



FRIENDS OF THE FOSTER CITY LIBRARY

NOVEMBER 2023

Message from the Board

Dear Friends,

Over the past year, the Foster City Library has continued to rebuild from the pandemic and be a critical connection point for our communities. The momentum continues as we come into Autumn and the holiday season, with notable events such as the United Against Hate Author Series: <https://plsinfo.org/united-against-hate/> in November and [NaNoWriMo: Copycat Creative Writing teen workshop](#) on Nov 8. As you plan your holiday and giving season, remember to renew your Friends membership **by submitting the membership form in this newsletter to the library**, and consider an additional standalone donation. Custom-engraved commemorative bricks and tiles outside of the library are also available for purchase (more info on our website: <https://fofclibrary.org/index.php/fundraising/>). These donations and proceeds directly support Foster City library programming, events, and major projects such as the forthcoming Makerspace to be built.

Friends of the Foster City Library

In observance of Veterans Day, San Mateo County Libraries will be closed on Saturday, November 11 and Sunday, November 12.

Additionally, the library will have an early closure at 5 pm on Wednesday, November 22 and will be closed all day on Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24 for Thanksgiving.



Will you help us reach our fundraising goal?

Bricks and tiles make a wonderful gift for loved ones- both living and in memoriam! Our engraver is scheduled to come out at the end of November, right in time for the holiday season. -N" -LITTLE PRINCE

FoFCL has a **goal of selling THREE more bricks or tiles** before the end of this year- will you help us reach our goal?

Simon & Shivraj Singh
Email FoFCLibrary@gmail.com or go to this site <https://omella.com/76pu6> to order.



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Upcoming Library Events

IN PERSON EVENTS @ FOSTER CITY LIBRARY

For a full list of events at the library, check out the [Events page](#) on the SMCL website (<https://smcl.org>).

Wednesday, November 8, 4:30-6 pm

[NaNoWriMo: Copy Cat Creative Writing](#)

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Intended audience: teens (12-18 years old)

Thursday, November 9, 1:30-3 pm

[Sewing Machine Basics - Hemming](#)

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Intended audience: teens & adults

Tuesday, November 14, 4-6 pm

[Henna In Art Diwali Celebration](#)

Intended audience: all ages

Thursday, November 16, 4-5 pm

[Power Up Afternoons: Thankful Turkeys](#)

Intended audience: children (6-11) + teens (12-18)

Wednesday, December 6, 10-11:45 am

[Community Karaoke](#)

Intended audience: adults

Sunday, December 17, 11am-12 pm

[Decorating Holiday Ornaments](#)

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Intended audience: adults

Friday, December 29, 11am-12pm

[Noon Year's Storytime Celebration with Elephant and Piggie](#)

Intended audience: preschoolers and children (0-11)

VIRTUAL PROGRAMS (REGISTRATION REQUIRED)

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- [United Against Hate Author Series: I Can Make This Promise by Christine Day](#), Mon, 11/6, 9 AM and 1 PM
- [Art Talk: Timeless Traditions, Expressions of the Divine in Indian Art](#), Mon, 11/6, 7 PM
- [Starting Young: Helping Small Kids Cope With Big Fears](#), Tues, 11/7, 6:30 PM
- [United Against Hate Author Series: Don't Let it Get You Down: Essays on Race, Gender and the Body by Savala Nolan](#), Wed, 11/15, 7 PM
- [United Against Hate Author Series: Black Boy, Black Boy by Ali Kamanda](#), Thu, 11/16, 9 AM and 1 PM
- [Meet Jaime Cortez, Author of Gordo](#), Thu, 11/16, 6:30 PM



FoFCL Youth Committee's ASL Event Brings Fun & Inclusivity!



The Foster City Library Youth Committee hosted a memorable event at the end of September called the “Starter American Sign Language (ASL) Session”. This unique gathering brought together 28 enthusiastic teenagers for an immersive experience into the world of ASL. Led by Caya, a knowledgeable Deaf instructor, the event provided participants with a (literal) hands-on opportunity to explore the language of ASL. Throughout the event, attendees learned the fundamentals, including how to fingerspell and convey basic phrases. Everyone practiced their newly acquired skills through fun games like ASL telephone. Beyond language acquisition, participants delved into Deaf culture, gaining valuable insights into the experiences and perspectives of the Deaf Community. This educational aspect was

eye-opening for many, fostering a deeper appreciation of linguistic diversity and promoting empathy and respect. The “Starter ASL Session” exemplified the power of youth engagement in promoting inclusivity and breaking down communication barriers. It was not only a fun and educational experience but also a testament to the importance of encouraging a more inclusive and accessible society.

The Youth Committee looks forward to hosting more events like this that promote cultural awareness, diversity, and unity among youth. Thank you to Caya and all who participated!



Membership & Donations

Many thanks to our members and donors who paid dues or made donations between July-October 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

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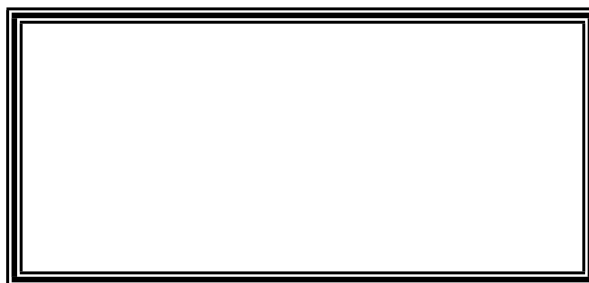
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