



Immerse Yourself in
a New Language

Dear Community,

San Mateo County Libraries is excited to meet your language-learning needs, whether you're learning English as a second language or learning another language for fun.

Tomorrow, we're launching a new online [ESL Class for Beginners](#) (*Clase de ESL Para Principiantes*), a free 6-week series with coaching from a formal instructor. ¡Comience a aprender inglés en esta clase gratuita en línea! [Register](#) in advance.

We also have a new [language-learning eResource](#) with courses in 163 languages. The resource provides translations, interfaces, audio lessons, narrators and virtual coaches to help you learn any language more easily. Additionally, we have a new [online service](#) that can help learners prepare for the civics, reading and writing portions of the Naturalization Test in either English or Español.



Connect and Share With Virtual Book Clubs

Are you looking to share your love of reading with others or your family? Join our book clubs to safely socialize and talk about a variety of great titles.

Book, Please! Join us for a conversation about all things romance in our next Book, Please! virtual meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 5 at 6:00 PM. Bring your favorite romance titles to share with us! Check out the [reading list](#) on social justice from participants of our first *Book, Please!* meeting.

Virtual Family Book Club: Our family book club meets during the first and third Fridays of every month at noon. Our next meeting will be Friday, Aug. 7 to discuss the children's book *Flat Stanley: His Original Adventure* by Jeff Brown.

Hoopla Book Club: Our next meeting will be Monday, Aug. 10 at 4:00 PM to discuss *The Lines Between Us* by Lawrence Lanahan. There's plenty of time to check out this title on Hoopla and [register](#) for our next discussion.



Yarnspiration: Online Knitting and Crochet Titles

Are you looking to find a new creative outlet while staying at home? Knitting and crochet can be a source of comfort in times of stress. Our [blog](#) shares a list of eBooks that you can enjoy from home while finding and starting your next craft project! Through our eMagazine resource, we also offer dozens of relevant titles like *Interweave Knits*, *Crochet Traditions* and *Knitter's Magazine*.



Summer Learning Showcase Tomorrow!

For this Friday's [Summer Learning Showcase](#), we're going to get a bit batty with Norcal Bats! Join us at 4:00 PM for a fun, educational program featuring varieties of rescued Northern California bats! You will learn about their habitats, physical features, diets, behavior, and average lifespan. Don't miss out on some of our next [Summer Learning Showcases](#)!

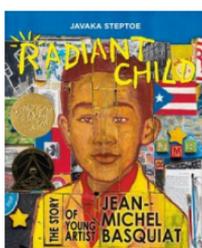


How Does Curbside Pickup Work?

[Curbside Pickup](#) is now available five days per week, Tuesday-Saturday from 11-4 PM. Simply place your items on hold at [smcl.org](#), wait until you receive notification that your items are available, schedule your pickup appointment, and arrive during your scheduled time and enjoy! Need help scheduling an appointment? Watch our [tutorial](#) or read our [FAQs](#).

Staff Picks

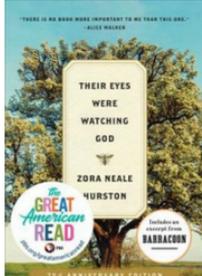
Our Staff Picks titles are available digitally through [online resources](#) or in print through [Curbside Pickup](#). Happy exploring!



Children's Book/eBook: [Radiant Child: The Story of Young Artist Jean-Michel Basquiat](#) by Javaka Steptoe

As a kid, Jean-Michel Basquiat dreamed of one day being a famous artist. At an early age, his mother would expose him to all types of art in books, museums, and on the street, which helped craft his unique style. This children's book tells the story of the legendary Black artist's early life growing up in Brooklyn and how much his mother influenced his true love for art.

Kenny, East Palo Alto Library



Adult Fiction: [Their Eyes Were Watching God](#) by Zora Neale Hurston

Jane Crawford returns to Florida in her forties and recounts the journey of her life to her childhood friend in flashbacks corresponding to her three marriages. Described as one of the most important and enduring books of the twentieth century, *Their Eyes Were Watching God* brings the wit and emotions of Zora Neale Hurston's writing.

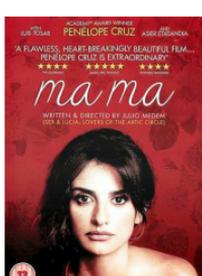
Cristina, San Mateo County Libraries



Young Adult Graphic Novel: [Nuclear Winter](#) by Cab

Despite Montreal having been trapped in a nuclear winter for the past nine years, everything keeps running! Flavie is a mail courier, dashing through radioactive snow to deliver coffee, bagels and packages. This three-part series shares Flavie's struggles with relationship drama, parties, danger zones and the impact of nuclear winter in a surprisingly lighthearted manner. [Available](#) through Hoopla.

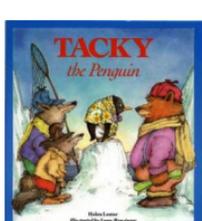
Jenna, Foster City Library



Movie Streaming: [Ma Ma](#)

Oscar winner Penelope Cruz stars in this film about a woman living her life to the fullest after a breast cancer diagnosis. Magical, breathtaking, and inspiring, viewers will enjoy Cruz's spectacular performance. [Available](#) on Kanopy.

Carmen, Half Moon Bay Library



Children's Book/eBook: [Tacky the Penguin](#) by Helen Lester

Tacky the penguin is not like the other penguins, in fact, he's often described as a "strange bird", but sometimes being different can save the day!

Michelle, Belmont Library

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