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What's New?



National Library Week - it's never too late to celebrate your local library!

April 7th - 13th was National Library Week, and it is always a good time to celebrate your local libraries. This year's theme was "Get Ready, Get Set, Library!"

Did you know that the San Rafael Public Library was established on April 20, 1887 as a coffee and reading room? In honor of National Library Week, learn more about the San Rafael Public Library and our early history.

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April is Arab American Heritage Month

Did you know that California has the largest number of Arab Americans of any state? In April, we celebrate National Arab American Heritage Month and recognize the valuable contributions of Arab Americans to our culture and society. Take some time this month to check out books by Arab American authors.

[Childrens Picture and Chapter Books](#)

[Teen Books](#)

[Adult Fiction and Non-Fiction](#)



ProQuest Performing Arts Collection

A diverse collection of Music, Dance, and Theatre content provided by Alexander Street, the ProQuest Performing Arts Collection covers hundreds of genres and a wide range of content types, from instruction to performance. Leading content providers include the National Theatre, Royal Shakespeare Company, Qwest TV, Smithsonian, L.A. Theatre Works, Broadway On-Demand, and many more.

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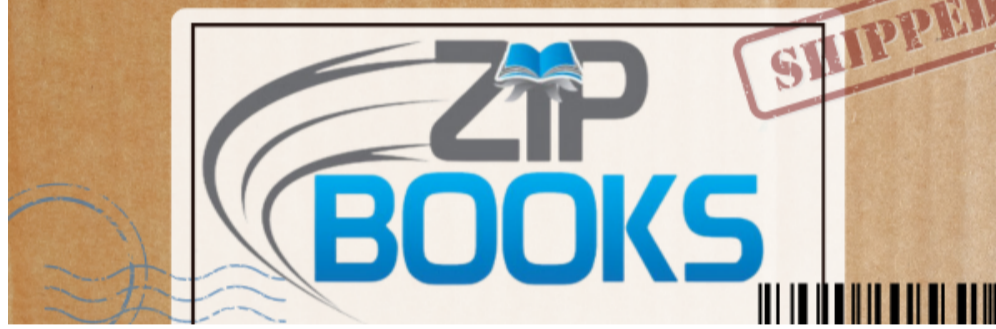
Club de lectura en español

Viernes, el 19 de Abril
5:30-7:00
Biblioteca Northgate

Te gustaría conocer nuevas personas y mejorar tu hábito de lectura? Únete a nuestro Club de Lectura en Español! Leemos un libro diferente cada mes: De ficción, o No ficción, de autores reconocidos, libros controversiales o simplemente libros ligeros para disfrutar.

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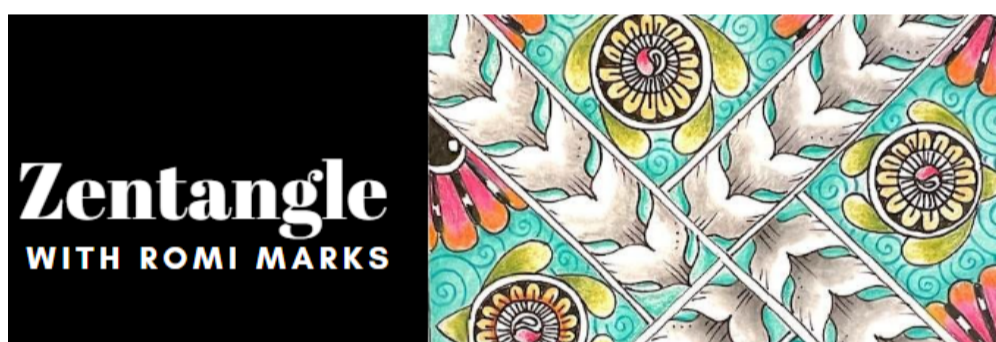
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Zentangle with Romi Marks

Wednesday, April 17
2:00-5:00pm
via Zoom

Zentangle is a fun, relaxing and easy-to-learn art form that uses repetitive patterns to create beautiful images while improving focus and creativity. In this class you will delve in to the Zentangle method while creating a beautiful composition. As space is limited, advanced registration is required.

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Weekly Storytime

Join us for songs, rhymes, and stories every week! With Spring weather on the horizon, we'll be moving most of our storytime activities outside (weather permitting!). We host Stay & Play inside the library after each storytime.

Pickleweed Library
Tuesdays, 10:30am (NEW DAY)

Downtown Library
Wednesdays, 10:30am (NEW DAY)

Northgate Library
Fridays, 10:30am

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Lego Saturdays

Monthly @ all 3 branches
11:00am-1:00pm

Pickleweed: 3rd Saturdays (April 20)
Downtown: 1st Saturdays (May 4)
Northgate: 2nd Saturdays (May 11)

We'll supply the Legos and you bring your creativity! Join us for drop-in free play with Legos between 11am and 1pm on Saturdays. Ages 4 and up.

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ESL Conversation Club

First and Third Saturdays (April 20, May 4)
4:00-5:00pm
via Zoom

Are you a new English speaker? Do you want a safe and friendly space to practice your language skills? Join us at the San Rafael Public Library to talk and grow together! We will learn new vocabulary and idioms, discuss grammar, and improve our conversation skills.

This club supports all conversational English levels! We pay special attention to intermediate skill improvement, and offer an opportunity for beginning levels to immerse in daily conversation topics.

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Art Talks: Japanese Prints in Transition

Wednesday, May 1
1:00-2:00pm
via Zoom

In 1868 Japan's shogun was overthrown, marking the end of feudal military rule and ushering in the Meiji era (1868-1912), a period of modernization and exchange with other nations. As Japan's society shifted, so too did its print culture. This two-part exhibition (the floating world and the modern world) highlights this stylistic transition and the work of one artist, Tsukioka Yoshitoshi, who successfully spanned them both.

At the Legion of Honor April 6 - August 18, 2023. Talk will be given by FAMSF Docent Kathryn Zupsic. Please note, advanced or day of registration is required.

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Books Beyond Borders

May 8 / 8 de Mayo
4:00-5:00
Pickleweed Library

5th-8th graders are invited to join us for our Books Beyond Borders book club in which we'll travel through time and place to better understand our present world. Each month, read the selected book (participants get a free copy) and then we'll meet to discuss it and do a fun related craft or writing activity.

May's title: *Two Tribes* by Emily Bowen Cohen

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