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Message from the Board

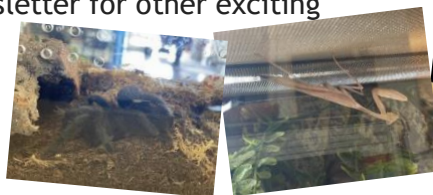
Dear Friends,

Much like this season's inclement weather, 2023 is in full swing. The year started off with the wonderful announcement that the San Mateo County Libraries was named a 2022 5-Star Library by the professional publication Library Journal (LJ)! LJ annually scores U.S. public libraries on its LJ Index of Public Library Service. As part of SMCL, Foster City Library helped earn this distinction through serving our community transformative experiences and enriching programs and services, such as the Paws for Tales, Lunar New Year celebrations, inspiring Black History Month events over the last couple of months. Through your contributions, Friends of the Foster City Library supports the enablement of these activities. Thank you for your ongoing support--without it, they would not all be possible.

Looking forward, there are more great events on the horizon. On the evening of April 5 will be the not-to-miss [Five Ten Jazz Concert at FCL](#). Exciting year-round author talks also continue, with [Alka Joshi, author of The Perfumist of Paris, joining online on April 20](#). There will also be a [teen book swap](#) at the library on March 18; [material donations for the swap are open to all on March 11](#). The teen book swap events are organized by the Friends of the Foster City Library Youth Committee. On-demand event info for in-person and online programming can always be found at: <https://smcl.bibliocommons.com/v2/events>.

Two final things to highlight as we close out this message: come check out the Women's History Month display in the Children's Room and the library's new bug friends at the front desk! Read the rest of the newsletter for other exciting updates and events!

Best,
Friends of the Foster City Library



Introducing FoFCL's New Logo! Thank you, Alex!

The Friends of the Foster City Library (FoFCL) has a new logo! We are pleased to share the design, which beautifully captures the essence of Foster City while also symbolizing the importance of the library in our community. The redesigned logo was artfully crafted by Alex Carreon, a junior at Hillsdale High School, who is a member of the FoFCL Youth Committee. We are grateful to Alex for volunteering his artistic talents and very excited that a local teenage artist played such a critical role in helping our rebranding initiative.

Hear from Alex, in his own words...*My name is Alex Carreon and I am a Junior at Hillsdale High School. I enjoy taking art classes at school and outside of school where I create pieces towards my portfolio. I plan on pursuing art in college and as a career in the future. My passion for art is one of the main reasons why I volunteered for the youth council because I really want to share my artwork with the community while also encouraging others to create as well. Other than art, I enjoy playing volleyball for my school and on a club team.* Thank you, Alex!



FoFCL Officers and Board Members

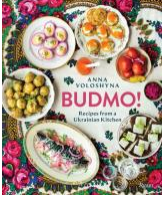
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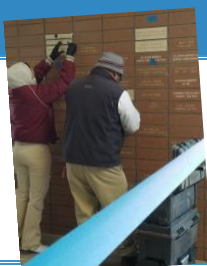
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On January 17, the Foster City Library received a proclamation from City Council for being named a Library Journal 5 Star Library! Congratulations!

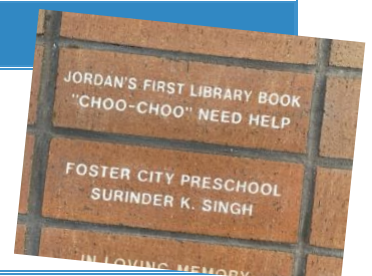
Upcoming Library Events

UPCOMING VIRTUAL AUTHOR TALK	FOSTER CITY LIBRARY PROGRAMS
 <p>Cooking Demo with Anna Voloshyna, Author of Budmo! Recipes From a Ukrainian Kitchen Tuesday, April 4, 2023 6:30PM - 7:30PM Online event</p> <p>When you register, we'll email you two free recipes that Anna will show us how to make over Zoom! Not a cook? Not a problem! We'll also be celebrating Ukrainian culture and cuisine and hosting a Q&A with the author, so anyone can participate and learn.</p> <p>Anna Voloshyna was born and raised in Ukraine before moving to the Bay Area. Anna started working as a food photographer and stylist, helping chefs and culinary brands tell their stories through photography. After many successes, Anna was finally offered a chance to unveil her own food-making talents by hosting Eastern European pop-up dinners. Her Georgian khachapuri nights and Ukrainian varenyky feasts became a delicious sensation in the San Francisco culinary community. Now Anna's goal is to make people fall in love with Eastern European food through every little Ukrainian dumpling, fluffy garlic pampushki, and every single bowl of luscious borscht, as found in her stunning cookbook. To learn more about Anna, please visit https://annavoloshyna.com/ or follow her on IG @annavoloshynacooks.</p>	<p>Upcoming In Person Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Book Swap Donation Day: Sat, 3/11, 10 AM • Intro to Watercolor Painting: Tue, 3/14. 10:30 AM, registration required • Teen Book Swap: Sat, 3/18 10 AM • Sewing Machine Basics: Fri, 3/31, 10:15 AM, registration required • Five Ten Jazz Concert: Wed, 4/5, 6:30 PM • Sound Healing: Mon, 5/15, 6:30 PM <p>Upcoming Virtual Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Growing and Fermenting Garden Vegetables: Sat, 3/18, 2 PM • Meditation: A Tool for Stress Reduction and a Healthier Lifestyle, Mon, 3/20, 6 PM • Meet Meng Jin, Author of Self-Portrait With Ghost : Wed, 3/22, 7 PM • Art Talk - Facing Mecca: Reflections of Islam in Art: Mon, 4/3, 7 PM • Spring Renewal Through Meditation: Mon, 4/17 6 PM • Meet Alka Joshi, Author of The Perfumist of Paris: Thu, 4/20 6:30 PM • Meet Joanna Ho, Author of The Silence That Binds Us: Wed, 5/10 7 PM • Meditation in Modern Life: Mon, 5/15, 6 PM

CHECK OUT OUR NEWLY ENGRAVED BRICKS!



On March 1, Sal and Diana of Memorial Impressions engraved 7 new bricks on the arcade in front of the library. Bricks engraving is part of our Bricks & Tiles (& Plaques) Fundraising Program. To learn more, check out [our website](#) and [place an order](#) today (downloadable form [here](#))!



San Mateo HS Junior Presents Investing Part II to FC Teens and Adults!



Evan Rose, president of San Mateo High School's Investment Club, gave his second informational presentation to a group of nearly thirty teens and adults at the Foster City Library Thursday, January 12. This program followed his fall Intro to Investing, going farther this time into the complex world of financial trading, buying and selling, market analytics, and professional opportunities, topics of interest that arose from Evan's first program. Of special significance was Evan's description of two modern modes of decision making: Quantitative Analysis, the modern use of computer and mathematical formulas, and Qualitative Analysis, using human evaluation of business models and risks. Giving real examples from successful business people like Warren Buffet, Evan showed how financial decisions can be made with both methods.

The presentation (which can be found [here](#)) had inspiring quotations from "Economics are Emotions" to "Know what you own, and why you own it." The various job opportunities in the investment field were presented to students who might want to make a career in the business world. The quotation from Benjamin Franklin set the background: "An investment in knowledge pays the best dividends" - true for business and all of life as well. Evan was assisted by classmate Stas Ofitserov, who spoke about asset management and other issues investors need to understand, adding details about work schedules and levels of stress involved in many financial jobs.

This program is part of the Foster City Library's Youth Council, made up of eight of the city's high school students who have a chance to interact with students from the various district schools they attend. Youth Council activities are available on the library website, posted flyers and social media. Their next event is the [teen book swap](#) on March 18 (with book donations requested the week prior- March 11); see the flyers below for details!

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Many thanks to our members and donors as of March 2023 (dues paid between November-March). If there is an error in your name or if you have questions, please send an email to FoFCLibrary@gmail.com.

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Book Donation Day - Saturday March 11

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Donations will be used For Teen Book Swap Event
Bring books, CDs, DVDs, graphic novels appropriate
for teens of high school and intermediate school
students.

Teen Book Swap Event

Planned by the Foster City Library Youth Council [held](#)

Saturday March 18 at the library

10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

"Bring One - Take One"

Student participants on March 18 may bring in their
used books and other media and take home a
replacement for each donation they contribute that
day.

All materials not "swapped" will be donated to the
the Friends of the Foster City Library fundraising.

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PRESENTS...

TEEN BOOK SWAP

Join us at the library for a
fun-filled meet fellow book
lovers! Meet fellow book
lovers, chat about your
favorite stories, and
discover new books to
add to your collection!

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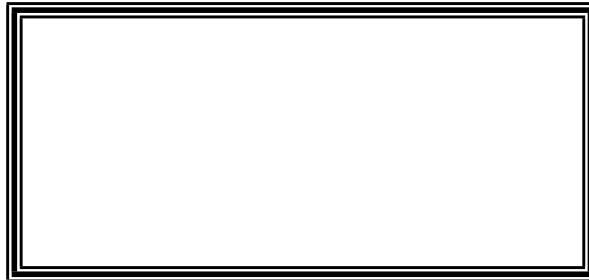




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