



**MEMORANDUM**

Library Services Department

**DATE:** September 20, 2021

**TO:** Board of Library Trustees

**FROM:** Tracy Gray, Library Services Director  
Laura Burch, Analyst

**SUBJECT:** Library Services Director's Report

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**STAFF UPDATES**

The Library welcomed James Guernsey in August as a Library Assistant in Adult and Digital Services. The Department has also added several new hourly employees across the divisions to provide additional desk coverage for the expansion to regular operating hours.

The Library is currently in the process of recruiting for two Senior Librarian positions to work in Adult and Digital Services as well as the Youth and Outreach Services divisions.

**LIBRARY REOPENING**

The Library resumed regular operating hours on Tuesday, September 7. The building is now open to the public Monday-Thursday from 10 a.m. -9 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Sunday from 1 - 5 p.m.

The Library also started the first the first in-person programming to take place since before the start of the pandemic in March 2020. Weekly storytimes in Pioneer Park started on Tuesday, September 7 and will occur each week through October 12.



## FACILITY UPDATES

The Library’s Teen Zone reopened to the public on Monday, August 30 after the completion of the refresh project to update the space. The Teen Zone was the last area of the Library that wasn’t updated during the 2018 remodeling project.

The Teen Zone and first floor holds area received a fresh coat of paint and new carpeting. The existing shelving was reconfigured and new shelving was added to provide additional room for the teen book collection to spread out and grow. Comfortable seating and adjustable tables provide multifunctional use and the space is now more well defined to provide ample room for teens to hangout and study at the Library.





## VIRTUAL PROGRAMMING

### *Past Programs*

The Library hosted a lecture on the Ancient Mediterranean World with Sanford Holst, one of the world's leading authorities on the Phoenicians and their interactions with other societies in the ancient Mediterranean.

On Friday, August 27 we held an online tools for job seekers where attendees were presented with tips, tricks and best practices. Topics included searching, resume and interview assistance, and skill building resources.

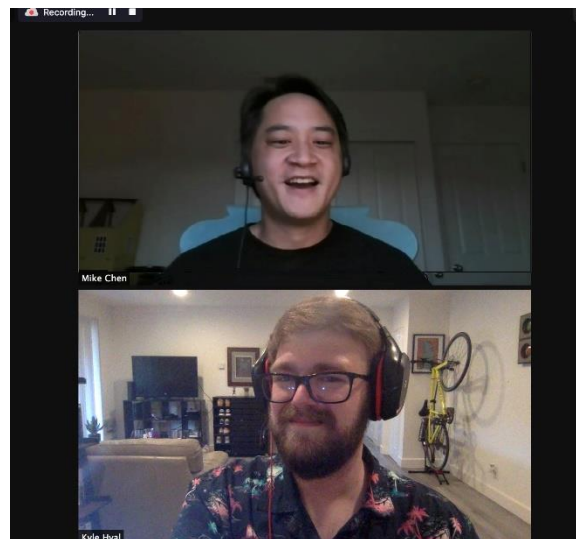
Author Charlie Jane Anders joined us for an author talk on Wednesday, August 25 to discuss her new nonfiction book, *Never Say You Can't Survive*.

On Friday, August 27 the Youth Services group hosted the very first in-person program of the year with a special storytime at Deer Hollow Farm. Ms. Alex, Ms. Renee and assorted animal friends read books, sang songs and said rhymes.



Adult and Digital Services hosted the Master Gardeners for a presentation on Home Gardening and Landscaping in a Drought Year. Jeff Jenks provided important information on how to reduce water usage, redesign your landscape, and what and when to prune.

The annual Sci-Fi September series kicked off on Monday, September 13 with an author talk from Mike Chen. Chen, a critically acclaimed Bay Area novelist, discussed his latest novel, *We Could Be Heroes*.



Dr. David Weill discussed his new book *Exhale*, a memoir about his ten years spent directing the lung transplant program at Stanford, the life-and-death situations he faced and his ultimate decision to step away from it all.

Adult librarian Candace presented a walk down Mountain View’s historic main street with “Local History: Castro Street Then and Now.” Candace provided interesting facts about downtown with a backdrop of historic photos from our archives.

Jose Benavides, the Project Manager of the NASA International Space Station Astrobee Facility project, discussed the new free-flying robotics system called “Astrobee.” Astrobee will help astronauts reduce time they spend on routine duties, leaving them more time to focus on the things that only humans can do.

### *Upcoming Programs*

#### Sci-Fi September

- Wednesday, September 22 – [Virtual Sci-Fi Trivia Night](#)
- Saturday, September 25 – [The Rise and Fall of the Dinosaurs](#)
- Monday, September 27 – [Adult Book Club – The Space Between Worlds by Micaiah Johnson](#)
- Thursday, September 30 – [Author Talk with Marjorie Liu](#)

#### Other Programs

- Tuesday, September 28 – [The Entrepreneur Mindset – Strategies for Success with Jerome Dees](#)
- Wednesday, September 29 – [In Conversation with Author Joanna Ho](#)
- Tuesday, October 12 – [Science Comics Author Jason Viola](#)