

June 2019
Commission Report
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Spotlight on Summer Reading and Learning



Our [2019 Summer Reading Program](#) for children, teens and adults begins on June 1. We are challenging participants to read at least five books of any length this summer to be eligible to win theater tickets, museum passes

and the Grand Prize – a San Francisco 49ers Pre-Season Game Day Experience. This year's community goal is to have participants collectively read 200,000 books!

The Santa Clara County Library District (SCCLD) is offering a number of educational and entertaining events this summer.

Bilingual ensemble group **Cascada de Flores**, known for bringing Mexican songs and traditions to life, will visit each of our community libraries.



Cupertino Library
Wednesday, June 26
3:00pm

Bookmobile at Gwinn School
Tuesday, July 16
11:00am

Campbell Library
Wednesday, July 31
3:00pm

Los Altos Library
Saturday, July 13
11:00am

Gilroy Library
Wednesday, July 17
3:00pm

Milpitas Library
Wednesday, July 31
7:00pm

Morgan Hill Library
Saturday, July 13
3:00pm

Saratoga Library
Wednesday, July 24
7:00pm

Mercury News columnist and Antiques Advisor, Steven Wayne Yvaska will be at each library, giving informal appraisals to people who bring in one treasured item.



Morgan Hill Library
Saturday, June 15
2:00pm-4:00pm

Los Altos Library
Thursday, June 20
6:30pm-8:30pm

Milpitas Library
Saturday, June 22
2:00pm-4:00pm

Saratoga Library
Saturday, June 29
2:00pm-4:00pm

Gilroy Library
Saturday, July 6
2:00pm-4:00pm

Cupertino Library
Saturday, August 3
1:00pm-3:00pm

Campbell Library
Monday, August 19
6:30pm-8:30pm



For those about to rock, we salute you! Milpitas Library is hosting a [Teen Battle of the Bands](#) on **Saturday, July 27**. Please encourage teens in your area to **register and submit a video by June 21** to be considered.

Finally, the **San Francisco 49ers** will have a player from the team visit the **Milpitas Library** on **June 30 at 3:30 pm**.



SCCLD also recognizes that some kids go hungry in the summer when school is out of session. To combat food insecurity, we are once again teaming up with the YMCA of Silicon Valley and Second Harvest Food Bank to host Lunch at the Library. Starting June 10, Morgan Hill and Gilroy Libraries will serve lunch every day from 12 pm - 1 pm for kids 2 to 18. Our Bookmobile staff will bring lunch and programming to San Martin Gwinn Elementary School from 11 am - 1 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays, starting June 11.



The kids participating in Lunch at the Library in San Martin and Gilroy Library will be in for a **special treat on June 20 with a visit from the 49ers mascot, Sourdough Sam.**

Each of our libraries are also hosting their own events for all ages. You can find them in our [Calendar of Events](#).

Customer Satisfaction Survey



Every three years, SCCLD conducts a customer satisfaction survey to hear directly from our patrons and collect valuable actionable information. From the 2016 survey, our patrons told us the days and times most desired to expand library hours at each of our libraries. As a result, our libraries have expanded open hours and all 8 of our libraries now offer library service 7 days per week.

The 2019 Patron Satisfaction Survey is available from May 20-June 15. Patrons will be able to fill out the survey online as well as in the libraries.

The survey should take approximately 15 minutes to complete and will provide us with valuable insight into library use, how our patrons feel about the services provided, the experience they have when visiting our libraries/Bookmobile/online library, what is important when it comes to the wide range of library services and materials we offer (online and offline), when would they like to attend various types of programs, etc.

We are actively seeking higher participation this year through promotion to all library cardholders. In addition to the promotional materials available in the library, we emailed all library cardholders, issued a news release, shared with local and county organizations and more. This year's [customer satisfaction survey](#) is available in multiple languages including English, Spanish, Vietnamese, Traditional Chinese and Simplified Chinese.

Cupertino Library to Host TEDx Teen Talk



For the last 35 years, TED Talks have been a popular forum dedicated to spreading ideas, with guest speakers discussing a variety of topics. SCCLD is inspiring the next generation of leaders with an independently organized **Teen [TEDx event](#) hosted by Cupertino Library at Cupertino Community Hall (10350 Torre Avenue) 3-5pm on Saturday, June 8.**

The “TEDx Youth @ Torre Ave” event is a forum for teens, by teens (ages 13-18). It aims to unite the network of high schoolers in and beyond Cupertino through the power of progressive ideas. This year’s theme is *Innovation: Out of the Bo(x)*. The event will feature six teenage speakers discussing the topics of art, technology, self-awareness, stress reduction and a phone app that helps people with autism.

This event is the first of its kind in a public library. The Cupertino Library Teen Advisory Board has been working with the Cupertino Teen Commission to organize the project and get it off the ground.

Calling all Makers



Get ready for the greatest show (and tell) on Earth, as Maker Faire comes to South County. The Gilroy Mini Maker Faire will take place at the Gilroy Library on July 13th, from 11 am – 3 pm. From engineers to artists, scientists, and crafters, [Maker Faire](#) is a venue for "makers" to show hobbies, experiments and projects. It’s a family-friendly showcase of invention, creativity, and resourcefulness. Join us for a celebration with hands-on activities and demonstrations featuring rockets and robots, digital fabrication, DIY science and technology, unique handmade crafts, and educational workshops.

We’re looking for local makers who want to share what they do and showcase their work. Exhibits that are interactive or highlight the process of making things are especially desired.

The more hands-on and interactive your project, the better! The call for makers, performers and crafters is open, and the application is available through our website at www.gilroy.makerfaire.com . Please help us spread the word.

Joint Powers Authority Board Meeting

The next JPA Board meeting will be held on Thur, June 27. The agenda and minutes will be [posted here](#) when available.