



Dear Community,

The Nov. 3 election is just five days away! Have you cast your ballot yet? Our [non-partisan voter resource webpage](#) includes trustworthy resources, deadlines, and information about mail-in ballots, ballot drop-off locations, and in-person voting.

Mail-in ballots should be postmarked by Election Day or dropped off at a [secure drop box location](#) by 8 PM on Election Day. Starting this Saturday, Oct. 31 through Tuesday, Nov. 3, [Vote Centers](#) will open for early voting and assistance from 9 AM-5 PM. On Election Day, 45 Vote Centers will be open from 7 AM-8 PM for in-person voting.

Libraries have a proud history of promoting civic engagement. We encourage you to visit [smcl.org/vote](http://smcl.org/vote) and go make your voice heard!

[Vote Now!](#)



### Celebrate *Día de Muertos* and Halloween!

Although we can't celebrate like normal this year, that won't stop us from having festive fun! Join us Friday, Oct. 30 at 10:30 AM for a virtual and bilingual *Día de Muertos* Desfile and Halloween Parade. We'll read stories, sing songs, and have a show-and-tell of our costumes or favorite *recuerdos* (memories) of a loved one. You might also want to explore our [spooky books and movies to stream on Hoopla](#) reading list for children!

[Register Here](#)



### Sewing Machines Available for Checkout

We're excited to introduce a new addition to our collection to help you stitch the day away. Our [Baby Lock Joy sewing machines](#) are now available at five of our library locations for you to check out. Grab your favorite fabric or upcycled material and start creating with us! Take a look at our [crafting eResource](#) for tutorials, free patterns and more to help you get started.

[Sew More](#)



### Recursos Para Aprender Inglés y la Ciudadanía / English and Citizenship Resources

¿Quieres aprender inglés o estudiar para el examen de ciudadanía? Estamos orgullosos de ofrecer una variedad de recursos en línea, como [clases de ESL](#) y [clubes de conversación en inglés](#), así como nuestro nuevo [Grupo de Aprendizaje](#) para cualquiera que necesite ayuda con el examen de ciudadanía. Para obtener más información sobre estos recursos y eventos, visite nuestro [blog](#).

Do you want to learn English or study for the citizenship exam? We are proud to offer a variety of online and virtual resources, such as [ESL classes](#) and [English conversation clubs](#), as well as our new [Citizenship Learning Circle](#) for those who need help studying for the citizenship exam. To learn more about these resources and events, visit our [blog](#).

[Regístrese Aquí / Register Here](#)



### Read for the Record TODAY!

Every year, people all around the world join together to celebrate early literacy and set a global record to all read the same book in one day. Last year, over two million readers joined in reading *Thank You, Omu!* This year, we hope to beat that record by offering a [virtual reading](#) of the book *Evelyn Del Rey Is Moving Away*. Join us from home today and let's smash that record together!

[Read Now!](#)



### Get Career Help With This New eResource

Our new [career help eResource](#) will support you through every phase of the job search process to help you land the career of your dreams! Accessible for free with your library card, this resource offers resume review by an expert, cover letter and resume templates, interview practice, and so much more. Visit our [job and career resource webpage](#) for other helpful career tools.

[Learn More](#)

# Explore More

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

#### Citizenship Learning Circle

Monday, Nov. 2 • 3:00 PM

Join our new communal study group to learn about the process of applying for citizenship and to study for the English and Civics exam together.

#### Interactive Storytime With Michelle

Tuesday, Nov. 3 • 3:30 PM

Hear your favorite songs and stories from the comfort of your own home in this interactive storytime for all ages.

#### Resume Review With JobTrain

Wednesday, Nov. 4 • 1:00 PM

Learn how to make your resume stand out from the rest at this free program offered in Spanish and English.

#### Interactive Musical Storytime With Angela & Ashley

Friday, Nov. 6 • 10:30 AM

Missing live storytimes at the library? Join Ashley and Angela for the online version of their popular Musical Storytime.

#### Practice SAT and ACT Tests for High School Students

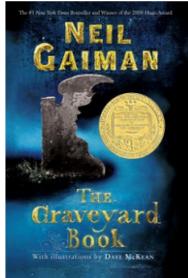
Saturday, Nov. 7 • ALL DAY

Test your performance with a free proctored, full-length SAT or ACT test and accurately measure your performance so you can get a better sense of what to expect on test day.

[Explore Events](#)

# Community Picks

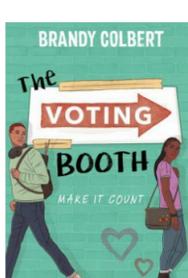
Our Community Picks' titles are available digitally through [online resources](#) or in print through [Curbside Pickup](#). Happy exploring!



**Children's Fiction: [The Graveyard Book](#)** by Neil Gaiman

This is a dark and humorously written book about a boy raised by the spirits residing in a small hilltop cemetery. Nobody Owens is a strange and gifted child, haunted by his past and hunted by a man named Jack. He grows up to have unusual powers and abilities, though that's not the strangest thing about him. What happens when the man named Jack comes back? Available on [Hoopla](#).

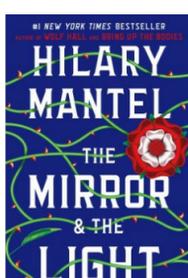
*Gwyneth, Atherton Library*



**Young Adult Fiction: [The Voting Booth](#)** by Brandy Colbert

Set over the course of Election Day, Marva and Duke meet while in line to vote for the first time. Marva has been working to get out the vote for weeks, but Duke is turned away due to a technicality. Throughout a day filled with misadventures, Marva makes it her mission to ensure Duke can fulfill his civic duty. Available on [Hoopla](#).

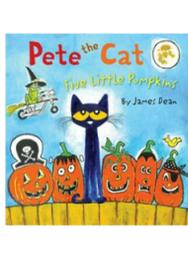
*Deidre, San Carlos Library*



**Adult Fiction: [The Mirror & The Light](#)** by Hilary Mantel

Hilary Mantel closes the celebrated *Wolf Hall* trilogy chronicling the last days of Thomas Cromwell. We see the court of Henry VIII and Tudor England through his eyes. Mantel is a savvy and nuanced storyteller and winner of the Booker Prize for the first two novels in the series. The buzz is that she will win it again for this masterful novel. Available on [OverDrive](#).

*Nicole, San Mateo County Libraries*



**Children's Fiction: [Pete The Cat: Five Little Pumpkins](#)** by James Dean

Enjoy a not-so-spooky Halloween counting book with your littlest spooky friends. You can find the digital version on [Hoopla](#) and download it to any device you like so it can travel with you, wherever Halloween may take you!

*Adina, East Palo Alto Library*

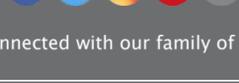


**Movie: [Knives Out](#)**

A whodunnit where the detective attempts to unravel the suicide of a rich billionaire. Exciting, great acting, and intriguing suspects. Looking to stream spooky content this weekend? Check out Carmen and Kira's recommendation of [Halloween Thrills on Kanopy](#).

*Lucy, Belmont Library Volunteer*

Make sure to [follow our blogs](#) for updates on new events, resources, and services.



Stay connected with our family of libraries!