



**Summer Learning Showcase
Every Friday at 4 PM**

Dear Community,

Summer isn't over yet — there's still time for celebrations, prizes and reading during the [Summer Learning Challenge](#)! Whether you are almost finished or haven't started yet, you can still complete your reading log by Monday, Aug. 31 to become eligible for prizes, including a \$1,000 scholarship for youth 18 and under.

Celebrate your reading accomplishments with our weekly [Summer Learning Showcase](#). We have two performances left, including tomorrow's [concert](#) with local Half Moon Bay artist Cassie Levy! Come learn through the power of music with Cassie and her ukulele this Friday at 4:00 PM on our [YouTube channel](#).



Land Your Next Job With Workforce Wednesdays

Job hunters can gain valuable job search skills and insights with [Workforce Wednesdays](#), a virtual series of tutorials and workshops presented by community partners. On Wednesday, Aug. 12, we're hosting two programs: [Planning Your Job Search Presented by NOVA Job Center](#) at 1:00 PM and [Resume 101 Presented by Upwardly Global](#) at 4:00 PM. Don't forget to bookmark our [job and career resource webpage](#) for other free eResources and tools.



Boost Your Baking Skills With Striped Buttercream

Baking can be both a rewarding craft and a delicious treat! If you'd like to expand your baking repertoire, read our [blog](#) to learn how to stripe a pastry bag to make beautiful, multi-color buttercream. The article contains helpful pictures, instructions, and a reading list. Do you prefer to learn by watching? View our [Facebook Live video](#) for a live demonstration!



Get Ready for *Midnight Sun*

Are you dying to read *Midnight Sun*, Stephanie Meyer's latest addition to the *Twilight* series? This [reading list](#) will surely put you in the mood for paranormal romance and fantasy!



Jam and Jelly Delight!

We're excited to announce a series of engaging presentations by the UC Master Food Preservers to help you hone your food preservation skills, no matter your level of experience. The first presentation, [Jams and Jellies](#), will be held Thursday, Aug. 13 at 4:00 PM. We'll cover safe preserving practices, tested recipes, frequent troubleshooting issues, and tips on making fruit and vegetable spreads that capture happiness in a jar. Register [here](#) and stay tuned to [smcl.org](#) for more upcoming events in this series.

Staff Picks

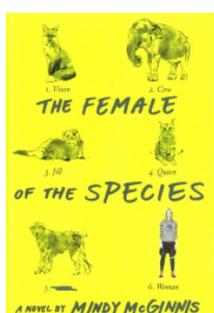
Our Staff Picks titles are available digitally through [online resources](#) or in print through [Curbside Pickup](#). Happy exploring!



Children's Book/eBook: *Hey, Wall: A Story of Art and Community* by Susan Verde, illustrated by John Parra

A colorful story about a community coming together to beautify their neighborhood by painting a mural that represents its people. This children's book is a representation of how art can be both powerful and uplifting.

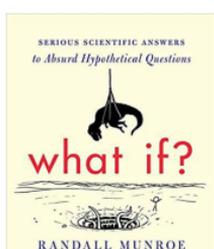
Kenny, East Palo Alto Library



Young Adult Fiction: *Female of the Species* by Mindy McGinnis

This book is "Dexter" meets the "OC". Alex Craft is a teenage girl who seeks revenge on people who should be punished for their crimes. A dark and twisted thriller.

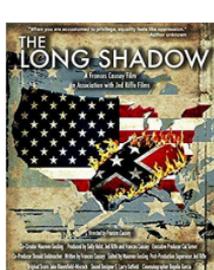
Christina, Pacifica Sharp Park Library



Adult Non-Fiction Book/eAudioBook: *What If? Serious Scientific Answers to Absurd Hypothetical Questions* by Randall Munroe

Millions of people read Randall Munroe's iconic webcomic with stick-figure drawings about science, technology, language, and love. Fans ask Munroe a lot of strange questions. In pursuit of answers, Munroe runs computer simulations, pores over stacks of declassified military research memos, solves differential equations, and consults with nuclear reactor operators. His responses are masterpieces of clarity and hilarity, complemented by signature comics.

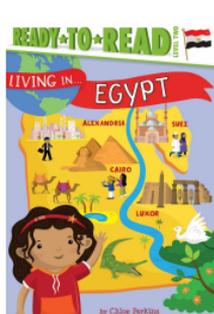
Gary, San Carlos Library



Movie Streaming: *The Long Shadow: How Slavery Continues to Impact American Society*

The Long Shadow is about two southern directors exploring anti-black racism in the U.S. It gave me real answers to questions I didn't even know I had. This award-winning documentary is available through [Kanopy](#).

Isa, Half Moon Bay Library



Children's Non-Fiction: *Egypt* by Chloe Perkins, illustrated by Tom Wooley

We miss traveling and this series gives young readers a sense of what it's like to live in different countries around the world! Visit Amira in Egypt to learn about what life is like in a country with big cities, beautiful deserts, and ancient monuments. This series includes Mexico, Brazil, China, South Africa, India and South Korea.

Michelle, Belmont Library

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