

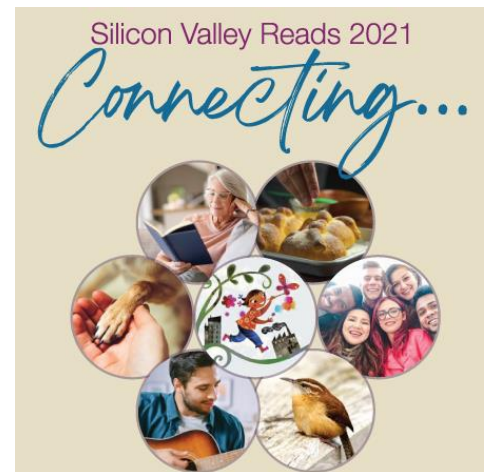
February 2021
Library Stakeholder Report
Jennifer Weeks, County Librarian

Silicon Valley Reads 2021

Silicon Valley Reads 2021 moves into high gear in February with more than 100 virtual events for all ages. SVR 2021 is about what connects us including relationships, nature, food, music, art, animals, and of course, books. There are many types of events such as book clubs, storytime, birdwatching, yoga, author visits, films, and more--there is really something for all interests. Every Wednesday from February 3 - March 31, in collaboration with the [UNAFF in Libraries Program](#), SVR will feature a special film or documentary from the United Nations Association Film Festival archives. Links to watch each film will be posted the week prior, followed by a discussion each Wednesday with the director or film expert. Some of the February event highlights include the following:

- Wednesday, February 10 ([English @ 3pm](#); [Spanish @ 4:30pm](#)): Meet the Authors and the Illustrator of *Maybe Something Beautiful*
- Wednesday, February 10 @ 7pm: In collaboration with the UNAFF in Libraries Program, Santa Clara County Library District presents [R.A.W. Tuba and Violins of Hope film discussion](#) (Links to watch films will be available 1 week prior to event with registration).
- Saturday, February 13 @ 3pm: [Birding in your Backyard: #BirdtheFeckatHome](#)
- Wednesday, February 17 @ 7pm: In collaboration with the UNAFF in Libraries Program, Santa Clara County Library District presents [Lovesick film discussion](#) (Links to watch films will be available 1 week prior to event with registration).
- Saturday, February 20 @ 11am: [Happy Birds](#)-This elite team of parrots, macaws and cockatoos take wing for a dazzling performance featuring wild and trained behaviors of all sorts.
- Tuesday, February 23 @ 7pm: SVR [Book Discussion- Together](#)
- Thursday, February 25 @ 4:30pm: [SVR Teen Author Visit with Nicola Yoon](#)- #1 New York Times bestselling author, who will discuss her book, *The Sun is Also a Star*
- Tuesday, March 2 @ 6:30pm: [LALE sponsored Author Event- Mutual Rescue](#)

For a full list of SVR events and to register, visit siliconvalleyreads.org/events.





18th Annual Friends, Foundations, Endowment & Commissioners Forum

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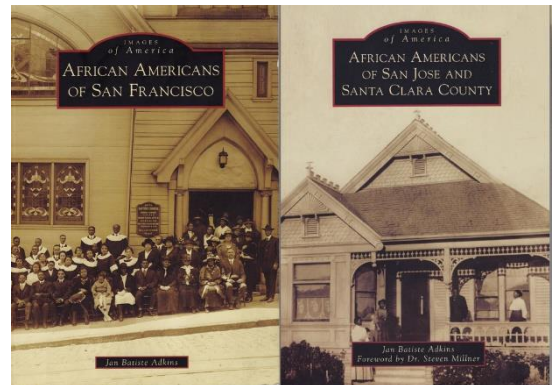
Please join us on Saturday, February 6 from 9am-10:30am for the 2021 Library Forum. This year's theme is Adapt & Adopt: Strategies for Success and our event will be held virtually via Zoom.

Our special guest speaker is Carol Novello, author of Mutual Rescue, Board Alumni Ambassador and former President of Humane Society Silicon Valley. The participation Zoom link will be sent to those who RSVP. If you have not received an invitation, please contact Tracy Ellenberger at tellenberger@sccl.org. This annual event is by invitation only.

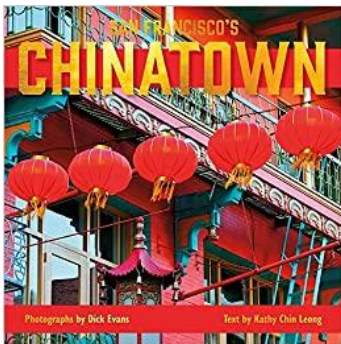
Honoring Black History Month

SCCLD has [films](#), [documentaries](#), [music](#) and booklists for [adults](#), [teens](#) and [children](#), as well as recommended programs in honor of Black History Month. Mark your calendar and sign up for the following events:

- Black History Month: [Diane Ferlatte Stories and Music](#), Saturday, February 13 @ 11am
- Black History Month: [A Celebration of African American History in Northern California with Author Jan Batiste Adkins](#), Saturday, February 20 @ 2pm
- Black History Month: [Gee's Bend Mixed Media Paper Collages for Adults and Teens](#) Saturday, February 27 @ 1pm



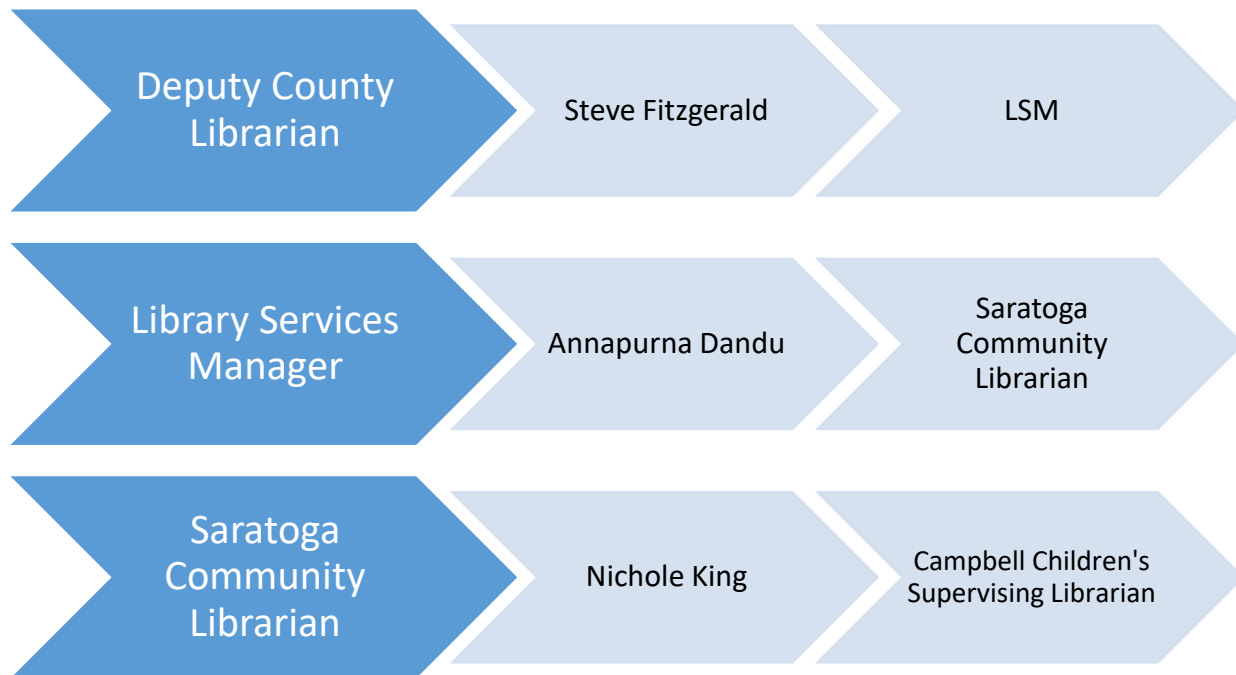
Celebrate Lunar New Year with SCCLD



In recognition of Lunar New Year, SCCLD has many [books](#) for all ages and will host a virtual [kids craft](#) on February 12 @ 1pm, and an event on February 8 @ 7pm on [From Shame to Celebration: An In-Depth Look Inside San Francisco's Chinatown](#). Newly-released photo documentary book, *San Francisco's Chinatown*, brings history, culture, tourism, and traditions to life with never-seen-before images. In this dynamic slideshow with behind-the-scenes commentary, project originator and photographer Dick Evans and New York Times freelance writer Kathy Chin Leong shed light on a community that has proven to be resilient against all odds.

Work Out of Class Staffing Changes in February

We are fortunate to have so many talented staff at SCCLD to fill in key roles. Steve Fitzgerald will be the interim Deputy County Librarian, Annapurna Dandu will fill the Library Services Manager position that Steve vacates, and Nichole King will fill the role of Community Librarian at the Saratoga Library for Annapurna. These are temporary work out of class assignments until the Deputy County Librarian position is filled.



Million Checkout Club

For the first time, SCCLD joined the ranks of the Overdrive [Million Digital Books Checkout Club](#) for 2020.

Not only did SCCLD achieve this milestone by increasing our Overdrive circulation to 1,961,830 in 2020, we had the highest growth rate of any other library system with 148% over 2019. To put this in context, our 2020 circulation was greater than the past four previous years combined. We almost hit the 2 million mark for digital book checkouts! Kudos to SCCLD and our supporters and thank you to our patrons!

