



MEMORANDUM

Library Services Department

DATE: February 11, 2019
TO: Library Board of Trustees
FROM: Tracy Gray, Library Services Director
SUBJECT: **Library Report**

5.1 Exhibits Policy

See separate document related to Exhibits Policy.

Link to current Bulletin Board policy:

<https://www.mountainview.gov/depts/library/about/policies/bulletinboard.asp>

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6.1 Library Director's Report:

Highlighted Library Events:

On January 16 we presented **How to Talk So Little Kids Will Listen** with best-selling author Julie King to an audience of 87. It was a stormy night, but parents found warmth and community inside the library.



Attendees Jeremy and Mindy were excited to meet author Julie King.

Author A.J. Jacobs at the Library:

New York Times best-selling author, A.J. Jacobs, was at the Library last Sunday, January 27th for the first of three Silicon Valley Reads events at Mountain View Public Library. A.J. discussed his book, *It's All Relative* to a crowd of 81 attendees, and took time to pose with Library Director Tracy Gray (right) and Librarian Laura Burch (left). The Library will be hosting two more Silicon Valley Reads Events about finding identity in family history. Visit <https://SiliconValleyReads.org> to find other events happening throughout Santa Clara County.



Left to right: Laura Burch, A.J. Jacobs, and Tracy Gray



A.J. Jacobs at the Library

Travel guides display at the Library:

Going on a vacation? Visit the second floor of the Mountain View Public Library and check out our display of travel guides and phrasebooks. We've added new titles and extra copies of popular as well as exotic destinations. Don't want to carry a book? [Check out an eBook travel guide on hoopla or Overdrive](#). Funding for this collection was made possible by the generous gift to the Friends of the Mountain View Library from the Elizabeth Ruth Wallace Living Trust. Elizabeth and her husband Bryan Wallace owned Bryan's Drug on El Monte Avenue for 20 years and, later in life, she ran a travel agency which enabled her to travel all over the world. In memory of Elizabeth, this donation will expand and enhance the Library's travel collection and will be used for books, eBooks, DVDs, and travel-related programming.



Display at the Second Floor of the Library

Upcoming Library Events

Earn It! Keep It! Save It! – Free Tax Filing Help

Every Saturday, February 2nd to April 13th, 10:00am-2:00pm
Second Floor Program Room

Free tax preparation help at the Library every Saturday from February 2nd through April 13th. The service is provided by IRS-certified volunteers and is available to households with a 2018 income of \$55,000 or less. You could be eligible for more than

\$6,000 when you claim both the state and federal Earned Income Tax Credit! Please bring the SOCIAL SECURITY CARD or ITIN for each person on your tax return. The volunteers will not be able to help you without it. No need for appointments.

Documents or information to bring with you:

- Photo ID for each person on your tax return
- Social Security card or ITIN for each person on your tax return
- W-2s from all jobs
- All 1099s, 1098s and any other tax forms
- Last year's tax return
- Child care provider information
- Landlord's name, address and phone number for CA Renter's Credit
- Your household's health coverage information (Forms 1095-A, B, or C)
- Savings and checking account and routing numbers for direct deposit



**Earn It!
Keep It!
Save It!**

**TAXES ARE HARD.
WE MAKE IT EASY.**

Let our experts do the work for you-for free.

Enjoying Nature Photography

Thursday, February 7th, 6:30pm-7:30pm
Second Floor Program Room

Join us for a presentation on wildlife and landscape photography. Shubha Tulkjapurkar will share digital images of local birds and wildlife along with information on how and where those images were taken.

Winter Fruit Tree Pruning

Saturday, February 9th, 11:30am-1:00pm
1st Floor Program Room

UC Master Gardener, Allen Buchinski will present a free workshop about pruning fruit trees. Learn the why, how, and when of pruning for best structure and fruit production.

Youth Services celebrates Lunar New Year and the Year of the Pig with a display featuring traditional tales from China and other Asian countries.



Alexandra Pantazes recently joined the Youth Services team as a Librarian I. She's getting in the spirit of Valentine's Day by putting out new board books that children will love!



Starting Monday, February 4th we will allow holds on our very popular board books. At any given time about 50% of the collection (over 5,000 items) is checked out. In order to help families find just the right book for their baby, we've reorganized and labeled the books using categories like Alphabet, Counting, Holidays, Touch & Feel, Song & Rhyme, Real World, Growing (Potty Training, New Sibling), Concepts (Opposites, Shapes), & Characters. Books not in categories have alpha labels for the author's last name.



Kimberly Pocek with the Art4Schools program at the Community School of Music and Arts installed a new art display in Children's Services this week. It features the creative work of students at MVWSD schools Mistral, Castro, and Theuerkauf.

