

Best Shop for Fashionable Eyewear

C2020 Optometry

5833 College Ave., 510-658-2020, www.c2020optometry.com.

Best Real Estate Company

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Red Oak Realty, 6450 Moraga Ave., 510-812-9186, 510-846-3601,
www.redoakrealty.com.

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Kids

Best New Kids' Clothes

Ruby's Garden

Located in the heart of what has become a de facto restaurant row in the Temescal District, Ruby's Garden offers an impressive selection of hip kids' clothing and shoes, with an emphasis on Bay Area makers, including eye-popping, globally inspired togs by Tea Collections of San Francisco. Part of one wall is adorned with handmade superhero-style capes (also from a local maker), and there are also small areas devoted to a few well-chosen toys and books. The back third of the store is given over to racks of carefully selected gently-used clothes, so there should be something for every pocketbook.

5026 Telegraph Ave., 510-595-5325, www.rubysgarden.com.

Best Gently Used Kids' Clothes

Ruby's Garden

5026 Telegraph Ave., 510-595-5325, www.rubysgarden.com.

Best New Toys

Rockridge Kids

5511 College Ave., 510-601-5437, www.rockridgekidsstore.com.

Best Used Toys

Toy Safari

Want to entertain your kids for, say, one or two hours? Take them to Alameda's Toy Safari, which is one of the biggest independent toy stores in the Bay Area—it's literally stuffed with toys from floor to ceiling in each of its two rooms. In fact, in the smaller room, which has green plastic flooring like a giant Lego set, dozens of stuffed animals hang from the ceiling. The action even spills out onto the sidewalk, where dollhouses and tricycles provide a preview of the goodies inside. Toy Safari has new toys and games aimed at every age level and interest, and also a sizable collection of previously owned toys. Large plastic bins in the main room houses used action figures, Lego blocks, and cars for tiny tots and older kids, while the annex offers hundreds of games, stacked high almost out of sight. Good luck extricating your kids when it's time to leave.

1410 Park St., Alameda,
510-522-1723, www.toysafaritoys.com.