



One Book • One County Presents  
**Meet Author Alex Gino**  
Monday, October 19 at 4:30 PM



Dear Community,

San Mateo County Libraries is proud to host author Alex Gino through **One Book • One County** with the **Office of Education** and other **Peninsula Libraries**! On Monday, October 19 at 4:30 PM, you can virtually meet Alex, an award-winning author of queer, inclusive, and progressive middle grade fiction. Make sure to [register](#) for the event.

Alex enjoys stories that reflect the diversity and complexity of being alive, such as their 2015 Stonewall Award-winning novel, *George*. You're invited to read *George* and join one of our book club discussions on **Tuesday, Oct. 13 at 6:30 PM** or **Monday, Nov. 9 at 6:30 PM**.

To learn more about the event or explore more of Alex's work, read our [blog](#).

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### October Fun: Attend Programs, Win Prizes!

Throughout the month of October, attend any of the four virtual programs below to be entered into a drawing for one of five fun prize packs donated by the **Foundation for San Mateo County Libraries**. The prize packs will include a \$25 grocery store gift card and a copy of *Full Plate*, a new family cookbook by Ayesha Curry. The more events you attend, the more chances you will have to win! Read our [blog](#) for information about entering the prize drawings.

#### Eligible Library Programs: 10:30–11:00 AM

Friday, Oct. 9: **Live Bilingual Storytime with Kelly and Kenny**

Thursday, Oct. 15: **Interactive Musical Storytime with Angela and Ashley**

Thursday, Oct. 22: **Interactive Musical Storytime with Angela and Ashley**

Friday, Oct. 30: **En Vivo! Live! Bilingual Dia de Muertos Desfile and Halloween Parade**

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### Celebrate Latinx Heritage Month

Next week is the last week of Latinx Heritage Month, and there is still time to celebrate, read and explore with us! This month celebrates the various dates that many Latin American countries declared their independence and honors all Latinx people, culture, and history throughout the world. Visit our [blog](#) for events and reading lists to recognize this month.

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### Get Artsy in October

Creating a new drawing every day might sound daunting. But, it's a lot easier with our [blog](#), which includes information about community art challenges this month like Inktober! Looking for other [artistic library programs](#)? You might also be interested in our **Author Talk With Dick Evans and Kathy Chin Leong: San Francisco's Chinatown** on Thursday, Oct. 22 at 7:00 PM. Join us to get a close-up look at the oldest Chinatown in North America through striking photography and insightful text. [Register](#) in advance.

[Register Now](#)



### Chinese eBook and eAudioBook Platform

San Mateo County Libraries is pleased to announce that it now provides access to a Taiwan-based Chinese eBook and eAudiobook platform known as **HyRead**. The books are written mainly in Traditional Chinese and provide material for adults, children, and teens.

聖馬刁縣圖書館很高興地宣布，現在可以提供台灣的中文電子書和有聲電子書平台HyRead。這些書主要都是採用繁體中文，分類提供給成人，兒童和青少年。

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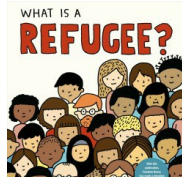
### Explore YA Literature at *Book, Please!*

Are you an appreciator of Young Adult literature? Want to become one? Come find out why teen literature is awesome and get some great recommendations from staff at our next *Book, Please!* discussion on Wednesday, Oct. 14 at 4:00 PM. [Register](#) in advance. Youth under 13 should plan on attending with an adult.

[Register Now](#)

# Staff Picks

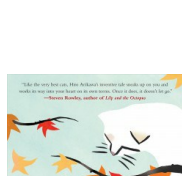
Our Staff Picks titles are available digitally through [online resources](#) or in print through [Curbside Pickup](#). Happy exploring!



#### Children's Fiction: **What Is A Refugee?** by Elise Gravel

A colorfully-illustrated children's book about empathy. This book explains the various reasons why some people flee their country of origin in search for a better life — including the sacrifices some families have to make and the difficulties some face when immigrating to a new country. This book does a wonderful job of explaining how "a refugee is a person, just like you and me."

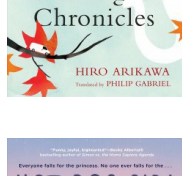
*Kenny, East Palo Alto Library*



#### Adult Fiction: **The Travelling Cat Chronicles** by Hiro Arikawa

An internationally best-selling ode to kindness, sacrifice and the power of small things traces the experiences of adventurous Nana the cat and his owner, Satoru, as they embark on a road trip across Japan to visit three old friends. Perfect for fans of *A Dog's Purpose*.

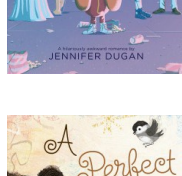
*Jessica, Pacifica Libraries*



#### Young Adult Fiction: **Hot Dog Girl** by Jennifer Dugan

Lou plans for an epic summer working at Magic Castle Playland, landing a great role, and finally getting the attention of her crush, Nick the Diving Pirate. But instead she's cast as the dancing Hot Dog, Nick is dating the perfect Princess, and Magic Castle Playland, her childhood park, is closing. Can Lou cook up a scheme to fix all her problems?

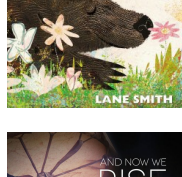
*Jenna, Foster City Library*



#### Children's Fiction: **A Perfect Day** by Lane Smith

Everyone in Bert's back yard is enjoying their perfect day. But not everyone has the same idea of what makes a perfect day.

*Alice, Portola Valley Library and Woodside Library*

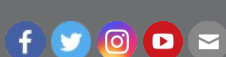


#### Streaming: **And Now We Rise**

Abandoned by his parents as a child and raised by numerous relatives, Samuel matured into a man who seeks to understand the roots of what happened within the larger context of historical trauma and loss of culture. He is an everyman who heals and grows by stepping up to help others and becomes revered by the community. Available on [Kanopy](#).

*Cami, Half Moon Bay Library*

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