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**December 2018 & January 2019
Events at the Library**

February 4, 2019



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Northside

January Program Highlights

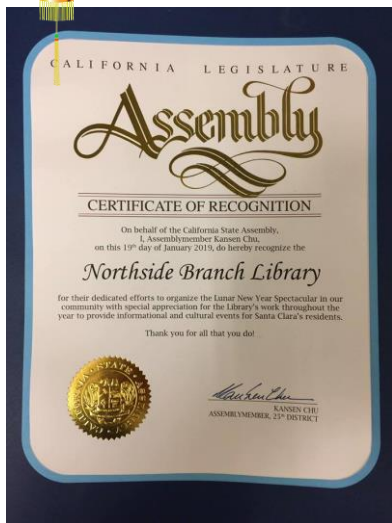
*Photos from our
Lunar New Year
Spectacular 2019.*



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Lunar New Year Spectacular 2019



Over 2,400 people celebrated the Lunar New Year with us. We received a certificate of recognition from Assemblymember Kansen Chu for our celebration!





Unbelievable Unicorn Day



We had a magical day at Northside Branch Library! Our three-part unicorn extravaganza included a “My Little Pony Movie” with Pegasus Popcorn, Glitter Grub Cooking Program, and Unicorn Slime.

Teen Cooking Club: Loaded French Fries



Our Teen Cooking Club wanted to start 2019 with a low calorie snack (our first joke of 2019). Our teens made some delicious french fry creations topped with cheese, sour cream, green onions, ketchup, and more!



Law Exploration Panel

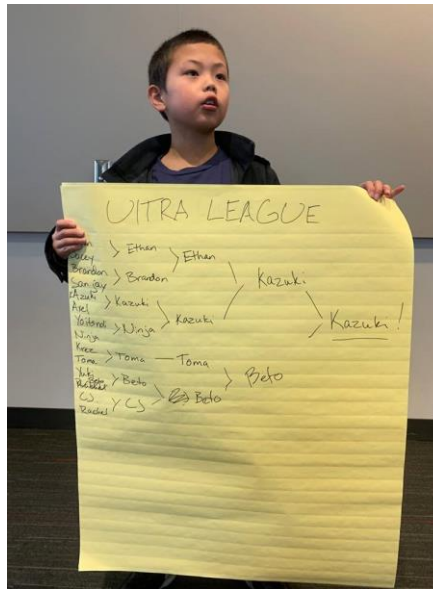


Santa Clara University School of Law moderated a panel of distinguished lawyers who discussed their law school and career journey.

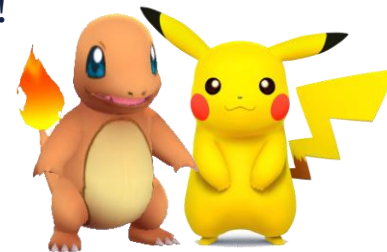
Thank you for making the Law Exploration Panel event possible for us. I am so glad I met you last night! Exploring's vision is to shape the workforce of tomorrow by engaging and mentoring today's youth in career and life-enhancing opportunities.
~Susan Vinh



Pokemon GO to the Library and Battle



Pokemon GO trainers came to Northside Branch Library to battle, make new friends, earn Sinnoh Stones, trade and more!



Turning a Stranger Into a Friend



Our attendees made lots of friends at our LinkedInLocal event! Special guest speaker, Oscar Garcia, CEO of Aspira, talked about how to use your network to find your next job opportunity or promotion.



Art After Dark: Art-Salted



Over 60+ attendees created their own SALT-ified masterpiece using everyone's favorite table seasoning.

Youth Services

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Pictured: Children acting out a scene from Kenn Adams' Adventure Theater!



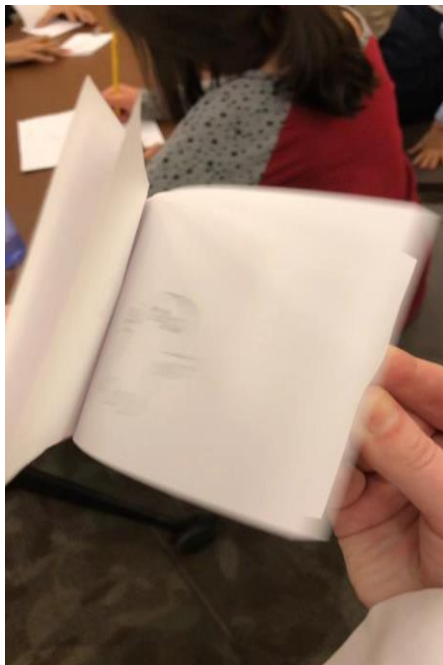
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STEM Challenge – Code a Lego Maze



STEM Challenge – Animation with FlipBooks



Kids Yoga



This program was made possible with support from the Foundation & Friends.



Sunset Cinema

This program is in partnership with Parks and Recreation and the City's Youth Commission. The Youth Commission sells concessions to raise money for its community service scholarship fund.



Teen Events

Teen Gingerbread Houses
Teen Holiday Pajama Party!
Teen Movie & Pizza
Jan *Mission: Impossible Fallout*
Feb - *Crazy Rich Asians*
Teen Craft: Cactus Pet Rocks



FINDING IDENTITY IN FAMILY HISTORY

Silicon Valley Reads 2019



Silicon Valley Reads, an annual community read program, kicked off in January. The Santa Clara City Library is hosting more than 20 events for Silicon Valley Reads this year, including genealogy workshops, book discussions, a special children's storytime, an author visit, a film screening and more!

Visit sclibrary.org/svr for more details.

Adult Services December & January Highlights

& Upcoming Events



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California 360 Virtual Reality Contest

The Library recently added 360-degree cameras to our collection, thanks to a grant. We hosted a contest to encourage patrons to check out the cameras and submit 360-degree photos and videos of their California travels.

Last week, patrons were invited to view the material in Central Studio and vote for their favorite. The winner will receive an annual pass to our National Parks.



50 people attended the public viewing party and voting in Central Studio on Jan. 29

Authors at the Library



Award-winning author **Francisco Jimenez** spoke to a packed room at a special after-hours event on Friday, Feb. 1.



Pushcart-nominated writer **Tim J. Myers** did a poetry reading, Q&A and book signing on January 31.

Art After Dark

Adults love a chance to craft!

Our recent Art After Dark events have been very popular with patrons. In December, attendees made minimalist paper wreaths, and in January they experimented with a galaxy paint pour.

The February Art After Dark craft will be modge-podging Valentine's Day-themed vases on February 11.



Both events maxed out at 52 attendees.

Teens Offer Weekly Tech Help

The Library began hosting a weekly “Teen Tech” help lab on Tuesday afternoons at Central Park Library. This program has had an amazing turnout, and we are continuing to recruit teen volunteers to satisfy demand.

“Thanks to the library for these tutorial programs - a good opportunity for teens to connect with grateful adults ... and a chance for many of us without teens in our family to better negotiate life in Silicon Valley.”
– A Happy Patron



The program typically provides one-on-one assistance to 8-10 patrons each week.

The Library can come to you!

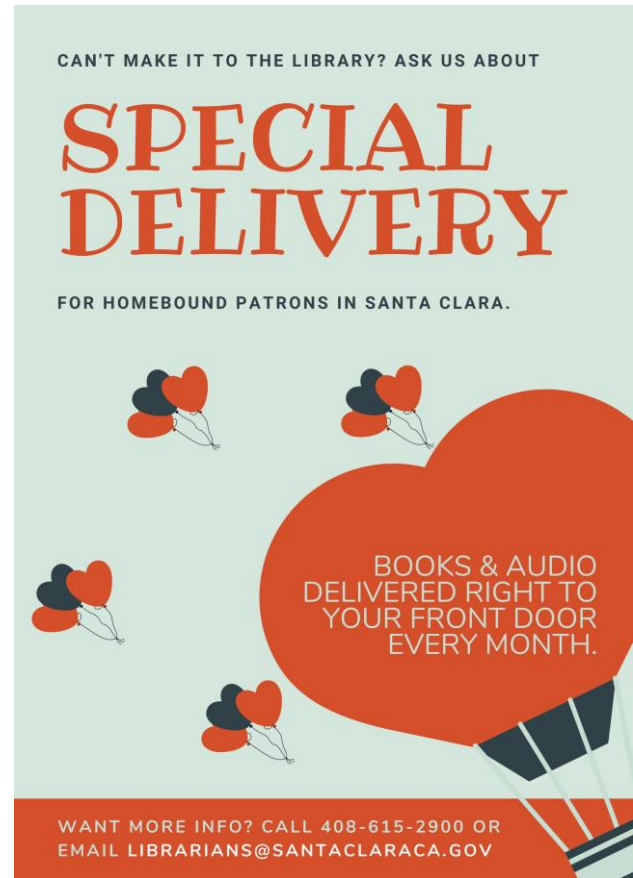
“You just have to be on a straight line up there to heaven, or you’re psychic. Look at what you’re doing for seniors like me who can’t get out but need to read. Bless you and thank you.”

– *Patron’s feedback on book choices*

“I received my first delivery today from a lovely, lovely, lovely young woman. Thank you for the good selection; I’ll enjoy them.”

- *Feedback from a brand-new delivery customer*

*The Special Delivery program currently delivers to
14 Santa Clara residents*



Coming in February:

VITA Tax Help: Free income tax preparation for low-income, elderly or limited English speaking people.



Every Thursday & Saturday until Tax Day!

ESL Family Night: New monthly program to accommodate working parents or other community members who cannot attend the Wednesday morning ESL conversation club.



*Second Thursdays
@ 6:30 p.m.
(beginning Feb. 14)*



Mission Branch

December and January Highlights



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Things That Have Happened



Kids learned to perform some magic tricks



Patrons were invited to spend to start the new year with a contemplative walk in a labyrinth



Teens created resolution journals to creatively chart their goals for the year

Things That Have Happened



Children (and parents) learned to juggle



Adults learned Tai Chi
(and Justin needs to learn photography)



Patrons are encouraged to try something new with "Blind Date With A Book" (through Feb. 14th)

Read Santa Clara

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“Because of my tutor and Read Santa Clara, my life changed. Thank you for everything you have done for me.”

- Sara, an adult learner, wrote in an email after getting a professional license and a job at a healthcare facility.



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Three Career Online High School
scholarships were awarded

-“I want to be a teacher
someday.”

- Guadalupe, Scholarship
awardee

“Running my own restaurant
is my motivation to continue
with my education. Between
work and family
responsibilities, it is hard to
find classes that fit my
schedule. This program fits
my needs and supports my
end goal. ”

-Maribel, Scholarship
awardee



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Read Santa Clara's Family Literacy Programs will have a STEM focus in 2019.

Family Literacy events were held at:

- Central Park Library (for families of adult learners)
- 5 state preschool classrooms at Scott Lane and Montague Elementary schools
- The Parent Resource Center of Santa Clara Adult Ed for families with limited literacy skills.



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Bookmobile

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Scheduled Weekly Stops

Tuesdays

Pacific Gardens (Seniors)	10-10:30
City Hall & Neighborhood	11:30-12:30
Montague Elementary	2:15-3:30

Wednesdays

Senior Center	10-10:30
Santa Clara Square (Corporate)	11:30-12:30
Bowers Elementary	1:10-2:10
The Westmont (Seniors)	3:00-3:30

Thursday

Wilson Adult Ed. Campus (alt)	9:30-10:30
Oracle (Corporate)	11:00-12:00
Scott Lane Elementary	2:00-3:30

Friday

Wilson Adult Ed. Campus (alt)	9:30-10:30
Kathryn Hughes Elementary	1:45-3:00



Statistics

Stats for December

- 3774 items circulated
- 1063 patron visits
- 29 new library cards created

Stats for January

- 4705 items circulated
- 1399 patron visitors
- 46 new library cards created



Since receiving her MLS from San Jose State in 1992, Celeste Steward has worked in virtually all aspects of public library service for a variety of Bay Area library systems. She was a youth and teen services librarian at Contra Costa County Library, managed collection development of children's literature and other youth materials for Alameda County Library, and most recently served as a branch manager for San Leandro Public Library. A native of Waterbury, CT., Celeste relocated to California in the mid-1980s, where she worked as a reporter for two East Bay newspapers and then gained her first taste of library work doing background research at the San Francisco Examiner. She also served as a professional seamstress for several Bay Area theater companies, including the San Francisco Opera, where she once worked on a costume repair for the legendary Luciano Pavarotti. A mother of two grown daughters, Celeste has been married for more than 30 years to San Jose Mercury News and Bay Area News Group sportswriter Carl Steward. Her hobbies include sewing, cooking, film noir and walking her redbone hound Junie.



Library

New staff



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