

**DATE:** May 19, 2025

**TO:** Board of Library Trustees

**FROM:** Tracy Gray, Library Director  
Katie Hom, Librarian

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

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- The Library will be closed on Monday, May 26 for Memorial Day.
- Congratulations to Library Manager Tarri Ryan on her retirement from the City of Mountain View.

**NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK PROCLAMATION**

A proclamation for National Volunteer Week was held at the City Council meeting on Tuesday, April 22. Sewing with FabMo volunteer Gayatri Ratnam accepted the proclamation on behalf of the citywide volunteer program. The Library is grateful to Ratnam's three years of service and her constant dedication to the Sewing with FabMo program, and for fostering creativity and community for those who wish to explore their sewing skills and build meaningful connections with fellow residents.

**SUMMER AT THE LIBRARY**

The Library's Summer Reading Program will begin on Sunday, June 1. Residents are invited to register the whole family to read, discover and earn rewards through Thursday, July 31, and

attend special events such as concerts, STEAM activity sessions, magic shows and more. The Library's lineup of events can be previewed in the [Events Calendar](#).

To celebrate the start of summer, the Library will hold a [Summer Reading Program Kick-Off](#) on Monday, June 9 in Pioneer Park. This all-ages extravaganza will feature lawn games, frozen treats and an interactive music performance by the Rhythm Builders.

The bookmobile also has new service locations and events planned for summer. It will provide service at Rengstorff Park during summer camp pickup in addition to providing service at its regular locations including MOVE MV parking lots, senior facilities and Google. New summer services include morning storytimes at the Magical Bridge Playground, evening visits to Castro Park and stops at Hope Services, a center for developmentally disabled adults. Later in the summer, families can look forward to a special Teddy Bear Tea Party at Bubb Park.

### **SPANISH LANGUAGE CIVIC LEADERSHIP ACADEMY**

The Library welcomed 20 participants from this year's Spanish Language Civic Leadership Academy on Wednesday, April 23. The cohort learned about the Library's place in City government, Board of Library Trustees, Friends of the Mountain View Library, and services and programs for adults and youths. The presentation included a live demonstration on how to access Digital Library resources such as PressReader and Hoopla, a raffle to win Amazon and Apple tablets, and a tour of the Library.



### **STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY**

The Library held Staff Development Day on Thursday, May 1 at Michael's at Shoreline with opening remarks from Assistant City Manager Audrey Seymour Ramberg and Board of Library Trustees Chair Kristin Higaki. The Library Director presented on Shaping Our Library of Tomorrow, a report compiled from a nine-month initiative that commenced in July 2024 and focused on the future of the Library through a facilitated, multi-phase process designed to strengthen internal operations, increase staff engagement and elevate community services.

A panel of officers from the Mountain View Police Department shared their experiences with the staff, discussed safety and provided advice on ways to work through sensitive interactions with the public. Staff spent the rest of the afternoon engaging in wellness and team building activities such as exploring Shoreline Park and learning more about the work their colleagues do for the Library.



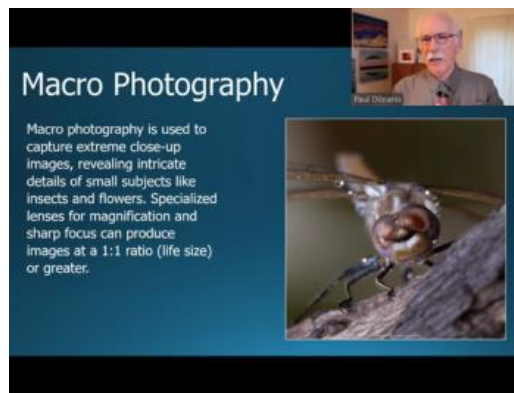
## **PROGRAMS**

### **Past Program Highlights**

Thirteen participants created pinwheel coasters using upcycled fabric at last month's Sewing with FabMo program presented by FabMo volunteer, Gayatri Ratnam. This event was generously sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library.



Professional photographer Paul Dileanis introduced twenty attendees to close-up and macro photography, discussing equipment and techniques for creating stunning photographs of wildflowers, insects and other close-up subjects. This event was generously sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library.



Sixty-five residents came by the bookmobile garage on Saturday, April 26 to drop off and trade seedlings, cuttings, houseplants, plants in containers, shrubs and small trees at our annual Plant Exchange.





Ten teens came to our Library Vibe Check program to provide feedback and a vision for future teen programs and services. The participants enjoyed provided boba drinks and interactive activities during the session.



On Tuesday, May 6, Library staff attended the Senior Resource Fair at the Senior Center. Participants asked about Homebound Service and digital resources such as Mango Languages and the recently acquired digital magazine and newspaper resource, PressReader. Visitors provided enthusiastic support for the Library and spun the prize wheel, walking away with free pens, mugs, solar-powered charging blocks and more. Library staff created seven new library cards and interacted with 115 visitors.



### **Other Past Programs**

- Tuesday, April 1—Free Tax Preparation Assistance—Attendance: 35
- Wednesday, April 2—Baby Storytime—Attendance: 145
- Wednesday, April 2—ESL Conversation Club—Attendance: 32
- Wednesday, April 2—Wordsmith and Wonder: An Author Talk with Jodi Picoult, sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library—Attendance: 68
- Thursday, April 3—Let's Create, sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library—Attendance: 57
- Friday, April 4—Pages and Paws Reading Buddy—Attendance: 35

- Saturday, April 5—Free Tax Preparation Assistance—Attendance: 43
- Monday, April 7—Read & Repeat—Attendance: 67
- Tuesday, April 8—Spring Outdoor Storytime—Attendance: 222
- Tuesday, April 8—The Stories, Science, and History of Trees with Smithsonian Gardens Greenhouse Horticulturalist Matthew Fleming, sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library—Attendance: 27
- Tuesday, April 8—Free Tax Preparation Assistance—Attendance: 38
- Tuesday, April 8—Gardening in Our Changing Climate: An Overview on Ways to Respond—Attendance: 17
- Wednesday, April 9—Baby Storytime—Attendance: 138
- Wednesday, April 9—ESL Conversation Club—Attendance: 34
- Wednesday, April 9—Ukulele Jam: Sing and Play Along, sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library—Attendance: 11
- Thursday, April 10—Fairy Tale Science: Alice in Wonderland, sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library—Attendance: 14
- Thursday, April 10—Evening Sensory Storytime—Attendance: 14
- Friday, April 11—Time Trek: Hands-on Adventure with Foothill College Anthropology—Attendance: 34
- Saturday, April 12—Free Tax Preparation Assistance—Attendance: 62
- Saturday, April 12—Teen Dungeons & Dragons—Attendance: 6
- Monday, April 14—Read & Repeat—Attendance: 46
- Tuesday, April 15—Spring Outdoor Storytime—Attendance: 254
- Tuesday, April 15—Sewing with FabMo: Pinwheel Coasters, sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library—Attendance: 13
- Wednesday, April 16—Baby Storytime—Attendance: 70
- Wednesday, April 16—ESL Conversation Club—Attendance: 37
- Wednesday, April 16—Bilingual Storytime: Mandarin/English—Attendance: 51
- Thursday, April 17—Artful Abilities, sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library—Attendance: 0
- Thursday, April 17—Let's Create, sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library—Attendance: 50
- Thursday, April 17—Evening Sensory Storytime—Attendance: 9
- Friday, April 18—Doodle & Draw—Attendance: 17
- Saturday, April 19—Drop-in Bike Clinic, sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library—Attendance: 13
- Monday, April 21—Read & Repeat—Attendance: 51
- Tuesday, April 22—Spring Outdoor Storytime—Attendance: 253
- Tuesday, April 22—Targeting Government Jobs—Attendance: 9
- Wednesday, April 23—Baby Storytime—Attendance: 110
- Wednesday, April 23—Introduction to Macro and Close-Up Photography, sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library—Attendance: 20

- Thursday, April 24—The Thrill of Writing Action, Adventure, and Suspense: A Conversation with Bestselling Author Gregg Hurwitz, sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library—Attendance: 12
- Thursday, April 24—Evening Sensory Storytime—Attendance: 10
- Saturday, April 26—Plant Exchange—Attendance: 65
- Monday, April 28—Read & Repeat—Attendance: 46
- Tuesday, April 29—Spring Outdoor Storytime—Attendance: 259
- Tuesday, April 29—Maintaining Healthy Landscapes—Attendance: 18
- Wednesday, April 30—Baby Storytime—Attendance: 112
- Wednesday, April 30—ESL Conversation Club—Attendance: 34
- Wednesday, April 30—Library Vibe Check—Attendance: 10

### **Upcoming Programs**

- Create a Resume That Gets Results
  - [Tuesday, June 3](#)—In this workshop, participants will learn about the key information to include in their resume, how to lay out information to tell their story and how to choose the right resume format based on their situation. They will also explore how to use AI tools to help with customization and make the resume building process more efficient.
- Stuffed Animal Sleepover
  - [Thursday, June 5](#)—After a night storytime, children will tuck in their favorite stuffed animals for a sleepover at the Library. Children will practice healthy separation, build trust and develop confidence through this fun experience.
- Pages and Paws Reading Buddy
  - [Friday, June 6](#)—Children are invited to read to therapy dogs to help them build confidence, enhance literacy skills and instill a lifelong love for reading.
- Summer Reading Program Kick-Off
  - [Monday, June 9](#)—Residents of all ages are invited to enjoy lawn games and treats in Pioneer Park along with featured musical guests, the Rhythm Builders. There will be a table where everyone in the family can sign up for a summer of reading and rewards. This event is generously sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library.
- Art Around the World
  - [Wednesdays, June 11 & 25](#)—Children can travel the world through art by dropping into this program each week to make colorful, hands-on projects inspired by different countries and cultures. This event is generously sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library.
- STEAM Fridays
  - [Fridays, June 13, 20 & 27](#)—Join us for a drop-in program full of hands-on activities that spark curiosity and creativity. Each week will feature a variety of

self-directed projects in science, technology, engineering, art and math, perfect for curious young minds who love to experiment and play. This event is generously sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library.

- Wildmind Science Learning
  - [Monday, June 16](#)—Children will see unusual, wondrous live animals while learning to better understand the tropical rainforest and its plants, wildlife and people in this program presented by Wildmind. This event is generously sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library.
- Votes for Women: A History of Women's Suffrage in Mountain View
  - [Tuesday, June 24](#)—In this exclusive local history talk presented by Mountain View Historical Association president Pamela Baird, attendees will learn about the courageous local women whose efforts helped pass an amendment to California's state constitution granting women the right to vote in 1911, nine years before the 19th Amendment enfranchised women nationally. This event is generously sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library.
- Lunar Octet Performance
  - [Saturday, June 28](#)—Get ready for an exciting afternoon of live music as the award-winning group The Lunar Octet brings their dynamic sound, rich arrangements and high-energy performance to Pioneer Park. This event is generously sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library.
- Online Author Series, generously sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library.
  - [Wednesday, June 4](#)—Grab your family and friends and join us as Smithsonian scientists highlight information found in the Smithsonian's book, [Extinctopedia: Discover What We Have Lost, What Is At Risk, and How We Can Preserve the Diversity of Our Fragile Planet](#).
  - [Tuesday, June 10](#)—Come to an exclusive preview event with *New York Times* bestselling author Lisa Jewell as she introduces readers to her forthcoming title [Don't Let Him In](#), chats about her life as a writer and discusses her critically-acclaimed body of work.
  - [Tuesday, June 24](#)—Join us as award-winning author and summer reading champion Katherine Applegate talks to viewers about her enthusiastically heartwarming novel in verse, [Odder](#).

For more upcoming events, view the [Mountain View Public Library's events calendar](#).