

NEWSLETTER



Foundation
FOR SAN MATEO
COUNTY LIBRARIES

April 2022

Dear *{{First Name}}*,

This week is National Library Week, where we can celebrate all the amazing work libraries do year-round. This year's theme is "Connect with your Library" to bring to light all the work libraries do to connect the community with technology and resources. Learn more about this year's theme and how you can [connect to your library here](#). The library staff also created a list of some fun books written about [libraries](#). In addition, we celebrate National Library Workers Day this week. If you stop into a library (anywhere in the world), say "thank you" to the library staff.

We also invite you to join us on [May 1st at 1 pm at Woodside Library](#) as the Libraries invite Janelle Brown to discuss her new book, *I'll Be You*. She will stay after the event to sign books.

For more upcoming news and events, check out the below. Thank you for your ongoing support of our libraries.

-Foundation for San Mateo County Libraries team

Meet Janelle Brown, May 1st at Woodside Library

A Conversation
With
Bestselling Author
Janelle Brown

Sunday, May 1
1 PM at Woodside Library



Meet author Janelle Brown at the [Woodside Library on May 1st](#) at 1 pm OR you can view via livestream. Janelle will discuss her book, answer questions and sign books.

From the bestselling author of *Pretty Things*, Janelle Brown's *I'll Be You* is a story packed with surprising revelations and sharp insights about the choices that define our families and our lives—and could just as easily destroy them. The book is out on April 26th but you can place your [hold here](#).

'I'll Be You' and a select number of Janelle's other titles will be available at the event or you can order through the Foundation. Order and pick up at the event or if you cannot make it, you can order a signed copy and have it sent after the event.

**Foundation donates \$75,000 to San Mateo County
Libraries to support Big Lift Inspiring Summers**



Cheers to You! Your donations, event support, and passion for libraries has allowed us to donate \$75,000 to Big Lift Inspiring Summers. Big Lift Inspiring Summers is enrolling now towards their goal of 1,215 children in 6 school districts and 8 locations this summer. A big thanks to Sares Regis Foundation for granting \$10,000 towards this program. Learn more about Big Lift Inspiring Summers at investinsmcl.org/youth-family and enjoy this video about the program last summer.



The New Empower Card for Youth



San Mateo County Libraries and Redwood City Public Library are excited to announce the launch of Empower Cards, a new library card designed to simplify and expand student access to library resources.

Empower Cards combine the resources of both San Mateo County Libraries and Redwood City Public Library to seamlessly connect students of all ages to powerful learning tools for use in the classroom or at home.

Breaking Down Barriers to Access

San Mateo County Supervisor Warren Slocum said. "Empower Cards break down barriers to library access and address inequities in resources by sending library cards directly to families. These cards will open the door to an incredible amount of online and in-person resources."

Read more: [Introducing New Empower Card for Local Students](#)

Trivia Night Winners- Library team "Check Meowt"

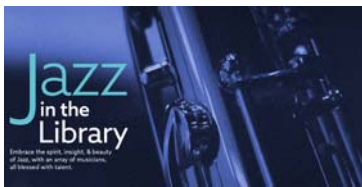


12 teams joined us last night in honor of National Library Week and #LibraryGivingDay. Hosted by Brainstormer Trivia, teams competed in four rounds of trivia and some special questions specifically about the Foundation and the San Mateo County Libraries.

The library staff team "Check Meowt" pulled ahead in the 4th and final round to be crowned the winners! The "Speedy Sloths" came in as our perfectly average team. The teams had wonderful creativity with their team names and came from San Mateo County and beyond.

Thank you to everyone who participated and for supporting Library Giving Day.

Library News & Events



Jazz Appreciation

Month:

Jazz is back at the Libraries! This annual event pays tribute to the history of jazz music and its cultural significance as one of America's most iconic art forms.

[Learn more >>](#)



From Sonnets to

Satellites:

What is the connection between poetry and STEAM? Join us for an interactive discussion with San Mateo County Poet Laureate Emerita Lisa Rosenberg on **April 12, 7 pm**. We'll explore the A in STEAM by looking at poetry as a powerful laboratory for the process of making.

[Learn more >>](#)



Peninsula Libraries

Comic Arts Fest:

Join us for a virtual week of festivities from **April 23 to April 30**. We're celebrating the importance of comics, both as an art form and as valid literature, and enabling aspiring artists and readers of all ages through author visits, workshops, panel discussions and other comics-related programs

[Learn more>>](#)

Quote of the Month:

"We love our libraries! Thank you for giving us such a strong sense of community despite being physically distant from each other."

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Check out San Mateo County Libraries in the news!

[Library event focuses on local author's warning about sea levels](#)- HMB Review, April 2022
[San Mateo County Libraries to expand hours starting March 6](#) - Climate Online, March 2022
[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
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