

December 2021
Library Stakeholder Report
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Enjoy the Holidays with SCCLD

It's the holiday season and a time for family, friends, gatherings and possibly a vacation too! The Library can help you prepare and enjoy the holidays with booklists, programs, online resources and more.

If you're hosting a gathering, let us help you [plan the perfect menu](#) and [decorate](#) to make the event festive. We can even show you how to make your own [wreath or holiday cards](#). To keep the [kids](#) busy during Winter break, register for [events](#) for the whole family including the [North Pole Review](#) puppet show. Don't forget to pick up some [favorite reads](#) and movies too. And did you know SCCLD has [console games](#) for Xbox, PS4 and more? We also have [Consumer Reports](#) to shop for the perfect holiday gifts this season.

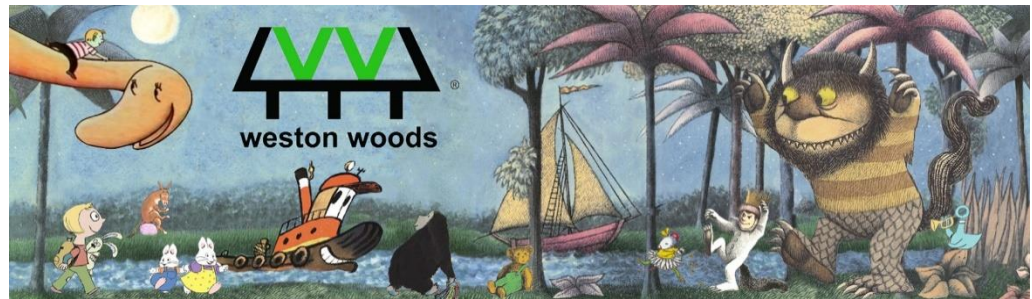


If your travel plans include areas where another language is spoken, [Rosetta Stone](#) will help you learn a few key phrases, or completely immerse yourself in another language. Our librarians have also created helpful [travel booklists](#) you won't want to miss!

Happy Holidays from SCCLD!

Weston Woods Available Dec 1!

Weston Woods was founded in 1953 by Morton Schindel who became fascinated with picture books while reading to his children.



In 1996, Weston Woods became part of the Scholastic Inc. – the world's largest publisher of children's books.

Enjoy hundreds of children's stories online including classics like *Snowy Day* by Ezra Jack Keats and *Amazing Grace* by Mary Hoffman. There are also modern titles like *We Are Water Protectors* by Carole Lindstrom and illustrated by Michaela Goade. You can easily find your next great read with filters including grade, age, theme, and lexile level.

Many of these resources have study guides to help educators create lesson plans and curriculum around these books. New readers will be able to utilize the Read Along feature that highlights the words being spoken in the video. Closed captions are also available to help assist in learning and to develop language recognition. Finally, translations are available on some materials in both Spanish and Mandarin. [Weston Woods](#) will be found on our website in our Kids Online Library under Learning and Homework Help, eBooks & Audiobooks and Find a Good Book and within the [Student Portal](#).

Take a Virtual Tour of the Library



Our eight libraries and bookmobile service are as unique as the communities they serve. SCCLD has created library highlight video tours on each Hours and Location page of our website. These videos are a great way to introduce each location and what makes it special to our patrons and residents.

We hope you'll take a moment to [view the videos](#). Even our most loyal and frequent visitors will likely discover something new about their local library!

Create, Dream, Discover: The Possibilities are Endless with a Free SCCLD Library Card

Have you, a family member, friend or neighbor been holding out from getting a free library card with the Santa Clara County Library District? In 2022, the Library District will offer brand new, unique library cards that will encourage all residents to make the library their own.



The new library cards come in three designs, CREATE, DREAM or DISCOVER. Each card has a special coating on the lightbulb, cloud or magnifying glass that will allow you to write or draw on the card to personalize it. SCCLD is the only library district that offers these innovative cards that are as original as our patrons. More details will be available in January 2022.

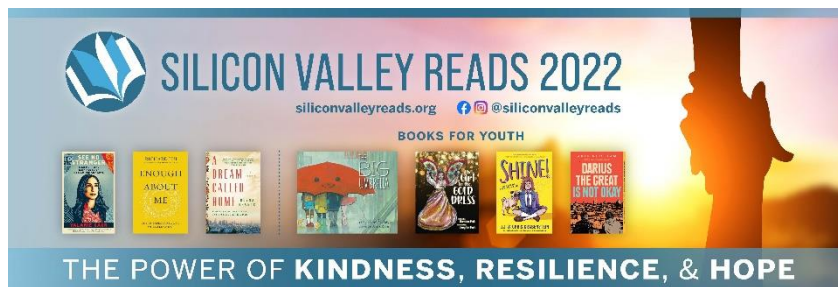
Save the Date

SCCLD has several important events coming in 2022 that you won't want to miss. Be sure to mark your calendar early and stay tuned for more information.

Silicon Valley Reads Virtual Kickoff Event

Saturday, January 27, 2022 @ 6:30pm

Open to the public



Library District Joint Powers Authority Board Meeting

Thursday, January 28 @ 12:00pm

Open to the public

Santa Clara County Library District 19th Annual Friends, Foundations, Endowment, and Commissioners Virtual Forum

Saturday, February 5 @ 9:30am

By invitation only

SANTA CLARA COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT DECEMBER 2021 EVENTS

Events listed in blue are in-person events

All libraries will be closed and services unavailable on Friday and Saturday, December 24 & 25 for the Christmas holiday and Friday and Saturday, December 31 and January 1 for the New Year

Free In-Person Homework Help at Los Altos, Milpitas, and Gilroy Libraries

Mondays-Thursdays through December 17, 3:30 -- 5 p.m.

Free homework help for students in grades 7-12 living in Santa Clara County. Get help in math, history, science and English. Register to guarantee your spot. Walk-ins are welcome as space allows.

Snack Break at Morgan Hill Library

Mondays-Thursdays, 3 – 4 p.m. (except holidays and school breaks)

Kids 18 and under are invited to stop by the library for a snack, as supplies last.

Snack Break at Gilroy Library

Mondays-Fridays, 3 -5 p.m. (except holidays and school breaks)

Visit the children's area near the Nest room to grab a snack, as supplies last.

Online ESL Conversation Club

Wednesdays, December 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29, 6 – 7:15 p.m. (Register for Zoom link)

Thursdays, December 9 & 16, 11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. (Register for Zoom link)

Practice your English listening and speaking skills in a virtual platform. Meet new friends and learn English together.

Virtual Trivia Night for Adults

Wednesday, December 1, 6 – 7 p.m. (Register for Zoom link)

Our Movies & Music Team is hosting a trivia night all about holiday movies and music. You will be using Mentimeter to submit your answers, so you'll need access to an internet browser during the program.

Knitting and Crochet Meetup at Gilroy Library

Thursdays, December 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30, 1 – 4 p.m.

Stop by for a drop-in knitting and crochet circle where you can bring your projects, ask questions, receive help share ideas and meet new people. The meetup will be upstairs in Quiet Study B.

Holiday Haiku Kit

Available Friday, December 3 (Register for kit)

Receive instructions and craft materials to create a holiday haiku that you can use as a decoration. Great activity for families with a child in grade 3 and up. One kit per family.

Family Fun Fridays at Morgan Hill Library

Fridays, December 3, 10, & 17, 10:30 – 11 a.m. (weather permitting)

Join us on the lawn for family fun with your little ones. We will have stories, music, movement and more!

Wreath Making Workshop at Saratoga Library

Friday, December 3, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. (Seats are limited; Register at Adult Reference Desk by Dec. 2 at 4 p.m.)

Bring a wire clothes hanger and some pinecones, bows and ribbons for your wreath. We will provide the greenery.

Online Book Club

Friday, December 3, 4 – 5 p.m. (Register for Zoom link)

We will read and discuss [Kim Jiyoung, Born 1982](#) by Cho Nam-Joo.

Diversión Familiar Fiesta at Morgan Hill Library

Saturdays, December 4, 11, & 18, 10:30 – 11 a.m. (weather permitting)

¡Únase a nosotros en el césped para divertirse en familia con sus pequeños! ¡Cuentos, música, movimiento y más!

Children's Craft Activity at Gilroy Library

Saturday, December 4, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Join us in the courtyard for a craft activity: Do You Want to Build a Snowman? Let your imagination run wild and make a paper snowman buddy.

Home for the Holidays with Chef Laura Stec

Saturday, December 4, 2 – 3 p.m. (Register for Zoom link)

Chef Stec will show us some side dishes that will liven up the festivities with flavor yet balance our blood sugar. She will also have tips of party and menu planning, table displays and timesaving advice.

Winter Holiday Magic Storytime at Milpitas Library

Saturday, December 4, 3 – 3:45 p.m.

Join us on the steps of the historical Grammar School for a story, songs and dance to celebrate the holiday season.

Virtual Film Discussion

Saturday, December 4, 6 – 7 p.m. (Register for Zoom link)

We will be discussing the film, Taste of Pho. Watch the film using our free video streaming service, [Kanopy](#), then join us for discussion.

Safe Space Meeting for LGBTQ+ Youth at Morgan Hill Library

Tuesdays, December 7 & 21, 4 – 6 p.m.

Join us for in-person support group meetings that provide a safe space for LGBTQ+ youth (ages 13-25) to play games, participate in group activities and discussions and build community. No registration necessary.

Virtual Paint Party

Tuesday, December 7, 6 – 7 p.m. (Register for Zoom link)

Join us as we paint our own version of Vincent van Gogh's Starry Night. You'll need canvas or watercolor paper, acrylic brushes, water, paper towels, and acrylics or pastels or watercolors.

Holiday Card Making at Gilroy Library (Ages 12+)

Wednesday, December 8, 7 – 8 p.m. (Register online)

Saturday, December 11, 2 – 3 p.m. (Register online)

All supplies will be provided. To ensure that everyone has an opportunity to make cards, please only register for one program.

Pelicans, Herons and Egrets Presentation at Los Altos Library

Wednesday, December 8, 7 – 8 p.m.

Wildlife photographer Joan Sparks will highlight pictures of stellar long-legged waders in their natural habitat. This in-person program has limited seating. Masks are required.

Make Homemade Playdough

Friday, December 10, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. (Register for Zoom link)

Practice fine motor skills and use the playdough to practice literacy skills. You'll receive all materials needed to make the dough. Parents and preschool aged children are encouraged to attend.

Wreath Making Workshop at Los Altos Library

Friday, December 10, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. (Seats are limited. Register at Adult Reference Desk by Dec. 9 at 5 p.m.)

Bring a wire clothes hanger and some pinecones, bows and ribbons for your wreath. We will provide the greenery.

Open Poetry Readings with the Garlicky Group of Poets at Gilroy Library

Saturday, December 11, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Stop by and read whatever poetry you might like and join in related discussions. No registration necessary.

Virtual Film Discussion

Saturday, December 11, 6 – 7 p.m. (Register for Zoom link)

We will be discussing the film, *Generation Zapped: The Dangers of Daily Exposure to Wireless Technologies*. Watch the film using our free video streaming service, [Kanopy](#), then join us for discussion.

Safe Space Meeting for LGBTQ+ Youth at Gilroy Library

Tuesday, December 14, 4 – 6 p.m.

Join us for in-person support group meetings that provide a safe space for LGBTQ+ youth (ages 13-25) to play games, participate in group activities and discussions and build community. No registration necessary.

Wood Burn Holiday Ornaments at Gilroy Library (Ages 18+)

Wednesday, December 15, 7 – 8 p.m. (Register online)

All supplies will be provided. This activity is for people 18+.

Outdoor Puppet Show at Milpitas Library

Saturday, December 18, 3 – 4 p.m.

The Fratello Marionettes present *The North Pole Review*. The music-based puppet show starts ice skater Crystal Chandelier, the Russian Trepack Dancers and outdoor penguins. This is will place on the steps of the historic Milpitas Grammar School.

Virtual Film Discussion

Saturday, December 18, 6 – 7 p.m. (Register for Zoom link)

We will be discussing the film, *Wuthering Heights*. Watch the film using our free video streaming service, [Kanopy](#), then join us for discussion.

Now Read This! Online Book Club

Monday, December 27, 12 – 1:30 p.m. (Register for Zoom link)

We will be discussing the book [*Klara and the Sun*](#) by Kazuo Ishiguro. Registration opens on Wednesday, December 1.

LOS ALTOS AND WOODLAND LIBRARIES

December 2021

HIGHLIGHTS

- ❖ The family outdoor concert with Sean's Music Factory was very successful with over 200 people in attendance.
- ❖ We would like to welcome our newest staff members, Tyler Louie and Brandon Perrin to Los Altos Library.
- ❖ Los Altos Library is partnering with the Parks and Recreation Department for a joint holiday program at the newly remodeled Los Altos Community Center on December 11.



Welcome Tyler!

My name is Tyler Louie.
Youngest sibling of 3 - 1 brother and 1 sister
I am a big fan of sports - Basketball, football, baseball, volleyball.
I enjoy watching all kinds of movies.
Also a big fan of Disney.



Welcome Brandon!

I am a California native but have been fortunate enough to travel and explore other parts of the world. My bachelor's degree was in philosophy. I am a US Army veteran and served overseas. I like to play guitar and listen to old jazz music. And of course, like any library patron, I love to read and continuously learn new things.

STATISTICS

Items Checked Out	Los Altos		Woodland	
	May 2021	41,618		
	June 2021	47,001		
	July 2021	45,833	July 2021	8,361
	August 2021	42,867	August 2021	7,215
	September 2021	40,389	September 2021	7,253
	October 2021	38,027	October 2021	7,326
	November 2021	39,638	November 2021	6,422

Items Checked In	Los Altos		Woodland	
	May 2021	36,917		
	June 2021	42,334		
	July 2021	43,495	July 2021	8,913
	August 2021	42,126	August 2021	9,301
	September 2021	37,535	September 2021	8,615
	October 2021	37,583	October 2021	8,593
	November 2021	37,142	November 2021	8,444

Patrons Served @ the Library	Los Altos		Woodland	
	May 2021	7,543		
	June 2021	8,219		
	July 2021	8,475	July 2021	1,780
	August 2021	8,113	August 2021	1,655
	September 2021	7,759	September 2021	1,628
	October 2021	7,351	October 2021	1,628
	November 2021	7,290	November 2021	1,541

Patrons Served Online	Los Altos		Woodland	
	June 2021	9,034	June 2021	1,575
	July 2021	8,723	July 2021	1,524
	August 2021	8,776	August 2021	1,564
	September 2021	8,852	September 2021	1,526
	October 2021	8,798	October 2021	1,479
	November 2021	8,702	November 2021	1,461

EVENTS AND SERVICES

<https://scclld.org/events>





In-person
Los Altos
Library

PELICANS, HERONS AND EGRETS

Wednesday,
December 8
at 7:00 pm



Join wildlife photographer, Joan Sparks on a journey to see long legged waders that have ancestors in the fossil record dating back 50 million years. Be it a pelican bathing, a solitary night-heron surveying the shore, or an egret unfolding in spectacular flight – each of these stately birds has a bearing that marks it as one of the aristocrats of the avian realm. Don't miss this opportunity to see these stellar birds in their natural habitat.



Los Altos Library



WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP

Friday, December 10 at 11am
Sign Up at the
Adult Reference Desk

WHAT TO KNOW

Please bring a wire clothes hanger, or a wreath form if you have one, to make a base for your wreath. We will provide the greenery. If you would like extra decorations on your wreath, consider bringing pine cones, bows, ribbons, and other ornaments. Sign ups only, masks will be required.

(650) 948-7683

www.sccld.org/events



THURSDAY FROM 2PM-4PM
TECH HELP: BOOK A LIBRARIAN!

Do you need some pointers with your iPhone, Android Phone, tablet, or laptop? Bring in your device for 30 minutes of one-on-one help guiding you through the basic functions of your device, looking into any questions you may have, and showing you how to use library resources to access eBooks, downloadable audiobooks, and more!

**Sign Up at the
Adult Reference Desk**



Apps



Devices



Library Resources

LIMITATIONS

Basic help with everyday device or app usage. Library staff cannot help with anything regarding medical, financial, or sensitive personal information. Staff cannot assist with the formal application for any goods or services. Library staff will not be able to help with any hardware issues or make any recommendations for purchase.

