

March 2020  
Commission Report  
Jennifer Weeks, Acting County Librarian

## Introducing Acting County Librarian, Jennifer Weeks



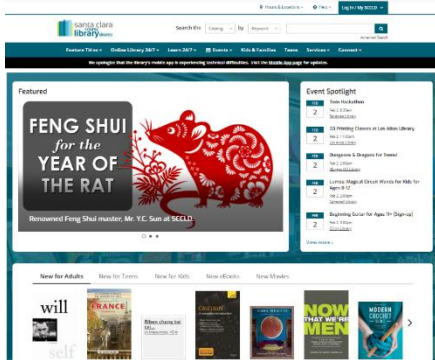
We will be sending Nancy Howe off with a celebration to give her our best wishes on her retirement. The party is scheduled for Monday, Mar 9, 6pm-8pm at the Campbell Orchard Banquet Hall in the Campbell Community Center. If you have not RSVP'd, please do so immediately from the [Punchbowl invitation](#) or contact [Cynthia Rios Garcia](#) or [Tracy Ellenberger](#). Nancy has been County Librarian since 2012 and has served over 25 years with Santa Clara County Library District. Nancy's vision has always been to extend library services to everyone, and this is her greatest legacy.

A national recruitment to fill the County Librarian vacancy is underway. In the interim, Jennifer Weeks will serve as acting County Librarian, effective March 2, 2020. Jennifer is currently the Deputy County Librarian for Strategic Initiatives and Organizational Development and a 15-year veteran of the County Library District. Previously Jennifer very effectively served as the Library Manager for Children's Services. Jennifer is committed to introducing patrons of all ages to the joys of reading, lifelong learning and the library. She is well known as a collaborative, positive, and energetic leader.

## Listening to our Patrons & Discovering the New SCCLD Website

In 2019, SCCLD conducted its triennial Patron Satisfaction Survey. The results are in incorporating input from nearly 7,000 patrons about their experiences with many different aspects of library operations. The survey results have been broken down for all eight of our libraries and the Bookmobile, and we will use the results, feedback, and recommendations to help us further improve our patron experience. Chris Brown, Deputy County Librarian, will continue to visit each of the Commissions in March to share the highlights from the survey. In addition, each Community Librarian has received a databook with the detailed results and open-ended comments related to their individual library.





The new website is live and the patron response has been very positive. Allison Lew, Library Service Manager for Virtual Library, Public Technology and Cataloging, will alternate with Chris, visiting each Library Commission in March to share the highlights and give you a personalized tour of the website.

## SILICON VALLEY READS



Silicon Valley Reads has a robust list of events to enjoy in March. Below is a list of some of the highlight events at each of our libraries. Please visit [SiliconValleyReads.org](http://SiliconValleyReads.org) or our website at [scclid.org/svr](http://scclid.org/svr) for a complete list of scheduled events.

### CAMPBELL LIBRARY

Life and Times of Rosie the Riveter-FILM  
Wed, Mar 4 @ 7-8:30pm

Elaine Elinson, Author of *Wherever There's a Fight*  
Mon, Mar 9 @ 7-8:30pm

Anita: Speaking the Truth-FILM  
Mon, Mar 23 @ 7-8:30pm

### CUPERTINO LIBRARY

Learning from the Lemonade Stand- Children grades 3 and up  
Sat, Mar 7 @ 3pm

STEM Ozobots- Age 8 and up  
Mon, Mar 23 @ 4pm

Elaine Elinson, Author of *Wherever There's a Fight*  
Wed, Mar 25 @ 7-8:30pm

### **GILROY LIBRARY**

Catherine Chung, Author of *The Tenth Muse*  
Sun, Mar 1 @ 2pm

Drumming Workshop with Barbara Bordon  
Sun, Mar 8 @ 2pm (registration required)

Maiden- FILM  
Wed, Mar 25 6pm

### **LOS ALTOS LIBRARY**

Girl Rising- FILM for Adult/Teen  
Sun, Mar 8 @ 2pm

Steve & Susie Swatt- Authors of *Paving the Way*  
Wed, Mar 11 @ 7-8:30pm

Learning from the Lemonade Stand- Children  
grades 3 and up  
Sat, Mar 14 @ 2-3:30pm

### **MILPITAS LIBRARY**

The Most Magnificent Thing- FILM for families  
Thur, Mar 5 @ 4pm

Learning from the Lemonade Stand- Children  
grades 3 and up  
Sun, Mar 8 @ 4pm

Tea with Alice and Me- Performance about  
Miss Alice Paul  
Sun, Mar 22 @ 2-4pm

### **MORGAN HILL LIBRARY**

Learning from the Lemonade Stand- Children  
grades 3 and up  
Wed, Mar 4 @ 4pm

Lumos: Magical Circuit Wants – STEM for  
Mothers and Daughters  
Sun, Mar 8 @ 2-4pm

Tea with Alice and Me- Performance about  
Miss Alice Paul  
Mon, Mar 23 @ 7-9pm

### **SARATOGA LIBRARY**

Life and Times of Rosie the Riveter-FILM  
Mon, Mar 9 @ 7-8:45pm

Killing Us Softly- FILM  
Mon, Mar 16 @ 7-8:30pm

On the Basis of Sex- FILM  
Tue, Mar 24 @ 7-8:45pm

## LaptopsAnytime Coming to Every Library



Starting in March, SCCLD will be adding laptop kiosks to every library so those patrons who need a laptop to use while they are at a SCCLD library will be able to check one out to use during their visit. These laptops have all the same software as our desktop computers, including Adobe Creative Suite and Microsoft Office. Whether you need to finish up that class or work project or want to access anything from the online library, the library's laptops will be ready to help you meet your goals.

To make it easy, 12 laptops will be stored in a kiosk inside the library. Use your library card to borrow the computer for free. Laptops cannot be removed from the library at any time and all work should be saved onto your own flash drive as all personal files and viewing history will be erased when returned to the kiosk. Saratoga and Milpitas libraries already have kiosks installed, with another on the way that will contain laptops with a content filter for children. Cupertino will also be getting two kiosks, one for adults and one for children that will include

the filter. Campbell, Gilroy, Los Altos, Morgan Hill and Woodland libraries will be getting one each with laptops for adults.