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TO: Library Board of Trustees

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SUBJECT: Library Director's Report

BOOKMOBILE RELAUNCH

The Library's Bookmobile service will be relaunching on Wednesday, October 12. The existing Bookmobile will continue to be in service as the Library waits on the new vehicle ordered at the end of Fiscal Year 2021-22.

At the time of services restarting, the Bookmobile will venture out into the community on Wednesdays and Thursdays, making two stops each day.

- Google-Crittenden—weekly
- Sunset Estates—weekly
- Mountain View Senior Center—biweekly
- Castro and Mistral Schools—biweekly
- Amy Imai Elementary School—monthly
- Jose Vargas Elementary School—monthly
- Monta Loma Elementary School—monthly
- Benjamin Bubb Elementary School—monthly

More information about Bookmobile operations, including more detailed stop information, can be found on the Library's [bookmobile page](#).

ELEVATE MV

The City of Mountain View officially launched the Elevate MV pilot program in September. The initiative of the City Council will provide 166 qualified Mountain View residents with a guaranteed basic income of \$500 per month for 24 months. The Library served as one of several support centers/application hubs to assist residents with submitting their application for the program. The Library provided space on Friday and Saturday for two consecutive weekends for the assistance. One hundred twenty (120) people received help applying in the first weekend of assistance, and 18 people came to the site the second weekend. The children's Librarians

provided a kids' table with coloring sheets, stickers, and books to help entertain kids while their parents received assistance.



24/7 ONLINE TUTORING

On September 12, Governor Gavin Newsom announced that every Californian can now access free online tutoring available 24/7 through a new initiative offering homework help in every K-12 subject and skill-building resources for adult learners. One-on-one tutoring assistance can be accessed through the Library's website at MountainView.gov/BrainfuseHelpNow.

The pilot program led by the California State Library offers assistance in math, language arts, and other core K-12 subjects in English, Spanish, Mandarin, Cantonese, Vietnamese, and Tagalog. There is no age limit to who can use the service. Adult learners can also access writing assistance, citizenship resources, and other tools.

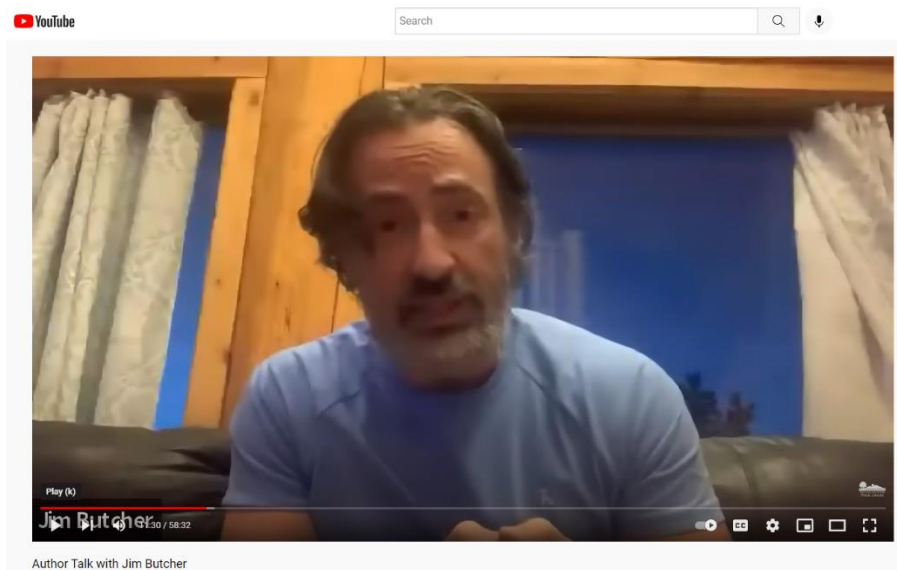
SAINT FRANCIS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT CONNECT CARDS

The Mountain View Public Library has partnered with Saint Francis High School (SFHS) to provide Student Connect Cards to all students in the school. With the Student Connect Cards, students will have access to the Library's digital resources, including e-books, e-audiobooks, online tutoring, and other informational databases. The Library created 2,139 cards for SFHS this fall. The partnership with SFHS expands upon the program established last school year with the Mountain View Los Altos Union High School District.

SCI-FI SEPTEMBER

The Library hosted another successful year of Sci-Fi September programming. Adult Services Librarian Kyle Hval planned a full slate of activities throughout the month on topics related to science fiction and the real science that inspires it.

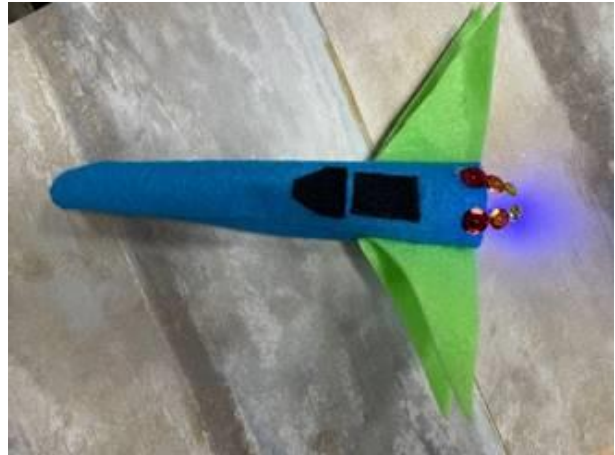
The keynote event for the month was an author talk with *New York Times* best-selling author of the *Dresden Files* and *Codex Alera* series Jim Butcher. Kyle moderated the discussion based on audience questions about his books, writing process, inspiration, past TV series, and more. A total of 193 people tuned in live from across the country to watch the discussion and submit questions. The talk was recorded and posted on the [Library's YouTube page](#) for anyone to view. The video has over 4,400 views and 223 likes since it was posted on September 17. Jim was a delight to talk to, and the Library received a great deal of positive feedback from the audience in the chat.



Hugo Award-winning science fiction author Becky Chambers discussed her writing process and her latest novella, *A Prayer for the Crown-Shy*, with a crowd of 35. This program was sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library.

Paleontologist, professor, and best-selling author Steve Brusatte discussed his latest book, *The Rise and Reign of the Mammals*. Fourteen (14) people attended this author talk sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library.

The monthly adult craft night went sci-fi with a “build your own spaceship” project. A group of nine used fabric scraps, LED lights, and other supplies to build their own interstellar creations. This program was sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library.



Heath D. Smith, a research scientist at KIPR in the Space Sciences and Astrobiology division at NASA Ames Research Center, joined the Library for a presentation. This in-person program was attended by a group of 12 that learned about the ocean worlds found on other planets, moons, and even comets around the solar system.

Illustrator Karen Luk presented an interactive workshop on creating fantastical beasts and imagined monsters for a virtual group of nine attendees. This program was sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library.

The Library welcomed back professional Celtic and Medieval music duo Margaret and Kristoph for a performance of original musical settings of songs from J.R.R. Tolkien's *Lord of the Rings* and *The Hobbit*. Nineteen (19) people turned out to watch the in-person performance.



Author Annalee Newitz returned to the Library to discuss their writing process, science journalism, and their new novel, *The Terraformers*. Nineteen (19) people attended this virtual presentation.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS FAIR

The Library participated in Assemblymember Marc Berman's Family Health and Wellness Fair in Mountain View on Saturday, September 24. There were nearly 1,000 attendees from the community that came by to speak with local exhibitors. Library staff spoke to community members about all the free services provided by the Library and presented a storytime for those in attendance.



CUSTOMER FEEDBACK

The Library received a comment card from a community member who loves the bike repair station and monthly drop-in bike clinic.

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Your questions, comments and suggestions help us to provide better service at the City of Mountain View Library.

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HALLOWEEN AT THE LIBRARY

The Library will be bringing back kids' Halloween treating this year for the first time since 2019. The staff at all the service desks will give out goodies, such as pencils and stickers. Kids can walk around the building and visit all the desks, including the Friends' Lobby Shop. The event will take place on Monday, October 31, following the special Halloween Bilingual Storytime, which ends at 11:00 a.m. Staff can dress up in costumes to help make the event even more festive.

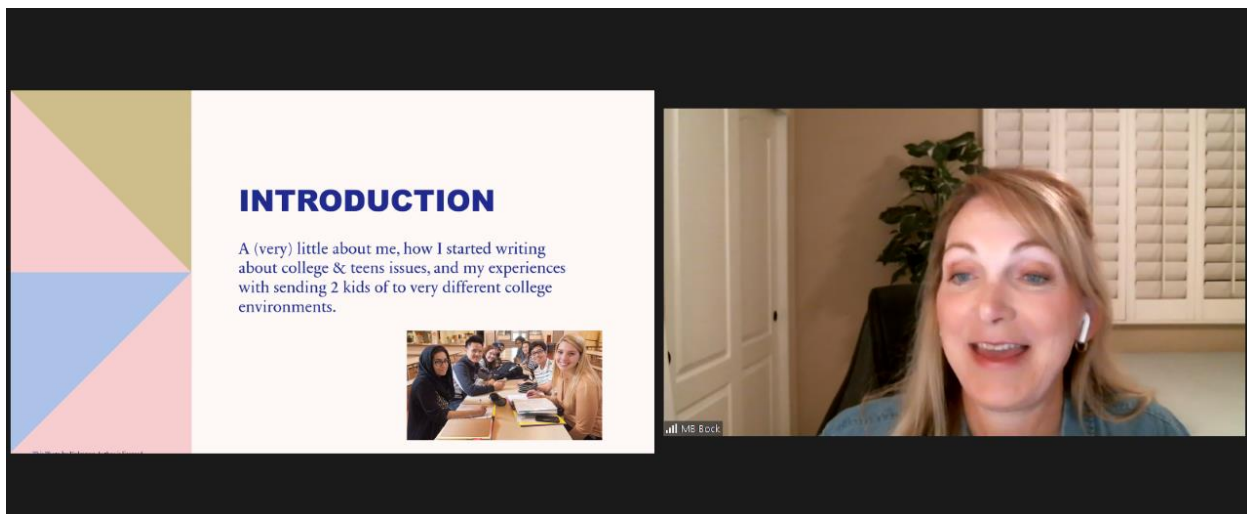
PACIFIC LIBRARY PARTNERSHIP PANEL

Youth and Outreach Manager Tarri Ryan will moderate a panel discussion on Library cards for youth at the Pacific Library Partnership's annual Future of Libraries conference. Tarri will be joined on stage by staff from Livermore Public Library, Pleasanton Public Library, and San Jose Public Library to discuss their experiences with student success initiatives in their communities.

PROGRAMS

Past Program Highlights

Youth and Outreach services hosted the next program in their parenting series on Wednesday, September 14. Marybeth Bock, writer for *Grown & Flown*, presented wisdom and support for navigating parenthood after college drop-off. A group of 20 attended this live, virtual program. This program was sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library.



Other Past Programs

- Outdoor Fall Storytime—Attendance: 56.
- Bilingual Storytime: Mandarin/English—Attendance: 33.
- Raising Thrivers: Parenting Tips and Tools to Help Kids Thrive in an Uncertain World: Author Talk with Dr. Michele Borba, sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library—Attendance: 20.
- Art Explorers—Attendance: 23.
- Outdoor Fall Storytime—Attendance: 168.
- Drop-in Bike Clinic, sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library—Attendance: 17.
- Outdoor Fall Storytime—Attendance: 155.
- Author Talk with Simon Winchester, sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library—Attendance: 21.
- Art Explorers—Attendance: 15.
- Baby Storytime—Attendance: 47.
- Architecture 101 for Families: Monuments, sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library—Attendance: 8.
- Outdoor Fall Storytime—Attendance: 217.
- Trust: Author Talk with Hernan Diaz, sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library—Attendance: 6.
- Outdoor Fall Storytime—Attendance: 221.

Upcoming Programs

- Every Tuesday—[Outdoor Fall Storytime—through November 15.](#)
- Every Wednesday—[ESL Conversation Club.](#)
- Tuesday, October 18—[Where the Children Take Us: Author Talk with Zain E. Asher, sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library.](#)
- Tuesday, October 18—[Cat Q&A with Jackson Galaxy, sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library.](#)
- Thursday, October 20—[Art Explorers—every other Thursday through November 17.](#)
- Thursday, October 20—[The Entrepreneurial Mindset, sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library.](#)
- Saturday, October 22—[Diwali Dance Performance.](#)
- Saturday, October 22—[The Joys of Chinese Brush Painting, sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library.](#)
- Saturday, October 22—[Switch It Up Saturday.](#)
- Tuesday, October 25—[The Diamond Eye: Author Talk with Kate Quinn, sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library.](#)
- Tuesday, October 25—[A Brief History of Indian Civilization, sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library.](#)

- Wednesday, October 26—[Spookulele! Halloween Ukulele Jam, sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library.](#)
- Thursday, October 27—[Spooky Story Workshop.](#)
- Thursday, October 27—[3D Printing Workshop: Mini Jack-o'-Lanterns.](#)
- Friday, October 28—[Baby Storytime.](#)
- Monday, October 31—[Halloween Bilingual Storytime.](#)
- Wednesday, November 2—[The Extraordinary Story of the Founding Mothers of NPR: Author Talk with Lisa Napoli, sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library.](#)
- Friday, November 4—[Deer Hollow Storytime.](#)
- Monday, November 7—[Planning Your Job Search.](#)
- Wednesday, November 9—[Leonardo's da Vinci's Unknown Masterpiece: The Room of Knots, sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library.](#)
- Wednesday, November 8—[Bilingual Storytime: Mandarin/English.](#)
- Thursday, November 10—[Lessons in Chemistry: Author Talk with Bonnie Garmus, sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library.](#)
- Tuesday, November 15—[How to Have Difficult Conversations About Race: Practical Tools for Necessary Change in the Workplace and Beyond with Kwame Christian, sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library.](#)
- Saturday, November 19—[Drop-In Bike Clinic, sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library.](#)
- Friday, December 2—[Baby Storytime.](#)
- Tuesday, December 6—[Author Talk with Geraldine Brooks, sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library.](#)
- Wednesday, December 7—[Bilingual Storytime: Mandarin/English.](#)

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