

# Library Marketing and Outreach

September 9, 2024



# **Marketing and Outreach Update**



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# Marketing

## **Goals for Marketing**

- Increase awareness of library programs and services
- Communicate library's value to the community
- Attract top talent to work with or at the library



# **Primary Channels**



- Email newsletter
- In-building marketing
- Social media
- Website
- Out-of-building marketing

#### **Email Newsletter**

Three audience segments: Adult, Teen, Kids













#### **Adult Monthly Newsletter, July 7**

Stay cool this summer by coming to the Library. Our building has air conditioning and water bottle refill stations, plus fun programs for all ages.

We're a third of the way through Summer Reading! Complete the reading challenge for your age group to win a completion prize. Prizes will be available from Aug. 1 to 31.

Happy Plastic Free July! Reducing plastic waste can be as easy as bringing a reusable mug to the coffee shop or your own container to a restaurant for leftovers. Browse our Plastic Free July booklist or visit Plastic Free July to find out what you can do to help reduce plastic waste.

Looking for an adventure close to home? Discover Sunnyvale landmarks in our Adventure Across Sunnyvale scavenger hunt. Also, mark your calendars for the Library's Passport to Asia: A Summer Reading Spectacular celebrating Asian cultures on Friday, Aug. 2.

Mark your calendar for our next Friends of the Sunnyvale Public Library Book Sale on Saturday, July 20 and Sunday, July 21.

This month we have three craft programs for adults: yarn pom-poms bookmarks, sustainable bird feeders and photo booth props.



There's still time to register for Summer Reading!



The Summer Reading Program is here! Read 5 books or more during the summer and get a free book in August, All finishers entered into a drawing for a grand prize. For more information, visit our Reading Programs page.

The Library will be closing at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, July 3 and will be closed all day on Thursday, July 4 for Independence Day.

Many of our programs this month do not have registration. Space in our programs is still limited and the doors will close when the program is full

#### **Email Newsletter: Adult**

- 58,428 subscribers (default at card registration)
- Monthly + 1-2 times per week depending on program frequency
- Biggest source of registrations for adult programs



IN-PERSON: Adults Create: Sustainable Bird Feeders
Tuesday, July 23, 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Learn how to make a sustainable bird feeder to put in your backyard or patio!

We will be making them with bird-friendly and eco-friendly materials. We will provide all necessary supplies.

This craft will take place in the Library Program Room. Registration is required.

#### **Email Newsletter: Teen & Kids**

- Monthly, with a few additional emails each month to help promote certain programs
- Promotes programs, cultural events, databases, booklists and Library services





#### S.T.E.M.

#### **DNA and Slime Cell Models**

Grades 2 to 6 Saturday, Sept. 7, 4 to 5 p.m. Library Program Room No registration

Learn how to make a DNA strand with candy, and an animal cell model with slime! Teens from the Bloom

Institute will teach participants about DNA and cell structure, with a fun hands-on activity.

#### Lego Builders

Ages 5 and up Tuesday, Sept. 10, 4 to 5 p.m. Library Program Room No registration



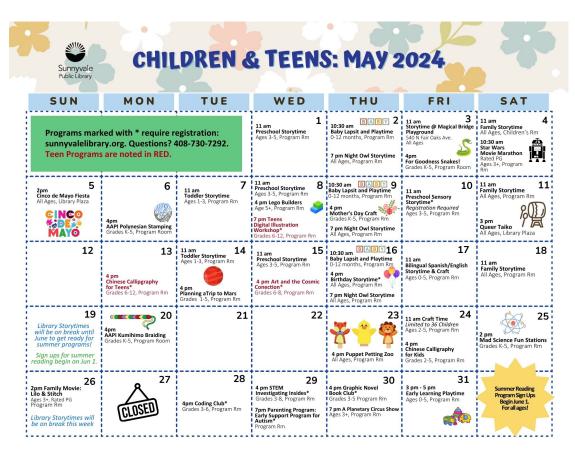
# **In-Building Marketing**

- Print calendars
- Flyers
- Slideshows
- Programs



### **In-Building: Print Calendars**

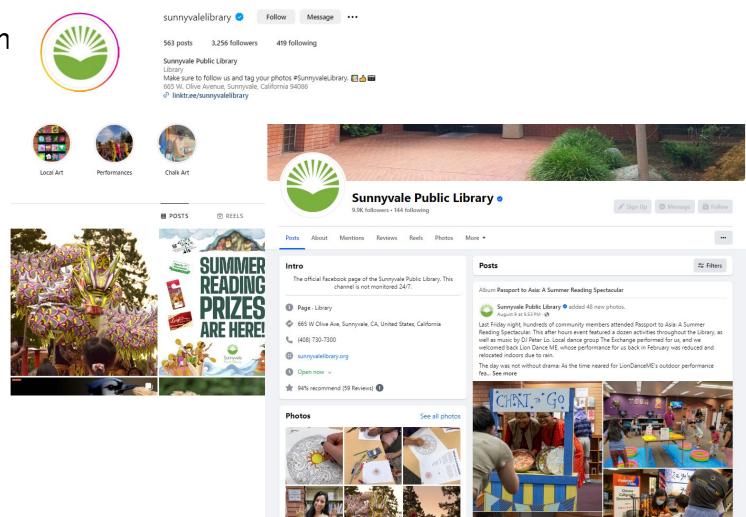
 Very popular marketing tool with families. Youth calendars available in English and Spanish; adult calendars available in English.





#### **Social Media**

- Mainly Facebook and Instagram
- Types of posts:
  - Communicating value
  - Informational
  - Advertising
    - Limited to large programs
  - Engagement boosters



## **Social Media: Communicating Value**

- Post-program recaps have high reach
- Big and small programs
- Stories to illustrate how the Library works for the community



Last Friday night, hundreds of community members attended Passport to Asia: A Summer Reading Spectacular. This after hours event featured a dozen activities throughout the Library, as well as music by DJ Peter Lo. Local dance group The Exchange performed for us, and we welcomed back Lion Dance ME, whose performance for us back in February was reduced and relocated indoors due to rain.

The day was not without drama: As the time neared for LionDanceME's outdoor performance fea... See more





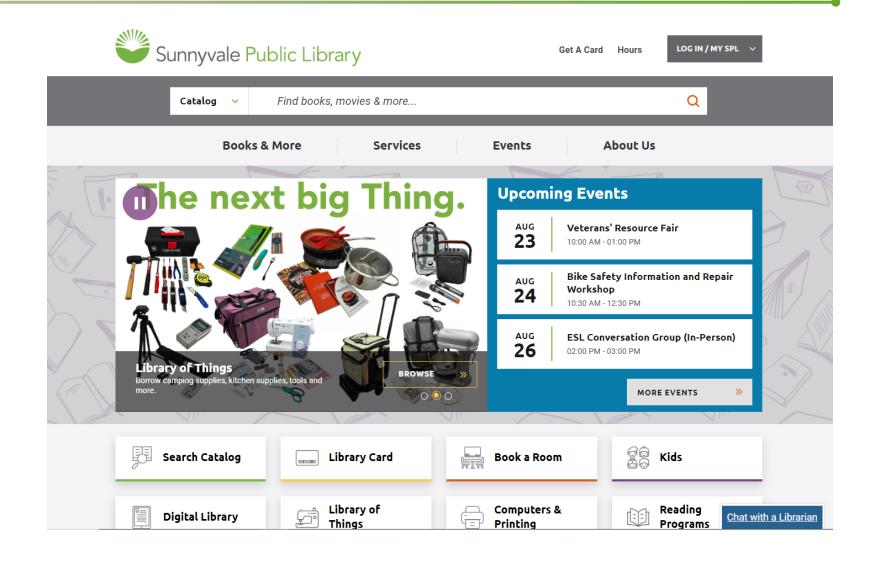
A week ago today: On Wednesday, March 15, power outages in Sunnyvale and surrounding cities brought you and your neighbors to our Library to use the wi-fi and charge your devices. With every seat near an outlet occupied, we stocked our Program Room with all the power strips we could find to meet this unexpected rush. Our people counter logged 2,061 patrons that day! 
Thank you for using the Library.

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#### Website

- Slideshow to promote big programs and major service updates
- All events on calendar
- Recent redesign reduced homepage bounce rate by 12%



# **Out-of-Building Marketing**

 Flyers at Senior Center, Downtown

#### June Movies at the Library

Join us for two free movies in the Library Program Room. Seating is first come, first served. Visit the Sunnyvale Public Library at 665 W. Olive Ave.



#### Thursday, June 6, 1 to 3 p.m. Nomadland

Written and directed by Chloé Zhao (based on the bestselling non-fiction book). Nomadland follows the fictional character Fern (Frances McDormand) as she travels the country in a van searching for work after the Great Recession.

Nomadland was nominated for six Academy Awards, and won Best Picture, Best Director (Zhao) and Best Actress (McDormand).

This movie is rated R by the MPAA and has a run time of 1 hour 48 minutes. It will be presented with English captions for the hard of hearing.



#### Sunday, June 23, 2 to 5 p.m. Farewell My Concubine

Cheng Dieyi (Leslie Cheng) and Duan Xiaolou (Zhang Fengyi) grow up in the Peking Opera Academy. As actors, Dieyi assumes the female roles while Xiaolou plays masculine warlords. When Xiaolou marries a courtesan, Juxian (Gong Li). Dievi becomes jealous, creating an explosive romantic triangle.

Farewell My Concubine was nominated for Best Foreign Language Film at the Academy Awards.

This movie is rated R by the MPAA. It has a runtime of 2 hours 51 minutes. It will be presented with Mandarin Chinese with English subtitles.

Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Sunnyvale will make reasonable efforts to accommodate persons with disabilities. If you require special accommodation, please contact the library at 408-730-7300 or chat with a librarian five days in advance.



Scan this QR code to take a short survey about the Library's collection of borrowable camping supplies, kitchen supplies, tools and more. Tell us what you'd like to see!

No smartphone? Take the survey here: https://forms.office.com/g/CKLsRWLRbR



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# Outreach

#### **Goals for Outreach**

- Increase awareness of library programs and services
- Reach non-library users including traditionally underserved communities
- Create meaningful relationships with community members and other stakeholders

### **Creating Awareness**

- Attendance at Community Events
  - National Night Out
  - North County Resource Fair
  - Community Health Awareness Council (CHAC)
     Winter Celebration
  - Sunnyvale Community Services' Winter Wellness Fair
- Attendance at School Events
  - Back to School Nights
  - Open House Events
  - Latino Conference at Homestead High School
  - Winter Resource Fair at Fremont High School
  - Family Literacy Night at Sunnyvale School District
  - Multicultural Fair at Columbia Middle School
  - Fiesta Kermes at Bishop Elementary

- Other City Events
  - "City Day" in partnership with the City of Sunnyvale and Sunnyvale Community Services
  - Earth Day
  - Sunset Movie Series
  - State of the City
  - Winter Wonderland
  - Recreational Services' Job Fair
  - Hands on the Arts



April 2024- Open House, Vargas Elementary



August 2024- National Night Out, Ortega Park

# Reaching Non-Library Users and the Underserved

- Offsite Programming
  - Afterschool STEM programs at Columbia Neighborhood Center
  - Inclusive Maker Lab for individuals with disabilities
  - Presentations in Spanish for Spanish-speaking parents at Vargas Elementary and community members at Sunnyvale Community Services
  - Family Fun Nights at Washington Park and Lakewood Park
  - Summer Carnival at Washington Park
  - Monthly Storytimes at Fair Oaks Park
  - Offsite Storytimes at daycare centers and schools
  - StoryWalk® events in North Sunnyvale
  - Summer Reading Program promotional presentations at Title 1 schools, Vargas Elementary and Fairwood Elementary
  - Storytime at Murphy Park Camp
  - Lunchtime Librarian at Columbia Middle School



July 2023- Family Fun Nights, Lakewood
Park



May 2024- SRP Promo, Fairwood Elementary



November 2023- Inclusive STEM Lab



February 2024- Afterschool STEM, Columbia Neighborhood Center



July 2024- Carnival, Washington
Park



June 2024- Family Fun Nights, Washington Park

### Reaching Non-Library Users and the Underserved

- Offsite Programming
  - Senior Center Book Group
- Online programming
  - ESL Conversation Group
  - Monthly Book Group
  - NOVA (job seekers)



Reserve copies of Monthly Book Group selections

## **Partnerships**

- Partnerships allow us to cross promote library programs and services with members of other organizations.
  - Recreation Services
  - School Librarians at Sunnyvale School District
  - Sunnyvale School District
  - Low-income housing developments: MidPen and Meridian Apartments
  - First 5 of Santa Clara Country
  - Animal Assisted Happiness
  - Community Health Awareness Council (CHAC)
  - Sunnyvale Community Services
  - Sunnyvale Sister City (lizuka)



CHAC Programming at the Library



First 5 Programming at the Library



Welcome sign at Meridian Apartments

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  - Recreation Services
  - Assisted living facilities
  - NOVA
  - Environmental Services Department
  - Friends of the Sunnyvale Library
  - Sunnyvale Community Services
  - Veterans' Groups
  - Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge
  - Search for Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence (SETI)
  - Sunnyvale Art Club



Bird walk at Don Edwards

- FabMo
- Silicon Valley Bike Coalition
- UC Master Gardeners
- Repair Café



**Environmental Services Department** 

## **Special Project Outreach: New Main Library**

- Engaging the community for input on Civic Center Modernization
   Phase 2 was a key effort for the project.
  - Two input rounds in early 2024
  - Kiosks, pop-up event outreach, email surveys
  - Engaged nearly 6,000 community members
  - Round One: Program Options and Community Values
  - Round Two: Design Values and Site Opportunities
  - All top takeaways were implemented in the conceptual design approved by City Council





Top: Survey Kiosk in the Library Bottom: Staff Design Workshop



Questions?