



Dear Community,

Did you receive a new tech device over the holidays but aren't sure how to get started? San Mateo County Libraries are here to help! Book a virtual [Personalized Tech Help](#) appointment with tech-savvy staff to answer your technology-specific questions in both English and Spanish.

[Appointments](#) are available Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Once you've made your appointment, one of our dedicated coaches will email you an invitation to join them for an online meeting using Zoom or over the phone. Together, we'll tackle your technology needs and set you on the path towards discovery.

¿Recibiste un nuevo dispositivo tecnológico durante las vacaciones pero no estás totalmente seguro de cómo empezar? ¡Las Bibliotecas del Condado de San Mateo están aquí para ayudar! Reserva una cita virtual de [asistencia personalizada técnica](#) con personal que son expertos en tecnología para que respondan a tus preguntas específicas a la tecnología en inglés y español.

Las citas están disponible de lunes a viernes de las 9:00 AM a 4:00 PM. Cuando reservas tu cita, uno de nuestros expertos te enviará por correo electrónico una invitación para que te unas con ellos utilizando Zoom o por teléfono. ¡Te ayudaremos con tus necesidades tecnológicas y te brindaremos un camino para descubrir más!

[Get Tech Help / Obtén Ayuda Técnica](#)



Celebrate Noon Year's Eve With 123 Andrés

Join our bilingual [Noon Year's Eve celebration](#) on Thursday, Dec. 31 at 11:30 AM as we count down to noon with [123 Andrés](#) in a family-friendly concert. *Únete a nuestra [celebración bilingüe de Año Nuevo](#) el jueves 31 de diciembre a las 11:30 AM y cuenta hacia el mediodía con [123 Andrés](#) en un concierto para toda la familia.*

There's still time to start the New Year with exploration and fun during the [Winter Challenge](#). If you're looking for other ways to safely celebrate the New Year, try some [new recipes](#) with us!

Due to the holiday, [Curbside Services](#) and [Customer Care](#) will be unavailable on Thursday, Dec. 31; Friday, Jan. 1; and Saturday, Jan. 2. We look forward to exploring with you in the New Year.

[Celebrate Noon Year's Eve](#)



Meet Friends and Make Fun Reading Memories

[Book clubs](#) are a great way to spark a lifelong passion for reading. Encourage the young reader in your home and explore with them our ongoing youth and family book clubs.

- Our [3rd–5th Grade Book Club](#) meets every second Monday of the month and will be discussing your favorite books on Monday, Jan. 11 at 5:00 PM.
- Our [Middle School Graphic Novel Book Club](#) meets every third Thursday of the month and will be discussing *Donner Dinner Party* by Nathan Hale on Thursday, Jan. 21 at 4:00 PM.

[Explore Book Clubs](#)



Get Crafty in 2021 With Art Journal Collages

Join our final [Art Journaling Techniques](#) workshop on Tuesday, Jan. 5 at 6:30 PM to make a beautiful floral collage. Building a collage can be a design engineering feat or a simple series of relaxing repetitions. In this virtual craft, we'll demonstrate two techniques to create a floral design as we look for interesting textures, colors, and words along the way. [Register](#) in advance and review our supplies list to follow along from home.

[Register Now](#)



Build a Winning Resume

Before you get the chance to ace the interview, you'll need a winning resume. If you need help starting or improving a top-notch resume, you're invited to register for [The Winning Resume](#) on Tuesday, Jan. 5 at 9:00 AM. Experts from the Employment Development Department (EDD) will explain how to make your resume stand out among the rest. After attending this virtual workshop, you'll have the opportunity to set up a one-on-one resume critique for even more support.

[Register Now](#)

Explore More

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

Hiking and Forest Bathing on the Peninsula

Monday, Jan. 4 • 7:30 PM

Join local authors as they discuss their favorite hikes on the Peninsula and the process they take to write their hiking books. You'll also learn about the healing power of forest bathing from a certified Forest Therapy Guide.

Make Together – Catapults

Wednesday, Jan. 6 • 1:00 PM

Let's explore and make catapults during a live interactive program. Grab your catapult materials included in the Take and Make kits available through [Curbside Services](#) (while supplies last) beginning Tuesday, Jan. 5.

Critter Tales (Formerly Paws for Tales)

Wednesday, January 6 • 4:00 PM

Do you have a reluctant reader or one that needs some extra practice? Sign them up to have their own online read-aloud session with a therapy animal.

The Magic of Perry Yan

Thursday, Jan. 7 • 11:30 AM

[Perry Yan's](#) virtual Magic Show will have kids and adults entertained from start to finish! Space is limited, so don't forget to [register](#).

[Explore All Events](#)

Community Picks

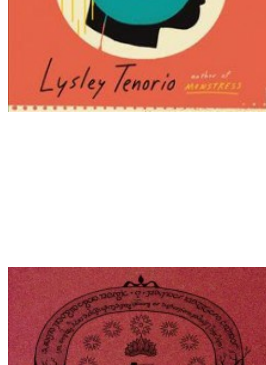
Our Community Picks' titles are available digitally through [online resources](#) or in print through [Curbside Pickup](#).



Children's Fiction: [Hum and Swish](#) by Matt Myers

Jamie just wants to spend the day on the beach creating imaginative structures and creatures. She is constantly interrupted by questions about what she's making. Beautiful illustrations bring the reader to the wind-swept shore and gently depict Jamie's dedication to her art, her exasperation with all the questions, and an unexpected friendship.

Julie, Half Moon Bay Library



Adult Fiction: [The Son of Good Fortune](#) by Lysley A. Tenorio

Excel seems like a normal Filipino American teenager, but he's got a big secret. He and his highly unconventional mother are *tago ng tago* (hiding and hiding) as an unperspective on Filipinos culture that inspires readers to reflect on what it means to be an undocumented American from birth; what it means, essentially, to not belong anywhere.

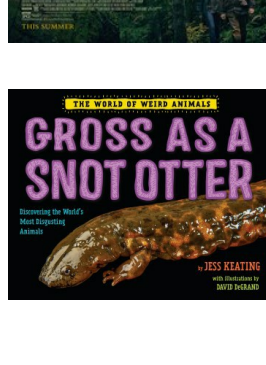
Amy, Woodside Library



Young Adult Fiction: [The Lord of The Rings](#) by J.R.R. Tolkien

The Lord of the Rings series is a good way to spend time reading and relaxing. Although it's long and consists of quite a few books, the adventures within these books are certainly worth it!

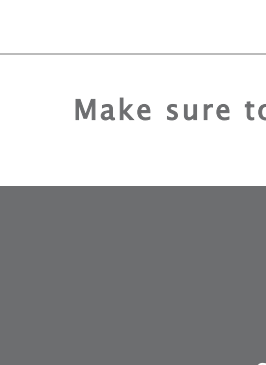
Cynthia, Foster City Library Teen Volunteer



Streaming: [Leave No Trace](#)

A father and daughter live off the grid without a home in the parks and forests of Portland, Oregon. Their lifestyle is shattered when they are caught and placed into social services. This film slipped under the radar, but it's a profoundly moving story of family and life on the fringes of society. Available on [Kanopy](#).

Brady, San Mateo County Libraries



Children's Non-Fiction: [Gross as a Snot Otter](#) by Jess Keating

Meet unusual animals such as the slime-covered snot otter or the Surinam toad, who hatches from its mother's back, in this edition of the World of Weird Animals!

Angela, Pacifica Libraries

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



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San Mateo County Libraries

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