

NEWSLETTER



Foundation  
FOR SAN MATEO  
COUNTY LIBRARIES

**February 2022**

Dear \*{{First Name}}\*,

San Mateo County Libraries amplifies voices year round and this month is no exception. The upcoming [Equity through Art Series](#) event is highlighting the Nairobi movement in East Palo Alto and [Jazz and Friends](#) in support of transgender and non binary youth. Find events and programs that create a sense of belonging or meet your education interest all month long at [smcl.org/events](https://smcl.org/events).

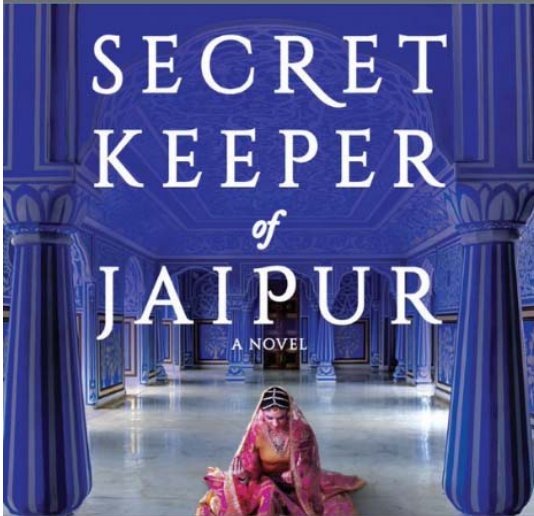
The Foundation just wrapped up Home is Where the Heart is. If you missed out and want to have a moment of charcuterie and Zen, view the recording [here](#) through the month of February. Focusing on the next opportunity to celebrate libraries, we are getting ready for Library Giving Day on [April 6](#) with a virtual trivia night. Join us.

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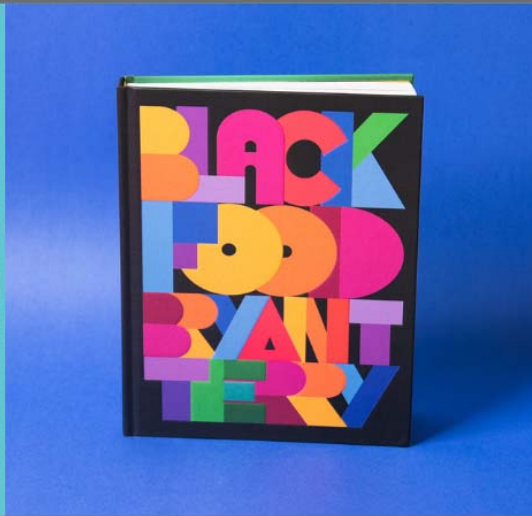
**March Author Talks**

March 8, 2022

March 14, 2022



**Alka Joshi**



**Bryant Terry**

In March, San Mateo County Libraries will host two authors that will be sure to delight. Alka Joshi, author of the *Secret Keeper of Jaipur* and Bryant Terry, author of *Black Food*.

Along with attending these wonderful events, you have the opportunity to purchase books for either author while supporting the Foundation. They will come with signed bookplates from the authors.

[Learn more about Alka Joshi's event](#)

[Learn more about Bryant Terry's event](#)

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## Equity Through Art Series



**Equity Through Art**  
The Nairobi Movement in East Palo Alto

Join San Mateo County Libraries for another engaging conversation on **Tuesday, February 22 at 6:00 PM**. As part of our Equity Through Art Series, we are proud to present: *A Conversation With Community Elders About the Nairobi Movement*. Community elders who played leading roles during the Nairobi Movement will have a conversation sharing personal stories about the Black Experience in East Palo Alto during the Nairobi era.

The Nairobi Movement was a political, social and cultural renaissance period in East Palo Alto between 1960 and 1980. It was a time when Black people organized and took political action to gain community control of government, education, health, social and cultural institutions in the community.

Register to join us for this event, co-sponsored by Nairobi Advocates and the East Palo Alto Community Archive.

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## Library News



**Tax Prep Site.** Check out San Mateo County Libraries updated their Tax Preparation Resources Site.

[Learn more >>](#)



**Free Practice SAT or ACT tests for HS students.**

SMCL is teaming up with C2 Education of Millbrae to offer you multiple opportunities to practice in February and March.

[Learn more >>](#)



**LinkedIn for Job Search:** February 22, 4:30 pm.

Whether you're currently looking for a job or are want to grow in one you already have, LinkedIn can be a big help.

[Learn more>>](#)

## Quote of the Month:

"Libraries are where you can learn and grow with no boundaries! They open up new doors, build up your imagination and provide a safe space for learning and exploration for people of all ages and backgrounds.

Beyond being a place for learning, it's also a place for community building."

*-Hetal Vasavada, Home is Where the Heart is event committee member*



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[New Pacifica library manager brings native understanding to job](#) - Pacifica Tribune, February 2022

[San Mateo County Libraries awarded 5-star Library honor](#) -Library Journal, December 2021

[California Libraries now offering free online job classes](#) - San Francisco Chronicle,  
November 2021

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