

January 2018
Commission Report
Nancy Howe, County Librarian

15th ANNUAL FRIENDS, FOUNDATION, ENDOWMENTS & COMMISSIONERS FORUM



Saturday, February 3, 2018
9am –12:30pm Includes Lunch

1370 Dell Ave, Campbell, CA 95008

BRIDGING THE DIVIDE: LISTENING TO TRUMP'S AMERICA JOE SIMITIAN, COUNTY SUPERVISOR

For many living in Santa Clara County, the 2016 Presidential election results came as a shock. What did we miss? To get answers, County Supervisor Joe Simitian had over 100 conversations outside of California stating, “My goal was to listen, learn and understand. And I learned a lot.” Find out what he heard from America beyond the Bay Area.

DATA-DRIVEN LIBRARIES

MARC FUTTERMAN, CEO OF CIVIC TECHNOLOGIES

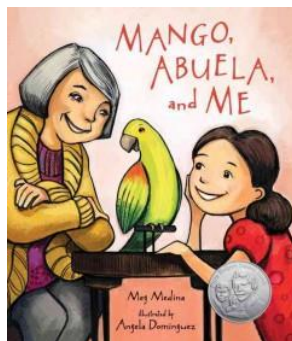
With approximately 10,000 individuals visiting our libraries every day, it's easy to make assumptions about our patrons and what's important to them. Are our assumptions correct? Civic Technologies worked with SCCLD to validate information through data collection. Learn what the data tells us.

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Silicon Valley Reads 2018 – Full Slate of Books for Silicon Valley Reads 2018 Officially Announced

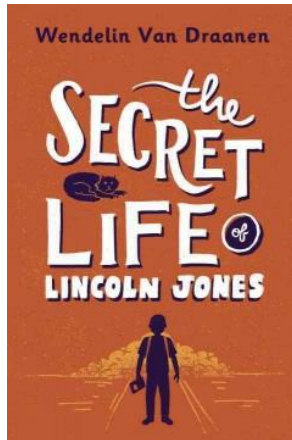
Silicon Valley Reads 2018, Santa Clara County's premiere community engagement program has selected the three books for children and teens that in different ways talk about caring for others. All three titles relate to the theme "No Matter What: Caring, Coping, Compassion" and are companions to the two already announced books for adult readers – *My Lovely Wife in the Psych Ward* by Mark Lukach and *Goodbye, Vitamin* by Rachel Khong.

Each year, Silicon Valley Reads identifies books for young people that will encourage families to read together and discuss how the chosen theme is relevant to their lives. The goal is to promote reading and appreciation of literature while sparking conversations within the family about values and important regional or societal issues. The 2018 companion selections are:



Mango, Abuela, and Me
by Meg Medina

Pre-K to Grade 3. When Mia's Abuela comes to live with Mia and her family, she helps her learn English while Mia learns Spanish, both with the help of a parrot named Mango.



The Secret Life of Lincoln Jones
by Wendelin Van Draanen

Grades 4-7. An imaginative middle school boy who takes refuge in the fantastical stories he writes maneuvers past a nosy girl at his school who follows him around, trying to figure out what he is writing and why he prefers being alone. By the author of the Sammy Keyes mysteries.



Not If I See You First
by Eric Lindstrom

Teens. Demanding to be treated the same as everyone else in spite of her blindness, Parker doles out tough-love advice to her peers, refuses to cry after losing her father and stubbornly shuns a boy who broke her heart years earlier.

Mango, Abuela, and Me will be featured in story times at public libraries throughout Santa Clara County in February and March. “When a community reads together, it becomes a place where more understanding and empathy are possible. It becomes a kinder place for people to live,” said author Meg Medina.

Authors Wendelin Van Draanen and Eric Lindstrom will each visit several public schools in Santa Clara County during February and March for educational presentations about their books and writing careers, and appear at public libraries.

Altogether, more than 100 free public activities will be offered, including author talks, panel discussions, an art exhibit, films and children’s activities. For more information, visit www.sccl.org/svr.

Silicon Valley Reads Kick Off Event- [SAVE THE DATE](#)

Silicon Valley Reads is an annual event sponsored by the Santa Clara County Library District, Santa Clara County Office of Education and San José Public Library.

The 2018 program kicks off on Thursday, Feb. 1, 7:30 p.m. at De Anza College with authors Mark Lukach and Rachel Khong interviewed live on stage by *Mercury News* columnist Sal Pizarro.

Student eLibrary Card Update

This Fall, SCCLD initiated a unique student eLibrary Card program with several school districts. Starting with the Saratoga Union School District, Campbell Union School District and Cupertino High School in the Fremont Union School District, to date we've registered approximately 9,000 students with a Santa Clara County Library District eLibrary Card.

What makes this program unique is that we are able to work directly with the school districts to provide their students with a public library card. In addition, we have created a digital or eLibrary card for the students so they have access to all of the online materials, research, resources and services SCCLD has to offer. Students can access their library account from home, school or anywhere they have an electronic device and internet connection. The added benefit is that there are never any late fees or due dates to remember. When a lending period is up, the content automatically disappears from their device.

We will continue in January 2018, with Milpitas Unified School District as the next school district to join the program.

New Year, New Extended Hours

WOODLAND CELEBRATION: Join us on Sunday, Jan 7 at 2pm for a community celebration of the new Sunday hours at Woodland Library. Enjoy an afternoon of fun for the whole family with entertainment by Mr. SHAP, a magician and balloon artist extraordinaire!

Woodland Library
1975 Grant Avenue, Los Altos 94024
Sunday, Jan 7 at 2pm

SARATOGA CELEBRATION: Come to the Saratoga Library on Tuesday, Jan 22 at 10:30am to celebrate the newly expanded hours! Featuring Dr. Scorch who will demonstrate a series of engaging combustion reactions involving various salts, metals and liquids, it's sure to be a "blast" for all ages!

Saratoga Library
13650 Saratoga Avenue, Saratoga 95070
Tue, Jan 22 at 10:30am

Industry Trends & Information:

Emilio Estevez's 'The Public' to Open Santa Barbara International Film Festival

Emilio Estevez's "The Public" will open the 33rd annual Santa Barbara International Film Festival on Wednesday, Jan. 31 at the Arlington Theatre. Directed, written by, and starring Estevez, the film

— which will make its worldwide premiere at SBIFF — also stars Taylor Schilling, Alec Baldwin, Jena Malone, and Jeffrey Wright.

Gabrielle Union, Christian Slater, Che "Rhymefest" Smith, Jacob Vargas, and Michael K. Williams are also featured in the film. "The Public" is set in the Midwest during a brutal cold front, which prompts a group of homeless library patrons who refuse to leave Cincinnati's downtown public library at closing time when they learn that emergency shelters have reached capacity. As a nonviolent act of civil disobedience escalates into a stand-off with law enforcement officials, issues such as homelessness, mental illness, and drug addiction are explored.

Watch the official trailer below. The 2018 Santa Barbara International Film Festival runs from Wednesday, Jan. 31 to Saturday, Feb. 10, 2018.



<http://variety.com/2017/film/news/emilio-estevez-the-public-to-open-santa-barbara-international-film-festival-1202631574/>

This film is timely, relevant in Santa Clara County and raises questions about how communities will serve the homeless, including the use of library buildings as shelters. As an example, in late December 2017, three Bay Area libraries remained open overnight to serve as warming shelters for homeless (Antioch, 2 locations in San Jose) as temperatures dropped to near freezing levels. We know that our libraries serve as welcoming spaces for all during open hours but this raises the question of our position when it comes to the safety and well-being of our community, including the homeless. It's a topic worthy of further exploration and discussion.