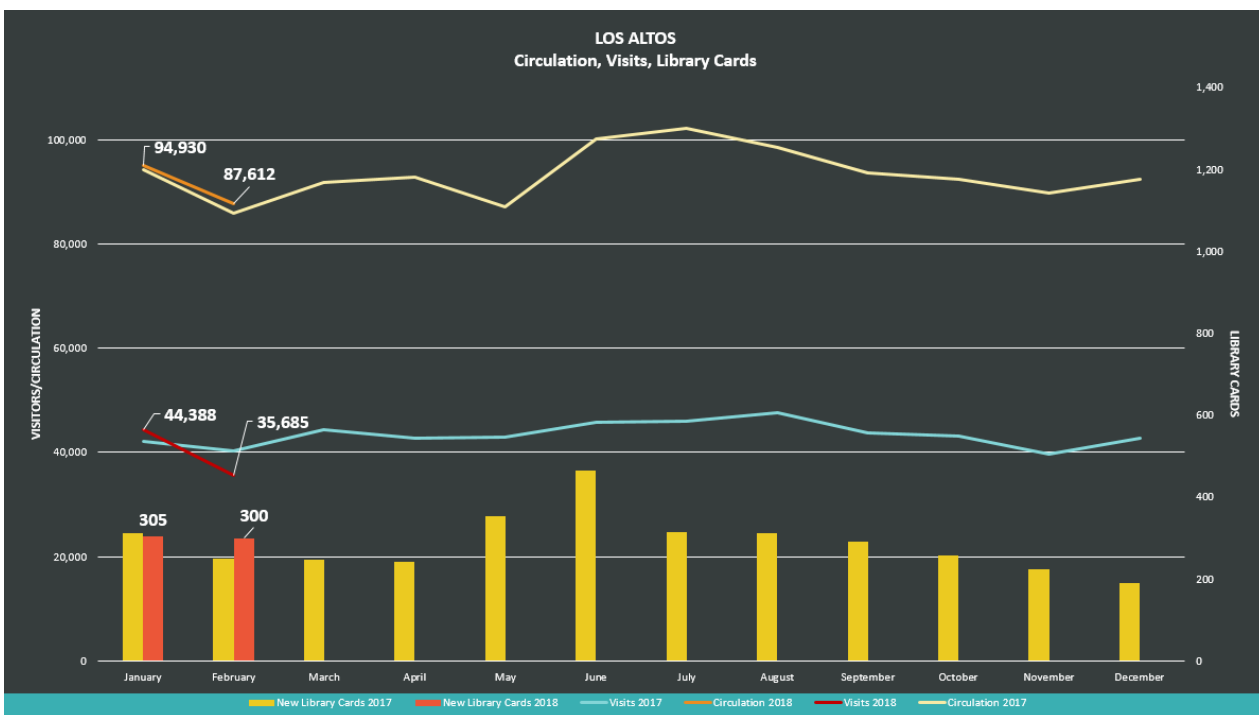


LOS ALTOS LIBRARY AND WOODLAND BRANCH

March 2018

STATISTICS: CIRCULATION, VISITS, LIBRARY CARDS

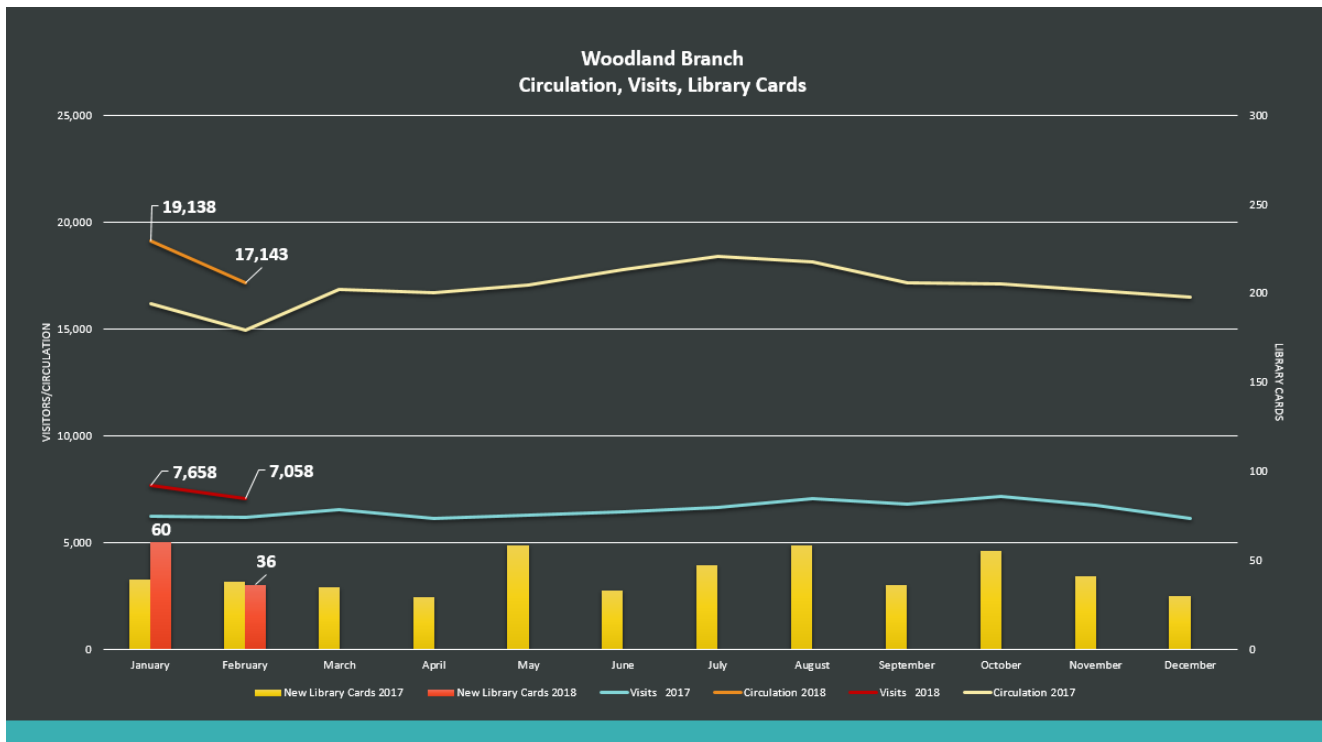
Los Altos Library Use						
Los Altos	Circulation 2017	Circulation 2018	Visits 2017	Visits 2018	New Library Cards 2017	New Library Cards 2018
January	94,272	94,930	42,079	44,388	311	305
February	85,914	87,612	40,342	35,685	249	300
March						
April						
May						
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Los Altos Library circulated almost 1700 more items than in February 2017, a 2% increase. The number of visits decreased while the number of new library cards was up.

Woodland Branch Use

Los Altos	Circulation 2017	Circulation 2018	Visits 2017	Visits 2018	New Library Cards 2017	New Library Cards 2018
January	16,154	19,138	6,196	7,658	39	60
February						
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The Woodland Branch Library continues to impress with over 2,000 more items circulated than in February 2017, a 14% increase. Woodland had over 900 more visits than last February, also a 14% increase. The number of new library cards held steady.

HIGHLIGHTS

Bunnies and Bonnets Storytimes



Our Children's Librarians planned a week filled with storytimes featuring books about bunnies and creative bonnet crafts.

Dr. Seuss Science Exploration



Children ages 4 and up celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday while exploring science. They created and tested string phones like in "One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish," examined microscopic friends just like Horton in "Horton Hears a Who," created a kite like Thing 1 and Thing 2 in "The Cat and The Hat" and much more. The children enjoyed the hands-on activities while discovering the science behind the wacky world of Seuss.

Los Altos Spring Egg Hunt

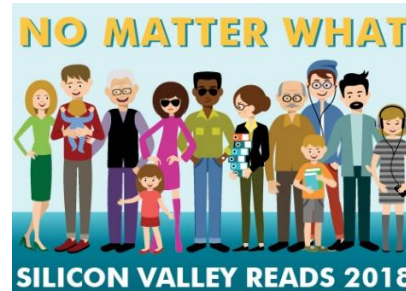


On the last day in March, enthusiastic egg hunters attended the Los Altos Annual Spring Egg Hunt. The library partnered with the City of Los Altos for this fun-filled event bringing the Bookmobile, music and our ever-popular alphabet fishing game.

Silicon Valley Reads Wrap-up

Silicon Valley Reads Events Wrap-up

Silicon Valley Reads at Los Altos Library CARING, COPING, COMPASSION	
Tuesday, February 12 7:00 p.m.	Collaborating Compassion with Leslie Brown, author of <i>Bound</i> (Crows from the Sky: Facing Fear After 9/11)
Friday, February 16 7:00 p.m.	Mark Lukach, author of <i>My Uncle Willie in the Fast Lane</i> , in conversation with Jeff Bell, author of <i>Revised: Father, Son, and the Making of a Book</i>
Wednesday, February 21 7:00 p.m.	Creating Moments of Joy: The Shattered Potential of Coping with Loss with Jennifer K. Greer
Friday, March 9 5:30 p.m.	Mindfulness: Learning to be Happy, Healthy, and Stress-Free—No Matter What Situations in life of a single-breasted jacket with golden sequins. Also discussed will be insights into the nature of the world with a focus on compassion.
Monday, March 12 7:00 p.m.	Self-Care for Clergy with Compassion and Mindfulness: Leslie Brown, CEO of Mindful Coaching
Monday, March 19 7:00 p.m.	Coping with Loss: A two-hour interactive workshop where participants will learn about and discuss their own "Coping" strategies of loss and coping.



Children - The Cool Kids Read Book Club focused on the book “The Secret Life of Lincoln Jones.” We had 15 children participate. For “Mango, Abuela, and Me” we had family themed storytimes in February and March. For all the storytimes, we had a total of 385 children and caregivers participate.

Teen - This year Teen Silicon Valley Reads programs focused on self-care. Teens deal with a lot of pressure in their lives, and the programs offered techniques to calm and care for oneself, along with strategies on how to deal with stress as it occurs. Teens learned about how mindfulness, meditation, positive talk and thoughts, and journaling could benefit them in their everyday lives. Attendance ranged between 6 - 15 teens.

Adult - The quality of speakers was good. Audience was generally small and intimate but the engagement and feedback was very good. Attendance at the main author event with Mark Lukach and Jeff Bell was 52 on a Friday evening during the Olympics. Total attendance at the other five adult programs was 56, so the average attendance was about 11 adults.

Programs for Adults



Book Publishing 1-2-3



Social Security and Retirement Planning with Arvind Ven



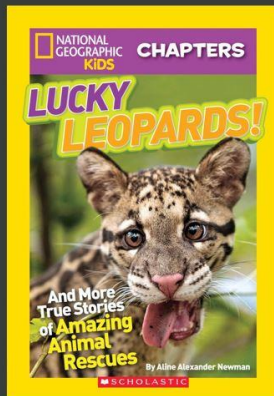
The Fab Four: Buckwheats, Ceanothus, Manzanitas and Sages

Participants joined us for Book Publishing 1-2-3, intended to empower and inspire writers of all ages, including a peek at book publishing, tips for finding agents, and practical promotion ideas.

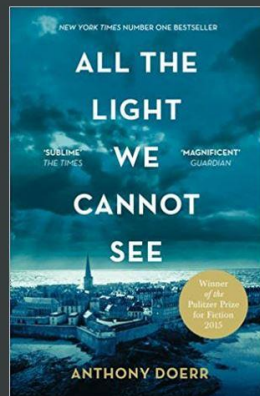
Arvind Ven, a financial advisor and columnist for the Los Altos Town Crier, discussed the importance of understanding Social Security benefits and strategies when planning the next phase of life, retirement.

These four genera of California natives provide a wealth of drought-tolerant variety to your landscape, and are the foundation of most Bay Area native gardens. Attendees joined Pete Veilleux and the California Native Plant Society to learn about them and how to grow flower color all year.

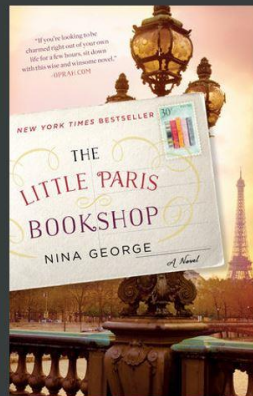
Book Clubs



Book Bugs Club
2nd and 3rd Grade



Adult Book
Discussion
















Senior Book
Club

The Book Bug Club (2nd and 3rd graders) read "Lucky Leopards" by Aline Alexander Newman, enjoyed snacks, and a fun activity. The Adult Book Discussion Group read Anthony Doerr's "All the Light We Cannot See." The Senior Book Club had a lively discussion about "The Little Paris Bookshop" by Nina George.



Los Altos Library Children's Events

April 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Holiday-Library Closed X	2	3 Toddler Storytime 10:15 am Preschool Storytime 11:00 am	4 Toddler Storytime 10:15 am Preschool Storytime 11:00 am Baby Sign Language 1:00 pm The San Francisco Shakespeare Festival presents "Romeo and Juliet" 4:00 pm 	5 Toddler Storytime 10:15 am Mandarin-English Storytime 11:00 am	6 Los Altos Library 13 S. San Antonio Rd. Los Altos, CA 94022 www.scccl.org/losaltos 650-948-7683 	7
8	9 DIY Kidz Intruder Alarm STEM Program Registration Required 3:00 pm 	10 Toddler Storytime 10:15 am Preschool Storytime 11:00 am Family Movie 2:00 pm 	11 Toddler Storytime 10:15 am Preschool Storytime 11:00 am Baby Lapsit 1:00 pm Escape Room at the Los Altos Library Registration Required 4:00 pm 	12 Toddler Storytime 10:15 am Mandarin-English Storytime 11:00 am Family Games and Lego Building 4:00 pm 	13	14
15	16	17 Toddler Storytime 10:15 am Preschool Storytime 11:00 am Book Bugs Club (2nd-3rd graders) Registration Required 4:30 pm 	18 Toddler Storytime 10:15 am Preschool Storytime 11:00 am Baby Lapsit 1:00 pm	19 Little Kids, Little Songs for Toddlers 10:15 am Little Kids, Little Songs for Preschoolers 11:00 am This program replaces our usual Toddler and Mandarin Bilingual Storytimes for this day. Cool Kids Read Book Club (4th-6th) Registration Required 4:00 pm 	20 Fitness Fun with Tanya 10:45 am 	21 Inclusive Sensory Storytime Registration Required 11:00 am  Two Violins and One Cello 1:30 pm 
22	23	24 Toddler Storytime 10:15 am Preschool Storytime 11:00 am	25 Toddler Storytime 10:15 am Preschool Storytime 11:00 am Baby Lapsit 1:00 pm Robotics Fun with Dot and Dash Registration Required 4:30 pm 	26 Toddler Storytime 10:15 am Mandarin-English Storytime 11:00 am	27 Holiday/Staff Development Day - Library Closed X	28 Reading Buddies 2:30 pm 
29	30	CHECK ADDITIONAL FLYERS FOR MORE INFORMATION				

Event Details

The San Francisco Shakespeare Festival
Wednesday 4/4
4:00 pm Orchard Room
Children in the 4th grade and up and their caretakers are invited to a special presentation of San Francisco Shakespeare Festival's "Romeo and Juliet".

DIY Kidz Intruder Alarm STEM Program
Monday 4/9
3:00 pm Orchard Room
Children in grades 3 and up are invited to make intruder alarms! Hide it in your lunch box, set a trap at home, or use it anytime you need to catch an intruder! Learn basic circuitry using a battery, holder with wire leads, mini buzzer and a clothespin! All Materials Provided. **Registration Required.**

Escape Room at the Los Altos Library
Wednesday, 4/11
4:00 pm Orchard Room
Can you escape by solving clues and puzzles? Children in grades 4th to 8th are invited to work alone or as a team to unlock the box before time runs out. **Registration Required.**

Two Violins and One Cello
Saturday, 4/21
1:30 pm Orchard Room
Join us for a performance by the "Two Violins and One Cello" trio, featuring young violinists Skyler Li and Amy Li, and cellist Zoe Ho from the San Jose Youth Symphony, and have performed in venues and events around Santa Clara County. Performance is free, and all ages are

Robotics Fun with Dot and Dash
Wednesday 4/25
4:30 pm Orchard Room
Grades 3 to 6 are invited to participate in a fun introduction to robotics and coding. Watch as bite-sized robots respond to your every whim!
Registration Required.

Los Altos & Woodland Library April 2018 Events

Los Altos Library

13 S. San Antonio Rd.
Los Altos, CA 94022

(650) 948-7683

Monday-Thursday 10-9

Friday-Sunday 10-7

www.sccl.org/losaltos



Woodland Branch Library

1975 Grant Road
Los Altos, CA 94024

(650) 969-6030

Monday-Wednesday 11-8

Thursday-Saturday 11-5

Sunday 11-5

www.sccl.org/woodland

All programs are free and open to the public.

Programs marked with a (F) are kindly sponsored by The Friends of the Los Altos Libraries.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 CLOSED (Easter)	2 Great Decisions 2018 1:00pm	3 Knit & Crochet Circle 4:00pm	4 Mystery Book Club 10:15am Teen Video Gaming* (F) 3:00 p.m. World Affairs Council 7:00pm	5 English Conversation Club 1:30 p.m.	6	7
8	9	10	11 Teen Video Gaming* (F) 3:00 p.m.	12 Senior Book Group** 1:00pm English Conversation Club 1:30 p.m. Library Commission Mtg 6:30pm	13	14
15	16	17 Woodland Book Club+ 2:00 p.m. Knit & Crochet Circle 4:00pm Great Books 7:00pm Speaking Volumes 7:30pm	18 Teen Video Gaming* (F) 3:00 p.m.	19 English Conversation Club 1:30 p.m. "Where the Guns Go" documentary screening 7:00pm	20	21 Two Violins & One Cello 1:30pm
22	23 Prospects for Peace with North Korea 7:00pm	24 Adult Book Discussion 7:00pm	25 Teen Video Gaming* (F) 3:00 p.m. Master Gardeners 7:00pm	26 English Conversation Club 1:30 p.m. Real Estate Workshop 6:30pm	27 CLOSED (Staff Dev Day)	28
29 Smart Cycling 1:00pm	30 GreenTown Talk 6:30pm					



All programs are held in the Orchard Room, unless noted.

**This program is held in the Teen Room.*

***This program is held in the Los Altos Senior Center.*

+This program is held in the Woodland Branch Library.



Los Altos & Woodland Library April 2018 Adult and Teen Events

Adult Book Discussion—fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Join us as we discuss *Crazy Rich Asians* by Kevin Kwan. Copies of the book are available for checkout with the Librarian.

English Conversation Club—every Thursday at 1:30 p.m. Join non-native speakers to practice English in an informal and supportive setting. Basic (minimum) English skills recommended.

The Great Books Club—Tuesday, February 20 at 7:00 p.m. A monthly book group that explores the classic works of literature. For more information, call Marcene at (650) 961-7380.

Great Decisions 2018—Monday, April 2 at 1:00 p.m. Great Decisions is America's largest discussion program on world affairs. The program model involves reading the Great Decisions Briefing Book, watching the DVD and meeting to discuss global issues facing America today. Videos and discussion.

GreenTown Talk—Monday, April 30 at 6:30 p.m. Details TBA.

Knit & Crochet Circle—first and third Tuesday of each month at 4:00 p.m. Knitters and crocheters of all ages are welcome (under 10 accompanied by an adult). Please bring your own needles and yarn. NOTE: This is not a class. We can offer group wisdom, but there is no instructor.

Library Commission Meeting—Thursday, April 12 at 6:30 p.m. The Library Commission is an advisory body charged with the responsibility of being a liaison group between the City Councils of Los Altos and the Town of Los Altos Hills. The Library Commission is also advisory to the Santa Clara County Joint Powers Authority Citizens Advisory Commission and advises the administrative staff of the County Library.

Master Gardeners: The Incredible Edibles—Wednesday, April 25 at 7:00 p.m. This month's topic is "The Incredible Edibles: Cucumber, Melons, and Squash." Master Gardener Janet Waagen will answer all of your questions, and give great tips on planting, care, and harvesting of Cucurbits.

Prospects for Peace with North Korea—Monday, April 23 at 7:00 p.m. Los Altos Voices for Peace presents Dr. Sharat G. Lin, speaking on the prospects with North Korea. Dr. Lin (Ph.D. in medical physics and nuclear medicine, UC Berkeley) is a research fellow and past president of the San Jose Peace and Justice Center, and has been on the front lines of some epic moments in history.

Real Estate Workshop: The 1031 Exchange—Thursday, April 26 at 6:30 p.m. Matt McCormick will provide the basic rules of IRC Section 1031, the Reverse and Improvement exchange process. He will also discuss the role of the Qualified Intermediary, investor motivations, and section 121 Primary Residence rules.

Senior Book Group—second Thursday of each month at 1:00 p.m. Join us at the Los Altos Senior Center as we enjoy and discuss *A Tale for the Time Being* by Ruth Ozeki. Optional brown bag lunch and social time at 12:30. Ask at the Los Altos Senior Center office for exact location!

Smart Cycling Training—Sunday, April 29 at 1:00 p.m. Smart Cycling course offered by the Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) and Santa Clara County Public Health Department. For requirements, information, and registration, visit www.vta.org/SmartCycling

Speaking Volumes: Diving Under the Arctic Ice—Tuesday, April 17 at 7:30 p.m. Los Altos Library Endowment presents its annual event with Dr. James B. McClintock, Professor of Polar and Marine Biology, University of Alabama at Birmingham, and author of *Lost Antarctica. Adventures in a Disappearing Land.*

Teen Video Gaming—every Wednesday at 3:00 p.m. Come play WiiU games with us! We mostly play multiplayer titles like Smash Bros. This event is held in the Teen Study Room.

Two Violins and One Cello—Saturday, April 21 at 1:30 p.m. Free performance by the "Two Violins and One Cello" trio, featuring young violinists Skyler Li and Amy Li, and cellist Zoe Hoe. They regularly perform with the San Jose Youth Symphony and around Santa Clara County. All ages welcome.

"Where the Guns Go" w/ Peninsula Peace & Justice Center—Thursday, April 19 at 7:00 p.m. Join Abad Leyva, Co-Director of "Where the Guns Go: US Policy and Human Rights in Mexico" and John Lindsay-Poland, of Stop US Arms to Mexico, for a screening and discussion of this film about US arms sales to Mexico.

The Whodunit? Mystery Readers Group—1st Wednesday of each month at 10:15 a.m. Monthly discussion of the best in mystery fiction. This month's selection is *The Life We Bury* by Alan Eskens.

Woodland Library Book Club—second Tuesday of each month at 2:00 p.m. Join us for a lively book discussion on *The Lilac Girls* by Martha Hall Kelly. See librarian for details and/or a copy of the current book; meets at Woodland Library (staff room), 1975 Grant Road.

World Affairs Council—Wednesday, April 4 at 7:00 p.m. This month's topic is "Meet the International Press: Seeking Collaboration, Transparency and Deep Data." Featuring three John S. Knight Journalism Fellows (Stanford University), including Guilherme Amado from Brazil and Xin Feng from China.