



Dear Community,

Delve into *White Ivy*, a dark and twisty coming-of-age immigration story that's set for adaptation to be produced by Shonda Rhimes on Netflix, at our next [author talk event](#) with Susie Yang on Monday, Feb. 8 at 7:00 PM.

The novel stars Ivy Lin, Chinese-American anti-heroine, as she uses any method possible to secure her own glamorous American Dream, in the form of golden boy Gideon Speyer and his seemingly-perfect family. *White Ivy* is Yang's first novel and is a *New York Times* bestseller as well as a Today Show's [Read With Jenna](#) pick.

At this exciting discussion, Yang will be interviewed about her journey writing *White Ivy*, the influences and themes within the book, followed by an audience Q&A. Looking for a sneak peek about the themes — like class, race and identity — that make the novel so gripping? Check out this snippet:

She would never be able to make this plain, undeviating man understand that the most fragile inner parts of a woman were compiled from a million subtle looks and careless statements from others; this was identity.

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Become a Master Sourdough Maker

Our DIY Food Preservation programs with the UC Master Food Preservers are returning with a [three-part sourdough series](#) this February. Join us to learn how to create your own sourdough starter, build a levain, and make a dough from your levain. Register in advance for the first program on [Thursday, Feb. 11 at 4:00 PM](#). To master all the techniques and tips, we recommend attending all three parts of the series as they build off each other.

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Calling All Movie Lovers and Film Buffs

Introducing the High Low Movie Club, an entirely new take on community-created movie screenings bringing movie lovers together for both the best *and* worst in film. Our first screening is [Thursday, Feb. 11 at 8:00 PM](#) to watch *Birdemic: Shock and Terror*, filmed in Half Moon Bay and considered by many to be one of the best worst films of all time! We'll have the chat turned on for commentary and laughs. Read our [blog](#) for more information about the movie club and fun history about movies filmed around Half Moon Bay.

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Earn Your High School Diploma Online

We're excited to offer [Career Online High School](#), a free online program with courses available 24/7 for qualified adults to earn an accredited High School Diploma and Career Certificate. Want to know more? Join our knowledgeable staff virtually on [Wednesday, Feb. 10 at 5:30 PM](#) as they show you how the program works and how you can get started. There will be time for a Q&A with staff, so bring your questions and get ready to take the next step of your education journey.

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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 (English/Mandarin)

Friday, Feb. 5 • 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. 二月五日上午十點半至十一點十五分，請跟我們用中英雙語一起唱歌，動動身體，讀很棒的故事書！

ESL Book Club

Monday, Feb. 8 • 2:00 PM

Let's read books and learn English at the same time. Join other language learners in this virtual book club where we read together and discuss the text.

Labor Market Information

Tuesday, Feb. 9 • 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 Storytime With Michelle

Tuesday, Feb. 9 • 3:30 PM

Join Michelle to read books that celebrate [Black History Month](#) in this fun, interactive storytime for all ages.

Lit Lovers Book Club

Wednesday, Feb. 10 • 7:30 PM

Formerly known as Adult Book Club, this book club is for adults interested in reading a wide range of titles and genres. This month, we'll discuss [The Underground Railroad](#) by Colson Whitehead.

Cardmaking at Home

Friday, Feb. 12 • 4:00 PM

Join Jessica and Ashley for a virtual cardmaking workshop! You'll learn how to make a unique 3D card for any occasion using common household materials.

[Explore All Events](#)

Community Picks

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



Children's Fiction: [Why Do We Cry / ¿Por qué lloramos?](#) by Fran Pintadera

Why do we cry? Explore the many emotions that cause us to cry in this colorfully and imaginatively illustrated book. Calm and simple text describe how crying helps us to process our feelings and heal.

¿Por qué lloramos? Hay muchas emociones que nos sentimos al llorar, y en este cuento las exploramos. Con ilustraciones imaginativas y texto sencillo, el libro nos explica la importancia de llorar y cómo nos ayuda a procesar nuestros sentimientos y sanarnos.

Kelly, East Palo Alto Library



Young Adult Graphic Novel: [Twilight](#) by Stephanie Meyer

For fans of the classic *Twilight* series, don't miss out on the graphic novel adaptation! The beautiful illustrations and graphic novel format will hook you back into the beloved series that took pop culture by storm. I loved every minute of it, especially on a rainy day.

Elena, Brisbane Library



Adult Non-Fiction: [The Perfect Pie](#) by America's Test Kitchen

If every season is pie season, this book will provide methods as well as recipes to help build your pie skills. The tried and true methods of America's Test Kitchen provides easy-to-follow lessons and next favorite pie.

Theresa, San Carlos Library



Children's Fiction: [Roll With It](#) by Jamie Sumner

Follow 12-year-old Ellie, who has cerebral palsy, as she moves with her mother to a small town in Oklahoma to help care for her grandfather, who has Alzheimer's.

Michelle, Belmont Library



Movie Streaming: [Other People](#)

Don't let the cover fool you into thinking this is a romantic comedy. Jesse Plemons plays a gay comedy writer who returns to Sacramento to take care of his sick mother, played wonderfully by Molly Shannon, who won Best Supporting Female at the 2017 Film Independent Spirit Awards. The film also received nominations for Best Male Lead, Best First Screenplay, and Best First Feature. Available on [Kanopy](#).

Darren, Millbrae Library

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