

# Nature is Home in Vineland

## Artist: Morgan Bricca

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1450 Blossom Hill Rd, San Jose, CA 95118 / Council District 10

### ABOUT THE PROJECT

San José Public Library enriches lives by fostering lifelong learning and by ensuring that every member of the community has access to a vast array of ideas and information. Vineland Branch Library includes a seed library, community room rental, computers and printing, and group study rooms.

Artists considered for this project are in the Public Art Program's Mural Artists Roster which features Bay Area artists. The Public Art Program released a Request For Qualifications (RFQ) on September 19, 2022 on Café, the online platform that is widely used for artist calls, and staff actively promoted and recruited Bay Area artists. From this roster artist Morgan Bricca was selected for the Vineland Branch Library commission by the Public Art Program.



Known best for her large-scale murals and keen sense of light, Morgan Bricca's mural design brings warmth and brightness to the children's area at Vineland Branch Library. Reflecting Almaden Valley and the Vineland area's history as the original wine country, the mural features a tall tree set in a picturesque landscape. The design cleverly addresses the room's architectural challenges, with the tree's branches extending upward to soften the hard corners. The painted scene stimulates the imagination as a natural setting for a story, while complimentary the interior design of the library. Small details such as owls, jackrabbits, horses, and flowers add an element of discovery throughout the design.

## ABOUT THE ARTIST

Morgan Bricca is a well-known Bay Area muralist specializing in large-scale, custom murals. She has painted over 500 murals in her career, with 75 murals in the Bay Area, including previous commissions for the City of San José, City of Palo Alto, City of Morgan Hill, City of Redwood City, Google.org, lululemon, Stanford University, San Francisco 49ers, and several others. Her previous City of San José murals are El Sueño de la Mariposa, located at Havana Drive-Midfield Avenue; and two murals as part of Beautility at TJ Martin and Fontana Park.

More information on the artist can be found at <https://morganmurals.com/>



## ABOUT THE PUBLIC ART PROGRAM

The City of San José Public Art Program seeks to build community identity by initiating artworks and exhibitions that enhance the civic landscape. Through active community engagement, public art strives to reflect the City's diversity, historic richness, and envision its present and future.

The Public Art Program is part of the City's Office of Cultural Affairs, a division of the Office of Economic Development. The Public Art Program was established by a 1984 municipal ordinance that provides public art through funding from City capital improvement projects and eligible private development.

For further information and photos, please contact the San José Public Art Program.