



Leap Into July  
With Your Library!

Dear Community,

Happy 4th of July! Get those BBQs ready, your red, white and blue festivities up, and let's kick off this month in celebration. We'll have a lot of exciting updates to share with you in the weeks to come.

Just a friendly reminder, our libraries will be observing the holiday as well. Curbside Pickup will be closed and our virtual events will take a brief pause this Saturday. Our customer care will also be closed this Friday and Saturday. We're always open for exploration online at [smcl.org](http://smcl.org).

From our family to yours, we hope you have an enjoyable and safe 4th of July!



### Children's Fourth of July Reading List

Without traditional activities like parades and gatherings, this holiday will be an unusual one for many families. For kids looking for other ways to celebrate – enjoy our children's Fourth of July [reading list](#)! The list is full of colorful illustrations, festive crafts, and fun stories.



### Boost Your Job Search With Workforce Wednesdays

Are you looking for a job? Join us for our upcoming Workforce Wednesdays series! We'll be hosting online workshops to help you build your resume, ace the interview, and find a great job. Our first virtual workforce program, [Planning Your Job Search](#) (presented by [NOVA Job Center](#)), will be held Wednesday, July 15 at 1:00 PM. [Register](#) in advance. Stay tuned for more information about other upcoming events in the series!



### Join Book Conversations With *Book, Please!*

Are you looking for something to read over the long weekend? You could pick out a title from our [social justice reading list](#) and sign up for our new virtual program *Book, Please!* The program is a series of thematic book talks where you can join staff and others to talk about books you have read related to the topic of choice. Our first meeting is Wednesday, July 8 at 4:00 PM on the theme of social justice. Please [register](#) in advance to participate.

**Date Update:** The [Hoopla Book Club's](#) next open meeting is Monday, July 13 at 4 PM to discuss *The Muralist* by B.A. Shapiro.



### Explore 3D Modeling With Tinkercad

Recently, we utilized our fleet of 3D printers to make [personal protective equipment \(PPE\)](#) for local healthcare workers. Although our 3D printers are currently unavailable to the public, now is a perfect time to learn new skills and imagine what designs you can bring to life. Our latest [blog](#) will help you explore 3D modeling, Computer-Aided Design (CAD), and project inspirations!

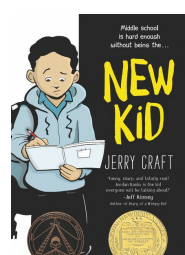


### Get Ready for 'Hamilton' With These Titles

There are a lot of theater lovers who are missing live performances right now. Even though the reopening of theaters may be a ways off, fans of the musical *Hamilton* can get their fix today! The film *Hamilton*, an original 2016 Broadway cast recording, is coming to an online streaming platform on Friday. Our [blog](#) has the perfect library checkouts with soundtracks, titles from Lin-Manuel Miranda, and other *Hamilton* content to keep you tied over till Broadway is back.

## Staff Picks

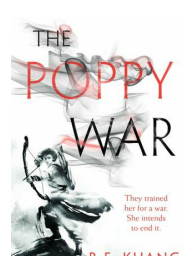
What great titles have our staff been reading or listening to lately? Find out here in our Staff Picks section! These titles are available digitally through [online resources](#) or in print through [Curbside Pickup](#). Happy exploring!



### Children's Book/eBook: *New Kid* by Jerry Craft

When Jordan is accepted to a fancy new school, he has a lot of adjustments: a long bus commute, new friends and teachers, and he is one of the few kids of color in his class. Seventh grade is already tough, so how can Jordan balance his school world versus his neighborhood one? This funny and moving book made history by being the first graphic novel to win the Newberry Medal. Also available as an eBook through [Hoopla](#).

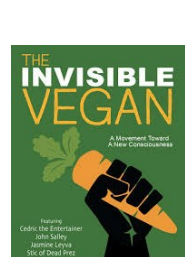
*Deidre, San Carlos Library*



### eAudioBook Adult Fiction: *The Poppy War* by R. F. Kuang, read by Emily Woo Zeller

*The Poppy War* is a gripping tale of the price of success and the horrors of conflict. Rin is a war orphan living in the rural Rooster Province. She wants to gain independence from her adopted family by passing the Keju, an empire-wide exam and enter one of the prestigious academies. No one believes she can succeed, and every step is a struggle. The [audiobook](#) is available on [Hoopla](#).

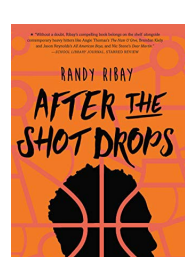
*Jamie, Portola Valley Library*



### Movie Streaming: *The Invisible Vegan*

Featuring interviews with Cedric the Entertainer, John Salley, and Stic of the hip-hop duo Dead Prez, this documentary shows how intertwined histories of slavery, twentieth-century socioeconomic inequalities, and the rise of Big Food, have led to the increased consumption and dependence on meat, processed, junk, and fast food. Available on [Kanopy](#).

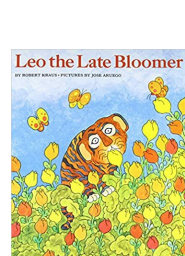
*Maureen, Half Moon Bay Library*



### eBook/Book Young Adult: *After the Shot Drops* by Randy Ribay

Bunny has the opportunity of a lifetime when he gets accepted to a private school on a basketball scholarship his junior year of high school. Or is it? Randy Ribay, a former [YANovCon](#) author, does an excellent job of exploring compassion, class, and race issues from multiple perspectives.

*Darren, Millbrae Library*



### Children's Book: *Leo the Late Bloomer* by Robert Kraus

Leo the tiger simply cannot comprehend why he cannot complete tasks in a timely manner. But with patience, what can he accomplish? With its message of patience and humor, *Leo the Late Bloomer* is more timely than ever.

*Future, Brisbane Library*

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



Stay connected with our family of libraries!

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