



# CHECK IT OUT

**All San Rafael Public Library branches will be closed Friday, October 28 for Staff Training Day.**

## What's New?



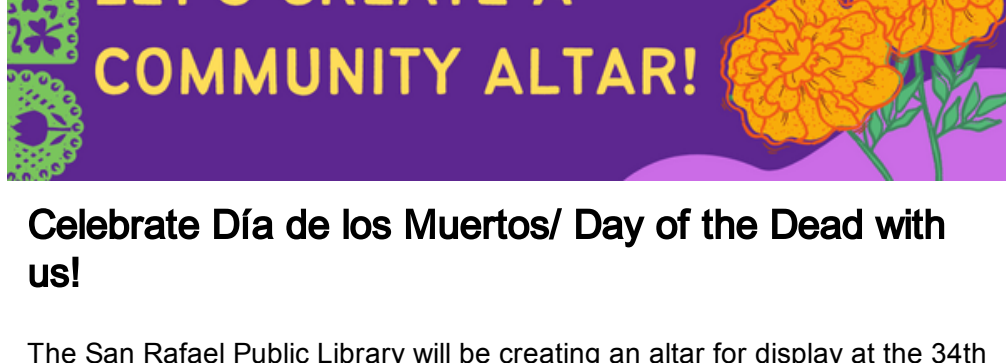
**Oct 16 - 22 is National Friends of Libraries Week!**

The library wouldn't be the same without our Friends! The Friends of the San Rafael Public Library is a non-profit group that supports the library through fundraising, volunteering and advocacy.

A core group of members run the charming Friends Books Store located in Downtown San Rafael, and host book sales throughout the year. All proceeds go to support the library's programs, services and collections. Our Friends make possible our annual summer reading program and summer enrichment events, collections such as video games, manga and classics, as well as book clubs, art programs, workshops, and so much more. Thank you Friends!

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**Celebrate Día de los Muertos/ Day of the Dead with us!**

The San Rafael Public Library will be creating an altar for display at the 34th annual Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) celebration at the Al Boro Community Center! We would like to invite you, the community, to contribute to the library's altar by bringing in a photo of a passed loved one who you would like to honor.

Bring your 5 x 7 photo with a one to two sentence tribute message, and if you wish, a small offering to the Pickleweed or Downtown library branches no later than October 31st. We cannot facilitate the return of photos or offerings so we ask that you provide a copy of your photo (or we can copy for you) and that offerings are not of value.

[FREE EVENT: NOV 5](#)



**Drop-in 3D Printing and VR now available at all locations on a limited schedule!**

**Downtown: Weds & Thurs, 4:30-6:30**

**Pickleweed: Weds & Fri, 3:00-4:30**

**Northgate: Sat, 11:00-5:00**

### 3D Printing:

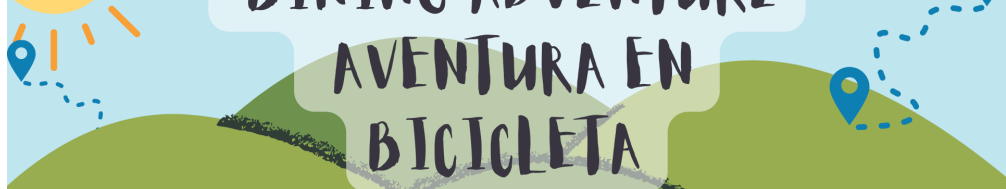
Drop-in to meet with a knowledgeable staff person and learn about 3D printing! If you have a project in mind, we can work with you to have it printed, or we can help you choose a file from a database of objects. Please note that there is a queue and wait-time for prints, and that we can only accept a limited number of prints per week.

### Virtual Reality:

Drop-in to try our VR headsets, available in English and Spanish. Patrons must be aged 13+ to use the VR equipment. Thank you to our partners from XR Libraries.

[3D PRINT GUIDELINES AND FAQS](#)

[VR GUIDELINES AND FAQS](#)



**Trips for Kids presents: Biking Adventure at Pickleweed Park**

**Saturday, Oct 29**

**1:00-4:00pm**

**Pickleweed Library**

Learn all about bike safety and maintenance at Pickleweed Park – then go on a supervised bike ride through the areal Presented in partnership with Trips for Kids. Registration and parent waiver required, and space is limited. Contact the Pickleweed Library for more information. Ages 8+.

[CALL: 415-485-3483](#)



**CARA presents: Friday Forums for Older Adults**

**Fridays, Oct 14, 21 & 28**

**2:00-3:00pm**

**Via Zoom**

Join us for this three-session zoom series to learn about topics of importance to older adults.

**Oct 14**—Vial of Life—contains essential information in life-threatening situations at home

**Oct 21**—Your Rights in the Hospital

**Oct 28**—The Advanced Directive

Presented in partnership with our friends from CARA (California Alliance of Retired Americans).

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**Storytimes moving indoors!**

**Starting October 19, 20 & 21 through the chilly months**

The seasons are changing and our storytimes are moving indoors! Join us for songs, stories, rhymes and puppets every week.

### Northgate

Food Court

Wednesdays, 10:30am

### Downtown

\*Council Chambers (inside City Hall)

Thursdays, 10:30am

### Pickleweed

Pickleweed Library

Fridays, 10:30am

\*Please note that there is a strict no eating policy in the Council Chambers. You can enjoy your snacks in the lobby!

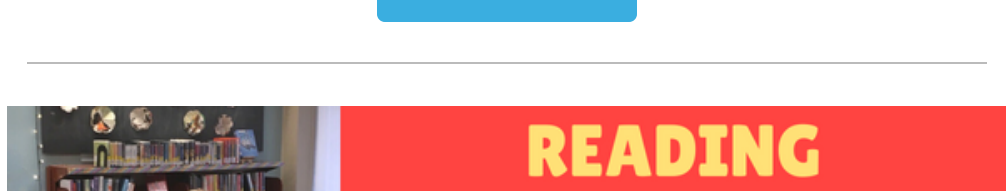
## Events, Services & More!



**Monthly programs for adults**

Check out our events calendar to learn more about all of our monthly offerings! If you're coming back to our events after a break, double-check your registration as some of our links have changed.

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**Reading Buddies**

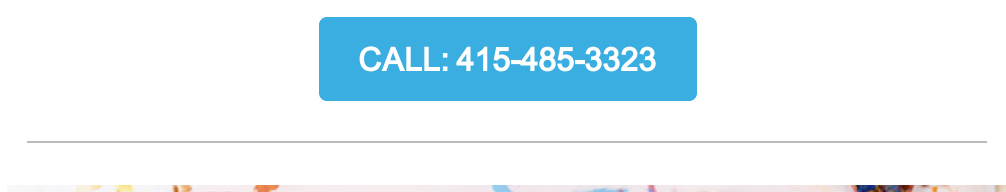
**Appointments available Pickleweed and Downtown**

Reading Buddies pairs adult volunteers with beginning readers in grades 1-3 for a weekly standing 20 minute appointment. During the appointment, the child will practice reading with their Reading Buddy one-on-one, and receive encouragement and support. Our Reading Buddies are not trained literacy tutors, just volunteers who can lend an enthusiastic ear to your child as they practice reading!

This program is a great fit for families who speak a language other than English at home.

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**Process Art for all ages**

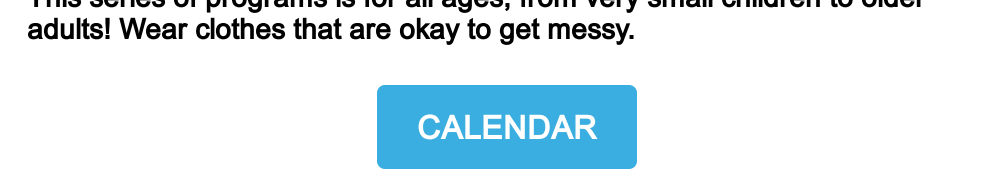
**Second Saturdays, 11:00am-1:00pm**

**All branches**

Process Art emphasizes the process of making art. It is about the experience we have while creating, rather than the outcome; there is no right or wrong way to explore. Each session new materials and techniques will be offered, with a tie-in to a famous artist whose work influences our exploration.

**This series of programs is for all ages, from very small children to older adults! Wear clothes that are okay to get messy.**

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## Genealogy Series

With the Marin County Genealogical Society

**Marin County Genealogical Society presents:**

**Genealogy Series**

**Wednesday, Oct 19**

**5:30-6:30pm**

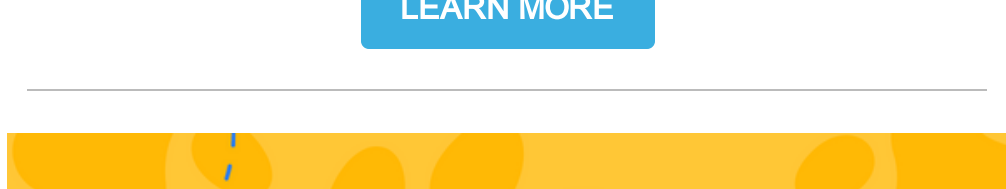
**Downtown Library**

Join us for a series of genealogy programs hosted by the Marin County Genealogical Society.

### This session: Ancestry.com

Ancestry.com provides powerful tools to unlock your ancestor's lives, learn how to search through billions of records from all over the world and build a family tree to store and organize your family history. We will cover both the library edition and the subscription version of Ancestry.com.

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**Read to a Dog at Northgate!**

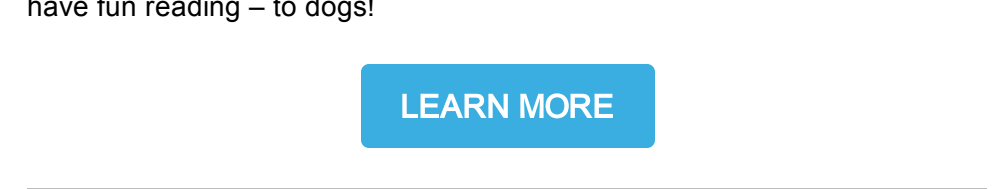
**Saturdays, Oct 15 & Nov 19**

**11:00am-12:00pm**

**Northgate Library**

The Marin Humane Society's SHARE a Book program is designed to help children improve their literacy skills, and to offer an opportunity for them to have fun reading – to dogs!

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**Teen Drop-in Art & Games**

**Saturdays, Oct 15 & Nov 19**

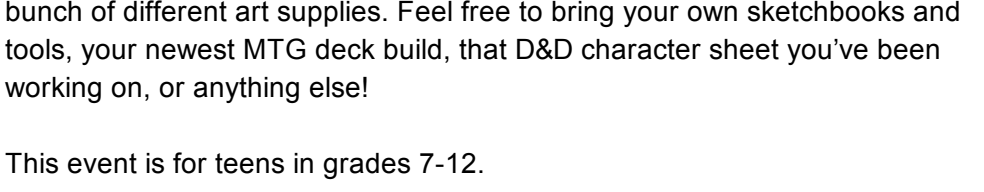
**3:00-4:30pm**

**Downtown Library**

Come to the Downtown library and have some fun! We'll have an array of board games, tabletop games, and VR headsets set out to use, as well as a bunch of different art supplies. Feel free to bring your own sketchbooks and tools, your newest MTG deck build, that D&D character sheet you've been working on, or anything else!

This event is for teens in grades 7-12.

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**Reciprocal Lending:**

**your digital library just got bigger!**

**NorthNet Library System**

**Peninsula Library System**

**Libby.**

The library reading app

**OverDrive**



**Reciprocal lending with Overdrive/Libby**

Your digital library just got bigger! Reciprocal lending is now available for all MARINET patrons.

### What's reciprocal lending?

It's a lot like Link+, but for Overdrive eBooks and audiobooks. You can borrow items from partner libraries that **aren't checked out or on hold**, and they can borrow from us!

### How does it work?

In the Libby app or Overdrive website, go to your account and add a new library card by searching for "Peninsula Library System" or "NorthNet". When you're asked for your library card information, scroll down to see partner libraries, select San Rafael Public Library, and sign in with your San Rafael Public Library card number and password/pin.

In addition to this amazing partnership, we've also got access to over 4,000 comics, graphic novels, and manga—always available, no holds, just like our magazines! These titles are for all ages and include popular reads such as Minecraft, Avatar, Cuphead, Stranger Things, Paper Girls, Black Panther, Star Wars as well as manga titles like Berserk, Oh My Goddess!, Blade of the Immortal, and many more.

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