



# FRIENDS OF THE FOSTER CITY LIBRARY

## SUMMER 2023

### Message from the Board

Dear Friends,

Each summer, the Friends of the Foster City Library (FoFCL) Board holds an annual planning meeting to discuss how to continue and improve supporting the library, its programming and community. This year, we're working on exciting opportunities for Friends and community members, such as our recent summer book sale, which was a fantastic success with high attendance and many books and other media items sold. The Friends also hosted the "Stress-Less Slime Event" for teens, which was ideated, planned and hosted by the FoFCL Youth Committee.

On August 27, the [Bob Baker Marionette Theater performance](#) will be held at the Foster City Library, which is sure to be a magical experience. Upcoming event info can always be found on the [SMCL event page](#). Thank you for your continued support of the Foster City Library and have a wonderful summer!

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The new [MakerMobile](#) arrived and a ribbon cutting ceremony was held on June 15. We are working on finalizing the dates for MakerMobile visits to Foster City. Stay tuned!

Plans for the Foster City Library Makerspace are underway, coordinated by the San Mateo County Libraries system. If you'd like to hear a presentation about the makerspace, you are welcome to join the FoFCL Board meeting on September 26, 6-7 pm at the library.

### Support the Library in 2 Meaningful Ways!

The FoFCL bookstore had a very **successful annual sale on June 10**—many thanks to all the volunteers that participated. The bookstore has books in many genres and for all ages so come and explore!



Donations of books suitable for resale only are accepted. Donations do not go into the library system, but all proceeds go to library programs.

Bricks and tiles make a wonderful gift for loved ones- both living and in memoriam! Although it may seem early to think about the holiday season, the engraving process can take several months. Now is the best time to order!

FoFCL has a **goal of selling 7 more bricks or tiles before the end of this year**- will you help us reach our goal? Email [FoFCLibrary@gmail.com](mailto:FoFCLibrary@gmail.com) or go to this site <https://omella.com/76pu6> to order.



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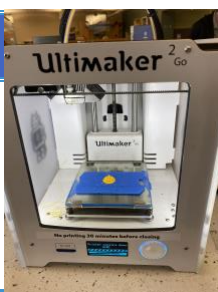
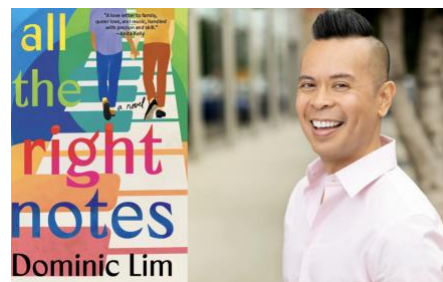
## Upcoming Library Events

### IN PERSON EVENTS

- [STEAM Team in the Library: Lava Lamps](#), Mon 8/7, 3 PM – **REGISTRATION REQUIRED**
- [Middle Scholars: Animal Engineers](#), Tue 8/8, 3 PM – **REGISTRATION REQUIRED**
- [Sewing Machine Basics - Buttons & Button Holes](#), Thu 8/10, 1:30 PM - **REGISTRATION REQUIRED**
- [Storytelling Magic Show!](#), Fri 8/11, 2:30 PM
- [Kids Go Mandarin Family Music](#), Tue 8/15, 10:30 AM
- [Upcycle - Treasure Magnets](#), Wed 8/16, 3 PM
- [Puppet Art Theater: Jack and the Beanstalk](#), Wed 8/23, 3 PM
- [It's Sew Easy - Cord Organizer](#), Thu 8/24, 1:30 PM – **REGISTRATION REQUIRED**
- [Bob Baker Marionette Theater](#), Sun 8/27, 10:30 AM
- [Sewing Machine Basics - Zippers](#), Thu 9/14, 1:30 PM – **REGISTRATION REQUIRED**
- [Kids Rock Painting](#), Sat 9/23, 12 PM – **REGISTRATION REQUIRED**
- [Mid-Autumn Watercolor Moon](#), Tue 9/26 11 AM – **REGISTRATION REQUIRED**
- [It's Sew Easy - Zippered Pouch](#), Thu 9/28 1:30 PM – **REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

### VIRTUAL PROGRAMS (REGISTRATION REQUIRED)

- [Meet Laura Lippman, Author of Prom Mom](#), Fri 8/4, 4 PM
- [The Tudors: Art and Majesty in Renaissance England](#) Mon 8/7, 7 PM
- [Meet Dominic Lim, Author of All the Right Notes](#), Thu 8/10, 6 PM
- [Meditation for Everyday Living](#), Mon 8/21, 6 PM
- [Preserving Green Chiles](#), Thu 8/24 4PM
- [Cook-Along With Abi Balingit, Author of Mayumu: Filipino American Desserts Remixed](#), Thu 9/14 6 PM

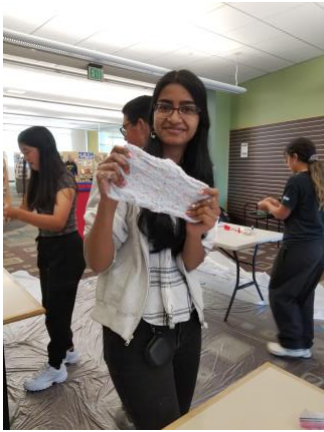


### CHECK OUT OUR SPECIAL SERVICES!

Our 3D printers continue to be a hit for all ages, so come check them out! The Foster City Library continues to offer bike and sewing machine rentals. All SMCL libraries are also now offering [karaoke machines](#) for check out. All reservations can be made [online](#) or call the library (833)937-7625 for availability and booking.



## FoFCL Youth Committee's Stress-Less Teen Slime Event a Success!



Foster City teens from area high schools and Bowditch gathered at the library on June 30 for the Stress-Less Teen Slime Event. A large room was set aside for teens to celebrate the end of the school year and engage in making custom slime creations, mixing colored simple chemicals and everyday products with charms, glitter and other items. Many students reminisced about making slime as small children and wanted a chance to have “slime fun” again. More than twenty-five participants “dug in” and kneaded their slime creations as they shared plans for summer and end-of-school year tales. Great care was taken to cover floors and tables and keep the room “slime free.”

This activity was one of eight events the Youth Committee has planned or assisted with throughout the past year. Programs have focused on cultural, educational, and fun events for Foster City teens. The next planned program from the Youth Council will be a presentation on American Sign Language with an adult providing introductory information about ASL and its place in our world today. The date is yet to be determined, but please check the library and our FoFCL website (<https://fofclibrary.org/>) for updates.



## Membership

Many thanks to our members and donors who paid dues or made donations between March-June 2023 (since our last newsletter). If there is an error in your name or if you have questions, please send an email to [FoFCLibrary@gmail.com](mailto:FoFCLibrary@gmail.com).

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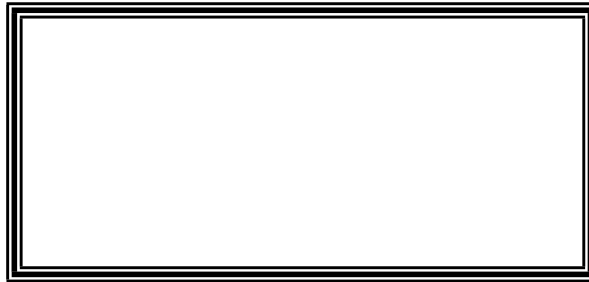
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