Libraries + Art = Infinite Possibilities

FREE arts events for youth and families at all ten Alameda County Library locations throughout March!

In honor of Art IS Education month, the Alameda County Library is presenting a special series of free arts events. Art IS Education is an annual showcase of youth arts learning in Alameda County in March during national Arts Education Month.

The Alameda County Library is working in partnership with the Alameda County Arts Commission and the Alameda County Office of Education to expand the reach of Art IS Education to library patrons.

More info at www.aclibrary.org
Art IS Education Events at the Alameda County Library

In honor of Art IS Education month in March, Alameda County Library is presenting a series of over 50 free arts events for children and families! Art IS Education is an annual celebration of youth arts learning in Alameda County in March during national Arts Education Month. The Art IS Education theme this year is “Creating A Better Future Together.” Join the fun at the events, explore creative activities for the whole family, and create a better future together!

**ALBANY LIBRARY**
1247 Marin Ave., Albany, CA 94706
510-526-3720; TTY 888-663-0660; www.albanylibrary.wordpress.com

**Tuesday & Thursday, February 21 & 23, 3 - 4:30 pm**  
**Community Collage Quilt Workshops**
Join teaching artist Lilli Lanier as we use colorful recycled paper materials to create a community paper quilt for display during Art IS Education Month. All ages welcome, and all materials are provided.

**March 1 - 31, During open hours**  
**Art Display**
In honor of Art IS Education month, the library will be transformed into an art gallery featuring artwork from the young artists of Albany schools. During open hours, check out the creativity and explosion of color on the library shelves, walls and our lighted display case.

**Thursday, March 1, Adults 1 pm; Teens 2:45 pm**  
**Jewelry Workshops**
Adults and teens learn the finer points of jewelry-making from artist Yu-Lan Deng and take home beautiful creations of their own. Materials are provided.

**Saturday, March 17, 2 pm**  
**Shadow Puppet Show & Workshop**
Enjoy a shadow puppet performance with Daniel Barash and then make puppets and scenery to put your own imagination on stage!

**Saturday, March 31, 1 pm**  
**Origami Workshop**
Learn how to make paper cherry blossoms and sonobes, a traditional origami form, with teaching artist Margo Wecksler in this magical celebration of Spring. All ages welcome!

**BOOKMOBILE**
Various locations throughout Alameda County
510-745-1477; TTY 888-663-0660; www.aclibrary.org/branches/bkm

**March 1 - 31**  
**“One Nice Thing…” Community Quilt**
Throughout March, Bookmobile patrons are invited to decorate a community quilt square around the theme, “One Nice Thing…” Bookmobile patrons of all ages can decorate their paper square with “one nice thing” they have done or will do to honor the theme, “Creating A Better Future Together.” Also, during regularly scheduled Hot Wheels stops at preschools in March, Bookmobile staff will share stories about making positive changes in honor of the Art IS Education theme.

**CASTRO VALLEY LIBRARY**
3600 Norbridge Ave., Castro Valley, CA 94546
510-667-7900; TTY 888-663-0660; www.csvlib.wordpress.com

**March 1 - 31**  
**Art Exhibits**
Enjoy two wonderful art exhibitions throughout March. Leonard Breger’s large scale “cut shape” art pieces will be on display in the Library’s art gallery, and hand painted porcelain pieces created by the artists from the Artist Guild of the East Bay will be presented in the lobby display case.
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<td>Bollywood Concert</td>
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<td>Join us in the Chabot/Canyon Room for a free Bollywood music and dance concert performed by JhankarLive, a local group of passionate Indian music enthusiasts. This group focuses on helping to secure a better life for underprivileged children throughout the world.</td>
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<td><strong>Saturday, March 10, 2 - 3 pm</strong></td>
<td>Taiwanese Puppet Family Workshop</td>
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<td>Children and families are invited to come together in the Castro Valley Library’s Learning Center to explore the tradition of Taiwanese puppet making and make a puppet to take home. Sign up is required, please call 510-667-7900 to register.</td>
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<td><strong>Saturday, March 24, 1 - 2:30 pm</strong></td>
<td>Teen Jewelry Workshop</td>
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<td>Teens are invited to join artist Chelsee Robinson for a jewelry-making workshop! This free 1 1/2 hour program, will let teens get creative as they construct their own cool jewelry. Instruction, beads and tools will be provided. Teens will go home with either a custom hand-crafted necklace or bracelet and earrings! Please contact the Library at 510-667-7900 for time and date and to register for the program.</td>
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<td><strong>Thursday, March 29, 10:30 - 11:30 am</strong></td>
<td>Preschool Playtime</td>
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<td>Bring your favorite adult and come play in the Chabot/Canyon Room! We'll be reading stories and playing with toys, puzzles and games. There will also be a community paper quilt craft for children four years and over. All ages welcome.</td>
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**CENTERVILLE LIBRARY**

3801 Nicolet Ave., Fremont, CA 94536
510-795-2629; TTY 888-663-0660; www.fremontlibraries.wordpress.com

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<td><strong>Tuesdays, March 6, 13, 20 from 2 - 6 pm</strong></td>
<td>Hand-in-Hand Paper People Project</td>
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<td>Participants will have fun decorating a paper cut-out person with crayons and recycled materials and attaching a message about one thing that’s important to creating a better future. All the paper people will be connected hand-in-hand to make a long, free-turning chain for display in the library. The community is invited to bring drawings and photos about the theme “Creating A Better Future Together” to add to the artwork.</td>
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<td><strong>Thursdays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 from 3:30 - 4:30 pm</strong></td>
<td>Read-To-Me Storytimes</td>
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<td>During storytimes in March, our trained teen storytellers will read inspiring stories in honor of the Art IS Education theme “Creating a Better Future Together.”</td>
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**DUBLIN LIBRARY**

200 Civic Plaza, Dublin, CA 94568
925-828-1315; TTY 888-663-0660; www.dublinlibrary.wordpress.com

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<td>Join teaching artist Marion Coleman to create a paper quilt on the theme of “Creating A Better Future Together.” Families can drop in any time between 1 pm - 3 pm to design a paper quilt square. The finished quilt will be displayed in the Library during March. All supplies are provided. Funding for this program is provided by the Friends of the Dublin Library.</td>
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SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 10:30 AM  BOOKMAKING WORKSHOP

TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 3:30 PM  COMMUNITY COLLAGE QUILT WORKSHOP
Come and help us use colorful recycled paper materials to create a community collage quilt on the theme of “Creating A Better Future Together.” This workshop is for school-aged children, and the finished paper quilt will be displayed in the library.

SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 2 PM  TEEN FRIENDSHIP BRACELET WORKSHOP
Make colorful friendship bracelets for friends and family! This free workshop is for teens. Registration is necessary and begins March 10. Please register at the Information Desk at 510-745-1401 or email ebuchanan@aclibrary.org.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 1 PM  PRESCHOOL CRAFTS WORKSHOP
Have fun and learn new things by making art! This workshop is especially for preschoolers and will use recycled materials to create a craft project. This program is limited to the first 50 children.

DAY/TIME TO BE ANNOUNCED  WATERCOLOR DEMONSTRATION & WORKSHOP
The California Watercolor Association will be presenting a demonstration and lesson for children using the colorful medium of watercolor. Please contact the Library at 510-745-1421 for time and date.

IRVINGTON LIBRARY
41825 Greenpark Dr., Fremont, CA 94538
510-795-2631; TTY 888-663-0660; www.fremontlibraries.wordpress.com

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 3:30 PM  MY WORLD IS COLORFUL WORKSHOP
Children will use a variety of patterned and colored paper to create a world as seen through their eyes. Using art, they will define what their world looks like in color through a collage technique.

NEWARK LIBRARY
6300 Civic Terrace Ave., Newark, CA 94560
510-795-2627; TTY 888-663-0660; www.newarklibrary.wordpress.com

FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 10:45 AM - 11:15 AM  TODDLER ART WORKSHOP
Join us for a fun art project designed for children ages 2 - 4 years. Parents will need to accompany their children, and please wear clothing that can get dirty in case we make a mess.

SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 1 - 1:45 PM  NURTURING YOUR CHILD’S ART
This workshop, specifically for parents, provides an opportunity to learn from Shui Kwan Chandrasekaran the ways you can value your children’s artistic expressions to encourage their creativity.

SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 3 - 3:45 PM  PHYSICS IS ALL AROUND YOU
This workshop is for 3-6 year-olds and involves movement, counting and color in explaining physics to young children. This workshop is limited to 25 children and 25 parents or caregivers. Please arrive on time, as we want you to get all you can out of your time with Dr. G, also known as Dr. Gunjan Chakravarty. Sign up via email with Kathleen at kblair@aclibrary.org, by phone at 510-795-2627 x23, or at the Information Desk.
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| Saturday, March 24, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm | Updos: Hair as Art  
Learn hair styling techniques for special events and everyday fashion with licensed cosmetologist Rachel Hamill. Registration is required. Sign up at the Information Desk, call Barbara at 510-795-2627 x20 or email btelford-ishida@aclibrary.org. |
| Saturday, March 24, 3 - 4 pm | Community Collage Quilt Workshop  
Join teaching artist Marion Coleman as we use colorful recycled paper materials to create a community collage quilt on the theme of “Creating A Better Future Together.” The finished paper quilt will be displayed in the library. All ages welcome and all materials are provided. |
| Saturday, March 24, 3 - 3:45 pm | Music Dan Concert  
Enjoy singing old favorites and learn a few new songs, too! Dan brings along a guitar, mandolin, ukulele, and banjo for sing-along fun. Best for families with children ages 3 and older. No registration is necessary, just drop in to the Children's area. |
| Saturday, March 31, 2 - 3:30 pm | Bollywood Music Live!  
Local Indian music group JhankarLive performs Bollywood music, both fast-paced and soft and melodious. The Jhankaris, a group of passionate music enthusiasts, have performed for charitable causes and supported education and development of artistic talent for poor children since 2006. |
| Day/Time to be announced | Watercolor Demonstration & Workshop  
Teens and adults, join an artist from the California Watercolor Association to learn the basics of watercolor painting. All materials will be provided, and registration is required. Call the Library at 510-795-2627 to find out the day & time and to register. |

### NILES LIBRARY

150 I Street, Fremont, CA 94538  
510-795-2626; TTY 888-663-0660; www.fremontlibraries.wordpress.com

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| Tuesday, March 6, 3:30 pm | Color My World Craft Workshop  
Children will use a variety of patterned and colored paper to create their "perfect" world. Using art, they will explore how they can make a difference in what their world looks like. |

### SAN LORENZO LIBRARY

395 Paseo Grande, San Lorenzo, CA 94580  
510-670-6283; TTY 888-663-0660; www.sanlorenzolibrary.wordpress.com

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| March 1 - 31, Deadline March 25 | Children's Book Competition  
Promote the importance of reading to our San Lorenzo kids by authoring and illustrating your very own children's book in our month-long competition. All ages welcome! Full details on rules and prizes are available at our library and soon on our blog at sanlorenzolibrary.wordpress.com. |
| Saturday, March 3, 1 - 4 pm | Printmaking Quilt Workshop  
All ages are invited to be a part of the San Lorenzo Library’s newest community art project, the “Building San Lorenzo Together” Community Collage Quilt! At our printmaking workshop led by artist Susan Sullivan, or on your own, create unique quilt panels that will be sewn together and showcased in the library at the end of March as one mosaic masterpiece! |
| Saturday, March 31, Time to be announced | Poetic Beats Workshop  
Unlock your creativity, and discover the power of poetry and self-expression – with a beat. Join us as the Oakland-based Beats, Rhymes, and Life crew shares how to use the art of rap to articulate your reality and to form your ideas into inspiring and poetic pieces. This workshop will be part of the youth empowerment event, Remaking the Art of Community Change. Please contact the Library in advance at 510-670-6283 x12 for workshop time and location information. |
Saturday, March 3, 2 - 3 pm  
**Indian Classical Dance Performance**
Natyanjali Dance Academy will perform Bharatanatyam which is one of the ancient classical dance forms of India originating in southern India. This dance form is characterized by colorful costumes and powerful movements set to a lively rhythm. www.natyanjali.org

Friday, March 9, 3:30 - 5 PM  
**Paper Quilt Collage Workshop**
School-age kids and parents are invited to make a paper quilt collage on the theme “Creating A Better Future Together” in the Library. Join us to explore how you can express yourself with colorful and recycled paper. The resulting quilt will be on display in the Library.

Saturday, March 10, 11:30 am and 1:30 pm  
**Family Quilting Project Workshops**
Kids and parents will learn about fabric art and the quilting process in these free quilting workshops with noted local artist Marion Coleman. Each person will make a self-portrait on a fabric quilt square which will become part of the community quilt art piece “We Are The Future” at the Library. This artwork will be displayed permanently in the children’s area. www.marioncoleman.com

Sunday, March 18, 3 - 4:30 pm  
**Persian New Year Dance Performance**
Enjoy the graceful flowing movements and swirling skirts as Shahrzad Dance Academy shares the Persian culture of dance. These dances will celebrate Nowruz, the festival of the New Year, which marks the first day of Spring and the beginning of the year. In Persian culture, Nowruz is celebrated on the Vernal Equinox each year. www.dancepersian.org

Saturday, March 24, 2 - 3:30 PM  
**Tween Duct Tape Art Workshop**
Tweens ages 8 - 12 years are invited to learn how to make objects out of duct tape of various colors. Come have fun and learn new art skills!

Day/Time to be announced  
**Watercolor Demonstration & Workshop**
The California Watercolor Association will be presenting a demonstration and lesson for teens using the colorful medium of watercolor. Please contact the Library at 510-745-1464 for time and date.

WRITE TO READ at the ALAMEDA COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER
2500 Fairmont Dr., San Leandro, CA 94578
510-667-4347; TTY 888-663-0660; http://juviewrite2read.aclibrary.org

Monday, March 12  
**Author Visit: Alexander Gordon Smith**
All the way from the England, Alexander Gordon Smith visits the youth at the Juvenile Justice Center as one of his few stops in the Bay Area! Smith’s *Lockdown* series is highly charged adventure that makes it a top read for the Juvenile Justice Center youth. Thirty-three years old, Smith created his future as a full-time writer - and helps others do the same! Please note that this event is not open to the public.

Day/Time to be announced  
**Author Visit: Kemba Smith**
In honor of Women’s History Month and Art IS Education, Kemba Smith will speak to Juvenile Justice Center youth about how she created a better future for herself and for other women after being sentenced to 24 years in federal prison for the crime of being associated with a drug dealer. Please note that this event is not open to the public.

**Art IS Education is a project of the Alameda County Office of Education in partnership with the Alameda County Arts Commission. Learn more at www.artiseducation.org and www.acgov.org/arts.**