



FRIENDS OF THE FOSTER CITY LIBRARY

SPRING 2025

Message from the Board

Hello Friends!

Can you believe how quickly the first quarter of the year flew by? Between ringing in the new years (both solar and lunar), celebrating Black History Month (Feb), Women's History Month (Mar), Holi and Spring spring-ing, time has been racing forward!

Looking ahead, FCL has a great slate of activities and programming leading into summer. On April 12 will be an exciting [Earth Day Celebration](#), where there will be booths hosted by local, sustainable organizations and services alongside fun competitions and activities. On April 13 will be [Live Philippine folk songs with The Sampaguitas](#) and a [Plant and Puzzle Swap](#) on May 18. AAPI heritage month events; Mahjong workshops; a new cookbook book club; Mandarin lessons; and book sales are also on the horizon! Stay abreast of events always at the [SMCL Events Page](#). Check often as some events require advance registration.

Your ongoing financial support makes these activities and beyond possible. Thank you for contributing back to the community.

Friends of the Foster City Library



Upcoming 2025 Foster City Library Closures

Easter: Sunday, April 20

Library Closure: Sunday, May 11

Memorial Day: Sunday, May 25 & Monday, May 26

Library Closure: Sunday, June 15

Juneteenth: Thursday, June 19

Check out the San Mateo County Libraries new strategic plan!

[San Mateo County Libraries](#) is excited to share our new [2025-2030 Strategic Plan](#) with our community, featuring our updated mission, vision and values.

Our Mission: Together, we build meaningful connections and inspire lifelong curiosity

Our Vision: Where community grows and thrives

Our Values: Belonging, Connection, Growth, Access, Compassion and Creativity



Strategic Plan 2025-2030

Upcoming Library Events

IN PERSON EVENTS @ FOSTER CITY LIBRARY

April 1 (Tues) & April 4 (Fri),
10 am - 12 pm

April 3 (Thurs), 2-3 pm

April 7 (Mon), May 5 (Mon), &
June 2 (Mon), 10:30-11:30 am

April 7 (Mon), 3:30-4:30 pm

April 9, April 16, April 23, April
30, & May 5 (Wed), 11 am-1 pm

April 12 (Sat), 10 am-1 pm

April 12 (Sun), 11-11:45 am

April 13 (Sun), 2-3 pm

April 25 (Fri), 10:30-11:15 am

May 18 (Sun), 1-3 pm

[Sewing Machine Basics Junior](#)
(registration required)

[Making Your Own Mini-Comic](#)
(registration required)

[New Parent Meet-Up](#)

[Sustainability: Fishing for Answers](#)
(registration required)

[California Mahjong for Adults](#)
(registration required)

[Earth Day, Every Day](#)
(registration required)

[Eco-tainment](#)

[Live Music with The Sampaguitas:
Philippine Folk Songs and Inspired
Originals](#)

[JAMaROO Kids Yoga](#)

[Plant and Puzzle Swap](#)

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



ARTIST EVENT IN BELMONT

PAINT WATERCOLOR PEACHES

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

10:15-11:45 am

In-Person Event

Twin Pines Manor ([10 Twin Pines Lane Belmont, CA 94002](#))

due to temporary Belmont
Library closure



Learn to paint vibrant peaches in watercolor while practicing brush techniques, color blending, and layering. This beginner-friendly workshop, led by artist Jean Choe, includes step-by-step guidance to help you create soft, expressive fruit paintings. All materials will be provided.

[Registration is required for this event.](#) Registration opens May 14.

Note: This event has a hard start time at 10:20am. We look forward to seeing you!

For more information please email: belmont@smcl.org

Watercolor with Jean Choe will be temporarily moved to Twin Pines Manor ([10 Twin Pines Lane Belmont, CA 94002](#)) during [Belmont Library's temporary closure](#).

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FoFCL Youth Committee Continues Engaging Foster City Community!



After kicking off the school year strong in August with activities like tote bag painting, the Youth Committee has continued to host a successful series of events. From Halloween crafting to cardmaking, their creative projects have absorbed many happy library-goers. Their latest programs, a pair of finance presentations created by San Mateo high student Vanshika Garg covering money management, payment options, and more, encouraged high

school students to interact with the world of financial literacy earlier on. Looking forward, the Youth Committee is excited to present its next event, which features a rotation of activities: henna drawing, origami,

and friendship bracelet making. More details, including the date, will be shared on the FoFCL website soon!



As the Youth Committee begins planning for the transition into a new school year, they are excited to welcome six new members to the team. Together, they organize events for Foster City's teens, fostering a sense of community through learning or crafting alongside each other. The Youth Committee is incredibly thankful to those who have attended the events, the FoFCL Board for its continued support, and the Foster City Library staff that make it all possible—whether by gathering supplies, setting up spaces, or creating a welcoming environment.



Membership & Donations

Many thanks to these new/renewing members and donors since Dec 2024! If there is an error, email focllibrary@gmail.com.

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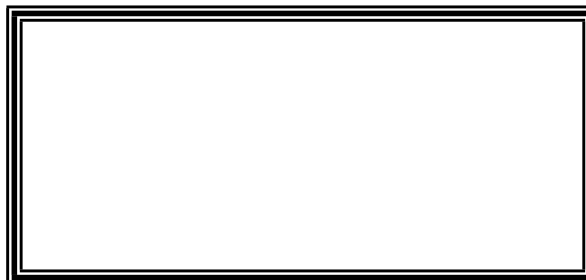


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