Dear Community,

Over the past months, many of us had the opportunity to reflect and learn more about systemic racism and the need to end it. We have been inspired by the courage of our communities and the resilience of the individuals who have navigated this challenging time with grace.

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Open for Exploration

Our Staff Picks titles are available digitally through hoopla or to register, read our blogs or follow our social media accounts for the latest news, services and online fun from your library!

Have you heard about the new children's collection of picture books and board books available on the shelf? These books are perfect for the beginning reader, with a focus on diversity, inclusion, and social justice.

Books that Matter: A Virtual Author Talk with Dr. Jennifer L. Eberhardt.

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An author and social psychologist at Stanford, Dr. Eberhardt's exciting lecture will be held on September 24th at 10:00 AM. Dr. Eberhardt has spent years conducting research and working on issues surrounding racial discrimination and bias, and her talks have been met with high demand. She is known for her engaging style and her ability to connect with her audience.

Make sure to log in to your library account and check out the new collection of books and resources related to the topic of race and equity.

Happy exploring!

Emma Min-I, Foster City Library

Check out our Staff Picks list for more recommendations.

We’re excited to partner with Skillsoft for this important discussion.

Anxiety about voting during a pandemic? Wondering how the Census count will impact our representation and future here in California? Join us on Thursday, September 24th for our special panel discussion, "Count and be Counted: The Safety and Importance of Voting and Census in the Era of COVID-19." We will have panelists including: Peta Giles (Director of Advocacy and Education, Thrive Alliance), 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.

More information to come.

Happy reading!

Angela, Pacifica Libraries

Children's Fiction:

"Juno Valentine and the Magical Shoes"

Each chapter of this hybrid graphic novel follows the interior life of a young girl in 1970s America as she contemplates the what ifs of adolescence. From the very start, the story raises questions about the landscape of minds that allow for such musings: do we always see the world through a filter, or can we ever truly escape its influence?

Author talk event with Jennifer Jacobson on Thursday, September 30th at 7:00 PM.

Children's Fiction: "Indian No More"

Based on the author’s own life, this story chronicles the young Native American girl’s struggle with racism and identity. Angela is a young girl who inhabits a world of contradictions. She is prideful of her Native American heritage, yet struggles with how to reconcile her racial and cultural identity with the material culture and expectations of mainstream society. Angela relocates to a boarding school, and with the support of her tribal community, and Regina begins to question whether she is Indian or American. A poignant story about a young Native American girl's journey and relocation. Her family must learn to survive without her.

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Adult Non-Fiction:

"Blood, Sweat, and Pixels"

Author talk event with Willing McManis with Traci Sorell on Thursday, September 24th at 11:00 AM.

The popular e-book platform and publisher Hoopla is returning with a new seven-day loan policy. It is a tremendous resource for readers, and with our renewed focus on digital resources, it is even more valuable. We are excited to offer this service to our patrons.

See you at the library!

Kenny, East Palo Alto Library

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