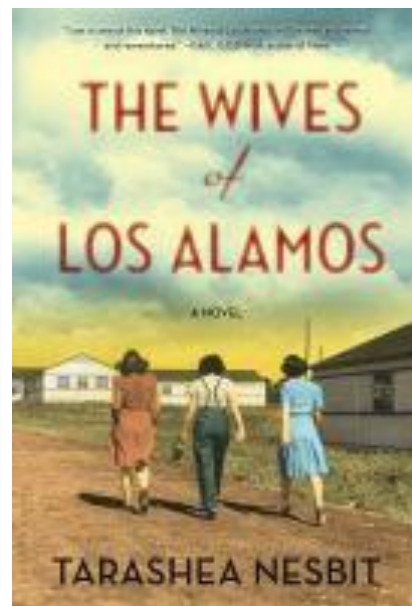


Love Letters: The Art of Brush Pen Calligraphy



Expert Sabrina Hill taught adults the beautiful art of Brush Pen Calligraphy. Monday, February 6, 2017.

Los Altos Library Senior Book Club at the Los Altos Senior Center



February's book is *The Wives of Los Alamos* by TaraShea Nesbit. Thursday, February 9, 2017

Upcoming Events

Children, Preteen & Families

Toddler Storytime (ages 1-2)	Tuesdays	10:15 am
	Wednesdays	10:15 am
	Thursdays	10:15 am
Preschool Storytime (ages 3 & up)	Tuesdays	11:00 am
	Wednesdays	11:00 am
Baby Time (0-18 months)	Wednesdays	1:00 pm
Mandarin-English Storytime	Thursdays	11:00 am

Special "Celebrity Reads" Storytime - March 1 from 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM

In observance of "Silicon Valley Reads," Preschool storytime today welcomes a special celebrity guest. Los Altos Hills Town Council member Courtenay Corrigan will read *Bear and Bee* by Sergio Ruzzier. Preschoolers ages 3 and up, please join us for this special story along with movement, music, and lots of fun!

Celebrate Dr. Seuss' Birthday - March 2 from 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Children of all ages are invited to celebrate Dr. Seuss' Birthday featuring a Dr. Seuss photo booth, books, and a special craft to take home. Feel free to attend dressed as your favorite Dr. Seuss character!

Introduction to Java Programming - March 4, 11, 18 and 25 from 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

This workshop is for students in 7th to 12th grades and with no previous experience in Java. Students learn all the basic concepts of Java including the arithmetic/logic operations, control structures, loops, functions and basic introduction to Object Oriented Programming. Visit www.mathandcoding.org for more information about the curriculum. Space is limited. Students need to bring their own laptops.

Inclusive Sensory Storytime - March 11 from 10:15 AM - 10:45 AM

Sensory storytime is an interactive and educational program that can be enjoyed by all children, but is especially designed for children with sensory integration challenges. It combines books, songs, movement, and therapeutic activities to stimulate all five senses and promote learning. If your child has difficulty sitting through one of the library's other storytimes, this inclusive program of stories, songs and activities may be just what you are looking for! Any child ages 1 to 7 may attend with a parent/caregiver. Registration is required.

Let's Talk: Parent Event - March 13 from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

A chance to ask questions and share ideas, resources, and support with other parents of students with IEPs, 504s, learning differences, mental health challenges, etc. All are welcome. Participants must respect confidentiality. This program takes place in the Los Altos Library Orchard Room.

Parent Chat - March 14 from 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Are you concerned about the emotional wellness of your child? Join the free "Parent Chat" group for peer to peer support, a new group hosted by the Mental Health Subcommittee of SELPA 1 CAC. Under the professional guidance of Monique Kane, LMFT, all parents are welcome to talk about their children age 14+. This program will take place the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

Girls Make Games "Stencyl" Coding Program - March 15 from 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

This program, for children in 6th - 8th grade, teaches computer programming as well as design skills through a game building curriculum. It is presented by Girls Make Games, a Bay Area based national coding and entrepreneurship program launched in 2014 by MIT alumni. Participants must bring their own laptops. No prior coding experience is required to attend.

Cool Kids Read Book Club - March 16 from 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM

We are currently reading *Inside Out* and *Back Again* by Thanhha Lai. Please come to book club prepared to discuss the book in a fun, game show format!

German Bilingual Storytime - March 17 from 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Children and their caregivers are invited to join us for a fun bilingual German/English storytime.

Book Bugs Club for 2nd and 3rd Graders - March 21 from 4:00 PM - 4:45 PM

Calling all 2nd and 3rd graders! This month our book club will return with "The Year of the Panda," by Miriam Schlein. We will have a book discussion, enjoy a snack, and make a craft. If your child has special dietary needs, you may want to send your child with his or her own snack. Sign up here starting February 14, or call the Children's Desk at 650-948-7683, ext 3525, then pick up your copy of the book to check out at the Children's Desk. Thank you to The Friends of the Los Altos Library for their funding and support.

Zimbabwe Children's Program - March 22 from 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM

Children and their families are invited to a program about the culture of Zimbabwe featuring drums and puppets. This event is presented by The Sustainable Living Foundation.

Reading Buddies - March 25 from 2:30 PM - 3:20 PM

Children can now buddy up with a furry friend and read one on one from a favorite book. This program is for readers from Kindergarten through 5th grade. Each ten minute session is with a specially trained therapy dog and volunteer. This is a drop-in program, and is offered most fourth Saturdays of the month, at 2:30 pm.

Adults and Teens

Adult Book Discussion—fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Join us as we discuss Jonas Jonasson's delightful book [The 100-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared](#). Copies of the book are available for checkout at Los Altos Library.

Bobbin Wranglers Sewing Club—first Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

All ages welcome (under 10 accompanied by an adult). Every month we will learn new skills and create a simple project from start to finish! Please bring your own supplies. Each month we will discuss what will be needed for the next project.

Clean Energy, and Much, Much More—Wednesday, March 15 at 7:00 p.m.

Learn about Silicon Valley Clean Energy, what it means for solar customers, the latest on EVs and battery technology, and some excellent ideas on home energy efficiency.

English Conversation Club—every Thursday at 1:30 p.m.

Join non-native speakers to practice English in an informal and supportive setting. Basic (minimum) English skills recommended.

Financial Planning Workshop—second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

The American Association of Individual Investors Silicon Valley Chapter presents workshops with Fred Smith. These investment education meetings assume no prior knowledge of the topic. Webcast simultaneously: details at <http://www.siliconvalleyaaii.org>

The Great Books Club—third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

A monthly book group that explores the classic works of literature. For more information, call Marcene at (650) 961-7380.

Heartfulness Meditation—Mondays, March 20 & 27 at 10:00 a.m.

Learn relaxation and meditation techniques with Heartfulness Certified Instructor Radhalakshmi Ramakrishnan. Visit <http://en-us.heartfulness.org/>.

Keep Calm and Color—Monday, March 20 at 2:00 p.m.

Please join us for the meditative benefits of coloring to soothing music. There's no stress involved--just pick up a coloring pencil and color inside or outside the lines! Refreshments provided.

Knit & Crochet Circle—first and third Tuesday of each month at 4:00 p.m.

Knitters and crocheters of all ages are welcome (under 10 please be accompanied by an adult). Please bring your own needles and yarn. NOTE: This is not a class. We can offer our group wisdom, but there is no instructor.

Library Commission Meeting—first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

The Library Commission is an advisory liaison group between the City Councils of Los Altos and the Town of Los Altos Hills. The Library Commission is also advisory to the Santa Clara County Joint Powers Authority Citizens Advisory Commission and advises the administrative staff of the County Library.

Master Gardeners—fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Learn the basics of container gardening: soil, water, fertilizer, container materials (clay, plastic, etc.), container sizes, and common pests. Also learn about a wide variety of plants that do particularly well in containers.

Meditation: The Secret of Happiness, Health, and Harmony at Los Altos Library

A lecture by Manish Saggat, PhD, Assistant Professor in the department of Psychiatry, Stanford University School of Medicine and long-time meditator, will explore why such downtime is important not just for the brain, all the way down to individual cells.

Native Plant All-Stars: A California Native Plant Society talk—Wednesday, March 22 at 7:00 p.m.

Rebecca Schoenenberger will discuss the care and growing conditions of “All-Star” native plants

identified by UC Davis Arboretum as tough, easy to grow, and reliable.

Senior Book Group—second Thursday of each month at 1:00 p.m.

Join us at the Los Altos Senior Center as we enjoy and discuss American Heiress: The Wild Saga of the Kidnapping, Crimes and Trial of Patty Hearst by Jeffrey Toobin. Optional brown bag lunch and social time at 12:30. Ask at the Los Altos Senior Center office for exact location.

Silicon Valley Reads Film Showing: Oscar Nominee "13th"—Thursday, March 2 at 6:30 p.m.

An in-depth look at the prison system in the U.S. and how it reveals the nation's history of racial inequality. The film is titled after the 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution that outlawed slavery (unless as punishment for a crime).

Silicon Valley Reads Film WITCH HUNT with director Dana Nachman—Tuesday, March 14 at 7:00 p.m.

Director and Los Altos resident Dana Nachman will introduce the film and be on hand after the showing for a Q & A. Sean Penn narrates this documentary about a justice system that abused its power in California through interviews with those unjustly arrested. 90 minutes

Silicon Valley Reads: Islamophobia for Fun and Profit with author Sumbul Ali-Karamali—Friday, March 10 at 7:00 p.m.

Why are there so many negative stereotypes of Islam and Muslims? Sumbul Ali-Karamali, author of The Muslim Next Door: The Qur'an, the Media, and that Veil Thing, discusses the historical, psychological and monetary reasons behind the stereotypes. Co-sponsored by Los Altos Voices for Peace.

Succulents, a California Native Plant Society talk—Friday, March 17 at 7:30 p.m.

Stephen McCabe, Emeritus Director of Research at the UC Santa Cruz Arboretum, will discuss succulents and how to grow them in the home garden.

Teen Video Gaming—every Wednesday at 3:00 p.m.

Come play WiiU games with us! We mostly play multiplayer titles like Smash Bros. This event is held in the Teen Study Room.

The Whodunit? Mystery Readers Group—1st Wednesday of each month at 10:15 a.m.

Monthly discussion of the best in mystery fiction. This month's selection is Persian Pickle Club by Sandra Dallas.

Woodland Library Book Club—second Tuesday of each month at 1:30 p.m.

Join us for a lively book discussion. Registration required. See Woodland librarian for details and/or a copy of the current book.

World Affairs Council—first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Hiding in Plain Sight: The Pursuit of War Criminals from Nuremberg to the War on Terror.