



MEMORANDUM

Library Services Department

DATE: February 22, 2021

TO: Library Board of Trustees

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

SUBJECT: Library Services Director's Report

LIBRARY SERVICES DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

CCTV PROJECT

The closed circuit TV system in the Library will be upgraded as part of a larger City project. The project will be led by the Police Department and IT, with new cameras being installed at the Library to provide additional security for the building. Cameras will be placed at entrances and exits, in the surface parking lot and garage, and one on the second floor main area.

TEEN AREA & NEW BOOK AREA SHELVING PROJECT

The Library is planning to use remaining funds from the 2018 remodel to spruce up the last untouched space in the building. The first floor new book area and teen zone will receive new carpeting along with reconfigured and expanded shelving for materials. The new adult books will be relocated upstairs, which will give the teen collection more space to grow. The updates will also eliminate the spinning racks that held the teen paperback books and allow for seating in front of the windows facing the park.

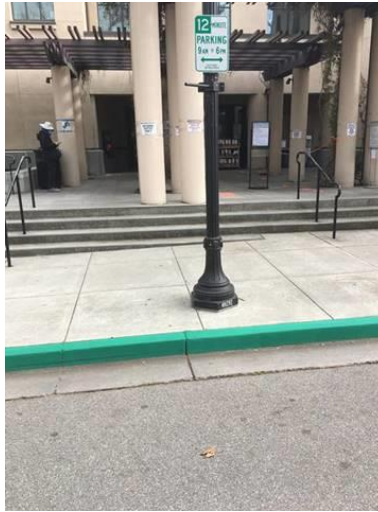
STUDENT CONNECT CARD

The Library is working on finalizing an agreement with the Mountain View Los Altos High School District to provide all students with a Student Connect Card. The Student Connect Cards will grant the students access to all of the Library's virtual services. The

agreement will further strengthen the connection between the Library and MVLA while also promoting lifelong learning and literacy.

FACILITIES UPDATE

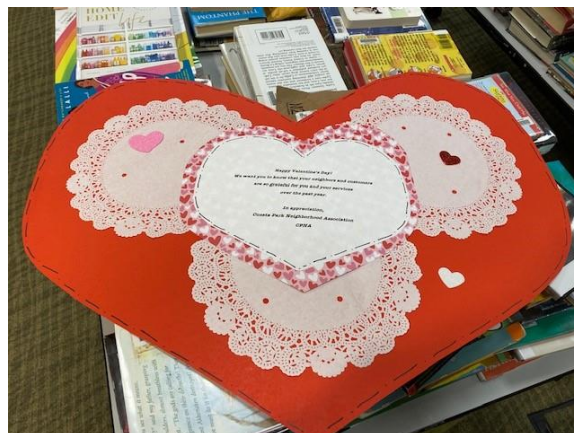
The curbside in front of the Library's Franklin Street entrance has been changed from a 5-minute parking limit to a 12-minute parking limit. This increase will provide customers with more time to make a quick pick-up at the building.



CUSTOMER APPRECIATION

The Library received a thoughtful valentine card from the Cuesta Park Neighborhood Association before the holiday. The card reads:

"Happy Valentine's Day! We want you to know that your neighbors and customers are so grateful for you and your services over the past year. In appreciation, Cuesta Park Neighborhood Association (CPNA)."



VIRTUAL PROGRAMMING

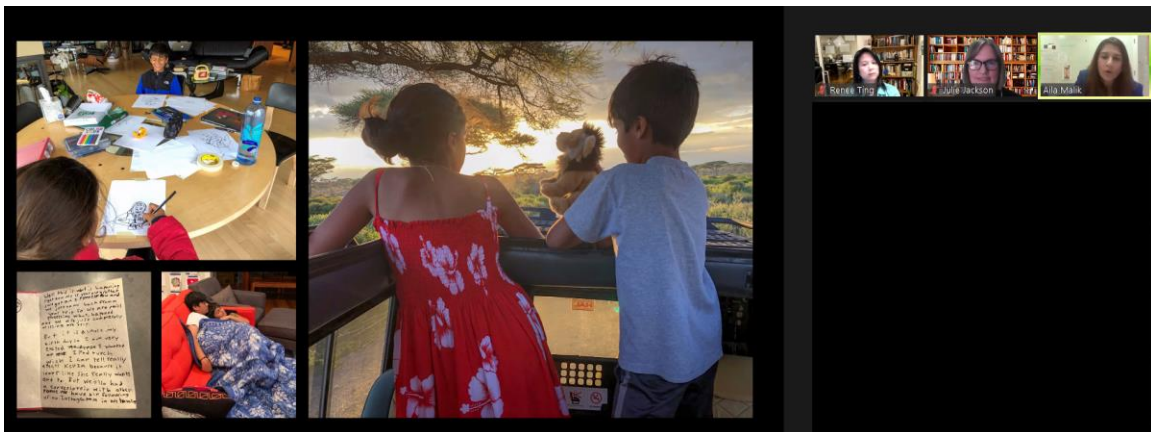
Upcoming Programs

Adult Services will be hosting Ohlone, Orchards, and Office Buildings: A Brief History of Mountain View on Tuesday, March 9. This program will provide an overview of the City's history featuring vintage photographs from the Library's local history collection.

The next program in the Parenting series will be held on Wednesday, March 10. Developing Social Skills in Children While Social Distancing will teach parents ways to develop social skills in preschool and elementary children during COVID-19.

Past Programs

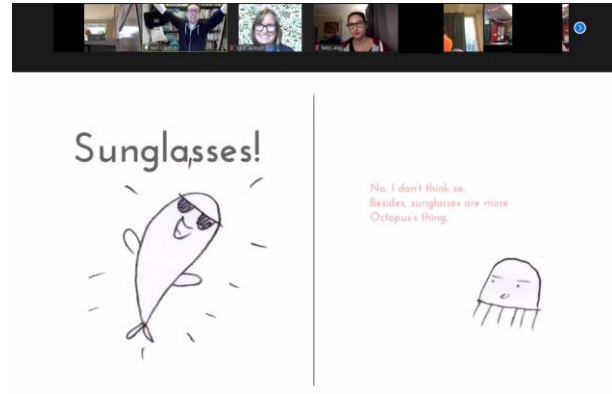
Aila Malik presented the parenting program, Raising Kindness and Awareness in Children, on Wednesday, January 20. Aila is a Mountain View resident, author, and parent activist who has dedicated over 20 years to supporting and educating youth in the local community. The 30 attendees were gifted Malik's recent publication, "Mommy Am I American" which customers picked up post program via Grab & Go.



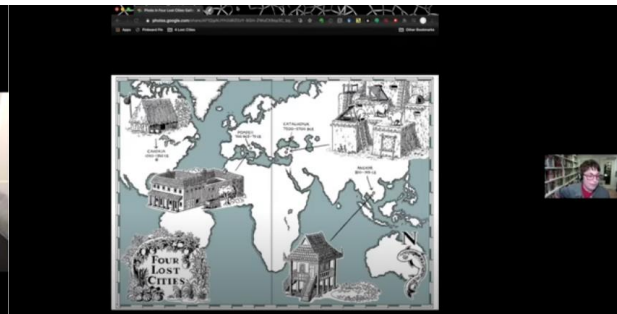
Youth Services hosted children's author Ben Clanton, the author of *Narwhal & Jelly*, on Monday, February 8. The author talked about his books and drawing with a virtual crowd of 165 people. Staff have been receiving positive feedback from program attendees, including this comment about Ben Clanton:

"Thank you for a wonderful event this afternoon! My reluctant writer loved drawing with one of his favorite author/illustrators. I don't think this was an event we would have attended in person. Getting places after school can be so hard, and big events can be impersonal. Drawing

with Ben at our kitchen table this afternoon though was a great way to spend an afternoon. Thank you!!"



Adult Services held an author talk with Annalee Newitz on Tuesday, February 9. Annalee discussed their new history book, *Four Lost Cities: A Secret History of the Urban Age*.



Children's Services, in partnership with the Community Health Awareness Council, held an evening Valentine's Day Celebration on February 12 that drew over 180 participants. Matt Fernald, a local musician and educator performed songs in English, Spanish and Mandarin. The music was followed by storytime, art projects, family food preparation and snack time.

