



New Events, Services, and Notes
From Your Library

Dear Community,

We hope you have a splendid Memorial Day weekend, whether you are safely spending time with family, remembering the service of a loved one, or just curling up with an eBook.

As you know, the [shelter in place orders](#) continue to evolve and change, and many of you have asked what that means for our library services. Rest assured, we are working hard to expand services in a way that is safe for all of you and our staff. As we expand our services, we will update our [website](#), [newsletter](#), and [social media](#). Thank you for your continued patience. We look forward to seeing you soon and in the meantime, we hope you'll continue to connect with us virtually!



Boost Your Tech Skills

Our new [One-on-One Tech Help](#) team hasn't been stumped by a tech problem yet! Do you need help with a technology issue, like downloading an eBook? Schedule an [appointment](#) and our tech help coaches will virtually guide you to the solution. Appointments are available Monday through Friday, 9 AM – 5 PM. Don't forget, our [eResources](#) also have the tools to boost your technological know-how with videos, guides and courses.



Create With Kelly and Neti! Make Watermelon 'Ota

[Tuesday, May 26 from 3:30 PM to 4:00 PM](#)

Next week during Create With Kelly, we have a special guest appearance and making activity to celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month! Join Kelly and special guest Neti on Tuesday, May 26 as we learn about Tonga and demonstrate how to make delicious watermelon 'Ota, a traditional Tongan drink. Every year in May, we recognize [Asian Pacific American Heritage Month](#) by celebrating the accomplishments, history, and culture of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. In addition to [online events](#), you can celebrate with us through [online titles](#) and [eResources](#).



Looking for Memorial Day Reading Lists?

Are you looking for reading lists, music, or films and documentaries to recognize Memorial Day? Our latest [blog](#) has a variety of recommended titles, personal anecdotes from the author, and information about the Greatest Generation, whose resolve and sacrifice during trying times is particularly relevant for today.



Event Spotlight: English Conversation Club

[Thursday, May 28 from 1:30 to 2:45 PM](#)

Improve your English and make new friends—all online! Practice your speaking skills with native speakers and other English language learners in a small group. Open to all skill levels for adults 18 and over. This online event is limited to 15 people, so please click below to register.

Mejore su inglés y haga nuevos amigos. ¡Todo en línea! Practique sus habilidades del habla con hablantes nativos y otros estudiantes del inglés en un grupo pequeño. Está abierto a todos los niveles de habilidad. Para adultos mayores de 18 años. Hay espacio para 15 participantes, así que haga clic abajo para registrarse.

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[Register Here](#)



Coming Soon – A New Tool For Developing Skills

Stay tuned for an exciting new eResource that will be available next week. Udemy is an online learning platform for San Mateo County Libraries cardholders who want to improve work-related skills or further develop a personal interest. Users can search through more than 4,000 continuously updated, on-demand video courses across 75 categories in business, technology, design, health, mindfulness, and more. Udemy will complement the many personal development [online resources](#) we offer, such as [Lynda.com](#) and [Skillssoft](#).



Supporting Your Child's Mental and Physical Health

During Mental Health Awareness Month, now is a perfect time to talk to your children about their well-being and seek wellness tips and insights. Our eResources and access to free journals, newspapers, and articles can provide great parenting tips and information! Read our [blog](#) for some helpful articles for parents and caregivers.

Staff Picks

What great titles have our staff been reading or listening to lately? Find out here in our Staff Picks section! These titles are available free through our [online resources](#), like [Kanopy](#), [Axis360](#), and more. Happy exploring!



Nonfiction eBook: Wild Fermentation by Sandor Ellix Katz

Been thinking about making your own sourdough starter or brewing ginger beer? This book is your best friend! It's filled with easy to understand guides, rather than recipes, leaving room for the reader to get creative and experiment! Try one fermentation project and soon you'll be like me – with a dozen bubbly microbial cultures going at once.

Kayla Marie, Portola Valley and Woodside Libraries



eAudioBook: Good Omens by Neil Gaiman and Terry Pratchett

While the *Nice and Accurate Prophecies of Agnes Nutter, Witch* states that the world will end next Saturday, the angel Aziraphael and demon Crowley have realized that they quite like their lives on Earth. Luckily, they seem to have misplaced the Antichrist. For fans old and new, the eAudiobook and the Full Cast Audio are two more ways to enjoy a wonderful collaboration between two amazing authors.

Jenna, Foster City Library



Movie Streaming: Amélie

Take a sweet and whimsical voyage through Paris in this award-winning French language film. Available free on [Hoopla](#).

Erin, Brisbane Library



Young Adult: Not So Pure and Simple by Lamar Giles

Del, a teenager with a promiscuous "reputation" who is forced to go to church with his mother every Sunday, makes an impromptu and seemingly senseless decision to impress the girl of his dreams by joining the Purity Pledge group. The funny moments of this book provide cover for discussions about toxic masculinity, teen pregnancy, and navigating new friendships your junior year of high school. Written by a former [YANovCon](#) author.

Darren, Millbrae Library



Children's Books: From the Desk of Zoe Washington by Janae Marks

Zoe Washington is having a crazy summer. She has never met her dad since he's been in jail her whole life, and now she finds out he may be innocent. She's determined to uncover the truth, all while fighting with her best friend and working toward her dream of becoming a star pastry chef. A great read for youth ages 8–12.

Jessica, Pacifica Library

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