



### Virtual Author Visits With Jennifer L. Holm

Sunday, Jan. 24 at 12:00 PM and 4:00 PM

Dear Community,

We invite you to join us along with *New York Times* bestseller and three-time Newberry Honors recipient Jennifer L. Holm for two virtual author visits for all ages this Sunday, Jan. 24. Holm, author of the popular series *Babymouse* and *Sunny Side up*, will join us at noon and 4:00 PM for live, interactive author events in partnership with the San Carlos Read-A-Thon.

Holm will read and discuss her beloved graphic novel series *Babymouse Sunday at noon* in an interactive event especially suitable for kindergarten through fourth graders. She'll join us again at 4:00 PM to discuss her newest out-of-this-world novel, *The Lion of Mars*, in a program particularly suited for students in fifth through eighth grades.

Register in advance for these exciting events and bring any questions you have for our esteemed guest. We'd like to thank the San Carlos Education Foundation and The Reading Bug for collaborating with us. Visit our Teacher and Student Resource page for more information on the many ways we are supporting education in San Mateo County.

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### Introducing Short Stories for Middle Schoolers

Middle school students are invited to join our new short story book club. This club will help students who are learning English as a second language by strengthening their overall literacy skills. We'll meet once a month to discuss a short story and have some fun! A limited number of free books will be available to those who pre-register. At our first meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 27 at 4:00 PM, we'll discuss *Look Both Ways* by Jason Reynolds.

### Presentamos Cuentos Cortos Para Estudiantes de Secundaria

Los estudiantes de secundaria están invitados a unirse a nuestro nuevo club de lectura de cuentos cortos. Este club ayudará a los estudiantes que están aprendiendo inglés como segundo idioma y fortaleciendo sus habilidades de literatura. ¡Nos reuniremos una vez al mes para hablar sobre un cuento corto y también para divertirnos! Habrá libros gratis disponibles para aquellos que se preinscriban, hasta agotar existencias. En nuestra primera reunión, hablaremos de *Look Both Ways* por Jason Reynolds el miércoles 27 de enero a las 4:00 PM.

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### Waltz Into Regency Romance

Are you looking to be swept off your feet with *Regency Romance*? Join Jessica and Elise as they dive into this fan-favorite genre on Wednesday, Jan. 27 at 6:00 PM. They'll discuss Regency Romance books you won't want to miss. We also want to hear your favorite recommendations. Let's add to our "to be read" list and uncover romance novels set during the British Regency that will make your heart skip a beat.

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### Traditions Behind Inauguration Day

Although we might think of Inauguration Day as being very structured, most of its traditions — from the parade to the swearing-in ceremony — have changed and evolved over time. Did you know that it was an unofficial tradition for many presidents-elect to wear a top hat for their inauguration? To discover more of the traditions and interesting history behind Inauguration Day, check out our latest blog.

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### Explore Artifacts From the Silk Road

Discover artifacts from ancient trade routes during our first art talk of 2021, *The Silk Road: Globalization in the Ancient World*, on Wednesday, Jan. 27 at 7:00 PM. At this free online art lecture, a docent from the Asian Art Museum of San Francisco will take us on a journey along the ancient trade routes that transmitted goods, technologies, and ideas across the Asian continent. By examining objects in the museum collection, we will gain a better appreciation of the innovation and objects carried thousands of years ago along the Silk Road.

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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 Musical Storytime With Angela and Ashley

Friday, Jan. 22 • 10:30 AM

Join Ashley and Angela for the online version of their popular Musical Storytime. Hear your favorite songs and stories from the comfort of your own home.

### Virtual Family Book Club for 1st and 2nd Grade

Friday, Jan. 22 • 4:30 PM

Children in the first or second grades and their grownups are invited to join this fun book club. This month, we will discuss *Kitty and the Moonlight Rescue*.

### LGBTQIA+ Book Club

Monday, Jan. 25 • 7:00 PM

This time club, intended for adults, is an ongoing discussion of queer literature. This month, we're reading the bold and wildly imaginative novel *The Tiger Flu*.

### Labor Market Information: Find Your Next Job

Tuesday, Jan. 26 • 10:00 AM

At our next career development event, we will provide job seekers the basics on how to effectively use Labor Market Information to find a job.

### Interactive Musical Storytime With Ashley

Tuesday, Jan. 26 • 3:30 PM

Join Ashley for stories and songs about imagination in this lively interactive storytime for all ages.

### Author Talk With Susie Yang

Monday, Feb. 8 • 7:00 PM

Join us for an exciting author talk with award-winning author Susie Yang. She will discuss her influences, themes, and the making of her newest novel, *White Ivy*.

Explore All Events

# Community Picks

Our Community Picks' titles are available digitally through online resources or in print through Curbside Services.

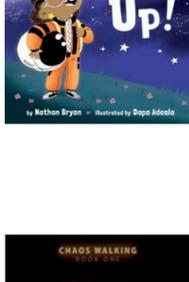


### Adult Non-Fiction: Gentleman Jack: The Real Anne Lister

by Anne Choma

Delve further into the world of Anne Lister with *Gentleman Jack* series creator Sally Wainwright and historian Anne Choma. This brief companion book contains excerpts from Anne Lister's extensive and detailed journals, from running the estate, scientific instruments, and her pursuit of love.

Jenna, Foster City Library

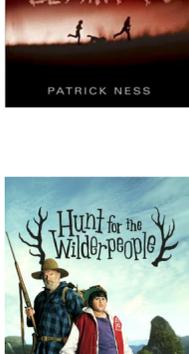


### Children's Fiction: Rocket Says Look Up!

by Nathan Bryon

Rocket is an aspiring astronaut whose role model is Mae Jemison, the first Black woman to travel into space. When Rocket finds out there will be a visible meteor shower, she goes around telling everyone in town to "look up!" This is a book highlighting curiosity and exploration, as well as a sweet story between two siblings.

Kenny, East Palo Alto Library



### Young Adult Fiction: The Knife of Never Letting Go

by Patrick Ness

On a space colony where all women have died of a disease, a young man named Todd discovers a young woman named Violet who just crashed, and they team up to survive. They go on an action-packed adventure through an alien world and discover that the colony's history is hiding a sinister secret. Great for fans of dystopian fiction.

Jessica, Pacifica Libraries



### Streaming: Hunt for the Wilderpeople

A national manhunt is ordered for a rebellious kid and his foster uncle who go missing in the New Zealand bush. This award-winning comedy is touching, funny, and exciting! Available on Kanopy.

Amy, Woodside Library



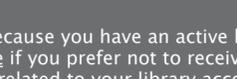
### Children's Non-Fiction: Seeing Stars

by Sara Gillingham

Each page of this book reveals a beautiful illustration of a new constellation, with a full description of how to find it in the sky along with the stories that surround it. This is a perfect book for any astronomy or mythology enthusiast!

Alice, Portola Valley and Woodside Libraries

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