



Dear Community,

San Mateo County Libraries is excited to share our [2019–2020 Annual Report](#) full of stories that demonstrate our accomplishments and commitment to you! Read the report to see familiar faces, learn about new library programs we've launched, and celebrate a year of exploration, milestones, and success during uncertain times.

This year has been a true opportunity for growth, discovery and innovation in the way we serve you. Through thick and thin, one message has always remained true — we're still here for you!

We're already busy creating new memories for our next annual report as we continue to adapt our library services to meet your needs. While we continue to assess the feasibility and safety of allowing public access inside our library buildings in the future, we're thrilled to let you know that exciting new services will launch next week!

[Annual Report](#)



### [Get Ready to Cast Your Ballot!](#)

Early voting is under way in San Mateo County! Our [non-partisan voter resource webpage](#) has all of the resources, information, and deadlines you need to make your voice heard. Not familiar with everything on your ballot? You can inform your decision at our [Ballot Measures Forum](#) with the non-partisan League of Women Voters this Saturday, Oct. 17 at 10:30 AM. [Register](#) in advance. By the way, the deadline to [register to vote](#) is this Monday, Oct. 19!

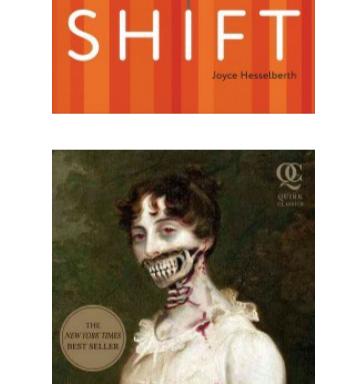
[Inform Yourself](#)



### [School Engagement Strategies Workshop](#)

Struggling at home with ways to be engaged in your child's school? Join us on Wednesday, Oct. 21 for workshops in English and Spanish on how to be involved in your school communities! We will be sharing resources for parents on how to get extra support or create connections with schools. Register in advance for the [English workshop](#) at 5:00 PM or the [Spanish workshop](#) at 6:00 PM.

[Learn More](#)

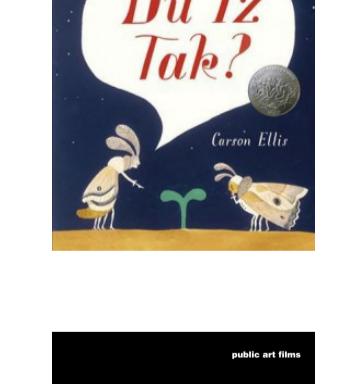


### [Tech Café: Zoom en Español](#)

Lunes 19 de octubre a las 4:00 PM

Zoom le puede ayudar a mantenerse conectado con familiares y amigos. También puede usar Zoom para participar en nuestros programas virtuales en vivo, como clases de inglés. ¡Únase a nosotros en esta sesión introductoria y usted será un usuario avanzado en poco tiempo! Esta sesión se ofrece en español. También habrá tiempo para preguntas y discusión. Después de [registrarse](#), se le enviará el enlace para unirse a la reunión a su correo electrónico.

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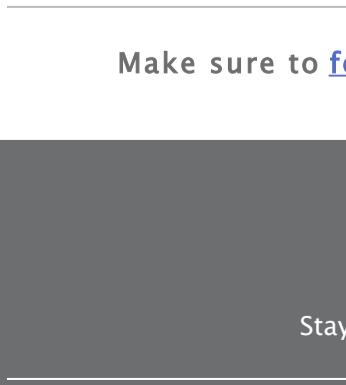
### [Celebrate Filipinx American History Month](#)

Filipinx American History Month commemorates the first documented arrival of Filipinx people over 425 years ago in what would become the United States! Filipinx Americans are the third largest ethnic group in California, but they are often under-represented in the stories we read. You can explore Filipinx characters, history or culture with our [blog](#) and [reading lists](#) for all ages!

[Read More](#)

# Event Spotlight

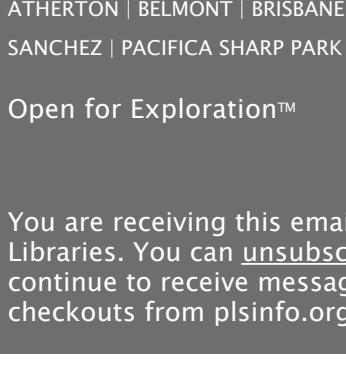
Explore, learn and connect at [virtual library programs](#)! You might be interested in these exciting, upcoming events.



### [One Book • One County: Meet Author Alex Gino](#)

Monday, Oct. 19 • 4:30 PM

You're invited to virtually meet Alex Gino, author of Stonewall Award-winning novel [George](#), through [One Book • One County!](#)



### [Author Talk With Dick Evans and Kathy Chin Leong: San Francisco's Chinatown](#)

Thursday, Oct. 22 • 7:00 PM

Take a close-up look at the oldest Chinatown in North America at our next virtual author talk event with photographer Dick Evans and author Kathy Chin Leong of [San Francisco's Chinatown](#).



### [Hoopla Book Club: The Bear by Andrew Krivak](#)

Monday, Oct. 19 • 4:00 PM

Discover some of the best titles available digitally on [Hoopla](#) through our Hoopla Book Club! At our next meeting, we will discuss [The Bear](#) by Andrew Krivak.

[Explore Events](#)

# Staff Picks

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



### [Children's Fiction: Shape Shift](#) by Joyce Hesselberth

There are all kinds of shapes around us! Can you try putting them together and see what pictures you get?

Alice, Portola Valley Library and Woodside Library



### [Adult Fiction: Pride and Prejudice and Zombies](#) by Seth Grahame-Smith

This light and creepy horror novel combines the themes of Jane Austen's beloved novel [Pride and Prejudice](#) and, well, zombies. The Bennet sisters live in a world where fighting the undead is equally as hard as finding a husband. The fierce female leads will have you championing them until the very last page.

Theresa, San Carlos Library



### [Young Adult Fiction: The Rise of Kyoshi](#) by F.C. Yee

Delve deeper into the brilliant world of [Avatar: The Last Airbender](#) by following Kyoshi, who is struggling with her personal circumstances and the fallout from Avatar Kuruk's legacy.

Jenna, Foster City Library



### [Children's Fiction: Du Iz Tak?](#) by Carson Ellis

Step into a magical bug world where the characters speak a language all their own! Can you figure out what they are saying? Children of all ages will enjoy parsing the bug language and finding hidden details in the lovely illustrations.

Deidre, San Carlos Library



### [Streaming: Style Wars](#)

What does New York City, graffiti, hip-hop, and the 1980s all have in common? Everything! This documentary was the first real behind-the-scenes look into the graffiti and hip-hop scene of New York City. It is not only a time capsule of that generation, but almost 40 years later, it's still hailed as one of the best representations of those subcultures that continue to influence people of all walks of life today. Available on [Kanopy](#).

Kenny, East Palo Alto Library



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