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# MENLO PARK LIBRARY

news and events

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## COMIC CON

*Our annual salute to the comic arts and pop culture brings live music, hands-on fun—and a whole lot of character!*

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## SUMMER LEARNING CHALLENGE

*Stay engaged and have fun all summer long with a wealth of activities, events, and great reads for all ages!*

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## MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

*Menlo Park joins a nationwide movement to raise awareness and reduce stigma around mental health and substance use issues.*





*Menlo Park's newest landmark, a replica of the historic Menlo Gate, was dedicated on March 17, 2019. The main gate spans the pathway to the Main Library and civic center campus.*

## GATEWAY TO KNOWLEDGE WELCOME TO MENLO PARK LIBRARY

### MAIN LIBRARY

800 Alma Street, Menlo Park CA 94025  
650-330-2500

Monday, 10:00 am–9:00 pm  
Tuesday, Noon–9:00 pm  
Wednesday, 10:00 am–9:00 pm  
Thursday, 10:00 am–6:00 pm  
Friday, 10:00 am–6:00 pm  
Saturday, 10:00 am–5:00 pm  
Sunday, Noon–5:00 pm

Online–24/7/365  
[MenloPark.org/library](http://MenloPark.org/library)

### BELLE HAVEN BRANCH

413 Ivy Drive, Menlo Park CA 94025  
650-330-2540

New hours effective May 1, 2019:

Monday, Noon–9:00 pm  
Tuesday, Noon–9:00 pm  
Wednesday, Noon–9:00 pm  
Thursday, 10:00 am–6:00 pm  
Friday, 10:00 am–6:00 pm  
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The public library is a unique edifice in our community—a place where past, present, and future intersect. For over 100 years, the Menlo Park Library has served as our community's gateway to knowledge, with infinite pathways to learn our rich history, join conversations about current events, and chart our journey to the future. In this second edition of our bi-monthly newsletter, you will find our complete program and event listings for the months of May and June. In these pages you also will find a few interesting facts about the Library and the beautiful Menlo Park community we are privileged to serve. We hope you enjoy this newsletter and find it informative. We welcome your thoughts and suggestions! Visit our website to learn more: [menloPark.org/library](http://menloPark.org/library)

Sincerely,

Sean S. Reinhart  
Interim Director of Library Services  
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#### ONLINE

Manage your library account, download e-books, stream videos, and more  
[menloPark.org/library](http://menloPark.org/library)



#### IN-HOUSE

Our friendly staff are here to assist you 7 days a week. Books, events, community



#### SOCIAL MEDIA

Connect with us on Instagram and Facebook: [@menloParklibrary](https://www.facebook.com/menloParklibrary)  
Twitter: [@menlolibrary](https://twitter.com/menlolibrary)



# MENLO PARK LIBRARY COMIC CON

Creating a **vibrant**  
community

Saturday, June 22, 2019  
10:00 am–3:00 pm  
Menlo Park Main Library  
800 Alma St.

*Dress up and immerse yourself in a day of comic-related fun for adults and children alike!*

## JOIN US FOR

- Live music from Margaret & Kristoph and Cartoon Violence
- Costumed characters & cosplay contest
- Artists, vendors, and special guests
- Hands-on activities
- Photo booth
- Games and escape room

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

- [menlopark.org/comiccon](http://menlopark.org/comiccon)
- [facebook.com/menloparklibrary](https://facebook.com/menloparklibrary)
- 650-330-2501



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Event sponsor  
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# BELLE HAVEN BRANCH LIBRARY SPACE NEEDS STUDY BY THE NUMBERS

## Our Values

### SERVICE

We are professional, cordial, helpful service providers.

### COMMUNITY

We are fully engaged with the community and we value our place in it. We step up for the greater good.

### TEAMWORK

We listen to each other, share mutual respect and support, and function collaboratively.

### PROFESSIONALISM

We are dedicated to providing high-quality library services to our community. We serve with integrity.

### ACCOUNTABILITY

We live up to our shared vision, mission and goals. We are open to new ideas and innovation. We meet and exceed expectations.

### FUN

Our workplace and our work are interesting, challenging, and fun. We value our work and celebrate our achievements.

## Our Mission

*Menlo Park Library is our city's focal point for information, learning, and culture. We enrich people's lives through our collections, programs, and expertise.*

**6,700** Estimated service area population\*

**3,500** Size of the Belle Haven Branch Library in sq. ft

**2,600** Estimated number of households in the Belle Haven Branch Library's service area\*

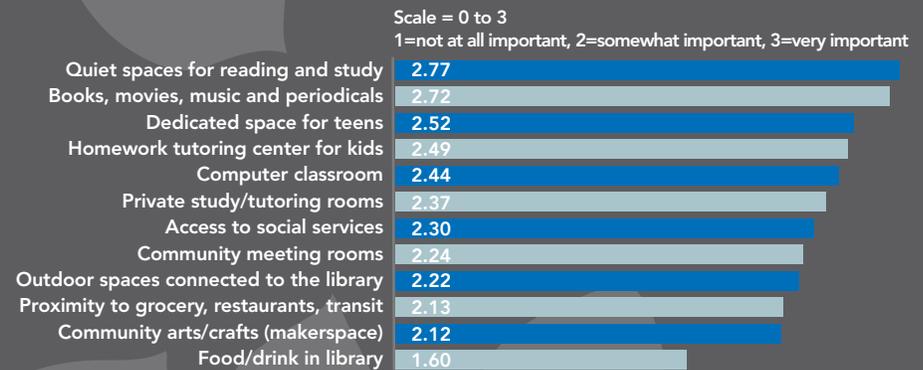
**914** Number of survey responses received

**55** Hours per week open to the public (as of 5.1.19)

\* Includes the Belle Haven and Bayfront neighborhoods (all of incorporated Menlo Park north/east of Bay Road).

## Thanks for your input!

In December and January, the City of Menlo Park conducted a city-wide survey asking residents what they think are the most important features a new Belle Haven Library should have. Here's a sample chart from the survey results. Visit [menlopark.org/mylibrary](http://menlopark.org/mylibrary) to read them all.



## WORKING FOR YOU

The City of Menlo Park has taken substantial steps forward to build a new branch library to serve the Belle Haven and Bayfront neighborhoods. We surveyed and interviewed hundreds of Menlo Park residents, with a strong emphasis on Belle Haven and Bayfront neighborhood residents, to develop a comprehensive Space Needs Study for a new library branch. Now begins the really exciting work of designing a new branch library facility for the community. Your input is welcomed and encouraged. We want to hear from you! Learn more at [menlopark.org/mylibrary](http://menlopark.org/mylibrary)

# Children & Families



## MAY

### BAY AREA DISCOVERY MUSEUM TRY-IT TRUCK

Thursday, May 2  
3:00–5:00 pm  
Belle Haven Branch  
Drop-in: Grades K-5

This engineering lab-on-wheels introduces students to the engineering design process and high- and low-tech tools while encouraging them to take risks and try new ideas.

### YOUTH POETRY CONTEST AWARDS NIGHT CEREMONY

Tuesday, May 7  
7:00–8:00 pm  
City Council Chambers

Hear the winners of our first annual Youth Poetry Contest, as they present their poems to the Menlo Park City Council members. Event cosponsored by the Menlo Park Library Foundation and the City of Menlo Park.

### SCIENCE TELLERS: ALIENS! ESCAPE FROM EARTH

Thursday, May 23  
7:00–8:00 pm  
Main Library  
Drop-in: Ages 5+ with their families

This brand-new show from ScienceTellers is far out! Story meets science, for a fun, interactive experience.

### ART AROUND THE WORLD: JAPAN

Saturday, May 25  
10:30 am–Noon  
Main Library  
Registration Required: Ages 6-11

Take a virtual visit to Japan! Learn about the country and its people, and create your own version of the beautiful fish windsocks that are used for festivals and celebrations.

## JUNE

### SUMMER LEARNING CHALLENGE KICKOFF

Saturday, June 1  
10:30 am–12:30 pm  
Main Library

Drop-in: Ages 5-11, but all ages are invited to take the challenge.

Come to the Library to sign up for the Summer Learning Challenge and make a Summer Learning Buddy. Learn about measurement & do a word scramble—they both count for your Learning Log!

### WILDMIND SCIENCE LEARNING: CREEPY CRITTERS

Tuesday, June 18  
2:00–3:00 pm  
Main Library  
Drop-in: Especially for K-6 students

This program explores the gentler side of the most misunderstood animals of the wild kingdom. We'll meet creatures with four legs, eight legs—and no legs!





# Children & Families

## ZUN ZUN MUSIC OF THE AMERICAS

Wednesday, June 19  
4:00–5:00 pm  
Belle Haven Branch  
Drop-in: Grades K-6

Music from many regions of the Americas is presented on over 30 instruments celebrating the environments and cultures of North, Central and South America.

## MAGICIAN BRIAN SCOTT: THE SECRETS OF MAGIC

Wednesday, June 26  
4:00–5:00 pm  
Belle Haven Branch  
Drop-in: Ages 5+ with their families

It's a magic show where the magician doesn't do any of the tricks! It's the audience who will perform the magic—and go home being able to perform the tricks themselves.

## MISS WENDY'S GOODNIGHT SHOW

Thursday, June 27  
7:00–7:30 pm  
Main Library  
Drop-in: Especially for preschoolers with their families

Get the little ones into their pajamas, and bop along to a fun musical storytime that'll help get everyone ready for bed!

## Summer Learning Challenge

For a wonderful summer and a great start to school in the fall, take part in our all-ages Summer Learning Challenge! Research has shown that summertime learning programs help prevent "summer slide" in students. Beginning Saturday, June 1, register to play online or pick up a log at the Main Library or Belle Haven Branch. Every day you visit the library, enter a drawing to win tickets for places like the Monterey Bay Aquarium or the Children's Discovery Museum—there's a different prize every week.

Come back all summer for special storytimes and programs, and track your reading and learning. Starting August 1, show us your completed logs or online badges, and you'll get another free book plus chances to win a \$1000 college scholarship!

Don't miss our kickoff events:

Saturday, June 1	Sunday, June 2
10:30 am–12:30 pm	2:00–4:00 pm
Main Library	Belle Haven Branch

What about grownups? We've got free books, prizes & programs for you, too!

### WIN PRIZES!

- Free books—a free book just for signing up!
- Tickets to Monterey Bay Aquarium & Children's Discovery Museum
- \$1000 College Scholarship





## HOW TO REGISTER ONLINE

1. Choose the storytime that matches your child's age

### Online Registration Begins

*(Registration open until session full):*

May sessions: Su, 4/21 at Noon  
June sessions: Su, 5/19 at Noon

2. Register online at [menlopark.org/Storytimes](http://menlopark.org/Storytimes)

# Children & Families

## Storytime

Storytime promotes the joy of reading, and helps to develop early literacy skills. Please model participation for your child! We offer storytimes in month-long, by-registration sessions. For those looking for a drop-in session, we offer two Family Storytime sessions every week, and an outdoor storytime every Thursday morning at 10:00!

### RHYMES AND SIGNS FOR ONES

Ages 12–24 months

This program is focused on language development and socialization through singing, stories and sign language.

### FAMILY STORYTIME

Drop-in: All ages

Enjoy a fun family event with your child! We choose books and songs to span the age differences and engage the children on multiple levels.

### STORIES AND SONGS

Ages 24–36 months

Older tots enjoy simple books, rhyming games and songs that build the foundations for literacy. We will play while we learn!

### PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Ages 3–5 years

A mixed-age group, with a fun mix of material! Adults will participate along with the children in stories, games & activities aimed at strengthening vocabulary, socialization & other preschool skills.

### BABY LAPSIT STORYTIME

Ages 0–12 months

Celebrate the special bond between you & your baby! This program offers finger plays, puppets, bouncing and books, all to encourage brain and language development

### SINGIN' IN THE SHADE

Drop-in: All ages

This program is focused on language development and socialization through singing, stories and sign language. Join us outside the library under the large oak tree!

## MAY STORYTIMES

M	10:15 am	Rhymes & Signs
	11:15 am	Stories & Songs*
T	7:00 pm	Family Storytime
W	10:15 am	Stories & Songs*
Th	10:00 am	Singin' in the Shade
	11:15 am	Preschool Storytime
F	10:15 am	Baby Lapsit

\*Choose ONE Rhymes & Signs session only

## JUNE STORYTIMES

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	11:15 am	Stories & Songs
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W	10:15 am	Preschool Storytime
Th	10:00 am	Singin' in the Shade
F	10:15 am	Baby Lapsit

Beginning May 3, new storytime at Belle Haven Branch!

Join us for drop-in Family Storytime every Friday at 10:15 am.

View our events online at [menlopark.org/library](http://menlopark.org/library)

# Children & Families

## Summer Puppetry Festival

Join the library in celebrating the art of puppetry in its many forms, as we host a series of puppet shows by a variety of performers from throughout the Bay Area and beyond! Drop in for one event, or join us for the entire series!

### FRATELLO MARIONETTES VAUDEVILLE FOLLIES

Sunday, June 2  
2:00–2:45 pm  
Belle Haven Branch

It's a marionette variety show! The talented crew will include an opera singer, a trapeze artist, Mister Pierrot and his balloon, a trained dog, and a ballet-dancing chicken! After the show, be sure to stick around for free balloon twists and paletas, to celebrate the kickoff of this year's Summer Learning Challenge!

### THE PUPPET COMPANY FANTASY ON STRINGS

Sunday, June 16  
2:00–2:45 pm  
Belle Haven Branch

Go on a magical excursion, and witness a host of three-foot tall, fully-articulated marionettes! You'll meet a mama and baby dragon, a dancing duck, tap-dancing skeletons, and comical clowns.

### SILLY GOOSE AND VAL

Sunday, June 30  
2:00–3:00 pm  
Belle Haven Branch  
Drop-in: Ages 3+ with family

On tour from the East Coast: enjoy a fast-paced, funny musical show featuring puppets, ventriloquism, dancing, singing, and "100% audience participation!"



# Teens



## FREE COMIC BOOK DAY

Saturday, May 4  
10:00 am–5:00 pm  
Both library locations  
All Ages

Free Comic Book Day is celebrated each year on the first Saturday in May. Comic books are fun to read, featuring a wide range of story lines that capture the imagination of readers. Choose ONE free comic book of your choice! Available while supplies last.

## DESIGN AND BIND JOURNALS

Monday, May 20  
4:00–6:00 pm  
Belle Haven Branch  
Registration Required: Grades 5-12

Tuesday, May 21  
4:00–6:00 pm  
Main Library  
Registration Required: Grades 5-12

Take some time out of your hectic schedule to enjoy some art therapy with Christie Inocencio from Christie's Creative Cupboard. She will bring all the supplies for you to design and bind your own journal.

## LGBTQ TEEN ACTIVITIES

Monday, June 3  
4:00–6:00 pm  
Belle Haven Branch  
Registration Required: Grades 5-12

Show your support for LGBTQ Awareness month! Teens, create DIY duct tape activities and friendship bracelets while we enjoy some snacks. All supplies provided.

## LGBTQ HIGH SCHOOL MOVIE

Tuesday, June 11  
4:00–6:00 pm  
Main Library  
Registration Required:  
Ages 13 and up

Teens, join us as we enjoy a fantastic LGBTQ romantic teen comedy drama: "Love, Simon." Rated PG-13. Refreshments will be provided.



## Expanded Hours for Belle Haven

Beginning May 1, we will extend the Belle Haven Branch hours in response to popular community demand:

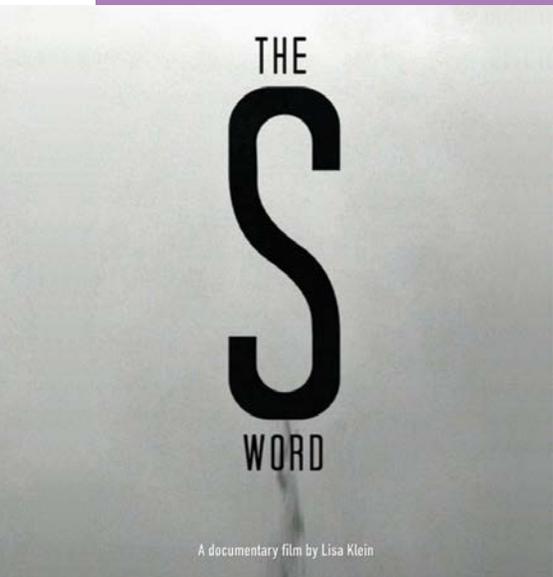
Monday–Wednesday Noon–9:00 pm  
Thursday, Friday 10:00 am–6:00 pm  
Saturday 10:00 am–5:00 pm  
Sunday Noon–5:00 pm

## TEEN ADVISORY GROUP

Want to earn volunteering hours and be involved in your Menlo Park community? Join other teens ages 13–18 in our Teen Advisory Group (TAG)! TAG shares ideas on our library's teen programs, Teen Zone, and more! Find out what it's all about by contacting Gina Feil: [gifeil@menlopark.org](mailto:gifeil@menlopark.org)

# MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

This May, Menlo Park is partnering with San Mateo County Health and other organizations throughout the area in celebrating Mental Health Awareness Month (MHAM). Join us in the effort to increase awareness and inspire action to reduce stigma against those with mental health and substance use conditions.



*In addition to the listed events, the Main Library will also be hosting interrelated exhibitions throughout the month in our Great Hall.*

*Please pay us a visit!*

### MENTAL HEALTH 101: TRAUMA

Wednesday, May 1  
6:30–8:00 pm  
Main Library

What is trauma, what does it lead to, and what are some grounding techniques? We kick off Mental Health Awareness Month with a panel of experts from CORA offering information and answering questions.

### SONGS OF HOPE AND HEALING: SINGER-SONGWRITER GABY CASTRO

Monday, May 13  
7:00–8:00 pm  
Main Library

Castro combines introspective song writing with a contemporary style. An advocate for mental illness awareness, many of Gaby's songs touch on her personal struggles and the trials of those around her.

### STR8JACKET HIP HOP

Saturday, May 18  
1:00–2:00 pm  
Belle Haven Branch

Enjoy a performance by the dance team that values passion, and promotes mental health and acceptance. As a no-audition competitive dance team, Str8jacket promotes a real sense of family and community.

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Belle Haven Branch  
Registration Required: Grades 5-12

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### MENTAL HEALTH OPEN MIC

Friday, May 24  
7:15–8:30 pm  
Café Zoë  
1929 Menalto Ave

San Mateo County Poet Laureate Aileen Cassinetta joins us to help break the silence surrounding suicide and mental illness. Enjoy some coffee or tea while you share your own words or listen to others.

### FILM SCREENING AND DISCUSSION: THE S-WORD

Wednesday, May 29  
6:00–8:30 pm  
Main Library

"It is not the word suicide that is the problem; it is the silence that so often follows." This film follows people who are surviving and thriving. Followed with a discussion led by Melissa Kelley, LMFT.



### GOOD REASONS FOR BAD FEELINGS: RANDOLPH M. NESSE, M.D.

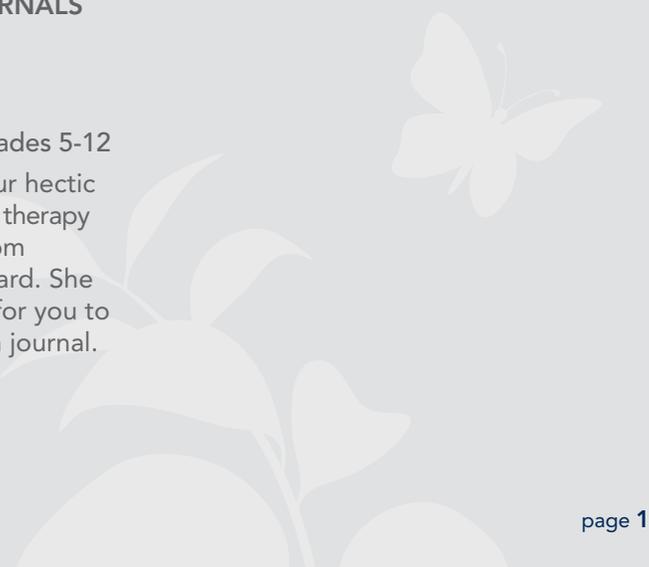
Friday, May 17  
6:30–7:30 pm  
City Council Chambers

Why has natural selection left us so vulnerable to mental illness? The Founding Director of the Center for Evolution & Medicine at Arizona State University shares his revealing research.

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Main Library  
Registration Required: Grades 5-12

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# Adults



## Weekly Program

### ESL CONVERSATION CLUB

Wednesdays  
5:00–6:00 pm

Practice your English conversation skills with other language learners. The group is sponsored by Project Read – Menlo Park.

## Special Events

### SUMMER BOOK SALE: FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Saturday, June 1, 10:00 am–2:00 pm  
Sunday, June 2, Noon–2:00 pm  
Main Library

The Friends of the Menlo Park Library will hold a two-day book sale, featuring thousands of books, CDs, and DVDs. Shoppers on Sunday will be able to fill a bag with books for five dollars.

### LIBRARY COMMISSION MEETINGS

Monday, May 20  
Monday, June 17  
6:30–8:30 pm

The Library Commission makes recommendations to the City Council regarding the operation of the Menlo Park Libraries by keeping in touch with patrons and the general public; promotes the use of the libraries; reports on library activities and encourages public as well as legislative support for library services.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

- [menlopark.org/adults](http://menlopark.org/adults)
- [facebook.com/menloparklibrary](https://facebook.com/menloparklibrary)
- 650-330-2501

## MAY

### GAMELAN ANAK SWARASANTI

Saturday, May 4  
11:00 am–Noon  
Main Library

Enjoy the traditional music of Bali, Indonesia, performed by an award-winning gamelan orchestra based in Santa Cruz.

### ADULT BOARD GAME MEETUP

Sunday, May 5  
12:30–3:30 pm  
Main Library

Enjoy this opportunity to socialize and perhaps try out a game you've never seen before. Enjoy the selection of games provided, or bring your own to share! Meets on the main floor past the Project Read offices.

### FILM DISCUSSION GROUP

Tuesday, May 7  
6:30–8:00 pm  
Main Library

Meet other film fans and talk about the movie that played at the Guild Theatre the previous weekend.

### LITERATURE BOOK GROUP: ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE

Tuesday May 14  
7:15–8:30 pm  
Main Library

An unforgettable cast of small-town characters copes with love and loss in this new work of fiction by #1 bestselling author and Pulitzer Prize winner Elizabeth Strout.

### MYSTERY READERS GROUP: FRENCH MYSTERIES

Wednesday, May 15  
7:00–8:30 pm  
Main Library

Contribute your own thoughts and favorites to a discussion of French authors, French settings, and the mysteries of France!

### SPECULATIVE FICTION BOOK GROUP: THE OCEAN AT THE END OF THE LANE

Monday, May 20  
7:15–8:30 pm  
Main Library

Dark creatures are on the loose, and our only defense is the three women at the end of the lane. The youngest claims that her duck pond is an ocean, and the oldest remembers the Big Bang.

### KNITTING MEETUP

Wednesday, May 22  
7:00–9:00 pm  
Main Library

Get together with other adults for yarn arts & laughs! All are welcome, novice or pro.

## JUNE

### ADULT BOARD GAME MEETUP

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### E-LIBRARY TIPS

Wednesday, June 5  
6:00–8:00 pm  
Main Library

How can you use your phone or tablet to access the world of free offerings through the library? Drop in, and our staff will show you how to help yourself to e-books, magazines, museum passes, and so much more!

### ADULTS SEW TOTE BAGS

Saturday, June 8  
1:00–2:30 pm  
Belle Haven Branch  
Registration Required

Add your own touches to a bag you can use shopping, work, or play. All supplies are provided.

### LITERATURE BOOK GROUP: SO LONG, SEE YOU TOMORROW

Tuesday June 11  
7:15–8:30 pm  
Main Library

This magically evocative novel explores the enigmatic gravity of the past, which compels us to keep explaining it even as it makes liars out of us every time we try.

### STORYTELLER DIANE FERLATTE: JUNETEENTH

Wednesday, June 19  
7:00–8:00 pm  
Main Library

The internationally-revered performer marks this celebration of African American independence by sharing stories full of humor and heart, accompanied on guitar and banjo by Erik Pearson.

### MYSTERY READERS GROUP: THE TWO CHARLES TODDS

Wednesday, June 19  
7:00–9:00 pm  
Main Library

Join us to discuss the work of American authors Caroline and Charles Todd, who write two historical mystery series set in England.

### MENLO PARK LIBRARY COMIC CON

Saturday, June 22  
10:00 am–3:00 pm  
Main Library

Our celebration of the comic arts and fandom returns, with cosplay, live music, artists, vendors, special guests, a photo booth, hands-on activities, games, an escape room, and more!

### SPECULATIVE FICTION BOOK GROUP: ARMADA

Monday, June 24  
7:15–8:30 pm  
Main Library

Zach sees a UFO out his high school's window, and again in his favorite online game, Armada. He questions what he knows to be real, and whether Armada is only just a game.

### KNITTING MEETUP

Wednesday, June 26  
7:00–9:00 pm  
Main Library

Get together with other adults for yarn arts & laughs! All are welcome, novice or pro.

### THE GOAT HILL GIRLS

Saturday, June 29  
1:00–2:00 pm  
Belle Haven Branch

Tap your toes to the harmonious blending of old and new friends, playing plenty of traditional bluegrass, vintage country, old-timey, Irish, and some fun novelty tunes.



### LIBRARY CLOSURES

Both locations of the Menlo Park Library will be closed on Monday, May 27 in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.

Both locations will open later than usual at 2:00 pm on Tuesday, June 25 for staff training.

# Adults

## June Weddings

Gather together with us this month, to enjoy movies spotlighting a wide range of wedding parties! All films rated R.

Tuesdays at 6:30 pm  
Main Library

### JUNE 4

#### MURIEL'S WEDDING

Toni Collette stars as the socially awkward Muriel, whose biggest ambition is to have a glamorous wedding and improve her personal life by moving from her dead-end home town.

### JUNE 11

#### MONSOON WEDDING

A stressed father, a bride-to-be with a secret, a smitten event planner, and relatives from around the world create much ado about the preparations for an arranged marriage in India.

### JUNE 18

#### THE WEDDING BANQUET

Director Ang Lee's United States breakthrough: a gay man's marriage of convenience with a young woman turns into a major inconvenience when his traditional Taiwanese family flies in for the ceremony.

### JUNE 25

#### THE BEST MAN

Novelist and committed bachelor Harper Stewart tries to hide the fact that his saucy new book is based on the lives and loves of his tight-knit group of friends—all members of an upcoming wedding party.



# Menlo Park Library Foundation

Menlo Park Library Foundation is a proud sponsor of our community libraries. From the Belle Haven Branch to the Main Library, our mission is to support and enhance Menlo Park's public library facilities, fundraising, and community network.

## Blast from the Past



*Here's a vintage photo showing the Menlo Park Main Library as it appeared around the time it was built in 1957. This is the original entry and façade, which is now enclosed by a fence around the library's outdoor patio. The chimney and fireplace are still in place where the magazine area is today. As Menlo Park grew, the library building was expanded with the "great hall" addition in 1968; and again when the children's room and lobby (including the beautiful stained glass window) was added in 1991. Then, as now, the library was a vibrant center for learning and sharing information, and a source of immense community pride.*

### WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING ABOUT US

It's great to have friends! Menlo Park Library Foundation is an all-volunteer, grassroots organization, powered by you. Check out our story page, where Menlo Park friends and neighbors are sharing stories like this one from longtime Menlo Park resident Mary Edwards:

*"I have always loved libraries since I was a little girl just starting to read – and dreamed of becoming a librarian when I grew up. As it turns out, I became a doctor instead – although I did volunteer as a medical research librarian for many years after retiring. But of all the libraries I have frequented in my (long) lifetime, Menlo Park library is the BEST. Everyone working there is so knowledgeable and helpful – and now that my vision is fading in my old age, I truly appreciate their selection of large print books!  
Thank you Menlo Park library!"*

Thank you!  
Menlo Park Library Foundation  
[www.menlolibrary.org](http://www.menlolibrary.org)



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The Menlo Park Library  
Comic Con returns June 22!

Learn more at  
[menlopark.org/library](http://menlopark.org/library)