

## Hercules Library Report, April 2026

### Library Programming & Outreach Staff:

Alison Peters, Library Manager  
Katy Buder, Children's Librarian  
Natalie Hernandez, Adult/Teen Librarian on loan from Pinole Library  
Eric Lee, Library Assistant  
Lydia Roybal, Library Assistant  
Kayla Etheridge, Clerk Specialist  
Ary Rangel, Senior Clerk  
Alex Durniak, Senior Clerk on loan from Pinole Library

### Programs & Activities – Year Round

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

Month	Attendees
January	665
February	500
March	258 (See Touch a Truck)

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

Month	Attendees
January	19
February	65
March	86

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

Month	Attendees
January	37
February	27
March	27

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

Month	Attendees
January	22
February	43
March	50

#### Chess Club – 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month, 3:30pm

Month	Attendees
January	18
February	10
March	10

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

Month	Attendees
January	No program
February	45
March	20

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

Month	Attendees
January	13
February	4
March	7

**School/Class Visits/Outreach**

January 2026: Montessori Preschool	50

## March Programs Review

### Repair Fair + Clothing Swap, Partnership with RecycleMore & Reuse Alliance

**Saturday, March 21 – 130 happy fixers!**

In Partnership with West County RecycleMore, who organized everything, and Sonoma's Reuse Alliance, who recruited and brought volunteers, tools and everything we needed for the clothing swap – the Repair Fair was a super success! Held in the library's conference rooms, together we helped residents fix furniture, lamps, fountains, clothing, and so many bikes. Hercules Library Friends and teen Volunteers (like Commissioner Sofia Sieden!) volunteered to help. Hercules Library was the first West County Repair Fair site, and based on this event's success, we look forward to many more collaborations!

And a special side thanks to the Hercules Public Works dept, who rushed out for an emergency maintenance fix when our sewer line had a moment in the middle of the day. We couldn't have done it without the support of all of these incredible people!



**Touch a Truck! Saturday, Saturday, March 14 – 295 excited families!**

Thank you to everyone who came by the library for Touch-a-Truck, to get an up-close look at work trucks and vehicles that help keep our community running! We got to explore a recycling truck from [Republic Services](#), a fire engine from [Contra Costa County Fire Protection District](#), a school bus from Berkeley Unified School District, and a skid steer from just down the hill at Home Depot!

And a very big thank you to the representatives from each organization for volunteering their time to come meet our Hercules community. Next time we'll make sure to invite the wonderful folks of Hercules Public Works, who assure us they've got a backhoe waiting just for this occasion.



## Spotlight On: Friends Book Sale, Let's Talk About Trees, Wild About Writing!

The Library is the place to be on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>! The Friends of the Hercules Library are holding their Spring Book Sale, with tons of gently used books donated by the community and sold at low, low prices - all in support of library programs and services.

Storytimes start at 10am; at 3pm our friendly arborist Molly Batchelder comes by to Talk About Trees (pruning, care, advice), and then at 3:30pm our favorite teachers, Sara Creeley and Tina Wong, host our month-long Wild About Writing Workshop, where we'll celebrate National Poetry Month together. Come join the fun!

### *Friends of the Hercules Library* **SPRING BOOK SALE**

Hercules Library • 109 Civic Dr. & Sycamore  
*Thousands of used books + CDs and DVDs*

**April 18, 2026**  
**Saturday**  
10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Hardbacks • \$1.00  
Paperbacks • 50¢  
Children's Books • 25¢  
CDs and DVDs • 50¢



**April 19, 2026**  
**Sunday**  
Noon – 4 p.m.

**\$4.00 per bag\*\***  
Fill your own bag(s)  
from remaining stock.  
**\*\*NEW BAG SIZE POLICY\*\***  
a bag = paper grocery bag (17"x12"x17"H)

Members of the *Friends of the Hercules Library* can enter **one hour early** at 9 a.m. on Saturday for best selection. Join at the door!

All proceeds from the Book Sale and from the *Friends of the Hercules Library* Bookstore go to support the collections and programs at our library.

**WE ACCEPT PAYMENT BY CASH OR CHECK ONLY!**

### **Let's Talk About Trees** Saturday April 18 | 3 p.m.

Consulting Arborist Molly Batchelder joins us to talk about trees, focusing on aspects of tree care from appropriate pruning and planting techniques, to proper nursery tree selection, staking and irrigation management. Please bring your questions and photos of your garden!

This free library program is generously sponsored by the Friends of the Hercules Library.



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# Wild About Writing: Poetry Month

Saturday, April 4, 11, 18 & 25 | 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Celebrate poetry month with Wild About Writing, every Saturday in April! Elementary school-aged kids are welcome to drop in for this creative writing meetup with local grade school teachers, Sarah Creeley and Tina Wong.

No registration required and all materials will be provided.

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