

April 2019  
Commission Report  
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## Food for Fines- Come back for Seconds!



For our second year, SCCLD is offering the Food for Fines amnesty program during the month of April. Patrons can donate any amount of non-perishable food in exchange for having up to \$100 in outstanding fines/fees waived from their account.

Food for Fines is another example how public libraries serve as the hub of their communities. The generosity and goodwill of the \$100 cap is a welcome invitation to come back to the library. This goodwill is paid forward with the donations

from current patrons, past patrons and new patrons-- all contributing food donations to help their neighbors who may be struggling to put healthy food on the table.

All of our libraries and Bookmobiles are participating. To make a donation, patrons can visit the account desk during regular operating hours or talk to one of our helpful Bookmobile staff.

You can help by spreading the word to your family, friends and neighbors. You don't need to be a library patron to participate with a food donation but of course, if you have an outstanding fine or fee, we hope you'll accept our invitation to come back to the library in April. For full details, visit [www.sccl.org/foodforfines](http://www.sccl.org/foodforfines)

### Most needed food items:

- Canned tuna, chicken or salmon
- Spices (cinnamon, chili powder, cumin, salt-free spice blends)
- Peanut butter
- Canned foods with pop-top lids
- Meals in a can (soup, stew, chili)
- Low-sugar whole grain cereals
- Low-sodium canned vegetables
- Healthy snacks (granola bars, nuts, dried fruit)
- Canned fruit in its own juice or water
- Olive or canola oil

Please avoid items packed in glass, no expired or homemade foods, candy or sugar-sweetened drinks. All food donations go to Second Harvest Food Bank.

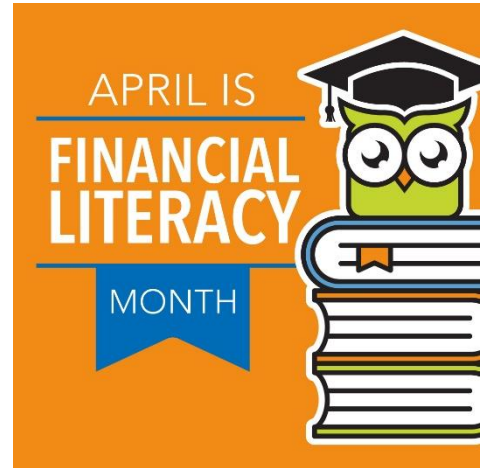


\*Separate donations are required for each account  
\*\* Excludes ILL and rebilling fees

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## SCCLD is Providing Financial Literacy in April

April is Financial Literacy Month and SCCLD provides ongoing tools to help patrons manage their finances, as well as multiple classes and services scheduled in April to help our patrons learn to better manage their money. Financial literacy is an important skill, regardless of age. Whether you're starting your first job, planning to start a family, saving for college, preparing for retirement or living on a fixed income, it's equally important to have a sense of managing your money.



Along with an [array of tools](#) to help you learn all you need to know about smart investing to retirement planning, SCCLD is offering several events:

### Free 2018 Tax Help from Volunteers in Tax Assistance

Tue, Apr 2, 7pm-8:30pm, Saratoga Library

Sat, Apr 6 & 13, 10am-1pm, Milpitas Library (VITA)\*

Sun, Apr 7, 1:30pm-5pm, Cupertino Library (VITA)\*

\*VITA: VITA IRS-Certified volunteers will provide basic tax return preparation with electronic filing to qualified individuals (low income, elderly, disabled) in English, Spanish, Chinese or Vietnamese.

### Money Smart Week: Tax Optimization Strategies

Tue, Apr 2, 7pm-8:30pm, Saratoga Library

Presenters from Financial Planners of America will go over the new tax law, how it affects different income groups, and what you can do to optimize your personal tax situation.

### Homesharing in Los Altos

Tue, Apr 2, 7pm-8:30pm, Los Altos Library

Many residents in Los Altos and Los Altos Hills have empty bedrooms and accessory units. Home sharing is a way of renting these to our local workforce, college students, and seniors. Come learn about the social and financial benefits of home sharing and the organizations that can help match you to good home sharing tenants.

### **Retirement Readiness**

Wed, Apr 3, 10:30am-12pm, Saratoga Library

Presenters from the Financial Planners of America will review and identify key factors in successful retirement, major risks and how to create a steady income stream.

### **Healthy Living: Shopping on a Budget**

Wed, Apr 3, 6pm-7:30pm, Gilroy Library

Tue, Apr 9, 6:30-8pm, Morgan Hill Library

Eating healthy doesn't have to be time consuming and expensive. In this class you will learn tips, including how to prepare a healthy meal for four for just \$10.

### **Celebrate Earth Day at the Library**

SCCLD is celebrating the 49<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Earth Day. This year's theme is "Protecting Our Species."

Through our partnership with UNAFF in Libraries, SCCLD is hosting film screenings on environmental subjects from the dirty little secrets of our digital addiction to building artificial coral reefs, minimizing waste and taking concrete steps to a sustainable future. Join us and learn how you can make a difference in Protecting Our Species.



### **Tomorrow: Take Concrete Steps to a Sustainable Future**

Wed, Apr 17, 6:30pm, Campbell Library

A scientific study once predicted humankind could disappear between 2040 and 2100. It also said it could be avoided by drastically changing our way of life. Filmmakers travel the world in search of solutions that can help save the next generation.

### **Death by Design: The Dirty Secret of our Digital Addiction**

Wed, Apr 24, 7pm, Cupertino Library

Death by Design investigates the underbelly of the electronics industry and reveals how even the smallest devices have deadly environmental and health costs. Space is limited for this event. You can reserve your spot starting Apr 10.

### **Waste=Food**

Mon, Apr 22, 7pm, Los Altos Library

The theory of ecologically intelligent design argues that manufacturers' products, when discarded, should be completely recyclable or become biodegradable. Waste=Food explores this revolutionary "cradle to cradle" concept, as opposed to "cradle to grave".

### **Trashed**

Sat, Apr 20, 2pm, Milpitas Library

Trashed follows Academy Award winner, Jeremy Irons, on a world tour as he discovers the pressing issues surrounding waste and sustainability. The beauty of our planet from space forms a violent contrast to the scenes of human detritus across the globe. Event provided in association with Greentown Los Altos.

### **Angel Azul**

Mon, Apr 22, 7pm, Saratoga Library

Angel Azul is a visually mesmerizing film that explores the artistic journey of Jason deCaires Taylor, an innovative artist who combines creativity with an important environmental solution: the creation of coral reefs from statues that he's cast from live models. When algae overtakes the reef, however, experts provide the facts about the perilous situation coral reefs currently face and the solutions necessary to save them. *Discussion with the filmmaker following the viewing.*

### **Screen-Free Week is Coming**

From April 29-May 5, patrons are encouraged to "unplug". Modern electronics offer us many devices to help us in our lives, but can also prevent us from connecting with those who matter most. Screen-free week is a great time to plan non-electronic activities for yourself and your family.



SCCLD offers books, magazines, newspapers, storytime, classes and so much more! Come into the library and stock up on your favorite reading materials and be sure to stay for a class or event at your local library! For a full list of events, visit [www.sccl.org/events](http://www.sccl.org/events)