

## Hercules Library Report, June 2025

### Library Programming & Outreach Staff:

Alison Peters, Library Manager  
Justine Rea, Teens & Adults Librarian  
Katy Buder, Children's Librarian  
Eric Lee, Library Assistant  
Kayla Etheridge, Clerk Specialist  
Ary Rangel, Senior Clerk

### Programs & Activities – Year Round

#### Children's Storytime – every Saturday, 10 & 10:30am

Month	Attendees
January	364
February	428
March	418
April	277
May	242

#### Play Pals – 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month, 10am

Month	Attendees
January	35
February	38
March	31
April	52
May	50

#### Pajama Storytime – Last Wednesday of the month, 6:30pm

Month	Attendees
January	12
February	17
March	27
April	14
May	22

#### LEGO Builders Club - 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month, 3pm

Month	Attendees
January	32
February	18
March	27
April	18
May	16

#### Chess Club – 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month, 4:15-5:15pm

Month	Attendees
January	19

February	14
March	20
April	18
May	8

### **Insiders – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month, 11:30-12:30pm**

Month	Attendees
January	10
February	20
March	21
April	39
May	18

### **Max Meditation – 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month, 6-7pm**

Month	Attendees
January	7
February	3
March	4
April	8
May	5

### **Homework Help – Wednesdays, 3-6pm**

Month	Attendees
January	14
February	33
March	25
April	9
May	9

### **Senior Center Visits – 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month, 12pm**

Month	Attendees
January	25
February	55
March	30
April	Canceled
May	30

### **School/Class Visits/Outreach**

August: Hercules Middle School @ library	180
September: Learn and Play Montessori	30
September: Ohlone Elementary @ library	65
October: Lupine Hills Elementary @ library	25
October: Ohlone Elementary	84
October: Ohlone Elementary @ library	28
October: Carquinez Middle School	90

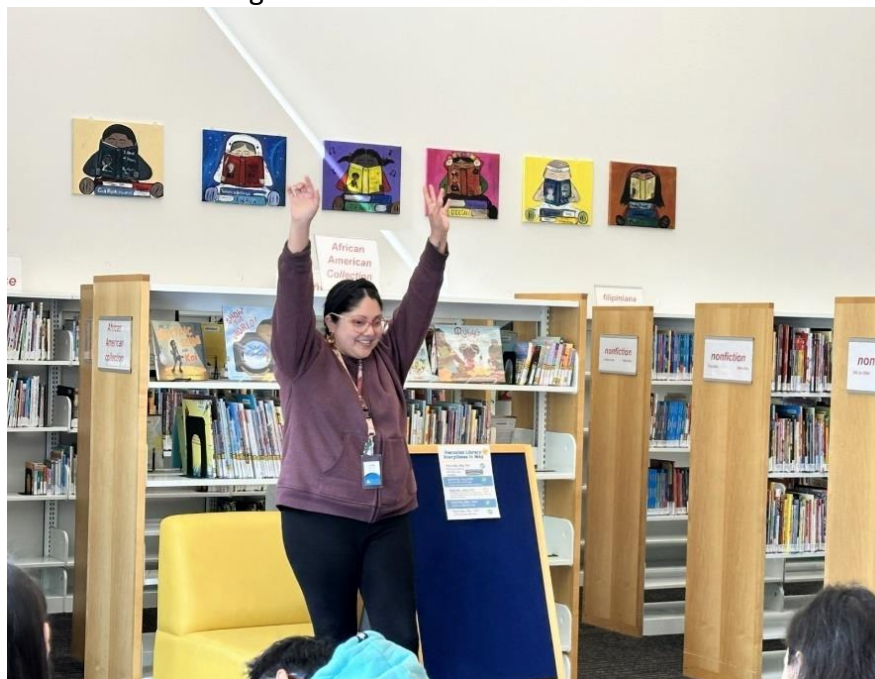
October: John Swett High School	64
October: Salesian Prep @ library	35
November: Lupine Hills @ library	26
December: Tiny Tots Preschool	17
December: Hercules High/Middle School	132
December: Health & Wellness Holiday Market	75
January: Lupine Hills Spelling Bee	125
January: Tiny Tots Preschool	30
February: Lupine Hills Black History Month Storytimes	125
February: Senior Center Black History Month Library Visit	28
February: Hercules Middle/High School Book Fair	10
March: Hercules Health & Wellness Fair	105
May: Hercules High Tech Fair	61
<b>May: Summer Reading Visit, Hanna Ranch</b>	<b>450</b>
<b>May Summer Reading Visit: Saint Patrick's</b>	<b>250</b>

## May Programs Review

**Branch Goal: to work with community partners to host storytimes featuring Community Languages.**

### **Bilingual Storytime with Lucia Flores, of Oakley Library, Saturday, May 3 – 49 familia**

Thank you to Ms. Lucia, friend, librarian, and fantastic storyteller, who graced us with a Bilingual English/Spanish storytime! We learned colors, we looked for the mysterious missing mouse, we sang and signed and had a wonderful time.



**Bilingual Storytime with the Chinese American Association of Hercules, Saturday, May 10 – 73 folks**

What fun we had at storytime with our friends from Chinese Association of Hercules! We were treated to trilingual (English/Cantonese/Mandarin) stretches and yoga, we learned how to count to ten, sang some songs, and read some of Contra Costa County's Community Languages Chinese picture books!



**Haopinaka: Hawaiian Music and Hula performance, Saturday, May 31 – 104 ohana**

We had a beautiful afternoon sharing Hawaiian music, dance, and even enjoyed audience participation! It was the perfect way to wrap up AAPI month.





## The Friends of the Hercules Library 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party

On May 23<sup>rd</sup> we had the pleasure of celebrating a huge milestone — the 25th anniversary of the [Friends of the Hercules Library](#)! Since their inaugural meeting on May 23, 2000, this dedicated group of community volunteers has generously given their time, talents, and resources in steadfast support of the Hercules Library. An officially recognized Hercules Nonprofit, the Friends tirelessly support the community at large through volunteering for events such as Community Clean Up Day, Eggs-Po & Hydro Hunt and the Holiday party, where they give out free books for children. In addition, the Friends Bookstore is open every single day during the library's open hours, with volunteers to accept donations, sort, price, and sell books at a fraction of their retail price, all in support of the library.

As a reminder: based solely on donations, book sales at the Bookstore, and two annual book sales, The Friends of the Hercules Library support:

- All Hercules Library Programs – Hercules Library held 364 programs in 2024 and the Friends support totaled \$12,360.
- Books for Hercules Collection - \$14,000 annually

In attendance at the celebration were Friends past and present – folks who literally raised the money to get the library built and enjoyed opening day, and those who continue to support the library, including Contra Costa County Library Director Alison McKee, who was also manager of Hercules Library, Hercules City Councilperson Chris Kelley, and many more.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the [Hercules Library Foundation](#), [Republic Services](#), [MCE](#) Clean Energy, and Mechanics Bank, for their generous sponsorship which made this special celebration possible; to the Clifford Lamb trio for the delightful jazz music; and to [Cabalen by the Bay](#), [Filipino Cuisine](#), [Hercules](#) for the delicious spread.



## Spotlight On: Hercules' Juneteenth Celebration



Hercules City and Library are proud to partner for a Juneteenth citywide celebration and invite you to join us! Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup>: we start at city hall with a **Flag Raising Ceremony** and will have a **special storytime** at the library, both at 10am. Refreshment will be provided by Dream Bowlz at the flag raising, and then again at 1:30pm, prior to the **Juneteenth self-care Sound Healing Experience with Sakai Parker, 2pm**, where we'll explore the healing vibrations of sound therapy to bring balance, clarity, and rejuvenation. We'll start with some lite stretching and breathing, then relax into the sound bath, and then, once you're refreshed and balanced, talk about the history of sound health, and the positive effects on the body. Sound healing helps align mind, body, and spirit, open the heart and mind opportunities and transformation.



## Spotlight On: Summer Reading!



This summer, Level Up at Your Library! Beginning June 2, sign up with [Beanstack](#) to track your participation. Or visit Hercules Library to pick up a reading passport. The whole family can have an adventurous summer of reading, activities, and events. Everyone who completes summer reading wins prizes, including a free book, and is entered into a drawing for a chance to win more amazing prizes!

And Hercules is joining the Summer Reading fun by hosting an Exploration Station, where you can come discover all things STEAM as you look, touch and explore to learn about our natural world and communities. Join us on **Wednesday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, 11am-1pm** when we'll have the entire library parking lot reserved for the fun! Guests include the Lindsay Wildlife Experience, East Bay Regional Parks, Habitot Children's Museum, Mt. Diablo and East Bay Astronomical Societies, Contra Costa Animal Services, The Friends of the Hercules Library and Hercules Library Foundation, Hercules Parks and Rec – and more!



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