

**DATE:** May 18, 2026

**TO:** Board of Library Trustees

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

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

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**STAFF ELECTED TO ALSC BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Library Manager Renee Ting was [elected](#) to the Association for Library Service to Children's Board of Directors. [ALSC](#), a division of the American Library Association, is dedicated to supporting and enhancing library service for children. The division includes more than 3,400 children's and youth librarians, literature experts, publishers, and educational faculty.

**SUMMER READING STARTS NEXT MONTH**

Summer Reading will run from June 1 through July 31 this year. Residents of all ages are invited to [register](#) to read, learn, and earn rewards. This year's theme, "Plant A Seed, Read," will give participants space to reflect on how reading can nourish minds and encourage us to build connections with others in the community.

Scratcher cards will be available at the Library for the duration of Summer Reading. Adults, teens, and children will receive separate cards. Children and teens may scratch off one mark on their cards for each day they read, with no restrictions on what, how much, or how long they read. Adults may check the back of their scratcher card for a list of activities that track their progress. For example, adults may scratch off one mark for visiting the Library or borrowing materials, and three marks for attending a program or watching a movie through Kanopy. Special prizes will be awarded to each age group upon completion.

To celebrate the start of summer, the Library will host a [Summer Reading Program Kick-Off](#) event on Saturday, June 6 in Pioneer Park. This all-ages extravaganza will feature lawn games, treats, and an energizing concert by House of Samba.

Summer Reading events and prizes are graciously sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library.



### **CHINESE LANGUAGE CIVIC LEADERSHIP ACADEMY**

The Library welcomed 18 participants from the Chinese Language Civic Leadership Academy. Participants received free mugs printed with the Library's mission statement translated into Chinese as well as a packet of milkweed seeds.

After learning about the Library's place in City government and volunteer opportunities available through the Board of Library Trustees and the Friends of the Mountain View Library, the class went on a tour of the Library. They enjoyed seeing the bookmobile and returns machine up close and discovered where to find the Seed Library and Chinese language materials on the second floor.



### **NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK**

National Library Week is celebrated annually to highlight the roles that libraries and library staff play in communities nationwide. This year, National Library Week was from April 19-25. To celebrate, Library staff created four scavenger hunts for residents. Adults, teens, children ages 2-5, and children ages 6-12 each had a separate scavenger hunt they could complete for a chance to win a special prize.

Prizes included a small canvas tote bag for adults and teens and a maze game for children. Staff also created several exclusive button designs, which were distributed daily from Monday, April 20, through Friday, April 24. By the end of the week, staff had distributed 36 tote bags and more than 600 buttons. Staff noted that residents were happy to collect free buttons, praised the button designs, and shared how much they appreciated public libraries.



## OUTREACH EVENTS

Library staff brought the all-electric bookmobile to the Earth Day Festival on Saturday, April 18. Carts were brought out so attendees could browse and borrow materials, and event organizers provided blankets so families could read together on the grass. Staff issued two new library cards to residents, one of whom was excited to learn that the Library lends video games. Staff interacted with 174 visitors.



The Library also attended the Multicultural Festival on Saturday, May 2. One librarian led two interactive storytimes and invited child volunteers to spin a wheel to determine which story from which country or region would be told next. Giveaways included maze games and mugs printed with the Library's abbreviated mission, "Connect. Create. Learn.," in Spanish and Chinese. Staff interacted with 462 visitors at the booth, and storytimes drew crowds of up to 64 people.



## **PROGRAMS**

### **Past Program Highlights**

Dogbotic, a Bay Area-based audio laboratory, hosted a sound petting zoo where 71 attendees ages eight and up explored and played with 10-12 unique, handmade instruments and learned the basics of how the circuits and sound objects work. This event was generously sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library.



Sixteen participants at the Sewing with FabMo program made flowers from dress fabric scraps, then used them to decorate hair ties, gift bags, and more. This event was generously sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library.



A total of 122 attendees came to the Plant Exchange in the bookmobile garage to trade extra plants, seedlings, cuttings, and more with fellow community members.



A large audience of 124 people celebrated Día de los Niños/Día de los libros (Day of the Children/Day of the Books) with a performance from Raices de Mexico, a folkloric dance company that performs regional dances from Mexico.



### Other Past Programs

- Wednesday, April 1—Baby Storytime—Attendance: 133
- Wednesday, April 1—ESL Conversation Club—Attendance: 30
- Thursday, April 2—Magical Bridge Storytime—Attendance: 48
- Thursday, April 2—On a Mission: The History of US Women Astronauts with Smithsonian Curator Emerita Valerie Neal, sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library—Attendance: 32
- Thursday, April 2—Mountain View Patents, sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library—Attendance: 14
- Friday, April 3—Baby Storytime: Rerun—Attendance: 107
- Friday, April 3—Pages and Paws Reading Buddy—Attendance: 22
- Saturday, April 4—Free Tax Preparation Assistance: Drop-in Service—Attendance: 53
- Saturday, April 4—Sew Sew Saturday, sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library—Attendance: 5
- Monday, April 6—Storytime Around the World—Attendance: 0
- Tuesday, April 7—Spring Outdoor Storytime—Attendance: 243
- Tuesday, April 7—Free Tax Preparation Assistance: Drop-in Service—Attendance: 67
- Wednesday, April 8—Baby Storytime—Attendance: 102
- Wednesday, April 8—Teen Dungeons & Dragons—Attendance: 7
- Wednesday, April 8—ESL Conversation Club—Attendance: 33
- Wednesday, April 8—Ukulele Jam: Sing and Play Along, sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library—Attendance: 14
- Thursday, April 9—Let's Create, sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library—Attendance: 36
- Friday, April 10—Baby Storytime: Rerun—Attendance: 94
- Friday, April 10—Teen Dungeons & Dragons—Attendance: 6
- Saturday, April 11—Free Tax Preparation Assistance: Drop-in Service—Attendance: 59
- Tuesday, April 14—Spring Outdoor Storytime—Attendance: 189

- Tuesday, April 14—On Writing Action-Packed and Suspenseful Spycraft with Brad Taylor, sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library—Attendance: 8
- Tuesday, April 14—Beautiful, Easy-Care, Bearded Iris—Attendance: 11
- Thursday, April 16—How Exploration, Uncertainty, and Risk Help Us Find Meaning with Author Alex Hutchinson, sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library—Attendance: 4
- Thursday, April 16—Electrify Your Home: A Community Workshop—Attendance: 13
- Saturday, April 18—Drop-in Bike Clinic, sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library—Attendance: 16
- Sunday, April 19—Dogbotic Sound Petting Zoo, sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library—Attendance: 71
- Tuesday, April 21—Sewing with FabMo: Fabric Flowers, sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library—Attendance: 16
- Wednesday, April 22—ESL Conversation Club—Attendance: 32
- Wednesday, April 22—Bilingual Storytime: Mandarin/English—Attendance: 48
- Wednesday, April 22—Persia: Crossroads of Art and Culture, sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library—Attendance: 54
- Thursday, April 23—Let's Create, sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library—Attendance: 29
- Thursday, April 23—Bittersweet: Exploring the Five Tastes of Dessert with Thalia Ho, sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library—Attendance: 9
- Saturday, April 25—Needle Crafts Circle—Attendance: 2
- Saturday, April 25—Folkloric Dance—Attendance: 124
- Saturday, April 25—Plant Exchange—Attendance: 122
- Saturday, April 25—Amplify: Research Symposium—Attendance: 75
- Tuesday, April 28—Spring Outdoor Storytime—Attendance: 253
- Wednesday, April 29—Baby Storytime—Attendance: 108
- Wednesday, April 29—ESL Conversation Club—Attendance: 37
- Wednesday, April 29—LEGO® Time—Attendance: 28
- Wednesday, April 29—William Shakespeare's Julius Caesar, sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library—Attendance: 75
- Thursday, April 30—On Writing Beloved Characters and Powerful Portrayals of Resilience with Jason Reynolds, sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library—Attendance: 41

### **Upcoming Programs**

- Pint-Sized Prom
  - [Monday, June 1](#)—Dress your little ones in their fanciest outfits and join us for a playful dance party with a Library DJ and adorable photo ops to capture the memories. This event is generously sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library.

- Community Preservation Lab Scanning Service
  - [Thursday, June 4](#)—Digitize your personal photos and documents with the assistance of Library staff. By appointment only.
- STEAM Fridays
  - [Fridays, June 12 & 26](#)—Join us for drop-in programs full of hands-on activities that spark curiosity and creativity. These events are generously sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library.
- Wildminds Science Learning
  - [Monday, June 15](#)—Children will gain insight into the secret lives of intelligent, ecologically important animals, including grey foxes, kingsnakes, red-tailed hawks, and skunks. This event is generously sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library.
- Summer Reading Seed Art
  - [Thursday, June 18](#)—In this hands-on art program, kids will use beans and other seeds to make colorful, textured masterpieces. This event is generously sponsored by the Friends of the Mountain View Library.
- Expressions of Gender in Asian Art
  - [Wednesday, June 24](#)—Explore some of the fascinating representations of gender in various Asian traditions as illustrated by objects from the Asian Art Museum's collection. 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 3](#)—Join us for a fascinating discussion with Smithsonian Curator Mary Savig on the history and significance of craft at state fairs—from blue-ribbon quilts to sculpted butter cows and more—as shown in her book, [State Fairs: Growing American Craft](#).
  - [Tuesday, June 9](#)—Come to an empowering conversation with health expert Dr. Ezekiel Emanuel as he shares his vision for living well and aging with purpose in his book, [In Eat Your Ice Cream: Six Simple Rules for a Long and Healthy Life](#).
  - [Thursday, June 11](#)—Hold onto your heart-patterned boxers! Matt Dinniman, *New York Times* bestselling author of the wildly popular (and just plain wild) [Dungeon Crawler Carl](#) series, will chat about his latest book, [A Parade of Horribles](#).
  - [Tuesday, June 23](#)—Join us as we chat with Sana Javeri Kadri and Asha Loupy about [The Diaspora Spice Co. Cookbook](#), which celebrates beautiful, simple, and seasonal cooking with 85 recipes adapted from India and Sri Lanka's best family spice farms.

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

**STATISTICS**

**Bookmobile**

**MARCH 2026**

	Number of Stops	Door Count	Onsite Checkouts	New Cards
Middle Schools	3	148	23	1
Adult-Focused Stops	7	70	127	0
Magical Bridge Playground	3	85	3	0
Schools	12	535	633	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>690</b>	<b>763</b>	<b>8</b>

What's the story? A closer look:

- March 17, 18, and 19 brought those periodic weather challenges again, forcing cancelations to Monta Loma, Bubb, and Stevenson elementary schools. However, the team still visited 9 elementary schools during the remaining three weeks. Friday, March 20 was a Teacher Service Day in the district. As a result, we visited the middle schools one less day, but we still saw 148 middle schoolers during three visits.
- On March 26, we unexpectedly canceled a visit to the Magical Bridge due to a park maintenance conflict. Matthew Hicks, the Senior Recreation Coordinator, assisted in resolving the issue. 85 customers visited us during our three visits to the Magical Bridge.
- The Farmworkers Holiday, on March 31, allowed us a well-deserved holiday break. Unfortunately, it fell on a Tuesday so we missed visiting our wonderful partners at Google that day. During March, we visited Google four times, checked out 98 items to 36 people, and we connected with 51 customers.
- Our adult-focused stops were nearly identical to the strong month of February, and we loaned 225 items while seeing 121 customers.

**Website**

Most popular pages (besides the home page):

#	Title	Visits
1	New York Times Online	8,828
2	My Library Account	3,996
3	Borrow	2,214
4	Search the Catalog	2,137
5	Reserve a Group Study Room	1,752
6	Digital Library	1,569
7	Get a Library Card	1,255

8	Hours & Location	1,173
9	Magazines & Newspapers	1,081
10	eBooks & Audiobooks	601
11	Contact the Library	533
12	Visit	539
13	Events Calendar	464
14	Museum Passes	438
15	California State Parks Passes	287
16	Computers and Internet	252
17	Library of Things	226
18	Learning & Research	217
19	Streaming Media	192
20	Language Learning & Travel	185

Most used outbound links (links used to exit our website):

#	URL	Visits
1	New York Times all access code redemption	7,474
2	Catalog	3,019
3	Study Rooms reservation page	1,333
4	Events Calendar	617
5	Library card application	566
6	Discover and Go	303
7	CERVIS (volunteering page)	116
8	California State Library Parks Pass catalog record	108
9	Consumer Reports	91
10	Hoopla	80
11	Libby	80
12	Flipster	80
13	OverDrive	61
14	Book Sale event page	50
15	PressReader	50
16	Mango Languages	50
17	Bookmobile calendar	47
18	Parks.CA.gov/Find-a-Park	44
19	SPOT wireless printing page (librericloud)	41
20	Events Calendar search result for "tax"	34

This is the first time the [SPOT wireless printing page from Librericloud](#) showed up in the top 20. The term "tax" was searched 34 times in the Event Calendar.