

# City of San José Youth Commission

Monday, August 25, 2025  
6:30 PM

# **I. CALL TO ORDER & ORDERS OF THE DAY**

## **A. ROLL CALL**

## II. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approve August 25, 2025, Agenda

B. Approve May 19, 2025, Attendance

C. Approve May 19, 2025, Meeting Minutes

D. Approve Youth Commission Workplan Fiscal Year 2025-2026

### **III. PUBLIC RECORD**



# IV. OPEN FORUM

(2 MINUTE OF SPEAKING TIME IS AVAILABLE)

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## V. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

**A. INFORMATIONAL:**  
FACILITIES AND CUSTOMER  
EXPERIENCE PLAN  
(M. SULLIVAN)



# SAN JOSÉ PUBLIC LIBRARY

## Facilities & Customer Experience Plan

Youth Commission Meeting– August 25, 2025

# TODAY'S AGENDA

1. **Project Overview**
2. **Process & Methodology**
3. **What We're Learning**
4. **Applying Our Learnings to Facilities**
5. **Imagine the Possibilities**
6. **Q&A**

# MEET THE PLANNING TEAM



**Liz Oppen**  
Project Manager RA, AICP



**Margaret Sullivan**  
Library Expert & Designer



**Grace Tilghman**  
Strategic Designer



**Jade Esplin**  
Strategy & Facilities



**Loren Landrum**  
Community Engagement

# PROJECT OVERVIEW

# WHAT IS FACILITIES MASTER PLANNING?



Articulate the role & purpose of our facilities today and for the future.



Determine whether the sizes of the facilities serve the community's needs.



Co-create with the community partners and staff to invigorate!



Identify innovative opportunities for funding and partnerships.



# WHO'S PARTICIPATING?

## Library Leadership Group

- Support the plan as key decision makers for process and approach
- Provide feedback and insight
- Champion the project with the wider stakeholder group

## Staff & Leadership Workshop Group

- Provide input and co-create direction and master plan content
- Define vision and set initial priorities for framework

## Library & Education Commission

- *Ensure alignment with initiatives and city-wide goals*

## Community Partners

- Share expertise and identify alignment with the library's goals and community needs
- Identify and discuss partnership opportunities

## Youth Commission

- *Ensure alignment with initiatives and city-wide goals*

## SJPLF Board

- Provide input on the plan, community expectations, and fundraising
- Promote the library's plan and initiatives

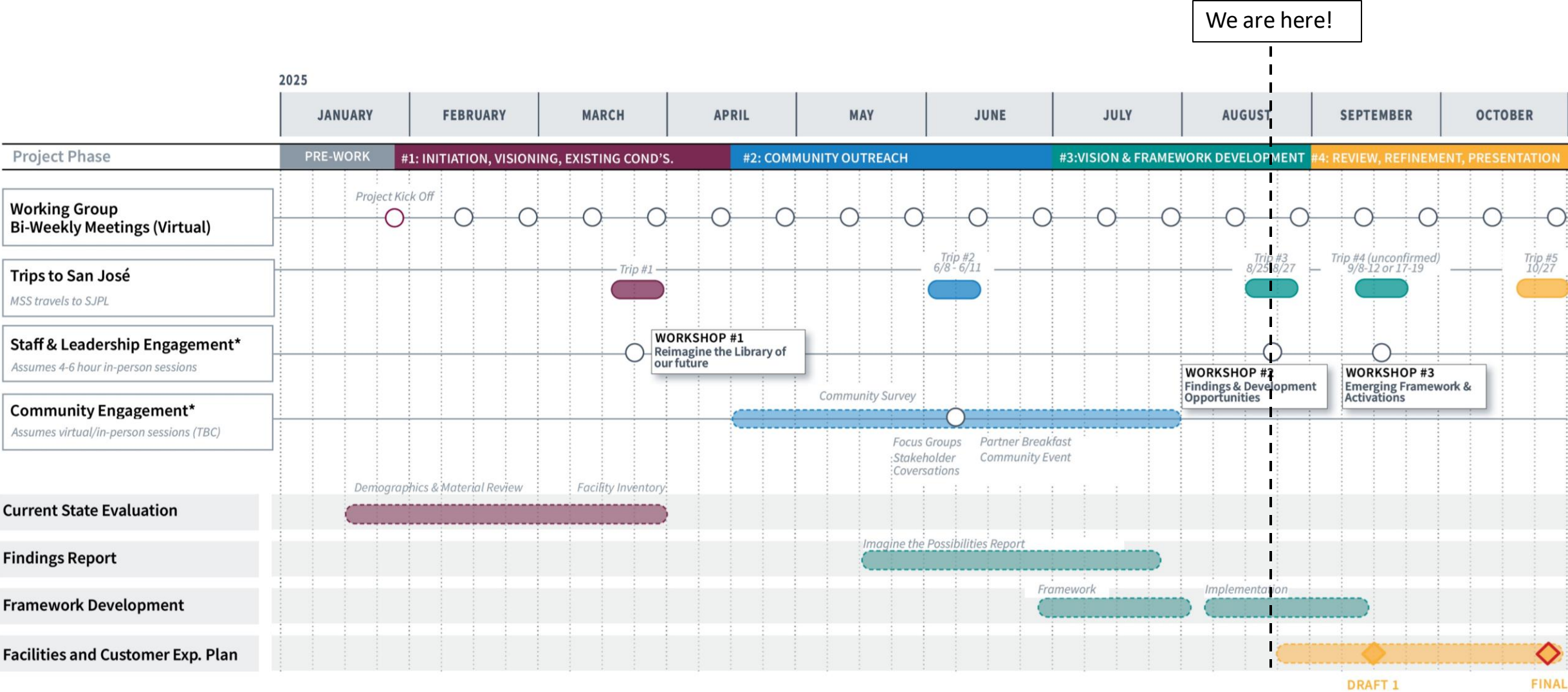
## Consultant Team

- Facilitate a creative experience
- Leverage the strengths of all participants
- Provide structure and project management for everybody to do their best work

## Community

- Share community experiences and help align the library's plan with community needs
- Provide insights and help identify priorities

# ROADMAP



\*KEY STAKEHOLDERS & PARTICIPANTS TO BE CONFIRMED

# TRIPS



## **Trip 1** ***Visioning & Existing Conditions***

Staff & Leadership  
**Workshop #1** | Reimagine the Library of Our Future

Branch Tours

Branch Manager Interviews

Joint Commission Meeting

## **Trip 2** ***Community Engagement***

Community Outreach

Grasstops

Grassroots

Focus Groups

1-on-1 Stakeholder Conversations

Partner Breakfast

Community Event

## **Trip 3** ***Findings & Emerging Opportunities***

Staff & Leadership  
**Workshop #2** | Findings and Development Opportunities

Further Engagements as Needed

Youth Commission Meeting

## **Trip 4** ***Emerging Framework***

Staff & Leadership  
**Workshop #3** | Emerging Frameworks & Activations

Board Retreat Presentation

## **Trip 5** ***Adoption & Share Out***

Present Plan to Board, Commissions & Identified Stakeholders



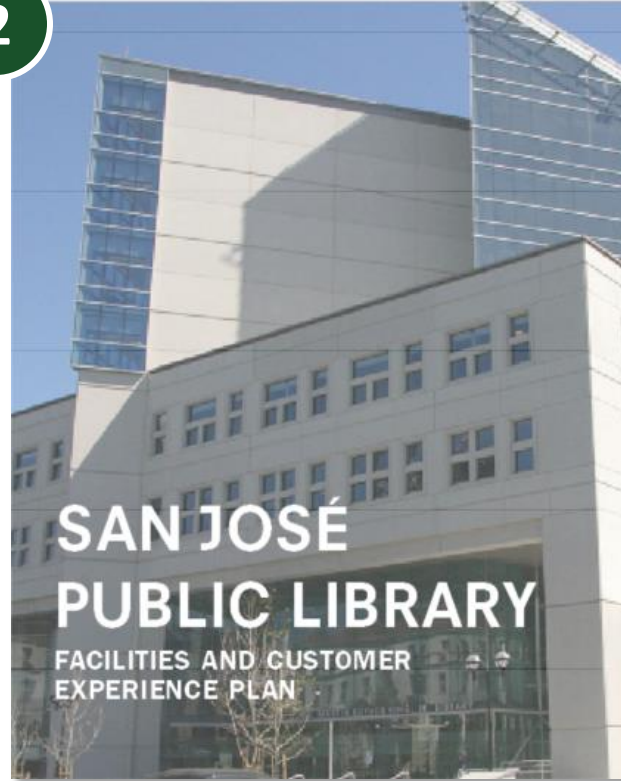
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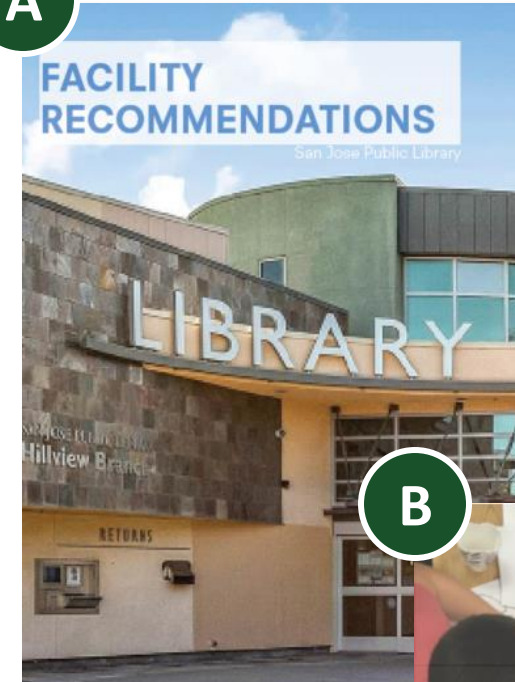
Findings and Imagine the Possibilities Report

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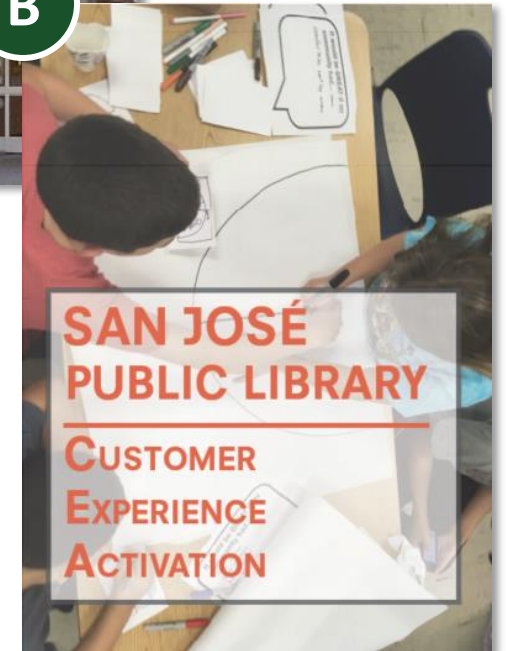
Facilities and Customer Experience Plan

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Facility Recommendations

B



Customer Experience Activation

# PROCESS & METHODOLOGY

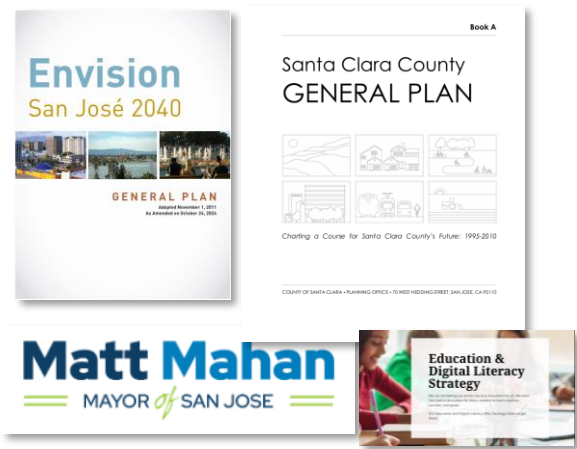
This process merges progressive library facility planning with community economic development practices

We bring an iterative & participatory planning process that uses the aspirations and ideals that celebrate and center design for intentional learning experiences.



PROCESS

# METHODOLOGY



Research

## Leadership Questionnaire

My Name is: \_\_\_\_\_

As we launch the planning process, we are engaging Library leadership in the opportunity to articulate your vision and your perspectives on librarianship. We are looking forward to your responses!

Q1. What do you envision the role of the American Public Library to be in the next century?

Leadership Questionnaire



Library Visits

## Questionnaire

For SJPL Branches and/or Departments

Our Branch / Department is: \_\_\_\_\_

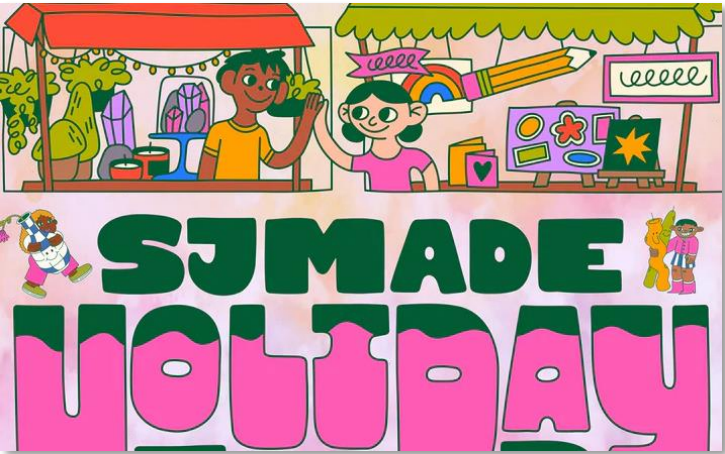
Q1 Identify the top community members that use your location.

Q2 What are your community members' favorite things about their library and the neighborhood/community?

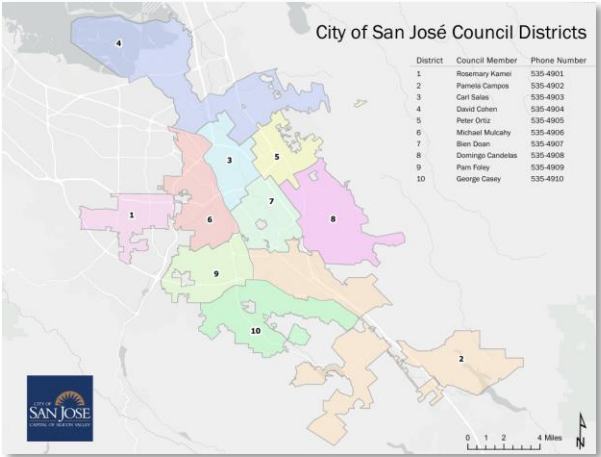
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Tell us about your branch or department.

Branch Questionnaires



Case Studies



Data-Driven Demographic Tools



# LIBRARY TOURS





# AMBITIOUS COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



## Partner Convening

Meet and greet with key partners and individuals to build relationships and workshop ideas.



## Community Focus Groups

Can be virtual or in person. These meetings will introduce process and conduct interactive activities.



## Community Events

Pop-up opportunities to meet residents out in the community.

# ONGOING CONVERSATIONS

## Focus Groups

**CHILDREN &  
FAMILIES**

**TECHNOLOGY**

**ARTS & CULTURE**

**SCHOOLS &  
HIGHER ED**

**WORKFORCE &  
TRAINING**

**FRIENDS OF THE  
LIBRARY &  
COMMISSIONERS**

**YOUTH &  
YOUNG ADULTS**

**CHAMBER OF  
COMMERCE &  
SMALL BUSINESS**

**PHILANTHROPY**

## Stakeholder 1:1 Conversations

**MAYOR  
MATT MAHAN**

**TERESA ALVARADO**  
Community Activist  
& Leader

**JENNIFER MAGUIRE  
+ LEE WILCOX**  
City Manager &  
Assistant CM

**KYRA KANZANTZIS,**  
SV Council of  
Non-Profits

**BETTY DUONG,**  
Santa Clara County

**CAMILLE LLANES-  
FONTANILLA,**  
Community Impact  
& Systems Change

# YOUR STRENGTHS

## SJPL



Creativity



STEAM



Academic Support



Career Support



Family and Children



Community Support

## San José Community



Cultural Diversity



Innovation



Access to Nature



Education



Strong Economy



Arts and Culture

# SYSTEMIC CHALLENGES

## What San José is facing today

- **Housing affordability**
- **Homelessness**
- **Public Transportation**
- **Certified Welcoming City vs. Federal Government**
- **Population and Demographic Shifts**

## How SJPL is responding

- **Family Learning Centers**
- **Wi-Fi availability and hotspots**
- **Heating/ cooling centers**
- **Free access to internet & technology**
- **No late fees**
- **Right to anonymity**



# YOUR PASSIONS

*Findings from Youth Commission Focus Group Session*

**Ensuring equitable access  
to mental health  
resources**

*Teaching best practices for  
dealing with stress, hosting  
workshops for students*

**Homelessness &  
homeless veterans**

*Addressing stigmas and  
educating the public*

**Equal access to college  
preparedness materials  
and opportunities**

**Easing the transition for  
young immigrants that  
are acclimatizing to a  
new country and new  
schools**

**Increased resources for  
animal shelters**

*Increased adoption and support*

**Public transportation and  
safety**

*Helping youth realize the  
importance of public transit,  
address under-use and under-  
funding*

# CITY-WIDE COMMUNITY SURVEY

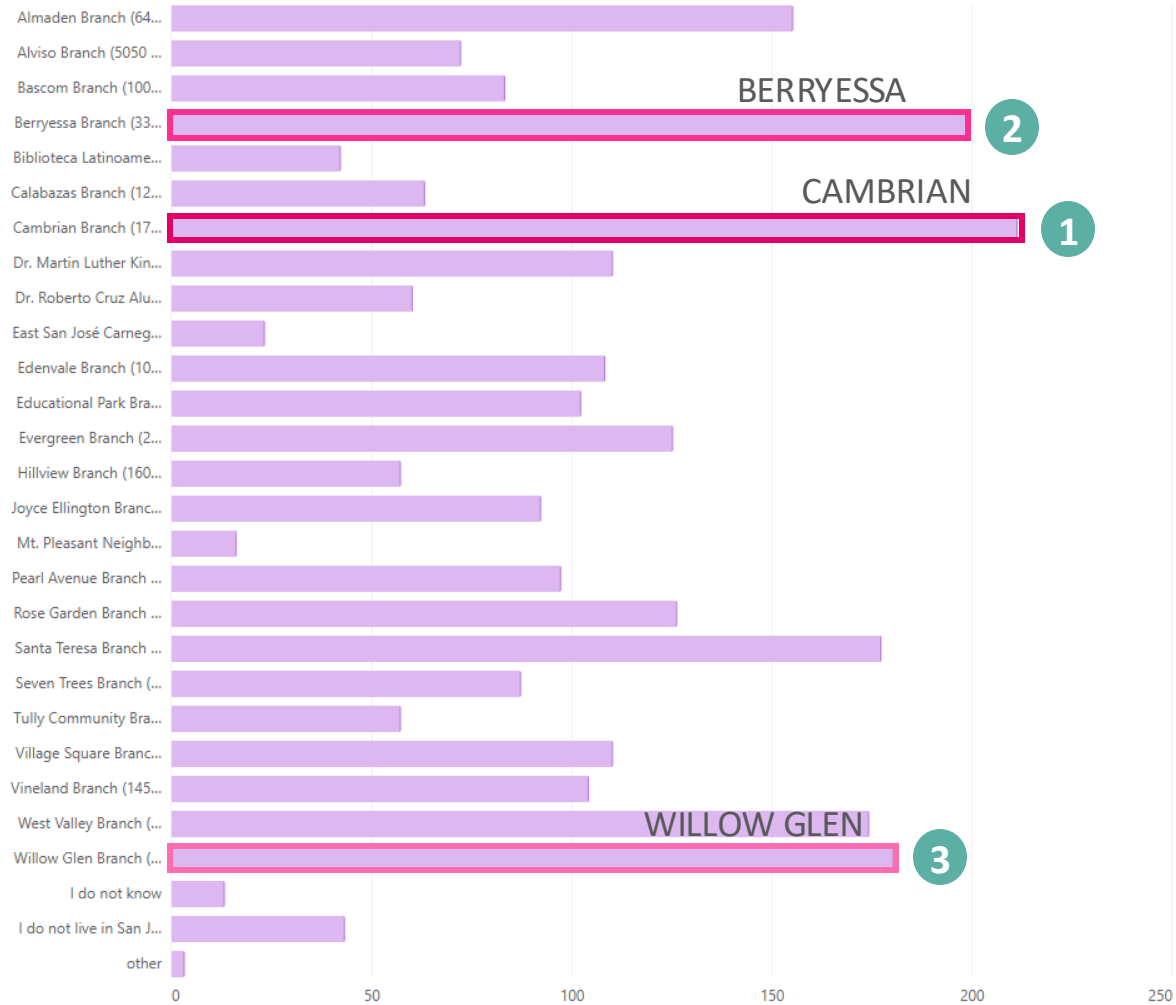


**2,830** responses

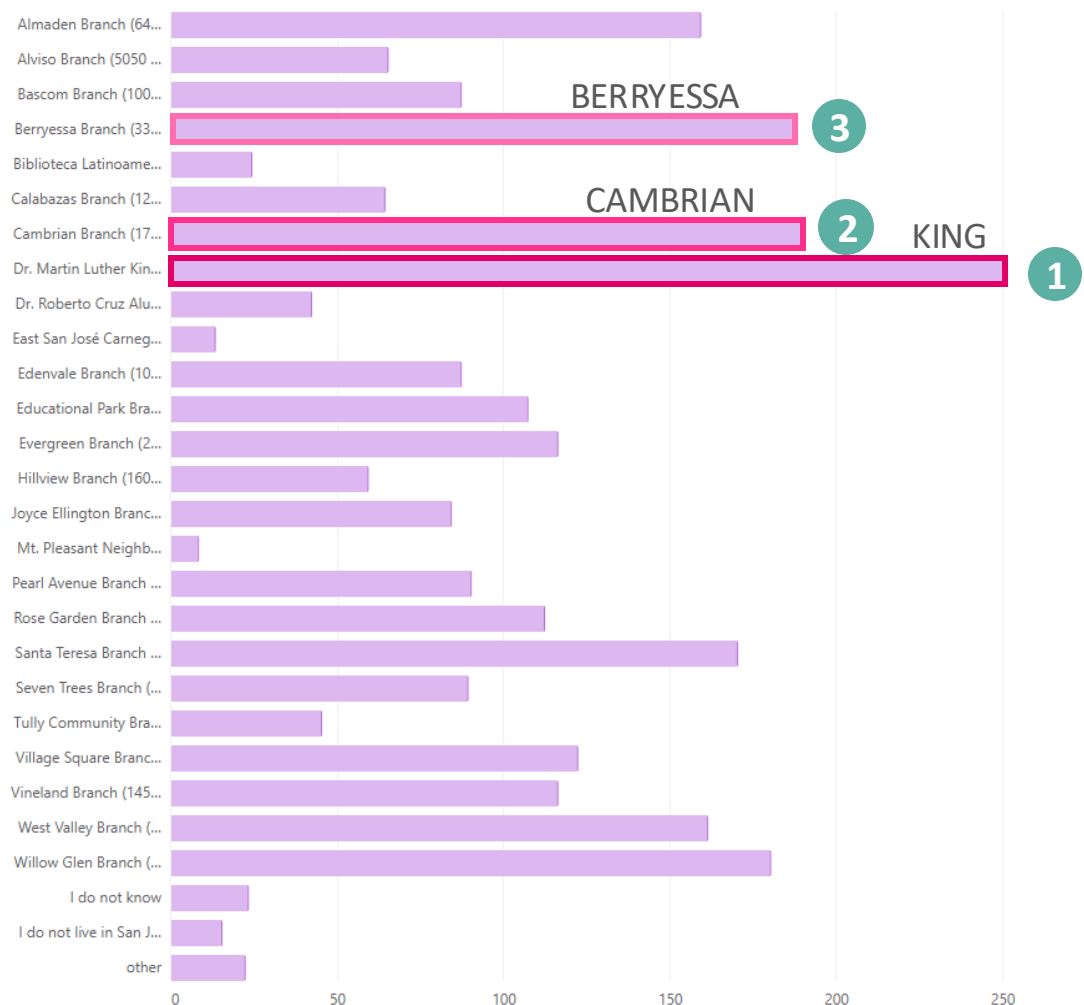
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# COMMUNITY USE

What neighborhood library location is closest to where you live?

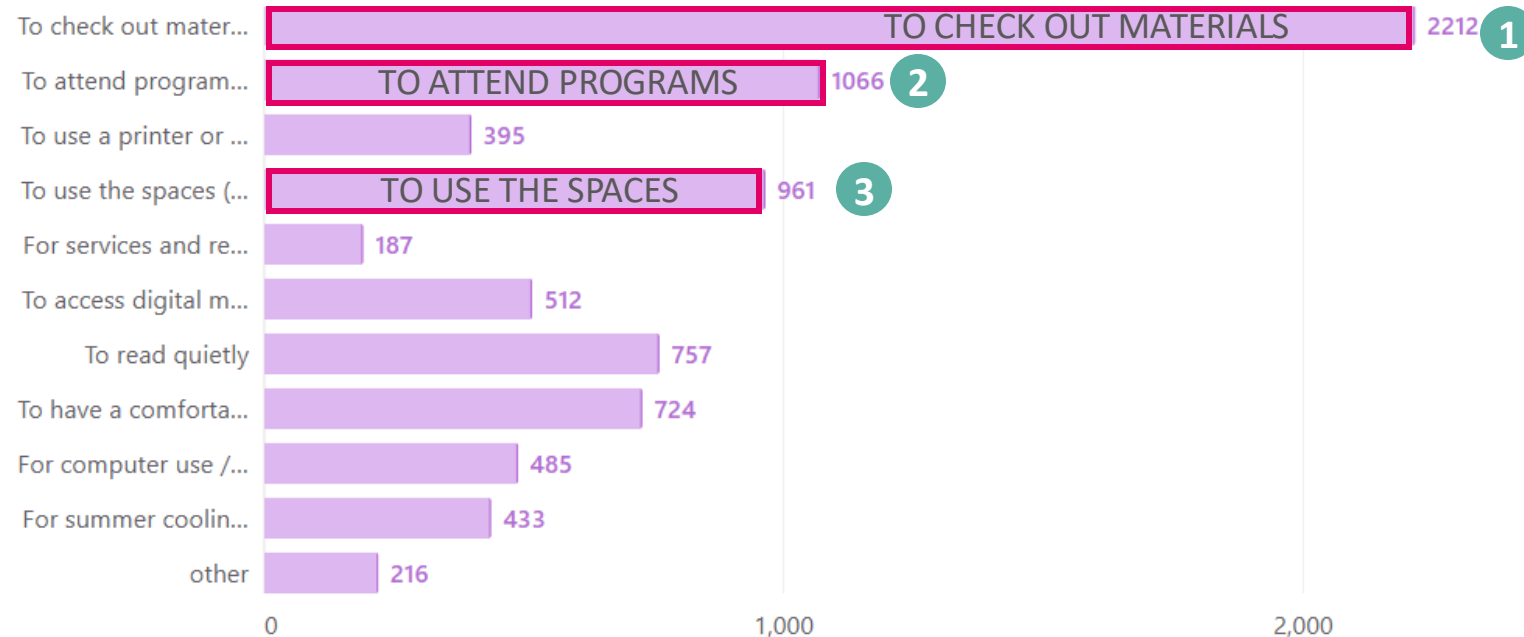


Which branch do you visit the most?



# How are people using the library?

If you've been to an SJPL location before, how do you typically use the library?



## TOP 3 USES BY LANGUAGE

### SIMPLIFIED CHINESE

1. To check out materials
2. To attend programs
3. To read quietly

### SPANISH

**TIE:** To check out materials/ to use the spaces

**TIE:** To attend programs/ to read quietly

### VIETNAMESE

1. To check out materials
2. To use the spaces
3. To use the computers

### TRADITIONAL CHINESE

1. To check out materials
2. **3-WAY TIE:** Attend programs/ use the spaces/ read quietly



# What spaces system-wide would you like to see?



Community  
Garden



Reading Garden



Center for  
Happiness



Art Gallery &  
Studio



Nature Center/  
Trails

*Other:*

Academic Research Area

Instrument Library

Neurodiverse-specific wellness  
center

# .... In your neighborhood library?



Community  
Garden



Reading Garden



Quiet Study  
Room



Nature Center/  
Trails



Wellness Center

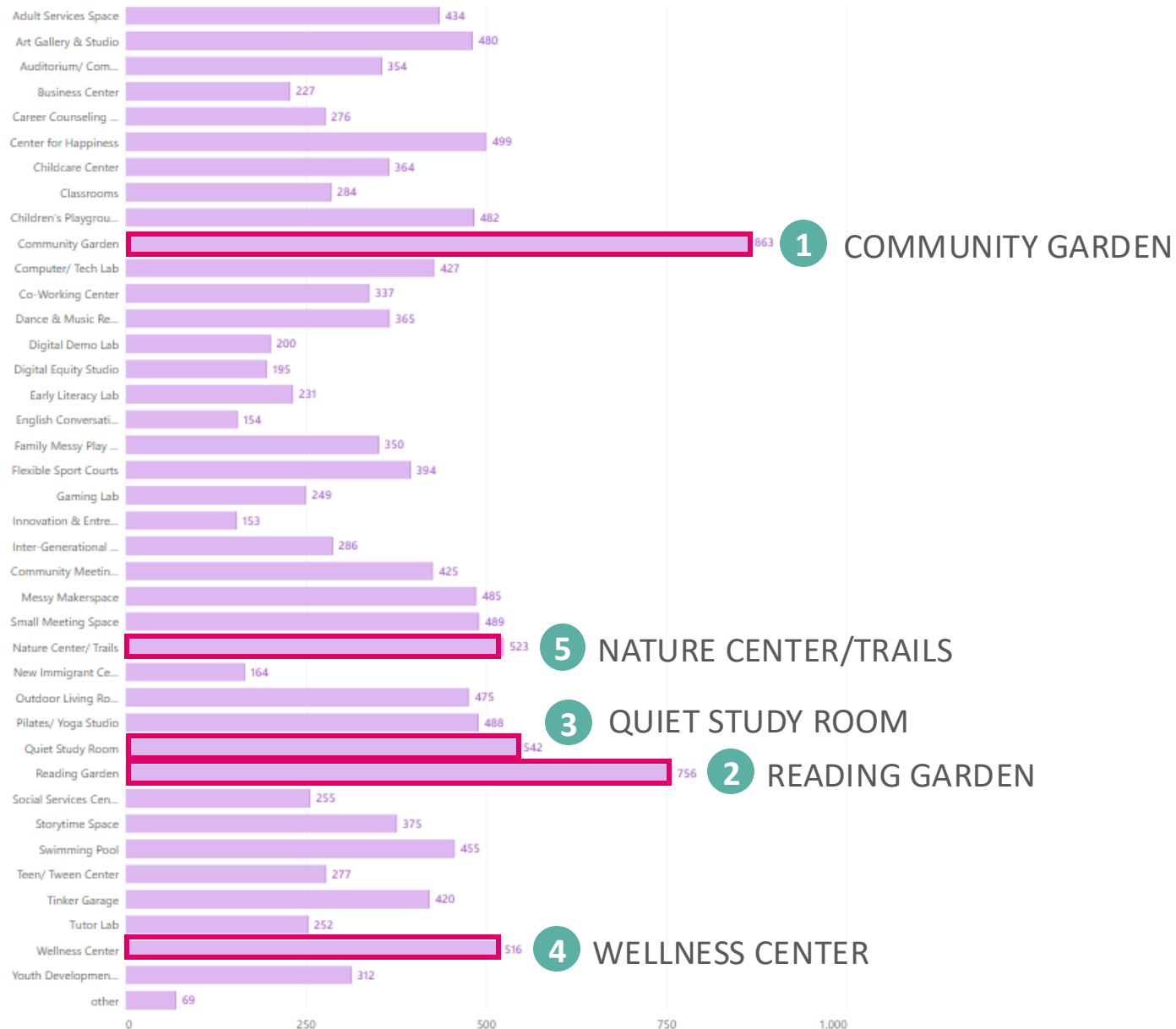
*Other:*

Storage Lockers

Fix-It Clinic

Dedicated Senior Area

# What do you want in your neighborhood library?



## TOP 3 BY LANGUAGE

### SIMPLIFIED CHINESE

TIE: Adult Services Space / Children's Playground

TIE: Community Garden / Dance & Music Rehearsal Studio

### SPANISH

1. English conversation room

2. Adult Services

3. TIE: Pilates & Yoga Studio / Swimming Pool

### VIETNAMESE

1. Classrooms

2. Quiet Study Room

3. Pilates & Yoga Studio

### TRADITIONAL CHINESE

3-WAY TIE: Tinker Garage / Swimming Pool / Flexible Sports Courts

In the future, our libraries will foster a more..... San José



# WHAT WE'RE LEARNING

# FOCUS AREAS



**Civic Vitality**

**Economic  
Wellness**

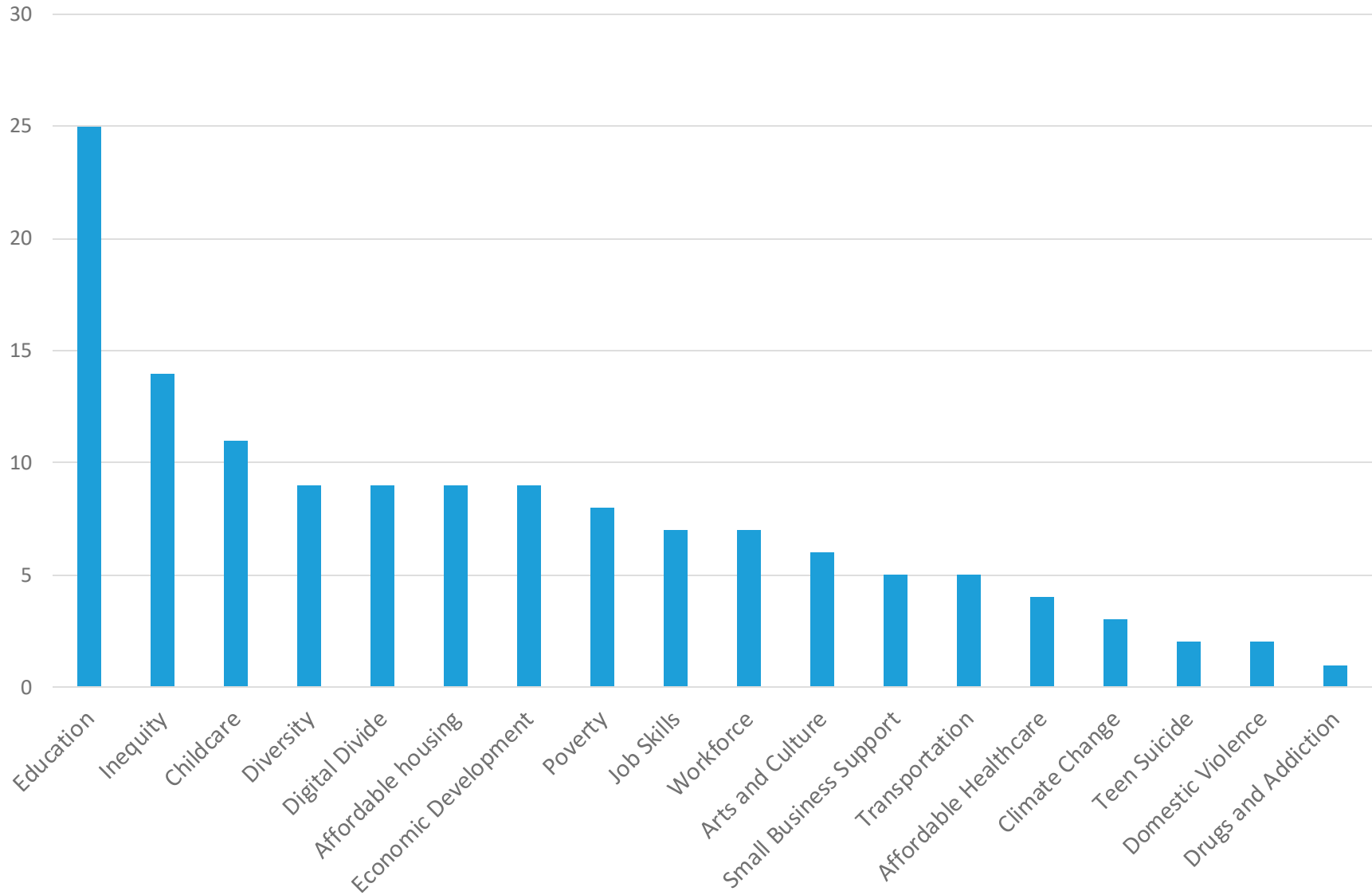
**Educational  
Success**

**Personal  
Health &  
Well-being**

**Trust &  
Belonging**

**Cultural  
Identity**

# PARTNER BREAKFAST



## ORGANIZATION BRIEF

NAME AND ROLE:

MY ORGANIZATION:

OUR MISSION/VISION:

OUR TOP PRIORITIES FOR THE NEXT 12 MONTHS:

THE TOP 3 COMMUNITY CHALLENGES WE ARE ENGAGED IN:

☐ Inequity

☐ Diversity

☐ Poverty

☐ Drugs & Addiction

☐ Digital Divide

☐ Affordable Housing

☐ Affordable Healthcare

☐ Job Skills

☐ Teen Suicide

☐ Climate Change

☐ Economic Development

☐ Small Business Support

☐ Transportation

☐ Domestic Violence

☐ Workforce

☐ Child Care

☐ Education (please specify)

☐ Arts & Culture (please specify)

☐

☐

Q.1: WHAT EXCITES YOU WHEN YOU HEAR ABOUT OUR VISION FOR LIBRARY FACILITIES? WHERE DID WE HIT THE MARK?

Q.2: WHAT OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICES AND FACILITIES DO YOU SEE THAT WE HAVEN'T CONSIDERED?

Q.3: WHAT OTHER FACILITIES/ORGANIZATIONS IN OUR COMMUNITY ARE PROVIDING DUPLICATIVE SERVICES/SPACES?

We want to continue the conversation! Who else should we engage to ensure our facilities serve our community meaningfully? Please provide the name, organization, and contact information if possible.



# PARTNER BREAKFAST: Needs & Opportunities

	CIVIC VITALITY	ECONOMIC WELLNESS	EDUCATIONAL SUCCESS	PERSONAL HEALTH & WELL-BEING	TRUST & BELONGING	CULTURAL IDENTITY
Needs	More youth Involvement in civic systems	Comprehensive Financial literacy education	An increase in tutoring/ college prep programs	Mental health resources	Respect and Confidentiality	Need to put in effort to normalize cultural differences
	Education on voting rights and impact	Small business/ vendor resources	Equal access to digital resources	More wellness education	Access to support groups and mental health resources	Acknowledging and accommodating language barriers
	Help residents feel connected to each other	Digital literacy workshops		Free physical health spaces		
Opps.	Larger and more inclusive cultural events (More viva Calle and Parks events)	Business resources/ed.	Language labs	Free access to yoga and meditation apps and resources	Media literacy programs	Multi-cultural nights and events
	Internships and training to expose youth to civic processes	Financial literacy & responsibility as well as amplified career counseling Larger co-working spaces	Expansion of STEM and creative spaces Tutoring programs: more volunteer teens and adults	Partnerships with community wellness entities (hospitals, social service agencies)	Inclusive signage Comfortable furniture	Strengthen partnerships with multi-lingual organizations



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# PARTNER BREAKFAST: Spaces and Places

## MESSY SPACES

**Tinker Garage**  
**Messy Makerspace**  
**Art Studios**  
**Tinker Garage**  
**Community Garden**

## SPACES FOR COMMUNITY TO GATHER Adult-Specific Spaces & Services

**Social Services Center**  
**Adult Recreation Space**  
**Community Problem-Solving Studio**  
**Community Meeting Rooms**  
**Health & Fitness Spaces**  
**Community Pantry**

## LEARNING & EARLY LITERACY

**Homework Area**  
**Tutor Lab**  
**Quiet Study Room**  
**Multi-Lingual Learning Lab**  
**English Conversation Room**

## DIGITAL EDUCATION & CAREER

**Digital Equity Studio**  
**Digital Arts Salon**  
**Digital Demo Lab**  
**VR Studio**  
**Financial Literacy Lab**  
**Innovation & Entrepreneurship Center**



# VIVA CALLE: Alum Rock



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## OUTDOOR & REC SPACES

Community Garden  
Outdoor Reading Garden  
Produce Market  
Swimming Pool  
Nature Center/ Trails  
Flexible Sport Courts

## YOUTH GATHERING & LEARNING

Teen/ Tween Hangout Space  
Adolescent Health Center  
Childcare Center  
Lego Room

## THE ARTS

Museum/ Fine Art Gallery  
Digital Arts Salon  
Dance & Music Rehearsal Studio  
Photo Lab  
Ceramics Studio  
DJ Lab





# VIVA CALLE: Berryessa

## COMMUNITY GATHERING

Wellness Center  
Community Problem-Solving Studio  
**Center for Happiness**  
**Community Pantry**  
**Break Away Space**

## CHILDHOOD & EARLY LEARNING

Storytime Space  
Immersive Storytelling Lab  
**Childcare Center**  
Children's Classroom

## OUTDOOR & REC SPACES

**Children's Playground**  
**Swimming Pool**  
Pickleball Court  
Community Garden  
Outdoor Living Room  
Climate Center  
Reading Garden

## THE ARTS

Digital Arts Salon  
Dance & Music Rehearsal Studio  
Artist in Residence Studio  
Textile/ Fiber Arts Studio  
Community Stage/ Black Box Theater/ Tiered Theater

# OPPORTUNITIES FOR FACILITY GROWTH

## COMMUNITY NEEDS

- Cultural Celebration & Inclusion
- Early Education
- Family Support
- Continued Education
- Access to Tech
- Digital Literacy
- Maker Resources
- Career Support
- Social Services
- Affordable Housing

## ROLE & PURPOSE OF THE FACILITIES

- Hub for Civic Vitality
- Support Educational Success
- Economic Wellness Hub
- Contribute to Personal Health & Well-Being
- Foster Trust & Belonging
- Uplift Cultural Identity

## OPERATE WITHIN THE CITY-WIDE ECOSYSTEM TO IMPLEMENT THE FACILITIES PLAN

- Connected
- City Planning
- Community Developers
- Community-Based Organizations
- Education, Culture, & Business Leaders

*\*This list was derived from community conversations and surveys*

# KEY EMERGING THEMES



**CITY AS CONNECTED  
COMMUNITIES**



**CITY AS  
CLASSROOM**



**CITY AS CULTURAL  
CELEBRATION**






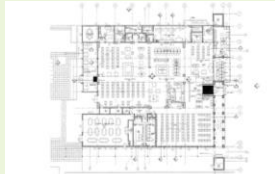









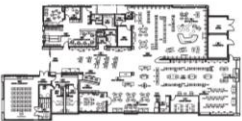











**CITY AS CIVIC  
ACTIVATOR**

How can the SJPL facilities support these priorities?



# Applying Space Learnings to SJPL's Facilities

# YOUR BRANCHES

> 10,000 SF	10 – 14,000 SF	14,000 – 25,000 SF   Progressive Marketplace			Co-Located	Central
 Alviso	 East SJ Carnegie	 Joyce Ellington	 Biblioteca	 Santa Teresa	 Almaden	 King
 Mt. Pleasant	 Willow Glen	 Village Square	 West Valley	 Vineland	 Bascom	
 Calabazas	 Pearl	 Rose Garden	 Evergreen	 Tully	 Seven Trees	
	 Berryessa	 Educational Park	 Hillview	 Cambrian	 Edenvale	 Alum Rock

# EMERGING FACILITY TYPOLOGIES

**Standalone**  
(Destination)

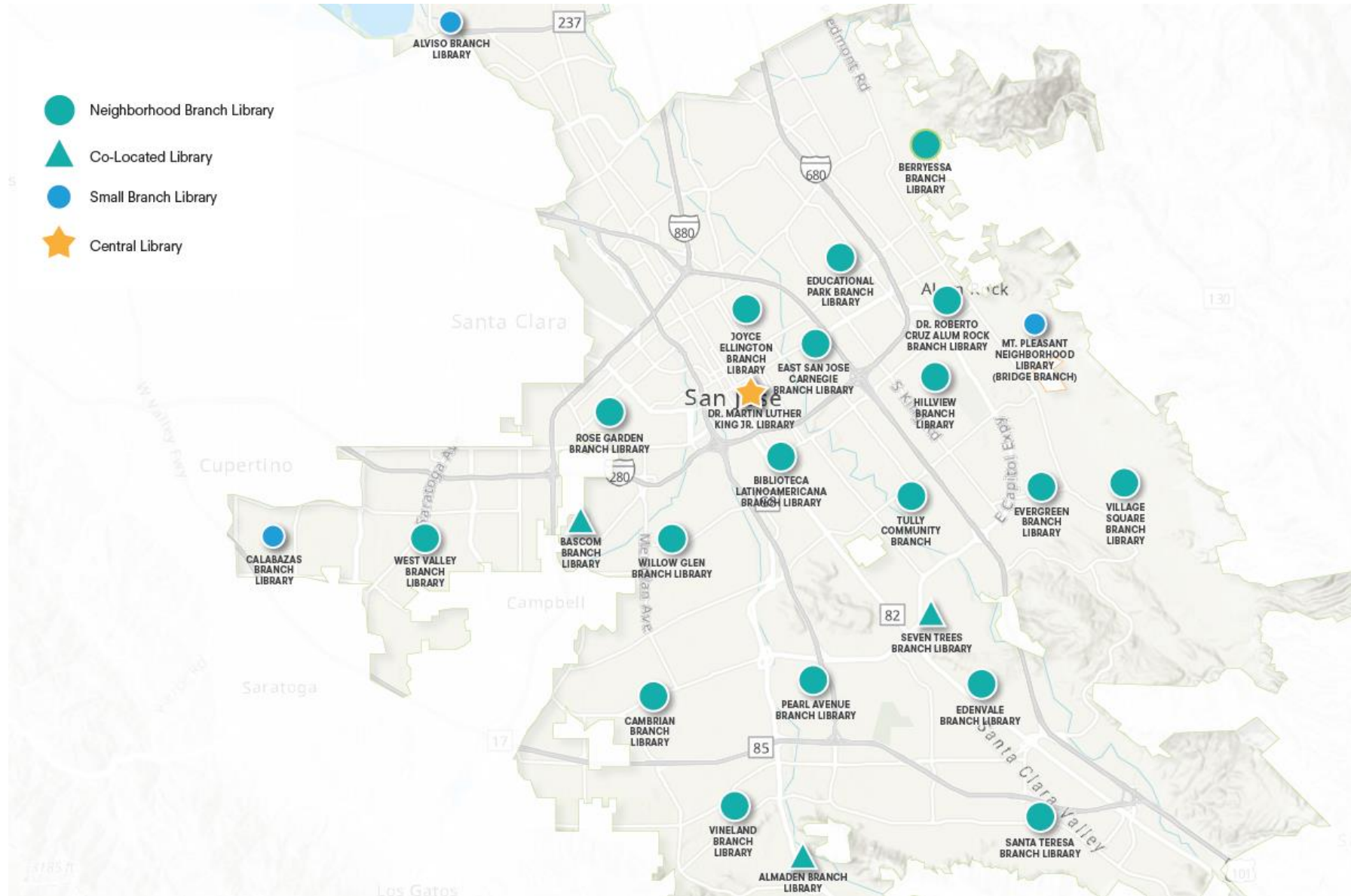
**Community Asset**  
(Campus Model)

**On The Way**

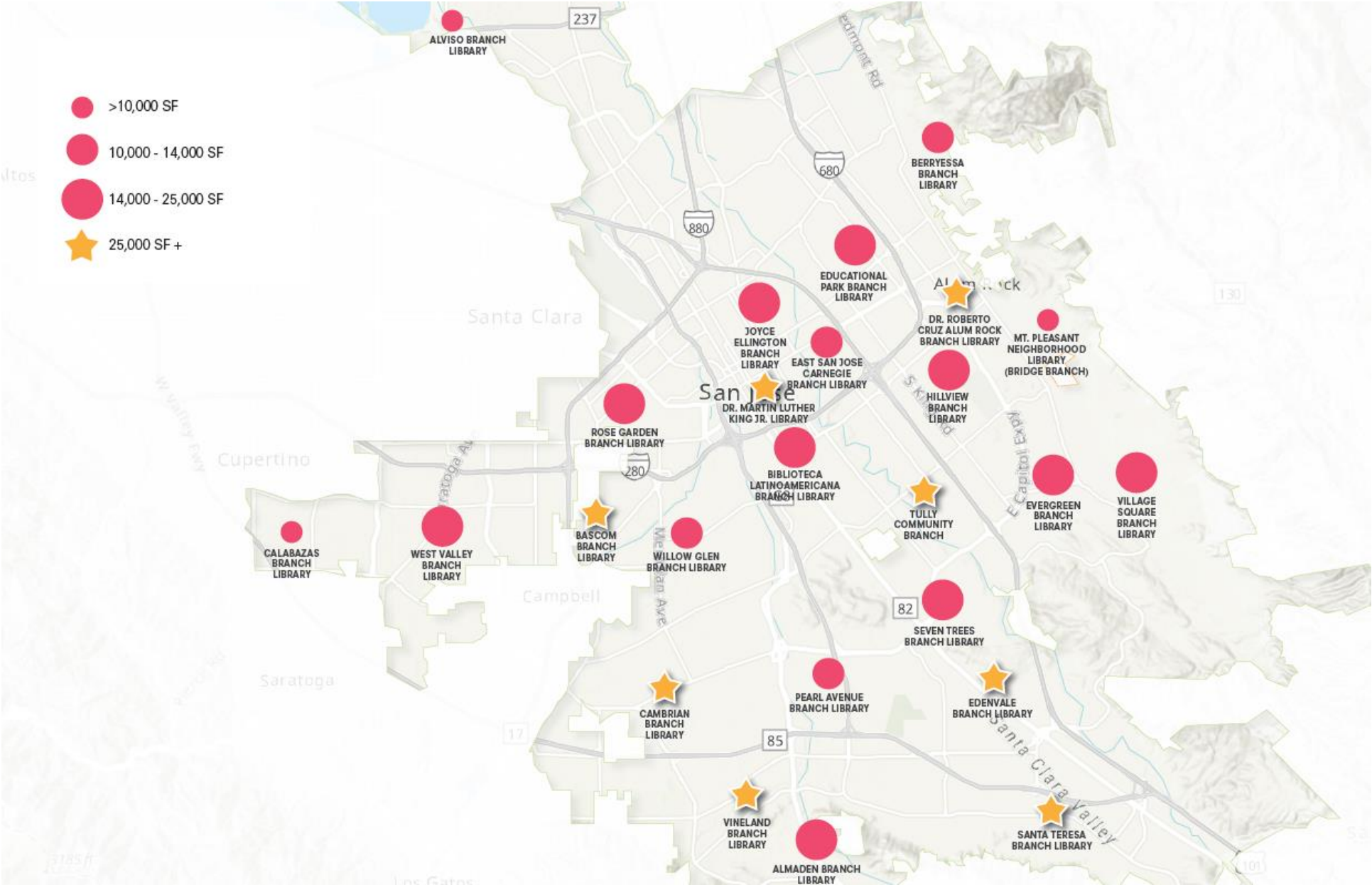
**Co-Located**

**Park Adjacent**

# BRANCH TYPES



# SIZE DISTRIBUTION





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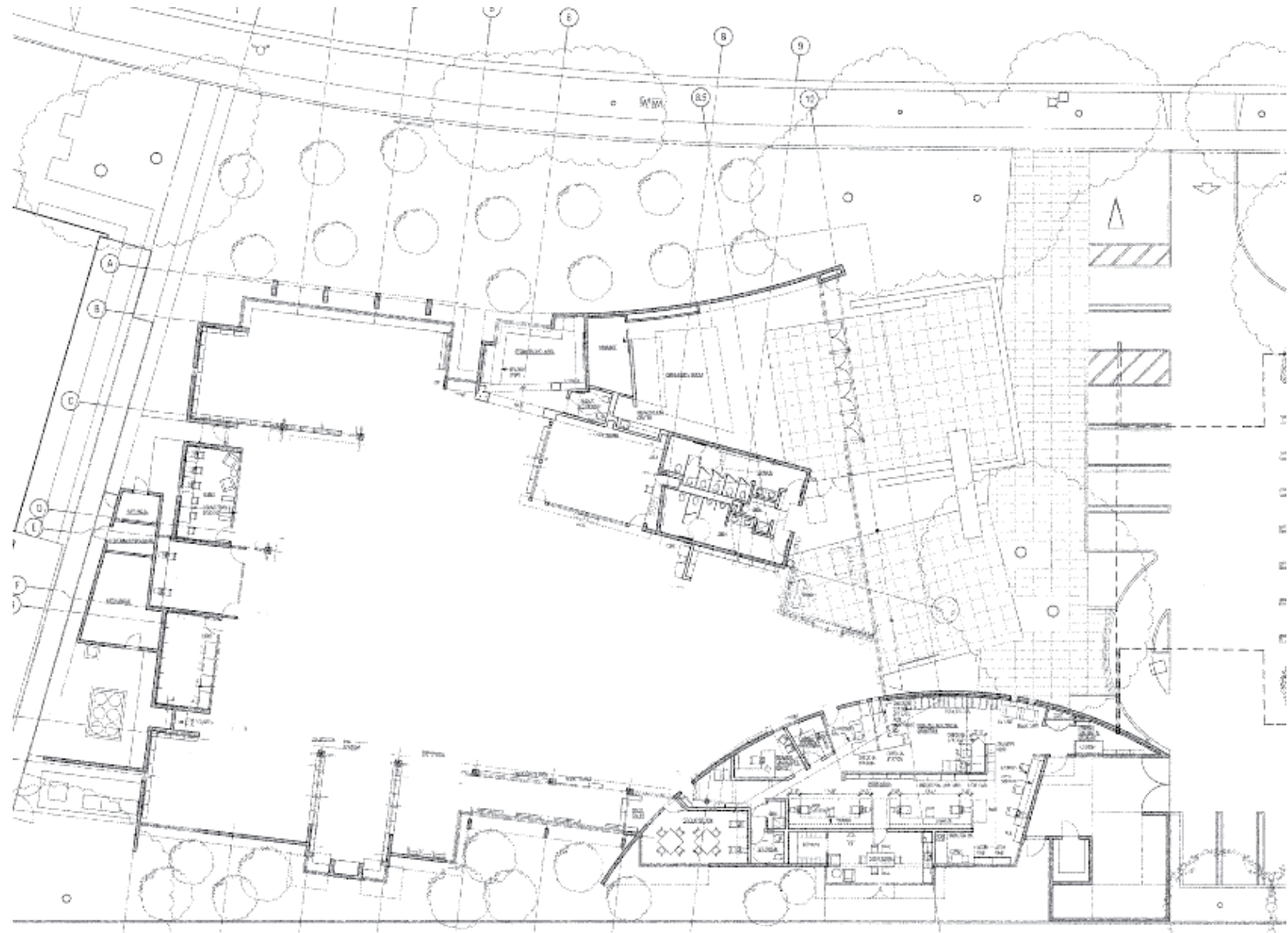




# West Valley Branch



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IMAGINE THE POSSIBILITIES


# NATURE EXPLORIUM



Middle Country Public Library is proud to be the first library in the nation to offer the Nature Explorium, an outdoor learning space for children and families. Developed in collaboration with the Dimensions Educational Research Foundation and Long Island Nature Collaborative for Kids (LINCK), the Nature Explorium contains a variety of areas, all geared toward connecting children to a different aspect of nature.

# CULINARY LITERACY CENTER





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## CULINARY LITERACY CENTER


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COOKING CLASSES

WHAT WE ARE ABOUT

Every bite of food we eat has a story. Here's ours:


Opened in June 2014, the Culinary Literacy Center is revolutionizing the way Philadelphians think about food, nutrition, and literacy. It aims to advance literacy in Philadelphia in a unique and innovative way—with a fork and spoon.

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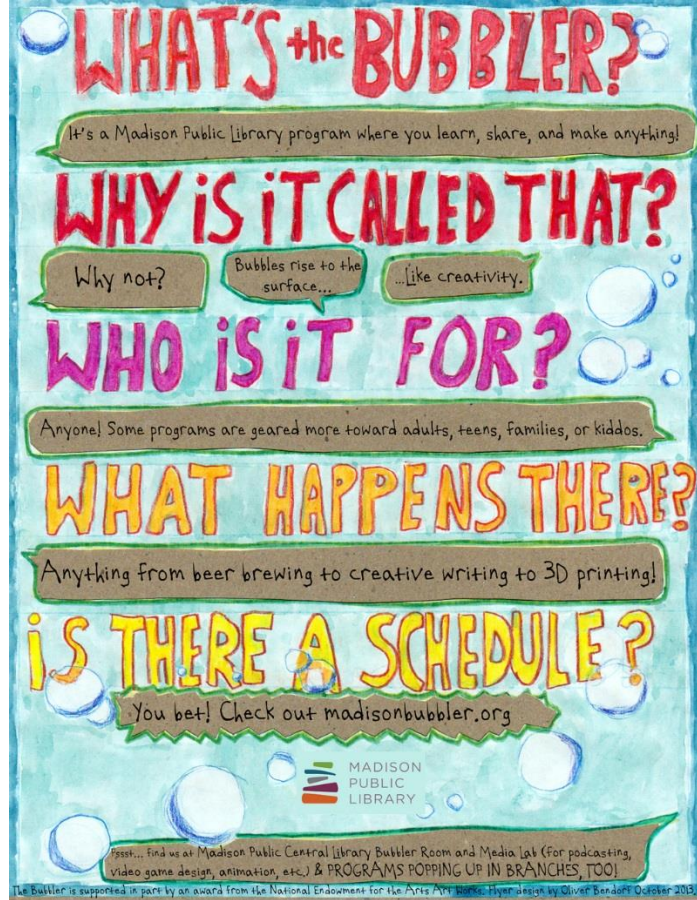
Culinary Literacy Center at the Free Public Library of Philadelphia is revolutionizing the way Philadelphians think about food, nutrition, and literacy. It aims to advance literacy in Philadelphia in a unique and innovative way— with a fork and spoon.

It is a commercial-grade kitchen that serves as a classroom and dining space for Philadelphians, supporting culinary literacy through nutrition education, understanding how cooking can support disease prevention and healthy lifestyles, and offering “edutainment” cooking classes & demonstrations.

Free and low-cost public programs that teach consumer skills to help parents make recipes fit their families’ needs and emphasize nutrition and health literacy to help with disease prevention.



# THE BUBBLER AT MADISON PUBLIC LIBRARY





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The Bubbler Room hosts a variety of workshops and participatory projects inside Madison's new Central Library. The room is on Ground Floor and is open during all regular Central Library hours. You may find anything from a cheese-making workshop, to a drop-in printmaking session, to an impromptu dance party!

Whether offering the basics of animation, screen printing, music, clothing design, dance, or painting (to name a few), the Bubbler's hands-on pop-up workshops introduces participants to a variety of local experts who share their talents and physical resources.



# IDEA BOX @ OAK PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY



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### Idea Box Events

Stories Tall

Friday, June 5

Taller than 9 encyclopedias, 3 fables and 2 romance paperbacks? The Idea Box asks you to measure up. June 5 - June 24.

Chicago Botanic Garden's Lenhardt Library Tour

Tuesday, June 9

If you love libraries and gardens, the Oak Park Public Library has a special opportunity for you. The Chicago Botanic Garden will offer a special tour of the Garden's Lenhardt Library for 40 Oak Park Public Library cardholders at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, June 9.

Tour participants will need to provide their own transportation to the Chicago Botanic Garden to explore the hidden gems in the Lenhardt Library. The day's activities at the Garden begin at 1 p.m. with a Lenhardt Library tour and gallery.

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# IDEA BOX @ OAK PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY



What is Idea Box? Idea Box, located just inside the Main Library entrance, is a dedicated 19' x 13' space that each month provides a new and dynamic participatory community experience. Visitors are encouraged to learn through tinkering, fun, experimentation and play.

What's inside is always changing! By changing exhibits, Idea Box offers fresh ways to engage library customers in lifelong learning through creative play and fun. Installations vary to reflect the diverse interests in our community. One installation may feature participatory art and culture; another may solicit opinions on an upcoming initiative or library service, or be hands-on, demonstrating new technology.



# CAMP HAPPINESS @ ANYTHINK



Inspired by the Idea Box at Oak Park Public Library outside of Chicago, Anythink staff took on the challenge and converted a plain conference room into a full participatory exploration of all things happiness – the science, the inspiration, the action. Information about chemical compounds and the science of happiness was displayed. Participants were met with a series of quotes to help jog their thoughts. Using aromatherapy, customers were able to awaken their senses with scents that inspire happiness like mint, lavender and coffee. A small fountain gave the room a calming sound and sense. And then there were the action elements: origami leaves with notes of personal happiness, postcards, a guest book and a fishbowl full of pay-it-forward prompts.

Any Questions?

THANK YOU!!

## Agenda Item

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**B. ACTION:**  
COMMISSION JOINT MEETING  
DATE  
(CHAIR KUCHAROWSKI)



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**C. ACTION:**  
YOUTH COMMISSION ANNUAL  
SURVEY DATES  
(CHAIR KUCHAROWSKI)





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**D. ACTION:**  
YOUTH COMMISSION BUDGET  
SUMMIT DATE  
(CHAIR KUCHAROWSKI)



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## Agenda Item

### Code of Conduct

- Comment on the specific agenda item topic only
- Speakers' comments should be addressed to the full body. Requests to engage the Commissioners or Staff in conversation will not be honored.
- Abusive language is inappropriate.
- Repeated failure to comply with this Code of Conduct which will disturb, disrupt or impede the orderly conduct of the meeting may result in removal from the meeting.

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## **VI. REPORTS AND INFORMATION ONLY**

A. COUNCIL LIAISON'S REPORT (A. MONTES)

B. PARKS AND RECREATION NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES  
(L. HAWKINS)

C. SAN JOSÉ LIBRARY REPORT (A. GRABOWSKI)

D. COMMISSION CHAIR REPORT (CHAIR  
MASCARENHAS)

E. COMMISSIONER REPORT PER DISTRICT





# PARKS, RECREATION AND NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES DEPARTMENT YOUTH COMMISSION UPDATE AUGUST 25, 2025



# DEPARTMENT UPDATES

## Grant Opportunities:

### Opioid Overdose Prevention Grant



**CITY OF  
SAN JOSE**  
PARKS, RECREATION &  
NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

## **OPIOID OVERDOSE PREVENTION GRANT PROGRAM**

Funding to organizations for implementing prevention services and awareness initiatives aimed at reducing opioid overdoses and related deaths in San José.

### **HOW TO APPLY?**

The application will be available via WebGrants:  
[grants.sanjoseca.gov](https://grants.sanjoseca.gov)

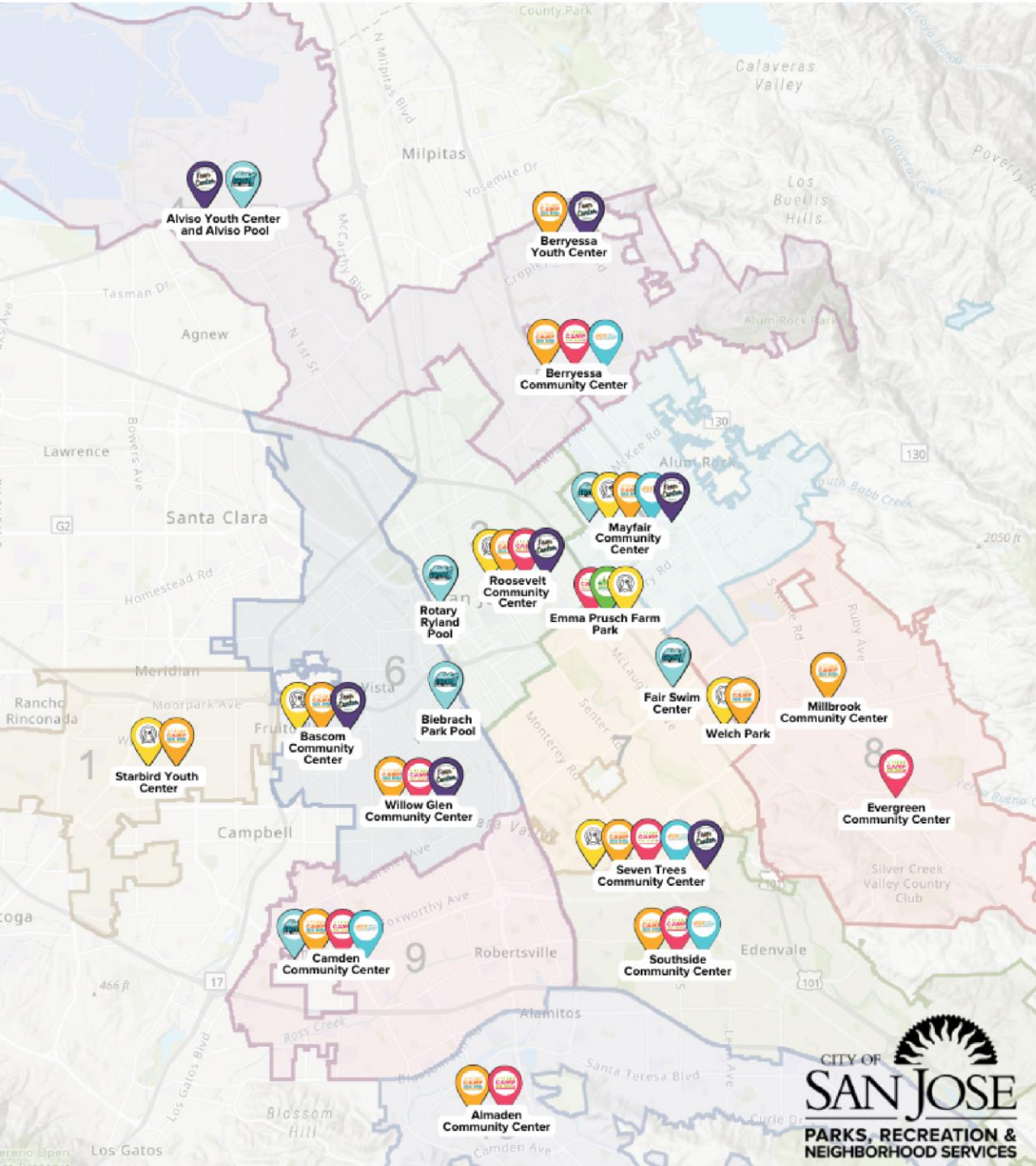
### **DEADLINE TO APPLY:**

Thursday, September 25, 2025 by 4 p.m.

### **LEARN MORE:**

[bit.ly/oop-grant](https://bit.ly/oop-grant) 

# SUMMER 2025 PROGRAM LOCATIONS



## CAMP SAN JOSE

- Almaden Community Center
- Bascom Community Center
- Berryessa Community Center
- Berryessa Youth Center
- Camden Community Center
- Mayfair Community Center
- Millbrook Community Center
- Roosevelt Community Center
- Seven Trees Community Center
- Southside Community Center
- Starbird Youth Center
- Welch Park
- Willow Glen Community Center



## CAMP SAN JOSE JR.

- Almaden Community Center
- Berryessa Community Center
- Camden Community Center
- Emma Prusch Farm Park
- Evergreen Community Center
- Roosevelt Community Center
- Seven Trees Community Center
- Southside Community Center
- Willow Glen Community Center



## F.I.T. CAMP

- Berryessa Community Center
- Camden Community Center
- Mayfair Community Center
- Seven Trees Community Center
- Southside Community Center



## SWIM SAN JOSE

- Alviso Pool (AnT Swim School)
- Biebrach Park (AnT Swim Scho
- Camden Community Center
- Fair Swim Center
- Mayfair Community Center
- Rotary Ryland Pool



## TEEN CENTERS

- Alviso Youth Center
- Bascom Teen Center
- Berryessa Youth Center
- Mayfair Teen Center
- Roosevelt Teen Center
- Seven Trees Teen Center
- Willow Glen Teen Center



## SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM

- Bascom Community Center
- Emma Prusch Farm Park
- Mayfair Community Center
- Roosevelt Community Center
- Seven Trees Community Center
- Starbird Youth Center
- Welch Park



# RECREATION DIVISION

SUMMER  
FOOD SERVICE  
PROGRAM



**CAMP  
SAN JOSE**

TAKE TIME TO PLAY



**CAMP  
SAN JOSE JR**

TAKE TIME TO PLAY



- Camps available in all 10 Council Districts
- 2,206 unduplicated youth aged 3-12 over the season
  - 1,691 Camp San Jose
  - 212 F.I.T. Camp
  - 272 Camp San Jose Jr.
  - 31 Teen Leadership Camp
- Implemented the Summer Food Service Program at 7 locations
  - 5,995 Snacks served
  - 5,715 lunches served
- Program alignment: Education and Digital Literacy Policy

# RECREATION DIVISION

- Fall 2025 Classes begin September 15, 2025
- Registration is accepted both online and in person.
- Residents can view activities online or by picking up a Community Activity Guide at their local Community Center.





# RECREATION DIVISION



Your satisfaction is important to us! Your input helps us identify needs and implement changes at your local Community Center.



English



Vietnamese



Spanish



Chinese



# PARKS DIVISION

- Hop on the tractor at Emma Prusch Farm Park for variety of Fall Activities
- Our Volunteer Management Unit continue to host their Sunday Series at Parks across the City



SAN JOSE  
PARKS, RECREATION &  
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Building Community Through Fun

# EMMA PRUSCH

FARM PARK

## UPCOMING FALL PROGRAMMING

Emma Prusch Farm Park's fall registration is now open! With a variety of fun and hands-on classes, Emma Prusch has something for all children to experience.

### FEED THE FARM ANIMALS

All Ages \$15 per person  
9/27 10/4 10/25 11/15

Participants of all ages will have the opportunity to help our animal care staff feed our farm animals. These morning classes are from 10 A.M. - 11 A.M on Saturday mornings.

### FALL FUN FARM TOURS

All Ages \$15 per person  
10/11 10/18 10/25 11 A.M. - 12 P.M. and 1 - 2 P.M.

Emma Prusch is now offering fall-themed tours on Saturdays. These hour-long tours include a personal guide, a wagon ride, a stroll through our gardens, meeting our farm animals, and picking a small pumpkin from our patch! They are perfect for families, small groups, or fun with friends!

### FRESH FARM FITNESS

18 years and up \$40 per person  
10/11 10/18 10/25 11 A.M.-12 P.M. and 1-2 P.M.

Dive into an electrifying HIIT workout for all fitness level. Then discover how to whip up mouthwatering, healthy recipes and unlock the secrets of delicious, nutritious eating. This class has four class session.

### THE HATCHERY PRESCHOOL

Ages 3-5 yrs. Mon-Thurs 9 A.M. - 12 P.M.

The Hatchery offers an opportunity to introduce preschoolers ages 3-5 years to farm life at Emma Prusch Farm Park. Activities can include caring for our farm animals, songs, stories, crafts, gardening, and games to develop socialization. Your child will learn alphabet sounds, shapes, and colors in a safe and fun atmosphere! Children must be able to use the restroom unassisted. All children must have valid immunization records on file before the start of class.

## LEISURE CLASSES

### ALL ABOUT ART

\$92 9/21 - 11/9 Sundays Ages 1.5-2.5 years  
(9:30 - 10 A.M.) Eight session class designed for little artists who are ready to explore but not yet toilet trained, this hands-on class introduces children to the world of creativity through arts & crafts, story time, music and sensory play.

### FUN FOR TINY TIKES

\$71 9/12 - 11/7 Ages 1.5-2.5 years  
(9:30 - 10 A.M.) This engaging eight-class session introduces young participants to the classroom environment while creating a bonding experience with their caregivers. Explore our preschool classroom and create memories.

### GHOST TOURS

\$30 Sat 10/18 & Fri 10/24 Ages 14 and older  
(7 - 9 P.M.) Step into the eerie past of Emma Prusch Farm Park on this spine-chilling haunted tour. As dusk falls and shadows grow longer, explore the farm's historic grounds, where ghostly whispers and strange happenings have been reported for decades.

### EMMA'S LITTLE FARMERS

\$48 9/21 - 10/5 Sundays Ages 4-7 years  
(10 - 11 A.M.) Children will experience the joys of living on a farm during this three session class. From tending gardens to caring for our farm animals, Children will get a glimpse of farm life.

### PARK POTTERY STUDIO

\$50 Sat 10/18 Ages 5-8 years  
(10 - 11 A.M.) Get ready for some serious fun, clay-slinging, family bonding at Emma Prusch Farm Park! Imagine this: sunshine, happy farm sounds, and you and your kiddos turning blobs of clay into awesome bowls and silly animal sculptures!

408-794-6262

www.sjregistration.com

prusch.park@sanjoseca.gov

# PARKS DIVISION

- Join us for our 10th Birthday!  
VivaCalleSJ closing almost 10 miles of streets on September 7th
- To close out the Summer Season, VivaParks team will be hosting four events- Hester, Plata Arroyo, Payne Avenue Friendship and Cahalan Park\*
- Paint The CitySJ will be offering events through September. Advance Registration is required which can be done via our [Eventbrite page](#).

\*Movie night 6PM-10:30PM



JUNE					JULY				
MON	TUES	WED	THURS		MON	TUES	WED	THURS	
		Brigadoon Park 11	Backesto Park 12			Rocksprings Park 1	Fowler Creek Park 2	Cahill Park 3	
16 Bonita Park	17 Meadowfair Park	18	JUNE TEENTH NO EVENT 19		7 Noble Park	8 Mayfair Park	9 Lobue Park	10 Silver Leaf Park	
23 Tamien Park	24 Welch Park	25 Roosevelt Park	26 Lake Cunningham Park @ Jackson Sports Park		14 West Evergreen Park	15 Capitol Park	16 Wallenberg Park	17 Mercado Park	
30 Luna Park					21 Waterford Park	22 Fernish Park	23 Chris Hotts Park	24 Cimarron Park	
AUGUST									
MON	TUES	WED	THURS						
4 Rainbow Park	5 River Oaks Park	6 Blebrach Park	7 Rubino Park						
11 La Colina Park	12 Children of the Rainbow Park	13 Great Oaks Park	14 Kelley Park						
18 Marjane Hamann Park	19 Bellevue Park	20 Paul Moore Park	21 Brigadoon Park						
25 Hester Park	26 Plata Arroyo Park	27 Payne Avenue Friendship Park	28 Cahalan Park						

FOLLOW US @ VIVAPARKSSJ

**CONTACT US**  
(408) 535-6887  
Placemaking@sanjoseca.gov  
www.sanjoseca.gov/Placemaking

**LEARN MORE**

To request an accommodation for City-sponsored events or an alternative format for printed materials, please email placemaking@sanjoseca.gov or call (800) 735-2922 (TTY) as soon as possible, but at least three business days before the event.



# COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION

- August 28 and 29: Dumpster Day  
Event in CD 4 at Berryessa  
Community Center
  - from 8 - 11:30 a.m.\*
- September 20: California Coastal  
Clean Up
- Ways to report Graffiti & Illegal  
Dumping
  - San José 311 App or via the  
Website

\*OR UNTIL BINS ARE FULL





## DÍA DE CONTENEDOR DE BASURA



**28 y 29 de Agosto**  
**8 - 11:30 A.M.**

**Berryessa Community Center**  
3050 Berryessa Rd.,  
San José, CA 95132

O HASTA QUE LOS CONTENEDORES ESTÉN LLENOS\*

✓ Artículos Aceptados	✗ Artículos No Aceptados
✓ Electrodomésticos	✗ Productos automotrices y de limpieza
✓ Somieres	✗ Aceite
✓ Ladrillo	✗ Pintura
✓ Cables/alambres	✗ Pesticidas
✓ Alfombra	✗ Rocas
✓ Celulares	✗ Disolventes y otros productos farmacéuticos
✓ Bloques de cemento	✗ Remolques de más de 4x8
✓ Computadoras y televisores	✗ Vehículos U-haul
✓ Copiadoras/Impresoras	
✓ Concreto	
✓ Mostradores	
✓ Escritorios	
✓ Cajones	
✓ Cercado	
✓ Vidrio	
✓ Ferretería	
✓ Troncos	
✓ Madera cortada	
✓ Colchones	
✓ Monitores/pantallas	
✓ Equipo de oficina	
✓ Muebles viejos	
✓ Espuma de poliestireno	
✓ Plástico	
✓ Refrigeradores	
✓ Estéreos	
✓ Llantas	
✓ Baños	
✓ Reproductores de VCR/DVD	
✓ Madera	

**Goodwill of Silicon Valley acepta una amplia variedad de artículos, incluidos ropa, artículos para el hogar, zapatos, libros, joyas y productos electrónicos.**

# STAY UP TO DATE WITH PRNS



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## Commissioners' Report Per District

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**VII. ITEMS FOR FUTURE COMMISSION  
MEETING AGENDAS**

## **VIII. MEETING SCHEDULE AND AGENDA ITEM**

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE SEPTEMBER 22, 2025  
IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

## IX. ADJOURNMENT