

Author Talk on Housing Equity With Richard Rothstein Monday, March 15 at 4 PM



Dear Community,

We are proud to launch a new Equity Author Series highlighting authors who write about equity in housing, immigration, education, and LGBTQIA+ issues. For the first event in this series, join our author talk on housing equity with Richard Rothstein, author of *The Color of Law*, on Monday, March 15 at 4:00 PM. The presentation will be introduced by our Governing Board member and East Palo Alto City Council member Regina Wallace-Jones.

*The Color of Law* is a groundbreaking and bestselling book that reveals the disturbing, misunderstood history of residential segregation in America. Rothstein's work counters a pervasive belief that racial segregation was caused by unscrupulous real estate agents and other individualized practices, and is instead the byproduct of explicit policies at all levels of government.

Register in advance to delve into the history of residential segregation during Rothstein's virtual author talk. Then, on Wednesday, March 24 at 6:00 PM, join us for a community conversation on equitable housing in San Mateo County with community organization Home for All. Free copies of *The Color of Law* will be available at all our libraries while supplies last during Curbside Services beginning Thursday, March 4.

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Celebrating 100,000 Smiles and Curbside Pickups

We launched Curbside Services nine months ago so that we could continue putting books into your hands. Recently, we surpassed 100,000 Curbside Services appointments! To the parents reading bedtime stories night after night, to the teens who can't put down their favorite manga series, to the children wanting to know if there is in fact a monster at the end of that book, and to everyone else who has used our Curbside Services — thank you for making San Mateo County Libraries a part of your lives.

Curbside Services



Social Justice Sewing Academy Workshops

We're partnering with Social Justice Sewing Academy to celebrate Women's History Month with a two-part workshop series. On Friday, March 5 at 6:00 PM, we'll discuss women's history, women in leadership, and ways to honor women in our lives and communities. Following this conversation, we'll provide Take and Make kits for participants to make quilt blocks that express passion, pride or concern regarding important social justice issues on Friday, March 19 at 6:00 PM.

Additional Make-It March Events: Explore our online maker programs for all ages as we make crafts, dog toys, podcasts, robots, and more during Make-It March! Kick off the month with our Craft Circle tonight, March 4 at 6:00 PM as we make the old new again through mending.

Register Now



Share Games and Laughter at Adult Game Night

Have you ever wanted to be on a game show? Come to Adult Game Night on Monday, March 15 at 7:00 PM to play party games like trivia, ad libs, joke writing, and more in a friendly online environment. You're invited to bring friends or play solo. We'll share rules and everything you need to know prior to the games, so no advanced preparation is necessary.

Register Now



How To Make Delicious Birthday Cookies

Whether you're celebrating a birthday or simply need an afternoon pick-me-up, birthday cookies are always a delicious treat. Explore our blog to watch a fun tutorial video on how to make Christina Tosi's birthday cookie recipe from her latest book, *Milk Bar: Kids Only*. Share your baking creations with us by tagging us on Instagram or Facebook — we'd love to see them!

Learn More

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 Ashley

Friday, March 5 • 10:30 AM

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

Interactive Interview Skills

Monday, March 8 • 10:00 AM

Boost your interview skills at this online workshop. Learn how to answer difficult questions and emphasize your achievements to effectively highlight yourself.

Improv Comedy for Adults

Monday, March 8 • 5:00 PM

Learn improv comedy in a fun, supporting environment. We'll laugh a lot together while using warm-ups and improv structures to think on our feet.

Take and Make Robot Sewable Circuits

Tuesday, March 9 • 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Stop by any of our libraries to pick up an electric circuit kit for ages 9 and up. The kit includes everything you'll need to sew a robot keychain with eyes that light up!

Putting Joy First

Wednesday, March 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.

Author Talk With Talia Lavin

Tuesday, March 23 • 6:00 PM

Hear Talia Lavin discuss her book about the dark web of white supremacy, *Culture Warlords*. Free copies of the book will be available while supplies last during Curbside Services beginning Thursday, March 11.

Explore All Events

Community Picks

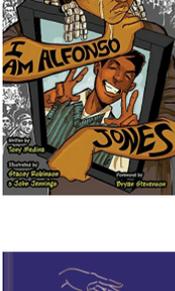
Our Community Picks' titles are available digitally through online resources or in print through Curbside Services.



Children's Fiction: Facts Vs. Opinions Vs. Robots by Michael Rex

A picture book for all ages! Rex's adorable robots navigate the reader through the basics of understanding the difference between facts and opinions with hilarious examples. It's a fun and informative read that's easy for younger kids to understand and for older kids to enjoy, too!

Deidre, San Carlos Library



Young Adult Graphic Novel: I Am Alfonso Jones by Tony Medina

This graphic novel focuses on a fictional character named Alfonso Jones, an Africa American teenager who is shot and killed by the police for carrying a hanger that was mistaken for a gun. Jones's story relates to a lot of the unjustifiable events taking place today. It was a quick read with amazing illustrations.

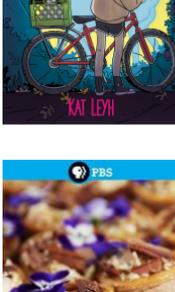
Elena, Brisbane Library



Adult Non-Fiction: The Astrological Grimoire by Beatrix Gravesguard and Shewolfie

An invitation to self-discovery, this is a digestible, contemporary guide to understanding one's birth chart and the impact of astrological signs. This beautifully-designed book was written by San Francisco based authors.

Kelly, East Palo Alto Library



Children's Graphic Novel: Snapdragon by Kat Leyh

When Snap rescues a family of baby opossums, she asks the town witch, Jacks, for help caring for them. As Snap starts to get to know Jacks, she realizes that Jacks may have a connection with Snap's family past. Explore colorful comic book art and a heartwarming story of finding inner strength and acceptance.

Jessica, Pacifica Libraries

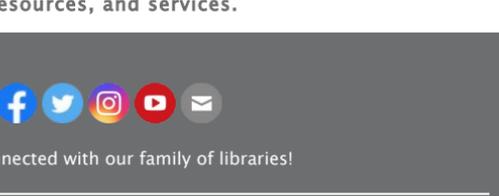


Movie Streaming: The Great British Baking Show

Each week, the bakers tackle a different skill, the difficulty of which increases as the competition unfolds. Every episode will leave your mouth watering! Available on Hoopla.

Amy, Woodside Library

We're Hiring Summer Interns!



Make sure to follow our blogs for updates on new events, resources, and services.



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