

**DATE:** April 15, 2024

**TO:** Board of Library Trustees

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

**SUBJECT: Library Director's Report**

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### **STAFF UPDATES**

- The Customer Experience and Technology Division welcomes Richard Hansen to the team as Librarian II.

### **ADULT LEARNERS PROGRAM**

The Library is excited to announce the launch of the Adult Learners Program: Achieving Life Goals through Reading. This learner-centric program aspires to help adult learners build their English reading and writing skills through free, confidential, one-on-one tutoring. Learners will devise their own goals and work alongside a volunteer tutor under the guidance of the [California Library Literacy Services \(CLLS\)-provided Roles and Goals](#) framework.

All adults who are not currently enrolled in school are invited to participate. Interested learners may submit an [online form](#) to get started. This program is actively recruiting [volunteer tutors](#).



### **HISTORY CENTER REFRESH**

The [History Center](#) has a new look! Visit the History Center on the second floor of the Library starting Tuesday, April 9, to see its new paint, carpet, and remodeled space filled with new

displays. The History Center will resume its regular hours on Tuesdays, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., or by appointment.

The Mountain View History Center houses information about Mountain View's past. We collect and preserve books, maps, photographs, directories, newspapers, school yearbooks, and other materials pertaining to Mountain View's heritage. We display artifacts that reflect both the changing and enduring natures of the area once known as The Valley of the Heart's Delight.

## **PROGRAMS**

### **Past Program Highlights**

Participants enjoyed making homemade pasta with spinach pesto in a virtual cook-along with Anne-Marie Bonneau, author of [\*The Zero-Waste Chef\*](#). This event was generously sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library.



Families celebrated the Persian New Year with a performance of folk and classical Persian dance presented by Shadan Mirabedi. Attendees were invited to participate in the dances as well. This event was generously sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library.



FabMo volunteer Gayatri Ratnam taught attendees how to make cushion covers from rescued pillow panel fabric. This event was generously sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library.



Kids worked together to create a large chalk drawing of the book cover for [\*The Forest Man: The True Story of Jadav Payeng\*](#), a Silicon Valley Reads companion book for children.



### **Other Past Programs**

- Friday, March 1—Teen Drop-In Mental Health Break—Attendance: 8
- Saturday, March 2—Free Tax Preparation Assistance—Attendance: 36
- Tuesday, March 5—Outdoor Storytime—Attendance: 157
- Tuesday, March 5—Free Tax Preparation Assistance—Attendance: 19
- Wednesday, March 6—Sensory Storytime—Attendance: 17
- Wednesday, March 6—The Power of Friendships with NPR Legal Affairs Correspondent Nina Totenberg, sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library—Attendance: 164
- Wednesday, March 6—ESL Conversation Club—Attendance: 15
- Wednesday, March 6—Discovering Photography: The Basics and Beyond, sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library—Attendance: 18
- Wednesday, March 6—Bilingual Storytime: Mandarin/English—Attendance: 40
- Thursday, March 7—Sylvan Park Mini Storytime—Attendance: 14
- Thursday, March 7—Virtual Cook-Along with the Zero Waste Chef, sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library—Attendance: 42
- Friday, March 8—Teen Drop-In Mental Health Break—Attendance: 0
- Saturday, March 9—Free Tax Preparation Assistance—Attendance: 32
- Tuesday, March 12—Outdoor Storytime—Attendance: 163
- Tuesday, March 12—Free Tax Preparation Assistance—Attendance: 25
- Tuesday, March 12—Start NOW to Create a Summer Vegetable Garden—Attendance: 12
- Wednesday, March 13—ESL Conversation Club—Attendance: 27
- Wednesday, March 13—Pets 101 with Project HumaneKind, sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library—Attendance: 1
- Thursday, March 14—Whisman Park Mini Storytime—Attendance: 16
- Thursday, March 14—20 Years of Dragon-Riding in Young Adult Fantasy with International Bestselling Author Christopher Paolini, sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library—Attendance: 47
- Thursday, March 14—Science Explorers, sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library—Attendance: 19
- Thursday, March 14—Social Security Optimization—Attendance: 13
- Friday, March 15—Baby Storytime—Attendance: 71

- Friday, March 15—Family Gaming—Attendance: 13
- Friday, March 15—Teen Drop-In Mental Health Break—Attendance: 0
- Saturday, March 16—Free Tax Preparation Assistance—Attendance: 45
- Saturday, March 16—Drop-In Bike Clinic, sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library—Attendance: 8
- Saturday, March 16—Persian Dance Performance, sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library—Attendance: 71
- Tuesday, March 19—Free Tax Preparation Assistance—Attendance: 23
- Tuesday, March 19—Sewing with FabMo: Cushion Covers, sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library—Attendance: 11
- Wednesday, March 20—Birthday Storytime—Attendance: 12
- Wednesday, March 20—ESL Conversation Club—Attendance: 22
- Thursday, March 21—Del Medio Park Mini Storytime—Attendance: 9
- Thursday, March 21—On Retelling Greek Classics: An Exploration of the Modern Epics with Madeline Miller, sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library—Attendance: 100
- Friday, March 22—Baby Storytime—Attendance: 76
- Friday, March 22—Teen Drop-In Mental Health Break—Attendance: 1
- Friday, March 22—Chalk Art Event—Attendance: 15
- Saturday, March 23—Free Tax Preparation Assistance—Attendance: 49
- Tuesday, March 26—Free Tax Preparation Assistance—Attendance: 45
- Tuesday, March 26—The Girls Who Stepped Out of Line: Author Talk with Mari K. Eder, sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library—Attendance: 25
- Tuesday, March 26—Evening Sensory Storytime—Attendance: 11
- Wednesday, March 27—ESL Conversation Club—Attendance: 23
- Wednesday, March 27—Sing and Play Along Ukulele Jam, sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library—Attendance: 11
- Thursday, March 28—Science Explorers, sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library—Attendance: 24
- Friday, March 29—Baby Storytime—Attendance: 62
- Friday, March 29—Teen Drop-In Mental Health Break—Attendance: 0
- Saturday, March 30—Free Tax Preparation Assistance—Attendance: 50

## Upcoming Programs

- Jazz in the Park: A Concert with the Dave Rocha Jazz Group
  - [Wednesday, May 1](#)—Listen to the jazz stylings of renowned Bay Area trumpeter, Dave Rocha, and his quartet as the sun begins to set in Pioneer Park. This event is generously sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library.
- Learn Chinese Calligraphy
  - [Thursday, May 9](#)—We invite you to an in-person workshop on Chinese calligraphy taught by professional art instructor Jojo Liu. This event is generously sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library.
- Online Author Series
  - [Wednesday, May 1](#)—Chat with *New York Times* bestselling author Douglas Brunt about his instant bestselling debut nonfiction work, [The Mysterious Case of Rudolf Diesel: Genius, Power, and Deception on the Eve of World War I](#). This event is generously sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library.
  - [Wednesday, May 8](#)—You're invited to join Nina Simon online as she discusses her lighthearted whodunnit, [Mother-Daughter Murder Night](#), about a grandmother-mother-daughter trio of amateur sleuths. This event is generously sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library.
  - [Tuesday, May 21](#)—Register for a thrilling conversation with Rebecca F. Kuang (R.F. Kuang) as she chats with us about her *New York Times* bestselling novel, [Yellowface](#). This event is generously sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library.

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