

Hercules Library Report, January 2026

Library Programming & Outreach Staff:

Alison Peters, Library Manager
Katy Buder, Children's Librarian
Eric Lee, Library Assistant
Lydia Roybal, 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
June	344
July	355
August	507
September	403
October	400
November	525
December	262

Play Pals – 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month, 10am

Month	Attendees
January	35
February	38
March	31
April	52
May	50
June	11
July	78
August	47
September	44
October	56
November	63
December	63

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

Month	Attendees
January	12
February	17
March	27

April	14
May	22
June	Canceled-Exploration Station
July	19
August	Canceled
September	21
October	29
November	Canceled-Thanksgiving
December	Canceled-Christmas

LEGO Builders Club - 1st Thursday of the month, 3pm

Month	Attendees
January	32
February	18
March	27
April	18
May	16
June	Canceled-Juneteenth Holiday
July	55
August	33
September	36
October	36
November	21
December	26

Chess Club – 1st Wednesday of the month, 4:15pm

Month	Attendees
January	19
February	14
March	20
April	18
May	8
June	20
July	36
August	8
September	22
October	22
November	16
December	24

Insiders – 2nd Tuesday of the month, 11:30am (Jan-May/ Sept–Dec)

Month	Attendees
January	10
February	20
March	21
April	39

May	18
September	41
October	14
November	15
December	Canceled-performer

Max Meditation – 2nd Wednesday of the month, 6pm

Month	Attendees
January	7
February	3
March	4
April	8
May	5
June	10
July	6
August	5
September	7
October	5
November	4
December	8

***Homework Help – CANCELED**

Month	Attendees
January	14
February	33
March	25
April	9
May	9
September	6
October	22
November	17

***Senior Center Visits – ON HOLD**

Month	Attendees
January	25
February	55
March	30
April	Canceled
May	30
June	35
July	40
August	35
September	25
October	28

***Programs canceled/on pause November 2025.**

School/Class Visits/Outreach

August 2024: Hercules Middle School @ library	180
September: Learn and Play Montessori	30
September: Ohlone Elementary @ library	65
October: Lupine Hills @ 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 2025: 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
May: Summer Reading Visit, Hanna Ranch	450
May Summer Reading Visit: Saint Patrick's	250
June: Summer Reading Visit: Lupine Hills	390
June: Summer Reading Visit: Ohlone	400
June: Grove Christian Church Library Visit	8
July: CC College Immigration Forum	50
July: Tiny Tots Storytime	18
August: National Night Out	478
September: Hanna Ranch Elementary	135
September: Hercules Middle BTS	300
September: Ohlone Elementary	22
October: Ohlone Elementary (3, 17, 24th)	52
October: Hanna Ranch Elementary	23
November: Lupine Hills Elementary	53
November: Lupine Hills Ruby Bridges Day	132
November: Montessori School	51
November: Salesian Prep	27

November Programs Review

Titan TUNESday, Tuesday December 16, (64 concertgoers)

We are incredibly thankful to Herculean Mile Award Winner, and Hercules High band maestro, Arleen Wong, for bringing the music to Hercules Library for the holiday season. Titan TUNESdays are an effort by the Community Music Club of Hercules High, an after-school volunteer group who practice and delight us with evenings of music at the library. This semester, due to complications from the teacher's union strike, the teens weren't able to get together to practice their holiday music – but Arleen Wong didn't let that stop the music! Arleen corralled two of HHS's small bands, the "Jaspers" and "Miso Soup" and a vocal soloist, to treat us to an evening of holiday music, perfect for the season. We appreciate all that Arleen and the students do for the community, and look forward to more music in 2026!



Holiday at the Library

December is a month light on programs, as we wind down the year and keep the library warm and cozy for folks looking for a quiet place to study, or read that book they've been eyeing all year. We held our ongoing programs - storytimes, play pals, Meditation, LEGOs and Chess Club, and hosted our annual NOON Year's Eve dance party for the kiddos – over 200 children and families came out to celebrate!

And we shared our annual wish tree, a popular ray of light where anyone can write their wishes for the new year:



Plus a bit of bookish fun for adults looking for a read on those long winter nights. Extra cheers to Lydia, who hand “sewed” sweaters and scarves for all these chilly bodice rippers!



HERCULES LIBRARY

A YEAR IN REVIEW: 2025

90,000+ In-Person Visits

BY THE NUMBERS

Physical Items
Borrowed

84,403

NEW Library Cards

1,257

eBooks Borrowed

56,444

NEW eCards

518

State Parks Passes
Borrowed

41

Discover & Go
Museum Passes

469



**3,000+ seed packets
distributed**



**SUMMER READING
FINISHERS
448**

**Field Trips &
Classroom
Visits**

73

**Senior Center
Visits**

9

LIBRARY PROGRAMS



OF
EVENTS

ATTENDEES

PRESCHOOLERS

123

5,317

SCHOOL AGE

84

4,728

TEENS

27

650

ADULTS

65

1,022

ALL AGES

33

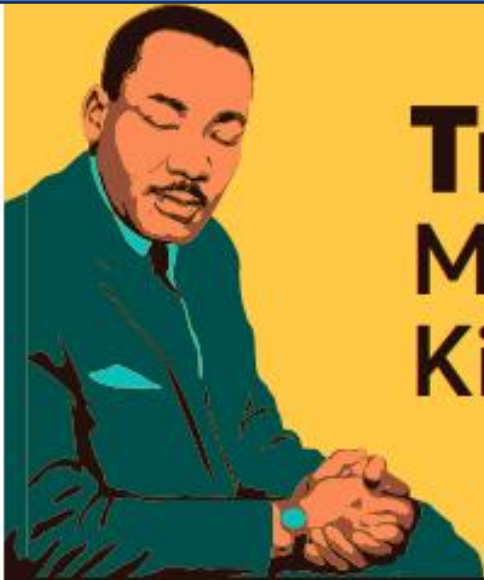
3,721

TOTAL

332

15,438





True Peace: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Hercules Library invites you to join us for a day of true peace and healing as we celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



Sound Healing

Saturday, January 17 | 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Explore the healing vibrations of sound therapy to bring balance, clarity, and rejuvenation in this Sound Healing Experience with Sakai Parker. Sound healing helps align mind, body, and spirit, opens the heart and mind to opportunities and transformation.

This program is for teens and adults, and registration is required.



The Peaceful Warriors Men of Color Healing Circle

Saturday, January 17 | 1:15 & 3 p.m.

Join the Peaceful Warriors, a local healing circle for men of color, honoring the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. through an afternoon of rhythm, unity, and joyful connection. While this healing circle is centered on honoring men of color, everyone is welcome to join—whether by playing one of the instruments provided, dancing, or soaking in the energy of community.



Hercules Library

109 Civic Drive 94547 | 510.245.2420
Tues 10-8 • Wed 10-8 • Thurs 10-8
Fri 9-5 • Sat 9-5 • Sun, Mon Closed

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