

**Collage Workshop With Shawn Harris
Featuring Author Mac Barnett
Tuesday, Jan. 19 at 4:00 PM**

Dear Community,

Join San Mateo County Libraries as we welcome the talented and award-winning duo Shawn Harris and Mac Barnett for a special online [collage workshop](#) and [author event](#) on Tuesday, Jan. 19 at 4 PM.

Barnett, the author of many bestselling children's books, will read his new children's picture book, *A Polar Bear in the Snow*. Harris, who is a Half Moon Bay artist and musician, will lead a collage workshop to talk about the process he went through to create the beautiful artwork found in the book.

Let's try an activity ... Close your eyes and envision a polar bear in the snow. What does the polar bear look like? What do its surroundings look like? If you only had a few pieces of paper and some scissors, could you bring your vision to life? [Register](#) for this fun workshop and let's try together!

Free copies of *A Polar Bear in the Snow* are available at all [12 of our locations](#) through [Curbside Services](#) (Tuesday – Saturday, 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM) while supplies last.

[Learn More](#)



Explore the Oldest Chinatown in the World

Discover the sights, sounds and stories of San Francisco's Chinatown tonight at 6:00 PM with photographer Dick Evans and journalist Kathy Chin Leong at our [virtual author event](#). They will discuss their collaborative exploration of *San Francisco's Chinatown*, an award-winning book that captures the vibrant images and stories only found within Chinatown. *San Francisco's Chinatown* is available for purchase at the [Chinese Culture Center store](#), where all revenue from book sales will be donated to collaborating non-profit organizations. We will also raffle three free copies of the book to participants.

[Register Now](#)



Calling All Middle School Graphic Novel Fans

Are you in middle school and love reading graphic novels as much as we do? Join librarians Jenna and Michelle for our monthly [Middle School Graphic Novel Book Club](#) on Thursday, Jan. 21 at 4 PM. This month, we'll be discussing *Donner Dinner Party* by Nathan Hale, which is available in [print](#) or as an [eBook](#) from [Hoopla](#). We'll also leave plenty of time to discuss any of your favorite graphic novels or one that you've been reading.

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Get Your High School Diploma

We are currently seeking qualified residents to enroll in [Career Online High School](#), the free program for adults who have not yet completed high school and would like additional job training. Adult students earn an accredited high school diploma while gaining career skills in one of ten employment fields. The online curriculum is available 24/7 and an academic coach is available to help keep you on track. Start your journey to a diploma by reading our [blog](#). For additional information about the program, mark your calendars for our online event, [Tech Café: Career Online High School](#), on Wednesday, Feb. 10 at 5:30 PM.

[Learn More](#)



Fantasy Series to Take You Away

Do you like books that transport you to a new land with intricate world-building, breathtaking magic systems, and intriguing characters? Explore our [blog](#) to find out why we are fascinated with fantasy and how a good fantasy book can take a reader's imagination on a wild journey they won't forget. Our blog includes some great recommendations in multiple fantasy genres — such as steampunk, paranormal, epic, and urban — that you can check out using [Curbside Services](#).

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Explore More

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

Interactive Bilingual Storytime | 互動雙語故事時間

Friday, Jan. 15 • 10:30 AM

Join us for a fun storytime in both Mandarin and English. We'll sing songs, do fingerplays and read a great story together! 請跟我們用中英雙語一起唱歌、動動身體、讀很棒的故事書！

The Winning Resume With Employment Development Department

Tuesday, Jan. 19 • 9:00 AM

Learn more about the vital steps you can take to make your resume top notch. After attending this program, you'll be eligible to sign up for one-on-one resume help.

Walk and Talk Book Club

Tuesday, Jan. 19 • 10:00 AM

Join us for a virtual Walk and Talk Book Club. We mostly focus on reading fiction titles for adults, with the occasional nonfiction title here and there.

Interactive Storytime With Michelle

Tuesday, Jan 19 • 3:30 PM

Join Michelle for a silly, funny, song and dance-filled storytime. Hear your favorite songs and stories from the comfort of your own home in this interactive storytime for all ages.

Chinese Book Club | 中文讀書會

Wednesday, Jan. 20 • 4:00 PM

Join our virtual Chinese Book Club on Zoom! This month, we are reading *The Joy Luck Club* by Amy Tan. 歡迎參加我們的網上中文讀書會。這個月我們將討論舊金山當地作家譚恩美的《喜福會》。

Critter Tales

Wednesday, Jan. 20 • 4:00 PM

Do you have a reluctant reader? Our friends from the Peninsula Humane Society's Paws for Tales program are here to help! Sign your child up to have their own online read-aloud session with a therapy animal.

How to Apply for California State Jobs

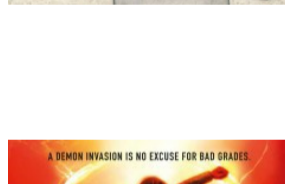
Thursday, Jan. 21 • 10:00 AM

Learn how to jump start your career and make a difference by working for the State of California, where you can work on programs vital to the economic growth of our state.

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Community Picks

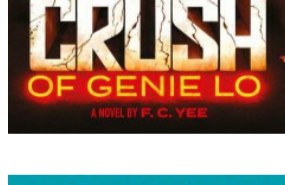
Our Community Picks' titles are available digitally through [online resources](#) or in print through [Curbside Services](#).



Children's Fiction: *La Princesa and the Pea* by Susan Middleton Elya, illustrated by Juana Martinez-Neal

A Peruvian twist on a classic fairy tale. *La Princesa* and the prince fall in love at first sight, but they must convince the prince's *mamá* that their marriage would be right. This bilingual book tells its fun story using rhymes and laughter, and without giving too much away, does end happily ever after.

Kenny, East Palo Alto Library



Young Adult Fiction: *The Epic Crush of Genie Lo* by F.C. Yee

Genie Lo doesn't only have to worry about perfect grades, finding the money for a good college, and keeping her estranged parents pleased. Now, she has to handle vicious *yaoguai* (demons) and an irritating exchange student who swears he is Sun Wukong.

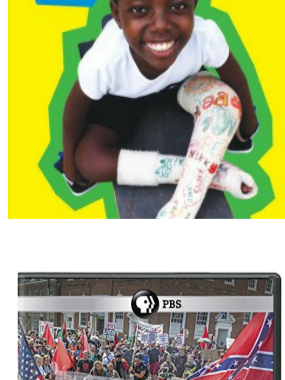
Jenna, Foster City Library



Adult Fiction: *The Hating Game* by Sally Thorne

A fun and charming story about two executive assistants who think they can't stand each other. The narrative of this romance is a fun journey from hate to love. Available on [Hoopla](#).

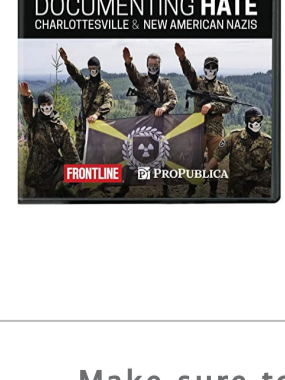
Elise, Millbrae Library



Children's Non-Fiction: *Her Own Two Feet* by Meredith Davis and Rebeka Uwitonze

Rebeka Uwitonze was born in Rwanda with arthrogryposis, which resulted in her having clubfeet. This is the amazing story of her experiences with procedures to correct her feet and her journey alone to America at the age of nine. For ages 8–12.

Angela, Pacifica Libraries



Streaming: *Documenting Hate - Charlottesville*

This film is the first of a two-part series from FRONTLINE and ProPublica that investigates and exposes the resurgence of white supremacists and Neo-Nazis involved in the 2017 Charlottesville rally. This film shows how some of those behind the racist violence went unpunished and continued to operate around the country. Available on [Kanopy](#).

Maureen, Half Moon Bay Library

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