

November 2019
Commission Report
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Santa Clara County Library District Receives Two Prestigious Awards



The Santa Clara County Library District (SCCLD) has received a pair of major honors for innovative programs and services. The accolades come from the [Urban Libraries Council](#) (ULC), which represents 150 North American libraries, and the [California State Association of Counties](#) (CSAC).

The ULC award, which was announced Thursday, October 17 during the organization's 2019 Innovations Celebration in Salt Lake City, is for "Lending Mindfulness: A Mental Health App Pilot". SCCLD was selected from among 260 submissions as the winner in the *Wellness, Safety & Sustainability* category for showcasing out-of-the-box thinking and creative applications of library resources. Award winners were recognized for their level of creativity, ability for other libraries to adapt their work and the outcomes achieved. We are the first public library in the nation to offer the mindfulness app, [Headspace](#), to patrons for daily meditation. The president of ULC plans to personally present an award proclamation to SCCLD's Joint Powers Authority at its meeting of January 23, 2020.

The second recognition is from the [California State Association of Counties](#) for Rise Up, a partnership between the Gilroy Library and various County agencies, including the District Attorney's office and the Department of Child and Family Services. SCCLD was selected as the [urban library winner](#) for the Challenge Award in Administration of Justice & Public Safety. Working closely with the South County Youth Task Force and County partner agencies, Rise Up was created as a multi-pronged intervention program designed to educate and support at-risk youth and their families to improve their lives and outcomes.

CSAC will present their award in person at the Board of Supervisors Meeting on December 9.

Holiday Food Drive

The holidays are nearly upon us, a time for family, friends and giving thanks. SCCLD will offer a Holiday Food Drive from Nov 4, 2019- Jan 10, 2020 at all locations including the Services and Support Center. All food donations go to Second Harvest of Silicon Valley, whose mission is to provide meals to those in our communities who are food insecure. Last year, we collected 6,705 pounds of food items, enough to provide 5,588 nutritious meals.

Please bring non-perishable canned and boxed items you can spare to any one of our libraries, including the Bookmobile, to help those less fortunate enjoy the holiday season. A list of the most needed items is available at <http://bit.ly/2JmWltH/>. With our libraries now open 7 days per week, together, we can make someone else's holidays brighter.



Distinguished Author Update

With two of our three planned Distinguished Author Series events completed, the community response has been overwhelmingly positive and appreciative:



SONIA NAZARIO: Enrique's Journey

Morgan Hill- Morgan Hill Playhouse Theater

Sonia was a fantastic speaker and it was so exciting to see local teachers and teens in attendance. While a crowd of 58 was perhaps less than we would have liked, it is not often that local teens have the opportunity hear directly from an author whose book they are studying! It was a really impactful program for them and the community.



JOHN CARREYROU: Bad Blood: Secrets and Lies in a Silicon Valley Startup

Cupertino- De Anza Visual & Performing Arts Center

John filled the hour with so many interesting facts and insights from his investigative reporting around Bad Blood, the hour flew by. All participants were captivated with his talk and story. The theater was filled to capacity with 400 guests, and he autographed every book for participants wanting to receive a

signed copy. John was a fascinating speaker and a high caliber author with a timely story to share in the Silicon Valley.

FINAL EVENT:

SUSAN ORLEAN: The Library Book
Campbell- Campbell Heritage Theater
December 11 @ 7:30pm

STEAM in November

Our libraries are cranking up the STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, math) in the month of November. From documentaries to robotics to 3D printing to Lego Clubs, our libraries are bringing a variety of fun and learning to each of our communities. Here are a few of the highlights:



Kids STEAM Book Club (4th-6th grade)
Wed, Nov 20 @ 4pm-5pm

Campbell:

LEGO/Duplo Club (age 2+)
Wed, Nov 27 @ 3:30pm-4:30pm

Teen Python Coding Workshop-Part 1
Sat, Nov 2 @ 10am-1pm

Cupertino:

Teen Math and Python Coding-Part 2
Sat, Nov 16 @ 10am-1pm

LEGO Club (K-8th grade)
Thur, Nov 21 @ 4pm-5pm

Gilroy:

Chess Fun for Kids (ages 7-12)
Every Sun, Nov 3, 10, 17, 24 @ 3pm-4pm

LEGO Club (ages 5-12)
Mon, Nov 18 @ 4pm-5pm

Film: Inventing Tomorrow
Mon, Nov 18 @ 6pm-8pm

Los Altos/Woodland:

Robot Invasion! (ages 6+)
Sat, Nov 2 & 9 @ 11am-5pm
Woodland Library

3D Printing Classes (ages 13+)
Sun, Nov 3, 10, 17 @ 11am-12pm
Los Altos Library

DIY Kidz: Art bots with LED eyes (3rd grade +)
Thur, Nov 7 @ 4pm-5pm

Milpitas:

Dash & Dot Robot Coding (4th-6th grade)
Tue, Nov 5 @ 3:30pm-5:00pm

Dash & Dot Robot Coding (1st-3rd grade)
Tue, Nov 19 @ 3:30pm-5:00pm

LEGO Club (ages 5-12)
Fri, Nov 22 @ 4pm-5pm

Morgan Hill:

Chess Club (ages 8-18 & their caregivers)
Fri, Nov 1 @ 4pm-5pm

Film: Inventing Tomorrow
Sat, Nov 2 @ 3pm-5pm

LEGO Club (ages 2+)
Mon, Nov 4, 18, 25 @ 4pm-5pm

Coding for Kids: Python, Chatbots & AI
Fri, Nov 8 @ 4:30pm-5:30pm

Saratoga:

Intermediate Arduino (ages 10+)
Sat, Nov 2 @ 3pm-5pm

LEGO Club (ages 2+)
Mon, Nov 4, 18 @ 4pm-5pm

The Science Behind Catapults (3rd-7th grade only)
Sat, Nov 9 @ 3pm-4pm

Welcome to the Library

With more than 3,349,000 visitors annually, seating in our libraries is in high demand. In order to provide a welcoming space for our visitors, the Cupertino and Milpitas Libraries have recently expanded their available seating with much appreciation from our patrons. Attached are photos of the new seating areas. Next on the list, Saratoga Library:

Milpitas:



Cupertino:

