



Dear Community,

At San Mateo County Libraries, we're all about igniting growth. And now we are growing *literally!* Join us in welcoming Fair Oaks Branch Library in Redwood City into our family of libraries. We will assume operational responsibility for the library, which will be renamed North Fair Oaks Library, on Monday, March 15 following a new cost-sharing agreement with Redwood City.

The transition will be seamless for patrons who will benefit from increased service hours and exciting new resources, programs, and opportunities for exploration. **Curbside Services** will be available Tuesdays through Saturdays from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM beginning Tuesday, March 16. Visit our [blog](#) for more information about accessing the new services and resources available to North Fair Oaks residents.

Querida comunidad,

En las Bibliotecas del Condado de San Mateo, se trata de fomentar el crecimiento. ¡Y ahora estamos creciendo literalmente! Acompáñanos a darle la bienvenida a Fair Oaks Branch Library en Redwood City a nuestra familia de bibliotecas. Asumiremos la responsabilidad operativa de la biblioteca, que pasará a llamarse Biblioteca de North Fair Oaks, el lunes 15 de marzo después de un nuevo acuerdo de reparto de costos con la Ciudad de Redwood City.

La transición será perfecta para los miembros de la comunidad quienes se beneficiarán de un aumento de las horas de servicio y nuevos recursos interesantes, programas y oportunidades de exploración. Los servicios de Ordena y Recoge estarán disponibles de martes a sábado de 11:00 AM a 4:00 PM a partir del martes 16 de marzo. Visite nuestro [blog](#) para obtener más información sobre cómo acceder a los nuevos servicios y recursos disponibles para los residentes de North Fair Oaks.

[Learn More / Aprende Más](#)



March Is for Making!

We love creativity, tinkering, and lifelong learning, which is why we've planned a jam-packed month of **maker events** for all ages to celebrate Make-It March! Read our [blog](#) to discover how you can be a maker with us and check out next week's programs below.

- Monday, Mar. 1 at 3:30 PM – **We've Got Chemistry!** Hands-on Science Workshop (Children & Families)
- Tuesday, Mar. 2 at 3:00 PM – **Doodling Is as Easy as A-B-C!** (All Ages)
- Tuesday, Mar. 2 at 5:00 PM – **Podcasting for Beginners Part I** (Teens & Adults)
- Thursday, Mar. 4, All Day – **March Forth! Take a Science Hike** (All Ages)
- Thursday, Mar. 4 at 6:00 PM – **Craft Circle: Let's Mend!** (Teens & Adults)

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Our **Tax Preparation Resources** are here to help you file your 2020 taxes. Visit this page to find important deadlines, forms, and free resources. If you prefer physical forms, use our **Print Anywhere** service to send documents to be printed at any of our **locations**. Some of our libraries have pre-printed tax forms available during **Curbside Service** — call our **Customer Care** at 1-833-YES-SMCL to check availability before you stop by.

[Learn More](#)



It's Improv Comedy Night at the Libraries

Whether you're an improv Jedi or have always wanted to give improv a try, let your creativity shine in a fun, supportive online environment on **Monday, March 1** and **Monday, March 8** at 5:00 PM. During these workshops for adults, we'll learn and practice the basics of short-form improv comedy using warm-ups and improv scenes to encourage us to trust our instincts and think on our feet. Space is limited, so please [register in advance](#).

[Register Now](#)



Rejuvenate Your Body and Spirit With Yoga

Yoga is a great way to relieve stress and increase your physical and mental strength. Join us for a series of online **yoga sessions** with a certified instructor each Thursday at 11:30 AM. Classes will alternate between Vinyasa Yoga, which focuses on rhythmic movements timed to the breath, and Gentle Chair Yoga, which is accessible to any level of health. In addition to live classes, anyone who **registers** will have access to the recording for up to two weeks.

[Register Now](#)

Explore More

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

High Low Movie Club

Thursday, Feb. 25 • 8:00 PM

Join freelance writer Neyat Yohannes for a virtual film screening of "The Watermelon Woman," the first feature-length narrative film written and directed by an out Black lesbian about Black lesbians.

Black History Month Celebration Storytime With Kelly and Kenny

Friday, Feb. 26 • 10:30 AM

Join Kelly and Kenny for a live interactive storytime celebrating **Black History Month** with stories and songs!

Virtual Family Book Club for 1st and 2nd Grade

Friday, Feb. 26 • 4:30 PM

Children in the first or second grade and their grownups are invited to join this fun book club! This month, we'll be discussing *Lulu and the Duck in the Park*.

The Winning Resume

Tuesday, Mar. 2 • 10:00 AM

Learn more about the vital steps you can take to make your resume top notch at our next [career development event](#).

Putting Joy First

Wednesday, Mar. 10 • 4:00 PM

Join us for the first of a four-session workshop hosted by Janet Stickmon to help you become more motivated, energized, and inspired!

LGBTQIA+ Book Club

Monday, Mar. 29 • 7:00 PM

This book club, intended for adults, is an ongoing discussion of queer literature. This month, we're reading the contemporary romance novel *Red, White & Royal Blue*.

[Explore All Events](#)

Community Picks

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



Children's Fiction: Ohana Means Family by Ilima Loomis

This beautifully illustrated book takes readers to Hawaii as a family prepares for a luau. Explore the rich landscapes while learning how native Hawaiians cultivate, harvest, and prepare the traditional food called poi, which is made from corms, the underground stems of the kalo plant, also known as taro.

Kelly, East Palo Alto Library



Young Adult Fiction: I Wish You All the Best by Mason Deaver

After coming out as nonbinary and being rejected by his parents, Ben leaves home to live with a sister while finishing the last year of high school. Ben's attempts to survive the year unnoticed are thwarted when Nathan decides to take Ben under his wing. As Ben and Nathan's friendship grows, their feelings for each other begin to change, and what started as a disastrous turn of events looks like it might just be a chance to start a happier new life.

Jessica, Pacifica Libraries



Adult Fiction: Emma: A Modern Retelling by Alexander McCall Smith

In his 21st century retelling of Jane Austen's *Emma*, McCall Smith sticks closely to the original plot, but allows multiple characters to tell the story, allowing the reader to engage more deeply with the events that are unfolding through the eyes of all of the characters.

Alice, Portola Valley and Woodside Libraries



Children's Fiction: The Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan

Follow the saga and origin of Percy Jackson, a 12-year-old boy who has trouble in school and a secret identity, on a series of amazing adventures and tense battles. I read this book four years ago and still remember not wanting it to end. This series is a must for children who love fantasy and adventure.

Anisha, Foster City Library Teen Volunteer



Movie Streaming: Bad Lieutenant: Port of Call New Orleans

If you appreciate an unthinned Nicolas Cage in lead roles and you haven't seen this Werner Herzog-directed mindbender, add it to your list right now. Although this 2009 film also follows a corrupt policeman, Herzog has said it wasn't meant to be a remake or sequel to the 1992 film, *Bad Lieutenant*, starring Harvey Keitel. For mature audiences and available on [Kanopy](#).

Darren, Millbrae Library

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



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