

fall in love with...



Puppies, kittens, children, spouses, exotic destinations, fashion... the list goes on and on! Fall in LOVE this February!

Where there is love, there is life.
—Mahatma Gandhi

Silicon Valley Reads 2014

The theme for Silicon Valley Reads 2014 is "Books & Technology: Friends or Foes?", and readers are asked to contemplate the relationship between books and technology.

This year's featured books are *The Shallows: What the Internet & Digital Do Our Brains* by Nicholas Carr and *Mr. Ziemba's 24 Hour Bookstore* by Robin Sloan.

Events are planned at your local library through March 30.



Trending Now @ SCCLD

- Covered California Enrollment Events at City and Milpitas Libraries
- 2014 Winter Olympics
- Getting Fit in 2014
- Every Body's Beautiful Teen Essay Contest



Kid's Pick

by Rose Khoury

Lifetime: The Amazing Numbers in Animal Lives

Author: Lola M. Schaefer

Full in love with nonfiction? Read *Lifetime: The Amazing Numbers in Animal Lives* from fun and informative animal facts. Children and adults will enjoy learning and counting the animal numbers together. The text and the detailed illustrations are beautifully displayed and engaging for children of all ages. This is a book that our children will not want to put down!



Teen Pick

by Don Phillips

The Living

Author: Matt de la Peña

Grades 9-12

Shy Espinoza lands a dream summer job – working on a cruise ship going on a series of day trips. He'll make a lot of money from tips, have free food and hospitality, see lots of girls in bathing suits. Everything starts out well... One night, Shy unsuccessfully tries to save the life of one of the passengers who jumps off the ship. Before the man jumped, he claimed he had innocent blood on his hands. An investigation begins and the man seems to be a part of a bigger mystery.

Without warning, the biggest earthquake to ever hit California throws massive tsunamis at the ocean and the ocean near Shy is on. The ship is destroyed.

What happens when Shy is out on the ocean as one of the few left of *The Living*?



Adult Pick

Fall in love with...fish!

by Hilary Loosin

There's a reason your doctor tells you to eat more fish: it's really good for you!

Loaded with protein, healthy fat, and other nutrients, our friend's friends (if prepared in a healthy way) are one of the best things to put on your plate. The USDA recommends eating seafood twice a week to get all the healthy omega 3 fats which help prevent heart disease. There are dozens of different types of seafood available in local grocery stores and hundreds of ways to make delicious and healthy meals. Check out one of the library's many books dedicated to cooking seafood, and get ready to fall in love with your culinary creations!



Seeking Writers and Poets in Cupertino

Calling all adult and teen (grades 9-12) authors and poets living in Cupertino. Participate in Cupertino Library Foundation's Silicon Valley Reads Essay and Poetry Contest. Cash prizes will be awarded to winners. The contest deadline is March 17.

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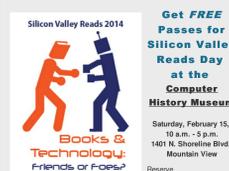
Make Mine A Monster

by Kelly Tatarakis

See something special for that special someone or make your very own stuffed friend using felt, fabric scraps, or even old socks! Just wash the socks first, please.

In *See Me, Love Me: Best Stuffed Friends to Make*, Hsui-Lan Kwei gives some great tips on choosing fabrics, buttons, and strings for your doll-making projects. There are helpful illustrations of basic tools, stitches, and techniques for beginners, as well as simple doll projects with instructions and photographs. Additional patterns are included in the back of the book.

Want something a bit more out there? *Make A Monster* with Frank Costello. These off-the-wall "fascies" are fuzzy, fun, and easy to cut and sew. Costello provides a list of materials for each project and walks you through the steps with a photo demonstration. Every monster is graded on difficulty level, so in *Make A Monster* you'll find a friend that's just right!



Saturday, February 15, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
1401 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View

Reserve your FREE passes by emailing the name and number of guests to SVReads@schd.com. Pick up your passes in the lobby of the Computer History Museum on Saturday, Feb. 15.



Fall in love with the Santa Clara County Library District

SCCLD has been serving the community for 100 years!

Reading Program is seeking YOU

by Brenda Troian

Make a difference in your community by becoming a volunteer tutor for the Reading Program. As a tutor, you will spend two hours per week helping a student improve their reading, writing and comprehension skills. The next orientation sessions are scheduled:

- Tuesday, February 11 from 2:00-3:00 p.m., Milpitas Library Auditorium
- Tuesday, February 11 from 6:00-7:00 p.m., Milpitas Library Auditorium

View the complete schedule of orientations and trainings for 2014.



Get your free songs today!



Congratulations to the Cupertino Library Foundation (CLF) for its 20 years of outstanding support and service for the Cupertino Library and the Library District. CLF officially observed its 20 year anniversary on January 26, 2014. Since its founding in 1994 by city leaders, CLF has raised more than \$3.1 million to support the Cupertino Library, including \$1.2 million in 2004 to purchase furniture and fixtures for the new library building.



The Lick Observatory, named after wealthy California landowner James Lick, is located in the eastern hills of San Jose atop the 4,207 Mt. Hamilton. Lick Observatory was the first permanently occupied mountaintop observatory in the world. After eight years of construction, it was completed in 1888, and celebrated its 125th anniversary in 2013.

Traveling to the top of Mt. Hamilton for more than 30 years, the SCCLD Bookmobile provides top notch monthly library service to Lick Observatory residents. Pack a picnic lunch, take a day trip up to the Observatory, and explore its rich history. Bring your camera to capture the amazing views of Silicon Valley below. To learn more about Lick Observatory, check out a book from the library.



Celebrate Valentine's Day with your loved one at a participating Discover & Go museum. Visit the Grace Hudson Museum to see their current exhibit of John Muir's beautiful botanical sketches. Learn about the history of Napa Valley's famous wineries at the Napa Valley Museum, or visit the Lark Museum in Sunnyvale to observe (and gift) the beautiful creations of local merchants.



It is the age of the foods. You can create your own sweet confections that appease your senses. You can make salted caramel, bacon and chocolate, cotton candy, French macarons, cake pops and so much more in your own home.

With the help of a few good cookbooks like *Sugar Baby* by Gesine Bullock-Prado or *The Lickable Sweets Candy Cookbook* by Liz Galtman, you can make amazing sweets. More sweet confection cookbooks await you [here](#).



If your wife has breast cancer, you may feel that your life has suddenly been upended. How can you help the woman you love, emotionally and practically? How should you deal with your own feelings and needs? What should you tell your children or grandchildren? What does the future hold for you as a couple?

Amid the abundance of breast cancer books are a few written for a woman's partner. *Stand by Her: A Breast Cancer Guide for Men* has chapters to guide you through each step of her journey, from initial diagnosis to survivorship. It was selected as a best health book of 2009 by both Library Journal and the Wall Street Journal. If you are unsure of how to cope with your, your wife's, or your child's emotional needs, *Breast Cancer Husband: How to Help Your Wife (and Yourself) Through Diagnosis, Treatment, and Beyond* might be especially helpful.

Both of these books are always available in the **PlanoTree Health Information Center** at the Cupertino Library. Please contact Center staff and volunteers if you would like help researching information on cancer or any other health-related topic.

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