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Opioid Overdose Prevention Workshops Scheduled at County Library Locations

Training Provided by the County's Behavioral Health Services
Department and Hosted by the Santa Clara County Library District

SANTA CLARA COUNTY, CALIF. – The Santa Clara County Library District (SCCLD) and the County of Santa Clara's Behavioral Health Services Department (BHSD) are joining forces to spread the word about the opioid crisis, empowering residents with important information about the dangers of fentanyl and other opioids. These workshops, scheduled from July 8 through September 9, will cover drug education, including recognizing an opioid overdose, and will provide training with the over-the-counter medication Naloxone nasal spray (commonly known as Narcan).

"A [recent report](#) by the County of Santa Clara found the number of overdose deaths involving fentanyl more than doubled from April to May," said Sherri Terao, Director for Behavioral Health Services Department. "We are encouraging everyone, especially people under 30 years old, to learn more about fentanyl and its impacts. Our website, [FentFacts.org](https://www.fentfacts.org), has potentially lifesaving information such as where one can find resources, support, and free Narcan kits."

Earlier this year, the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors approved a proposal to supply and maintain Narcan at county libraries in the event of an emergency. County Librarian Jennifer Weeks has spoken with other library systems that already carry Narcan to learn best practices. This includes public education and voluntary staff training.

"Members of our staff have volunteered to learn how to safely administer Narcan in case of an emergency, and our libraries have a limited stock on-hand should the need arise," Weeks said. "Many school districts keep Narcan on-hand with trained staff available to administer it. Other libraries in the country have Narcan at the ready. There is a great urgency to make this lifesaving medicine and public education available, and we are here to help."

The public is invited to attend one of these free Opioid Overdose Prevention workshops. Space is limited and registration is required. Participants who complete the training will be given a free Narcan kit, while supplies last.

[Opioid Overdose Prevention Workshops](#)

Milpitas Library: Saturday, July 8 at 2 p.m.

Cupertino Library: Wednesday, July 12 at 1 p.m.

Los Altos Library: Saturday, August 5 at 1:30 p.m.

Morgan Hill Library: Tuesday, August 8 at 6 p.m.

Gilroy Library: Wednesday, August 16 at 7 p.m.

Campbell Express Library: Thursday, August 17 at 7 p.m.

Saratoga Library: Saturday, September 9 at 1 p.m.

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About the Santa Clara County Library District

The Santa Clara County Library District (SCCLD) promotes knowledge, ideas, and cultural enrichment. Founded in 1914, 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.

For the last fifteen years, *Library Journal* has recognized SCCLD as one of America's Star Libraries, and in 2022, SCCLD was rated a 5-Star library in their Index of Public Library Service, one of only five library systems in the United States with expenditures over \$30 million given this honor. 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 and an Innovative Project of the Year Award (*Large District*) from the *California Special Districts Association* in 2020.

SCCLD includes two bookmobiles, an online library, seven community libraries and one branch library, serving the cities of Campbell, Cupertino, Gilroy, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Milpitas, Monte Sereno, Morgan Hill, Saratoga, and the unincorporated areas of Santa Clara County. In Calendar Year 2022, SCCLD had nearly 340,000 library accounts, over 1.1 million unique website visits, and a circulation of over 10 million items.

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