

February 2022  
Library Stakeholder Report  
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## New County Poet Laureate Tapped for 2022-23 Term

The County Board of Supervisors [appointed](#) Tshaka Campbell to be the seventh County Poet Laureate on January 11. The honorary position is charged with promoting the art form through appearances at local community events and working to instill a passion for poetry among the public.

Campbell is a multi-talented individual who has written several books of poetry, performed in multiple poetry contests across the country, and released multiple music albums. He has already leaped into his new role, also taking advantage of social media platforms ([Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#)).



SCCLD is working with SVCCreates to provide support for the mission of the Poet Laureate. A [new page](#) on the Library District's website contains general information about the Poet Laureate and lists upcoming events featuring Campbell as well as other local poetry groups being hosted at our libraries. Campbell will be formally introduced at the [Board of Supervisors meeting](#) at 9:30 on Tuesday, February 8. As part of the invocation, he will also read a selection of his work as part of the online meeting.

## Silicon Valley Reads Events All February

On the heels of its successful January 27 online kickoff, Silicon Valley Reads 2022 has dozens of events scheduled this month.

Get ready to celebrate Valentine's Day with Los Altos Library's All You Need is Love and Kindness [event](#) from Feb. 7 to 12. Drop by the Children's Reference Desk for holiday cards, hearts and decorations to take home. Morgan Hill Library's After School Snack program has a station to make [Kindness Valentines](#) from Feb. 7 to 11.



Teens can learn to watercolor by watching an [online course](#) on Tue. Feb. 15. Adults can test their trivia knowledge during a [virtual contest](#) on Wed. Feb 16. Following the theme of Kindness, a [Caregiving 101](#) class will be offered over Zoom on Mon. Feb. 21. There will also be a special [Storytime](#) on Tue. Feb. 22.


If you have not already done so, [register for SVR2022](#) on Beanstack. Everyone who logs in a book and completes a short "Write Your Thoughts" activity will be eligible for a special thank you prize.

## Black History Month Library Events

February was selected as the month to celebrate Black History due to the birthdays of abolitionist Frederick Douglas and the Great Emancipator, Abraham Lincoln.

SCCLD has several virtual events planned during the month on topics including a teen workshop on [microaggressions](#), lessons on how to make [soul food](#), a [film discussion](#) about slavery, a history of Black American [Quilts](#), and a talk about inventor [George Washington Carver](#). There will also be a special author Q&A next month with James Beard award-winning chef [Bryant Terry](#).

Several libraries will be offering a Black History trivia challenge to test your knowledge about important black figures from American history. Look for copies at the Adult Reference Desks. Keep an eye out as well for Black History Month book displays at libraries.



SCCLD CELEBRATES 2022 <b>BLACK HISTORY MONTH</b>		
2/5 Microaggression Workshop for Teens	2/15 Soul Food Demo with Chef LaKisha Harris	2/26 Black American Quilts with Peopleologie
2/7 Film Discussion: Slavery by Another Name	2/19 George Washington Carver: Scientist & Inventor	3/22 Author Q&A with James Beard Award-winning Chef Bryant Terry
REGISTER TO ATTEND AT <a href="https://scclld.org/events">SCCLD.ORG/EVENTS</a>		

## Have You Had a Chance to Enjoy Our Sunday and Expanded Hours Yet?

All of our libraries, except the Campbell Express, are now open seven days a week for your convenience. Our open hours vary by location. See the schedule below.



**UPDATE:** Due to advice from the County Public Health Officer about gatherings, we have pushed back the start date for patrons to once again be able to reserve our [community rooms and large rooms](#) to March 1. Our medium and small rooms are still available. All those who use them must be masked at all times.

Full Service Hours							
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Campbell Express	10am-9pm	10am-9pm	10am-9pm	10am-9pm	10am-6pm	10am-6pm	Closed
Cupertino	10am-9pm	10am-9pm	10am-9pm	10am-9pm	10am-9pm	10am-6:30pm	10am-6:30pm
Gilroy	1pm-9pm	1pm-9pm	1pm-9pm	10am-6pm	10am-6pm	10am-6pm	1pm-5pm
Los Altos	10am-9pm	10am-9pm	10am-9pm	10am-9pm	10am-7pm	10am-7pm	10am-7pm
Milpitas	10am-9pm	10am-9pm	10am-9pm	10am-9pm	10am-7pm	10am-7pm	10am-7pm
Morgan Hill	12pm-9pm	12pm-9pm	12pm-9pm	10am-6pm	10am-6pm	10am-6pm	1pm-5pm
Saratoga	10am-9pm	10am-9pm	10am-6pm	10am-6pm	10am-6pm	10am-6pm	10am-6pm
Woodland	11am-8pm	11am-8pm	11am-8pm	11am-5pm	11am-5pm	11am-5pm	11am-5pm

## Happy Year of the Tiger! Lunar New Year 2022

In China, it's called the Spring Festival. In Korea, it's Seollal. In Vietnam, it's Tet. Our librarians have put together a special [booklist](#) for families about Lunar New Year, the first day of the lunar calendar. Learn fact and stories about this date, which is celebrated across the globe and here in Santa Clara County.



## Join SCCLD for in-person and virtual programs in February!

See the attached event calendar for a full list of available programs.

## SANTA CLARA COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT FEBRUARY 2022 EVENTS

Please note: **Silicon Valley Reads** events listed in blue

\*\*All libraries will be closed and services unavailable on Monday, February 21 in observance of Presidents' Day\*\*

### **SVR Kindness Bingo**

*Anytime during February and March*

Complete our SVR Kindness Bingo Challenge and receive a participation prize. Pick up your bingo sheet from Cupertino, Gilroy, Los Altos and Woodland Libraries.

### **SVR Kindness Tree**

*Anytime during February and March*

Visit Los Altos, Cupertino or Gilroy Libraries to write an act of kindness and add to our kindness tree.

### **Snack Break at Morgan Hill Library**

*Mondays-Thursdays, 3 – 4 p.m. (except holidays and school breaks)*

Kids 18 and under are invited to stop by the library for a snack, as supplies last.

### **Snack Break at Gilroy Library**

*Mondays-Fridays, 3 – 5 p.m. (except holidays and school breaks)*

Visit the children's area near the Nest room to grab a snack, as supplies last.

### **Online ESL Conversation Club**

*Tuesdays, February 1, 8, 15, & 22, 1 – 2 p.m. (Register for Zoom link)*

*Wednesdays, February 2 & 9, 6 – 7:15 p.m. (Register for Zoom link)*

*Thursdays, February 3, 10, 17 & 24, 11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. (Register for Zoom link)*

Practice your English listening and speaking skills in a virtual platform. Meet new friends and learn English together.

### **SVR Virtual Book Club: The Authenticity Project**

*Wednesday, February 2, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. (Register for Zoom link)*

Join us as we discuss one of this year's recommended fiction reads, [The Authenticity Project](#) by Clare Pooley.

### **Virtual Tai Chi**

*Fridays, February 4, 11, 18 & 25, 10 – 11 a.m. (Register for Zoom link)*

Martial Artist Yang Li will host a four-part series of tai chi classes that cover basic postures, breathing techniques and forms of tai chi. No previous experience necessary.

### **SVR Virtual Book Discussion: A Dream Called Home**

*Friday, February 4, 10:15 – 11:15 a.m. (Register for Zoom link)*

We will discuss featured Silicon Valley Reads book [A Dream Called Home](#) by Reyna Grande.

### **Virtual Event: Tax Law Updates**

*Saturday, February 5, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. (Register for Zoom link)*

A certified financial planner will discuss tax law changes and how it might affect your personal financial situation. Also covered are strategies for tax savings for this year and beyond.

### **Virtual Teen Workshop: Identifying and Interrupting Microaggressions**

*Saturdays, February 5, 1 – 2 p.m. (Register for Zoom link)*

Learn how to identify a microaggression and how to challenge, confront and question a microaggression while being a thoughtful and protective ally. This event is for teens ages 13-18.

### **DIY Spa Products at Gilroy Library**

*Saturday, February 5, 2 – 3 p.m. (Register online)*

Join us in the courtyard to create your own spa products to use at home. We will provide the supplies to make bath bombs, a body scrub and a foot soak. Registration is required.

### **SVR: All You Need is Love and Kindness Valentines at Los Altos Library**

*Stop by anytime during the week of February 7-12*

Stop by the Children's Reference Desk for Valentine's Day cards, hearts and decorations to take home.

### **Kindness Valentines at Morgan Hill Library**

*Stop by anytime between 3–4 p.m. February 7-11*

Drop by during our after-school snack program to make Kindness Valentines.

### **Black History Month Event: Virtual Film Discussion**

*Monday, February 7, 6 – 7 p.m. (Register for Zoom link)*

Join us for this Black History Month special event. Please watch the documentary, Slavery by Another Name on [Kanopy](#), then join us to discuss.

### **Online Chinese Book Club/網上中文書友會**

*Wednesday, February 9, 10:15 – 11:45 a.m.*

Participants can choose to read the book, [大港的女兒](#), in Chinese or English, and the discussion will be mainly in Mandarin. 參與者可選讀中文或英文版，討論則將以中文為主。

### **Virtual Film Discussion**

*Monday, February 14, 6 – 7 p.m. (Register for Zoom link)*

We will be discussing the film, *The Young and Prodigious T.S. Spivet*. Please watch the film first on [Kanopy](#), then join us to discuss.

### **Safe Space Meeting for LGBTQ+ Youth at Morgan Hill Library**

*Tuesday, February 15, 4 – 6 p.m. (outside, weather permitting)*

Join us for support group meetings that provide a safe space for LGBTQ+ youth (ages 13-25) to play games, participate in group activities and discussions, and build community. No registration necessary.

### **Black History Month Event: Soul Food with Chef LaKisha Harris**

*Tuesday, February 15, 7 – 8 p.m. (Register for Zoom link)*

Chef LaKisha Harris will be coming into your kitchen (virtually) to help you prepare fried chicken, collard greens and cornbread. A list of ingredients will be given ahead of time in case you want to cook along with her.

### **SVR Special Event: Watercolor Painting with Teen Artist & Author Tyler Gordon**

*Tuesday, February 15, 7 – 8 p.m. (Register for Zoom link)*

Internet sensation Tyler Gordon will share his journey into worldwide fame and lead us through a watercolor art lesson. Attendees should have blank paper, watercolor paints or colored pencils available.

### **SVR: Virtual Trivia Night for Adults**

*Wednesday, February 16, 6 – 7 p.m. (Register for Zoom link)*

Join us for trivia that will cover a variety of categories (movies, music, literature and more) related to the SVR theme: *The Power of Kindness, Resilience and Hope*.

### **Cupertino Library's Adult Book Online Discussion Group**

*Thursday, February 17, 7 – 8:30 p.m. (Register for Zoom link)*

We will be discussing [The Constant Rabbit](#) by Jasper Fforde.

### **Black History Month Event: George Washington Carver**

*Saturday, February 19, 11 – 12 p.m. (Register for Zoom link)*

The executive director of the State Historical Society of Missouri will discuss Carver's life, his research at the Tuskegee Institute in Alabama and the many contributions he made to agricultural science and product development.

### **SVR Event: Caregiving 101**

*Monday, February 21, 2 – 3 p.m. (Register for Zoom link)*

A representative from the Family Caregiver Alliance will discuss what a caregiver is, the importance of being identified as one, and will provide the participant with an understanding of the impact they potentially leave on the care of their loved ones and themselves.



### **SVR Event: Celebrity Storytime**

*Tuesday, February 22, 10:30 – 11 a.m. (Watch on Facebook)*

Santa Clara County Supervisor Joe Simitian will read aloud the featured Silicon Valley Reads book [\*The Big Umbrella\*](#) by Amy June Bates. Watch this program on our [Facebook](#) page (@sccltd)

### **Online Bookshare**

*Tuesday, February 22, 7 – 8:15 p.m. (Register for Zoom link)*

Talk about your latest read or favorite genre and hear from others who share your passion of reading.

### **Online Book Discussion**

*Tuesday, February 22, 7 – 8 p.m.*

We will discuss [\*The Readers of Broken Wheel Recommend\*](#) by Katarina Bivald.

### **Analysis of Early Applications Results: Class of 2022**

*Wednesday, February 23, 6 – 7:30 p.m. (Register for Zoom link)*

Analyze early application results with FLEX's expert counselors. This year's early application results are particularly important because they give indications of how colleges have adapted to application portfolios affected by the pandemic.

### **Black History Month Event: Quilts with Peopleologie**

*Saturday, February 26, 2 – 3 p.m. (Register for Zoom link)*

Learn about some of the traditional quilt patterns created by Black Americans and passed down generations. Afterward, create your own no-sew quilt block using any fabric scraps, cardboard or cardstock, scissors and glue.

### **Now Read This! Los Altos Online Book Club**

*Monday, February 28, 12 – 1:30 p.m. (Register for Zoom link)*

We will discuss [\*Yellow Bird: Oil, Murder and a Woman's Search for Justice in Indian Country\*](#) by Sierra Crane Murdoch.

### **SVR Virtual Event: Caring for Someone with Dementia**

*Monday, February 28, 2 – 3:30 p.m. (Register for Zoom link)*

Caring for someone with dementia poses unique challenges. This class will provide a basic understanding of dementia and how it affects an individual. Participants will also learn some tips on how to cope with these changes.

### **Virtual Film Discussion**

*Monday, February 28, 6 – 7 p.m. (Register for Zoom link)*

We will be discussing the film, *Circle of Poison*. Watch the film using our free streaming service, [Kanopy](#), and then join us for a discussion.

# LOS ALTOS AND WOODLAND LIBRARIES

February 2022

## HIGHLIGHTS

- ❖ The Passport office at Los Altos Library is now open and patrons can make appointments for their services.
- ❖ LALE is sponsoring a Silicon Valley Reads virtual program featuring Richard Liu on March 8, 2022



THE POWER OF **KINDNESS, RESILIENCE, & HOPE**

<https://siliconvalleyreads.org/>

**Richard Lui**  
 Veteran and award-winning journalist Richard Lui has more than 30 years in television, film, technology, and business. Currently at MSNBC and previously with CNN Worldwide, he is the first Asian American man to anchor a daily national cable news program, and a team Emmy and Peabody winner. Richard recently directed the feature documentary "Sky Blossom", an uplifting film on student caregivers in military families now available on DVD and Digital from Universal Pictures Home Entertainment, and streaming on Peacock. Richard's 15-year business career involves a fintech patent and launching six tech brands over three business cycles. Richard has lived, worked, and volunteered on every continent.







**SILICON VALLEY READS**

Silicon Valley Reads: An Interview with Enough About Me Author, Richard Lui  
 Tuesday, March 8, 2022  Add to Calendar  
 6:30PM - 7:30PM  
 Online event

<https://scclld.org/passport/>



### Passport Service Hours

Cupertino Library		
Tues & Wed	1pm-8pm (Closed: 4pm-5pm)	<a href="#">Information &amp; Map</a>
Thurs, Fri, & Sat	10am-5pm (Closed: 1pm-2pm)	
Los Altos Library		
Sun, Mon, & Tues	10am-5pm (Closed: 1pm-2pm)	<a href="#">Information &amp; Map</a>
Wed & Thurs	1pm-8pm (Closed: 4pm-5pm)	
Milpitas Library		
Sun, Wed, & Thurs	10am-5pm (Closed: 1pm-2pm)	<a href="#">Information &amp; Map</a>
Mon & Tues	1pm-8pm (Closed: 4pm-5pm)	



## STATISTICS

Items Checked Out	Los Altos		Woodland	
	Month	Count	Month	Count
	July 2021	45,833	July 2021	8,361
	August 2021	42,867	August 2021	7,215
	September 2021	40,389	September 2021	7,253
	October 2021	38,027	October 2021	7,326
	November 2021	39,638	November 2021	6,422
	December 2021	41,943	December 2021	7,183
	January 2022	42,750	January 2022	7,220

Items Checked In	Los Altos		Woodland	
	Month	Count	Month	Count
	July 2021	43,495	July 2021	8,913
	August 2021	42,126	August 2021	9,301
	September 2021	37,535	September 2021	8,615
	October 2021	37,583	October 2021	8,593
	November 2021	37,142	November 2021	8,444
	December 2021	38,939	December 2021	8,074
	January 2022	41,658	January 2022	8,861

Patrons Served @ the Library	Los Altos		Woodland	
	Month	Count	Month	Count
	July 2021	8,475	July 2021	1,780
	August 2021	8,113	August 2021	1,655
	September 2021	7,759	September 2021	1,628
	October 2021	7,351	October 2021	1,628
	November 2021	7,290	November 2021	1,541
	December 2021	7,748	December 2021	1,668
	January 2022	7,981	January 2022	1,812

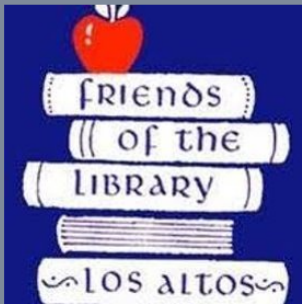
## Patrons Served Online

Los Altos		Woodland	
June 2021	9,034	June 2021	1,575
July 2021	8,723	July 2021	1,524
August 2021	8,776	August 2021	1,564
September 2021	8,852	September 2021	1,526
October 2021	8,798	October 2021	1,479
November 2021	8,702	November 2021	1,461
December 2021	8,849	December 2021	1,515
January 2022	9,282	January 2022	1,606

## EVENTS AND SERVICES

<https://scclid.org/events>

## Additional Silicon Valley Reads Events



- - **Kindness Bingo** - Complete our SVR Kindness Bingo Challenge throughout the month and receive a participation prize. Pick up kindness bingo sheets from Cupertino, Gilroy, Los Altos and Woodland Libraries during the months of February and March
- - **Kindness Tree** - Write an act of kindness on a leaf to add to our kindness tree at our Los Altos, Cupertino and Gilroy Libraries throughout the months of February and March.
- **All You Need is Love and Kindness Valentines** - During the week of February 7th-12th, visit the Children's Reference Desk for Valentine's Day cards, hearts and decorations to take home so that you can design your own Valentine's Day cards for your loved ones. You may also write an act of kindness on a heart to add to our kindness tree at the children's reference desk.

# Be Kind Bingo!

## The Power of Kindness, Resilience, & Hope

Complete at least one row:  
up, across, or diagonal.

Bring back your completed bingo sheet  
& pick up your award.



 Read or write a poem on the theme of kindness.	Go on a nature walk with friends or family.	Hold a door open for someone not in your family.	Complete a chore that you don't normally do.	Write a thank you note and deliver it.
Say hello to someone new.	 Read a book on the theme of kindness.	Tell someone what you appreciate about them.	Draw a book character doing something kind.	Write what you hope for in 2022.
Plant a bee friendly plant.	Write down 10 things that you're grateful for.	Ask the librarian to suggest a book about kindness.	Notice something in nature and then draw a picture of it.	Make a Valentine card for someone special.
Describe a time when you were resilient. (You can write it.)	Be kind to yourself -- do something you love.	Write an Act of Kindness for the Kindness Tree	Thank a teacher for all that they do.	Give someone you love a hug.
 Listen to (or write!) a song about kindness.	Give someone a sincere compliment.	Read to a pet -- real or stuffed.	Ask a friend how they're feeling -- then listen.	Take time to breathe deep and let your mind wander.

 Wherever you see this owl, you'll find more information on the back of this sheet 



## Looking ahead...



• *open+ access is a **comprehensive system** that allows libraries to provide more flexible hours, making them more accessible to the community. Designed to complement staffed library hours, open+ can be implemented in a number of different ways to meet various library service models.*