

# CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW

#### **MEMORANDUM**

## **Library Services Department**

**DATE:** March 18, 2019

**TO:** Library Board of Trustees

**FROM:** Tracy Gray, Library Services Director

SUBJECT: Library Report

## 6.2 City Council goals

See separate documents related to City Council goals

# **6.4 Discuss Library Performance measures**

See separate document related to Library Performance measures

## 7.1 Library Director's Report:

**Silicon Valley Reads Event:** On Saturday, February 26, 10:15 – 11:00 am, Youth Services Librarian Sharon McClintock presented a storytime featuring *Alma and How She Got Her Name* by Juana Martinez-Neal. This picture book is a selection for Silicon Valley Reads 2019, whose theme is Finding Identity in Family History. We'll celebrate family through stories, songs, and activities.

Sharon shared a few of her family stories, including how her grandmother journeyed from a small village in France to America at the age of 11. For children ages 2-5, and their families, of course!





**Video Games in the Teen Zone**: During the school break **February 19 – 22** teens in 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades were invited to come hang out and play videogames in the Teen Zone from 1:00 - 4:00 pm. We bring the Nintendo Switch, joy-cons and games, you bring some friends!

# Free Tax Preparation Help at the Library

Saturdays, February 2 through April 13 10:00am - 2:00pm, 2nd Floor Program Room

Earn It! Keep It! Save It! This service provided by IRS-certified volunteers is available to households with a 2018 income of \$55,000 or less. 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.

# **Personal Technology Tutors**

Tuesday, February 19 4:00pm - 6:00pm, 2nd Floor Program Room

Receive free, personalized assistance from tech savvy volunteers!

# **Smithsonian Transcription Volunteer Meetup**

Thursday, February 21 6:30pm - 7:30pm, 2nd Floor Program Room

Library staff introduced patrons to this flexible, online volunteering opportunity. Staff will be working on transcribing pages from The Bureau of Refugees, Freemen, and Abandoned Lands in honor of Black History Month.

# Sing & Play Along Ukulele

Monday, February 25 6:30pm - 8:00pm, 1st Floor Program Room

Beginners and ukulele enthusiasts joined in singing and playing together.



We had a huge turnout at the *Folded Book Art* program. To learn more about other events geared for adults, please go to <a href="https://mountainview.gov/librarycalendar">https://mountainview.gov/librarycalendar</a>

#### **Protect Yourself Online**

Wednesday, March  $6^{th}$  from 6:30pm - 7:30pm 2nd Floor Program Room

This class focused on protecting your personal information when using the internet. This informational class was presented by the Director of Information Technology for the City of Mountain View, Roger Jensen, and Adult & Virtual Services Librarian Pam Schwartz.

**Pajama Storytime** on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm brings children ages 2-5 to the library in their PJ's (and sometimes even parents join in the jammies!) Here Librarian Julie Jackson presents the fingerplay "Two Little Lovebirds," using the flannel board to help bring the rhyme to life.



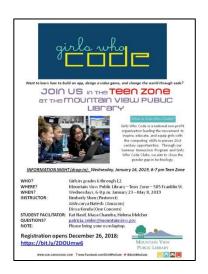
# Mary Lee Sunseri - 1, 2, 3 - Sing with Me!

A great turnout for this event on Friday, March 1st, 10:30 -11:00am at the Mountain View Center for Performing Arts. A concert with songs and wiggle-tunes for babies and toddlers entertained many.

**Girls Who Code** - Wednesdays, January 16 - May 8, 6:00–8:00 pm - Girls in 6<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> grades learn about AI, game design, cryptography and more.

**Knit and Crochet Club** - Fridays, 3:30-5:30 pm – All skill levels, ages 8 and up. Supplies provided.

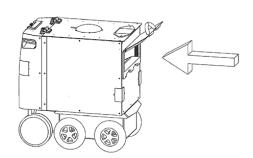




A generous donation of \$2,500 was given to the Library by Winston Cheuk in Memoriam of his grandparents Guowan Cheuk & Suen Fong Ho. An inscription will be placed in the Silver Circle of the donation wall in the lobby of the Library. The donation will be used to purchase Library materials and to support Library programs.

## Specifics regarding the Book Bot pilot program:









Book Bot is a book pick-up device that will allow residents in a test area to return library books and other library materials to the Mountain View Public Library from their home once a week.

# https://www.mountainview.gov/depts/library/services/bookbot/default.asp

Book Bot is one of several applications of Personal Delivery Devices developed as part of a project within Google's Area 120 workshop for experimental ideas. This project is part of the City of Mountain View's pilot program to allow the use of Personal Delivery Devices which was approved by the Mountain View City Council on February 27, 2018.

Residents in the service area can go to <a href="https://bookbot.area120.com/">https://bookbot.area120.com/</a> No login is required. Library card account information is not needed to schedule a pickup. Library patrons can drop books and other library materials into the chute on the rear side of the device. The capacity is 5-10 items, depending on the size of the items.

# Operating hours

Thursdays 11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.. The device will be equipped with headlights to operate after sunset. Book Bot will not operate during rain, hail or similar conditions.

# Schedule a book RETURN pick-up https://bookbot.area120.com/

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Read the Frequently Asked Questions handout for more information about Book Bot.

#### Service Area

Old Mountain View Neighborhood - Bounded by West Evelyn Avenue to the north, Calderon Avenue to the west, El Camino Real to the south and Shoreline Boulevard to the east.



# Device Technical Specification

- Dimensions: Length 28" x Width 18" x Height 32" (without antennas, flag for visibility, or arm for operating crosswalk buttons). Dimensions may be subject to minor changes.
- Weight: 100 lbs. unloaded, maximum 150 lbs. loaded
- Maximum operating speed: 4.5 mph

# Planning for your next great read has never been easier!



Never miss out on a new book by your favorite author again. Sign up for <u>Author Alerts</u>, a new digital service brought to you by the Mountain View Public Library.

Creating a free account allows you to add alerts for your favorite authors and performers. You'll receive alerts by email or text message when the Library adds a new item by the authors on your list. Each alert will include a direct link to the item in our online catalog so you can place a hold.

Visit <a href="https://mountainview.gov/authoralerts">https://mountainview.gov/authoralerts</a> to get started. Call 650-903-6337 or stop by the 2nd floor reference desk for more information. <a href="Download a copy of the instructions">Download a copy of the instructions</a>.

## 3D Printing Workshop

Part 1 – Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:00pm Part 2 – Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup> 6:30-7:30pm 2nd Floor Program Room

Learn how to print in 3D! Join us for this free, 2-part workshop where you will learn about 3D printing and design your own 3D object. You will create your own 3D design to take home that will be lit with a battery-operated LED light. Beginners are welcome, but you must be comfortable with computer basics (using a mouse, dragging and dropping, saving files, etc.).

You will also need to sign-up for a free Tinkercad account prior to attending the workshop.

Tinkercad is an easy-to-use online modeling program that we will use to customize your design. Visit <a href="http://www.tinkercad.com">http://www.tinkercad.com</a> to create your account.

PLEASE NOTE: This is a 2-part workshop that will take place on two consecutive Mondays. Please sign up for both sessions when you register. Please do not register if you cannot attend both sessions. Priority will be given to those who have not attended our previous 3D printing workshop. Others may be accommodated as space allows. 14 and older, please.

**Preschool Storytime** is designed for children ages 3-5 and was presented during our Winter session on Thursday mornings, 10:30-11:00 a.m. by Librarian Renee Ting. Last week she highlighted the letter F and shared stories, rhymes, and facts about Frogs, Fish, Flowers, and Firetrucks!



**Teen Advisory Group -** Monday, March 4, 6:30–7:30 pm – The TAG is a group of 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders who meet monthly to advise the teen librarian on programs, collections, outreach and other issues.

**Goodnight Mother Goose** - Thursday, March 7, 6:30 – 7:00 pm. A musical storytime and early literacy enrichment program for infants, toddlers, and their families.

**Saturday Stories: Arbor Day** – Saturday, March 9, 10:15 – 11:00 am. As part of the City's Arbor Day Celebration the library presented a storytime for children ages 2-5 with stories, songs, and activities all about trees.

# Spring cleaning display at the Library







Visit the Library and check out one of the titles in our lobby display to get a head start on spring cleaning with tips on repairing or donating damaged or unwanted items, and responsibly disposing of e-waste and paint. De-cluttering? Check out <a href="Marie Kondo's advice">Marie Kondo's advice</a> on the life-changing magic of tidying up.

# Silicon Valley Reads Film Screening: Finding Samuel Lowe

Thursday, March 14th, 7:00 - 8:30pm 2nd Floor Program Room

An Afro-Chinese-Jamaican Harlem family seeks their Chinese grandfather who was forever separated from their mother -- his 3-year-old half-Chinese, half-Jamaican daughter -- in 1920. S

Samuel Lowe returned to China in 1933 with a Chinese wife and six children. After a 91-year separation, his Black Chinese grandchildren journey to China where they find Samuel Lowe's 300 Chinese descendants and the entire clan is reunited. This film takes viewers to Harlem, Toronto, Martha's Vineyard, three cities in Jamaica and two cities in China to see these families of different races become one. Run time: 88 min. This film screening is part of Silicon Valley Reads 2019 theme of finding identity in family history.

## Children's Librarians and some of our regular patrons:



Library Assistant III Amy O'Connor helped library visitors Jude and Haven at the Children's Information desk.



Jude and Haven also visited Mother Goose & More storytime with Librarian Sharon McClintock. Jude was excited to see that he and Sharon have (almost) matching hippo puppets!

#### Youth Events Next Week include:

**Pajama Storytime -** Wednesday, March 13, 6:30 – 7:00 pm. Stories, songs, and movement for children ages 2-5. Pajamas optional!

**Let's Create with the Community School of Music and Arts** - Saturday, March 16, 10:15 – 11:15 am. CSMA Art and Music Teachers share singing, dancing, and instrument playing, as well as an art project, with children ages 2-5.

