

Hercules Community and Library Services Commission  
 Librarian Report  
 NOVEMBER 2019

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

Title	Start Date	Attendance
Toddler and Preschool Storytime	10/3/2019	52
Toddler and Preschool Storytime	10/10/2019	66
Toddler and Preschool Storytime	10/17/2019	75
Toddler and Preschool Storytime	10/31/2019	54
Builders Club	10/1/2019	8
Baby Lapsit Storytime - Ages 0-24 Months	10/3/2019	56
Baby Lapsit Storytime - Ages 0-24 Months	10/10/2019	66
Baby Lapsit Storytime - Ages 0-24 Months	10/17/2019	53
Baby Lapsit Storytime - Ages 0-24 Months	10/24/2019	58
Baby Lapsit Storytime - Ages 0-24 Months	10/31/2019	37
Computer Basics	10/2/2019	7
Computer Basics	10/9/2019	6
Computer Basics	10/16/2019	7
Computer Basics	10/23/2019	6
Computer Basics	10/30/2019	6
ESL Conversation Group	10/7/2019	5
ESL Conversation Group	10/21/2019	0
ESL Conversation Group	10/28/2019	2
Hercules Library Knitting Group	10/5/2019	8
Hercules Library Knitting Group	10/12/2019	7
Hercules Library Knitting Group	10/19/2019	7
Hercules Library Knitting Group	10/26/2019	8
Meditation	10/3/2019	12

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Meditation	10/10/2019	11
Meditation	10/17/2019	12
Meditation	10/24/2019	13
Meditation	10/31/2019	12
Business Master Mind Class for Women		
Entrepreneurs	10/1/2019	7
Chess Club	10/15/2019	5
Uke and Me at the Library	10/21/2019	15
Day of the Dead Sugar Skull Decorating	10/22/2019	87
Spanish Bilingual Storytime	10/8/2019	49
Spanish Bilingual Storytimes	10/24/2019	61
Oakland Zoomobile	10/19/2019	68
The Language of Flowers in Asian Art: Asian Art Museum Lecture	10/29/2019	10
Read Aloud Book Club	10/8/2019	7
Family Storytime	10/1/2019	48
Drop-In Homework Help	10/2/2019	15
Drop-In Homework Help	10/9/2019	14
Drop-In Homework Help	10/17/2019	10
Drop-In Homework Help	10/24/2019	4
Drop-In Homework Help	10/30/2019	12
Class Visit	10/22/2019	80
The Zoomobile from Oakland Zoo!	10/19/2019	80
The Zoomobile from Oakland Zoo!	10/19/2019	75
Class Visit	10/15/2019	57
School Visit	10/16/2019	101
Fast, Healthy Meals for the Family	10/7/2019	12
Halloween Party & Storytime	10/29/2019	120

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Mindfulness in Movement	10/4/2019	22
Insider's	10/24/2019	40
Rocket Launch Party	10/15/2019	21
Hercules Library Great Books Discussion Group	10/28/2019	12
Trunk or Treat City of Hercules	10/25/2019	500
Teen Scavenger Hunt!	10/30/2019	10
Total programs: 55	Total attendance	2,196

#### UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS:

Title	Date	Time	Description
English Conversation Group	11/4/2019 11/18/2019 11/25/2019	3:00PM	Join us as we improve our conversational English through reading and discussion!
Genealogy Workshop	11/4/2019	6:00PM	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
Builder's Club	11/5/2019	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.

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Thanksgiving Leftovers with Kid Creole	11/5/2019	5:30PM	Help us welcome back Kid Creole Soulfood! Chef David Smith will host and instruct this class on how to create simple, delicious meals using your Thanksgiving leftovers. All participants will make their own meals in house. All supplies will be provided. Registration is required!
Business Master Mind Class for Women Entrepreneurs	11/5/2019	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	11/6/2019 11/13/2019 11/20/2019 11/27/2019	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
Drop in Homework Help	11/6/2019 11/13/2019 11/20/2019	3-5pm	Teen volunteers help kids in grades K-5 with their homework!  Please note, no Homework Help on 11/27/19

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Spanish Guitar Duo Daniel Frías & Jean-Paul Buongiorno	11/9/2019	1:00PM	<p>Daniel Frías is one of the San Francisco Bay Area's premier flamenco and Spanish guitarists, both as an accompanist for flamenco song and dance, as a soloist, and with his instrumental Rumba, Latin, and Brazilian focused group Trio Paz.</p> <p>Daniel will be performing with guitarist Jean-Paul Buongiorno. You won't want to miss this special concert!</p>
Read Aloud Book Club*	11/12/2019	4:00PM-5:00PM	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.
Spanish Bilingual Storytime*	11/12/2019	6:00PM	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.
Uke and Me @the Library*	11/18/2019	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. Bring your own ukulele or use one provided by the library. A limited number of instruments will be available to take home,

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			registration required to reserve a provided ukulele. Please visit, register online or call (510) 245-2420 to register.
Hercules Library Great Books Discussion Group*	11/25/2019	7:00PM-8:00PM	We will discuss the story "The Pangs of Love" by Jane Gardam from the Great Books "Counterparts" anthology.
Thanks for Playing Board Games at the Library	11/26/2019	3:00PM-5:00PM	Because we are thankful for our patrons, we invite you to come play classic board games at the library. No registration is required, just good sportsmanship.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 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)

#### November: Family, Food and Traditions

- A book about a culture or traditions different from your own
- An immigrant or (emigrant) story
- A book related to cooking or one of your favorite foods

## COMING SOON: A BRAND NEW WEBSITE AND CATALOG



On November 19, the Library will begin a preview of a new website and catalog. The preview version, which is still under construction, will allow library users to explore the new website and use the new catalog to search and put materials on hold. The new website features a sleek, modern design, simple navigation and is mobile responsive. The new user-friendly catalog

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makes it easier to search the Library's collections and also gives users the ability to create reading lists, rate books and find reading recommendations from others. The Library's current website and catalog will remain active until the new platform is launched in December.

**All Contra Costa County Libraries will be closed on Monday November 11<sup>th</sup> in observance of Veterans Day**

**All Contra Costa County Libraries will close by 6pm on Wednesday November 27<sup>th</sup>**

**All Contra Costa County Libraries will be closed on Thursday November 28<sup>th</sup> for Thanksgiving.**