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Santa Clara County Library District Locations to Expand Library Access

New Change Takes Effect on Monday, April 19

SANTA CLARA COUNTY, CALIF. – Welcome back to the Library! Words that will ring true for the Santa Clara County Library District (SCCLD) starting **Monday, April 19**. With Santa Clara County under the Orange Tier of the state's [Blueprint for a Safer Economy](#) plan, SCCLD is happy to announce patrons will be able to enjoy expanded building access with up to 50% occupancy starting April 19. Visitors will be able to browse the full library collection and enjoy [computer and printing services](#) at Cupertino, Gilroy, Los Altos, Milpitas, Morgan Hill and Saratoga Libraries Monday-Saturday. Hours will also be expanded and announced at a later date. Library events will continue to be held virtually.

"It is exciting to welcome patrons back into our library spaces," said County Librarian Jennifer Weeks. "It has been a challenging year, and we thank our patrons for their patience. Due to the hard work and flexibility of our staff, the District has provided a wide variety of in-person and virtual library services that evolved along with the changing COVID-19 guidelines. We are now looking forward to this next step to serve our communities."

Modifications have been made for the health and safety of patrons and staff. Visitors are asked to limit their stay up to one hour. They must also be COVID-19 symptom free, wear a face covering and maintain social distance. Hand sanitizer is available to patrons as they enter and exit the library. Use of the self-service machines to check out items is encouraged. Patrons will need to have their library card with them, or know their library card number and PIN to use the self-check machines. Patrons can call **(408) 540-3945** for assistance.

"This is wonderful news for Santa Clara County Library District patrons!" said Mike Wasserman, President of the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors and Chair of the Library Joint Powers Authority Board. "It's encouraging to see more businesses, schools and our libraries able to welcome residents back. The Library District offers free resources and services for residents of all ages and is an important part of every strong community."

Campbell Library, in anticipation of its move to a temporary location later this spring, will continue to provide curbside and walkup service Monday-Saturday. In partnership with the City of Campbell, plans for the full library renovation move forward and library services will be relocated to a temporary facility, conveniently located in the Campbell Community Center. More details will be provided at a later date.

Patrons may still arrange for contactless curbside service, where a staff member will bring a patron's items to their vehicle. Appointments can be made [online](#) or by calling (408) 540-3947. [Account](#) and [reference](#) service will continue by phone, email, or chat. All additional updates about SCCLD services are available at [sccl.org/informed](#).

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About the Santa Clara County Library District

The Santa Clara County Library District (SCCLD) promotes knowledge, ideas, and cultural enrichment. Its collection includes more than 2 million books, videos, CDs, DVDs/Blu-rays, audiobooks, eBooks and extensive online resources accessible from anywhere with an internet connection. In 2014, SCCLD celebrated one hundred years of service to local residents.

For the last thirteen years, SCCLD has been consistently recognized as one of America's Star Libraries by Library Journal. In 2020, SCCLD was ranked among the top ten libraries in the United States with expenditures over \$30 million in their Index of Public Library Service. In 2014 and 2019, SCCLD won Innovator Awards from the Urban Libraries Council. SCCLD also received a Challenge Award in 2019 from the California State Association of Counties.

SCCLD includes two bookmobiles, an online library, seven community libraries and one branch library serving Campbell, Cupertino, Gilroy, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Milpitas, Monte Sereno, Morgan Hill, Saratoga and the unincorporated areas of Santa Clara County. In 2019, SCCLD had over 428,000 library accounts and welcomed 3.4 million visitors, who borrowed 10.2 million items.

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