

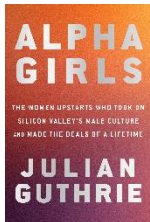
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Commission Report
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Announcing Silicon Valley Reads 2020

We are excited to announce that in recognition of the 100th anniversary of women's suffrage in the U.S., the theme for Silicon Valley Reads 2020 will be "Women Making It Happen."

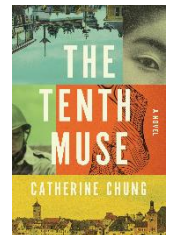


Five books – two for adults and teens and three for children – have been selected to give readers of all ages the opportunity to learn about how women are breaking barriers to achieve excellence in fields previously dominated by men:



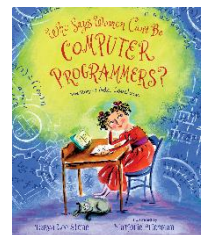
Alpha Girls: The Women Upstarts Who Took on Silicon Valley's Male Culture and Made the Deals of a Lifetime by Julian Guthrie. It tracks the careers and personal lives of four entrepreneurial women in the Silicon Valley venture capital community who were instrumental in the rise of such companies as Facebook, Imperva, Tesla, Trulia, Salesforce and more. The best-selling book is being adapted for a television series.

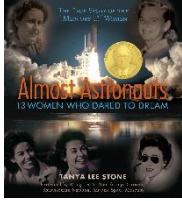
The Tenth Muse by Catherine Chung, a critically-acclaimed novel that focuses on a fictional trailblazer -- an exceptional female mathematician who embarks on a quest to conquer the Riemann hypothesis and discovers along the way her own mysterious family history and secrets long buried during World War II.



The Most Magnificent Thing, a charming picture book by Ashley Spires about a little girl who wants to build something magnificent. The book has been made into a short animated film featuring the narration of Whoopi Goldberg.

Who Says Women Can't Be Computer Programmers?: The Story of Ada Lovelace by Tanya Lee Stone. Ada Lovelace, the daughter of poet Lord Byron, lived in the 19th century and had imaginative ideas about science and mathematics. Long before the computer was invented, she envisioned its possibility and is credited as the first computer programmer.





Almost Astronauts: 13 Women Who Dared to Dream by Tanya Lee Stone. Women were not allowed to be astronauts when America created NASA in 1958, but 13 women challenged the government and opened the potential for females to take their place in the sky, piloting jets and commanding space capsules.

Silicon Valley Reads 2020 will kick off with a special event on Thursday evening, Jan. 23, at De Anza College Visual & Performing Arts Center in Cupertino. More than 100 free programs for all ages will follow in February and March including author visits, an art exhibit, films, panel discussions, speakers, workshops and activities for children and teens. The complete calendar of events will be posted to the SiliconValleyReads.org website at the end of December.

Silicon Valley Reads is an annual community engagement program presented by Santa Clara County Library District, San José Public Library and Santa Clara County Office of Education. Follow Silicon Valley Reads on Facebook and Twitter and watch for more details on the website SiliconValleyReads.org.

Welcome Jennifer Weeks- New Deputy County Librarian of Strategic Initiatives and Staff Development

The Santa Clara County Library District (SCCLD) is proud to announce that, after an intensive nationwide search, Jennifer Weeks has been appointed to the position of Deputy County Librarian. Weeks is currently the Children's Services Manager with SCCLD, where she focuses on library collections, services and programming for children 0-12 and their families.



Weeks' notable accomplishments at SCCLD include conceiving and implementing the student eAccount program, which created 90,000 eAccounts for students at 13 local school districts providing access to the complete online library. She has also instituted the Lunch at the Library summer program, which has served more than 16,000 meals to children in Gilroy, Morgan Hill and San Martin who do not have access to subsidized meals outside of the school year. Weeks represents the Library in the County Office of Education's Strong Start project, a coalition of early childhood leaders and organizations, where she helped to develop their master plan.

Understanding the great community need for library services in parts of the County that are far away from a public library, Weeks helped to expand the Bookmobile service to upward of 50 stops per month and implemented a diverse collection of children's books available at 13 visitation centers for foster children, two health clinics and one First 5 Family Resource Center in Santa Clara County.

Weeks officially starts her position on Monday, October 7, 2019, joining the Santa Clara County Library District executive team.

New Passport Acceptance Facility Opens at Los Altos Library

Los Altos Library will begin offering U.S. passport services starting on October 1. This marks the third SCCLD library to become an official passport facility along with Cupertino and Milpitas Libraries.



The Passport Acceptance Facility will help people obtain first-time passports for adults and children, renewals for passports issued before the applicant was 16 years of age, renewals for expired passports issued more than 15 years ago, replacements for lost, stolen, or damaged passports, and provide passport photo services. The service is available by appointment only. Visit www.sccl.org/passport to select a time and location, find out what important documents you will need to bring, and applicable fees. Los Altos Library began accepting online reservations on Monday, September 16, 2019 with the first appointment on Tuesday, October 1, 2019.

Once submitted, passport applications typically take between four to six weeks to be processed, with the option of paying a \$60 expedite fee to cut that time down by two weeks. Passports will be mailed directly to the applicant by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Consular Affairs.

“This is yet another good reason for people to visit the Los Altos Library,” said Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors President and Library Joint Powers Authority Board member Joe Simitian. “Our libraries are so much more than just the great books. While folks are there for passport services, they can also find travel guides, use Rosetta Stone to learn another language, and discover other materials to help plan their business trips and vacations.”

An SCCLD library account is not required for the passport service, although one is recommended to utilize all of the travel-related information available at each library and through the online library.

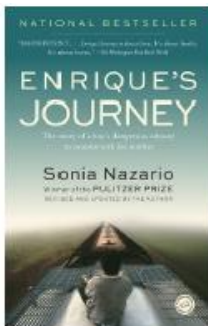
Los Altos Library Passport Hours beginning Oct. 1:

Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. (closed 1-2 p.m.)

Monday and Wednesday 1 p.m. – 8 p.m. (closed 4-5 p.m.)

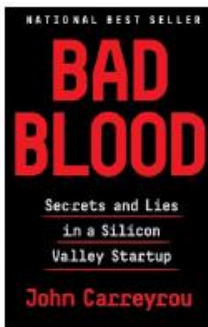
SCCLD Distinguished Author Series

Starting in October, SCCLD will host two of the three Distinguished Author events, featuring acclaimed best-selling writers who have captivated us, challenged us and fostered curiosity. **Sonia Nazario**, author of *Enrique's Journey* will be featured on Oct 22 at 7:00pm at the Morgan Hill Community and Cultural Center. **John Carreyrou**, author of *Bad Blood: Secrets and Lies in a Silicon Valley Startup* will speak on Oct 30 at 7:30pm at the De Anza Visual & Performing Arts Center. Hear from them firsthand and gain a deeper insight into their stories, and how they crafted their works through meticulous and detailed research and reporting. A Q&A and book signing will be available following their talks. All events are free and open to the public. Seating is available on a first-come, first served basis.



Sonia Nazario
Author of
Enrique's Journey
October 22
7:00 pm
Morgan Hill
Community and
Cultural Center

SONIA NAZARIO has spent 20 years reporting social issues including hunger, drug addiction and immigration. Her award-winning bestseller, *Enrique's Journey*, tells the story of a Honduran boy struggling to find his mother in the U.S. A graduate of Williams College and UC Berkeley, Nazario got her start writing for the *Wall Street Journal* and *Los Angeles Times*.



John Carreyrou
Author of
Bad Blood
October 30
7:30 pm
De Anza Visual &
Performing Arts
Center

JOHN CARREYROU is a two-time Pulitzer Prize-winning investigative reporter at the *Wall Street Journal*. He has won multiple awards for his extensive coverage of Theranos. *Bad Blood: Secrets and Lies in a Silicon Valley Startup* was named the *Financial Times* & *McKinsey Business Book of the Year*. For more information please visit www.prhspeakers.com

There will be a \$3 parking fee at De Anza for the John Carreyrou event

Save the Date

The next **Library JPA Board meeting** is set for **Thursday, Oct 24 at 1:30pm.**

The **17th Annual Friends, Foundations, Endowment & Commissioners Forum** is set for **Saturday, February 1, 2020.** You will be receiving a formal Save the Date invitation once we set the theme and keynote speaker. We hope that you will be able to join us for this annual event where we share our updates from the library, bring in a thoughtful keynote speaker and celebrate what makes the Library so special—you.

Family Literacy Concerts with MaryLee Sunseri

Talk, Sing and Play Together at the Library! Award-winning children's singer-songwriter MaryLee Sunseri will lead a music concert for babies and their grown-ups. Specializing in young children's music since 1985, MaryLee has won several national music awards including four Parents' Choice Awards and two American Library Notable Children's Recordings. A lifelong traveling troubadour, her performances are full of interactive, familiar songs and encourage everyone to get moving and sing along!

Join us for fun music activities that build important early literacy skills for the littlest of learners.

CAMPBELL	77 Harrison Avenue, Campbell	10/18/2019	11:00am
CUPERTINO	10800 Torre Avenue, Cupertino	10/16/2019	10:15am
GILROY	350 W 6th St, Gilroy	10/19/2019	1:30pm
LOS ALTOS	13 S. San Antonio Rd, Los Altos	10/20/2019	3:00pm
MILPITAS	160 N. Main ST, Milpitas	10/20/2019	11:00am
MORGAN HILL	660 West Main Ave, Morgan Hill	10/16/2019	4:00pm
SARATOGA	13650 Saratoga Ave, Saratoga	10/19/2019	11:15am



Morgan Hill Library to Break Ground on Expansion

The City of Morgan Hill is about to break ground the week of October 14 on their library expansion plans. The city has been building up their reserves to fund facility upgrades throughout the city. The Morgan Hill Library will benefit from this long-term planning with a 2,500 sq. ft. expansion that will include flexible space in the Children's area plus a second Community Room.

The construction is set to begin the week of October 14 with a completion date of Summer of 2020.