

Hercules Community and Library Services Commission  
 Librarian Report  
 AUGUST 2019

**REPORT ON PREVIOUS MONTH'S PROGRAMS:**

Program	Date	Attendance
Toddler and Preschool Storytime	8/1/2019	76
Toddler and Preschool Storytime	8/8/2019	57
Toddler and Preschool Storytime	8/15/2019	47
Toddler and Preschool Storytime	8/22/2019	65
Toddler and Preschool Storytime	8/29/2019	71
Builders Club	8/6/2019	27
Baby Lapsit Storytime - Ages 0-24 Months	8/1/2019	45
Baby Lapsit Storytime - Ages 0-24 Months	8/8/2019	63
Baby Lapsit Storytime - Ages 0-24 Months	8/15/2019	37
Baby Lapsit Storytime - Ages 0-24 Months	8/22/2019	40
Baby Lapsit Storytime - Ages 0-24 Months	8/29/2019	45
Computer Basics	8/7/2019	5
Computer Basics	8/14/2019	6
Computer Basics	8/21/2019	6
Computer Basics	8/28/2019	8
ESL Conversation Group	8/5/2019	6
ESL Conversation Group	8/12/2019	6
ESL Conversation Group	8/19/2019	4
ESL Conversation Group	8/26/2019	4
Hercules Library Knitting Group	8/3/2019	8
Hercules Library Knitting Group	8/10/2019	8
Hercules Library Knitting Group	8/17/2019	6
Hercules Library Knitting Group	8/24/2019	6
Hercules Library Knitting Group	8/31/2019	7

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Hercules Library Great		
Books Discussion Group	8/26/2019	10
Meditation	8/1/2019	10
Meditation	8/8/2019	8
Meditation	8/15/2019	12
Meditation	8/22/2019	11
Meditation	8/29/2019	10
Business Master Mind		
Class for Women		
Entrepreneurs	8/6/2019	8
Chess Club	8/20/2019	7
Minecraft in the Library	8/5/2019	20
Minecraft in the Library	8/7/2019	20
Uke and Me at the Library	8/19/2019	15
Summer of Stories	8/6/2019	32
Helping Hands Tutoring	8/5/2019	12
Helping Hands Tutoring	8/7/2019	10
Family Storytime	8/13/2019	34
Family Storytime	8/20/2019	29
Sing & Sign Storytime	8/27/2019	56
Gardening 101	8/13/2019	18
Big Gardens in Small		
Spaces: The Adventures of		
Container Gardening	8/27/2019	14
Storywalk® at Refugio		
Valley Park - Traffic Pups	8/6/2019	105
Tween & Parent Summer		
Book Club!	8/10/2019	4
Hercules Summer Camp		
Visit	8/5/2019	21
Charged Particles	8/17/2019	34
	Total	
Total Programs: 47	Attendance	1,153

#### UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS:

Title	Date	Time	Description
Drop in Homework Help	9/3/2019 9/11/2019 9/18/2019 9/25/2019	3-5pm	Teen volunteers help kids in grades K-5 with their homework!

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Builder's Club	9/3/2019	3:30-5PM	Kids let your imaginations take over as you build with LEGOs. Creations will be displayed in the library. No registration required. Unless otherwise noted, the Builders Club meets the <b>first</b> Tuesday of every month. We ask that parents keep an eye on little ones for choking hazards.
Business Master Mind Class for Women Entrepreneurs	9/3/2019	6:00PM-8:00PM	Let us network and support each other on the journey of Entrepreneurship. Whether you are just starting your business or have an existing one, this is a great place for discussion, problem-solving, support, and to learn how to grow your business in the company of peers like yourself. We will present a different business topic each month: -Marketing -Branding -Financials -Taxes -Growth Strategies ...and more! Register Now at <a href="http://www.ContraCostaSBDC.org/events">www.ContraCostaSBDC.org/events</a> or call 925.602.6810
Computer Basics	9/4/2019 9/18/2019 9/25/2019	10:00AM-11:30AM	Come to the Hercules Library for help with basic computer skills. The first hour will be skills taught in a group setting, followed by an opportunity to practice skills and get additional help from our instructor. No registration required <b>*There will be no computer class on 9/11/19</b>
English Conversation Group	9/9/2019 9/16/2019 9/23/2019 9/30/2019	3:00PM	Join us as we improve our conversational English through reading and discussion!

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Genealogy Workshop	9/9/2019	6:30PM	Curious about your family history? Want to help with completing your family tree? Volunteers from the Contra Costa and Solano County Genealogical Society will be here to assist you to discover more about your family history. Whether you are just starting on your quest or have been searching for a while, please join us. All are welcome. Registration is suggested as space is limited
Read Aloud Book Club*	9/10/2019	4-5PM	No need to pre-read before each meeting come to the library the second Tuesday of every month and spend the afternoon listening to a great story read by a Hercules Library staff member. Light snacks and easy activities will be provided. Best for grades 3-5. Registration is required.
Storywalk® in <b>Refugio Valley Park*</b>	9/13/2019	All Day	Go on a Storywalk® in <b>Refugio Valley Park</b> and read the book <b><i>Dragon Loves Tacos</i></b> by Adam Rubin as you get ready to watch the movie <i>How to Train Your Dragon 3: The Hidden World</i> outside under the stars. The movie will start shortly after sunset, but the Storywalk® will be available throughout the day. Thank you to the Friends of the Hercules Library for making the Storywalk® possible.
Uke and Me @the Library*	9/16/2019	6:30PM-7:30PM	Slow down and enjoy the sounds of the islands as you learn to make beautiful music at the library. With monthly teacher-led ukulele classes you will be a master in no time.

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			Bring your own ukulele or use one provided by the library. A limited number of instruments will be available to take home, registration required to reserve a provided ukulele. Please visit, register online or call (510) 245-2420 to register.
Wild Things*	9/17/2019	6:00PM-6:50PM	Wild Things presents: Animals of the World! Learn about exciting mammals, birds, and reptiles from across the globe. They will also bring in a 6 1/2 ft Izod alligator for the kids to pet!
Asian Art Museum Docent Lecture: Hidden Meanings in Chinese Art*	9/24/2019	6:00PM-7:00PM	A docent from the Asian Art Museum's Community Speaker Program will delivery and educational and entertaining multimedia talk on the fascinating and fun meanings and messages hidden in Chinese Art.
Spanish Bilingual Storytime*	9/26/2019	11:AM-11:30AM	Please join us for an interactive storytime program in Spanish and English, for children of all ages and their families. Brought to you by Tandem, Partners in Early Learning.
Hercules Library Great Books Discussion Group*	9/30/2019	7:00PM-8:00PM	This month our flash fiction selections are "Bullet" by Kim Church, "The Doctor" by Ann Hood and "Blind Fish" by Melanie Rae Thon.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## **Read to 2020**

### **A Year of Reading Challenges**

Are you up to the challenge?

Pick a challenge and read a book, eBook or listen to an audiobook.

Track your monthly reading progress at [ccclib.org](http://ccclib.org)

### **September – it's Back to the Books:**

- Read a book that is a classic or a requirement for school
- Read a book you were supposed to read in school but didn't
- Read a book set in a school

### **Discover & Go offers free BART tickets to select venues from July through October**

The Contra Costa County Library is once again offering free BART tickets for use with Discover & Go reservations from July through October. County residents who are 18 or older can submit a request for BART tickets by clicking on the banner ad on their Discover & Go pass starting July 1st. To sign-up for BART tickets, view your July - October reservation on your Discover & Go account: 1) Click the "Print/Download" button 2) Click on the 511 banner on your Discover & Go pass to request your BART tickets.

**Beginning September 1<sup>st</sup>, the Library will no longer support access to Lynda.com.** LinkedIn, the company that owns Lynda.com, is creating new usage rules for people who access the platform with their library card. Library users would be required to create publicly searchable profiles and agree to LinkedIn's user agreement and privacy policy. The privacy policy, among other things, grants LinkedIn the power to share user information with third parties. Ensuring privacy is fundamental to the operation of libraries and in California it is the law. The Contra Costa County Library takes the protection of user privacy very seriously and seeks to work with vendors who do the same. To that end, the Library has decided to end its agreement with Lynda.com due to coming changes in the user policy that will endanger the privacy of library patrons. The Library does offer another online learning platform called Skillsoft which offers lessons on topics including programming, IT certification training and software development. Visit [ccclib.org](http://ccclib.org) for more information or to try it out.

**All Contra Costa County Libraries will be closed Sunday September 1<sup>st</sup> and Monday September 2<sup>nd</sup> for the Labor Day holiday.**

**Congratulations Summer Reading Grand Prize Winner for the County and Hercules Library patron Cecelia Nguyen who won a Celestron Telescope! Check out the library's facebook page to see a photo of the lucky winner!**

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