

Hercules Library Report, October 2025

Library Programming & Outreach Staff:

Alison Peters, Library Manager

***Justine Rea, Teens & Adults Librarian – leaving October 11 for Walnut Creek Library**

Katy Buder, Children's Librarian

Eric Lee, Library Assistant

Lydia Roybal, NEW 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

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

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

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

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

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

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

***Homework Help – Wednesdays, 3-6pm (Jan-May / Sept-Dec)**

Month	Attendees
January	14
February	33
March	25
April	9
May	9
September	6

***Senior Center Visits – 3rd Tuesday of the month, 12pm**

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

School/Class Visits/Outreach

August: 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: 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

August Programs Review

Ballet Folklórico Netzahualcoyotl, Saturday September 20 – 195 attendees

We had an unforgettable time at the library celebrating Latinx and Hispanic Heritage Month with a lively Ballet Folklórico performance. Guests enjoyed vibrant dances from different regions of Mexico — full of music, color, and culture. It was amazing to see so many new faces in the library, clapping along and even joining in the fun with some audience participation! Thank you to everyone who came out to celebrate with us. I ✨ ¡Viva el Folklore!



Building Strong Readers, Tuesday September 16 - 30 attendees

Hercules Library collaborated with our community partners at Contra Costa County Office of Education for a Building Strong Readers workshop, where parents were the focus for learning.

The Literacy Instructional Leads shared invaluable information about the many elements that interweave to create a proficient reader, modeled methods for engaging with our children at home to boost their reading comprehension and decoding skills, and all along emphasized the joy of reading.

Families walked away with fun, easy strategies to build literacy skills, boost confidence and make reading enjoyable at home, in addition to free backpacks, books, & school supplies.



Perry Yan Magic Show, Tuesday September 23 – 207 family attendees + 30 Insiders

The amazing Perry Yan brought real life magic to Hercules Library during his extremely popular magic show. We had the pleasure of hosting two shows, one in the morning for the lovely Insiders groups, and another in the afternoon for the after-school crowd. The great thing about Perry Yan is that his show appeals to all ages, so the grown-ups in the crowd had just as much fun as the little ones.





Kapamilya **Filipino American** *History Month*

The Hercules Library is celebrating Filipino American History Month on Saturday, October 11. These programs aim to cultivate Filipino pride and highlight Filipino culture.

12:30 - 1:30 p.m.
Meditation and Chi-Do

Join local healer Jannie Lew for a unique wellness experience combining guided seated meditation and Chi-Do, a gentle, flowing form of moving meditation. Open to all levels, this calming session invites you to honor culture, connect with community, and restore your inner balance.

2:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Filipino American History and Martial Arts

Grand Master Mel Orpilla, a renowned expert in Filipino Martial Arts will be sharing powerful stories and insights into the rich history and traditions of the Filipino American community, followed by an exciting live martial arts demonstration you won't want to miss!

3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Banig Drawing Workshop

Kenneth Tan will be leading this artistic paper workshop inspired by the banig—the traditional Filipino handwoven mat known for its vibrant, geometric patterns and deep cultural roots. You'll have the option to get your one-of-a-kind artwork matted—a simple but beautiful way to elevate your piece and make it display-ready (while supplies last).

