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# MENLO PARK LIBRARY

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## BEETLELADY

Stephanie Dole, Ph.D. brings a trio of events—and a whole lot of insects!

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## RECLAIMING TRADITION, RECLAIMING HEALTH

Our new exhibition and event series explores what was lost—and what may be regained.

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## BOOK-ISH TRIVIA

A special after-hours event just for adults features games, prizes, and a whole lot of fun!



*Books make great gifts. This winter, make a goal to share a good book with a friend. You'll be glad you did.*



## A GIFT THAT KEEPS GIVING

### WELCOME TO MENLO PARK LIBRARY

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“Books are a uniquely portable magic,” says author Stephen King. Compact, durable, and easy to share, books have a nearly supernatural ability to conjure fresh ideas and emotions, again and again. Great books change lives, and some have even changed the world. This holiday season, share a bit of uniquely portable magic with someone you care about. Give them a really good book. And treat yourself to a gift that keeps giving—a library card.

Have a wonderful holiday season.

Sean S. Reinhart  
Director of Library Services  
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#### IN-HOUSE

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



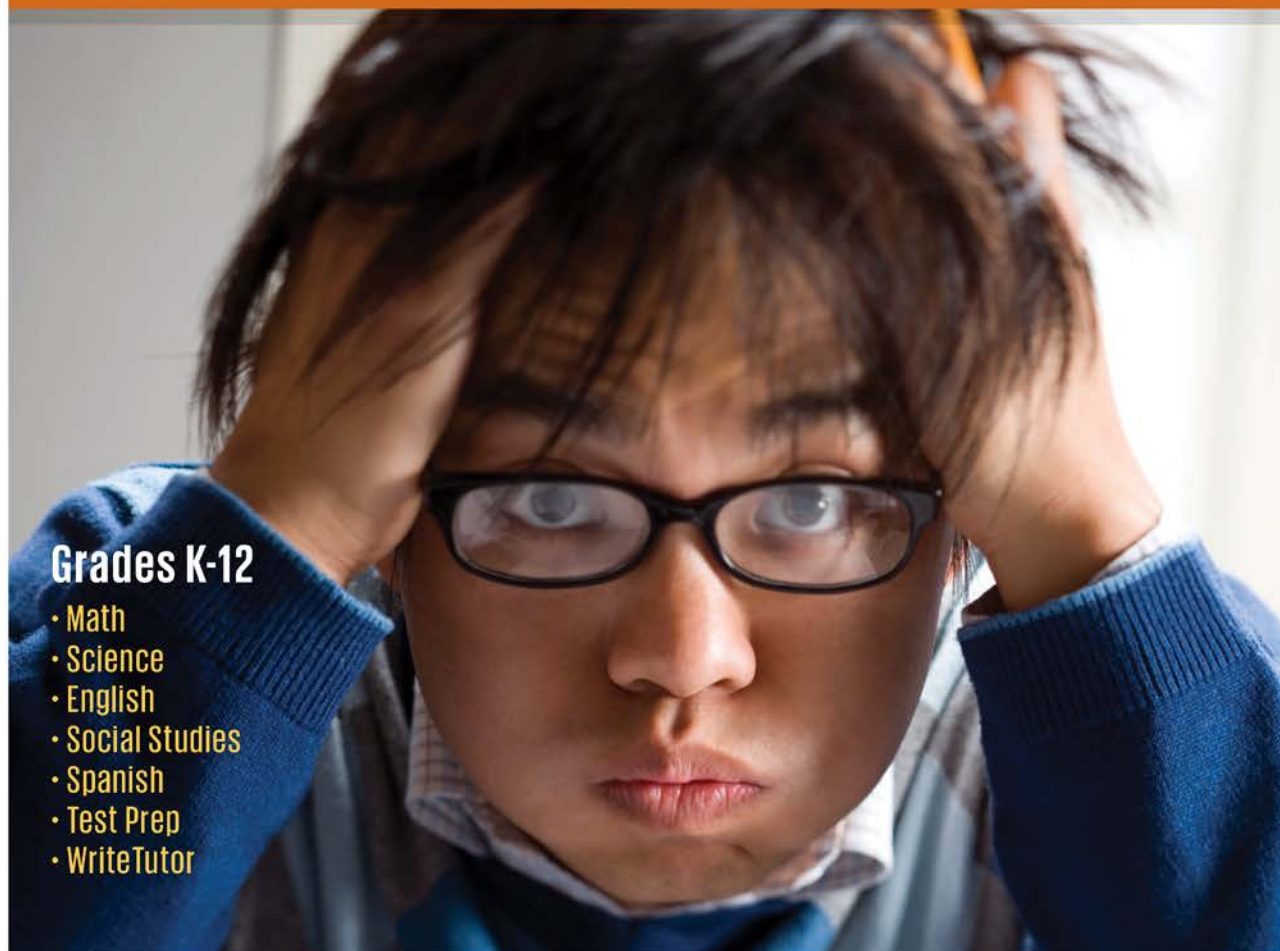
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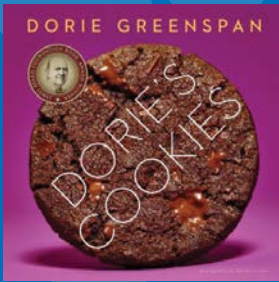
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# SPOTLIGHT ON: COOKBOOKS AND CRAFTING COLLECTIONS

## Menlo Park Library Staff Picks!

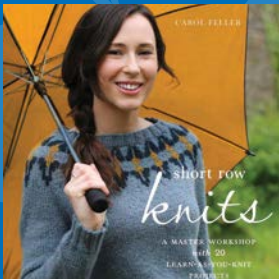


*Dorie's Cookies* by Dorie Greenspan

"Each time I pick up the book, I flip through all of the recipes, but I always end up going with the best one."

—John, Program Specialist

(editor's note: the best is on pg 127!)



*Short Row Knits* by Carol Feller

"This collection of Feller's beautiful designs is made even more useful because it focuses on a specific technique. You can learn four different methods of knitting short rows, and put that knowledge right to use making bags, hats, toys, socks and sweaters of her design."

—Elspeth, Librarian

## For a festive season of food and gifts!

At Menlo Park Library, cookbooks and crafting books are among our most popular items. This season, we're highlighting these beloved books in special displays just for you, front and center in the Main Library. Check out a stack today, and prepare to pamper your loved ones with tasty treats and cozy creations!

Menlo Park Library offers a wealth of cooking and crafting ideas for every style and season.





# Children & Families

A BISCUIT FOR CHOCOLATE



## NOVEMBER

### THANKSGIVING CRAFT WORKSHOP

Saturday, November 2  
10:30 am–12:30 pm  
Main Library  
Drop-in: Families with children

Design and create your own Thanksgiving table decor! Two projects include all materials for families to make 3-D paper apples using decorative papers, and an apple and pumpkin pie 'thankful' garland.

### CHIQUEY BOOM

Sunday, November 3  
2:00–2:45 pm  
Belle Haven Branch  
Drop-in: All Ages

Fun, bilingual clowning around: a silly magic show with music and movement games that is great for children of all ages!

### SO MANY BUGS!

Saturday, November 9  
10:30–11:30 am  
Main Library  
Drop-in: Preschoolers

Learn about the astounding number of bugs in our world, as Beetelady Stephanie Dole engages preschoolers with free play; story, song, and movement time; buggy art—and live bugs!

### INSECT FLIGHT

Saturday, November 9  
12:30–1:30 pm  
Main Library  
Drop-in: Grades K-8

The evolution of insect flight has played a huge role in their success. Learn about the different types of insect wings and the amazing ways they fly. Beetelady Stephanie Dole will introduce students to live arthropods.

### "THE NUTCRACKER" PREVIEW

Thursday, November 14  
7:00–7:30 pm  
Main Library  
Drop-in: All Ages

Join us after hours in the library's Great Hall, as the dancers of Western Ballet perform a mini dress rehearsal preview of their upcoming production of the Tchaikovsky classic.

### FULL-BODY MUSIC

Sunday, November 17  
2:00–2:45 pm  
Belle Haven Branch  
Drop-in: Ages 2-6

Golden Acorn Music will get you moving and learning in English and Spanish! Enjoy the music, fun, and excitement in the moment, then bring your favorites home.

### "A BISCUIT FOR CHOCOLATE" READING AND RHYME-ALONG

Thursday, November 21  
4:00–5:00 pm  
Main Library

Meet the creative duo behind a new children's book, and enjoy rhyming games, coloring, & sharing pet stories.







# Children & Families

## DECEMBER

### THE BUGS OF POKÉMON

Sunday, December 1  
2:00–3:00 pm  
Belle Haven Branch  
Drop-in: Grades K-8

Pokémon creator Satoshi Tajiri spent his childhood collecting bugs in the Japanese countryside. Learn about those bugs, and how that game and the science of Entomology are alike, with the Beetlelady!

### HOLIDAY CRAFT WORKSHOP

Saturday, December 14  
10:30 am–12:30 pm  
Main Library  
Drop-in: Families with children

Design and create your own holiday decor. We'll supply materials and instructions for you to make a tin can tree, a paper bag star, and even gift tags and cards.

### PUPPET ART THEATER THREE LITTLE PIGS

Sunday, December 15  
2:00–2:45 pm  
Belle Haven Branch  
Drop-in: All ages

Pigs, straw, sticks, bricks, and a huffing and puffing Big Bad Wolf add up to hilarity and mayhem in this adaptation of the classic story. Stay afterward for a peek behind the scenes!

### SAFARI ENCOUNTERS

Tuesday, December 17

2 Sessions:  
3:45–4:45 pm  
5:00–6:00 pm  
Main Library  
Drop-in: Ages 4+ with caregiver

Learn about animals and their habitats—and meet the animals! Guest “animal ambassadors” may include a snake, alligator, hedgehog, and opossum.







## HOW TO REGISTER ONLINE

1. Choose the storytime that matches your child's age
2. Online Registration Begins  
(Registration open until session full):  
November sessions: Su, 10/23 at noon  
December sessions: On break for month of December  
January sessions: Su, 12/22 at noon
3. Register online at [menlopark.org/Storytimes](http://menlopark.org/Storytimes)

# 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 in November, and on Tuesday evenings at the Main Library throughout December.

## BABY LAPSIT STORYTIME

Ages 0–12 months

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

## JUST FOR ONES

Ages 12–24 months

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

## JUST FOR TWOS

Ages 24–36 months

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

## JUST FOR THREES

Ages 36–48 months

A shared experience between caregivers and children, this storytime for younger preschoolers will have you reading, moving, shaking, and singing! We will stretch ourselves, learning basic skills like listening to instructions and sitting still for a story, in a supportive setting. Books, songs, fingerplays, and games will reinforce important early literacy concepts.

## 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, and activities aimed at strengthening vocabulary, socialization, and other preschool skills.

## FAMILY STORYTIME

Drop-in: All ages

We choose books and songs to span the age differences and engage the children on multiple levels. Fun for kids and their grown-ups!

## NOV STORYTIMES–MAIN LIBRARY

|    |          |                     |
|----|----------|---------------------|
| M  | 10:15 am | Just for Ones*      |
|    | 11:15 am | Just for Twos       |
| T  | 7:00 pm  | Family Storytime    |
| W  | 10:15 am | Just for Threes     |
| TH | 10:15 am | Just for Ones*      |
|    | 11:15 am | Preschool Storytime |
| F  | 10:15 am | Baby Lapsit         |

\* Choose ONE "Just for Ones" session only

## NOV STORYTIME–BELLE HAVEN BRANCH LIBRARY

|   |          |                  |
|---|----------|------------------|
| F | 10:15 am | Family Storytime |
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## DEC STORYTIME–MAIN LIBRARY

|   |         |                  |
|---|---------|------------------|
| T | 7:15 pm | Family Storytime |
|---|---------|------------------|

All other Main and Branch storytime sessions take a break for the month of December.

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

# Belle Haven Homework Center

## Got Homework? Get Help!

Need help with your homework?

Come to Homework Center at the Belle Haven Branch Library! We're offering free after-school homework help for students in grades K-12.

### HOURS

Monday, 3:00–5:00 pm

Tuesday, 3:00–5:00 pm

Wednesday, 1:00–3:00 pm

Thursday, 3:00–5:00 pm

The Belle Haven Homework Center offers laptop computers, homework and project supplies, and on-site trained volunteer tutors ready to assist students in small groups with all of their homework needs.

Would you rather work with a trained tutor over the internet? We also offer interactive live homework help at [tutor.com/menloppl](http://tutor.com/menloppl), available 7 days a week from Noon–Midnight.

Want to volunteer as a Homework Helper?

Visit our website for details:  
[menlopark.org/homework](http://menlopark.org/homework)





# Teens

## INTERNATIONAL GAMES WEEK

Tuesday, November 5

3:30–5:30 pm

Main Library

Friday, November 8

3:30–5:30 pm

Belle Haven Branch

Registration Required: Grades 4-12

International Games week is an annual celebration of games along with other public libraries world-wide during the first full week in November. Join us in the Teen Zone to play cards, teen board games, and more!

## TEEN GAMING

Friday, November 15

Friday, December 20

3:00–5:00 pm

Main Library

Grades 4-12

Hang out with your friends and play the Nintendo Switch in our new Teen Zone! We'll have monthly video gaming tournaments to test your skills against your friends.

## GINGERBREAD HOUSE MAKING

Tuesday, December 10

3:30–5:30 pm

Main Library

Friday, December 13

3:30–5:30 pm

Belle Haven Branch

Registration Required: Grades 4-12

Decorate graham cracker mini gingerbread houses with as much icing and candy as you want! Join us in the Program Room for this sugary event.



## 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)



**INTERNATIONAL  
GAMES WEEK**  
November 3-9, 2019

# RECLAIMING TRADITION, RECLAIMING HEALTH

NOV 4–DEC 14, 2019

Main Library  
800 Alma Street

**What was lost by native people** whose land was colonized, their customs suppressed, and their property seized? Our new event series explores the cultural renaissance experienced as new generations rediscover old ways.

Don't miss our accompanying exhibition, *A Voyage to Health*, produced by the National Library of Medicine. It looks at the ancient arts of navigation and voyaging that brought the people of Hawai'i to their island homes, and how by restoring their heritage, a new generation of voyagers seeks to heal the people.



**DECOLONIZATION IN ACTION:  
PHOTOJOURNALIST RUCHA CHITNIS**

Monday, November 4  
7:00–8:00 pm  
Main Library

From a Māori town reviving its language to Native Americans claiming their ancestral land, Rucha Chitnis has met women leading change, and shares their compelling narratives in words and in pictures.

**FILM AND DISCUSSION:  
WHAT WAS OURS**

Tuesday, November 12  
6:00–8:00 pm  
Main Library

This documentary follows three Native Americans traveling together in search of missing artifacts in the vast archives of Chicago's Field Museum. Afterward, join us for a discussion with members of Stanford Native American Graduate Students.

**THE REBIRTH OF  
POLYNESIAN VOYAGING**

Wednesday, November 20  
6:30–7:30 pm  
Main Library

The double-hulled sailing canoes that brought the first Hawaiians to their island home had disappeared from earth for over 600 years, until the inaugural voyage of the Hōkūle'a in the 1970s revitalized that traditional culture. Our guest speaker, Jonathan Ching, is a longtime crew member.

**HEALING FROM TRAUMA  
THROUGH TRADITIONAL ARTS**

Monday, December 2  
6:30–7:30 pm  
Main Library

Learn about intersection of tradition and health, as guest artists associated with the Alliance for California Traditional Arts introduce us to the healing benefits of Kapu Aloha and Afro-Cuban rumba.

**FILM SCREENING:  
NĀ KAMALEI: THE MEN OF HULA**

Wednesday, December 4  
7:00–8:00 pm  
Main Library

From ancient times, to the suppression of the dance under missionary ban, the hula survived underground for many years until the cultural renaissance of the 1970s.

**HONOR THE PAST,  
SHAPE THE FUTURE**

Monday, December 9  
6:30–7:30 pm  
Main Library

Kanyon Coyote Woman Sayers-Roods was raised in Indian Canyon, the only federally-recognized Indian country from Sonoma to the coast of Santa Barbara. She offers a conversation about acknowledging our colonial past and the land we share, and strategizing a sustainable, healthy future.

**FILM SCREENING:  
AMERICAN ALOHA:  
HULA BEYOND HAWAI'I**

Thursday, December 12  
2:30–3:30 pm  
Main Library

After years of being shadowed by stereotypes, the hula is experiencing a rebirth that celebrates Hawaiian culture. Hawaiians—wherever they live—are challenging misconceptions by redefining the evocative storytelling art across the American mainland.





# Adults

## Spotlight On

*All events located in Main Library*

### ESL CONVERSATION CLUB

Wednesdays  
5:00–6:00 pm

Practice your English conversation skills with other language learners in a welcoming and supportive environment.

### FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY HOLIDAY BOOK SALE

Saturday, December 7  
10:00 am–2:00 pm

Save on thousands of gently-used books, CDs, DVDs, and other items at this one-day sale.

### LIBRARY COMMISSION

Monday, November 18  
Monday, December 16  
6:30–8:30 pm

The Library Commission is comprised of seven Menlo Park residents appointed by City Council to advise and inform library policies, procedures, and special projects. Meetings are open to the public. Your comments are welcomed and encouraged.

### MENLO PARK HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

Office hours:  
Tuesdays, Noon–2:00 pm  
Wednesdays, 10:00 am–Noon  
(650) 330-2522

Located in Main Library basement.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

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

## NOVEMBER

### SOCIAL SECURITY PLANNING: ENQUIRE BEFORE YOU RETIRE

Saturday, November 2  
10:30–11:30 am  
Main Library

Learn about the basics of Social Security, review things that you should consider before filing, and discuss how to determine the optimal filing strategy with a Certified Financial Planner.

### ADULT BOARD GAME MEETUP

Sunday, November 3  
12:30–3:30 pm  
Main Library

Try out the selection of games provided, or bring your own to share! Meets on the main floor past the library's Learning Lab.

### SPINNERS MEET

Sunday, November 3  
12:30–3:30 pm  
Main Library

Meet up with hand spinning enthusiasts to spin and share techniques and ideas on creating your own beautiful unique yarns. All skill levels are welcome. Bring your spindles, spinning wheels or e-spinners!

### RECYCLING: WHAT GOES WHERE, AND WHY?

Wednesday, November 6  
6:30–7:30 pm  
Main Library

From composting basics to hints on avoiding cross-contamination, a Waste Zero specialist from Recology will help us make it easier being "green."

### LITERATURE BOOK CLUB AN AMERICAN MARRIAGE

Tuesday, November 12  
7:15–8:30 pm  
Main Library

Newlyweds Celestial and Roy, the living embodiment of the New South, are settling into the routine of their life together when Roy is sent to prison for a crime he didn't commit.

### FINANCIAL PLANNING DAY

Saturday, November 16  
1:00–4:00 pm  
Main Library  
Registration Required

Sign up for a free private consultation with a financial expert. Get answers to your questions on retirement, education savings, small business, bankruptcy, investing, home ownership, and more.

### INTRO TO MANGA

Saturday, November 16  
1:00–3:00 pm  
Belle Haven Branch Library  
Registration Required: Adults & Teens

Learn about manga, the art of Japanese comics, with artist Phuong-Mai "Mai" Bui-Quang, as she teaches you how to draw "kawaii chibi" (cute and small-bodied) characters. No artistic experience required!

### MYSTERY READERS GROUP MYSTERIES WITHOUT A MURDER

Wednesday, November 20  
7:00–9:00 pm  
Main Library

What's a mystery without much in the way of sex or violence? Pretty cozy, and we'll talk about that genre.



### BOOK-ISH TRIVIA NIGHT

Friday, November 22  
6:30–8:00 pm  
Main Library

It's a special, after-hours event just for adults 21 and over! Join your friendly emcee-librarian Rose for a fun evening of trivia questions, prizes, and light refreshments and (adult) beverages.

### SCI-FI/FANTASY BOOK GROUP: THE HOBBIT

Monday, November 25  
7:15–8:30 pm  
Main Library

Bilbo Baggins is a respectable hobbit who never did anything unexpected, until 13 dwarves and a wizard show up on his doorstep and pull him into a life changing adventure.

### KNITTING MEETUP

Wednesday, November 27  
7:00–9:00 pm  
Main Library

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

## DECEMBER

### ADULT BOARD GAME MEETUP

Sunday, December 1  
12:30–3:30 pm  
Main Library

Try out the selection of games provided, or bring your own to share! Meets on the main floor past the library's Learning Lab.

### SPINNERS MEET

Sunday, December 1  
12:30–3:30 pm  
Main Library

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### LITERATURE BOOK CLUB DUBLINERS

Tuesday, December 10  
7:15–8:30 pm  
Main Library

With the fifteen stories in Dubliners, James Joyce reinvented the art of fiction, using a scrupulous, deadpan realism to convey truths that were at once blasphemous and sacramental.

### MYSTERY READERS GROUP HOLIDAY PARTY

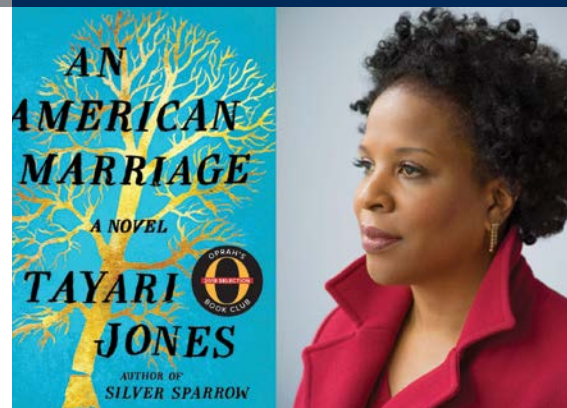
Wednesday, December 18  
7:00–9:00 pm  
Main Library

Join us for mystery trivia, and refreshments! Please bring a snack to share.

### SCI-FI/FANTASY BOOK GROUP: DOWN AND OUT IN THE MAGIC KINGDOM

Monday, December 23  
7:15–8:30 pm  
Main Library

Jules has lived long enough to see the cure for death and the end of scarcity, to learn ten languages and write three symphonies. And to achieve his boyhood dream of living in Disney World.



### HOLIDAY CLOSURES 2019–2020

| Main Library       | Belle Haven Branch |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| 11/11              | 11/11              |
| 11/27 close at 5pm | 11/27              |
| 11/28–11/29        | 11/28–11/29        |
| 12/24–12/25        | 12/24–12/25        |
| 12/31 close at 5pm | 12/31              |
| 1/1                | 1/1                |



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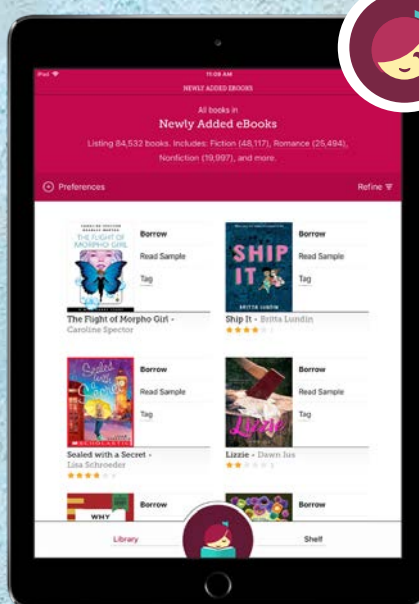
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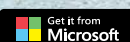
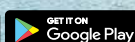


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# Menlo Park Library Foundation

## A Look Ahead

Coming to Menlo Park in 2020: a “green” new resource for the community. Menlo Park Library plans to establish seed lending libraries at the Main Library and Belle Haven Branch this spring. The Menlo Park Seed Lending Library will operate as a community seed exchange in which borrowers will be able to “check out” a wide variety of vegetable and flower seeds to plant in their gardens for home use.



*The Menlo Park Seed Lending Library will provide access to heritage seeds, gardening workshops, education, and resources to encourage residents to grow food and foster community resilience, self-reliance, and a culture of sharing.*

### ABOUT THE PROJECT AND OUR FOUNDATION

The Menlo Park Seed Lending Library is a project of the City of Menlo Park with support from Menlo Park Library Foundation. Anticipated opening in spring 2020. For more information and updates, visit our website at [www.menlolibrary.org/seeds](http://www.menlolibrary.org/seeds).

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. We are a grassroots, all-volunteer nonprofit organization. Join us!

#### Menlo Park Library Foundation

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## A LOOK BACK

From July to November 2019, Menlo Park Library hosted “Read Play Learn,” a monthly storytime for English language learners and their children to develop early literacy skills as a family. Studies have shown that children who have access to books in their home at a young age achieve markedly higher literacy levels later in life. About 40 families joined us for stories, songs, and crafts that helped parents and children get ready to read. Participating children received a backpack with books to build their home libraries and art supplies for creative expression. Read Play Learn was funded in part by a grant from California State Library to support family literacy programming for low-literate adults in our community.