

May 2021
Library Stakeholder Report
Jennifer Weeks, County Librarian

Distinguished Author Series

The Santa Clara County Library District's four-part Distinguished Author Series concludes in May, bringing together great authors who spark new thoughts, ideas and deep discussion.

Delve into the minds of celebrated authors Joyce Carol Oates and Jhumpa Lahiri this month. All talks are virtual and will include an opportunity for audience Q&A.

Advanced registration required. All events are free, held online, and open to the public.

Thank you to our generous sponsors to make the Distinguished Author Series possible!



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Joyce Carol Oates

Award-Winning Novelist, Poet, Playwright and Essayist

Versatile and accomplished author Joyce Carol Oates has penned bestselling novels, critically acclaimed collections of short fiction, essays, plays and a memoir. Several of her stories have been adapted to films or television. Her writing has earned awards such as the National Book Award, O. Henry Awards, the National Humanities Medal and the Jerusalem Prize. Notable works include [We Were the Mulvaney](#) (1996), [The Falls](#) (2004), [Night. Sleep. Death. The Stars](#) (2020) and [The \(Other\) You](#) (2021).

Saturday, May 8 @ 3:00 pm
[REGISTER HERE](#)



Jhumpa Lahiri

Pulitzer Prize-Winning Short Story Writer and Novelist

Jhumpa Lahiri received the Pulitzer Prize in 2000 for *Interpreter of Maladies*, her debut story collection that explores issues of love and identity among immigrants and cultural transplants. Her novel, *The Namesake* (2003), also received great acclaim, expanding the perplexities of the immigrant experience and search for identity. She was awarded the National Humanities Medal, the PEN/Hemingway Award and an O. Henry Prize, among others. [See some of Jhumpa Lahiri's works.](#)

Lahiri will be in conversation with [Author, Meg Clayton](#).

Saturday, May 22 @ 3:00 pm

[REGISTER HERE](#)

This event is full but a waitlist is available. There will also be an opportunity to register to receive a passcode to view the full recorded program if you are unable to watch it live on May 22.

sccl.d.org/authorseries

Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month



May is [Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month](#), designated to recognize "the contributions and influence of Asian Americans and Pacific Islander Americans to the history, culture, and achievements of the United States." The library will be celebrating with some delightful and educational programs and booklists.

Aloha! Learn some hula moves to a chant from the last monarch of Hawaii -- Queen Lili'uokalani. Watch and enjoy an olapa performance that takes you to the islands. Let's spread a little Aloha! This video will be available from May 1 through May 31.

And, of course, we have our weekly streaming [Bilingual Storytimes in Mandarin and English](#) and our [Virtual Yoga for Adults](#). Attend our Distinguished Author series program on May 22nd with Pulitzer Prize winner [Jhumpa Lahiri](#). And be sure to check out the recommended reading for [adults](#), [teens](#), and [kids](#).

A New SCCLD Mobile Library App Coming May 10!

SCCLD will introduce an all-new, modern library app, designed to bring you an exceptional personalized mobile experience.

Features include:

- User friendly navigation
- In-app library card
- Easy library account access (place holds, renew checked out items, manage your account)
- Improved relevant, accurate catalog search experience
- Browse new titles, library events & staff lists
- Access library hours & locations



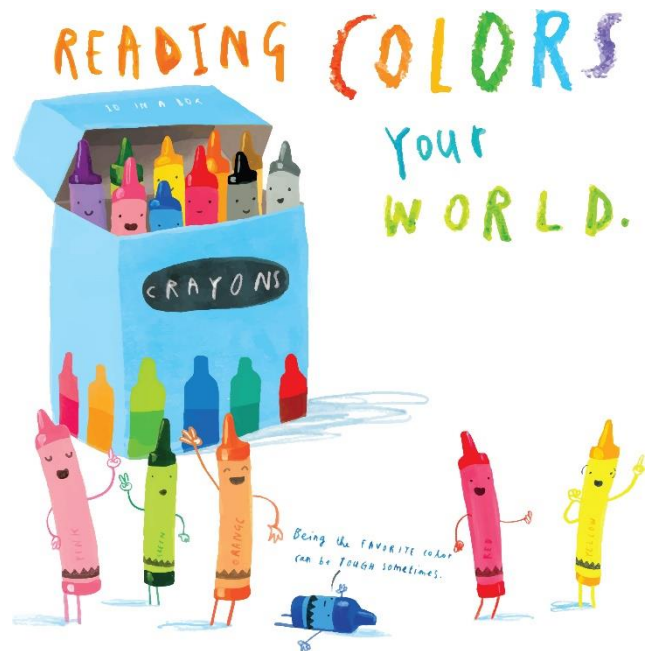
The SCCLD app will be available for free download in the Apple iTunes store and Google Play store on May 10. Visit our [website](#) for more information. *Please note the current SCCLD app will be discontinued as of May 3.*

Summer Reading Program—Reading Colors Your World

It is time to register yourself and each of your family members for the annual Summer Reading Program 2021—Reading Colors Your World. Reading helps all expand their world through kindness, growth, and community. It is a feel-good activity that can last a lifetime. You're never too young to be introduced to books and you're never too old to enjoy reading.

Pre-registration starts on May 1, 2021 at scclld.org/summer2021 and Reading Colors Your World officially runs from June 1 through July 30, 2021.

This summer will be filled with fun virtual programs for adults, teens and kids including animals, book clubs, magic, storytimes, art, STEAM, LEGO, and more!



Earn a reward by signing up, reading 5 books and completing 1 activity. You can register and track your books with [Beanstack](#) online, or download the free Beanstack App to track your reading on the go. If you participated last year, signing up is as easy as clicking a button.

Getting all of your books for Summer Reading 2021 will be easier than last year as our Community Libraries are open to the public for full browsing! Come in during open hours and pick up books, magazines, comics, and more to count towards your reading goals. And for our online library fans, [scclid.org](#) is available 24/7 and online reading counts too!

Get ready, get set, and get started at scclid.org/summer2021!

Campbell Temporary Library Opening May 24

Thanks to Campbell residents voting to pass Measure O, Campbell can look forward to a fully renovated Library and a new Campbell Police facility.

The Campbell Library staff is preparing to move library services to a temporary facility, conveniently located in [1 W. Campbell Avenue, Building E, Room 46](#). It is next to the Orchard City Banquet Hall in the Campbell Community Center. The last day of service at the Campbell Library to pick up holds using walkup or curbside service, is **Saturday, May 8**. The book drops at the Campbell Library will remain open until the temporary facility is available.

We will welcome patrons to the new, temporary facility on **Monday, May 24** to pick up holds, browse a limited collection, and use the public computer and printer. Items can be returned through a book drop at the new temporary facility starting May 24. [Contactless curbside service](#) is not available at the temporary location but is available at the other SCCLD libraries. Patrons are invited to visit the [Cupertino](#), [Saratoga](#) or any other [SCCLD library](#) for additional services.



SAVE THE DATE:

The next JPA Board Meeting will be on Thursday, June 3 at 12:00 p.m.

Praise for the Library

As SCCLD Libraries continuously resumed more services throughout the year, our patrons have expressed their appreciation and thanks. This past year has been tough on everyone, and the Library is happy to be supporting our communities and bringing joy to our residents.

Below is an article recently published in the [Milpitas Beat](#). While this particular story is about the Milpitas Library, the many wonderful messages we receive from patrons shows that this sentiment is true for all of the Santa Clara County Library District locations. Thank you to our staff, our patrons, and our stakeholders for your support. Together, we are able to safely and successfully provide library services to our communities.

Milpitas Library: My family's journey through the phased re-opening (yes, it's OPEN!)

By [Vanessa Dueck](#)

April 27, 2021

Milpitas Library is my family's absolute favorite place in the community — well-organized, friendly staff, and great programs. What's not to love? The first thought that occurred to me last March when I found out about lockdown was *We'd better get to the library!* The kids and I frantically gathered up nearly a hundred books (we have a library book-specific



bookshelf to keep track of them all...*that's* how much we frequent the place), and hightailed it down to the Milpitas Library, already talking strategy: who would go where and get which type of books and how many we would get to keep us entertained while we hunkered down at home. But to our horror, we saw the dreaded sandwich board informing us that the library was closed until further notice. There's nothing like holding a book in your hand — flipping through the pages, turning it over to read the summary, and feeling the excitement as you add it to your stack to take home. I don't care what anyone says — virtual books are *not* the same. I can't stand watching my kids staring at their computers after another day of online school. I need real life in the real world and I don't want some person on the internet reading to the kids...I want to read with them! Or have them read with each other and point at the pictures and share ideas. Virtual *anything* these days is starting to give me a sick feeling. But, you do what you have to. My kids, of course, loved the extra screen time. I, on the other

hand, after refusing to buy a Kindle, started reading my 700-page novel on my phone screen, which turned it into a 3,000-teeny-page novel, and had a hard time staying engaged.

A month or so later, we discovered we could start reserving books for pick-up. This drastically changed the way that we selected books. Gone were the days of browsing, meandering through aisles chock full of familiar favorites and budding authors with new and exciting stories. Now we had to remember which series we were enjoying before the shutdown (there had been so many!) and which books we had yet to read. I was impressed with the efficiency and staff through the whole process. I've always been amazed by the organization and efficiency of the library, but even more so now that the books were all ordered over computer and organized for pickup.

I never knew quite what to choose, so I stuck with a tried and true favorite author. Just as his books were feeling stale to me, a new, glorious option came to Milpitas: book bundles. The kids excitedly began expanding their horizons with graphic novel bundles, a genre they hadn't known existed. And I started reading the "memoir bundles" and getting to know inspiring women I hadn't previously known.

We devoured books. Every week, while returning full bags of them, we would choose new bundles, along with reservations of tried and true favorites.

Then, one beautiful day about four weeks ago, it happened: the lobby opened up. Now, we had small tables of books for every age group to choose from. Our visits became even more frequent: twice a week, with more worlds to explore.

On Monday, April 19th, the kids and I lugged 70 books back to the library, to receive the greatest surprise of our lives: It was *fully* open. The excitement in that building was palpable as my kids went crazy, exploring each aisle — eager learners with endless options once more. I watched smiling parents taking pictures and videos as children tore books off of shelves and marveled at all there was to see. My kids are already asking when we will go back. Maybe Milpitas Library will become a thrice-a-week ritual in our quiet schedule. Until then, I've got a stack of Garfields calling my name...