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# MENLO PARK LIBRARY

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**YOUTH POSTER EXHIBITION**  
*Create and display art expressing your community.*

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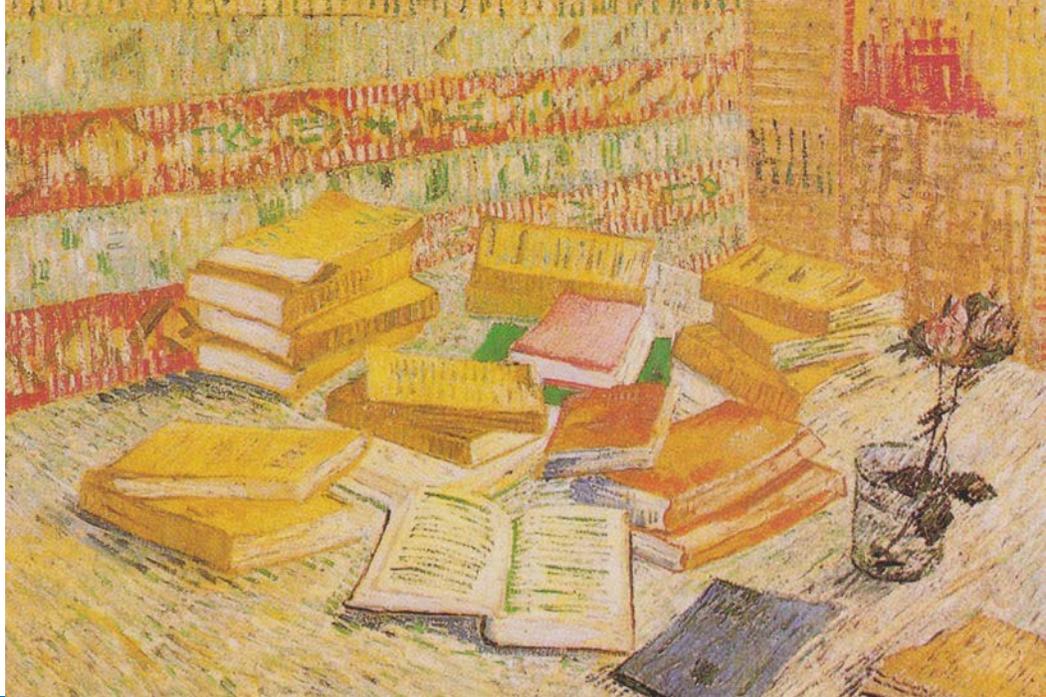
**CELEBRATING THE ARTS**  
*We're offering an extra dose of live music, drama, cinema, and even hands-on experiences!*

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**BOOK-ISH TRIVIA**  
*It's back! After-hours games, prizes and fun just for adults 21+!*



Vincent Van Gogh. *Still Life with Piles of French Novels and a Glass with a Rose (Romans Parisiens)*. Oil on canvas, c.1887.



#### 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  
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Saturday, 10:00 am–5:00 pm  
Sunday, Noon–5:00 pm

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

Holiday Closures: 1/1, 1/20, 2/17

#### BELLE HAVEN BRANCH

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

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## QUOTE OF THE MONTH ON THE ARTISTIC BEAUTY OF BOOKS

“It is with the reading of books the same as with looking at pictures; one must, without doubt, without hesitations, with assurance, admire what is beautiful.”

—Vincent Van Gogh



#### 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



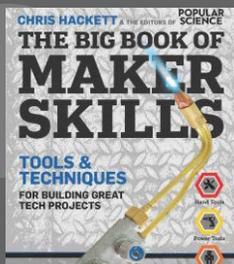
#### SOCIAL MEDIA

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



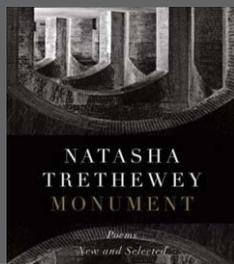
# SPOTLIGHT ON: CREATIVE EXPRESSION

## Staff Picks for Creative Expression



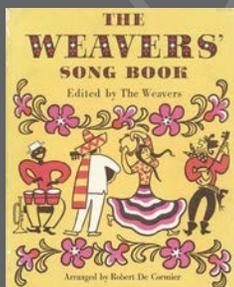
*The Big Book of Maker Skills: Tools & Techniques for Building Great Tech Projects* by Chris Hackett  
"Invent on a small scale!"

—Ken, Librarian



*Monument: Poems New and Selected* by Natasha D. Trethewey  
"I admire Natasha Trethewey's poems for how they explore the dynamics between tragic loss and time, while teaching us to reflect & learn from them."

—Todd, Librarian



*The Weavers' Song Book* edited by The Weavers  
"Get together with some friends and bring back these classic folk tunes."

—Rose, Librarian

Bringing our community together through creative expression and appreciation!

Painting, knitting, cooking, playing instruments, writing poetry: our Menlo Park community does it all! We know you love our creative Menlo Park Library events – follow up with some of our books! Learn woodworking, print-making, how to play the bass, or how to write a novel. Or, if art appreciation is more your style, check out our many books on visual art, music, and film. Like creating with a purpose? We've got books on everything from building a deck to mixing cocktails. Whether you're getting better at what you know you love, or trying out a new hobby, Menlo Park Library is here to encourage your creativity!

Want to learn some art appreciation? Check out our Lifelong Learning Collection!



# Children & Families



## MAD SCIENCE FUN STATION: DO YOU SEE WHAT "EYE" SEE?

Sunday, January 26  
2:00–3:00 pm  
Belle Haven Branch  
Drop-in: Grades 2-6

Explore the world of optical illusions! Learn how your eyes and brain work together to process images, and take home a pair of rainbow diffraction glasses.

## FEBRUARY

### BUKI THE CLOWN

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

In Buki's silly, slapstick magical comedy show, it is the children who perform the magic, and no one is more surprised than Buki!

## JANUARY

### KIDSSONGS WITH NANCY CASSIDY

Sunday, January 12  
2:00–2:45 pm  
Belle Haven Branch  
Drop-in: All Ages

The creator of the beloved Kids-Songs series performs catchy tunes that entertain children of all ages—and get little ones up on their feet!

### ART AFTERNOON

Tuesday, January 14  
3:00–5:00 pm  
Main Library  
Drop-in: Children with their adults

It's a mini festival of hands-on art projects! Create a few pieces to take home, and check out some of our art books before you leave.

### PUPPET ART THEATER: GOLDILOCKS AND THE THREE SHARKS

Thursday, January 16  
7:00–7:45 pm  
Main Library  
Drop-in: All Ages

Join us after hours as Goldilocks goes under the sea, in this beautiful black light production featuring clackety clams, silly sea horses, a giant octopus, and a family of man-eating sharks!





# Children & Families

## MACBETH

Thursday, February 6  
6:30–7:45 pm  
Main Library  
Drop-in: Best for Ages 7-Adult

The San Francisco Shakespeare Festival's touring troupe shares the thrilling tale of misguided ambition and its consequences. At the end of this hour-long production, the cast will take questions from the audience.

## VALENTINE CRAFT WEEK

Monday, February 10–  
Thursday, February 13  
3:00–5:00 pm  
Main Library  
Drop-in: Children with their adults

Create valentine art for the special someones in your life! We'll provide all the supplies to fuel your creativity.

## NATHALIA MUSIC

Sunday, February 16  
2:00–3:00 pm  
Belle Haven Branch  
Drop-in: Ages 5-12

Nathalia's fun, interactive, bilingual concerts get families singing, dancing, and even learning a little Spanish!

## AFTER-SCHOOL MOVIE: CAPTAIN UNDERPANTS

Tuesday, February 25  
3:30–5:00 pm  
Main Library  
Drop-in: Rated PG

Based on the hit book series by Dav Pilkey: Overly-imaginative pranksters George and Harold hypnotize their principal into thinking he's a superhero named Captain Underpants.





## HOW TO REGISTER ONLINE

1. Choose the storytime that matches your child's age
- Online Registration Begins  
*(Registration open until session full):*  
 January sessions: Su, 12/22 at noon  
 February sessions: Su, 1/19 at noon  
 March sessions: Su, 2/16 at noon
2. 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 walk-in session, our "Family Storytime" and "Just for Everybody" sessions are designed to accommodate mixed ages and are available without registration.

### JUST FOR BABIES

**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 PRESCHOOL

**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.

### JUST FOR EVERYBODY

**Drop-in: All ages**  
 This program is focused on language development and socialization through singing, rhymes and finger play. Fun for kids and their grown-ups in the Great Hall at Main Library!

### 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 in a small-group setting.



## 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 Twos**
	11:15 am	Just for Ones*
TH	10:15 am	Just for Everybody
	11:15 am	Just for Preschool
F	10:15 am	Just for Babies

\* Choose ONE "Just for Ones" session only  
 \*\* Choose ONE "Just for Twos" session only

## STORYTIME—BELLE HAVEN BRANCH LIBRARY

F	10:15 am	Family Storytime
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View our events online at [menlopark.org/library](http://menlopark.org/library)



# Belle Haven Homework Center

## Volunteer With Us

Make a difference in your community by becoming a Menlo Park Library volunteer.

### HOMEWORK CENTER

Offer afterschool homework help, including reading, writing, math, and science, for students in grades K-12 at the Belle Haven Branch Library.

#### Requirements

- Ages: 14+
- Commitment: Tutor for 2-3 hours a weeks for a minimum of six months.

#### To apply:

[homework@menlopark.org](mailto:homework@menlopark.org)

### PROJECT READ

Prefer working with adults? Help an adult English language learner achieve their goals and improve their reading, writing, and speaking skills.

#### Requirements

- Ages: 18+
- Commitment: Tutor for 2-3 hours a weeks for a minimum of six months.

#### To apply:

[projectread@menlopark.org](mailto:projectread@menlopark.org)

## New Hours!

Need help with your homework?

Come to the Homework Center at the Belle Haven Branch Library!

We're offering free after-school homework help for students in grades K-12.

### DROP-IN HOURS

- Monday, 3:15–5:15 pm
- Tuesday, 3:15–5:15 pm
- Wednesday, 1:15–3:15 pm
- Thursday, 3:15–5:15 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 tutor online?

We also offer interactive live homework help at [tutor.com/menlopl](http://tutor.com/menlopl), available seven days a week from Noon–Midnight.



# Teens

## TEEN GAMING

Friday, January 17  
Friday, February 21  
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.

## DUNGEONS & DRAGONS CLUB

Saturday, January 11  
Saturday, February 8  
1:00–3:30 pm  
Main Library  
Grades 6-12

Monthly club for beginners of Dungeons & Dragons. Join us at Ravnica University, and come prepared for cityscapes, dungeons, potentially dragons, lots of dice and a great afternoon!

## YANOVCON

Saturday, January 25  
Noon–5:45 pm  
Millbrae Library (1 Library Ave.)  
Registration Required: Grades 6-12

Meet top YA authors at Young Adult Novelist Convention at Millbrae Library. Free event. Bonus: Write a short story where a character's academic or social interaction has major positive or negative impacts on their life. Deadline 12/20/19.

## MURDER MYSTERY PARTY

Friday, January 31  
6:30–8:00 pm  
Main Library  
Registration Required: Grades 8-12

Blackmail, deceit, murder! Join us for a Murder Mystery Party just for teens. In our party's fictitious story line, a murder has been committed set in the 1920s. Be the sleuth who solves the case! Characters will be assigned and emailed prior to this after hours event.

## SPRAY PAINTED THOUGHTS

Tuesday, February 4  
3:30–5:30 pm  
Main Library  
Registration Required: Grades 4-12

Create a silhouette of your head, fill it in with your thoughts, and decorate with spray paint. Meet up in the Teen Zone before we head outside to spray paint.

## ANXIETY BRACELETS AND POSITIVE POSTCARDS

3:30–5:30 pm  
Tuesday, February 11  
Main Library  
Registration Required: Grades 4-12

Friday, February 14  
Belle Haven Branch  
Registration Required: Grades 4-12  
Confronting Anxiety: Building Resilience with Anxiety Bracelets and Positive Postcards. Make your own beaded anxiety bracelet as well as postcards that can be sent out.



## TEEN ADVISORY GROUP (T.A.G.)

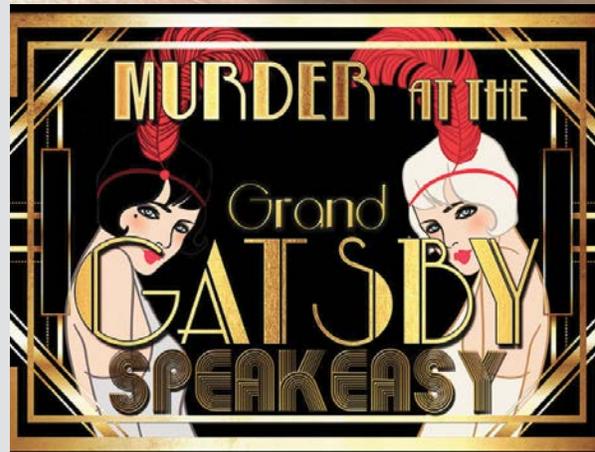
Help create, plan, and implement teen programs, advise the teen librarian in collection development, write book reviews, and promote the library.

### Requirements

- Ages: 12–18
- Commitment: Attend a monthly meeting for a minimum of one year

### To apply:

Gina Feil: [gifeil@menlopark.org](mailto:gifeil@menlopark.org)  
650-330-2517



Throughout the year, the Menlo Park Library is your source for access to the arts, via a wealth of print and electronic media resources, as well as live performances and discussions. We are kicking off 2020 with an extra dose of the arts: live music, drama, film, and even hands-on experience in creating your own masterpieces. We hope you will find inspiration and insight within these experiences, and the opportunity to try out something new!

#### SPINNERS MEET

Sunday, January 5  
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 welcome. Bring your spindles, spinning wheels or e-spinners!

#### FILM SCREENING: THE YEAR WE THOUGHT ABOUT LOVE

Monday, January 6  
6:30–8:00 pm  
Main Library

This documentary follows a daring Boston LGBTQ youth theater troupe determined to transform their struggles into performance for social change, as they write a play about love. Not rated.

#### FILM SCREENING: BASQUIAT

Thursday, January 9  
2:30–4:15 pm  
Main Library

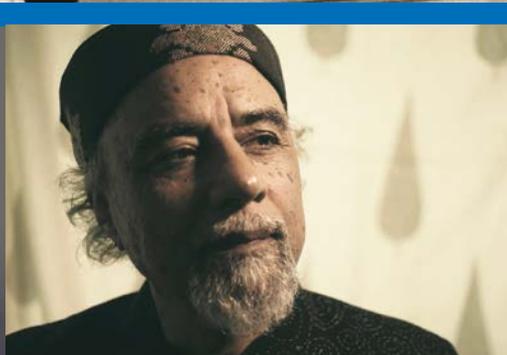
Jeffrey Wright stars as neo-expressionist artist Jean-Michel Basquiat in this bio-drama also featuring David Bowie, Dennis Hopper, Gary Oldman, Parker Posey, and Benicio del Toro. Rated R.

#### LIVE MUSIC WITH THE JYM MARKS QUINTET

Saturday, January 11  
11:00 am–Noon  
Main Library

Enjoy a wonderful performance of progressive jazz, with "Menlo Park Renaissance Man" Jym Marks and his quintet!

## EXPLORE THE ARTS





### **BONSAI DEMYSTIFIED**

Tuesday, January 14  
6:30–8:00 pm  
Main Library

The art of bonsai brings the serenity of the natural world into our everyday lives, but it can seem impossibly complex. Guest experts from the Kusamura Bonsai Club will demystify the process of creating a bonsai.

### **LIVE MUSIC WITH THE PRAIRIE ROSE BAND**

Saturday, January 25  
1:00–2:00 pm  
Belle Haven Branch

Enjoy music of the Old West, and of the west that never was, with this talented quartet sharing a wide-ranging, toe-tapping repertoire via beautifully-harmonized vocals & fine instrumentations.

### **ADULTS PAINT LIKE POLLOCK**

Tuesday, January 28  
6:30–8:00 pm  
Main Library  
Advance registration required:  
Adults and teens aged 16+

Sign up to mark the birth anniversary of Jackson Pollock by trying your hand at painting in the style of the bold, controversial artist. Facilitator Christie Inocencio promises a non-messy twist!

### **FILM SCREENING: WHO THE #\$% IS JACKSON POLLOCK?**

Wednesday, January 29  
7:00–8:20 pm  
Main Library

“She paid five bucks for it. Now she's asking fifty million.” This documentary follows 73-year-old former truck driver Teri Horton from her thrift-store discovery into the art world's inner circle. Rated PG-13.

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12:30–3:30 pm  
Main Library

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### **STORYTELLER KIRAN RANA: NASRUDDIN VISITS THE CITY**

Tuesday, February 4  
7:00–8:00 pm  
Main Library

Meet Nasruddin Hodja, the “wise fool” of Central Asia! Storyteller and Sufi master Kiran Rana will charm us with tales of this enigmatic and spiritual figure both in his original setting, and in the U.S.

### **A VISIT WITH HARRIET TUBMAN**

Saturday, February 8  
11:00 am–Noon  
City Council Chambers

Betty Jewell Slater portrays the abolitionist and activist, sharing the engrossing narrative of Tubman's escape from enslavement, and her leadership in the Underground Railroad and the women's suffrage movement.

### **SOUL OF A NATION: ART IN THE AGE OF BLACK POWER**

Tuesday, February 18  
6:30–7:30 pm  
Main Library

View images of powerful and provocative work by African American artists inspired by the Civil Rights struggle for equality and justice, shared by a docent from the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco.

### **LIVE MUSIC WITH LOS PANADEROS**

Saturday, February 22  
1:00–2:00 pm  
Belle Haven Branch

Enjoy traditional Mexican folk music, including Son Jarocho, from the state of Veracruz; Son Huasteco from the states of Tamaulipas, San Luis Potosi, and Veracruz; and Son Mariachero from the states of Jalisco and Nayarit.

### **ADULTS PAINT LIKE BASQUIAT**

Monday, February 24  
6:30–8:00 pm  
Main Library  
Advance registration required:  
Adults and teens aged 16+

Register online to try your hand at the unique style of neo-expressionist artist Jean-Michel Basquiat!

### **FILM SCREENING AND DISCUSSION: THE CABINET OF DR. CALIGARI**

Wednesday, February 26  
6:30–8:00 pm  
Main Library

It's the 100th anniversary of this silent German expressionist horror classic! See the film that has inspired Tim Burton, and auteurs and goths for generations on end, and then chat about it with resident film expert Nick Szegda, M.F.A., M.L.I.S. Film not rated.

# Adults



## Spotlight On

All events located in Main Library unless noted.

### ENGLISH CONVERSATION CLUB

Wednesdays  
5:00–6:00 pm

Want to improve your English? Come practice with us! Develop your skills by meeting other English language learners and working with our volunteer tutors.

### READ PLAY LEARN

Saturday, January 11  
Saturday, February 8  
11:00 am–Noon  
Belle Haven Branch

English language learners are invited to a monthly storytime for the whole family. Learn ways to get your children ready to read and to express their creativity. Help your children learn to love books, stories, and arts and crafts.

### LIBRARY COMMISSION

Monday, January 27  
6:30–8:30 pm  
Belle Haven Branch

Monday, February 24  
6:30–8:30 pm

Check online calendar for location

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.

## JANUARY

### SPINNERS MEET

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12:30–3:30 pm  
Main Library

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### FILM DISCUSSION GROUP

Monday, January 6  
6:30–8:00 pm  
Main Library

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

### LAUGHTER YOGA

Tuesday, January 7  
2:00–3:00 pm  
Main Library

Start the New Year with a laugh! Join us for an hour of easy, fun, playful, and stress-reducing laughter and breathing exercises, followed by guided meditation. No special clothing, shoes, or equipment needed.

### E-LIBRARY TIPS

Tuesday, January 7  
6:00–8:00 pm  
Main Library

Our library offers you amazing things 24/7, thanks to digital technology! Drop in, and our staff will show you how to help yourself to streaming video, e-books, magazines, museum passes, and more.

### GET READY FOR SPRING GARDENING

Wednesday, January 8  
7:00–8:30 pm  
Main Library

Time to start planning your spring planting! We'll learn about site selection, how to prepare your soil, and the best timing for seeds and seedlings.

### ADULT BOARD GAME MEETUP

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

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

### LITERATURE BOOK GROUP: THE SEA

Tuesday, January 14  
7:15–8:30 pm  
Main Library

From John Banville: In order to cope with the recent loss of his wife, Max Morden, a middle-aged Irishman, has gone back to the seaside town where he spent his summer holidays as a child.

### STAIRWAY WALKS IN SAN FRANCISCO: AUTHOR MARY BURK

Wednesday, January 15  
7:00–8:00 pm  
Main Library

Mary Burk extolls the joys of urban exploring, as she shares the beautiful hidden corners where you might encounter scenic vistas, or see exotic wild birds—or even perhaps for a moment forget the milieu below.

### MYSTERY READERS GROUP AUSTRALIAN MYSTERIES

Wednesday, January 15  
7:00–9:00 pm  
Main Library

Travel Down Under for a discussion of Australian mystery authors, from old stalwarts Fergus Hume, Arthur Upfield, and Peter Corris, to modern writers including Jane Harper and Peter Temple.

### VOTING IN THE PRIMARIES: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Saturday, January 18  
11:00 am–1:00 pm  
Main Library

The Presidential Primary Election is coming up on March 3. Get a nonpartisan pro/con review of the propositions up for a vote, and learn how to vote in San Mateo County under the Voter's Choice Act.

### THE AMERICAN ADVERTISING CALENDAR PLATE

Tuesday, January 21  
7:00–8:00 pm  
Main Library

Early in the 20th century, American merchants would give their customers small plates featuring a calendar and an image. These antiques share cultural, geographic, demographic, historical and even geological details of the rapidly-growing nation.

### KNITTING MEETUP

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

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

### VOTER REGISTRATION

Saturday, January 25  
10:00 am–2:00 pm  
Main Library

The League of Women Voters will offer nonpartisan voter registration help ahead of the Presidential Primary Election on March 3. Register to vote for the first time, or change your voter registration if you have moved, changed your name, or changed your party.

### SCI-FI/FANTASY BOOK GROUP: 2001: A SPACE ODYSSEY

Monday, January 27  
7:15–8:30 pm  
Main Library

A classic novel written alongside a classic film. Two astronauts find their journey into space and their very lives jeopardized by the jealousy of an extraordinary computer named Hal.

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### UNEVEN GROUND: INEQUITY ON THE MID-PENINSULA

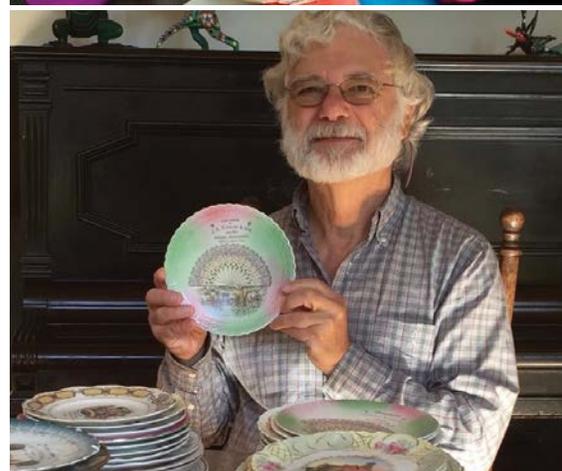
Monday, February 3  
6:30–8:00 pm  
Main Library

Almanac reporter Kate Bradshaw discusses her reporting based on 100 interviews conducted in the communities of Menlo Park, East Palo Alto, and North Fair Oaks, highlighting disparities in local environmental health.

### STARTING YOUR GARDEN

Wednesday, February 5  
7:00–8:30 pm  
Main Library

Learn how to start seeds now for spring planting. We will focus on which plants are easiest to germinate, and there will be free seeds for everyone.



### HOLIDAY CLOSURES JAN–FEB 2020

Both the Main Library and Belle Haven Branch will be closed on 1/1, 1/20, 2/17

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

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

# Adults

## ADULT BOARD GAME MEETUP

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12:30–3:30 pm  
Main Library

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## FILM SCREENING: BALTIMORE RISING

Tuesday, February 11  
6:30–8:00 pm  
Main Library

In the wake of the 2015 death of Freddie Gray while in police custody, this documentary chronicles the efforts of people on all sides who fight for justice and a better city, sometimes coming together in unexpected ways and discovering a common humanity. Rated TV-MA.

## LITERATURE BOOK GROUP: IMPROVEMENT

Tuesday, February 11  
7:15–8:30 pm  
Main Library

From Joan Silber: a bold novel about a young single mother living in New York, her eccentric aunt, and the decisions they make that have unexpected implications for the world around them.

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Main Library

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## FILM SCREENING: RUBY BRIDGES

Thursday, February 13  
2:30–4:00 pm  
Main Library

Chaz Monet plays the six-year-old who was thrust into prominence in the Civil Rights Movement in 1960, when she became the first black child at William Frantz Elementary School in New Orleans. Rated PG.

## MYSTERY READERS GROUP: AUTHOR JOHN BILLHEIMER

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

The local writer joins us to share "Primary Target", the 6th in his Owen Allison mystery series, as well as "Hitchcock and the Censors," a nonfiction book tracing the rise of movie censorship.

## "BOOK-ISH" TRIVIA

Thursday, February 20  
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: ALL SYSTEMS RED

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

Murderbot, a sentient security android, only wants to be left alone to watch soap operas in peace. Unfortunately, the humans they are assigned to protect keep getting in trouble.



# Menlo Park Library Foundation



## Come for the Books—Join for Our Future!

Many exciting new things are happening in our library these days, thanks in no small part to generous community support. Now is a perfect time to show your support. Join Menlo Park Library Foundation by becoming a Supporting Member today!

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. Join us!

### MENLO PARK LIBRARY FOUNDATION



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Menlo Park Library Foundation is a grassroots, all-volunteer nonprofit organization. Our mission is to raise funds to help sustain and develop Menlo Park's library facilities and services.

Our supporting members help us to:

- Enhance library facilities, such as remodeling the Children's Room
- Provide computers and technology for community use
- Extend access to books, for example through the Little Free Library project
- Awaken youth creativity through the Youth Poetry Contest
- Support K-12 student success through the Belle Haven Homework Center
- ... and much, much more.

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### A LOOK BACK

On October 12, the library hosted a bike tour of some of the city's newly-installed Little Free Libraries. Community riders were joined by commissioners from the Library and Complete Streets Commissions, and bicycle officers from the Menlo Park Police Department. The ride began at the Main Library and ended at the Belle Haven Branch Library, and wound through the Civic Center, Willows, and Belle Haven neighborhoods on bike-friendly roads. The ride visited several Little Free Libraries, some decorated by their stewards for the occasion. The "Books and Bikes" tour was co-sponsored by the City of Menlo Park and the Menlo Park Library Foundation. We'll do it again soon!