

Silicon Valley Reads 2012

"Muslim and American"

T W O P E R S P E C T I V E S

Calendar of 100+ Events
January-April, 2012

Authors • Panels • Films • Art Exhibit • Discussions

Free events for all ages throughout Santa Clara County

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Welcome to Silicon Valley Reads 2012!

2012 is the 10th anniversary of Silicon Valley Reads and we are celebrating with an outstanding selection of books and events focused on the theme "Muslim and American: Two Perspectives." We invite everyone in Santa Clara County to read one or more of the featured books, to attend the free events we have scheduled and to engage with others in discussion and share perspectives on this relevant theme.

2012 Featured Books

The Muslim Next Door by Sumbul Ali-Karamali
The Butterfly Mosque by G. Willow Wilson

2012 Companion Books for Children

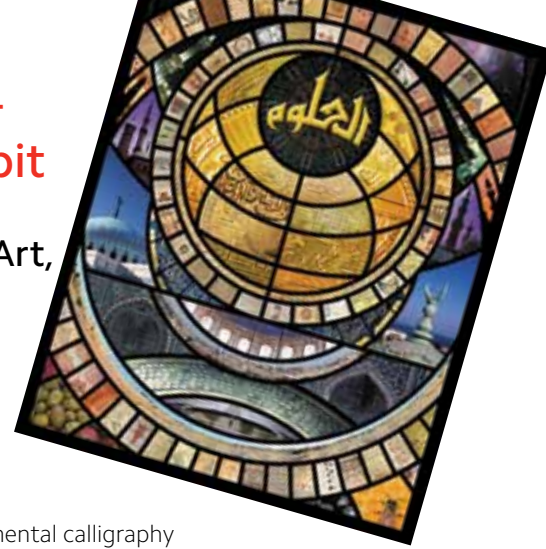
It's OK To Be Different [pre-K] by Todd Parr
One Green Apple [Gr K-2] by Eve Bunting
My Name is Bilal [Gr 2-6] by Asma Mobin-Uddin
Skunk Girl [Gr 7 and up] by Sheba Karim

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Invoking Peace – Islamic Art Exhibit

Feb. 3 – March 17
 Euphrat Museum of Art,
 De Anza College



Invoking Peace interweaves tradition and innovation, faith and activism. It emphasizes the immense diversity of Islamic art and reveals shared concerns. Artworks range from site-specific installations, classical and experimental calligraphy and paintings to product designs for cultural needs, digital arts, sculpture and ceramics.

Artists include: Doris Bittar, Taraneh Hemami, and Saira Wasim with Legacy of Qur'an: Messages of Peace artists Um Amina, Salma Arastu, Davi Barker, Bassamat Bahnasy, Manli Chao, Haji Noor Deen, Azeem Khaliq, Ali Khan, Asma Khan, Mark Piercy, David Platford, Nabeela Raza Sajjad, Ayesha Samdani, Lubna Shaikh, Arash Shirinibab, and Zubair Simab.

A reception for the artists will be held on Thursday, Feb. 9, 5:30-7 p.m. with a calligraphy demonstration by Zubair Simab.

Euphrat Gallery is open Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. with special hours on Saturday, March 3, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. and Sunday, March 11, 12 noon-2 p.m. Open to tour groups by appointment. Call 408-864-5464.

Our Religious Neighbors Next Door

Jan. 25-March 31

Today's Silicon Valley is home to communities from virtually all of the world's religions. Indigenous peoples, Catholic, Protestant and Orthodox Christians, Hindus, Zoroastrians, Muslims, Buddhists, Pagans, Jains, B'ahai, Jews, Mormons, Sikhs, and others have put down roots here, making our region a microcosm of the globe's diverse religious landscape.

Using the metaphor from the title of one of Silicon Valley Reads' 2012 books, Sumbul Ali-Karamali's *The Muslim Next Door*, the Silicon Valley Interreligious Council (SiVIC) is sponsoring a project to introduce these diverse religious neighbors to one another and the wider community. From January 25 through March 31, SiVIC will invite local congregations and organization to submit photos that capture their distinctive identities. The resulting collection – or better, collective snapshot of religion in the Valley in 2012 – will be published online and exhibited in April. For further information, visit SiVIC's website: sivouncil.org.

"The Santa Clara County Human Relations Commission congratulates Silicon Valley Reads on its 10th anniversary and for selecting a theme for 2012 that will contribute to increased understanding of the diverse cultures in our community and positive interfaith relations."

Sumbul Ali-Karamali and Willow Wilson

TOGETHER ON STAGE

Kick-Off of Silicon Valley Reads 2012

Wednesday, Jan. 25

Sumbul and Willow are interviewed on stage by Mercury News columnist **Mike Cassidy**. Book signing follows the program. Open seating – no reservations required. First come, first seated. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. Welcoming music by Westmont High School Chamber Brass and Clarinet Choir. Co-sponsored by Commonwealth Club Silicon Valley. This event will be recorded for broadcast on KLIV Radio on Feb. 1.

Attendees who make a tax deductible donation of \$100 or more to Silicon Valley Reads at the kick-off event will receive a free pass to the "Ingenious Innovations: Islamic Science Rediscovered" exhibit at The Tech Museum. Exhibit ends Feb. 26.

7:30 p.m. at **Campbell Heritage Theatre**.
 Information: 408-354-1242.



Sumbul Ali-Karamali



Willow Wilson

The Conversation Continues

Saturday, March 3

Willow and Sumbul continue the conversation about their books and experiences as American Muslim women in an on-stage interview with De Anza College President **Brian Murphy**. The program also includes the announcement of winners of the Cupertino Library Foundation essay contest and book signing by the authors. Co-sponsored by Cupertino Library Foundation.

1:30 p.m. at **Cupertino Community Hall**. Information: 408-446-1677.

Closing Event of Silicon Valley Reads 2012

Sunday, April 29

For the third and final time, Sumbul and Willow come together to continue the conversation about their books and experiences as American Muslim women in an on stage interview with **Sal Pizarro**, Mercury News columnist and member of the Silicon Valley Reads Community Advisory Board. The authors will compare notes on their experiences during Silicon Valley Reads. Co-sponsored by Santa Clara City Library Foundation & Friends.

2 p.m. at **Santa Clara Central Park Library**. Information: 408-615-2900.

Silicon Valley Reads On The Air – An Interactive TV Book Club



Janice Edwards

TV personality **Janice Edwards** hosts this innovative community conversation about the two featured books of Silicon Valley Reads 2012. A different group of panelists will participate in each show. The program will air live every other Wednesday from 7:30-8 p.m. in February, March and April on CreaTVsj Channel 30 in San Jose and Campbell with rebroadcast on alternate weeks. The programs can also be viewed live on the website creatvsj.org or watched on demand 24/7. Viewers are encouraged to participate in the discussion with comments and questions by phone, email, text or Tweet. Information: 408-354-1242.

The Muslim Next Door will be the focus of Silicon Valley Reads On The Air on these dates:

Wednesdays, Feb. 22 (Cupertino Night!), March 21, April 18

The Butterfly Mosque will be the focus of Silicon Valley Reads On The Air on these dates:

Wednesdays, Feb. 8, March 7, April 4

Paranoid Politics – Islamophobia, McCarthyism and the Yellow Peril

Tuesday, April 3



Wajahat Ali

Muslims are not the first group in America to be targeted by paranoid people who are afraid and looking for someone to blame. This panel discussion will cover three periods in U.S. history when groups who are "different" – Muslims since 9/11, Jews during the McCarthy Communist witch hunts, and Asians during World War II – were persecuted in politics and the media.

Panelists include: **Wajahat Ali**, playwright, attorney and lead author of "Fear Inc., The Roots of the Islamophobia Network in America" Report produced with Center for American Progress; Congressman **Mike Honda**; and **Dr. Larry Gerston**, emeritus professor at San Jose State University and political analyst for NBC11.



Dr. Larry Gerston



Congressman Mike Honda

Co-sponsored by Islamic Networks Group, the Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Silicon Valley, Asian Americans for Community Involvement (AACI), League of Women Voters – Southwest Santa Clara Valley and San Jose-Santa Clara branches, Commonwealth Club Silicon Valley. This program will be recorded for broadcast on KLIV Radio later in April.

7 p.m. at **Jewish Community Center Auditorium at the Levy Family Campus, Los Gatos**. Information: 408-354-1242.

Events with the author of *The Muslim Next Door*

Sumbul Ali-Karamali will talk about her book, *The Muslim Next Door*, and answer questions about being Muslim and American at the following venues as part of Silicon Valley Reads 2012.

Sunday, Feb. 5, 2 p.m. at Saratoga Library

Moderated by Marian Fariba who emigrated from Iran to the U.S. at age 12. Co-sponsored by Friends of Saratoga Library. Information: 408-867-6126.

Sunday, Feb. 12, 2 p.m. at India Community Center

Followed by a panel discussion with Sumbul, S. Reshma Inamdar and Sukumar Ramanathan. Co-sponsored by Indian Business Professional Women. Information: ibpw.net.

Saturday, March 10, 1 p.m. at Morgan Hill Library

Co-sponsored by Friends of Morgan Hill Library. Information: 408-779-3196.

Attention Book Clubs!

Tea and Talk about *The Muslim Next Door* Friday, March 16



Dale Bryant

Book clubs and individual readers – come together to meet Sumbul Ali-Karamali, author of *The Muslim Next Door*, and hear her interviewed by Dale Bryant, Executive Editor of Silicon

Valley Community Newspapers. Q&A and a chance to discuss the book while enjoying light refreshments sponsored by Friends of the Los Gatos Library. To RSVP, email your name, phone and number of people attending to events@friendsofvalleyreads.org or call 408-399-5700.

10-11:30 a.m. at History Club of Los Gatos



About *The Muslim Next Door*

Since 9/11, stories about Muslims and the Islamic world have flooded headlines, politics, and water-cooler conversations all across the country. Although Americans hear about Islam on a daily basis, there remains no clear explanation of Islam or its people. *The Muslim Next Door* offers easy-to-understand yet academically sound answers to these questions while also dispelling commonly held misconceptions. Written from the point of view of an American Muslim, the book addresses what readers in the Western world are most curious about, beginning with the basics of Islam and how Muslims practice their religion before easing into more complicated issues like jihad, Islamic fundamentalism, and the status of women in Islam. Sumbul's vivid anecdotes about growing up Muslim and female in the West, along with her sensitive, scholarly overview of Islam, combine for a uniquely insightful look at the world's fastest growing religion.

Saturday, March 17, 3 p.m. at Sunnyvale Public Library

Co-sponsored by Friends of Sunnyvale Public Library. Information: 408-730-7300.

Saturday, April 14, 2 p.m. at Cambrian Branch Library

Co-sponsored by Friends of Cambrian Branch Library. Information: 408-808-2173

Saturday, April 14, 4 p.m. at Barnes & Noble Pruneyard

Reading and book signing. Information: 408-559-8547.

Saturday, April 21, 2 p.m. at Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library

Co-sponsored by Friends of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library. Information: 408-808-2173.

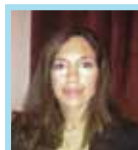
What It's Like To Be the Muslim Next Door in Silicon Valley Thursday, Feb. 16



Dr. Mohammad Qayoumi

A panel discussion with Dr. **Mohammad Qayoumi**, President of San Jose State University, **Muhammed Chaudhry**, President of Silicon Valley Education Foundation, author **Sumbul Ali-Karamali**, and **Raania Mohsen**, Executive Director

of the Cities Association of Santa Clara County, moderated by **Barbara Marshman**, Mercury News Editorial Pages Editor. Co-sponsored by Commonwealth Club Silicon Valley and The Tech



Raania Mohsen

Museum. This event will be recorded for broadcast in March on KLIV Radio. Free admission – tickets to the museum not required.

6:30 p.m. at The Tech Museum.
Information: 408-294-8324



Muhammed Chaudhry



Barbara Marshman

Events with the author of *The Butterfly Mosque*



About *The Butterfly Mosque*

In this lyrical memoir, a Boulder native and Boston University graduate embarks on a yearlong stint working at an English-language high school in Cairo, Egypt right after her college graduation in 2003. She had already decided that of the three Abrahamic religions, Islam was right for her. Despite being exposed to the hostility Arab men held for Americans, especially for women, Willow found she was moved deeply by the daily plight of the people in Cairo trying to scratch out a living in this dusty police state tottering on the edge of moral and financial collapse. She and her roommate, barely eating because they did not know how to buy food, were saved by Omar, an educated, English-speaking physics teacher at the school. Through her deepening relationship with Omar, she also learned Arabic and embraced the ways Islam was woven into the daily fabric of existence, such as the rituals of Ramadan and Friday prayers at the mosque.

Willow Wilson will talk about her book, *The Butterfly Mosque*, and answer questions about being Muslim and American at the following venues as part of Silicon Valley Reads 2012.

Thursday, Jan. 26, 4 p.m. at Evergreen Branch Library

Information: 408-808-2173.

Saturday, Jan. 28, 12 noon at Barnes & Noble Pruneyard

Reading and book signing. Information: 408-559-8547.

Saturday, Jan. 28, 3 p.m. at West Valley Branch Library

Co-sponsored by Friends of West Valley Branch Library. Information: 408-808-2173.

Wednesday, Feb. 29, 6 p.m. at Edenvale Branch Library

Co-sponsored by Friends of Edenvale Branch Library. Information: 408-808-2173.

Wednesday, Feb. 29, 7:30 p.m. at Milpitas Library

Co-sponsored by Friends of Milpitas Library. Information: 408-262-1171.

Thursday, March 1, 1:30 p.m. at De Anza College Visual & Performing Arts Center, De Anza College

Information: 408-354-1242.



Visit a Mosque with Willow Wilson Friday, Jan. 27

Willow Wilson will visit the Muslim Community Association, the largest mosque in America, for a Community Night conversation and tour. The public is welcome to attend. A light dinner will be served at a cost of \$6 per person, payable at the door. RSVP is required to openhouse@mcbayarea.org or call 408-727-7277 x402.

6 p.m. at Muslim Community Association

Thursday, March 1, 4 p.m. at Santa Clara University

Santa Clara University, Saint Clare Room, 3rd Floor, Harrington Learning Commons. Information: 408-554-6830.

Thursday, March 1, 6:30 p.m. at Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library

Co-sponsored by Friends of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library. Information: 408-808-2173.

Friday, March 2, 7 p.m. at Los Altos Library

Moderated by Los Altos Mayor Val Carpenter. Information: 650-948-7683

Thursday, April 26, 6:30 p.m. at Campbell Library

Co-sponsored by Friends of Campbell Library. Information: 408-866-1991.

Friday, April 27, 4 p.m. at Pearl Avenue Branch Library

Co-sponsored by Friends of Pearl Avenue Branch Library. Information: 408-808-2173.

Saturday, April 28, 10 a.m. at Mountain View Library

Co-sponsored by Friends of Mountain View Library. Information: 650-903-6897.

Saturday, April 28, 2 p.m. at Gilroy Library

Co-sponsored by Friends of Gilroy Library, Gilroy AAUW, Gilroy Library Commission, The Reading Program. Information: 408-842-8207.



Graphic Novels and Comics by Willow Wilson

Saturday, April 28

In addition to her memoir *The Butterfly Mosque*, Willow Wilson writes for Marvel Comics, DC Comics and its literary imprint Vertigo. In this program she talks with teens and adults about comics and graphic novels.

4 p.m. at Gilroy Library.
Information: 408-842-8207.

Films

These award-winning films were produced by Unity Productions Foundation, a nonprofit organization focused on increasing understanding between people of different faiths and cultures.



Muhammed: Legacy of a Prophet

This two-hour film is a history in the present tense, telling the fascinating biography of Muhammad through the lives of contemporary American Muslims.

Thur, Feb. 2, 4 p.m. at Evergreen Branch Library
Sat, March 24, 2 p.m. at Berryessa Branch Library



Allah Made Me Funny - Live in Concert

This 82-minute film follows acclaimed comedians Mo Amer, Azhar Usman and Preacher Moss on stage and off as they lift the veil to reveal the humorous truth of what it's really like to be Muslim in America.

Thur, Feb. 9, 4 p.m. at Evergreen Branch Library
Sat, Feb. 18, 2 p.m. at Milpitas Library
Mon, Feb. 27, 7 p.m. at Sunnyvale Public Library
Sat, March 3, 2 p.m. at Saratoga Library
Tue, March 13, 5:30 p.m. at Edenvale Branch Library
Sun, March 18, 2 p.m. at Santa Clara Central Park Library
Sat, April 21, 11 a.m. at Berryessa Branch Library
Thur, April 26, 7 p.m. at Gilroy Library



On a Wing and a Prayer

This one-hour film follows Monem Salam, a U.S. born Muslim who pursues his childhood dream of getting a pilot's license several years after 9/11. The film alternates between gentle humor and white-knuckle moments.

Thur, Feb. 16, 4 p.m. at Evergreen Branch Library
Sat, Feb. 18, 12:30 p.m. at Milpitas Library



Prince Among Slaves

This one-hour film recounts the true story of an African Muslim prince who was captured and sold into slavery in the American South. After 40 years of enslavement, he regained his freedom, became a national celebrity and dined in the White House.

Sat, Feb. 18, 10:30 a.m. at Milpitas Library
Sat, Feb. 18, 11 a.m. at Berryessa Branch Library
Thur, March 8, 4 p.m. at Evergreen Branch Library



Inside Islam: What A Billion Muslims Really Think

This one-hour film explores the results of the Gallup's first major opinion poll of Muslims around the globe.

The film presents remarkable data on gender justice, terrorism and democracy and challenges the notion that Muslims and the West are on a collision course.

Thur, Feb. 23, 4 p.m. at Evergreen Branch Library



Talking Through Walls

This one-hour film takes viewers into the rural town of Voorhees, New Jersey, and documents the struggle of Zia Rahman to build a mosque in his community with the support of a coalition of Jews, Catholics, Buddhists and others.

Mon, Feb. 27, 6 p.m. at Sunnyvale Public Library
Thur, March 1, 4 p.m. at Evergreen Branch Library

"One Through Love" - The Poetry of Rumi Saturday, March 31

*Come, come, whoever you are.
Wanderer, worshiper, lover of leaving.
It doesn't matter.
Ours is not a caravan of despair.
Come, even if you have broken your vow
a thousand times.
Come, yet again, come, come.
-Rumi*

The most popular poet in America is Jalaluddin Rumi, a 13th century Muslim mystic. This program features the work of Rumi with readings by Los Gatos Poet Laureate **Parthenia Hicks**, Cupertino Poet Laureate **David Denny** and Santa Clara County Poet Laureate **Sally Ashton**, along with music and a showing of "One Through Love," a multi-lingual [English, Persian, Turkish, Arabic] film. Producers **Stephen Olsson** and **Parisa Soltani** will describe the film and its companion website that are designed to build connection and dialogue and to celebrate the spirit and power of love reflected in Rumi's writings.

7 p.m. at Visual & Performing Arts Center, De Anza College.
Information: 408-354-6664.



Sally Ashton



Parthenia Hicks



David Denny



Stephen Olsson and Parisa Soltani

Book Discussion Groups

Discuss *The Muslim Next Door*

The public is welcome to join these book discussion groups focused on *The Muslim Next Door*.

Wednesday, Feb. 1, 6 p.m. at Edenvale Branch Library. Information: 408-808-2173.

Tuesday, Feb. 7, 7 p.m. at San Jose Women's Club. Information: 408-354-1242.

Wednesday, Feb. 15, 7 p.m. at Sunnyvale Public Library. Information: 408-730-7300.

Thursday, March 8, 1:30 p.m. at First Congregational Church of San Jose. Individuals of all faiths are invited to this forum featuring people in leadership in local faith groups. Co-sponsored by Silicon Valley Interreligious Council. Information: 408-239-6144 or email info@sivicouncil.org.

Discuss *The Butterfly Mosque*

The public is welcome to join these book discussion groups focused on *The Butterfly Mosque*.

Wednesday, Feb. 1, 6:30 p.m. at Evergreen Branch Library. Information: 408-808-2173.

Wednesday, Feb. 15, 6:45 p.m. at Santa Teresa Branch Library. Information: 408-808-2173.

Online Book Club

February

The new San Jose Public Library Online Book Club debuts in February with discussion of *The Muslim Next Door*. Connect with fellow readers and share different points of view during weekly discussions this month. Check the website: www.sjpl.org/ebookclub.

For Teachers

Santa Clara County Office of Education will host Sumbul Ali-Karamali, author of *The Muslim Next Door*, for two events open to all teachers and school librarians. Information: 408-453-6670. Both events will be held at Santa Clara County Office of Education.

Materials Fair
Tuesday, Jan. 31, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

"What I'd Like Teachers To Know About Islam and Muslims"
Thursday, March 29, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Essay Contest for Cupertino Teens & Adults

Adults and teens in grades 9-12 who live in Cupertino are invited to participate in the annual Essay Contest sponsored by the Cupertino Library Foundation. The essay contest question is: "Please share lessons you have learned from reading either *The Muslim Next Door* or *The Butterfly Mosque* that helped you understand the impact of cultural, religious, or spiritual traditions on your values, behavior or world views. How have these insights influenced your daily life?" Grand Prize winners [2 winners, 1 adult and 1 teen] each receive \$500. 2nd Place Prizes of \$300 go to 1 adult and 1 teen. Entries due Feb. 15. For information, visit CupertinoLibrary.org/foundation/index.html



Speakers & Panels

Getting To Know American Muslims and Their Faith

Representatives of the Islamic Network Group will speak about the basic beliefs and practices of Islam and present the history and contemporary life of Muslims in the United States. Q&A follows.

Saturday, Feb. 4, 10:30 a.m. at Saratoga Library with Reshma Hyder. Co-sponsored by Friends of Saratoga Library. Information: 408-867-6126.

Saturday, Feb. 18, 2 p.m. at Alviso Branch Library with Imran Maskatia. Information: 408-808-2173.

Wednesday, Feb. 22, 6:30 p.m. at Evergreen Branch Library with Ismael Nass-Duce. Information: 408-808-2173.

Saturday, March 10, 2 p.m. at East San Jose Carnegie Branch Library with Imran Maskatia. Information: 408-808-2173.

Wednesday, March 28, 6 p.m. at Morgan Hill Library with Ismael Nass-Duce. Information: 408-779-3196.

Wednesday, April 18, 7 p.m. at Gilroy Library with Ismael Nass-Duce. Information: 408-842-8207.

Learn about Ghazni, Afghanistan - an Islamic Heritage City

Monday, Feb. 6

Dr. Mohammad H. Qayoumi, President of San Jose State University, will speak about the City of Ghazni in Afghanistan. Recently chosen as an Islamic Heritage City by ISESCO for 2013, Ghazni was one of the early cities of Islamic civilization in the ninth and tenth century. Dr. Qayoumi will describe some of the architectural monuments of the city as well as key scholars such as Al-Biruni, Avenenna and Sanai, and their many contributions to world civilization. Co-sponsored by Los Altos Voices for Peace.

7:30 p.m. at Los Altos Library. Information: 650-948-7683.

For Children, Teens and Families

Storytimes with Special Guest Readers

Todd Parr, author of *It's OK To Be Different*

Favorite children's author and illustrator, Todd Parr, author of *It's OK To Be Different*, talks and draws for young children and families. Book signing follows his talk. Free copies of *It's OK To Be Different* will be distributed at this event, compliments of FIRST 5 Santa Clara County. One book per family. Quantities are limited.



Todd Parr

Saturday, Feb. 25
11 a.m. at West Valley Branch Library. Information: 408-808-2173.
2 p.m. at Berryessa Branch Library. Information: 408-808-2173.
3:30 p.m. at Santa Teresa Branch Library. Information: 408-808-2173.

Sunday, Feb. 26
1 p.m. at Children's Discovery Museum. Information: 408-298-5437.
3:30 p.m. at Sunnyvale Public Library. Information: 408-730-7300.
Saturday, April 21
10:15 a.m. at Mountain View Public Library. Information: 650-903-6337.
2 p.m. at Pearl Avenue Branch Library. Information: 408-808-2173.
3:30 p.m. at Almaden Branch Library. Information: 408-808-2173.

Sunday, April 22
1 p.m. at Los Gatos Library. Information: 408-354-6894.
3 p.m. at Santa Clara Central Park Library. Information: 408-615-2916.

Asma Mobin-Uddin, M.D., author of *My Name is Bilal*

Dr. Asma Mobin-Uddin, author of *My Name is Bilal*, discusses the themes of her book in an interactive presentation that also answers questions about Islam's beliefs and religious practices.



Dr. Asma Mobin-Uddin

Thursday, Feb. 23,
7 p.m. at Woodland Branch Library. Information: 650-969-6030.
Friday, Feb. 24,
7 p.m. at Barnes & Noble [reading and book signing]. Information: 408-559-8547.
Saturday, Feb. 25
11:30 a.m. at Pearl Avenue Branch Library. Information: 408-808-2173.
1 p.m. at Willow Glen Branch Library. Information: 408-808-2173.
3 p.m. at Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library. Information: 408-808-2173.

Sheba Karim, author of *Skunk Girl*

Sheba Karim, author of the young adult novel *Skunk Girl*, a coming of age story about Nina Khan, a Pakistani-American growing up in upstate New York, discusses her novel and the experience of growing up Muslim in the U.S.



Sheba Karim

Tuesday, March 20
3:30 p.m. at Vineland Branch Library. Information: 408-808-2173.
7 p.m. at Morgan Hill Library. Information: 408-779-3196.
Wednesday, March 21
4 p.m. at Edenvale Branch Library. Information: 408-808-2173.
6 p.m. at Cambrian Branch Library. Information: 408-808-2173.
Thursday, March 22
4 p.m. at Santa Clara Central Park Library. Information: 408-615-2916.
7:30 p.m. at Barnes & Noble Pruneyard [reading and book signing]. Information: 408-559-8547.

Teen Book Discussion Group Saturday, Jan. 28

Join other teens to discuss *Skunk Girl* by Sheba Karim.
3 p.m. at Saratoga Library. Information: 408-867-6126.

About the Silicon Valley Reads Children's Companion Books

Now your family can read together and discuss together the themes of *Silicon Valley Reads 2012 - a wonderful way to encourage reading and thinking with a new perspective.*

Pre-K
It's OK To Be Different
By Todd Parr



Todd Parr combines rainbow colors, simple drawings and reassuring statements in this optimistic book. The book focuses on acceptance and individuality.

Gr K-2
One Green Apple
By Eve Bunting



On a class trip to an apple orchard, a new student who is Muslim puts a green apple into the cider press instead of a red one as her classmates do and they protest. But the cider from all their apples mixed together is delicious - a metaphor for the benefits of intermingling people who are different.

Gr 2-6
My Name is Bilal
By Asma Mobin-Uddin



Bilal and his sister, Ayesha, who are Muslim, start school in a new city and try to blend into the largely non-Muslim environment. Bilal even calls himself Bill and ducks out of sight when two boys try to pull off Ayesha's head scarf. Encouraged by a sympathetic teacher and his own faith, Bilal finds the courage to stand up with his sister the next time the boys tease her. This book is a good starting place for discussions of cultural differences, prejudice and respect for the beliefs of others.

Gr 7 and up
Skunk Girl
By Sheba Karim



Although teenager Nina Khan was born and raised in the U.S. and has never visited her parents' homeland, she must adhere to their rigid cultural and religious beliefs, including no sleepovers or dating. This coming of age novel features smart, self-deprecating humor and is set in the 1990s just as email is becoming popular. Nina searches for identity and emerging independence while accepting the reality of her home life.

Thursday, Feb. 9, 10:30 a.m. at Santa Teresa Branch Library
Dian Alyan of the Muslim Community Association will read *One Green Apple* at this storytime for preschoolers. Information: 408-808-2173.

Wednesday, Feb. 15, 4 p.m. at Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library
Dian Alyan of the Muslim Community Association will read *My Name is Bilal* at this storytime for families. Information: 408-808-2173.

Wednesday, Feb. 29, 6 p.m. at East San Jose Carnegie Branch Library
Lubna Shaikh of the Muslim Community Association will read *One Green Apple* at this storytime for families. Information: 408-808-2173.

Wednesday, March 7, 11:30 a.m. at Cambrian Branch Library
Dian Alyan of the Muslim Community Association will read *One Green Apple* at this storytime for preschoolers. Information: 408-808-2173.



Dian Alyan

Celebrity Storytimes at Children's Discovery Museum

Sunday, March 4, 2 p.m. - KRTV radio personality Kim Vestal will read *One Green Apple*.
Sunday, March 11, 2 p.m. - KBAY radio personality Lissa Kreisler will read *It's OK To Be Different*.
Sunday, March 18, 2 p.m. - Santa Clara County Supervisor Mike Wasserman will read *One Green Apple*.
Sunday, March 25, 2 p.m. - Mercury News columnist Sal Pizarro will read *It's OK To Be Different*.
Information: 408-298-5437.



Kim Vestal



Lissa Kreisler



Mike Wasserman



Sal Pizarro

"There are many ways to enlarge your child's world. Love of books is the best of all."

- Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis

Silicon Valley Reads 2012 Events At A Glance



JANUARY

Wed, Jan. 25

Kick-Off of Silicon Valley Reads with Sumbul Ali-Karamali and Willow Wilson, 7:30 p.m., Campbell Heritage Theatre

Jan. 25-March 31

Our Religious Neighbors Next Door Photo Project

Thur, Jan. 26

Willow Wilson, 4 p.m., Evergreen Branch Library

Fri, Jan. 27

Visit A Mosque With Willow Wilson, 6 p.m., Muslim Community Association

Sat, Jan. 28

Willow Wilson, 12 noon, Barnes & Noble Pruneyard

Teen Book Group, 3 p.m., Saratoga Library

Willow Wilson, 3 p.m., West Valley Branch Library

Tue, Jan. 31

Materials Fair for Teachers & School Librarians, 10:30 a.m., Santa Clara County Office of Education

FEBRUARY

All Month

Online Book Club at sjpl.org/ebookclub

Wed, Feb. 1

Book Group, 6 p.m., Edenvale Branch Library

Book Group, 6:30 p.m., Evergreen Branch Library

Thur, Feb. 2

"Muhammed: Legacy of a Prophet," 4 p.m., Evergreen Branch Library

Feb. 3-March 17

Invoking Peace – Islamic Art Exhibit, Euphrat Museum of Art, De Anza College

Sat, Feb 4

Getting To Know American Muslims and Their Faith, 10:30 a.m., Saratoga Library

Sun, Feb. 5

Sumbul Ali-Karamali, 2 p.m., Saratoga Library

Mon, Feb. 6

Learn About Ghazni, Afghanistan, 7 p.m., Los Altos Library

Tue, Feb. 7

Book Group, 7 p.m., San Jose Women's Club

Wed, Feb. 8

Silicon Valley Reads On The Air, 7:30 p.m., CreaTVsj.org

Thur, Feb. 9

Special Storytime for Preschoolers, 10:30 a.m., Santa Teresa Branch Library

"Allah Made Me Funny," 4 p.m., Evergreen Branch Library

Reception for Invoking Peace artists, 5:30 p.m., Euphrat Museum of Art, De Anza College

Sun, Feb. 12

Sumbul Ali-Karamali, 2 p.m., India Community Center

Wed, Feb. 15

Special Storytime for Families, 4 p.m., Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library

Book Group, 6:45 p.m., Santa Teresa Branch Library

Book Group, 7 p.m., Sunnyvale Public Library

Thur, Feb. 16

"On a Wing and a Prayer," 4 p.m., Evergreen Branch Library

What It's Like To Be The Muslim Next Door in Silicon Valley, 6:30 p.m., The Tech Museum

Sat, Feb. 18

"Prince Among Slaves," 10:30 a.m., Milpitas Library

"Prince Among Slaves," 11 a.m., Berryessa Branch Library

"On a Wing and a Prayer," 12:30 p.m., Milpitas Library

"Allah Made Me Funny," 2 p.m., Milpitas Library

Getting To Know American Muslims and Their Faith, 2 p.m., Alviso Branch Library

Wed, Feb. 22

Silicon Valley Reads On The Air, 7:30 p.m., CreaTVsj.org

Getting To Know American Muslims and Their Faith, 6:30 p.m., Evergreen Branch Library

Thur, Feb. 23

"Inside Islam: What A Billion Muslims Really Think," 4 p.m., Evergreen Branch Library

Asma Mobin-Uddin, 7 p.m., Woodland Branch Library

Fri, Feb. 24

Asma Mobin-Uddin, 7 p.m., Barnes & Noble Pruneyard

Sat, Feb. 25

Todd Parr, 11 a.m., West Valley Branch Library

Asma Mobin-Uddin, 11:30 a.m., Pearl Avenue Branch Library

Asma Mobin-Uddin, 1 p.m., Willow Glen Branch Library

Todd Parr, 2 p.m., Berryessa Branch Library

Asma Mobin-Uddin, 3 p.m., Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library

Todd Parr, 3:30 p.m., Santa Teresa Branch Library

Sun, Feb. 26

Todd Parr, 1 p.m., Children's Discovery Museum

Todd Parr, 3:30 p.m., Sunnyvale Public Library

Mon, Feb. 27

"Talking Through Walls" and "Allah Made Me Funny," 6 p.m., Sunnyvale Public Library

Wed, Feb. 29

Willow Wilson, 6 p.m., Edenvale Branch Library

Special Storytime for Families, 6 p.m., East San Jose Carnegie Branch Library

Willow Wilson, 7:30 p.m., Milpitas Library

MARCH

Thur, March 1

Willow Wilson, 1:30 p.m., De Anza College

"Talking Through Walls," 4 p.m., Evergreen Branch Library

Willow Wilson, 4 p.m., Santa Clara University

Willow Wilson, 6:30 p.m., Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library

Fri, March 2

Willow Wilson, 7 p.m., Los Altos Library

Sat, March 3

Sumbul Ali-Karamali and Willow Wilson together on stage, 1:30 p.m., Cupertino Community Hall

"Allah Made Me Funny," 2 p.m., Saratoga Library

Sun, March 4

Celebrity Storytime with Kim Vestal, 2 p.m., Children's Discovery Museum

Wed, March 7

Special Storytime for Preschoolers, 11:30 a.m., Cambrian Branch Library

Silicon Valley Reads On The Air, 7:30 p.m., CreaTVsj.org

Thur, March 8

Book Discussion with Religious Leaders, 1:30 p.m., First Congregational Church of San Jose

"Prince Among Slaves," 4 p.m., Evergreen Branch Library

Sat, March 10

Sumbul Ali-Karamali, 1 p.m., Morgan Hill Library

Getting To Know American Muslims and Their Faith, 2 p.m., East San Jose Carnegie Branch Library

Sun, March 11

Celebrity Storytime with Lissa Kreisler, 2 p.m., Children's Discovery Museum

"Sound of the Soul" Sacred Music, 2 p.m., Visual & Performing Arts Center, De Anza College

Tue, March 13

"Allah Made Me Funny," 5:30 p.m., Edenvale Branch Library

Fri, March 16

Tea and Talk about The Muslim Next Door, 10 a.m., History Club of Los Gatos

Sat, March 17

Sumbul Ali-Karamali, 3 p.m., Sunnyvale Public Library

Sun, March 18

Celebrity Storytime with Mike Wasserman, 2 p.m., Children's Discovery Museum

"Allah Made Me Funny," 2 p.m., Santa Clara Central Park Library

Tue, March 20

Sheba Karim, 3:30 p.m., Vineland Branch Library

Sheba Karim, 7 p.m., Morgan Hill Library

Wed, March 21

Sheba Karim, 4 p.m., Edenvale Branch Library

Sheba Karim, 6 p.m., Cambrian Branch Library

Silicon Valley Reads On The Air, 7:30 p.m., CreaTVsj.org

Thur, March 22

Sheba Karim, 4 p.m., Santa Clara Central Park Library

Sheba Karim, 7:30 p.m., Barnes & Noble Pruneyard

Sat, March 24

"Muhammed: Legacy of a Prophet," 2 p.m., Berryessa Branch Library

Sun, March 25

Celebrity Storytime with Sal Pizarro, 2 p.m., Children's Discovery Museum

Wed, March 28

Getting To Know American Muslims and Their Faith, 6 p.m., Morgan Hill Library

Sumbul Ali-Karamali, 3:30 p.m., Santa Clara County Office of Education

Sat, March 31

"One Through Love" – The Poetry of Rumi, 7 p.m., Visual & Performing Arts Center, De Anza College

APRIL

Tue, April 3

Paranoid Politics, 7 p.m., Jewish Community Center

Wed, April 4

Silicon Valley Reads On The Air, 7:30 p.m., CreaTVsj.org

Sat, April 14

Sumbul Ali-Karamali, 2 p.m., Cambrian Branch Library

Sumbul Ali-Karamali, 4 p.m., Barnes & Noble Pruneyard

Wed, April 18

Getting To Know American Muslims and Their Faith, 7 p.m., Gilroy Library

Silicon Valley Reads On The Air, 7:30 p.m., CreaTVsj.org

Sat, April 21

Todd Parr, 10:15 a.m., Mountain View Public Library

"Allah Made Me Funny," 11 a.m., Berryessa Branch Library

Todd Parr, 2 p.m., Pearl Avenue Branch Library

Sumbul Ali-Karamali, 2 p.m., Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library

Todd Parr, 3:30 p.m., Almaden Branch Library

Sun, April 22

Todd Parr, 1 p.m., Los Gatos Library

Todd Parr, 3 p.m., Santa Clara Central Park Library

Thur, April 26

Willow Wilson, 6:30 p.m., Campbell Library

"Allah Made Me Funny," 7 p.m., Gilroy Library

Fri, April 27

Willow Wilson, 4 p.m., Pearl Avenue Branch Library

Sat, April 28

Willow Wilson, 10 a.m., Mountain View Public Library

Willow Wilson, 2 p.m., Gilroy Library

Willow Wilson, 4 p.m., Gilroy Library

Sun, April 29

Closing Event of Silicon Valley Reads with Sumbul Ali-Karamali and Willow Wilson, 2 p.m., Santa Clara Central Park Library



Silicon Valley Reads 2012 Event Locations

Almaden Branch Library
6445 Camden Ave., San Jose

Alviso Library
5050 N. First St., San Jose

Barnes & Noble Pruneyard
1875 S. Bascom Ave., Campbell

Berryessa Branch Library
3355 Noble Ave., San Jose

Cambrian Branch Library
1780 Hillside Ave., San Jose

Campbell Library
77 Harrison Ave., Campbell

Children's Discovery Museum
180 Woz Way, San Jose

Cupertino Community Hall
10350 Torre Ave., Cupertino

De Anza College
21250 Stevens Creek Blvd., Cupertino

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library
150 E. San Fernando St., San Jose

East San Jose Carnegie Library
1102 E. Santa Clara St., San Jose

Edenvale Branch Library
101 Branham Lane East, San Jose

Euphrat Museum of Art
De Anza College
21250 Stevens Creek Blvd., Cupertino

Evergreen Branch Library
2635 Aborn Rd., San Jose

First Congregational Church of San Jose
1980 Hamilton Ave., San Jose

Gilroy Library
350 W. Sixth St., Gilroy

Heritage Theatre
1 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell

History Club of Los Gatos
123 Los Gatos Blvd., Los Gatos

India Community Center
525 Los Coches St., Milpitas

Jewish Community Center
Auditorium
Levy Family Campus
14855 Oka Rd., Los Gatos

Los Altos Library
13 S. San Antonio Rd., Los Altos

Los Gatos Library
100 Villa, Los Gatos

Milpitas Library
160 N. Main St., Milpitas

Morgan Hill Library
660 W. Main Ave., Morgan Hill

Mountain View Public Library
585 Franklin St., Mountain View

Muslim Community Association
3003, Scott Blvd., Santa Clara

Pearl Avenue Branch Library
4270 Pearl Ave., San Jose

San Jose Women's Club
75 S. 11th St., San Jose

Santa Clara Central Park Library
2635 Homestead Rd., Santa Clara

Santa Clara County Office of Education
1290 Ridder Park Dr., San Jose

Santa Clara University
500 El Camino Real, Santa Clara

Santa Teresa Branch Library
290 International Circle, San Jose

Saratoga Library
13650 Saratoga Ave., Saratoga

Sunnyvale Library
665 W. Olive St., Sunnyvale

The Tech Museum
201 S. Market St., San Jose

Vineland Branch Library
1450 Blossom Hill Rd., San Jose

Visual & Performing Arts Center
De Anza College
21250 Stevens Creek Blvd., Cupertino

West Valley Branch Library
1243 San Tomas Aquino Rd., San Jose

Willow Glen Branch Library
1157 Minnesota Ave., San Jose

Woodland Branch Library
1975 Grant Rd., Los Altos

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