

Silicon Valley Reads 2020

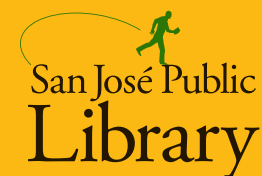
Women

MAKING IT HAPPEN

**Celebrating 100+ years of
women's achievements**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Silicon Valley Reads 2020

Dear Community,

Since 2003, Silicon Valley Reads has asked the residents of Santa Clara County to read, think, and engage in conversations and activities about a theme relevant to our region. This year our theme is “Women – Making It Happen” in honor of the 100th anniversary of women’s suffrage in the U.S. Our featured books and programs celebrate the perseverance of women in pushing beyond the boundaries set for their gender and achieving excellence in fields traditionally dominated by men.

Our 2020 selected books are excellent and offer great reading opportunities for all ages:

- *Alpha Girls* by Julian Guthrie
- *The Tenth Muse* by Catherine Chung
- *Almost Astronauts* by Tanya Lee Stone
- *Who Says Women Can’t Be Computer Programmers?* by Tanya Lee Stone
- *The Most Magnificent Thing* by Ashley Spires

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More than 150 free events will provide information, ideas and entertainment about a wide variety of women and their accomplishments – from the tenacious individuals who worked so hard to get women the right to vote in the early 1900s to the women inventors and leaders of the 21st century who are defining a new future.

Silicon Valley Reads 2020 celebrates and commemorates the collective action of courageous women in our society. Each of us has experienced the power of collective action – the opportunity to join like-minded individuals to accomplish a common goal. The featured books will help us build on a community conversation about the strength and courage necessary to fight for equity, diversity and inclusivity, and inspire our youth to do the same.

As co-chairs of Silicon Valley Reads and on behalf of our Community Advisory Board, thank you for your continued support and involvement with our program. We look forward to seeing you at this year’s events.

Drop in to a library book discussion group

The book discussion groups at many public libraries throughout Santa Clara County will focus on one or both of the Silicon Valley Reads

featured books in 2020. Here are some of the dates already scheduled. Check with your local library for additional book group opportunities.

Discussing *The Tenth Muse*

- Thur, Jan. 16, 7 p.m., Cupertino Library
- Mon, Feb. 3, 7:30 p.m., Saratoga Library
- Wed, Feb. 19, 6:30 p.m., Santa Clara Mission Branch Library
- Wed, Feb. 19, 7 p.m., Sunnyvale Public Library
- Tue, Feb. 25, 10:30 a.m., Santa Clara Central Park Library
- Tue, Feb. 25, 7 p.m., Gilroy Library
- Wed, Feb. 26, 7 p.m., Vineland Branch Library
- Fri, March 6, 10:15 a.m., Gilroy Library
- Tue, March 10, 12 noon, Palo Alto City Library Rinconada Branch
- Tue, April 21, 6:30 p.m., Los Gatos Library

Discussing *Alpha Girls*

- Wed, Jan. 8, 5 p.m., Edenvale Branch Library
- Wed, Jan. 8, 5:30 p.m., Pearl Avenue Branch Library
- Tue, Feb. 18, 6:30 p.m., Los Gatos Library
- Tue, March 3, 7:30 p.m., Morgan Hill Library
- Wed, March 4, 6 p.m., Evergreen Branch Library

Public Library Websites

- Los Gatos Library
losgatosca.gov
- Mountain View Public Library
mountainview.gov
- Palo Alto City Library
library.cityofpaloalto.org
- San José Public Library
sjlibrary.org
- Santa Clara City Library
SCLibrary.org
- Santa Clara County Library
SCCLD.org
- Sunnyvale Public Library
sunnyvalelibrary.org

Women – Making It Happen

Kick-off Event

Thursday, Jan. 23, 7:30 p.m.
Visual & Performing Arts Center
De Anza College, Cupertino

Author Julian Guthrie will be joined for a panel discussion with the four extraordinary women who are “Alpha Girls” – Mary Jane Elmore, Theresia Gouw, Sonja Hoel Perkins, Magdalena Yesil -- moderated by Mercury News columnist Sal Pizarro. Presented with Commonwealth Club Silicon Valley and De Anza College.



Alpha Girls Theresia Gouw, Sonja Hoel Perkins, Mary Jane Elmore and Magdalena Yesil and author Julian Guthrie

Doors open at 6:45 p.m. No tickets or reservations required. First come, first seated. The adjacent Euphrat Museum of

Art will be open 6:30-7:30 p.m. and remain open during the book signing for free viewing of the exhibit “Women Pathmakers.” The campus bookstore will sell books before and after the program, and the author and Alpha Girls will sign books after the program. Free parking in Lot A beginning at 5 p.m. See campus map at DeAnza.edu/map.

Closing Event

Thursday, April 9, 6:30 p.m.
The Tech Interactive, San Jose

Julian Guthrie and the “Alphas” reconvene for a second roundtable conversation, moderated by Barbara Marshman, former Editorial Page Editor at the Mercury News. Presented with The Tech Interactive.

Doors open at 6 p.m. for first come seating. No tickets or reservations required. Parking offered at two downtown garages for a flat \$5 fee with validation: San José McEnery Convention Center, 150 W. San Carlos St., and 2nd and San Carlos Garage, 280 S. 2nd St.

For information, email SVReads@aol.com.

“Women Pathmakers” Art Exhibit

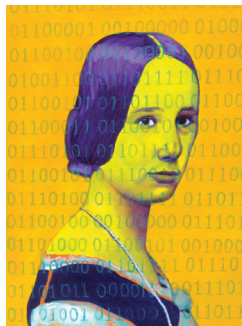
Jan. 23 - March 12, Euphrat Museum of Art, De Anza College

“Women Pathmakers” honors women whose courage and creativity helped change the world. Those featured include pioneer mathematicians, the first computer programmer, Nobel Prize winning scientists, civil rights activists, artists and musicians. Other artworks are inspired by the movement for women’s voting rights, displaced immigrant populations and the impacts on women and girls, and the invisible labor of women of color.

Artists include Rae Chang, Guy Diehl, Susan Else, Donna Gatson, Mel Kadel, Pantea Karimi, Keerat Kaur, Kristin Lindseth-Rivera, Hung Liu, Jennifer Mondfrans, Jen Myhre, Fariba Nejat, Favianna Rodriguez, Jessica Sabogal, Shanna Strauss, Rupy C. Tut and Wanxin Zhang.

The public is invited to meet artists in the “Women Pathmakers” exhibition and author Julian Guthrie at a reception with music and refreshments on Wednesday, Feb. 12, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the Euphrat Museum of Art.

On Saturday, March 7, the public is invited to a “Women Pathmaker Portraits” workshop. Make mixed media artworks featuring



Ada Lovelace
by Jennifer Mondfrans

inspiring women pathmakers and their stories. Drop in, free of charge, with ongoing activities 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Euphrat Museum of Art on the De Anza College campus is open Monday - Thursday, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. (closed Monday, Feb. 17, for Presidents Day) plus Saturday, March 7, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., and Thursday Feb. 6 and March 5, 5-7:30 p.m. for open mic nights. Additional open hours by appointment. Check deanza.edu/euphrat/ exhibitions for additional events.



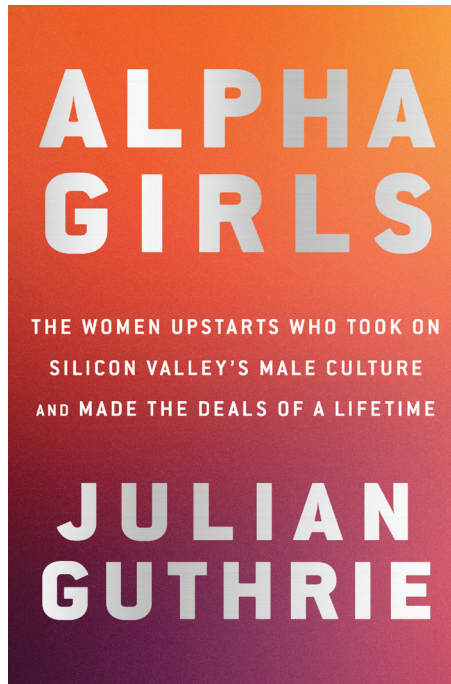
Disrupt by Jessica Sabogal



Tiger Tea
by Susan Else

Alpha Girls

Alpha Girls is the untold story of pioneering women in Silicon Valley. Described as “Hidden Figures” meets “The Social Network,” *Alpha Girls* is the story of the real unicorns of Silicon Valley – the women who bucked the system and found ways to survive and thrive in this high-stakes, male-dominated world. The book explores the rise of such companies as Facebook, Tesla, Oracle, Trulia, Imperva, F5 Networks, Acme Packet, ForeScout, Salesforce and more – all through the eyes of trailblazing “alpha girls” of Silicon Valley.



“Julian Guthrie is a mesmerizing storyteller, weaving the life stories of four dynamic women into a page-turning yarn. We don’t just read of but feel the outrageous and often clueless male slights and insults, the double standards and blatant sexism endured by women in the blustery, male-dominated world of Silicon Valley. Yet *Alpha Girls* leaves you awed by their resilience and their professional feats. A stirring tale of triumph.”
–Ken Auletta, acclaimed author and New Yorker staff writer

About Julian Guthrie

Julian Guthrie is the author of four books, including two national bestsellers. As a journalist for 20 years at the San Francisco Chronicle, Ms. Guthrie won numerous awards, including the Best of the West Award and the Society of Professional Journalists’ Public Service Award. Her feature writing and enterprise reporting were nominated multiple times for the Pulitzer Prize.



Julian Guthrie

“I can’t wait to share the inspiring, untold stories of incredible women who helped build some of the foremost companies of our day. I’m eager to talk in actionable terms about how women can succeed in male-dominated industries, how men can be great allies, and what this means for boys and girls who want to be next generation leaders and innovators.”

Sunday, Feb. 2

3 p.m., Palo Alto City Library Rinconada Branch. Presented with Friends of the Palo Alto City Library.

Saturday, Feb. 8

4 p.m., Mountain View Public Library. Presented with Friends of the Mountain View Public Library.

Wednesday, Feb. 12

7 p.m., Rose Garden Branch Library. Presented with Friends of the Rose Garden Branch Library.

Saturday, March 28

1 p.m., Morgan Hill Library. Presented with Friends of the Morgan Hill Library.

4 p.m., West Valley Branch Library

Monday, March 30

12:30 p.m., Evergreen Valley College, Gullo II Building. Park in Student Lots 5, 6, 8 or 9 with a \$3 parking pass purchased at parking lot vending machines.

7 p.m., Educational Park Branch Library. Presented with Friends of Educational Park Branch Library.

In conversation with Lissa Kreisler

Saturday, Feb. 8, 2 p.m., Los Gatos Library



Broadcast personality Lissa Kreisler will interview Julian about her book, *Alpha Girls*, and her own personal experience as a woman in the workplace. Presented with Friends of the Los Gatos Library.

In conversation with Abe Kleinfeld

Friday, Feb. 28, 7:30 p.m.,
Los Altos Library

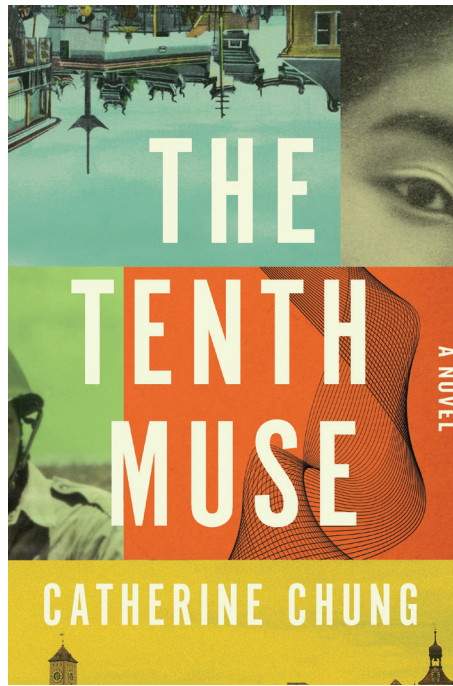


Julian will discuss *Alpha Girls* with Abe Kleinfeld, president & CEO of GridGain and a serial entrepreneur who has worked with, and supported, women in companies throughout his 40-year career in technology. His other start-ups included nCircle, Eloquent and Odesta Systems Corporation. Presented with Los Altos Library Endowment.

The Tenth Muse

The Tenth Muse is an exhilarating, moving novel about a trailblazing mathematician whose research unearths her own extraordinary family story.

From the days of her childhood in the 1950s Midwest, Katherine knows she is different, and that her parents are not who they seem. As she matures from a girl of rare intelligence into an exceptional mathematician, she must face the most human of problems— who is she?



When she embarks on a quest to conquer the Riemann hypothesis, the greatest unsolved mathematical problem of her time, she turns to a theorem with a mysterious history that may hold both the lock and the key to her identity, and to secrets long buried during World War II. Forced to confront some of the most consequential events of the 20th century and rethink everything she knows of herself, she finds kinship in the stories of the women who came before her, and discovers how seemingly distant stories, lives, and ideas are inextricably linked to her own.

“The cliché that boys are better at math collapses before the diamond-hard mind of a grad student whose relentless attempt to prove a legendary hypothesis exposes a deeper algorithm about herself.... Captivating.”
— O, the Oprah Magazine

“Can a mathematician also be an accomplished storyteller? The answer is an emphatic yes.... Elegant and absorbing fiction.... Her work radiates a love of the subject.... Her real subject, beyond the magic of storytelling, is the problem of identity, as shaped by gender, ethnicity, history and choice.”
— Chicago Tribune

About Catherine Chung

Catherine Chung is the author of *The Tenth Muse* and *Forgotten Country*, for which she won an Honorable Mention for the PEN/Hemingway Award. She has been a National Endowment for the Arts Fellow, a Granta New Voice, a Director’s Visitor at the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, and the recipient of a Dorothy Sargent Rosenberg Prize in poetry. She has a degree in mathematics from the University of Chicago and worked at a think tank in Santa Monica before receiving her MFA from Cornell University. She has published work in *The New York Times* and *Granta*, among others.



Catherine Chung

“I am delighted that *The Tenth Muse* has been chosen for Silicon Valley Reads, with its focus this year on women breaking barriers. To the extent that *The Tenth Muse* is meant to be both a chronicle of such women in history (particularly those working in STEM) as well as a contribution to the collective imagination around them, it couldn’t be a more perfect fit. I am so excited to join your community in talking about these things through the lens and context of literature.”

Thursday, Feb. 20

6:30 p.m., Cambrian Branch Library

Saturday, Feb. 22

1 p.m., Vineland Branch Library. Presented with Friends of the Vineland Branch Library.

3 p.m., Santa Teresa Branch Library. Presented with Friends of the Santa Teresa Branch Library.

Sunday, Feb. 23

2 p.m., Campbell Library. Presented with Friends of Campbell Library.

Monday, Feb. 24

7 p.m., Santa Clara Central Park Library. Presented with Santa Clara City Library and Santa Clara City Library Foundation & Friends.

Wednesday, Feb. 26

5:30 p.m., Almaden Branch Library. Presented with Friends of the Almaden Branch Library.

Thursday, Feb. 27

7 p.m., Cupertino Library. Presented with Friends of the Cupertino Library.

Saturday, Feb. 29

10:30 a.m., Saratoga Library. Presented with Friends of the Saratoga Libraries.

12:30 p.m., Bascom Branch Library. Presented with Friends of Bascom Branch Library.

Sunday, March 1

2 p.m., Gilroy Library. Presented with Friends of the Gilroy Library.

Monday, March 2

7 p.m., Sunnyvale Public Library. Presented with Friends of the Sunnyvale Public Library.

Silicon Valley Reads Day at Computer History Museum

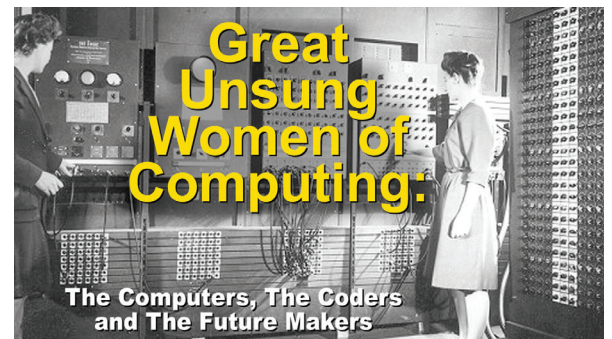
Saturday, March 28

Silicon Valley Reads participants get free admission Saturday, March 28, to the Computer History Museum, the world's largest collection of artifacts related to the history of computing. Special activities have been planned that reflect the Silicon Valley Reads 2020 theme, "Women Making It Happen."

Reserve your free pass by emailing name and number of guests to SVReads@aol.com. Pick up your admission pass in the lobby of the Computer History Museum on Saturday, March 28, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. The museum is open 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

This special event is presented with the Computer History Museum and Technology Credit Union.

For more information, email SVReads.org.



10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Explore 20 galleries containing 1,000 unique artifacts and hundreds of videos, graphics and photos chronicling the evolution and impact of modern computing. A handout will be available for self-guided tours that highlights women in the museum's exhibits.

11 a.m.

Presentation by Claire L. Evans

Women were part of every important wave in technology. You may not know their names, but their inventions and contributions touch our lives in ways we don't even realize.



VICE reporter Claire L. Evans, author of *Broad Band: The Untold Story of the Women Who Made the Internet*, gives these unsung heroes their due in this insightful social history.

12 noon

Docent-led tour of the museum.

1 p.m.

Excerpt performance of world premiere of "Coded"

This play is about a woman on her way to being a leader in the gaming industry, until a competitor armed with a legion of Internet trolls launched an all-out assault on her. She counters with a hand-picked team and a plan to revolutionize virtual-reality gaming and dismantle the industry's boys' club – if she can keep the trolls at bay. The performance is followed by audience Q&A with writer/director Kirsten Brandt and the "Coded" actors. Presented with City Lights Theater Company.



2 p.m.

Docent-led tour of the museum.

2:30-3:30 p.m.

"Great Unsung Women of Computing" film

This trio of short documentaries show how women revolutionized the computer and internet technology we use today, inspiring female students to believe that programming careers lie within their grasp.

Part 1: The Computers, the story of the ENIAC programmers, six young women who programmed the world's first modern, programmable computer as part of a secret World War II project.

Part 2: The Coders, profiles Sarah Allen and Pavni Diwanji whose technologies revolutionized the Internet. Sarah co-invented Flash, the first multimedia platform supporting video, graphics, games and animation for the internet, while Pavni invented the Java servlet to allow web applications to respond quickly to requests from users everywhere.

Part 3: The Future Makers, an introduction to Andrea Colaco, a young MIT Ph.D., who shares her dream of a world in which we interact with our smart devices using natural hand gestures, not static keyboards or touchpads.

Celebrating Women in Tech

Saturday, Jan. 25, 2 p.m., Gilroy Library

Engineers and managers from Apple, Amazon and Keri Systems will share the pathways to their careers, who and what has been influential to their career, challenges along the way, and what they have learned from their experiences. Audience Q&A follows their panel discussion. Teens and adults welcome!

PANELISTS:



Leticia Ambriz,
Manager, Materials
Program Management,
Amazon



Veronica De Leon,
Quality Assurance
Engineer,
Keri Systems, Inc.



Alla Shashkina,
Senior Engineering
Manager,
Apple Inc.

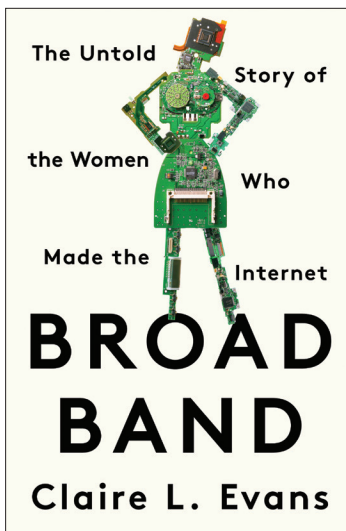


Sue Swindlehurst,
Principal, MTS
Engineer,
Amazon

Author Claire L. Evans

Claire L. Evans, author of *Broad Band: The Untold Story of the Women Who Made the Internet*, will discuss her book which was described by an Amazon review in this way:

“Fascinating and often moving, *Broad Band* sheds light on the true stories of women who pioneered crucial technological and social leaps throughout the history of computing. Much like the dedicated female mathematicians in ‘Hidden Figures,’ the women in *Broad Band* solved new and complex technical problems while also dealing with stifling social mores that kept them marginalized in the writing of the “official” history. Author and VICE reporter Claire L. Evans relates these stories with a candor and humor that matches the relentless spirit of the subjects. *Broad Band* is an inspiring and timely read for anyone interested in the digital world.”



Saturday, March 28

- 1 p.m. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library. Presented with Friends of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library.
- 3 p.m. Joyce Ellington Branch Library. Presented with Friends of Joyce Ellington Branch Library.

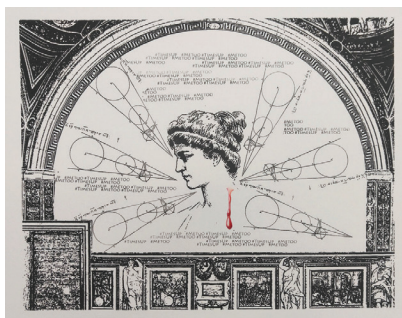
Sunday, March 29

- 1 p.m. India Community Center. Following Claire’s talk, a panel discussion will continue the conversation about women’s role in technology. Presented with Indian Business and Professional Women.
- 3 p.m. Milpitas Library. Presented with Friends of Milpitas Library.

Forgotten Women of Science

Tue, Feb. 11, 1:30 p.m.
Los Altos Library

Artist Pantea Karimi will discuss her exhibition at the San Jose Quilt Museum that features lesser acknowledged female scientists from ancient times to the 19th



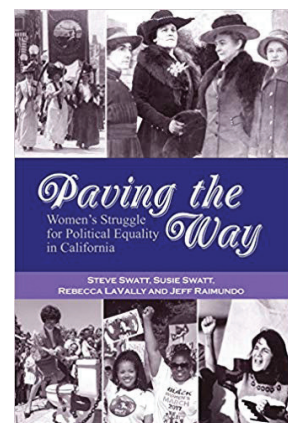
century. Her work highlights their contributions and chronicles their struggles in the scientific field. The exhibit runs Jan. 19-March 1. For details, visit SJQuiltMuseum.org.

Paving the Way: Women’s Struggles for Political Equity in California

Steve Swatt and Susie Swatt, the authors of *Paving the Way: Women’s Struggles for Political Equity in California*, will discuss the dramatic personal stories of some of the mostly unsung and long-forgotten women who challenged traditional concepts of femininity and helped to shape California’s public landscape. Steve Swatt is a veteran political analyst and public affairs executive. Susie Swatt is a member of the National Advisory Council of the Institute of Governmental Studies at U.C. Berkeley.

Wed, Feb. 19, 7 p.m., Cupertino Library

Wed, March 11, 7 p.m., Los Altos Library

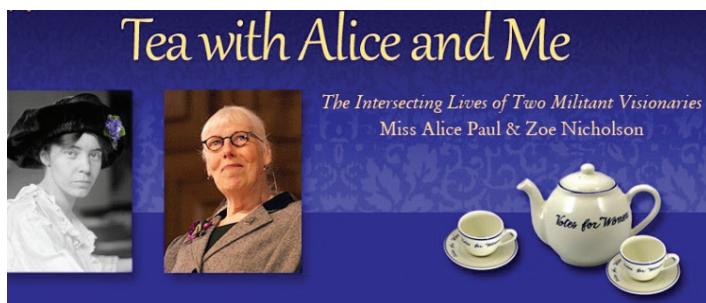


Tea with Alice and Me

This solo show, written and performed by Zoe Nicholson, is the story of the power that collects when women gather. She focuses especially on Miss Alice Paul, the first person to organize a march down Pennsylvania Avenue. Zoe is the author of a memoir, *The Hungry Heart – A Women’s Fast for Justice*, and *The Engaged Heart*, a compilation of speeches and personal photos.

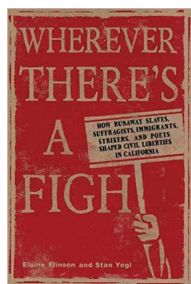
Sun, March 22, 2 p.m., Milpitas Library

Mon, March 23, 7 p.m., Morgan Hill Library



Wherever There's A Fight

Elaine Elinson, author of *Wherever There's A Fight: How Runaway Slaves, Suffragists, Immigrants, Strikers and Poets Shaped Civil Liberties in California*, will talk



about how freedom and equality have grown in California from the gold rush to the current post 9-11 era. She was the communications director of the ACLU in Northern California and editor of the ACLU News for more than two decades.

Thur, Feb. 20, 7 p.m., Los Altos Library

Mon, March 9, 7 p.m., Campbell Library

Wed, March 25, 7 p.m., Cupertino Library

Women and Finance

Tue, Feb 4, 6:30-8 p.m., Mountain View Public Library

Women are scoring lower than men in overall financial literacy. This workshop, led by Rebecca Campbell, is designed to help women improve their financial literacy, shift their perspective, and take control of their finances. Topics will include retirement, investing and risk management strategies, and the areas where financial planning for women differs from men.

Midlife Is an Opportunity, Not a Crisis for Women



Sat, March 7, 2 p.m., Mountain View Public Library

Terri Hanson Mead, author of *Piloting Your Life*, speaks candidly

and amusingly about her experience as a woman over the age of 40 in life, love, as a mother, as a founder, as an investor, and as a helicopter pilot. She shares her passion for encouraging other women to create and live a more meaningful and impactful life of their choosing.

Mexican American Women Contributions to San Jose

Sun, March 15, 6:15-8 p.m., Santa Clara Central Park Library

Nannette Regua, author of *Mexicans in San Jose*, will discuss the rich history of people of Mexican descent in San Jose. She will focus on women's roles and contributions and the history of regional Chicana grassroots activism. Presented with Nuevo Mundo Historical and Genealogical Society.

Wild Feminine Power



Sat, Feb 1, 2 p.m., Milpitas Library

Rhoda Shapiro, author of *Fierce Women: Wake Up Your Badass Self*, will guide the audience through a unique exploration of feminine power and

the ways in which it can heal, uplift, and energize the planet. She has worked for more than a decade as a mindfulness and meditation teacher.

The Life of Georgia O'Keeffe

Sat, Feb 15, 11 a.m., Gilroy Library

Artist Georgia O'Keeffe, considered to be one of the most significant and intriguing artists of the 20th century, is known for her boldly innovative art including distinct flowers, dramatic cityscapes, glowing landscapes and images of bones against the stark desert sky. Coming of age in the late 1800s, Georgia defied the social conventions of her time and led a successful and emancipated life full of creativity, feminism and austerity that has taken on mythic proportion. This talk is presented by Nancy Fohner, a member of the Gilroy American Association of University Women.



Drumming Workshop

Barbara Borden, percussionist, teacher and composer who is also the subject of a documentary "Keeper of the Beat: A Woman's Journey Into the Heart of Drumming," will lead a beginning drumming workshop. Her goal is to introduce women to the restorative and transformative nature of drumming and music.



Sat, March 7, 2 p.m., Morgan Hill Library

Sun, March 8, 2 p.m., Gilroy Library

Empowering Women

Wed, April 22, 7 p.m., Sunnyvale Public Library

Margaret Jackson, founder of On the Edge Women in Business Club and radio host of "Money 2.0 Business On The Edge" on KDW 1220 AM, will talk about empowering women and women in leadership.

Read about the history of women's suffrage

Here are a few of the books published recently about women getting the right to vote in the U.S. Check them out at your local library.

Founding Sisters and the Nineteenth Amendment by Eleanor Clift

Mr. President, How Long Must We Wait by Tina Cassidy

Remember the Ladies: Celebrating Those Who Fought for Freedom at the Ballot Box by Angela P. Dodson

Roses and Radicals: The Epic Story of How American Women Won the Right To Vote by Susan Zimet

Suffrage: Women's Long Battle for the Vote by Ellen Carol DuBois

The Woman's Hour: The Great Fight To Win the Vote by Elaine Weiss

Votes for Women! A Portrait of Persistence by Kate Clarke Lemay

Why They Marched: Untold Stories of the Women Who Fought for the Right To Vote by Susan Ware

FEATURE FILMS & DOCUMENTARIES

Anita: Speaking Truth to Power

In 1991, a poised African-American woman sat before a Senate committee of 14 white men and recounted the repeated acts of sexual harassment she had endured while working with U.S.

Supreme Court nominee Clarence Thomas. Anita Hill's graphic testimony was a turning point for gender equality in the U.S. and ignited a political firestorm about sexual misconduct and power in the workplace. 77 min.

Mon, Jan. 20, 6:30 p.m., Cupertino Library

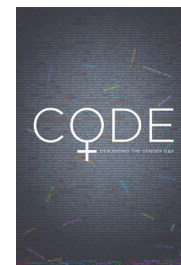
Mon, March 23, 7 p.m., Campbell Library



Code: Debugging the Gender Gap

This documentary examines the reasons why more girls and people of color are not seeking opportunities in computer science. Expert voices from the worlds of tech, psychology, science and education are intercut with inspiring stories of women who are engaged in the fight to challenge complacency in the tech industry and have their voices heard. 90 min.

Sun, March 8, 2 p.m., Santa Clara Central Park Library



Hidden Figures: The American Dream and the Untold Stories of the Black Women Mathematicians Who Helped Win the Space Race

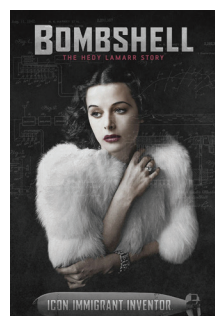
This feature film, nominated for three Oscars, is based on the lives of a team of African-

American mathematicians who served a vital role in NASA during the early years of the U.S. space program. 127 min.

Sun, Feb. 16, 2 p.m., Santa Clara Central Park Library

Mon, Feb. 24, 7 p.m., Saratoga Library

Sat, March 7, 2 p.m., Milpitas Library



Bombshell: The Hedy Lamarr Story

This documentary presents the life of Austrian actress Hedy Lamarr, one of Hollywood's top leading ladies in the 1940s, who was also a talented inventor who created a radio system that is now considered the basis of Bluetooth technology. 88 min.

Sat, Feb. 1, 11 a.m., Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library

Mon, Feb. 10, 7 p.m., Los Altos Library

Wed, Feb. 12, 6 p.m., Cambrian Branch Library

Thur, Feb. 13, 5 p.m., Santa Teresa Branch Library

Sat, Feb. 15, 3 p.m., Berryessa Branch Library

Sat, Feb. 15, 3:30 p.m., Alum Rock Branch Library

Tue, Feb. 18, 5 p.m., Joyce Ellington Branch Library

Sat, Feb. 22, 11 a.m., Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library

Mon, Feb. 24, 7 p.m., Campbell Library

Sat, Feb. 29, 2 p.m., Bascom Branch Library

Thur, March 5, 5 p.m., Edenvale Branch Library

Sat, March 7, 3 p.m., East San José Carnegie Branch Library

Mon, March 9, 5 p.m., Hillview Branch Library

Wed, March 18, 6 p.m., Gilroy Library

Fri, March 20, 3:30 p.m., Calabazas Branch Library

Sat, March 28, 3 p.m., Educational Park Branch Library

Iron Jawed Angels

This HBO original movie is inspired by Alice Paul, an American feminist who risked her life to fight for women's citizenship and the right to vote. She organized a parade on President Woodrow Wilson's inauguration day. The activists are arrested and go on a well-publicized hunger strike where their refusal to eat earns them the title of "iron-jawed angels." 123 min.

Sat, Feb. 8, 2 p.m., Milpitas Library



Killing Us Softly: Advertising's Image of Women



This documentary shows a range of print and television advertisements that show a pattern of damaging gender stereotypes – images and messages that reinforce unrealistic, and unhealthy, perceptions of beauty, perfection and sexuality. 46 min.

Mon, March 16, 7 p.m., Saratoga Library



Mulan

Walt Disney's popular animated film tells the story of a young Chinese woman who breaks tradition and joins the Imperial Army, accompanied by her guardian dragon, Mushu, to battle an invading army. 88 min.

Mon, Feb. 3, 3:30 p.m., Rose Garden Branch Library

Thur, Feb. 6, 4 p.m., Cambrian Branch Library

Fri, Feb. 7, 3 p.m., Joyce Ellington Branch Library

Sat, Feb. 8, 3 p.m., West Valley Branch Library

Fri, Feb. 14, 4 p.m., Pearl Avenue Branch Library

Sat, Feb. 15, 3:30 p.m., East San José Carnegie Branch Library

Tue, Feb. 18, 3:30 p.m., Village Square Branch Library

Fri, Feb. 21, 3:30 p.m., Calabazas Branch Library

Tue, March 3, 3 p.m., Almaden Branch Library

Fri, March 6, 3 p.m., Berryessa Branch Library

Sat, March 14, 4 p.m., Evergreen Branch Library

Wed, March 18, 3:45 p.m., Educational Park Branch Library

Thur, March 19, 2 p.m., Hillview Branch Library

Fri, March 20, 4 p.m., Bascom Branch Library

Sat, March 21, 2 p.m., Biblioteca Latinoamericana Branch Library

Fri, March 27, 4 p.m., Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library

Tue, April 21, 5 p.m., Tully Community Branch Library

Miss Representation

Written and directed by Jennifer Siebel Newsom, this documentary discusses how mainstream media and culture contribute to the under-representation of women in positions of power and influence in America. 90 min.

Fri, Feb. 7, 3:30 p.m., Calabazas Branch Library

Wed, Feb. 19, 6 p.m., Cambrian Branch Library

Sat, Feb. 22, 2 p.m., Rose Garden Branch Library

Sat, Feb. 22, 3 p.m., East San José Carnegie Branch Library

Thur, Feb. 27, 6:30 p.m., Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library

Wed, March 4, 6:30 p.m., Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library

Sat, March 7, 3 p.m., Educational Park Branch Library

Sat, March 7, 3:30 p.m., Dr. Roberto Cruz Alum Rock Branch Library

Thur, March 19, 5 p.m., Edenvale Branch Library

Fri, March 20, 4 p.m., Santa Teresa Branch Library

Mon, March 23, 5 p.m., Hillview Branch Library

Thur, March 26, 5 p.m., Joyce Ellington Branch Library

Sat, March 28, 3:30 p.m., Bascom Branch Library

Sat, March 28, 4 p.m., West Valley Branch Library



Maiden

This documentary chronicles the story of the first all-female team to enter a boat into the Whitbread Around the World Challenge, a competition of 33,000 nautical miles. The team is led by skipper Tracy Edwards, a 24-year-old cook on charter boats. 97 min.

Wed, March 25, 6 p.m., Gilroy Library



Mission Blue



This feature documentary is about legendary oceanographer, marine biologist, environmentalist and National Geographic Explorer-in-Residence Sylvia Earle and

her campaign to create a global network of protected marine sanctuaries. 95 min.

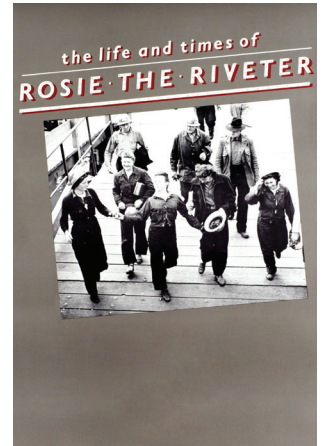
Mon, Feb. 3, 6:30 p.m., Cupertino Library

Life and Times of Rosie the Riveter

When the U.S. entered into World War II, the notion of what was proper work for women changed overnight. Thousands of posters and billboards appeared, calling on women to "do the job he left behind." Rosie the Riveter refers to the women who worked in industry during the war, and this documentary tells their story. 65 min.

Wed, March 4, 7 p.m., Campbell Library

Mon, March 9, 7 p.m., Saratoga Library



RBG

U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg has developed a lengthy legal legacy while becoming an unexpected pop culture icon. This documentary describes the unique personal and professional journey of her rise to the nation's highest court. 98 min.

Mon, March 9, 7 p.m., Los Altos Library

On the Basis of Sex

This biographical legal drama is based on the life and early cases of Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, in particular a groundbreaking tax case that challenged the way courts view gender discrimination. 120 min.

Sat, Feb. 8, 3 p.m., East San José Carnegie Branch Library

Tue, Feb. 18, 5 p.m., Joyce Ellington Branch Library

Wed, Feb. 19, 3:45 p.m., Educational Park Branch Library

Wed, Feb. 19, 4:30 p.m., Calabazas Branch Library

Mon, Feb. 24, 6:30 p.m., Cupertino Library

Wed, Feb. 26, 6:30 p.m., Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library

Mon, March 9, 5:30 p.m., Rose Garden Branch Library

Wed, March 11, 6 p.m., Cambrian Branch Library

Thur, March 12, 5 p.m., Edenvale Branch Library

Thur, March 12, 6:30 p.m., Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library

Sat, March 14, 3:30 p.m., Dr. Roberto Cruz Alum Rock Branch Library

Sat, March 14, 3:30 p.m., Bascom Branch Library

Mon, March 16, 5 p.m., Hillview Branch Library

Sat, March 21, 2 p.m., Milpitas Library

Tue, March 24, 7 p.m., Saratoga Library

Fri, March 27, 3:30 p.m., Willow Glen Branch Library

Fri, March 27, 4 p.m., Pearl Avenue Branch Library



Raging Grannies

These women are not your mothers' grandmothers! This lively and thought-provoking documentary tells the story of The Action League of the San Francisco Bay Area Peninsula and their efforts to change the world – and what it means to be an older woman. 30 min.

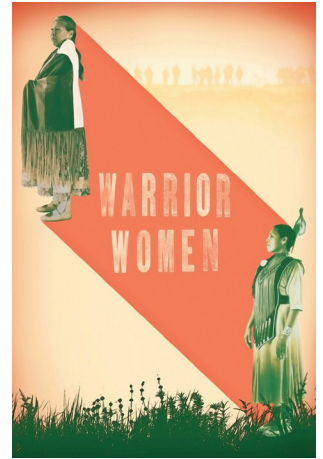
Fri, Feb. 14, 10:30 a.m., Saratoga Library



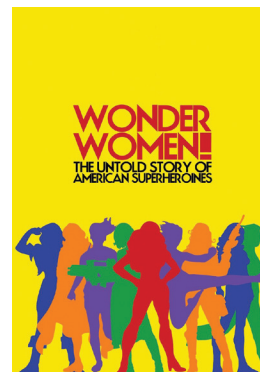
Warrior Women

This is the untold story of American Indian Movement activists who fought for civil rights in the 1970s, in particular Madonna Thunder Hawk and her daughter, Marcy Gilbert. Together, they weathered some of the most turbulent battles for Native sovereignty in the modern era. 65 min.

Fri, Feb. 3, 6 p.m., Campbell Library



Wonder Women: The Untold Story of American Superheroines



This film traces the fascinating birth, evolution and legacy of Wonder Woman, and introduces the audience to a dynamic group of fictional and real-life superheroines fighting for positive role models for girls, both on screen and off. 79 min.

Mon, March 30, 7 p.m., Campbell Library

Young Lakota

This documentary is about three young adults living on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota who are faced with difficult choices when the reservation's female president plans to build a women's clinic on its sovereign territory. 84 min.

Mon, March 23, 6:30 p.m., Sunnyvale Public Library



Perfect 36: When Women Won the Vote

The final throes for the passage of the 19th amendment took place

in Tennessee and were among the most heated, controversial and colorful. In July 1920, only one more state needed to ratify the proposed amendment and anti- and pro-suffragists fought for their vision of a socially evolving United States in the Tennessee capital. 50 min.

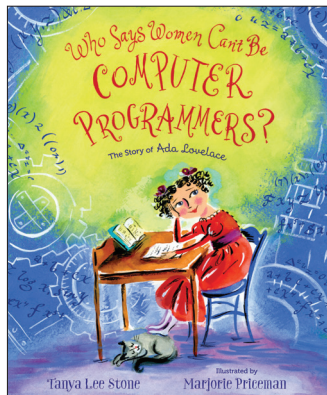
Mon, March 2, 6:30 p.m., Cupertino Library

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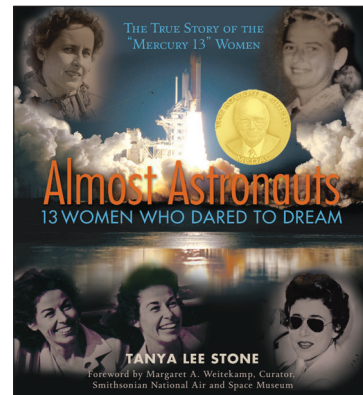
ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN, TEENS, FAMILIES



A charming picture book about a girl who has an idea to make the most magnificent thing, if she can get it just right.



The true story of Ada Byron Lovelace who in the early 19th century used her innovative ideas and skills as a mathematician to become recognized as the first computer programmer.



The tale of 13 women whose unsuccessful efforts to become astronauts in 1958 paved the way for women to take their place in the sky, piloting jets and commanding space capsules.



Girl Rising: Changing The World One Girl At A Time Film Showing and Author Q&A

Sunday, March 8, 2-4 p.m.,
Los Altos Library



The documentary "Girl Rising" takes viewers around the globe to meet nine unforgettable young women, each striving beyond circumstance and overcoming nearly insurmountable odds to achieve their dreams. Voiced by celebrated actresses including Meryl Streep, Kerry Washington, Anne Hathaway and more, "Girl Rising" proves that one girl with courage is a revolution. Rated PG 13.

Award-winning author Tanya Lee Stone, who wrote a young adult book by the same name inspired by the documentary, will appear in person after the film showing to answer audience questions and talk about her involvement in the global campaign for girls' education.

Leading Ladies Mini Writing Contest

March 1-31, Sunnyvale Public Library

Children in grades K-5 are invited to write 1-3 sentences about a woman who inspires you and why. Some entries will be featured in the library's kids' biography section.

How long must we wait for liberty?
Women's suffrage and the enduring fight
for equality

Silicon Valley Reads POSTER CONTEST



Students in grades K-12 are invited to enter in the Silicon Valley Reads Poster/Digital Poster Contest. The theme for this year is "Women Making it Happen."

Students will select one suffragist as the focus of the poster and conduct research on their selection, gathering credible primary and secondary sources about their subject.

A panel will select winners by grade span (K-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12) for first, second, and third place prizes of \$150, \$100, and \$50 respectively.

For contest details, visit SiliconValleyReads.org. Entrants will need to complete the Poster/Digital Submission Form and submit digital files to include image of the work, list of resources and citations, between Feb. 24-April 10, 2020.



What's In Your Future?

Career Fair for Grades K-8

Saturday, Feb. 1, 10 a.m. – 12 noon, Santa Clara County Office of Education

Students in grades K-8 are invited to explore career options with women who are working in a variety of fields, many in jobs traditionally held by men. After a brief opening, attendees will be able to visit with Career Guests who will talk with them informally about their careers and answer their questions. Youth must be accompanied by an adult.

Career Guests include women working in these jobs and industries: airline pilot, bank president, chef, civil engineer, cybersecurity, dentist, doctor, firefighter, housing, landscape architect, lawyer, police officer, recycling, software engineer, television, and urban planning.

For information, email SVReads@aol.com.

Building Your Brand

Career Workshop for Teens

Saturday, Jan. 25, 9 a.m.-12 noon, The Tech Interactive

Girls in grades 9-12 are invited to this workshop that will provide information and strategies on how to prep for a summer job, internship or college interview. Tips will include how to navigate the application process and conduct winning interviews, and attendees can connect with dream mentors and take home other valuable resources. The League of Women Voters of San Jose/Santa Clara will provide voter registration information to the teens.

For further information or to sign-up to attend, visit thetech.org/brand. Presented with The Tech Interactive. Cost is free with promo code SVREADS.

Learning From The Lemonade Stand

For many children, their first business experience is selling lemonade to neighbors and passers-by. They learn more than how to make money – they are developing an entrepreneurial mindset and life skills that will help them pursue their passions and reach their full potential. These qualities include having goals, being determined and handling failure with the right attitude.



This presentation for kids in grades 3 and up, and their parents, will be led by Brian Weisfeld, author of *The Startup Squad* book series, who started his first business enterprise in elementary school (selling gummy bears to his friends) and more recently held leadership roles at IMAX Corporation and Coupons.com.

- Sat, Feb. 29, 2 p.m., Saratoga Library
- Wed, March 4, 4 p.m., Morgan Hill Library
- Sat, March 7, 3 p.m., Cupertino Library
- Sun, March 8, 4 p.m., Milpitas Library
- Sat, March 14, 2 p.m., Los Altos Library

"Most Magnificent Thing" Animated Short Film

Ashley Spires' wonderful picture book comes to life in this animated short film version from Nelvana Ltd. and Kids Can Press. It has screened at several international film festivals and will have special showings at local public libraries as part of Silicon Valley Reads. The 22-minute film adaption is voiced by Alison Pill, Lilly Bartlam and Tony Daniels with narration by Whoopi Goldberg. Contact your local library for date and time information.



School Programs

Silicon Valley Reads authors Catherine Chung, Julian Guthrie and Tanya Lee Stone will visit local public schools in February and March to talk about their books and writing. School visits are coordinated by the Santa Clara County Office of Education.

Through generous underwriting by Sonja Hoel Perkins, one of the subjects of Julian Guthrie's book, *Alpha Girls*, every public high school in Santa Clara County received multiple copies of Guthrie's book for students to read and enjoy.

Family Reading Program

FIRST 5 Santa Clara County will host readings of *The Most Magnificent Thing* for children under the age of six and their families at local Family Resource Centers in February and March, open to the public. The first 40 families in attendance at each event will receive a free copy of the book, in English or Spanish, to take home. For dates, times and locations, visit first5kids.org.

Rightfully Hers: American Women and the Vote Exhibit

The traveling display from the National Archives contains simple messages exploring the complex history of the 19th amendment's ratification, women's voting rights before and after the 19th amendment, and its impact today. For information on which libraries will host the exhibit and for what dates, visit SCCLD.org.



Women in Black History Scavenger Hunt

Mon, Feb. 10, 4-8 p.m., Sunnyvale Public Library

Children ages 6 and up are invited to pick up a clue sheet at the Children's Desk to find and learn about prominent women in Black history. Participants who complete the scavenger hunt will receive a prize! (One prize per person while supplies last.)

Explore Science with the Space Cookies!

Thur, March 12, 3-4 p.m., Mountain View Public Library

This program for children ages 6-10 will feature the Space Cookies, a Bay Area all-girls robotics team in partnership with NASA Ames Research Center and Girl Scouts of Northern California.

Hands-on Activities

Celebrating Women Craft

Children ages 4-12 will create a picture of a woman into whoever they want her to be. They can draw in a profile, make their own profile, or make her sparkle with sequins. Materials will be supplied. For dates and times of this activity offered by San José Public Library branches, visit sjlibrary.org.

Feminist Icon Tote Bags

Sat, March 21, 3-4:30 p.m., Sunnyvale Public Library

Teens and tweens in grades 6-12 can create a free tote bag featuring some of history's biggest and baddest leading ladies – from Ruth Bader Ginsburg to Frida Kahlo. All materials will be provided while supplies last.

Lumos: Magical Circuit Wands

A MakeHER Mother and Daughter STEM event -- Learn about circuitry while creating a light-up Harry Potter wand! Use dowels, gumdrop LEDs and copper tape to design a circuit wand with a working switch in this maker workshop. Register in advance at SCCL.org.

Sun, Feb. 2, 2-4 p.m., Campbell Library

Sun, Feb. 16, 2-4 p.m., Gilroy Library

Sun, March 8, 2 p.m., Morgan Hill Library



Suffragettes Craft for Teens

Teens will make badges that reflect their concern for justice and equality at workshops offered by San José Public Library branches. Materials will be supplied. For date and time information, visit sjlibrary.org.

Sat, Feb. 8, 10 a.m., Dr. Roberto Cruz Alum Rock Branch Library

Tue, Feb. 18, 5:45 p.m., Evergreen Branch Library

Wed, Feb. 19, 4 p.m., East San José Carnegie Branch Library

Fri, Feb. 21, 4 p.m., Santa Teresa Branch Library

Thur, Feb. 27, 4 p.m., Joyce Ellington Branch Library

Wed, March 4, 3:45 p.m., Educational Park Branch Library

Wed, March 4, 4:30 p.m., Calabazas Branch Library

Fri, March 6, 4 p.m., Tully Community Branch Library

Sat, March 7, 1 p.m., Hillview Branch Library

Tue, March 10, 5 p.m., Bascom Branch Library

Thur, March 19, 5:30 p.m., Village Square Branch Library

Silicon Valley Reads Storytimes

Storytimes at many public libraries in February and March throughout Santa Clara County will feature a reading of *The Most Magnificent Thing*. Many storytimes will also have a craft activity, and some will have celebrity guest readers. Bilingual storytimes in Spanish, Vietnamese or Mandarin are also available. For more information, contact your local library.



Silicon Valley Reads 2020 Event Locations

Almaden Branch Library
6445 Camden Ave., San Jose

Bascom Branch Library
1000 S. Bascom Ave., San Jose

Berryessa Branch Library
3355 Noble Ave., San Jose

Biblioteca Latinoamericana
Branch Library
921 S. First St., San Jose

Calabazas Branch Library
1230 S. Blaney Ave., San Jose

Cambrian Branch Library
1780 Hillsdale Ave., San Jose

Campbell Library
77 Harrison Ave., Campbell

Computer History Museum
1401 N. Shoreline Blvd.,
Mountain View

Cupertino Library
10800 Torre Ave., Cupertino

De Anza College Visual &
Performing Arts Center
21250 Stevens Creek Blvd.,
Cupertino

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Library
150 E. San Fernando St., San Jose

Dr. Roberto Cruz Alum Rock
Branch Library
3090 Alum Rock Ave., San Jose

East San José Carnegie Branch
Library
1102 E. Santa Clara St., San Jose

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101 Branham Lane East, San Jose

Educational Park Branch Library
1771 Educational Park Dr.,
San Jose

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De Anza College
21250 Stevens Creek Blvd.,
Cupertino

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2635 Aborn Rd., San Jose

Evergreen Valley College
3095 Yerba Buena Rd., San Jose

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350 W. Sixth St., Gilroy

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1600 Hopkins Dr., San Jose

India Community Center
525 Los Coches St., Milpitas

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491 E. Empire St., San Jose

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13 S. San Antonio Rd., Los Altos

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100 Villa Ave., Los Gatos

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160 N. Main St., Milpitas

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660 W. Main Ave., Morgan Hill

Mountain View Public Library
585 Franklin St., Mountain View

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Rinconada Branch
1213 Newell Rd., Palo Alto

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4270 Pearl Ave., San Jose

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1580 Naglee Ave., San Jose

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2635 Homestead Rd., Santa Clara

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Education
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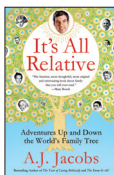
Willow Glen Branch Library
1157 Minnesota Ave., San Jose

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A Memoir
by Bill Griffith



It's All Relative
by A.J. Jacobs



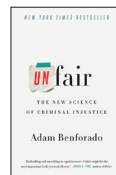
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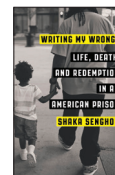
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*My Lovely Wife
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by Mark Lukach



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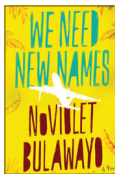


Memory of Water
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Sherwood Nation
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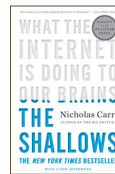
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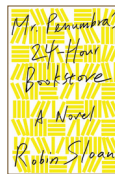
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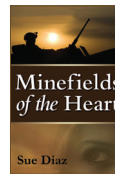
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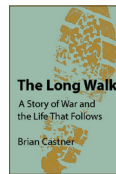
*The Shallows: What The
Internet Is Doing To Our Brains*
by Nicholas Carr



*Mr. Penumbra's
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Minefields of the Heart
by Sue Diaz



The Long Walk
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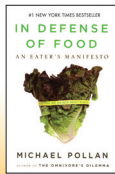


The Butterfly Mosque
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The Year of the Fog
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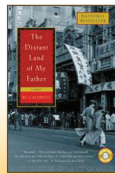
In Defense of Food
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2009



Not a Genuine Black Man
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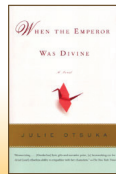
The Distant Land of My Father
by Bo Caldwell

2007



Tortilla Curtain
by T.C. Boyle

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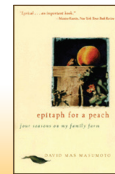


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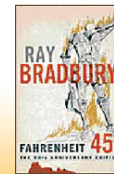
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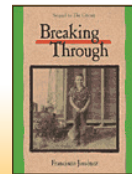
Epitaph for a Peach
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2004



Fahrenheit 451
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Breaking Through
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