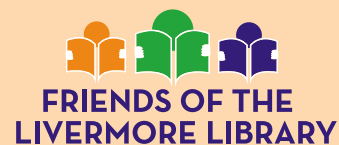


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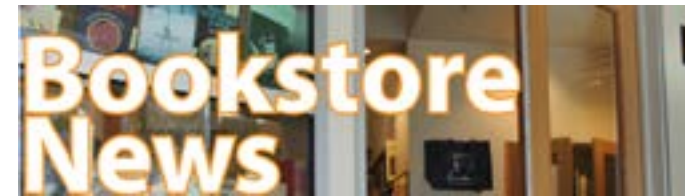
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## President's Message

– Dave Runyon

Livermore has had a tax-supported City Library since 1901, and our magnificent Civic Center Library has been serving our community for 15 years. In all of our fund raising and support, our Members and Volunteers remain laser-focused on the Library mission statement: "The Livermore Public Library encourages the development of a lifelong interest in reading and learning by youth and adults, provides materials and services of popular interest, supports the educational needs of the community, furnishes timely, accurate information, and builds cultural awareness and enrichment."

We had a fabulous Livermore Reads Together, and are excited to be part of exciting programs like the Summer Reading Program and Jazz in July as well as exciting new services. Thank you for material and monetary donations, for shopping in our Bookstore, and for joining (or renewing) your Membership. Our Libraries remain focal points for Livermore's vibrant culture and community!



-- Cherie Jo Patenaude

Now that vacation time is coming, what we really need is to find a good read for the beach or the long airline trip – maybe a paperback from your favorite author or perhaps a classic that you've been meaning to read, or perhaps something new that you've been wanting to explore. The bookstore has plenty of options for you to choose from. The advantage of the bookstore books is that you don't have to hurry to get it read – take as long as you like.

A great variety of books come into the bookstore, including very old ones with some published as early as 1898. These go on the classics shelf. We also had a volume of complete Shakespeare plots, comedies and tragedies, and a copy of the complete and unabridged works of Edgar Allan Poe. We get a number of books created by collectors libraries, including Dickens' *Oliver Twist*, Hugo's *Hunchback of Notre Dame*, Flaubert's *Madame Bovary*, and Faulkner's *The Sound and the Fury*. Perhaps the most unusual is *The Autobiography of Ben Franklin* and a copy of George R.R. Martin's *Game of Thrones* translated to Spanish or *Juego de Tronos*.

Perhaps one of the most unusual things we received recently was a complete collection of vinyl records, with types ranging from comedy to music. There are two George Carlin

albums and two Mel Brooks movie albums. There is also music from Neil Diamond's "I'm So Glad You're Here With Me Tonight," David Steinberg's "Disguised as a Normal Person" and Jackie Davis' "Jackie Davis Plus Voices."

Children's and Young Adult books also contain interesting pieces including a pop-up castle and a book entitled *George vs George*, about the American Revolution as seen from both sides.

The adult opinion and history section has such interesting titled books as Naomi Klein's *No Is Not Enough: Resisting Trump's Shock Politics and Winning the World We Need*, Vossef Bodansky's *The Secret History of the Iraq War* and Thomas Friedman's *The World is Flat: A Brief History of the Twenty-first Century*.

Not to be out-classed, the science and mathematics section has James Glock's *Chaos* and Mindi's *Web Commerce Technology Handbook* and the how-to section has three volumes of *Plumbers and Pipe Fitters Library*.

My favorite cookbook among all the variations is Evor Carson's *The Zen of Fish*.

So please come, browse and find your best ever summer read.

# Adult & Youth Summer Reading Program 2019!



## Youth

### Pre-Readers Independent Readers Teens

- All games offer fun reading challenges and motivational, age-appropriate prizes.
- Register for the Independent Reader and Teen Game online.
- Each game has a paper board that allows you to track your progress throughout the summer. Pick up yours and find out how to play each game at any Livermore Public Library location starting June 1st.
- Complementing the Summer Reading Programs will be a host of activities and entertainment for all ages, including performers, special events, crafts, and much more.
- All events are free; however, some may require registration to participate. Summer Reading Programs are supported by the Friends of the Livermore Library.

### Pre-Readers

Pre-readers, including babies, can play their own special game board. Parents and children read together to earn a tub of Play-Doh and a free mini pizza from Papa Murphy's along the way. Those who complete their boards will earn a free book and a special reading ribbon award. Research has shown that reading to a child for as little as fifteen minutes every day has a huge impact on their early brain development! And, according to the American Library Association, reading together develops vocabulary and comprehension, nurtures a love for reading, and motivates children to learn to read.

### Independent Readers

Independent readers in grades K - 6 will complete a game board as they read, earning prizes along the way. Prizes may include ice cream vouchers, science kits, swimming passes, and more. Independent readers who reach the final reading goal will also receive a medal and get to choose a free book. Those who set their reading goal to at least 30 minutes per space on their board will

also receive an invitation to meet the Mayor and City Council at a special City Council Awards Night in September.

### Teens

Teens entering 6th through 12th grades are invited to join in the summer reading fun as well. Teens may earn prizes for completing as few as five of the suggested reading activities. Each participant who completes the first level of the game is guaranteed a prize! Teens completing ten challenges will be entered into a drawing for a book of their choice (\$15 value). If the teen completes all fifteen challenges, they will be entered into a raffle for a four-pack of tickets to a local escape room. Starting June 1, teens may go online at [www.livermorelibrary.net](http://www.livermorelibrary.net) to register and begin recording the books they read through August 14.

## Events are listed in the Summer Classes & Events Guide. Pick one up at the library!

## Adult

It's showtime this summer at the Livermore Public Library! Summer reading isn't just for kids; adults benefit too. Research shows that reading and mental engagement are an integral part of maintaining a long and healthy life. Adults aged 18 and older are invited to participate in a fun-filled Adult Summer Reading Program.

- Patrons may pick up a playbill-inspired game board at any Livermore Public Library location starting on June 1, 2019.
- The playbill consists of six "scenes." Participants will complete one option from each scene, such as reading a book, attending a Livermore Public Library program, or completing one of several activities listed at the back of the playbill.
- Participants who complete three scenes may present their playbill to a library staff member to collect a prize.
- Those who complete all six scenes by August 14th will be entered into a drawing to win more great prizes, including movie tickets and gift certificates to local restaurants and merchants.

## Jazz in July, an annual Livermore tradition, once again takes over the Civic Center Library for five programs by top jazz artists.

- All programs are on Sundays at 2 p.m. at the Civic Center Library, 1188 South Livermore Avenue.
- They are all free of charge, thanks to the generosity of the Friends of the Livermore Library.
- No reservations are required. Parking and seats are limited, so get to the library early!

### July 7: Dave Rocha Jazz Quartet kicks off Jazz in July

Dave Rocha has been a mainstay of the greater Bay Area jazz community for over 20 years. His quartet will be performing an eclectic mix of tunes that cover a wide variety of tempos, rhythms and styles, including jazz waltz, jazz rock, latin, hard-bop, and blues. In addition to performing on the trumpet, his main instrument, look for Rocha to demonstrate some amazing technique and facility on the flugelhorn, the larger "cousin" to the trumpet. Although a native of California, Rocha played for over a decade in New York City with such all-time jazz legends as Lionel Hampton, Larry Elgart and the great Machito. Although influenced by many of the great jazz trumpet players, he has evolved his own unique approach to jazz trumpet playing and is constantly searching for new avenues of expression.



### July 14: Tod Dickow and Charged Particles play the music of Michael Brecker



Michael Brecker was an innovator on the tenor saxophone whose unique voice and approach to the instrument influenced every performing saxophonist. Winner of 15 Grammy Awards, he was a prolific composer and leader of The Brecker Brothers, Steps Ahead, the Pat Metheny-Michael Brecker Special Quartet, and other bands. At this show, Brecker's music will be played by tenor saxophonist

Tod Dickow with renowned Bay Area jazz trio Charged Particles (Murray Low, Aaron Germain, and Jon Krosnick). The performance will include complex and fascinating arrangements, fun funky and Latin rhythms, plenty of swinging, and touching romantic ballads.

# JAZZ IN JULY

### July 21: Dan Marschak Trio



Dan Marschak is an Oakland-born jazz pianist, composer, and educator, who currently serves as full-time music faculty at Las Positas College (LPC) where he teaches composition, music theory, piano, and jazz combos. Marschak's debut album "Likewise" was heralded as "adventurous and well developed" by pianist, conductor, and composer Lalo Schifrin. Steering clear of conventional formats, the album explores an array of genres, instrumentations, and textures, while maintaining a unique compositional sensibility.

He is also featured as music director, composer, and pianist on the 2018 album "Time Stops" by vocalist Kalil Wilson. Marschak will be joined by fellow LPC faculty Cindy Browne Rosefield on bass and Kelly Fasman on drums. The trio will perform a family friendly set of jazz standards, originals, and arrangements.

### July 28: World renowned jazz guitarist Mimi Fox

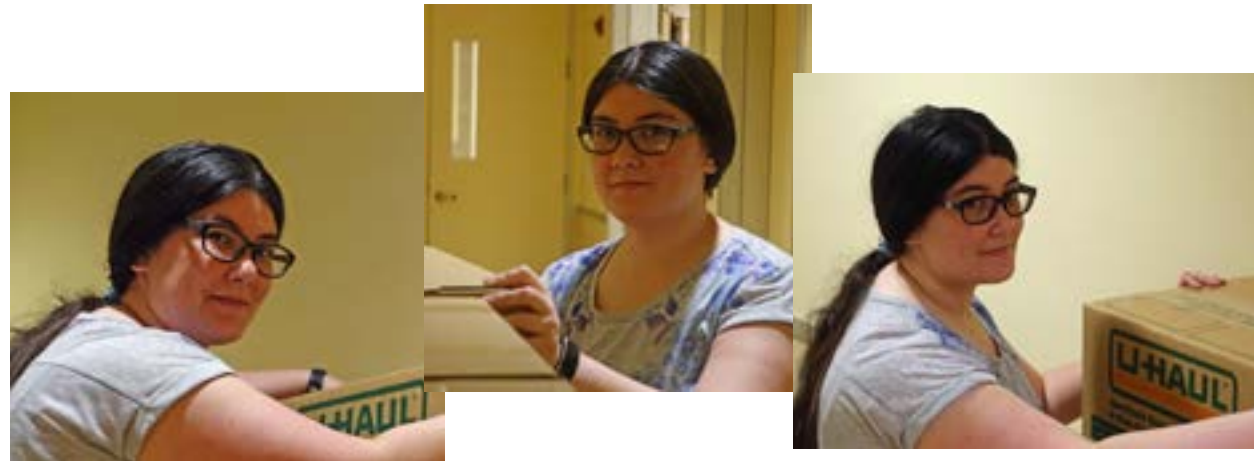
Internationally renowned guitarist/composer/recording artist Mimi Fox has been named a winner in 6 consecutive Downbeat Magazine international critic's polls and has been recognized by writers and colleagues alike as one of the most eloquent guitarists on today's scene. In one of many feature stories, *Guitar Player* magazine hailed Mimi as "a prodigious talent who has not only mastered the traditional forms but has managed to reinvigorate them." Whether delivering jaw-dropping solo sets, performing dazzling duets with sympathetic partners, or leading a hard-charging combo, Fox is a consummate improviser who seizes the imagination of her listeners with her passion, soul, and unerring ear for beauty.



## Volunteer of the Year: Caitlin Ryan

## Early Literacy at Livermore Library

by Nathan Brumley, Supervising Librarian, Youth Services



### How long have you been a FOLL volunteer, and what do you do as a volunteer?

I started as a FOLL Book Sorter near the end of 2016. Once a week, I help sort donated books that will be sold to make money for the library and pack them up to be shipped to their wholesalers. At the end of my shift, I collect video games, DVDs, and CDs the bookstore wasn't able to sell. Most of these items can't be sold through the book wholesalers, so they were previously being donated elsewhere. Seeing these items weren't bringing in money, I thought I could make some money for FOLL. In 2018, my family had to clear out my uncle's DVDs and books, so we sold some to an online store, Declutter, and the rest went to Half Price Books. Ever since then, I have been able to use the same process for FOLL. The money usually isn't much, so to cut supply costs, I re-use boxes and box fillers from personal online orders, which also gives the boxes one more use. Bill Leach, who does book sorting with me, cuts down old boxes to a better shipping size.

### What attracted you to FOLL?

My parents instilled in me the importance of volunteering in the community and giving back, so over the years I have volunteered at LARPD, Open Heart Kitchen, and other local events. When I was looking for a new volunteer opportunity, I realized

I wanted to look at the library because of all they do for the community. In 2014, I volunteered to enter library patrons' hardcopy surveys for a week. I hoped to find a long-term volunteer opportunity at the library, so when sorting eventually popped up in my VolunteerMatch search, I jumped at the chance.

### How long have you lived in Livermore?

I have always lived in Livermore, which is why FOLL's mission to support the library is important to me. As a child, my family spent a lot of time at the library, usually at the Civic Center, reading books and doing the programs, so this feels like giving back.

### What is your favorite book(s)?

I don't really have a favorite book, but I prefer puzzling over a mystery or escaping inside a fantasy.

### What is your favorite hobby?

Besides reading, my hobby is arts and crafts. I always visit the arts & crafts section of a library or bookstore to find something new to learn. I enjoy making items that are personalized and unique. I always have a crochet project nearby (usually a scarf to be donated to Operation Gratitude), but I am currently experimenting with jewelry and candle-making.

The main early learning programs that the library offers for parents and caregivers are our weekly story times, music and movement classes, and family yoga classes. These all fall under the umbrella of "early literacy," which are the activities that children do before they're able to read themselves and that prepare them to do so when entering the academic arena. Create Lab, the weekly pop-up makerspace offered at the Civic Center Library, is another great opportunity for very young children to work on fine motor skills and learn different vocabulary as the adults with them talk them through the craft they're working on together.

Children's activities aren't just keeping them busy; they are teaching them things they might not be getting from the classroom. Attending a performance at the library might provide that spark of inspiration that sends a child on a professional path. As an example, the library offered a show on the launch of NASA's Parker Solar Probe last summer. After the show, most of our youth non-fiction on space was checked out. Self-discovery, the free time spent exploring new topics, is essential for children during their development. The library is here to support that self-directed education.

Much of this depends on their caregiver, so we spend a lot of effort talking to parents. The "Talk, Read, Write, Sing, and Play" effort is a recipe for success and a program encouraged by the Public Library Association, a division of the American Library Association.

• **TALK** - Talking with children helps them learn oral language, one of the most critical early literacy skills. Talking with your toddler helps them expand their vocabulary and learn more

complex sentence structures.

• **READ** - Reading together develops vocabulary and comprehension, nurtures a love for reading, and motivates children to want to learn to read. Enjoying books together every day is a great way to develop a love of reading. As little as minutes a day can make a huge difference.

• **WRITE** - Encourage your child to write! Start with scribbles and move on to real shapes, letters and numbers as they get older. Writing lets them learn that letters and words represent sounds, and that print has meaning.

• **SING** - Singing develops language skills by slowing down language so children can hear the different sounds in words. Singing helps your child hear the sound in words and builds their vocabulary. All of this can be done during everyday moments you share with your child!

• **PLAY** - Play is one of the best ways for children to learn language and literacy skills, as the activities help them put thoughts into words and talk about what they are doing. Give your child toys that encourage them to act out stories.

Early math and science start now too. Children's brains are ready to understand number concepts from a young age and an understanding of early math concepts predicts a child's future math and literacy skills. Talk about these concepts with your child by counting out objects or actions, looking for patterns, and noticing the numbers, sizes, shapes and colors of things around you.



# LIBRARY SERVICES

## New York Times Digital Access

The *New York Times* digital edition is now freely available through the Livermore Public Library, courtesy of the California State Library. Enjoy content from a respected news source from across a timescale ranging from the present back to 1851. This is accessible on library computers or on mobile devices connected to the library's Wi-Fi.

### To enjoy complimentary access from the Civic Center Library:

- 1) Connect to the open free library Wi-Fi.
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For additional information about this library perk or to discover other eResources the Livermore Public Library offers, please visit our website at [www.livermorelibrary.net](http://www.livermorelibrary.net).

## Planning for the Future

By Tamera LeBeau, Library Services Director



At the Livermore Public Library, we use a Strategic Services Plan to help guide library operations. The service objectives outlined in the current plan include reaching out to a wider range of Livermore residents, updating the collection of books and other materials, and improving programs and services to the Rincon and Springtown neighborhoods. Over the past several years, funding from the Friends of the Livermore Library (FOLL) has been instrumental in helping us make progress toward these objectives. FOLL funding has helped us offer a wide variety of programs for children, teens, and adults; helped us purchase new materials for checkout, such as the Lucky Day books and DVDs; and enabled us to offer more programs and services at the Rincon and Springtown Branches.

The current Strategic Services Plan was approved by the Library Board of Trustees in 2014 and was established as a five-year plan. Each year the Library's Annual Accomplishments Report has focused on the progress made in the areas outlined in the plan. Both

the Strategic Services Plan and the latest Annual Accomplishments report can be found on the Library website ([www.LivermoreLibrary.net](http://www.LivermoreLibrary.net)) in the "About the Library" section. While the current plan has served us well, it is set to expire at the end of 2019.

Over the coming weeks and months, we will be reaching out to the community to help us update this plan. Staff will be conducting surveys in our libraries and at other locations around town to learn more about the community's priorities for library services. We will also offer the survey through the Library's website, so check in regularly and give us your feedback. Learning more about the ways you want to use library services and the things we can do to improve, will help us and the Library Board of Trustees as we develop a new set of objectives and strive to make Livermore's libraries even better.

“There are many little ways to enlarge your child’s world. Love of books is the best of all.”

– Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis

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## Friends of the Livermore Public Library Membership Form

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Return form to the Friends Bookstore in the Civic Center Library, or mail it to:  
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