

**Palo Alto City Library
January 2018 Report
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*The Palo Alto City Library staff plan and implement many diverse and exciting programs for the community throughout the year. In this report I like to highlight a few of our recent noteworthy events and activities. If you would like more detailed information about any of our programs, please contact me via phone at **650.329.2403** or by e-mail at **Monique.leconge@cityofpaloalto.org**.*

January 2018 Circulation Statistics

Checkout			Self-Check			Total Circulation			Visitor Count			Holds		
2018	2017	2016	2018	2017	2016	2018	2017	2016	2018	2017	2016	2018	2017	2016
82,273	82,473	89,517	87.94%	86.79%	87.04%	122,829	119,826	129,233	86,964	82,784	64,546	20,458	18,677	17,510

January 2018 Circulation Statistics

Branch	Checkouts	Self-Check	Total Circulation	Visitor Counts	Holds
Children's	13,906	84.86%	20,698	8,571	205
College Terrace	4,320	87.48%	6,329	4,678	19
Downtown	4,821	83.84%	6,899	8,174	107
Mitchell Park	46,734	89.97%	70,721	43,977	556
Rinconada	12,492	85.50%	18,182	21,564	221
Totals	82,273	87.94%	122,829	86,964	(includes online) 20,458

January 2018 Event Statistics

	Programs					Attendance					Outreach		Volunteers
	ADULT	TEEN	PRE-SCHOOL	SCHOOL AGE	TOTAL	ADULT	TEEN	PRE-SCHOOL	SCHOOL AGE	TOTAL	# OF EVENTS	ATTENDEES	TOTAL HOURS
2018	24	28	64	12	128	271	475	3551	442	4739	3	7	250
2017	46	35	76	18	175	683	443	5087	459	6672	5	136	262
2016	3	7	47	21	113	697	135	2287	1117	4236	--	--	289

January Events

Literacy & Learning Events

Children's Events:

- January 17: Senior Librarian, Deborah Anthonyson, along with Chelsey Roos moderated a Society of Bookworms book discussion. The War that Saved My Life by Kimberley Brubaker Bradley. Ten-year-old Ada's abusive mother has kept her essentially imprisoned because of Ada's club foot. The mandatory evacuations of London's children

in anticipation of German bombing literally saves and transforms Ada's life. 9 kids (4th - 6th grade) attended. "The children had an energetic and informed discussion, as usual.": Deborah, Senior Librarian

- January 28: Senior Librarian, Deborah Anthonyson, hosted the Annual Storytelling Festival at the Children's Library, a Palo Alto tradition for more than 35 years. There were 11 performers. Kirk Waller was the featured performer and received a most enthusiastic reception. Three staff members (Kathy Swartz, Chelsey Roos, and Deborah Anthonyson) each told stories, and Lucy Ermin, a librarian with the Mountain View Library, made a surprise appearance. Lucy was one of the storytellers at the very first Storytelling Festival.
- January 13: Senior Librarian Melissa Morwood hosted the second in our Family Film Festival series at Mitchell Park. The movie this month was "Despicable Me." 71 attendees of all ages enjoyed the movie and snacks.
- January 21, Librarian, Kathy Swartz presented STEAM Lab Sunday: Snow in the Library, Sunday. There were multiple stations for kids to make either a snowstorm in a jar, make a snow globe, or make a paper snowflake - and most did all three. 51 people attended.



Teen Events:

- Jan. 2, 10, 11: Teen Librarian, Gina Feil, presented a series of activities with MPCC while the teens were off from school called "New Year's Activities" at Mitchell Park Library. Forty two teens, grades 5-12, attended these sessions. Gina taught teens how to do origami. Teens also watched a movie, enjoyed snacks, and learned how to paint silhouettes on paper and withdrawn YA books & magazines. Many teens ended up taking the books and magazines home to read and to keep.
- Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27: Over 4 consecutive Saturdays at Mitchell Park Library, Teen Librarian Gina welcomed teen instructors from *MathandCoding*. An average of 21 kids (grades 2-5) were taught by teen volunteers how to code. The kids developed their own games during the final session of the program.
- January: Senior Librarian, Liz Stewart facilitated the preparation of Writing Contest essays for the judges and their distribution. An awards ceremony for the winners will take place at the beginning of February.



Adult Events:

- January 6: Librarian Camden Kimura kicked off the first session of the Adulting 101 series at Mitchell Park. Transamerica Financial Advisors presented a session on managing money for teens and emerging adults.
- January 18: Librarian, Karen Richins, welcomed back the Master Gardeners program at Rinconada, after a brief holiday hiatus. The group will meet every other month through the end of the year.
- January 23: Senior Librarian, Rebecca Kohn, led the Bucket List Book Club, at Rinconada. The group discussed *The Life and Times of Michael K* by J.M. Coetzee.

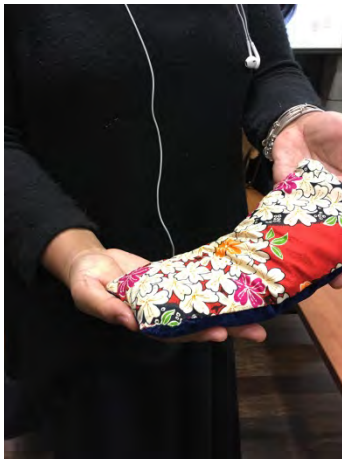
Civic Engagement Events

Teen Events:

- Jan. 29: Teen Librarian, Gina led a tour and story time with book talks to 2 classes of special needs teens (grades 6-8) at Mitchell Park Library. A variety of special needs were represented among the group of 29 tweens. The kids included those with hearing and sight impairments, mobility challenges, and those with autism spectrum disorder. Gina and Doris shared stories in the Teen Zone, and many kids participated by singing, story involvement, and flannel board activity.

Adult Events:

- January 25 – Susan Caudill from Zero Waste, presented at the “Welcome to America” program (hosted by Senior Librarian, Ana Elisa de Campos Salles). Only three people attended, but Susan’s presentation on the different materials, what they are made of, and how they should be disposed of properly was very engaging and highly informative. The people who came also made things lively by asking lots of questions.
- January 26: Senior Librarian, Alison de Geus, along with Librarian Christine Pennington presented the first (adult) Craft Night at the Library. They provided supplies and instructions for making DIY Hand Warmers, and had 14 attendees who all had a great time. They saw lots of creativity -- some participants went the extra mile to make eye masks and neck pillows. There was excitement about the future events, and staff is looking forward to the next Craft Night (last Friday of the month) program, which will run through the end of June (photo below).
- January 28: Rebecca continued her passive bookmark program, displaying another set of artist-made bookmarks at Rinconada.



Community Partnerships

Youth Services:

- January 24: Senior Librarian Melissa Morwood hosted the Little Explorers group, a City of Palo Alto preschool program, for a visit at Mitchell Park Library, including a storytime and information about library events and services.

Staff News & Trainings

Adult Services

- January 17: Supervising Librarian Marleah Augustine attended *Supervisor's Guide to Public Sector Employment Law*, offered through the city by Liebert Cassidy Whitmore. The seminar covered state law regarding open government, personnel management, and labor relations. She also viewed a webinar, "Level Up Your Library to Content Marketing," with Assistant Director, Gayathri Kanth and manager, RuthAnn Garcia.
- Librarian, Doris Chen, began a webinar course entitled, "Core Reference Fundamentals." She is learning how to do an effective reference interview to better assist patrons with finding the best resources to meet their information needs. Doris will also be training with "AtoZ Databases" to familiarize herself with the different search tools. She hopes to become an expert in the databases in order to conduct training for the public. Doris continued to create graphics and images for the Library's new Bibliocommons catalog and for other promotional materials, including brochures and a new print calendar template.
- Camden worked through an Infopeople Academy module on Genealogy Resources and Research. This exposed her to new genealogy resources and research practices that she was previously unaware of and will help her field genealogy reference questions more easily.

Upcoming PACL Events

Youth Services:

- February 6 - 12: Compassionate Kids display and valentine-making project. To support Silicon Valley Reads 2018 theme of Caring, Coping, and Compassion, library patrons will make valentines for Lytton Gardens residents and we will have displays of library materials which exemplify the theme.
- Senior Librarian Melissa Morwood will present another Sensory Storytime session beginning in early March. Response to the program has been very positive, and many families who previously attended are returning for subsequent sessions. This will be our 5th Sensory Storytime session.
- Writing Contest Reception, Friday, February 2, Embarcadero Room, Rinconada Library, 6:30 – 8pm.
- January 16: Librarian, Maggie Lai, recorded a podcast interview for Parent Lab where she talked about how to select age appropriate books, how to use books to discuss difficult topics with children, and promoted public library programs and services. The podcast should go live in February or March.

- We are working on our upcoming new Summer Reading Program and excited about the changes that will be taking place. Staff launch date is scheduled for May 1st, followed by a hard public launch of May 20th. This year is the first year we will be using the Beanstack service for signups, and we are excited for the new possibilities that come with this registration program.

Adult Services:

- February 6: Camden will present an author talk by blogger and author Jen Mann at Rinconada.
- February: Alison, along with Librarian Camden Kimura, are presenting a number of programs for Black History Month. These programs include: a screening of the documentary film, *I Am Not Your Negro* on February 10, a non-fiction book discussion of, *You Can't Touch My Hair* by Phoebe Robinson on February 15, and a fiction book discussion on *The Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead. They are looking forward to sharing some good conversations with the community.
- Knack-4-Knitting will be expanding to the Rinconada Library. A volunteer resident knitter inquired with Ana Elisa, about starting a program at Rinconada. The program will start in February and will be held on Thursday nights from 7-9PM. Knitters from the Mitchell Park program are already interested in attending another knitting program.