



Dear Community,

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment, while next week features Women's Equality Day. You're invited to celebrate, reflect, and read about women's suffrage and equality with San Mateo County Libraries.

This Saturday at 1:00 PM, we're hosting a virtual lecture with author and professor Dr. Ellen Carol DuBois titled "[The Surprising Road to Women's Suffrage](#)." [Register here](#) to join us for an exciting discussion and fresh perspective on the long struggle for women's voting rights.

Additionally, the theme of our next *Book, Please!* conversation on Wednesday, Aug. 26 at 4:00 PM is "Women and the Vote." The 19th Amendment, while recognizing women's right to vote, did not guarantee that all Americans could vote. Securing this essential right is a struggle that continues to this day. Join us to share and discuss titles on the topic of voting rights and equality. In particular, we want to honor the contributions of women of color in the fight for the vote. [Register here](#).

For more information about both events, as well as reading lists and additional resources, visit our [blog](#).



### Summer Learning Challenge FREE Books

We've given away thousands of free [Summer Learning Challenge](#) books and we're not done yet! If you haven't picked up a free book bundle yet, you're invited to do so while supplies last. These convenient grab-and-go-books are accessible during [Curbside Pickup](#) hours through the month of August. Available in multiple languages, the books are arranged by age groups and placed on curbside tables.



### Join Our New LGBTQ+ Book Club

Please join us for our first virtual [LGBTQ+ Book Club](#)! This book club will be an ongoing discussion of queer literature held on the last Monday of the month through Zoom. Our first meeting will be Monday, Aug. 31 at 7:00 PM to discuss *Angels in America*, Tony Kushner's classic play following two couples living under the shadow of AIDS. This title is available [digitally](#) through our [Hoopla](#) and [Overdrive](#) digital platform services. Adults are invited to [register](#) to attend.

#### Other Book Club Updates:

The next [Hoopla Book Club](#) meeting is Monday, Sept. 14 at 4:00 PM to discuss *From The Shadows* by Juan Jose Millas Garcia. [Register here](#).



### Let's Connect! Follow Us On Social Media

Soon, our individual branch social media pages will be migrating to our main San Mateo County Libraries pages in order to create one unified space for exploration, conversation, and transformative experiences. We'll still share all our great local content, but it will be in one convenient place. Follow [@SMCLibraries](#) on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#) to connect with us!



### Let's Build Awesome Things!

We're teaming up with The Tech Interactive to provide three weeks of maker challenges you and your family won't want to miss! Join us for a new weekly engineering "competition" every Wednesday through Sept. 9. We'll meet every week at 3:30 PM on Zoom to learn about the challenge, gather the supplies from around your house, and build something awesome with a community of makers and doers. Follow our [blog](#) to learn more and register for these fun challenges.



### New Job and Business Research Database

We're pleased to offer a new job and research database for library card holders. This eResource includes access to 10 unique databases and can be used to find jobs, conduct market research, find a doctor, and more. For more information about this [helpful tool](#), read our [blog](#).

# Staff Picks

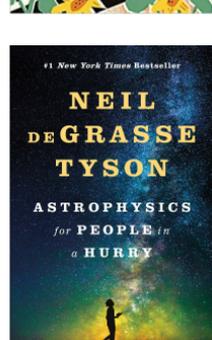
Our Staff Picks titles are available digitally through [online resources](#) or in print through [Curbside Pickup](#). Happy exploring!



### Children's Fiction: [The Adventures of A Girl Called Bicycle](#) by Christina Uss

A girl called Bicycle raised by nearly-silent monks and a retired nearly-silent nun goes off on a cross-country adventure to San Francisco. There she hopes to meet her idol, Zbig, a famous cyclist. This hilarious story is perfect for middle graders and advanced chapter book readers.

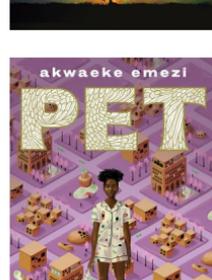
*Nicole, Brisbane Library*



### Adult Non-Fiction: [Astrophysics for People in A Hurry](#) by Neil deGrasse Tyson

What is the nature of space and time? How do we fit within the universe? How does the universe fit within us? There's no better guide through these mind-expanding questions than acclaimed astrophysicist and best-selling author Neil deGrasse Tyson.

*Gary, San Carlos Library*



### Young Adult Fiction: [Pet](#) by Akwaeke Emezi

The world is a better place now that the monsters have gone. Jam lives in the idyllic town of Lucille, free from oppression and violence. But when a strange creature, Pet, emerges from one of her mother's paintings, everything changes. This #OwnVoices novel is a brave look at society and justice.

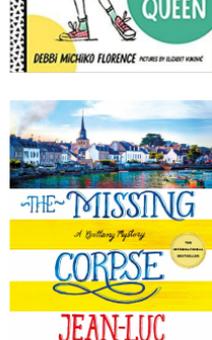
*Deidre, San Carlos Library*



### Children's Fiction: [Jasmine Toguchi, Mochi Queen](#) by Debbi Michiko

Join 8-year-old Jasmine Toguchi as she and her family prepare for Mochitsuki, a Japanese New Year's tradition!

*Michelle, Belmont Library*



### Adult Mystery: [The Missing Corpse](#) by Jean-Luc Bannalec

Travel virtually! Jean-Luc Bannalec's fourth novel in the Commissaire Dupin series is set in France's Brittany coast. The series explores salt drying ponds, oyster farming, Celtic culture and yummy cuisine, all while Commissaire Dupin attempts to solve a case involving a missing body.

*Susan, Half Moon Bay Library*

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