

FRIENDS OF THE FOSTER CITY LIBRARY



A YEAR IN NUMBERS

This past year the library has continued to serve our community through the pandemic with new and updated services, including our curbside pickup for books and virtual author talks.

Looking back, the numbers are a huge accomplishment for us and our community!

This year we had 1.1 million digital downloads, 186,322 curbside visits, and 2.7 million wireless sessions.

To see the whole report, check out San Mateo County Libraries Annual Report here: [Annual Report](#)

Message from the Board

Dear Friends,

Fall arrived in a dramatic fashion, with our first big rainstorm at the end of last month. Looking back at the summer, the library contributed to a successful youth reading program, with over 9,000 books distributed overall. Summer programming at large also importantly helped minimize potential learning loss for our youth.

Following the expansion of hours and services in August, the library is operating at 48 hours of the week and continues to plan for expanding services and programming. Pre-school story time has started up again, taking place outdoors at Leo J. Ryan Park every Wednesday 10:30-11am. Since our last newsletter, the FCL Book Shop is now open as well. Be sure to stop by and say hello to the team and get a start on holiday gifts.

Foster City Library hours and information can always be found on the SMCL site: smcl.org/locations/1F/. A reminder that masks remain required for both vaccinated and unvaccinated patrons and that curbside pickup continues to be available as well.

Stay tuned for upcoming events and programming in the upcoming months!

Friends of the Foster City Library Board

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Upcoming Library Events

All Library Events Are Now Virtual!

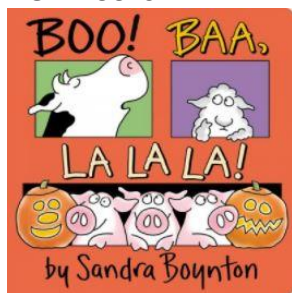
Author Talk: Sarah Jaffe

Join us on Wednesday, November 3rd at 6:30PM for a conversation with Sarah Jaffe on her book, *Work Won't Love You Back*, which examines the "labor of love" myth. Sarah Jaffe is a Type Media Center reporting fellow and an independent journalist covering labor, economic justice, social movements, politics, gender, and pop culture. Her work has appeared in *The New York Times*, *The Nation*, *the Guardian*, *the Washington Post*, *The New Republic*, *The Atlantic*, and many other publications. She is the co-host, with Michelle Chen, of *Dissent* magazine's *Belabored* podcast, as well as a columnist at *The Progressive* and *New Labor Forum*.

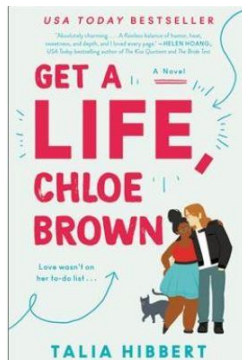
Summary: In *Work Won't Love You Back*, Sarah Jaffe, a preeminent voice on labor, inequality, and social movements, examines this "labor of love" myth—the idea that certain work is not really work, and therefore should be done out of passion instead of pay. Told through the lives and experiences of workers in various industries—from the unpaid intern, to the overworked teacher, to the nonprofit worker and even the professional athlete—Jaffe reveals how all of us have been tricked into buying into a new tyranny of work.

Register Here: [Register](#) (opens a new window)

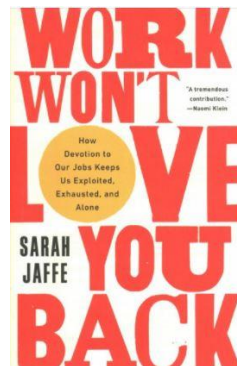
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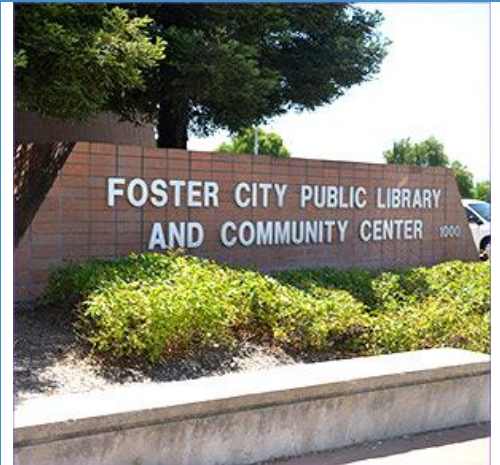
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CURBSIDE PICKUP

Library buildings are open! We are still open for Curbside Pickup by appointment only. Find out more information by going to: SMCL.ORG/CURBSIDE

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE BOOKS OR FOOD DONATIONS OUTSIDE LIBRARY DOORS.

Leave donations at: Samaritan House at Old County Road and 41st Avenue

Fall 2021 Storytimes!

We are excited to welcome children back for in-person Storytime. Gathering to hear stories, sing songs, and interact with other children is an important part of early literacy. Starting this month, our libraries will host a variety of weekly outdoor Storytime sessions throughout the fall season

Register for Events Here: [Register \(opens in a new window\)](#)

Preschool Storytime in the Park

Location: Leo J.Ryan Park

Dates: November 3, 10,17,24

Time: 10:30AM – 11AM

Come along and experience books, rhymes, and songs that are developmentally appropriate for preschoolers ages 2-5. Let's make learning fun as you play alongside your kids! Please bring your own blanket/seating, sun protection, and face masks. We ask that all attendees ages 2 and older wear a mask. Capacity limits may apply. Storytime may be canceled in the event of inclement weather or poor air quality.

Family Storytime

Location: Portolla Valley

Dates: November 3, 10, 17,24

Time: 10:30AM – 11AM

Come along on an imaginary adventure for Family Storytime. Hear new stories, sing songs, and learn wiggles that the whole family can enjoy together, from toddlers to grown-ups.

Musical Storytime

Location: San Pedro Valley County Park

Dates: November 9, 16, 23,30

Time: 10:30AM – 11AM

Let's make music together! Join us for a silly, funny, song-and-dance filled Storytime for all ages. Parking fees will be waived for Storytime participants.

Membership

Many thanks to these new/renewing members and donors as of November 3, 2021. If there is an error in your name, please send an email to FOFC.Library@gmail.com with the correction.

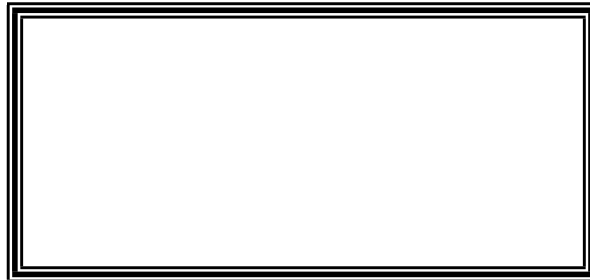
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