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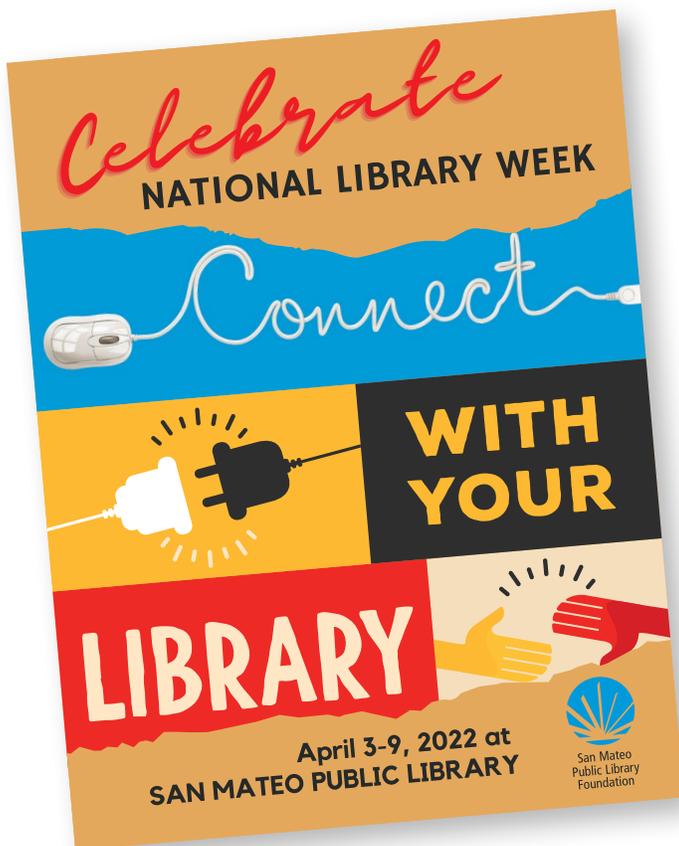
Serving the communities of San Mateo & Hillsborough

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## CONNECT WITH YOUR LIBRARY CONNECT WITH YOUR COMMUNITY

### YOUR GUIDE TO NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK AT THE SAN MATEO LIBRARY

National Library Week invites you to take advantage of the San Mateo Public Library's multiple pathways to connect to information, education, and community!



#### THE JOY OF BEING TOGETHER

Many people think of the San Mateo Public Library as a physical place, but the last two years showcased the Library's ability to go "beyond the walls" with virtual and outreach programming. Using technology and digital doorways, the Library provided essential means of connection from home, enabling people to receive literacy tutoring remotely, attend online informational and cultural events and access information, databases and media. It also delivered hands-on, tangible services and in person programming throughout the community when visiting a branch library was impractical or impossible.

These services and programs are now well-integrated offerings and unlikely to go away anytime soon. And thankfully, "in person life" is resuming, and the Library is once again able to fulfill its role in the community of providing common ground and space for learning, experiencing, experimenting and, yes, connecting.

#### GETTING BETTER ALL THE TIME

The San Mateo Public Library Foundation started as a capital campaign to build the Main Library. Since 2006, when the new building opened, our mission has been to make the patron experience exceptional. In recent years, Foundation donors supported upgrades to high use areas such as the Children's library at Main, including new furniture, reconfigured stacks and playspaces, and a MakerSpace for STEM learning. Highly anticipated refreshes of the information desks and checkout experiences at Marina and Hillsdale are coming soon.

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# 2022 APRIL 3-9

What's next? The small meeting rooms at Main are once again filled with student study groups and local entrepreneurs seeking free, wifi-enabled, confidential spaces to think and collaborate. Not everyone has access to a fully equipped office or a home with reliable internet access. The Library would

**IMPROVEMENTS PLANNED + PROPOSED**

- Branch renovations
- New digital AV equipment in small meeting rooms
- Soundproof phone booth
- Dividers for group work tables
- New creative and collaborative spaces
- Move cafe to main floor
- Enhanced teen area

like to enhance these rooms with monitors with laptop screen casting capabilities.

The Library is also interested in adding a soundproof phone booth so patrons can make phone calls without disturbing other patrons. Finally, the proposed addition of dividers on some of the group work tables in the stack areas will give patrons a sense of psychological space and safety while they work.

And there are even bigger ideas. As more print collections move to the digital realm, the Library proposes to convert periodical stack storage space to creative and collaborative

spaces such as an arts and crafts "MakerSpace" for adults and more small meeting rooms.

Some spaces are already specialized but would benefit from reimagining. In a proposed space modification plan the Library commissioned in 2018, the cafe would move to the main floor where patrons would be more free to socialize. The third floor Teen area could then be reconfigured to include features like upgraded furniture and a glass privacy wall to enhance the space's purpose of hosting safe gatherings and activities for that very special age group.

**ENSURE OUR EXCEPTIONAL EXPERIENCE!**

As you enjoy the activities presented by Library and Foundation sponsors during National Library Week, take a look around and imagine the possibilities. Stop by the Foundation's "Improving the Patron Experience" corner and learn more about the Library's plans. Drop your ideas in the Suggestion Box and consider making a gift to ensure the continuation of exceptional connections our community has come to expect from the San Mateo Public Library. 🌱

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

**2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL YOUTH POETRY CONTEST AWARDS NIGHT**

WEDNESDAY APRIL 6 · 6:00 PM  
IN THE OAK ROOM

PRESENTED BY **FRANKLIN TEMPLETON**

Students in 4th through 8th grade are invited to participate in the **Second Annual Youth Poetry Contest**. This year's theme is "Togetherness." From March 1-31, submit an original poem of 500 words or less about connectedness, gathering, and/or belonging. Winners will be announced and prizes awarded at this special ceremony open to all. Join us to recognize the literary talents of our youngsters! For more information visit [www.cityofsanmateo.org/4518/2022-Youth-Poetry-Contest](http://www.cityofsanmateo.org/4518/2022-Youth-Poetry-Contest).

**NATIONAL POETRY MONTH CELEBRATION**

FRIDAY APRIL 8 · 5-6:30 PM · IN THE OAK ROOM

Poetry event with **San Mateo Poet Laureate Aileen Cassinetta**, featuring Terry Adams, Sharon Coleman, Joe Cottonwood, Hilary Cruz, Paul Fericano, Jeannine Gerkman, San Mateo County Poet Laureate Emerita Caroline Goodwin, Jasmeen Karan, Belmont Poet Laureate Monica Korde, Kevin Madrigal, Diane Lee Moomey, Tony Press, Belmont Poet Laureate Emerita Jacki Rigoni, and San Mateo County Poet Laureate Emerita Lisa Rosenberg.



WEDNESDAY APRIL 6

This Library Giving Day, the San Mateo Public Library Foundation will highlight plans to improve patron experiences in the library. Make a donation to the Foundation to ensure your library continues to provide excellent service and access to the entire community!

**JAZZ WITH CHARGED PARTICLES**

SATURDAY APRIL 9 · 10:30 AM · IN THE OAK ROOM

PRESENTED BY **CONCAR ENTERPRISES, INC.**

To help us close out our National Library Week celebration, we welcome the Bay Area's favorite funky Latin jazz combo, **Charged Particles**. Back from tours in Canada, Europe, and Indonesia, pianist Murray Low, bassist Aaron Germain, and drummer Jon Krosnick will be playing original compositions and sparkling improvisations with infectious energy. *Jazz Times Magazine* says about them: "An electrifying, push-the-limits performance style... A tight and enormously talented trio." Don't miss it!

**CLASSICAL MUSIC WITH QUATUOR DANIEL**

SATURDAY APRIL 9 · 3-4 PM · IN THE OAK ROOM

The Music at Kohl Mansion series is back! The French-Belgian quartet **Quatuor Daniel** is famous for its bold, concentrated interpretations of major string quartet cycles. Its lively, fresh vision intense performances keep audiences "on the edge of their seats." Admission is free, but registration is required to keep attendance to 75.

**A WEEK OF CONNECTION**

SUNDAY, APRIL 3 – SATURDAY, APRIL 9 · ALL EVENTS ARE FREE

**EVERY DAY ACTIVITIES**

**TECH PETTING ZOO**

PRESENTED BY **SMSPORTZ, INC.**

What do robots and ukuleles have in common? They are two of the many new items being added into the Library's Tech Device Lending Collection. Drop by the Main Library lobby in the afternoons for hands-on demos of all the exciting new items that will soon be available for checkout so you can play, experiment and create at home.

**SCAVENGER HUNT**

Test your knowledge of the library and have fun exploring the Library's services, resources, and hidden corners. Entry forms are available at all three branch locations. Correct entries will be entered into a prize drawing.

**GOLDEN TICKET GIVEAWAY**

The Friends of the Library will be sponsoring a special giveaway! Golden Tickets will be placed in select materials waiting to be retrieved on the hold shelf. Patrons who find a Golden Ticket may choose one free item in the Friends' Book shop during the month of April.

**DAILY DRAWING!**

Every day, the Foundation will give away a gift card to **Amici's East Coast Pizzeria**.

Drop by the Main Library and visit the Foundation's National Library Week corner to complete an entry form or enter online at [www.smlibraryfoundation.org](http://www.smlibraryfoundation.org).

**READING GROVE**

PRESENTED BY **THE BOHANNON FOUNDATION**

Share your favorite titles and book recommendations by adding a leaf to the trees in our Reading Grove. Located in the Main Library Lobby by our digital events sign.

**LIBRARY CARD DESIGN CONTEST**

San Mateo and Hillsborough artists wanted! Help us create a new set of library cards! Download a template at [www.smplibrary.org](http://www.smplibrary.org) or pick up a template at your local San Mateo Public Library branch. Winners in three age groups (adult, teen, kids) will get cool prizes and have their artwork featured on special, limited edition cards!

**THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS SPONSORS!**

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# WELCOME TO NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK!

**NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK (April 3-9, 2022)** is a time to celebrate our nation's libraries, library workers' contributions and promote library use and support.



First celebrated in 1958, National Library Week is sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and observed in libraries across the country each April. All types of libraries—school, public, academic and special—participate.

The theme for National Library Week 2022, “Connect with Your Library,” promotes the idea that libraries are places to get connected to technology by using broadband, computers, and other resources. Libraries also offer opportunities to connect with media, programs, ideas, and classes—in addition to books. Most importantly libraries also connect communities to each other. Overall, the theme is an explicit call to action—an invitation for communities to join, visit, or advocate for their local libraries. 

# APRIL 3-9

## CELEBRATE AT THE SAN MATEO PUBLIC LIBRARY!

Whether you're visiting in person or virtually, the San Mateo Public Library offers the opportunity to connect with new worlds through access to technology, multimedia content, and educational programs.

Take time to connect during National Library Week to see all the Library has to offer and use this Special Edition Library Link as your guide to the week's activities.