



MEMORANDUM

Library Services Department

DATE: December 13, 2021

TO: Board of Library Trustees

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

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

FY 2022-23 BUDGET

The budget planning process is underway for the upcoming fiscal year. The Library is working on requests that will help enhance services over the coming years. Items include limited term funding for more eBooks, additional staffing, cost increases for existing library subscriptions, and building enhancements.

NEW SKILL BUILDING RESOURCES

The California State Library recently announced the award of a \$4.366 million American Rescue Plan Act grant to provide libraries across the state access to online job training, skill building, academic and vocational exam prep, and professional development in multiple languages and for a variety of skill levels.

Through this program, individuals in Mountain View can access Coursera, GetSetUp, LinkedIn Learning, Northstar, and Skillshare. These online resources expand the digital workforce platform offerings at Mountain View Public Library and allow patrons to walk into the library (or visit the website), participate in online classes, take practice exams, learn new skills, and more, all for free.

Resources are available at: MountainView.gov/SkillBuilding

This project was made possible in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), the primary source of federal support for the nation's libraries and museums.

IMLS advances, supports, and empowers America's museums, libraries, and related organizations through grantmaking, research, and policy development.

COMMUNITY TREE LIGHTING

Librarians Renee and Alex had a jolly time sharing holiday stories, songs and rhymes with families at the Community Tree Lighting with Mrs. Claus' and Friends Reading Corner. There were two storytime sessions for families during the event with about 40 people at each. Children enjoyed singing holiday favorites like Jingle Bells while helping to jingle actual bells!



UNITED AGAINST HATE WEEK

Mountain View Public Library participated in [United Against Hate Week](#) Nov. 14-20. United Against Hate Week is a call for local civic action by people in every Bay Area community to stop the hate and implicit biases that are a dangerous threat to the safety

and civility of our neighborhoods, towns and cities. The Library will be hosted programs and highlighted stories about this theme:

- A virtual Bystander Intervention Training led by the Council on American-Islamic Relations. Registration required.
- Uniting Our Community Outdoor Storytime in Pioneer Park for ages 3-5.
- United Against Hate book lists for [children](#), [teens](#) and [adults](#).

LIBRARY OUTREACH

Library staff joined the team from the Recreation division for this year's Monster Bash in Rengstorff Park. Staff shared information about the Library and upcoming programs.



AUTHOR ELENA LOPEZ

Board of Library Trustees members, Elena Lopez, has co-authored a book titled [A Librarian's Guide to Engaging Families in Learning](#). The book was recently published and will be available soon in the Library's catalog.

"A Librarian's Guide to Engaging Families in Learning will inspire libraries and librarians to innovate and promote family learning from a child's earliest years through adolescence. By bringing together research and practice, it will deepen librarians'

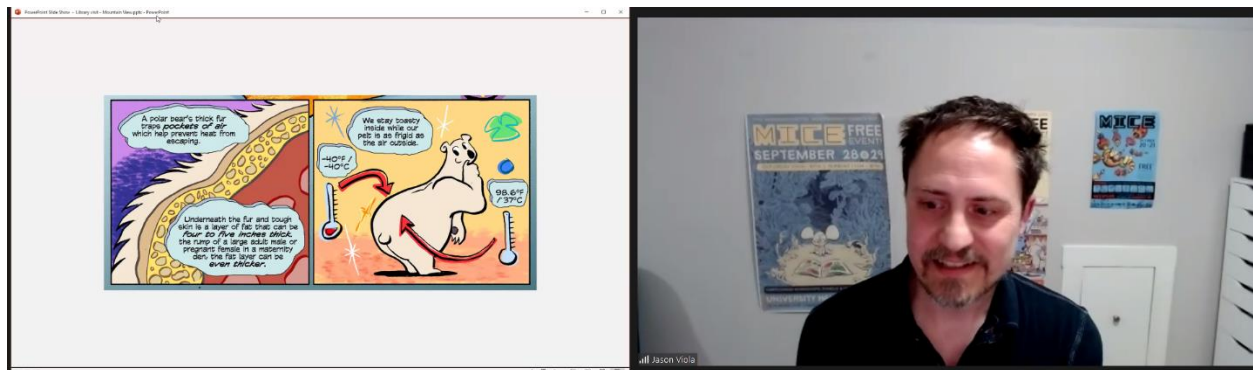
understanding of families' role in education and help them to learn new ways to build positive and trusting family partnerships that honor diverse cultures and languages, as well as to develop leadership for community impact.

Written by thought leaders in the fields of family engagement and library science, each of the three main sections of the book begins with a framework followed by case studies illustrating key concepts of the framework. Cases are followed by reflections from practicing librarians. All chapters focus on practical family engagement in the social infrastructure, lifelong learning, and diversity and social justice."

LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Past Programs

Graphic novel author Jason Viola led a fun and interactive behind-the-scenes look at how his *Science Comics* series is made.



Sustainable chef Anne-Marie Bonneau shared recipes and tips for reducing trash while still satisfying your taste buds in the kitchen.

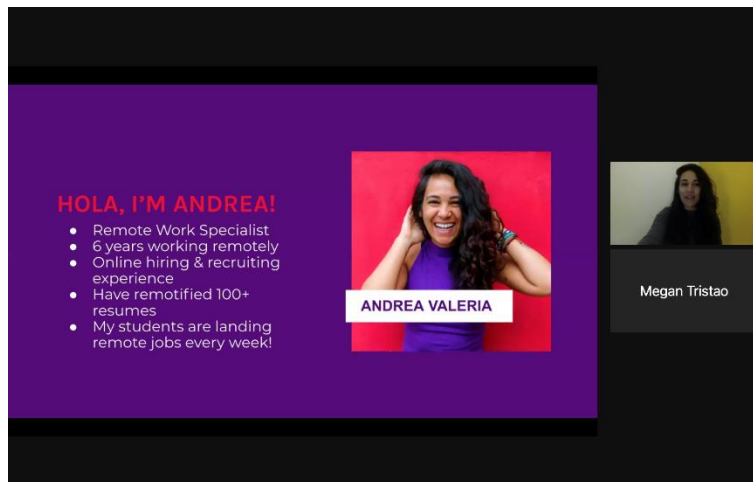
Filmmakers Tom Capps, Phil Russell and Janelle Tedesco pulled back the curtain on Oct. 25 to reveal some tricks and secrets behind how movies are made.

The Library celebrated Day of the Dead/ Día de Los Muertos on Nov. 1 with a virtual program for tweens. Participants learned about Day of the Dead and then decorated balloon skulls while festive music played in the background.

Matt de la Peña joined the Library for a virtual author talk where he spoke about his journey from reluctant reader to author and shared his thoughts on the power of education.



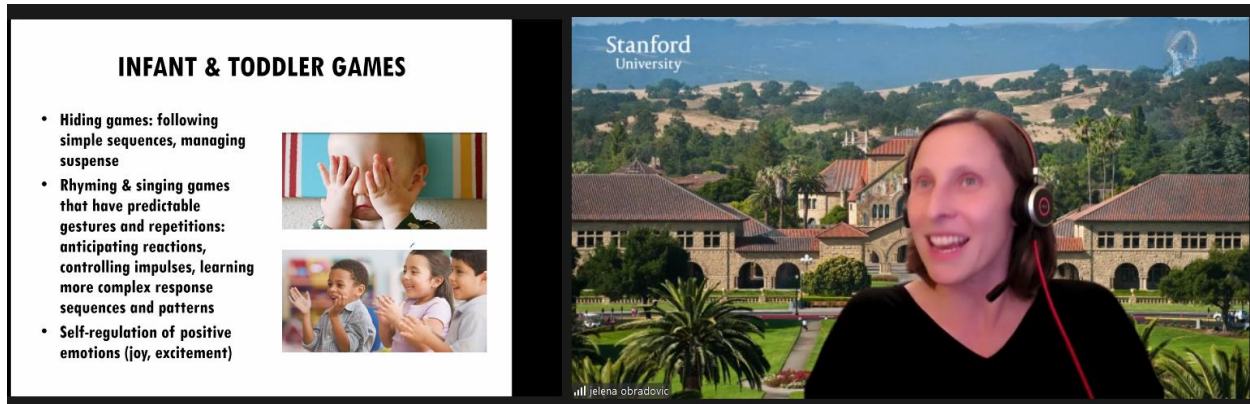
On Nov. 2 the Library hosted “How to Land a Remote Job” with Andrea Valeria who gave tips on landing a permanent work from home opportunity.



On Nov. 3 the Library welcomed Dr. Jelena Obradovic from the Stanford Graduate School of Education & Director of the Stanford Project on Adaptation and Resilience in Kids. Dr. Obradovic shared information about how parents can encourage their children's development in key skills such as self-regulation and independence in childhood, especially as related to their school experiences.

INFANT & TODDLER GAMES

- Hiding games: following simple sequences, managing suspense
- Rhyming & singing games that have predictable gestures and repetitions: anticipating reactions, controlling impulses, learning more complex response sequences and patterns
- Self-regulation of positive emotions (joy, excitement)



The image is a composite. On the right, a woman with a headset is speaking. The background behind her is a Stanford University campus scene with a building and hills. On the left, there is a white box with the title 'INFANT & TODDLER GAMES' and a bulleted list of activities. Below the text are two small photographs: the top one shows a child's hands covering their eyes, and the bottom one shows three children clapping and smiling.

The Dave Rocha Jazz Group gave a live performance in Pioneer Park on Nov. 6 that was attended by a socially distanced crowd of over 120.



The final outdoor storytime in Pioneer Park took place on Tuesday, Nov. 9. The fall storytime series was a success with over 200 participants coming out each week to see Children's librarians Alex and Renee lead songs, stories and dancing.



Brad Hamada, a CFE Certified Financial Educator®, gave a virtual presentation on developing good money habits to people help save and create new revenue sources.

The Winter Reading Book Club met in mid-November to discuss recent reads and get recommendations for new books.

Adult & Virtual Services hosted Manga Mania with Karen Luk. Participants grabbed their pencils and learned about drawing manga style faces.

Staff from the Museum of Bad Art provided a presentation examining paintings from their collection, which includes efforts to capture (or try to capture) the likeness of favorite entertainers, politicians, or historic figures.



Local award-winning journalist Masha Rumer presented Parenting with an Accent. She shared her research and how it merges real stories and on-the ground reporting about multicultural parenting.

Upcoming Programs

Programs will resume after the holidays in January 2022.