



Dear Community,

During this unprecedented time, our commitment to providing free, high-quality resources is stronger than ever. We are excited to announce **Curbside Pickup**, putting physical library materials back in your hands! This safe, contactless service begins this **Saturday, June 6** and will be available at all of our community libraries.

Additionally, we invite you to join us in standing for equity, inclusion, and social justice. Recent events have spurred many of us to voice our intolerance for structural racism and to demand change. Our libraries have always been a safe haven for anyone seeking assistance and information, and we are here to support and stand with you. Our newsletter contains resources, titles, and [reading lists](#) for all audiences to learn more about race and social justice.

curbside pickup

When and Where Is Curbside Pickup Available?

Curbside Pickup will be available at all 12 of our [community libraries](#) three days per week: Tuesdays from 3-7 PM, and Thursdays and Saturdays from 10 AM-2 PM.

How Does Curbside Pickup Work?

1. Search our online catalog at [smcl.org](#) and place your items on hold.
2. When your hold arrives at the library location, you'll receive a notification that your item is available for scheduling a pickup time.
3. Use our [online calendar](#) to schedule your pickup time or contact our [Customer Care Team](#) by calling 833-YES-SMCL or texting (650) 851-0147.
4. You'll receive a confirmation email containing the date, time, and location of pickup, as well as location-specific pickup instructions.
5. On the day of your pickup, your items will be checked out and placed on a designated pickup table and labeled by last name, first initial, and last four digits of your phone number.

Schedule Your Pickup

Already have a hold waiting for you at the library? Schedule your [pickup appointment](#) today. For more information visit our [FAQ page](#). If you need assistance, contact our [Customer Care Team](#).



Author Talk With Janelle Brown

Don't miss this opportunity to meet best-selling suspense author Janelle Brown in conversation with Lisa Meltzer Penn, president of the California Writer's Club. Tune in to the [SMCL YouTube page](#) on Thursday, June 18 at 7 PM for this live author talk event!

Brown's recently released book, *Pretty Things*, is already being developed into a TV series starring Nicole Kidman. You can [purchase](#) the book for a good cause – proceeds will support [Floreys Books](#) in Pacifica and the [Foundation for San Mateo County Libraries](#). Books and signed bookplates will be shipped separately and directly to your home.



It's Time to Head to Virtual STEAM Camp!

The [Summer Learning Challenge](#) — where you can learn new skills, explore new activities, and have fun in so many ways — is underway! All youth with SMCL library cards are automatically enrolled into the challenge. Have you started on your reading log or joined an activity yet?

Kindergartners through fourth graders can add to their summer of exploration by joining our [Virtual STEAM Camp](#)! We've designed a fun, educational lineup of online activities held five days a week, twice a day. Don't forget to reward yourself with special programs and celebrations every Friday at 4 PM with Summer Learning Showcase Fridays!



Celebrate Pride Month

June is Pride Month! This year, we'll virtually celebrate LGBTQ+ history, resilience, solidarity, and love. Whether you're planning remote movie nights or hoping to feel connected with LGBTQ+ folks worldwide, here are some [resources](#) to honor Pride Month from home. [San Mateo County's 8th Annual Pride Celebration](#) begins next week and includes live virtual entertainment, workshops, book talks, and more.



Sharpen Your Skills at Home With Udemy

If you are looking for new skills but don't know where to start, we've got you covered! We're excited about our new online resource, [Udemy](#), which offers more than 4,000 continuously updated, on-demand video courses across 75 categories in business, technology, design, and more. There are also courses on language learning, art, photography, music, and tons of other topics! Read our [blog post](#) to learn how you can optimize your use of this resource.

Take Action

Social Justice Resources



All of us here at San Mateo County Libraries are deeply saddened by the recent tragedies impacting our communities, especially in a time when so many are being impacted by the challenges of the coronavirus. We continue to be dedicated to being a positive force for our communities and standing up for equity, inclusion and social justice. To our communities of color, we stand with you.

The unique diversity and rich cultural background of staff and those we serve, inspire and drive our services. The recent events have reaffirmed our commitment to education, lifelong learning and community dialogue. This week, our Staff Pick's section is dedicated to books, resources, and reading lists about [race and social justice](#) for adults, teens, kids, and for parents or caregivers who want to talk to their children.



Racial Justice and Anti-Racism for Adults

This list draws upon "The Anti-Racist Reading List" created by Ibram X. Kendi and includes titles that examine historical and modern-day racism in the United States, as well as highlighting the work of celebrated Black authors and activists like Angela Davis, Claudia Rankine and James Baldwin. These resources provide important context for the Black Lives Matter movement and action steps for engaging in anti-racism work.



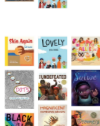
Social Justice Reading List for Teens

Everyone has a part in the work that must be done to confront racism and address social justice. As a young person, you have the power in you to bring about positive change. Here is a list of books and resources to help you understand the history and what we need to do to move forward.



Understanding Race and Social Justice for Kids

From poems to picture books, short stories and more, this [collection](#) of titles and resources offers an introduction to understanding issues of race and social justice for children.



Talking to Children About Race: A Parent's Guide

Parents and caregivers play a critical role in talking with youth about racism and issues of social justice. [This selection](#) of digital resources brings together multiple perspectives, including youth and their own voices. Use these resources to support conversations about racism and to explore actions we can all take to fight for justice.

Make sure to [follow our blogs](#) for updates on new events, resources, and services.



Stay connected with our family of libraries!