



Dear Community,

Over the past months, many of us had the opportunity to reflect and learn more about systematic racism and social justice. At San Mateo County Libraries, we're excited to continue this discussion with our next **author talk event** on Tuesday, Sept. 29 at 6:30 PM with Dr. Jennifer L. Eberhardt.

An author and social psychologist at Stanford, Dr. Eberhardt's exciting lecture will be based on her book, "**Biased: Uncovering the Hidden Prejudice That Shapes What We See, Think, and Do.**" Dr. Eberhardt's lectures draw not only from her experiments, but from research she has conducted in courtrooms, prisons, police departments, boardrooms and on the street. [Register here](#) for this important discussion.



### Election 2020 Panel Discussion

Anxious about voting during a pandemic? Wondering how the Census count will impact our representation and local funding? Joins us and four community experts for a special panel discussion, "**Count and be Counted: The Safety and Importance of Voting and Census in the Era of COVID-19,**" on Thursday, Sept. 24 at 10:00 AM. Emma Gonzalez (Director for San Mateo County Manager's Office of Community Affairs), Julia Marks (Staff Attorney for Voting Rights and Census, Asian Americans Advancing Justice– Asian Law Caucus), Miriam Yupanqui (Executive Director, Nuestra Casa), and moderator Peta Silton (Director of Advocacy and Education, Thrive Alliance) will walk you through everything you need to know about the November election and Census 2020. Please [register](#) in advance.

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### Bike to Your Library Day

Grab your helmet, fill up your water bottle, hop on your bicycle and ride out to the nearest San Mateo County Libraries **location** this Saturday, Sept. 19 in celebration of Bike to Your Library Day! Our branch locations will provide free bike-themed giveaway books, cotton canvas messenger bags from our community partner [Commute.org](#), and more from 11:00–4:00 PM while supplies last. There's more good news, too. Our **Book-A-Bike** service is returning with a new seven-day loan period at **Belmont Library!**

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### Explore eLearning at The Tech Café

Online learning has never been easier, and San Mateo County Libraries has great tools to get you started! Did you know that with our free eResources, you could create a customized learning plan with [Skillsoft](#), browse [Safari Tech Books'](#) vast library, or discover hundreds of tutorials with [Niche Academy](#)? Stop into the next **Tech Café** on Monday, Sept. 21 at 4:00 PM and we'll show you how!

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To create a unified space for exploration and conversation, our branch social media accounts are moving to our primary account. Follow [@SMCLibraries](#) on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#) to stay connected to news, services and online fun from your library!



### Practice for the SAT Exam Virtually

We're excited to partner with [StudyPoint](#) to help you prepare for your upcoming standardized test! Whether you're planning on taking the PSAT, SAT or ACT, we've got you covered. In September and October, you can attend one of six free practice test sessions where you'll be placed into a virtual environment simulating the actual event. This will provide you firsthand experience and better prepare you for the real test. For a full list of dates or to register, read our [blog](#).

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# Staff Picks

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



### Children's Fiction: **Juno Valentine and the Magical Shoes** by Eva Chen, illustrated by Derek Desierto

Juno can't find her favorite pair of shoes! As she goes on a search for them, she comes across magical shoes that allow her to become one of the many groundbreaking women. From Frida Kahlo to Serena Williams to Gloria Steinem, Juno shares their stories and celebrates their accomplishments.

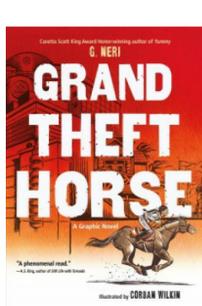
*Kenny, East Palo Alto Library*



### Adult Non-Fiction: **Blood, Sweat, and Pixels** by Jason Schreier

Each chapter of this book explores the behind-the-scenes sagas of hit video games like "The Witcher III" and "Stardew Valley," showing the triumphs and challenges that came with creating and developing each title. A good read if you're curious about what it's like to make games.

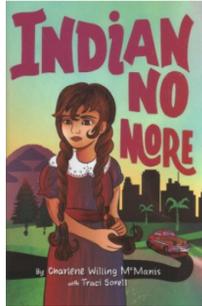
*Kajah, Millbrae Library*



### Young Adult Fiction: **Grand Theft Horse** by Greg Neri, illustrated by Corban Wilkin

Horse-napping her own racehorse, Gail Ruffo's true story about drugs, death, and deception in the horse-racing world will have you racing to the final page to find out their fate.

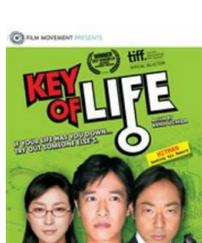
*Kat, Portola Valley and Woodside Library*



### Children's Fiction: **Indian No More** by Charlene Willing McManis with Traci Sorell

Based on the author's own life, this story chronicles the events that occur after 10-year-old Regina's tribe, the Umpqua, are terminated by the U.S. Federal government and relocated. Her family must learn to survive without the support of their tribal community, and Regina begins to question whether she is Indian or American. A poignant story about a young Native American girl's struggle with racism and identity.

*Angela, Pacifica Libraries*



### Movie Streaming: **Key of Life**

In this movie, a suicidal actor swaps places with a ruthless killer suffering from amnesia, leading to big trouble for a wannabe bride. As the truth about these three people comes to light, they must scramble to resolve the chaos of this topsy-turvy chain of events. From famed Japanese filmmaker Kenji Uchida, this entertaining title is available on [Hoopla](#).

*Min-I, Foster City Library*

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