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Stay healthy, Take care of yourselves

Art by: Bonnie LaRault
Where should you get information from?

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
  
  [https://www.cdc.gov/](https://www.cdc.gov/)

- Santa Clara County Public Health Department
  
  [https://www.sccgov.org/sites/phd/](https://www.sccgov.org/sites/phd/)

- World Health Organization (WHO)

  [https://www.who.int/](https://www.who.int/)

Social distancing

Wash hands for 20 seconds
News Updates

Hello Bookmobile Patrons,

We miss you all very much. How we long for the days of visiting all our locations, socializing with you and sharing good books (or other things.) We are all working from home or as Disaster Workers for Santa Clara County. We are adjusting just as you are too, whether you are an essential worker, working from home, distance learning and more isolated than ever. We created this newsletter with you in mind, including material created by other Bookmobile Patrons.

We are thinking of you and are still here to help. You can call us 1(408)766-4887, chat with us and participate with us. Eventually this will all be over and then we will figure out how to move forward. For the meantime, take care of yourselves and take care of your community.—Amytha

New Online Programs - Anyone can join!

ESL Conversation Club
Kids STEAM Program
Kanopy Film Club

Santa Clara County Public Service Announcements
from Sean Webby Public Communications Officer:

“Anyone who has been threatened or attacked for their national origin or ethnicity due to fears of the virus should report it immediately to the police. Anyone who has been threatened or attacked because they are sick or have the virus should report it immediately to the police. This Office will prosecute these crimes. A crime against one of us is a crime against all of us. Hate crimes and violence will not be tolerated in Santa Clara County.”

From the Santa Clara County PSA released 3/11/2020
Did you know the U.S. Census:

- Is confidential?
- Is available in 11 languages?
- Is available online and by phone?
- Helps decide funding for your community?
- Determines the number of California Representatives?
- Counts all babies born on 4/1/20 or earlier?
- Counts everyone living in your household?
- Does NOT ask about citizenship?

https://2020census.gov/

Due by August 14, 2020
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**Book Chat**—Monday mornings at 9am. You just need a phone. Here are the instructions:

- Call (415) 527-3546
- You will be prompted to enter an access code: 545 9015 followed by #.
- It will ask you to say your name and press #. Then you are in!

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**Do you miss talking about books? We do too! Come join us for Book Chat!**
**Books For Adults—all books available as eBooks**

**Mastering Bird Photography by Marie Read**
Acclaimed bird photographer and author Marie Read shares techniques and stories behind her compelling images. She offers fresh insights into making successful bird photographs, whether you’re out in the field or in the comfort of your own backyard. In this richly illustrated book, you’ll learn how to be in the right place at the right time and how to obtain tack sharp portraits. Marie then teaches you to take your skills to the next level in order to capture action shots, illustrate birds in their habitats, and portray birds in evocative and artistic ways.

**When: The Scientific Secrets of Perfect Timing by Daniel H. Pink**
Our lives are a never-ending stream of decisions: when to start a business, schedule a class, get serious about a person. Yet we make those decisions based on intuition and guesswork. Pink reveals how to use the hidden patterns of the day to build the ideal schedule, and the ideal time to quit a job, switch careers, or get married. He distills cutting-edge research and data on timing into a fascinating, readable narrative that gives readers compelling insights into how we can live richer, more engaged lives. Daniel H. Pink illuminates the scientific factors that shape the hidden patterns of a day and challenge scheduled activities, drawing on research in the disciplines of psychology, biology, and economics to share practical advice and anecdotes.

**Will My Cat Eat My Eyeballs? By Caitlin Doughty**
"Best-selling author and licensed mortician Caitlin Doughty answers real questions from kids about death, dead bodies, and decomposition. Every day, Doughty receives dozens of questions about death. Doughty's new book, Will My Cat Eat My Eyeballs?, blends her scientific understanding of the body and the intriguing history behind common misconceptions about corpses to offer factual, hilarious, and candid answers to thirty-five urgent questions posed by her youngest fans. With illustrations from Dianne Ruz, Will My Cat Eat My Eyeballs? will delight anyone interested in the fascinating truth about what will happen (to our bodies) after we die"-- Provided by publisher.
Amytha Recommends

The Best We Could Do: An Illustrated Memoir by Thi Bui

This is a beautiful story about the author, Thi Bui, and how her past has led her to be where she is today. Presented as a graphic novel, Bui examines her role as a new parent, by looking at her parents lives, starting from when they were children.

Bui starts her family history during World War II and the conflict between the Chinese and French in northern Vietnam. From there, her family struggles through 40+ years of continuous conflict and survival.

Her story then continues in the United States when they immigrated in the 1970’s. Life was not easy when they came to the United States. There were new social rules that didn’t make room for immigrants, especially from Vietnam. Her parents education and degrees did not allow them to work in the roles they had in Vietnam. They traded one struggle for another.

This book is full of history as well as the connections and emotions we have with family and the question of whether we will pass them on to next generations or will they change and evolve.

Did you know that eBooks can be zoomed in to make the font bigger?
Try this Recipe

The Blue Zones Kitchen
by Dan Buettner

Bean, Potato and Onion Stew

1 pound dried kidney beans, soaked overnight (or three 15-ounce cans, drained)
1 cup low-sodium vegetable broth
1 chayote squash, diced
3 red, orange or yellow sweet peppers, seeded and diced
2 large potatoes, peeled and diced
2 teaspoons chopped culantro coyote (I used cilantro)
1 small onion, diced
2 cloves garlic, minced
Salt and pepper (optional)

If using dried beans, drain and rinse the beans; discard the soaking water.

Place beans in a large pot and add vegetable broth. Add water, as necessary, to cover beans. Bring broth to a boil; then immediately turn down to simmer. Cook for 25 minutes.

Stir in the rest of ingredients; cook for about 25 more minutes or until beans are tender, stirring occasionally to keep from burning.

Add salt and pepper to taste before serving. Enjoy alone or with tortillas or rice.

Chayote is a squash very similar to Summer squash.

Get great bread recipes from Stephanie at Girl Versus Dough
www.girlversusdough.com/

Blue Zones Kitchen is available as an eBook at www.sccld.org
**Artist Spotlight**

**Bonnie LaRault**

I am an artist living in Redwood Estates. I have been primarily a portrait artist, painting from life. I am so fascinated by the variety of people in all their unique forms.

For the last few years, I have also painted landscapes en plein aire, inspired by the beauty that surrounds us, both in the mountains and on our coast. I guess that you can say that I will paint anything that catches my eye.

During this time when we are all self isolated and there are no classes or workshops, I’m really missing my art friends.

I’ve been painting still lifes like crazy.

If you like, you can check them out at my website [www.bonnielaraultfineart.com](http://www.bonnielaraultfineart.com)

* The painting on the cover of this issue is also by Bonnie LaRault.
Haiku Corner

A traditional Japanese haiku is a three-line poem with seventeen syllables, written in a 5/7/5 syllable count. Often focusing on images from nature, haiku emphasizes simplicity, intensity, and directness of expression.

Haiku began in thirteenth-century Japan as the opening phrase of renga, an oral poem, generally a hundred stanzas long, which was also composed syllabically.

The much shorter haiku broke away from renga in the sixteenth century and was later mastered by Matsuo Basho, who wrote this classic haiku:

An old pond!
A frog jumps in—
the sound of water.

As the form has evolved, the philosophy of haiku has been preserved: the focus on a brief moment in time; a use of provocative, colorful images; an ability to be read in one breath; and a sense of sudden enlightenment.

Insects on a bough,
floating down river,
still singing.

by Kobayashi Issa

Can you make a haiku?

Try this: 5 syllables then 7 syllables then 5 more syllables
Or a shorter version
Or make up your own style
Did you know that Mobile, Alabama is a city of Angels? By Laurie from Cupertino

In the middle of February, a friend and I flew from California to Mobile, Alabama to join a Road Scholar group to explore the city’s culture and history. We arrived on Saturday, a day before our tour was to begin, to be able to rest and do some exploring on our own. When we arrived at the Mobile airport, my friend’s bag arrived, mine did not. After going through the logistics of reporting my lost luggage we called Uber to take us to our hotel in downtown Mobile. Needless to say, I was upset about my lost baggage and spoke about it to our Uber driver, Diane. Then an amazing thing happened - she turned into a Mobile Angel. Diane immediately turned the car around and drove us to a shopping mall in the outskirts of town where I was able to purchase underwear, night gown and a t-shirt, enough to get me through to the next day when the airline claimed that my bag would arrive. Diane refused to accept any money for our extended trip. A smile and a ‘thank you’ was all that she wanted. I arrived at our room relaxed and happy.

On Sunday we had almost the entire day to ourselves since the program was not scheduled to start until late afternoon. We decided to explore the downtown area near the hotel. With a map that the hotel supplied, we walked up and down the main street, Dauphin Street. We quickly learned that most of the stores were closed on the weekend, but there were many homes and buildings to observe complete with historic information signs. Then in the early afternoon I received a telephone call from the airlines. I was informed that my bag had been sent from CA to Fort Meyers and then to Dallas and from Dallas to Charlotte and then it was supposed to continue on to Mobile. For some reason, the airport people in Charlotte had sent it back to Fort Myers. The airline told me that they would try to get my bag to Mobile as soon as they could. Wow! The worst part of this for me was that the only shoes I had were my boots and I had been walking in them all day. My feet hurt something awful and there seemed to be no downtown stores open where I might be able to purchase shoes.

Just then we were passing through a park. I looked around and saw a woman and a young teenager walking a dog. I approached them and asked if they lived in Mobile. They did. I explained my shoe problem and asked if they knew of any place nearby where I might be able to purchase shoes. I was told that there were no such stores open on Sunday in downtown. And then the woman, Allison, became – yes, you guessed it - a Mobile Angel. She asked my shoe size and where we were staying. She told me that she would deliver some footwear and clothes to me at the hotel. The next morning Allison arrived early with a bag full of clothes and a pair of soft white shoes. She told me kindly, but in no uncertain terms, that I was not to make a big deal of this in any way. A smile and a hug was all that she wanted. My luggage did finally arrive late that afternoon (yes, three days late) but, due to the kindness of two Mobile Angels, I had been able to let go of all my anxiety or anger for I had sleepwear, underwear, clothes to wear and my feet were luxuriating in a pair of comfortable, white shoes.
Books For Teens—all books available as eBooks

500 Words or Less
by Juleah Del Rosario

Nic Chen refuses to spend her senior year branded as the girl who cheated on her charismatic and lovable boyfriend. To redefine her reputation among her Ivy League-obsessed classmates, Nic begins writing their college admissions essays. But the more essays Nic writes for other people, the less sure she becomes of herself, the kind of person she is, and whether her moral compass even points north anymore.

Provocative, brilliant, and achingly honest, 500 Words or Less explores the heartbreak and hope that marks the search for your truest self. From Random House.

Finding Baba Yaga
by Jane Yolen

A young woman discovers the power to speak up and take control of her fate—a theme that has never been more timely than it is now.

You think you know this story. You do not.

A harsh, controlling father. A quiescent mother. A house that feels like anything but a home. Natasha gathers the strength to leave, and comes upon a little house in the wood: A house that walks about on chicken feet and is inhabited by a fairy tale witch. In finding Baba Yaga, Natasha finds her voice, her power, herself.... From Publisher

Swing
by Kwame Alexander with Mary Rand Hess

"Noah and his best friend Walt want to become cool, make the baseball team, and win over Sam, the girl Noah has loved for years. When Noah finds old love letters, Walt hatches a plan to woo Sam. But as Noah's love life and Walt's baseball career begin, the letters alter everything"-- Provided by publisher.

All of these books are available as eBooks through our website www.sccld.org
Libraries Bring Us Together by Cheyenne Cook

On the Sunday prior to the start of our shelter-in-place hibernation, we had previous plans to attend the memorial service of a family friend in Stockton, two hours drive east of San Jose.

When we arrived at our destination forty minutes early, the building was locked, so we decided to wait in the parking lot. As other vehicles arrived, I began handing out small bottles of hand sanitizer to the guests. Another man my age approached me and introduced himself as a library services supervisor within the Sacramento district.

Eventually it was concluded that the memorial service must have been cancelled especially since the organizer never showed up. My wife and I were invited over to the home of the library supervisor’s father who was a close friend of the deceased. While there, we were entertained by stories of the honored person’s accomplishments and several of the other guests related some of their own achievements. Among them we were introduced to a remarkable man, Richard Soto, who continues to expand the community library which he founded.

The Chicano Research Center has been the hub of original manuscripts, photographs, and art dedicated to Chicano history. Hosting author events and school excursions, his neighborhood shop front even caught the attention of a reporter for the Los Angeles Times last summer (2019-08-22)


Richard shared, with those of us around the kitchen table, his passion for passing on the rich treasures of his heritage. https://chicanoresearchcenter.wordpress.com/

Among the famous persons whom he featured were Dolores Huerta, Cesar Chavez, and members of the Royal Chicano Air Force.
Eileen Recommends

Cast Away: Poems For Our Time by Naomi Shihab Nye

I am excited to share a poetry book with you. This book would be a great read for tweens, teens, as well as adults. The author’s poetry is peppered with environmental and political topics. With Earth Day coming up soon, this would be an interesting eBook or audiobook to download from www.sccll.org.

This book has an emphasis on people, places and items the author has discovered in her travels. At home or abroad Ms. Nye picks up trash as she walks around. The found items are inspiration for this book of poems.

The poetry is very observational and has an easy flow. Hopefully you will have a chance to download a copy and sample some of Ms. Nye’s poetry. At the end of the book you can find recycling and writing ideas.

Happy reading!

Eileen’s Earth-Friendly Tips

* You can cut paper napkins in half, so it doubles the amount of napkins! *
* Try using newspaper when cleaning windows and mirrors instead of paper towels. *

Cast Away is available as an eBook at www.sccll.org
Stranger Things: The Other Side, Volume One

by Jody Houser, Illustrated by Stefano Martino and Keith Champagne

The nostalgia-igniting hit Netflix original series comes to comic shelves. Follow Will Byers into a dimension of decay and destruction where he must use his wits and resolve to dodge the pursuit of the Demogorgon and escape the Upside Down. Written by award-winning comics veteran Jody Houser (Faith, Orphan Black, Mother Panic). Based on Will's unseen journey during Season 1 of the hit Netflix show Stranger Things. "When Will Byers finds himself in the Upside Down, an impossible dark parody of his own world, he's understandably frightened. But that's nothing compared with the fear that takes hold when he realizes what's in that world with him!"--Amazon.com.

Also available:
Books For Kids—all books available as eBooks

- Dragon Pearl
  by Yoon Ha Lee

- Gregor the Overlander
  by Suzanne Collins

- Wings of Fire Graphic Novel
  by Tui Sutherland

- The Girl With the Dragon Heart
  by Stephanie Burgis

- Dragons In A Bag
  by Zetta Elliott

- Rise of the Earth Dragon
  by Tracey West

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*Your comic of the week*

Draw a comic below * Send us a picture of it * We will feature it in our weekly newsletter.

By:
"Gone" by 5-year old Ruoshui

The artist says, "Gone is pronounced 'geun' and is not part of any existent language. Where there is green and blue on the bottom, the blue is the ocean, the green is the grass. And where there is green, yellow and blue on the top, those are clouds. This is a baby boy kitten; he is a 5-year-old one. Those three round blue shapes on his body are part of his necklace."

Submit your art to us and we will put it in our newsletter! Send submissions to awillard@sccl.org
Teddy Bears Everywhere!

Have you heard the new trend that is sweeping Bay Area neighborhoods? With inspiration from the book *We’re Going on a Bear Hunt* by Michael Rosen, bear hunts are very popular. People are putting stuffed bears in windows and trees so that when the neighborhood children come by on their social distancing walks they have something fun to discover, look at, and talk about. - Eileen

Earth Day Craft

With Spring in the air other alternatives might be ducks and bunnies. Flowers would be a fun craft to display in a window. Maybe even made into a garland and wrapped around a tree or mailbox.

Discover your inner child and create a version of tissue paper flowers of your youth. Out of tissue paper? Colorful magazine pages with creative snipping would even work.

Those pompoms in your craft kit or buttons in your sewing kit are eager to add some pop to the inside of your flowers. String together with yarn and wrap away. Construction paper flowers in your windows would be lively. Happy creating!

You will need:
* 8 strips of paper, size is up to you.
* 2 circles cut from paper, roughly 2 inches.
* Glue and * A stick
Glue down one side of the strip then loop it back and glue it down again on the circle. Glue all the strips down around the circle. Glue the stick in the center of the circle hanging down. Glue the second circle on top. You can decorate the circle with a face or something else! You can make an everlasting bouquet for the table.
For Pre-K

The Big Umbrella
by Amy June Bates

Pete the Cat: Five Little Ducks
by James Dean

Spring is Here
by Will Hillenbrand

Check out our Storytimes Online available at
https://www.facebook.com/SCCLD/
ABCmouse is an online learning resource for children from age 2 through 8+, designed to help them build a strong educational foundation in readiness for school. There are more than 8,500 activities that teach reading, math, science, health, social studies, art, and music. Children can play educational games, read interactive books, and take lessons in school subjects. Create a parent account and add up to 3 child learners. https://sccld.org/resource/abcmouse/

ReadyRosie is a resource for parents of children ages 0-6 years. With just a click, parents can see videos and gain insight on how to best share information and develop early literacy skills for little ones. The first five years are important for the development of a child's brain. Early experiences provide the basis for brain development and functioning, which has a direct impact on how children develop learning skills as well as social and emotional abilities. https://sccld.org/ready-rosie/

Early Learning Tip:
Shared/interactive reading is the single most important activity you can do to help your child get ready to read.
Bring eAudiobooks Into Your Life
by Nancy Macias

Shelter in place is new to most of us. With no restaurants open to the public, no commute to and from work, no hosting dinner parties with friends and family, one might be sitting on a lot of time to devote to new solo at-home projects like spring cleaning or gardening. The beautiful weather coming this week is perfect for a walk outside with a book in your earbuds. There is no better time to try an eAudiobook on any topic and listen to it while taking a stroll to keep the cabin fever in check, or going to town on new projects. The price is right, so what’s not to like?

Santa Clara County Library cards have access to a wide range of eAudiobooks available to download or stream through wifi enabled devices like smartphones, tablets, or desktops. This means no more flipping through individual CDs to follow along, it’s all one smooth ride. Once you’ve tried it out, it could end up being something you enjoy doing when we are all back to business as usual: sitting in traffic and commuting from one part of the valley to the other.

If you do not yet have a library card with us, do not fret! An eCard will give you access to our digital content and will be active once you’ve finished filling out the online application. Once the libraries reopen, come in to one in order to verify the account and enable your card to check out non-digital materials as well.

Please feel free to head over to our Online 24/7 page and check out some of the titles listed below.

- Whiskey in a Teacup by Reese Witherspoon
- Animal, Vegetable, Miracle by Barbara Kingsolver
- The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up by Marie Kondo
Digital Content available 24/7 with your Santa Clara County Library card!

Would you like help downloading eBooks or other Library resources? Make a phone appointment. Call 1(408)766-4887 and we will help you out.

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Energy Assistance Programs from PG&E

California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) helps income-qualified households save 20% or more each month on their energy bill.

Family Electric Rate Assistance (FERA) offers a monthly electric bill discount for income-qualified households with three or more persons. This program is separate from CARE.

If you are experiencing financial hardships and have trouble paying your bill due to the economic impact of the coronavirus (COVID-19), we can help, please call 1-800-743-5000.


Second Harvest Food Bank of Silicon Valley

Living in our region can be expensive. But you don’t have to choose between paying bills or eating healthy food. Second Harvest offers a number of free food resources. Many don’t even require ID to apply. Second Harvest is committed to providing free healthy food to anyone in need. Need food? Call 1-800-984-3663.

How can we help?

We know that times are very different and that we are all trying to figure out how to make things work. Community is more important than ever right now and we want to make sure we are there to help you. You can email Amytha Willard at awillard@sccl.org or call at 1 (408) 766-4887, Monday through Friday 9am-4pm.

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