



Dear Community,

Journey into the dark web of white supremacy with journalist Talia Lavin during our next virtual author talk on **Tuesday, March 23 at 6:00 PM**. Lavin will join us to discuss *Culture Warlords*, her undercover exposé of the online hate movement. To write this must-read book, Lavin left behind her own identity to infiltrate online hate circles while exposing how racism proliferates online. Lavin will be introduced by our Governing Board member and Belmont City Council member Charles Stone.

**Register** in advance to meet Lavin and learn about the experiences that shaped her startling portrait of modern intolerance in *Culture Warlords*. A limited number of copies of the book are available for free while supplies last during **Curbside Services** at our **available locations**. For those who wish to purchase a copy of the book, you can do so through the **Foundation for San Mateo County Libraries** and a portion of the proceeds will benefit the Foundation.

[Learn More](#)



### Everyone Is a Maker During Make-it March!

There is plenty of time left to celebrate **Make-It March** through making and creating during virtual programs and other self-guided activities. Make-It March STEAM activities, like this week's **Take and Make robot kit**, were made possible through a sponsorship from Genentech. Read our **blog** to learn more about this exciting partnership.

#### Upcoming Make-It March Events:

- **Build It!** – Tuesday, March 16 at 3:30 PM
- **Podcasting for Beginners: Editing** – Tuesday, March 16 at 5:00 PM
- **Draw It! With Wahab Algarmi** – Thursday, March 18 at 3:30 PM

[Make-it March Events](#)



### Unpack Housing Equity With Richard Rothstein

Meet Richard Rothstein, author of the best-selling novel *The Color of Law*, this **Monday, March 15 at 4:00 PM** during a virtual author talk on housing equity. Rothstein will be introduced by our Governing Board member and East Palo Alto City Council member Regina Wallace-Jones. **Register** in advance for this discussion, the first in our Equity Author Series that will highlight authors who write about equity issues. Join us again on **Wednesday, March 24 at 6:00 PM** for a community conversation on equitable housing in San Mateo County moderated by Peninsula Conflict Resource Center with a presentation by Home For All.

[Register Now](#)



### Meet Young Adult Novelists at YANovCon!

The sixth **Young Adult Novelist Convention** (#YANovCon) is next Saturday, March 20! This year's virtual convention includes two live panel discussions with award-winning YA novelists Natasha Díaz, Patrick Flores-Scott, I.W. Gregorio, Leah Johnson, Gretchen McNeil, and Katy Rose Pool. **Register** for either panel session to connect with our guest novelists. Additionally, submissions for our **Teen Short Story Contest**, open to 6–12 graders, is open through Monday, April 12.

[Learn More](#)



### Join Us for Online Game Night

You're invited to our online **Adult Game Night** on **Monday, March 15 at 7:00 PM!** Join us to play well-known party games like trivia, ad libs, joke writing, and more in a friendly online environment. You can 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](#)

# Explore More

Explore, learn, and connect at our **virtual library programs!** For more programs, check our monthly events calendar available in **English, Spanish, and Chinese.**

#### High Low Movie Club

**Thursday, Mar. 11 • 8:00 PM**

Gather virtually with fellow movie lovers to comment on the best and not-so-best films. This week, we present the infamous "Death Bed: The Bed That Eats."

#### Hora de Cuentos Bilingüe con Kenny y Kelly / Bilingual Storytime with Kenny and Kelly

**Viernes 12 de marzo • 10:30 AM / Friday, Mar. 12 • 10:30 AM**

Únate a Kenny y Kelly para escuchar cuentos, canciones y más en inglés y español. Join Kenny and Kelly for stories, songs, and more in English and Spanish.

#### ESL Book Club

**Monday, Mar. 15 • 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.

#### Critter Tales

**Wednesday, Mar. 17 • 4:00 PM**

Do you have a reluctant reader or one that needs some extra practice? **Sign them up** to have their own online read-aloud session with a therapy animal.

#### Gentle Chair Yoga

**Thursday, Mar. 18 • 11:30 AM**

Join certified instructors for a yoga session that uses a chair as a prop for support (standing or seated). We'll focus on relieving stress and rejuvenating your body.

#### Middle School Graphic Novel Book Club

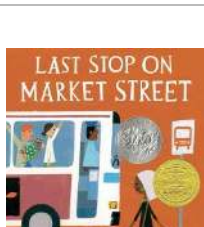
**Thursday, Mar. 18 • 4:00 PM**

Join librarians Jenna and Michelle for our monthly Graphic Novel Book Club! This month, we'll discuss *Snapdragon*.

[Explore All Events](#)

# Community Picks

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



#### Children's Fiction: **Last Stop on Market Street** by Matt de la Peña

A beautifully-illustrated story about CJ and his Nana traveling through their diverse and busy city on a public bus. CJ learns to see the world around him not just by using his eyes, but by using his heart.

*Kenny, East Palo Alto Library*



#### Young Adult Graphic Novel: **Heartstopper** by Alice Oseman

When shy and sensitive Charlie Spring sits next to rugby player Nick Nelson in class one morning, a warm and intimate friendship follows that soon develops into something more.

*Jessica, Pacifica Libraries*



#### Adult Nonfiction: **She Came to Slay** by Erica Armstrong Dunbar

Written by a historian, learn more about the life and times of Harriet Tubman, the famous activist and architect of the Underground Railroad. The illustrations are beautiful while the text is accessible and informative. I learned so many new facts about Harriet that I did not know before.

*Elena, Brisbane Library*



#### Children's Nonfiction: **Plastic** by Eun Ju Kim

It's hard to imagine a world without plastic, but do you know how and when the first plastics were made or what happens after plastic gets recycled? Explore the world of plastic with clear illustrations and text. Readers of all ages are sure to learn something new!

*Kelly, East Palo Alto Library*

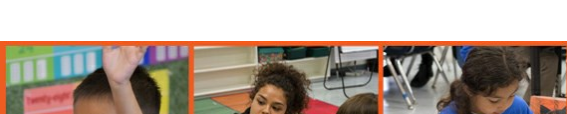
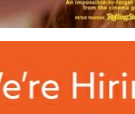


#### Movie Streaming: **Eighth Grade**

Thirteen-year-old Kayla (Elsie Fisher) endures the tidal wave of contemporary suburban adolescence as she makes her way through the last week of middle school — the end of her thus far disastrous eighth grade year — before she begins high school. Available on **Kanopy**.

*Amy, Woodside Library*

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