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Kid's Pick

by Rose Khoury,
Saratoga Library

[All Kinds of Friends](#)

By Norma Simon
Illustrated by Cherie Zamazing

Looking for a great book about friendship to share with your children? Pick up [All Kinds of Friends](#) by Norma Simon. What makes this book so great is that it shows children that friends come in many different forms. While teaching the value of friendship, children also learn how to make new friends or apologize with friends when a disagreement takes place. Most importantly, children will enjoy learning how important friendship is to both children and grown-ups.

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Affordable Care Act Workshops Continue

SCCLD will continue to sponsor informational seminars explaining the new [Affordable Care Act](#) and Covered California. Upcoming workshops will be held at various

Teen Pick

by Kelly McKean,
Gilroy Library

[This Song Will Save Your Life](#)

by Leila Sales

Elise Dembowski has never done things half-heartedly. When she was eight years old she built her own dollhouse, at fifteen she is even more ambitious - Elise has decided she'll make herself cool. Except she doesn't; if anything Elise makes her life even worse. She's the girl eating her lunch alone in the bathroom, not the one hanging out at the popular table. When her attempt at popularity fails Elise nearly gives up on life.

But life changes when Elise stumbles into an underground dance party – a party where no one knows who Elise is. They don't know that she's an outcast, that she's constantly mocked, or that she's one of those people who just doesn't 'fit in'.

Finally Elise has found a place to be herself, she's found [music](#) she loves, music that inspires her – that saves her life. Her evenings are full of clandestine dance parties where she is the hottest new DJ sensation but her daytimes are still haunted by bullies. Elise has found what she

SCCLD libraries. Check the [schedule](#) for one near you.

It Takes Teamwork

The SCCLD staff extend a big "THANK YOU!" to the hundreds of volunteers who make our libraries great, including all of its "Friends of the Library" groups, the Cupertino Library Foundation, and the Los Altos Library Endowment.



Woodland/Los Altos



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always wanted – love, acceptance and friendship. Will her 'real life' steal it away?



Adult Picks

by Amytha Willard,
Bookmobile

Winter is the time to gather around food and festivities with family and friends. If this is the first time hosting your own gathering, [Seriously Simple Parties](#) by Diane Rossen Worthington can help you not only plan your menu but also guides you in how to prepare all the menu items. The deli frittata is particularly delicious. Or maybe you would like to show off your foody flare and bring tiny food to a party, try [Bite by Bite](#) by Peter Callahan or [Tiny Food Party](#) by Teri Lyn Fisher. And if you are looking to entertain children as well as adults try [Holiday Crafting and Baking with Kids](#) by Jessica Strand.

November
Highlights

Locally Grown

@ Your Library

by Gina Martinez,
Cupertino Library

[The Cupertino Library's Green Teen Garden Project](#) is an

initiative that helps teenagers learn the principles of organic gardening and green living. All plants and vegetation are grown and cared for by teen library volunteers. What do teens have to say about the garden?



One teen said, "It is really good hands-on experience, especially with all the school work and then you come out here...you are helping life grow, and it is nice to give back." All grown food (more than 13 pounds of produce from this summer's harvest) was donated to a local food pantry.

Upgraded wi-fi at all SCCLD libraries

Recent wi-fi upgrades mean:



- Faster and better coverage
- Double the number of access points
- Network bandwidth has doubled
- Increased compatibility with e-devices
- Virtual Private Networks (VPN) are now allowed
- Video phone service for the deaf can be used

Wi-fi networks are FREE for all users; no library card required

Discover & Go

by Robyn McCreight,
Campbell Library

Learn about the diverse wildlife of Northern California with the [Discover & Go Museum Pass Program](#).

View the entire calendar of events for all our libraries [here](#).

[Campbell Library](#)

Baby Sign Language Class

Every Friday
11:00 -11:30 a.m.

Ever wondered what your baby is trying to say to you? Find out how to communicate! Learn basic baby signs from Stefanie Jatta, an American Sign Language trained instructor.

[Cupertino Library](#)

Family Game Day

Wednesday, November 27th
11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Children and their families are invited to stop by the Library for a fun day of games in the Children's Room.

[Gilroy Library](#)

Financing College Workshop

Thursday, November 21st
7:00 p.m.

Learn the ins and outs of College Financial Aid (English and Spanish presentations).

[Los Altos/ Woodland Libraries](#)

Twens Read Bookclub

4th – 6th graders
Thursday, November 21st
4:00 p.m.

Woodland Branch Library

For boys and girls fourth through sixth grade. Ask at the Reference desk to reserve your spot and get a copy of our book, [Wonder](#) by R.J. Palacio. Read the book and

Visit the [Lindsay Wildlife Museum](#) in Walnut Creek to get up close and personal with local birds and reptiles, and peek behind the scenes of the animal hospital. Explore Coyote Point's [Curiodyssey](#), the rescue center for river otters, bobcats, coyote, and other animals from the bay area. Learn how to protect seals, sea lions, and other sea animals at Sausalito's [Marine Mammal Center](#). Reserve your tickets online with your library card.

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You Too Can Learn Piano

by Kelly Tatarakis, Morgan Hill Library

Interested in learning piano? Don't have an instrument? Not a problem. One crafty solution is to grab a piece of printer paper and draw a keyboard so you can practice your fingerings. The beginner books, such as [How To Play Popular Piano in 10 Easy Lessons](#) by Norman Monath, picture a keyboard with labeled notes to get you started. The easy to follow [You Can Teach Yourself](#) series cover many instruments. Or if you prefer to learn by



come prepared to eat snacks, play games, and have a lively discussion about the story. Sign-up at the reference desk in person or by phone 650-969-6030.

[Milpitas Library](#)

Peter Fletcher
Classical Guitarist

Sunday, November 17th
2:00 p.m.

Award-winning and internationally recognized classical guitarist Peter Fletcher will perform a free concert at the Milpitas Library as part of a nationwide tour. Major works will include Bach's Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring as well as selections from his new all-Grieg CD.

[Morgan Hill Library](#)

Holiday Card Craft

Wednesday, November 6th
3:00 p.m.

Make holiday cards for family and friends or participate in the American Red Cross "Holiday Mail for Heroes" program and make a card for a U.S. soldier!

[Saratoga Library](#)

Battle of the Books

Sunday, November 17th
12:30-2:00 p.m.

Calling all 6th graders! You

instruction there are a number of teaching DVD's available.

Instructional books and DVD's are available for all skill levels and contain selections of sheet music, often from movies or popular songs. If you already know how to play and are just looking for more variety, look for books containing just sheet music. [Alfred's Piano 101 Pop Book 1](#), arranged by Carol Matz, has songs from Disney movies scattered amongst other favorites such as "Great Balls of Fire" and the "James Bond Theme." For Peanuts fans there's [Charlie Brown's greatest hits by Vince Guaraldi](#). For a television variety there's the [Ultimate TV](#) themes, full of 93 recognizable theme songs. So grab some music and fun!

and up to three friends are invited to compete in our Battle of the Books. Read the seven books, meet at the library on Nov. 17th and answer trivia questions about the books. The winning team will receive the grand prize of \$100.

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