

City Manager's Bi-Weekly Report April 28, 2022

Dante Hall, City Manager



CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

Swim Meet

The Hercules High School Titans Swim Team and Vallejo Redhawks had their Senior Night at our pool last week. Amazing celebrations for the senior swimmers. Congratulations on the win and fantastic races! Thank you to all the families, friends, and coaches for coming out supporting the swimmers.



Lifeguard Training

The Hercules Parks and Recreation Department will be holding another Lifeguard Training course over the span of 2 weekends in May. The class will be held on Saturday and Sunday, May 14, 15, 21 and 22, from 9:00am – 5:30pm. If you are looking for a summer job that is exciting and rewarding, there is no better position than to teach someone a great life skill, and to potentially save lives. Our lifeguard training course provides you with all the certifications that are required to work as a City of Hercules Lifeguard. Participants will receive certificates in American Red Cross Lifeguarding, CPR and Automated External Defibrillator (AED) for Professional Rescuers, First Aid and Title 22.



Splash-A-Palooza

What a Splashtastic event Splash-A-Palooza was on April 16, 2022. The event started with swim tests, and ended with some super-Splashes! When the cannonballs, can openers and jack knife were done, we had an EGGciting EGG hunt as well. We'd like to thank Mayor Dion Bailey, Vice Mayor Alex Walker-Griffin, Steve Kirby, and Tanya Little for volunteering their time to judge the contest.

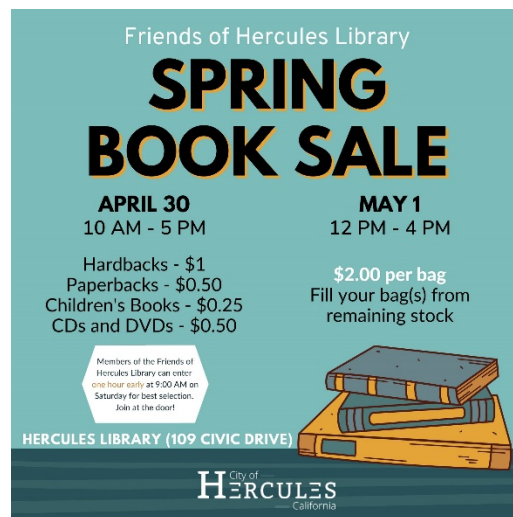
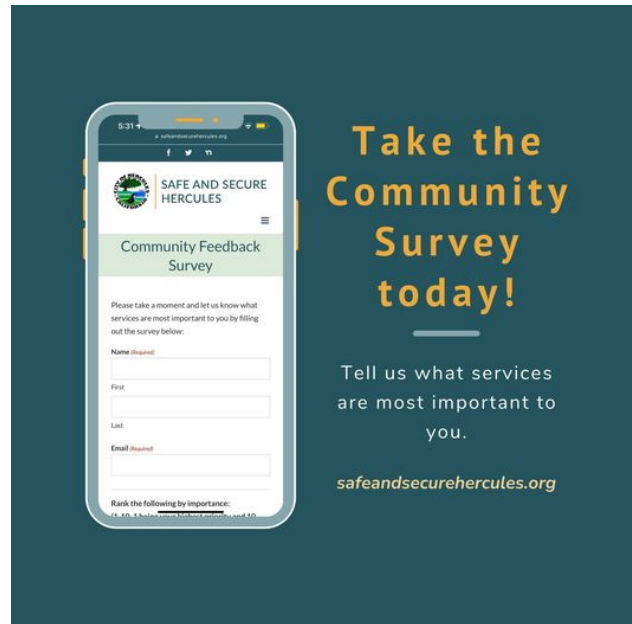
Community Survey

The City has worked hard to maintain quality service in these uncertain times. To better understand community needs, we are conducting a community survey where you can provide input on service priority.

To take the community survey, visit <https://safeandsecurehercules.org/community-feedback-survey/>.

Hercules Library Spring Book Sale

Come out to the Friends of Hercules Library Spring Book Sale on Saturday, April 30 and Sunday, May 1 at Hercules Library. Join us and find your next great read!



Community Clean Up Day



The Community Cleanup Day is right around the corner! It's time to do some spring cleaning and get rid of those unwanted items that have been laying around taking up space all year long, and we have the perfect opportunity to help you out with this process. Community Cleanup Day will be held on Saturday, May 7, 2022, at the Corporation Yard, located at 1000 Sycamore Avenue from 8-11am. To participate, please bring an ID that shows you are a resident of Hercules. Cars enter through the back gate off Willet and exit on Sycamore Ave. A small donation is requested to help cover costs of the event.

Hercules Connect

Looking for an easy way to report non-emergency issues? Download Hercules Connect today! Our new citizen request app allows residents to report issues, access city information, view City Council agendas and more!

App Store: <https://apps.apple.com/.../hercules-connect/id1605992188...>

Google Play: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details...>



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- Receive Notifications
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DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY CLERK

Council Meeting Public Participation

The City of Hercules is proud to offer in-person City Council meetings again. While attendees are welcome to join us at City Hall, members of the community who prefer online participation can still join using Zoom. Our new hybrid format will allow for maximum civic engagement. The Webinar ID and password credentials for joining meetings will be provided on each meeting agenda. The live stream of the meeting may be viewed on television Comcast Channel 28 and/or online at <https://hercules.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the office of the City Clerk (510-799-8215). Notification 48 hours prior to a meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to that meeting [28 CFR 35.102.35.104 ADA Title II].

Human Resources

For a current listing of employment opportunities at the City of Hercules go to: [Hercules Employment Opportunities](#).

City Meeting Schedules

City Council Meetings

The Hercules City Council meets regularly on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 7 p.m.

Community and Library Services Commission Meetings

The Hercules Library and Community Services Commission meets regularly on the 2nd Monday of each month. Please refer to the Agenda cover for Zoom information to watch the meeting live.

Finance Commission Meetings

The Hercules Finance Commission will meet regularly every other month on the 3rd Wednesday.

Planning Commission Meetings

The Hercules Planning Commission meets regularly on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month.

To view City Council and Planning Commission meeting videos online go to: [Hercules Meeting Videos](#).

Viewing of **LIVE** City of Hercules City Council and City Commission meetings can be done by performing the following:

1. Browse to the City of Hercules website at: www.ci.hercules.ca.us
2. Click the “**I Want To**” menu.
3. Click the “**View City of Hercules committee meetings**” link.
4. Locate the desired meeting and date.
5. Click the associated “**Video**” link (Video status is as follows):
 - **Video** = Video is available for on demand viewing.
 - **In Progress** = Video is available for viewing during live recording.
 - **Not Available** = Video is either unavailable or has not been recorded.

CCTV Meeting Broadcast Replay

To view live broadcasts of Hercules City Council and Planning Commission meetings tune in to Hercules Government Channel 28 on Comcast Cable.

The following is the Contra Costa Television (CCCTV) Broadcast replay schedule of Hercules City Council and Planning Commission meeting videos.

City Council Meeting

Meetings will replay on the following dates & times after the live meeting broadcast:

- Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday at 1:00 p.m.

Planning Commission Meeting

Meetings will replay on the following dates & times after the live meeting broadcast:

- Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday at 9:00 a.m.

Upcoming Meetings

- City Council Meeting May 10, 2022 at 7:00 pm
- City of Hercules Community Town Hall May 17, 2022 at 6:30 pm
- Planning Commission May 16, 2022 at 7:00 pm

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Building & Planning Departments Open

Community Development staff, with support from Contra Costa County staff, process new building permits and inspection requests. The City’s Community Development front desk is open to the public, Monday–Thursday, 8:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m., and 1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m. by appointment. For questions and assistance, please contact Shiva Matinpour (Community Development Specialist) at 510-799-8244 or via email (smatinpour@ci.hercules.ca.us).

Building Inspection Division

	Apr. 11 thru Apr.22, 2022	FY 2021/22 YTD
Number of Permits Issued:	32	738
Total Fees Collected:	\$21,747.43	\$403,933.22
Number of Inspections:	31	573
New Housing:	1	5*

* All housing permits issued for new accessory dwelling units.

Planning Division

- Tentatively approved Administrative Design Review Permit #22-15, a request by Megan Schnurr of Sequoia Signs on behalf of Dream Bowlz, to install an illuminated channel letter sign and a blade sign at 2525 Bayfront Blvd, Suite F (The Grand at Bayfront).
(Final appeal date: Monday, May 9, 2022)

Planning Commission

- **May 2 Meeting is cancelled.**
- **May 16 Meeting:** Planning Commission will hold a hearing to recommend to City Council an **ordinance incorporating objective standards for ministerial approval of up to two dwelling units on a parcel and approval of lots splits in single-family residential districts** (pursuant to California Senate Bill 9, “the California HOME Act”).

City Council

- **May 24 Meeting:** The City Council will hold a public hearing to consider adopting an “**all-electric**” **building requirement for certain new types of construction, including residential and some commercial buildings.**

Housing Element Update



Following the first community workshop held on March 21, the City held **the second virtual workshop for the Housing Element Update on April 25**. You can watch a video recording of the meeting and download the presentation at the [Housing Element webpage](#). Now that the City has gotten initial feedback from the Community on housing concerns and preferences for how to address those concerns, City staff and consultants are drafting the Housing Element document, which should be available by June for 30 days of public review.

Code Enforcement

See some overgrown weeds, a blighted property, abandoned vehicle, or illegal construction that need attention? You can now quickly and easily report any code enforcement issue using the new **Hercules Connect app**. Staff will instantly receive your request, and you'll be automatically notified on your request status. **Hercules Connect is available for download on both Apple and Google devices**. You can also [access Hercules Connect through the City website](#).

An advertisement for the Hercules Connect app. At the top, it says "City Hall in the palm of your hand" and "Download Hercules Connect". Below this is a smartphone displaying the app's interface, which includes a "START REQUEST" button and links to "City of Hercules Facebook" and "City of Hercules Nextdoor". To the right of the phone, there is a list of features: "Access City Information", "Submit Service Requests", "Receive Notifications", and "And more...". Below the list is a QR code and logos for Android and Apple. At the bottom right, it says "Powered by GOGov".

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Maintenance & Operations

Staff completed their regularly scheduled custodial and facility-related tasks in public parks, buildings, and sewer lift stations. They cleaned up numerous illegal dumping and graffiti throughout town and trimmed vegetation on streets as needed for visibility. The landscape screening project around the Corporation Yard is underway and sidewalks are being identified for repair.

Engineering

The design plans are under review for the Sycamore Crossing development project, including the EBMUD relocation of the waterline into San Pablo Avenue and hotel. City is waiting for permits from regulatory agencies so the Sycamore Trunk Sewer Replacement Project can be bid out. This project will replace a long segment of sewer trunk main leading into the Pinole-Hercules Water Pollution Control Plant. Design on the Regional Intermodal Transportation Center (RITC) is

advancing utilizing \$1.2M in grant funding and the City has contracted with GBS who is developing a funding plan to complete the project. A grant application for \$7M to complete the RITC was submitted to Congressman Mike Thompson's office. The sewer conveyance system for the Willow Storage Facility Developer is under review. The Sycamore Avenue Rehabilitation Project and Palm/Willow Sidewalk Project is in final design and staff is pushing hard for the project to be ready for construction this coming season.

Permits

Sewer Lateral Inspection Program:

- Number of application received: 6
- Sewer Lateral Inspection Fees Collected: \$816
- Number of Certifications issued: 6
- Number of Deficiency Notices issued: 5

Wide Load/Transportation Permits Issued: 0

Encroachment Permits Issued: 10

PARKS AND RECREATION

Aquatics



Fun Fact: Did you know swimming burns 40% more calories than biking, and 30% more than running per hour? So change up your work out today and join us at the Hercules Swim Center. Let us help you achieve your fitness goals. Whether it's water walking, lap swimming, Aqua Zumba, swim lessons, or recreation swimming, we look forward to seeing you here.

Swim Lessons

Spring Lessons have started at the Community Swim Center, but it's not too late to register. Our next session will be held on Tu/Th evenings, the perfect time to get a jump on summer Swim lessons.

Speaking of Summer, we are offering 5 sessions of swim lessons this summer. We have morning and evening class opportunities. We have group lessons and private lessons. If you are interested in summer swim lessons, we urge you to register immediately as many of the times and sessions are filling up. Our patient, safety-oriented swim instructors will help you every step along the way. Don't miss your opportunity to sign up.

Lap Swim

Swimming is one of the best full-body workouts available! Whether you lap swim or water walk, come do your workout at the Hercules Community Swim Center. We are offering drop ins, 10 visit and 25 visit individual passes. All swimmers must be at least 14 years old to participate. Lap swim and water walking is allowed from 6:00pm-7:00pm Monday-Friday.

Employment Opportunities

Join our Team. If you or someone you know is looking for a **great** summer job, refer them to us. To join Team Hercules, go to <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/hercules> and complete your application today!

Facilities & Parks



Park Rentals

Last weekend was brimming with activity at our outdoor picnic sites. We had 8 picnics around the different parks with people celebrating birthdays, announcing new family members, and even practicing for an upcoming Camporee. Here is a photo of Troop 76 Boy Scouts from Hercules practicing their skills in knot tying, lashings, fire building and more. Several community members commented on how nice it is to see the parks filled with kids running, bubbles flying, balloons, bbqs, and more. The weather was gorgeous and just right for all activities.

Health & Wellness

Nature in the Park

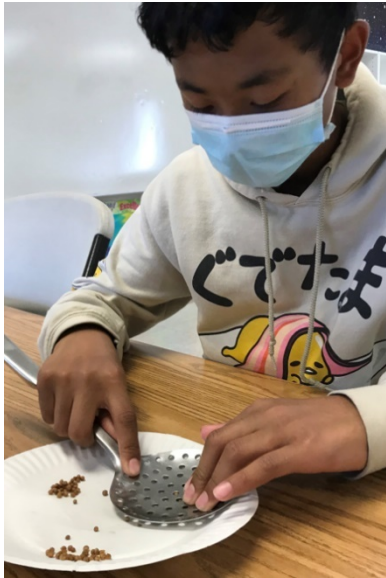
When out for a walk-through Duck Pond Park, a hawk and Oriole were spotted hanging out in a tree. Further along the walk, a caterpillar was on the move. There is beauty in everyday life. All you need to do is stop and look around you. Breathe deep and see the beauty that is all around and often directly in front of you. And no better place to that, then at a park.



Kidz Programs

RAP (Recreational Afterschool Program)

Hanna



Next Monday, May 2, we will be welcoming a new Kindergartner to the program. While it is late in the year to add new kids, the family recently moved to Hercules and the kids in the program are excited to meet them.

Some of the highlights from Hanna over the past two weeks include, a successful and exciting Easter week, lots of games prizes, arts and crafts, and more. Some of the fun projects the kids worked on were leaf art, water bottle flower stamping, tissue painting and recycled paper kits. Table games like zingo evolution and cup games were also a hit!

We also celebrated Earth Day with our seed germination experiment. We attempted to grow cilantro in water with no soil. We soaked the cilantro seeds in water for couple of hours, drained them, then cracked them slightly with huge spoon. Once the seeds cracked, they were placed in the colander with a bowl of water underneath and covered with a wet paper towel for a couple of days; now the paper is removed. We are anticipating the cilantro will grow. We will see! We also placed basil seeds in soil for germination.

Ohlone

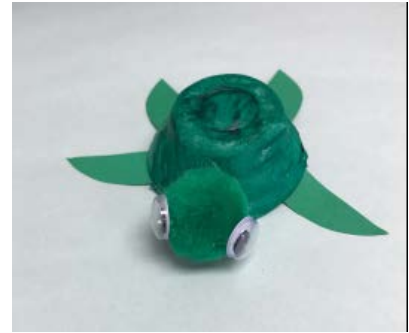
The Easter Bunny came to Ohlone Kidz Center and hid lots of Easter Eggs for the children to find. The children also made bunny masks and decorated Easter Egg sugar cookies...#yum!

We celebrated several fun, although lesser known, holidays in April. For example, on Pinata Day, the kids made Pinata baskets, complete with pinata toy treats; for Licorice Day it was edible art out of licorice string; on Banana Day they created banana necklaces; and on Bulldog Day, they made bulldog stencils. But the most fun was Earth Day. The kids made special Earth Day Medals with beautifully creative messages about ways protect our planet. They wore their Earth Day medals to do a fun Earth Day Scavenger Hunt where they found all the items including a compost bin, a vegetable garden and an animal's home. Staff and participants are having an amazing time at Ohlone RAP!



Lupine

The theme for this month was go green-the environment. The children planted flowers and are watching them grow. They are very excited to take them home and replant them. They also got used t-shirts and made bags for shopping. Out of used egg cartons they made little turtles.



Seniors

Birthday Celebration

Celebrate your birthday with us! Join us on Friday, May 20, at 11:30am for lunch, cake, and birthday wishes! Please reserve your seat a day in advance, by calling 510-799-8219.

Café Costa

25 Seniors attended the in-person meal on Tuesday, April 25. Those in attendance enjoyed a cheeseburger with coleslaw, hearty vegetable soup, baked beans, and seasonal fresh fruit. The congregate meal plan is currently averaging 25 seniors daily. There is also the weekly meal packs to-go plan, which are distributed on Tuesday's at 11am and include 5-Frozen meals.

Food Bank

235 participated in the Contra Costa Food Bank's FREE food distribution at the Hercules Senior Center on Tuesday, April 19. Come participate in the Contra Costa Food Bank's FREE food distribution at the Hercules Senior Center. The Food Bank comes out to Hercules on the first and third Tuesday of each month, and distributes fresh fruits, vegetables, and canned goods.

Friends of the Hercules Senior Center

Friends of the Hercules Senior Center (FHSC) held their second in-person meeting on Friday, April 15, at 1pm. There were 10 people in attendance, 5 via zoom and 5 in-person. FHSC is a non-profit organization that helps support the daily operations and host fundraising events at the Hercules Senior Center. Meetings are held on the 3rd Friday of every month, please call 510-799-8219 for more info.

Membership Drive

Join us for our annual Membership Drive at the Senior Center on Saturday, May 14. The Membership Drive will start at 11:30am. There will be a free BBQ lunch and entertainment for new and returning members of the Senior Center.

The purpose of the membership is to support the senior center facility and its programs. Members gain access to special events, receive discounted rates for many programs and classes, and have an



opportunity to join the Friends of Hercules Senior Center nonprofit group (a.k.a. FHSC). This is an event you won't want to miss! Seniors 50+ welcome. Must RSVP by Monday, May 2.

Transportation

When you attend our Café Costa lunch program, you are eligible for free transportation provided by West Cat dial-a-ride. With a reservation dial-a-ride will take you to and from the Senior Center Monday through Friday. Please ask our front desk for a bus ticket. Ride reservation must be made 24 hours in advance by calling 510-724-7433.

Mobility Matters is another source of transportation that provides free, one on one, door through door escorted rides for seniors and veterans. Mobility Matters operates by screened and trained volunteer drivers using their own vehicles. Ride reservations must be made in advanced by calling 925-284-6161 or visit www.mobilitymatterscc.com

Travel Presentation

Join us for a special Travel Presentation on Monday, May 2, at 2:30pm at the Senior Center. The City of Hercules has partnered with Premier World Discovery to offer several extended trips that are sure to be a hit for anyone. Featured trips and tours in 2022 include Cape Cod and the Islands in September; Ital's Amalfi Coast in November; Washington DC in December; and Sedona (Great Trains and Grand Canyons) in March of 2023. For more information, attend the presentation on Monday, 5/2.



Teens (T.H.E. S.P.O.T.)



The teens are happy to be back in their own space now. They recently made slime and had fun making it. They want to do it again but add different colors and charms to it. We plan to take a few field trips in May, as the school year is winding down. Our next scheduled field trip will be to Share Tea in Hercules

HERCULES PUBLIC LIBRARY

Hercules Library's Open Hours

Tuesday: 10am-8pm
Wednesday: 10am-8pm
Thursday: 10am-8pm
Friday: 9am-5pm
Saturday: 9am-5pm
Sunday/Monday: Closed

Things to do at Hercules Library – In Person!

Book Art Projects

Are you inspired by books? We are, and so is our friend, artist, and educator Tatiana Ortiz. Together, we have curated bookish art for you to enjoy, inspired by the books we love. Every two weeks, April through June, we'll provide everything you need create a new book-inspired art project - one for Children, one for Teens. Come to the library to get the projects, and all the art supplies to take home, and books to check out, all while supplies last. Thanks to Tatiana, for supplying all the creativity for you to enjoy!

April 19th Book Art Options

- Children's Book: Bob by Wendy Mass / Children's Project: make your own monster!
- Teen Book: Twilight by Stephenie Meyer / Teen Project: watercolor painting

May 3rd Book Art Options

- Children's Book: Beautiful by F. Isabel Campoy / Children's Project: make your own mini mural
- Teen Book: On the Come Up by Angie Thomas / Teen Project: customized rhyme/poem journal

BOOK ART PROJECTS

CHILDREN

TEEN

April 19

- Children's project - make your own monster
- Teen project - watercolor painting

Hercules Library
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The poster features two book covers side-by-side. On the left is 'BOB' by Wendy Mass & Rebecca Stead, with a cover illustration of a boy and a girl under a tree. On the right is 'twilight' by Stephenie Meyer, with a cover illustration of two hands holding a red apple. The text 'CHILDREN' is written vertically on the left and 'TEEN' on the right. Below the covers, it says 'April 19' and lists the projects. At the bottom, it provides the library's name, address, phone number, and logo.

Get Computer Help at the Library

Do you need help with email, e-books, Microsoft Word, or have other computer questions? Sign up for one-on-one help with a computer docent at the Hercules Library, **Saturdays, from 10am-12pm**. You can bring in your own device (tablet, smart phone, or laptop) or use one of our computers.



To sign up, please call, stop by, or [register online](#) for one 60-minute time slot and we will reach out to you to confirm the details.

We ask that all patrons using this service kindly wear a mask during their session.

Seed Library – Seed Bombs



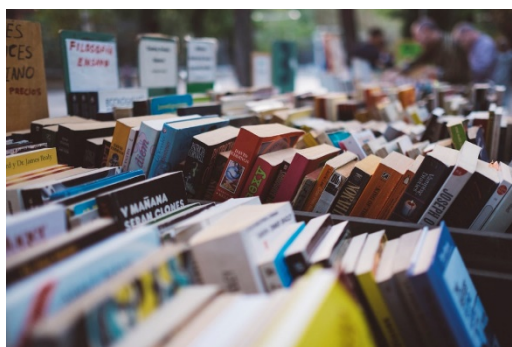
Seed bombs, or seed balls, are flower or plant seeds held together with natural materials. Perfect for the new gardener, for children, or for anyone who wants to add some fun color to their green space. Come by the library to get your very own **free seed ball starter sample!** Available at the library's information desk, while supplies last.

Celebrate National Poetry Month!



Jot down a poem or some inspirational words on a Post-It and stick it on the Sky Garden wall to share with the community! Post-its and pens provided, you bring the words.

Friends of the Hercules Library Spring Book Sale

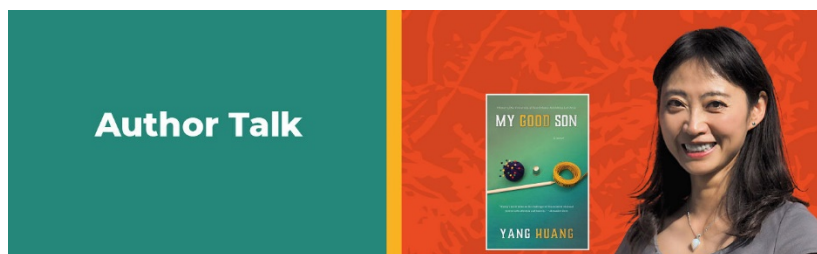


Saturday, April 30, 10am-5pm Sunday, May 1, 12pm-4pm

The BIG Book Sale is back! The Friends of the Hercules Library will have thousands of used books, CDs, and DVDs for sale at bargain prices: **hardbacks \$1.00, paperbacks, \$.50, and children's books for just \$.25**. And on Sunday, you can fill our own back with remaining stock, for just **\$2.00 per bag**.

For more information, please go to the Friends website: <https://herculeslibrary.com/friends/>

Upcoming Countywide Virtual Programs



Virtual Author Talk: Yang Huang on My Good Son

May 4, 6pm

[Register here.](#)

Hercules welcomes local author **Yang Huang** for an Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month celebration! Join us for a book talk about **My Good Son**, a story that exposes readers to the parallels and differences of American and Chinese cultures, father-son relationships, familial expectations, sexuality, social mobility, and privilege.

Yang Huang grew up in Yangzhou, China and came to the U.S. to study computer science. While working as an engineer, she studied literature and pursued writing. Yang attended Boston College and earned an MFA from the University of Arizona. Yang lives in the San Francisco Bay Area and works for the University of California, Berkeley. Besides her day job and family life, she writes fiction and creates a more tolerant and hopeful world in stories

Her novel *My Good Son* won the University of New Orleans Press Publishing Lab Prize.



Hercules Library's ESL Conversation Group

Tuesdays, 2-3pm, Zoom

Have fun and practice your English! Every week we meet on Zoom to read a short article, learn new vocabulary words, and have a great discussion. This group is best for intermediate to advanced learners, but all are welcome.

Please email Librarian Robyn at robyn.brown@library.cccounty.us for information on how to join.



**El día de los niños/El día de los libros Virtual Storytime
April 29, 11:00am-12:30pm**

Celebrate El día de los niños/El día de los libros with a very special virtual storytime. Enjoy bilingual books, songs and activities with special guest readers from First 5 Contra Costa, Tandem Early Learning and the Library.

Register to receive the Zoom login information from Tandem at: bit.ly/tandemevent

Celebra el día de los niños/el día de los libros con una hora de cuentos virtual especial. Disfruta libros bilingües, canciones y actividades con lectores invitados especiales de Los Primeros 5 Contra Costa, Tandem Early Learning y la Biblioteca.

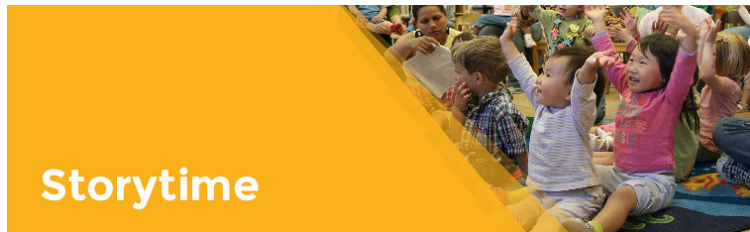
Regístrate para recibir información para la sesión Zoom de Tandem: bit.ly/tandemevent



**Bilingual Story Time with a Luchador 🌟 Cuento Bilingüe con un Luchador
Saturday, April 30, 10-10:30am
[Register here.](#)**

Join us for this special virtual session Saturday, April 30th at 10:00am where we'll celebrate **Children's Day/Book Day** with a fun story about wrestling and the presence of a special guest, a real-life luchador! Yes, Mexican wrestler Yakuza will read a book with Ms. Rosa and share his best wrestling moves with us.

We'll have a drawing for books and wrestling masks for kids with all the attendees. Are you ready for some Lucha Libre? Let's go! ¡Vamos!



Mandarin Storytime
May 7, 10:15AM – 10:45AM

"Ni Hao! Hello!" Join us online on Zoom for stories, songs, and fun fingerplays in Mandarin. For children and their families. Please [fill out this online form](#) and we'll send you the Zoom link the day before the event.

Let's get together and learn some Mandarin! We meet every 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month.



Teen D&D (Ages 13-17)
May 7, 10:30AM – 12:00PM

Learn to play D&D along with other teens. Oakley Library is hosting a virtual D&D club. Meets every other Saturday, 10:30am - 12:00pm. Each game lasts 5 sessions. [Register here.](#)

When you register, you are registering for: May 7, 21, June 4, 18, and July 2. Once you register, you'll be given a link and directions on steps to get started prior to our first meeting.

Please email doug.thomas@library.cccounty.us when you have registered.



Cozy Mystery Book Club
May 7, 3pm
[Register here.](#)

Do you love cozy mysteries? Find your new favorite author or share your favorites with the group. We will meet the first Saturday of each month at 3:00 PM. Our guest this month is Dana Mentink, Author of *Pint of No Return*.

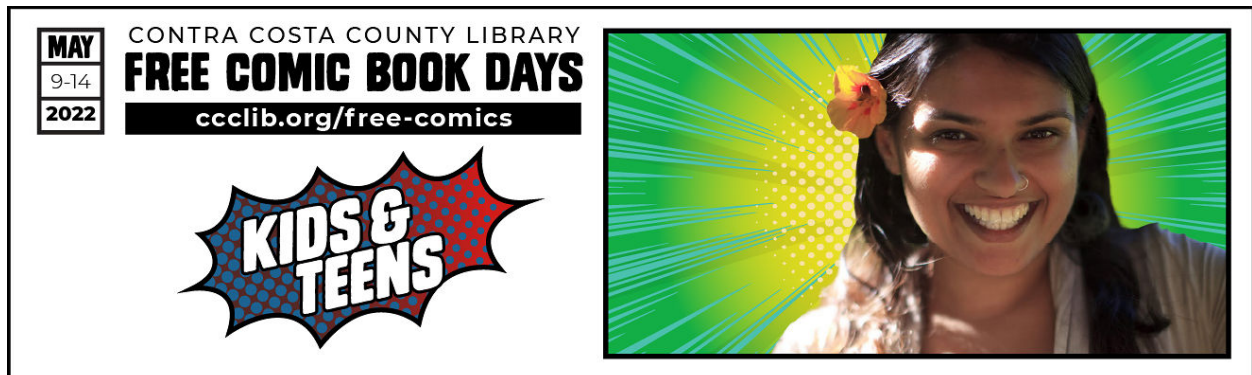


Free Comic Book Days!

Previously held on May the 4th (say it out loud, Star Wars fans!) Free Comic Book Days at the Library are back, Monday May 9th through Saturday May 14th. Library branches around the county will be celebrating the wide world of comics, graphic novels, and pop culture all week with **free** comics, take-home activities, and virtual visits with authors and illustrators Nidhi Chanani, Oliver Chin and Juan Calle!

Stop by Hercules Library to pick up your free comics and take-home activities - while supplies last.

Register online for the virtual visits and see what other exciting comics events are happening at: tinyurl.com/ccclib-freecomicevents



Author Talk with Nidhi Chanani

May 11, 4pm

[Register here.](#)

Please join us on Wednesday May 11 at 4pm for a lively talk with local author and illustrator Nidhi Chanani! She'll talk about comics, graphic novels, her process, and answer any questions you may have!

Awesome Asians Author / Artist Talk
May 12, 4 pm

Please join us on Thursday May 12th at 4pm for a lively discussion with local author and publisher Oliver Chin and South American illustrator Juan Calle. They will be discussing their work together on *Awesome Asians* and their upcoming book *More Awesome Asians*.

Oliver Chin will discuss the book, his background as an Author, Publisher, and Art Workshop presenter, the upcoming book and Illustrator Juan Calle, his background as an Illustrator, his process and tools for creating artwork and give a short live drawing demonstration. There will also be time for interactive questions and answers

Register here: <https://ccclib.bibliocommons.com/events/625744efbc1eda360043de1f>

Teen Drawing Workshops with Mr. Abe
May 19, 5pm
[Register here.](#)

Teens, learn new drawing tips and techniques in this monthly series with Mr. Abe. Each month will have a different theme.

May: Comic Drawing Day!

Learn how to tell a story panel-by-panel by participating in some fun doodle challenges and getting inspiration from comic artists from around the world.

Get in Touch

You can contact Hercules Library at (510) 245-2420 Tuesday through Saturday during our open hours; or [email](#) or [chat](#) online with library staff from 10am-5pm Monday through Friday.

Check us out on Instagram [herculeslibraryccclib](#) and [Facebook!](#) Or, come on by and say hello in person.

HERCULES POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Outside Assist: On April 13, 2022, at 12:08 am, CCCSO requested Assistance from Pinole and Hercules Officers for a perimeter around Fitzgerald and Appian Way. CCCSO Deputies were pursuing a residential burglary suspect who fled from them going the wrong way on I80 from San Pablo Dam Rd. **Incident 2204130004**

Stolen Vehicle Recovery: On April 13, 2022, at 6:38 PM, Officers were notified of a stolen blue 2019 Nissan Sentra near S/B San Pablo Ave and Hercules Ave. The vehicle was located in the parking lot of the Shell gas station and 5 juveniles were detained without incident. All were identified and released per PC 849 to their respective guardians and the vehicle was towed. **H22-00394**

Recovered Stolen Vehicle: On April 14, 2022, at 10:21 am, an officer conducted a traffic stop on a stolen 1991 Toyota Tacoma at the I-80 EB off Ramp onto Willow Ave. The Toyota was reported stolen out of Crocket on February 16, 2022. After further investigation, the driver of the Toyota was determined to be the Owner who located his own vehicle in Vallejo and never informed Law Enforcement. The vehicle was removed from the system and released to the owner. **H22-00395**

Lost Property: On April 14, 2022, at 2:04 pm, a resident from the 300 block of Falcon Way reported his passport as lost or stolen. **H22-00396**

Recovered Stolen Vehicle: On April 15, 2022, at 5:57 AM, an Officer was dispatched to a residence in the 100 block of Obsidian Way for a reported stolen white Chevy van that was just taken. During an area check the vehicle was located on Emerald and Turquoise unoccupied. There was damage to the ignition but nothing of evidentiary value was located. The van was entered and removed from SVS. **H22-00397**

Natural Death: On April 15, 2022, at 11:55 am, officers were dispatched to a residence in the 1100 block of South Shelter Bay for a deceased female. Officers arrived on scene with the Fire Department and located a deceased 42-year-old female subject. The coroner released the body to

the family. **H22-00398**

Coroner's Case: On April 15, 2022, at 3:12 pm, officers were dispatched to a residence in the 2100 block of Redwood Rd for a deceased 24-year-old male subject. The coroner responded and took possession of the body. **H22-00399**

Evading: On April 15, 2022, at 11:49 PM, an Officer checked on a suspicious brown Acura TL in the parking of the 76 Gas Station. The vehicle was determined to be a wanted for burglary out of Berkeley. The vehicle fled at a high rate of speed and a pursuit was initiated. The Acura entered EB I-80 and continued into the City of Vallejo. The pursuit was terminated near Magazine St when Officers lost visual. **H22-00400**

Occupied Stolen Vehicle Recovery: On April 16, 2022, at 8:46 am, Officers were notified of a stolen 2006 BMW 330 near San Pablo Ave and Hercules Ave. Officers located the Vehicle at the Shell Gas Station. A High-Risk Stop was conducted, and the driver was identified as a 29-year-old male subject from Richmond who was taken into custody without incident. The owner was determined to be the driver's father. He responded to take possession of the vehicle and desired prosecution against his son for the theft of the vehicle. The driver was transported to MDF for possession of a stolen vehicle and possession of narcotics. **H22-00402**

Burglary: On April 17, 2022, at 8:53 am, an Officer was dispatched to a residence in the 1300 block of Sycamore Ave for a burglary of a rented storage locker located inside a room in the underground parking garage. A Nikon camera, camera lenses, and video game systems/games was taken some time during the past month. **H22-00403**

False Identification to a Police Officer: On April 17, 2022, at 2:40 pm, Officers were dispatched to the area of Hercules Ave at Dunham Ct for a report of a male and female involved in a domestic dispute. Upon arrival, Officers contacted a male and female subject. The female, a 38-year-old subject from Vallejo initially falsely identified herself and was determined to be on parole for Assault with a Deadly Weapon. Officers determined the argument was verbal only. However, she was placed under arrest for falsely identifying herself and an EDD check for \$18.35 and W-2 belonging to another female from Fairfield was located inside a bag in her possession. She was cited and released, and follow-up investigation is being conducted to determine the status of the documents in her possession. **H22-00404**

Auto Burglary: On April 18, 2022, at 7:13 am, an Officer was dispatched to a residence in the 200 block of Sparrow Drive for a reported auto burglary. The victim stated the burglary occurred sometime between April 17, 2022, at approximately 11:00 AM, and April 18, 2022, at approximately 07:00 AM. Approximately \$4,000 in power tools were taken from his 2021 Dodge Ram. No signs of forced entry were located however, the victim was adamant he locked his vehicle. **H22-00405**

Theft by False Pretenses: On April 18, 2022, at 10:07 am, an Officer was dispatched to a lobby detail. The victim reported his mother was contacted via telephone by a party claiming to be

associated with Chase Bank regarding a fraudulent \$90,000 charge found on her account. She was told to make three separate deposits to three separate banks for \$30,000 each. After further investigation, it was determined the \$90,000 charge never occurred and the victim contacted Chase to report the fraudulent activity. **H22-00406**

Warrant Arrest: On April 18, 2022, at approximately 12:15 pm, an Officer conducted a traffic enforcement stop on a 2015 Mercedes for a vehicle code violation. The Driver who was identified as a 20-year-old male subject, and front seat passenger were both found to have outstanding warrants. The driver's warrant was citable, and he was cited and released. The passenger's warrant was not citable, and he was transported to MDF. **H22-00408**

Theft: On April 18, 2022, at approximately 12:30 pm, an Officer was dispatched to a residence in the 2500 block of Bayfront Blvd for a reported burglary. Sometime between April 8, 2022, at 1100 hours, and April 9, 2022, at 0930 hours an unknown subject accessed her storage locker. There was no theft from inside the locker however, someone stole her \$10 lock which was attached to the locker. **H22-00409**

Theft from vehicle: On April 18, at 7:07 PM, an officer responded to a residence in the 100 block of Beryl Court regarding a theft from two unlocked vehicles. The miscellaneous items taken were estimated to be \$170 in value. **H22-00410**

Grand Theft: On April 19, 2022, at 10:47 am, officers were dispatched to Lucky at 1590 Sycamore Drive for a theft that had just occurred. The suspect was described as a Black female that left in a Gray 2019 Honda Civic. An officer located the vehicle on EB 80 prior to Crockett and conducted a traffic enforcement stop at the Dead Fish. The driver was identified as a 33-year-old female from San Pablo. The stolen property was found in the Civic, and she was confirmed to be the suspect. She was transported to MDF for the theft. **H22-00412**

Auto Burglary: On April 19, at 7:54 PM, an officer responded to a residence in the 2200 block of John Muir Pkwy for a reported auto burglary. The victim parked her Volvo in front of the address and when she returned one of the windows was smashed, and property valued at approximately \$5600 was taken. There is no suspect information. **H22-00413**

Catalytic Converter Theft: On April 20, 2022, at 12:42 pm, an officer was flagged down regarding the theft of a Catalytic Converter at Hercules High School. **H22-00416**

Theft of a License Plate: On April 20, 2022, at 3:35 pm, an officer was dispatched to a residence in the 1100 block of Promenade St for a theft of a license plate. The victim stated the rear plate was stolen off their BMX X3. **H22-00417**

Identity Theft: On April 20, 2022, at 3:36 pm, an officer was dispatched to the Lobby for an Identity Theft report. The victim reported they received a letter from the IRS stating they were the victim of some type of workplace identity theft. **H22-00418**

Supplement Guns Turned in for Court Order: On April 20, 2022, at 3:44 pm, a resident came into the station to turn in 4 guns per a court order. The guns were taken and placed into evidence per the court order. **H22-00079**

Warrant Arrest: On April 23, 2022, at 1:29 am, an Officer conducted a pedestrian stop on a 24-year-old male subject from Rodeo, for walking down the center of Willow Ave near the Park in Ride. A records check revealed the subject had a 10K outstanding warrant in Contra Costa County for FTA on a vandalism case. He was arrested and booked at MDF without incident. **H22-00420**

Occupied Stolen Vehicle: On April 23, 2022, at 2:55 am, an Officer was following a vehicle onto Parker Ave from San Pablo Avenue when it suddenly sped off without a traffic stop being initiated. The vehicle turned onto 7th St and collided into a PG&E pole near the intersection of 7th and Vaqueros. The driver of the vehicle fled on foot and was not located by responding units. The Toyota sedan was reported stolen out of Rodeo. CHP and PG&E were called to respond for the collision and inspect any damage to the pole. Officers were waiting for CHP when a **17-year-old male juvenile** out of Rodeo, walked up soaking wet with his hands up and claimed to be the driver of the vehicle. He was detained and said he was not injured but AMR was called to evaluate him due to an air bag deployment. Several attempts were made to try and contact a responsible to pick him up with negative results. He was released per PC 849b and transported to Kaiser Richmond by AMR per their protocol because a parent was unable to pick him up. CHP responded and took the collision report and PG&E responded to repair the support wire on the power pole. The vehicle was recovered by HPD and towed per the RO's request. **H22-00421**

Natural Death: On April 23, 2022, at 9:47 am, Officers were dispatched to a residence in the 500 block of Turquoise Dr for a possibly deceased subject. Officers arrived on scene and family members were performing CPR on an 82-year-old male subject. Fire arrived on scene and continued lifesaving efforts, but the subject succumbed to his ailments. The coroner was contacted and released the body to his family. **H22-00422**

Recovered stolen vehicle (Motorcycle): On April 25, 2022, at 9:56 am, an Officer checked on a Red 2021 Aprilla motorcycle parked in the Safeway parking lot, 4808 San Pablo Ave. The motorcycle was found to be an outstanding stolen vehicle reported to San Francisco PD on 04/20/22. Officers checked inside Safeway but did not locate a possible suspect. The motorcycle was towed and removed from SVS. **H22-00425**

Possession of a controlled substance: On April 25, 2022, at 10:22 am, an Officer checked on a suspicious Yellow/Black Suzuki GSX600F motorcycle (No plate) parked facing the wrong way (westbound) on E/B Viewpoint Blvd. at Willow Ave. A subject saw a 30-year-old female subject from Rodeo seated next to the motorcycle. She told the Officer she had a baggie of Methamphetamine on her person. A probable cause search was done and a plastic baggie containing 2.5 grams of suspected Methamphetamine was found. She was cited for being in possession of a suspected controlled substance and released. **H22-00426**

Warrant Arrest/Towed Vehicle: On April 25, 2022, at 11:19 am, an Officer did a traffic stop on a Silver 2009 Mercedes CLK350 on the W/B I-80 onramp from John Muir Parkway for a vehicle code violation. The driver was identified as a 49-year-old male subject from Oakley who was found to have an outstanding Felony Ramey Warrant held by Oakland PD. He was placed under arrest and transported to MDF. **H22-00427**

Recovered stolen license plate: On April 25, 2022, at 3:47 pm, an Officer checked on an occupied suspicious Gold 2013 Chevy Tahoe parked at the gas pumps at Safeway gas, 4080 San Pablo Ave.

The rear license plate returned as having one lost or stolen license plate (reported to Richmond PD yesterday). The Officer contacted the driver, a 30-year-old male subject from Rodeo and saw the vehicle's ignition was damaged. He told the Officer he recently purchased the Tahoe, and it had the stolen license plate attached. The recovered stolen rear license plate was removed and seized. **H22-00428**

Shoplifting: On April 25, 2022, at 8:07 pm, Officers responded to Lucky's for a report of an unknown subject dressed in all blue jean clothing who left the store with a cart full of groceries without paying for them. The subject loaded the groceries in what was only described as a black vehicle with a plate which returned with no record and fled heading on Sycamore toward San Pablo Ave. Officers arrived in the area quickly and checked all possible paths of flight but did not locate the suspect vehicle. The estimated loss was about \$500.00 **H22-00430**

Mental Health Detention: On April 25, 2022, at 7:47 pm, Officers responded to a residence in the 300 block of Grenadine for an out-of-control Juvenile who physically assaulted his parents. He was determined to be a danger to others and was transported to CCRMC for a mental health evaluation. **H22-00431**

Misc. Information: On April 25, 2022, at 8:36 pm, Officers responded to a residence in the 1200 block of Willow for a Civil Standby regarding a child custody exchange. Upon arrival, neither party wanted to be responsible for their 14-year-old child and acted hostile toward each other. There is currently no custody agreement in place. Officers maintained the peace and were able to facilitate one of the parent's taking responsibility for the child. A case was taken for documentation and forward to CPS. **H22-00432**

WC SHIFT STATS

Date: 04/13/22-04/25/22

CALLS FOR SERVICE	746
REPORTS	38
TRAFFIC CITES	35
PARKING CITES	73
ADULT ARRESTS	10
JUVENILE ARRESTS	6
ARSONS	0
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE REPORTS	1
HATE CRIMES	0
TOWED VEHICLES	9
PART 1 TOTAL	172

PART 1 CRIMES BROKEN DOWN	----
HOMICIDE	0
RAPE	0
ROBBERY	0
ASSAULT (everything from simple battery to aggravated)	0
BURGLARY (residential or commercial)	2
LARCENY(auto burglary or thefts)	7
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	1

UPCOMING EVENTS

City Council - Special Workshop

Date:04/30/2022 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM
Special Workshop - Hercules Senior Center
111 Civic Drive, Hercules CA 94547
In-Person Workshop Only

Special Travel Presentation

Date:05/02/2022 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM
Location:Corporation Yard
1000 Sycamore Avenue
Hercules, California 94547

Planning Commission Meeting - CANCELLED

Date:05/02/2022 7:00 PM

Community Clean-Up Day

Date:05/07/2022 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Location:Corporation Yard
1000 Sycamore Avenue
Hercules, California 94547

Community and Library Services Commission

Date:05/09/2022 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Location:City Hall Council Chambers
111 Civic Drive
Hercules, California 94547

City Council Meeting

Date:05/10/2022 6:00 PM - 11:00 PM
Location:City Hall Council Chambers
111 Civic Drive
Hercules, California 94547