



LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS' REPORT  
LOS ALTOS LIBRARY AND WOODLAND BRANCH  
SEPTEMBER 2014

Los Altos Library

September '14

September '13

Total Circulation	88,096	96,285
Adult Circulation	47,768	52,690
Children's Circulation	40,328	43,595
Number of Programs	58	51
Program Attendance	2,588	2,057
New Card Registrations	135	174

Woodland Branch

Total Circulation	17,406	18,455
Adult Circulation	8,131	8,579
Children's Circulation	9,275	9,876
Number of Programs	12	13
Program Attendance	166	120
New Card Registration	36	31



Joe Simitian, Council Member



Town Crier



Mayors Satterlee and John Radford

## Overview of the Centennial Celebration

The Los Altos Library “Then and Now” show celebrated the library’s history and service from 1914 to the present day, entertaining and educating 2,087 people who came to enjoy the event - almost twice that of a regular Saturday.

At 9:30 a.m. outside the library, the festivities began. Customers enjoyed free coffee and pastries, a jazz combo, a Penny-Farthing Bicycle show, and a cavalcade of cars depicting vehicles from each decade, from the 1914 Model T, to the 2014 Tesla. Boy Scout Troop 31 led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and the Town Crier rang in the event, heralding opening statements and a joint proclamation presentation by Los Altos Hills Mayor John Bradford, and Los Altos Mayor Megan Satterlee. County Supervisor Joe Simitian spoke in support of libraries, followed by Director Nancy Howe who gave a tribute to long time Los Altos Librarian Carol Tefft.

The fun continued inside the library with a full morning of children’s programs as well as a “Then and Now” presentation of the library’s history as it unfolded on our digital screens. Wall panels illustrating library locations during the past century, as well as portraits of the librarians who managed them, were of great interest and drew a crowd, but the biggest draw, apart from the children’s programs, was the 3D Printer in full printing mode making small items to give away.

Children celebrated with magic, music, costumes and animal balloons. Other featured attractions include a plaque in honor of Carol Tefft, former Los Altos librarian, a display by the Native Plant Society, watercolors by the Los Altos Art Club, and ceramics by the Orchard Valley Ceramic Art Guild. Music was provided by the ‘Bout Time Blue Grass Band, Park Avenue Jazz and the Palo Alto Philharmonic Quartet, prompting many customers to seek out staff to thank us for the music and a festive day. # Programs Offered: 16 # People: 2111



Los Altos Library / Woodland Branch

September/October Programs 2014



Wednesday September 24

Storytelling with Enid Davis

Enid David presented a special storytelling presentation titled "Laugh Your Head Off." Children and adults enjoyed listening to humorous stories about fools from around the world.



Thursday October 9

Family Games Afternoon  
Celebrating Games by the Decade

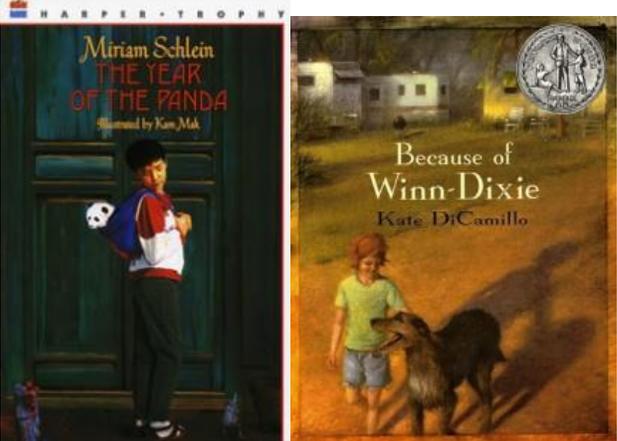
To celebrate the library's 100 year anniversary, the Los Altos Library hosted a special family game afternoon featuring games from different decades. Children and adults enjoyed playing new and favorite games.



Saturday October 11

Los Altos Library Centennial Faire

The Los Altos Library celebrated 100 years with a whole day full of family activities. Families enjoyed music, magic, storytelling, balloons, and costumes from the decades provided by the Assistance League of Los Altos.

	<p>Tuesday October 14 Wednesday October 15</p> <p>Book Clubs</p> <p>Children in grades 2 and 3 reading and discussing "Year of the Panda" by Miriam Schlein.</p> <p>Children in grades 4-6 enjoyed the Cool Kids Read Book Club by reading and discussing "Because of Winn-Dixie" by Kate DiCamillo</p>
	<p><b>WOODLAND</b> Family Games Afternoon Celebrating Games by the Decade</p> <p>Tuesday October 14</p> <p>Families at the Woodland Library enjoyed playing games to celebrate the library's 100 year anniversary. Games included board games, jacks, and other fun games from a variety of decades.</p>

## ONGOING PROGRAMS

### Los Altos

Toddler Story Time

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursday – 10:15 am

Preschool Story Time

Tuesdays, Wednesdays – 11:00 am

Baby Lapsit with Baby Sign Language every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday

Wednesdays – 1:00 pm

Bedtime Story Time

Thursdays -7:00 pm

Reading Buddies

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday -11:00 AM

4<sup>th</sup> Saturday 2:30 PM

Afternoon Movie

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday- 2:00 PM

**UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

Halloween Family Fun  
 Wednesday October 29, 4:00 PM

Enjoy family friendly crafts and treats in celebration of Halloween at the Los Altos Library. Families and children of all ages are invited.

**Woodland**

Baby Lapsit  
 Mondays- 1:15 PM

Family Storytime  
 Mondays- 7:00 PM

Toddler Storytime  
 Thursdays- 10:15 AM

**UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

Woodland Centennial Celebration  
 Monday November 17, 7:00 PM

Families are invited to enjoy an educational reptile program provided by "For Goodness Snakes." Learn about the reptiles and see them in real life at the library. Refreshments will be provided.

Main Library: 650-948-7683 Woodland Br: 650-969-6030		<b>Los Altos Library Calendar – November 2014</b>		www.scccl.org/losaltos	
 <b>Children's Programs</b>		 <b>Adult/Teen Programs</b>		 <b>Saturday 11/15</b>	
Mon. 11/3, 4 pm	GreenGolly & Her Golden Flute	Every Monday 11/3 - 11/24, 7 pm	Big History: Revolutions, Civilizations, Empires	 11 am — 4 pm <b>Storytelling Festival</b> Featuring nationally acclaimed storytellers Erica Lann-Clark and Willy Clafin. Recommended for ages 4 and up. Light refreshments.	
Wed. 11/5 & 19, 1 pm	Baby Sign Class	Tue. 11/4, 4 pm	Knit & Crochet Circle		
Every Thursday beginning 11/6, 11 am	Mandarin-English Storytime 	Wed. 11/5, 10:15 am	Mystery Readers Group		
Sat. 11/8, 11 am	Reading Buddies	Wed. 11/5, 7 pm	World Affairs Council		
Sat. 11/8, 2 pm	Afternoon Family Movie	Thur. 11/13, 1 pm	Senior Book Group		
Thur. 11/13, 4 pm	Family Game Afternoon	Fri. 11/14, Sat. 11/15 Sun. 11/16	Friends of the Library Book Sale 		
Tue. 11/18, 4 pm	Book Bugs Club— Grades 2-3	Tue. 11/18, 6 pm	Great Books Club		
Wed. 11/19, 4 pm	Cool Kids Read Book Club Grades 4-6 	Wed. 11/19, 7 pm	History of Guitar Music		
Thur. 11/20, 7 pm	Western Ballet—Nutmcracker	Wed. 11/26, 7 pm	Master Gardeners		
Sat. 11/22, 2:30 pm	Reading Buddies	 <b>LIBRARY HOLIDAYS 11/11, 27 &amp; 28</b> 			
		<b>The Los Altos Library Endowment</b> Here for Our Library - Today and Tomorrow!		P.O. Box 367 Los Altos, CA 94023-0367 www.lalendow.org 	



### **Welcoming Irish Atajar to the Woodland Library**

Please join us in welcoming Irish Atajar to the Woodland Library. Irish has worked as a Youth Service Librarian at the Menlo Park Library where some of her favorite programs include pumpkin carving, gingerbread house building, scavenger hunt, and a pet adoption and information fair. When she is not at work, Irish enjoys baking, reading, and listening to music. She always has an audio book in her car and she is currently enjoying the narration of Davina Porter in *Splendors and Glooms*. Welcome Irish!