

## CHECK IT OUT

### This month at the Library...



#### May is Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

Did you know that May was selected as Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage month to commemorate both the immigration of the first Japanese to the United States and the completion of the transcontinental railroad? Staff have created the below reading lists to celebrate and highlight Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander authors on our library collection.

[Childrens Picture and Chapter Books](#)

[Teen Books](#)

[Adult Fiction and Non-Fiction](#)



#### Club de Lectura en Español

**Viernes el 17 de mayo**  
**5:30-7:00pm**  
**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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#### Tam-Van Stories and Nature Activities!

**Sábado, el 18 de Mayo**  
**10:30-2:30**  
**Pickleweed Park**

¡Cuentos y Aventuras en la Naturaleza para toda la Familia! Te invitamos a ti y a tu familia a unirse a nosotros en el parque frente a la Biblioteca Pickleweed y centro comunitario. Tendremos hora de cuentos y actividades de naturaleza y arte.

**Saturday, May 18**  
**10:30-2:30**  
**Pickleweed Park**

Stories and Nature Activities for the Whole Family! We invite you and your family to join us at the park in front of the Pickleweed Library and Community Center! We'll have storytime and nature and art activities.

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#### ESL Conversation Club

**First and Third Saturdays (May 18, June 1)**  
**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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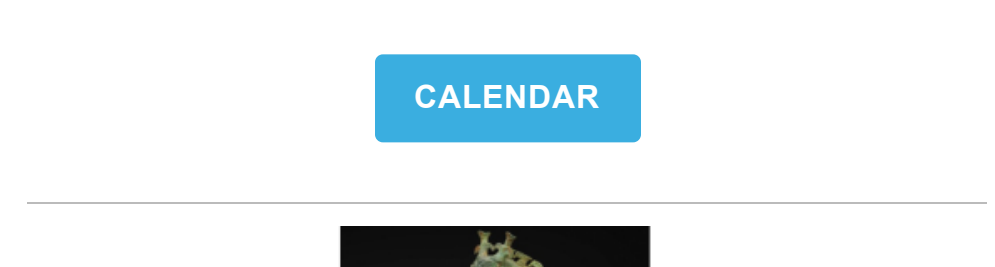
#### Your Library 24/7

**Second and Fourth Thursdays (May 23 and June 13)**  
**2:00-3:30pm**  
**Third Floor Conference Room**  
**City Hall, 1400 Fifth Ave**

Did you know that you have free access to e-books, magazines, music, and movies at your fingertips? This NEW ongoing class is designed to introduce you to the library's e-books, movies, music, and more!

Please visit the event page for information on how to register.

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**First Wednesday**

## ART TALKS

#### Art Talks: Phoenix Kingdom

**Wednesday, June 5**  
**1:00-2:00pm**  
**via Zoom**

*Phoenix Kingdoms* reveals the masterful fabrication and eye-catching flamboyance of Chu and Zeng art, as well as its deep spiritual and cultural underpinnings. The largest and most resource-rich state of its time, Chu was well known among its peers for the production of jade, bronze, lacquer, and textiles. Experience the splendor, sophistication, and extravagance of two mysterious kingdoms that flourished at the dawn of China's Bronze Age.

This exhibition is at the Asian Art Museum in SF from April 19 – July 22, 2024. Talk will be given by AAM Docent Debbie Ottman. Please note, advanced or day of registration is required.

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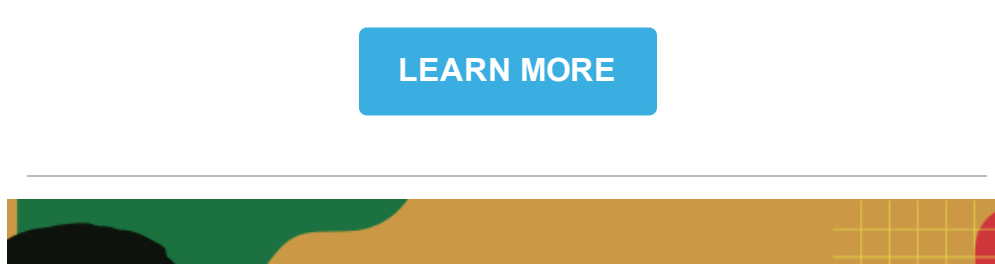


#### Local Art Talk: Evri Kwong's King Cotton and Other Silly Matters

**Thursday, June 6**  
**6:00-7:00pm**  
**City Hall, Council Chambers**  
**1400 Fifth Ave**

The San Rafael Public Library is honored to present local artist, Evri Kwong, and his latest project: **King Cotton and Other Silly Matters**. Patrons who frequent our library may recognize Evri as a familiar face working near the upstairs service desk. Come to learn more about Evri Kwong and his work.

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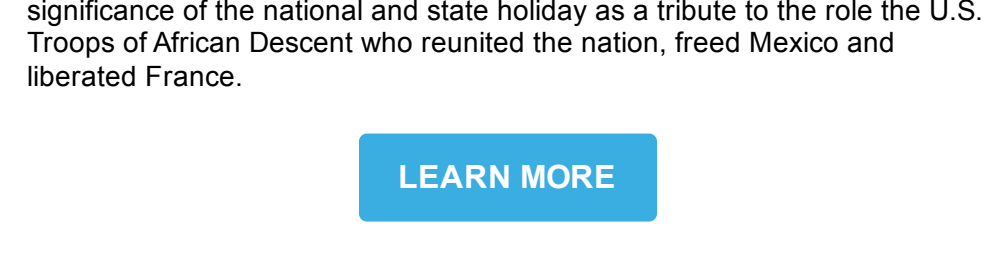


#### Juneteenth: Celebrating Freedom

**Tuesday, June 11**  
**6:00-7:00pm**  
**Downtown Library, Carnegie Room**

Join Historian John William Templeton, subject matter expert on African-Americans in the West and creator of the California African-American Freedom Trail. He is the author of *Road to Ratification: How 27 States Faced the Most Challenging Issue in American History and Citizenship for All: 150th anniversary of the 14th Amendment*. He explains the real significance of the national and state holiday as a tribute to the role the U.S. Troops of African Descent who reunited the nation, freed Mexico and liberated France.

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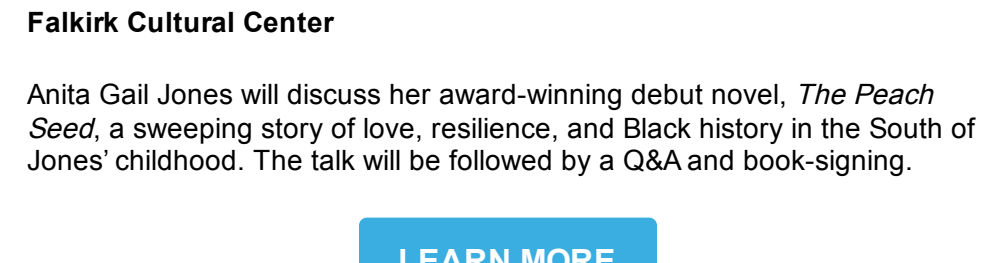


#### Local Author Talk with Anita Gail Jones

**Friday, June 14**  
**5:30-6:30pm**  
**Falkirk Cultural Center**

Anita Gail Jones will discuss her award-winning debut novel, *The Peach Seed*, a sweeping story of love, resilience, and Black history in the South of Jones' childhood. The talk will be followed by a Q&A and book-signing.

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#### Weekly Storytime

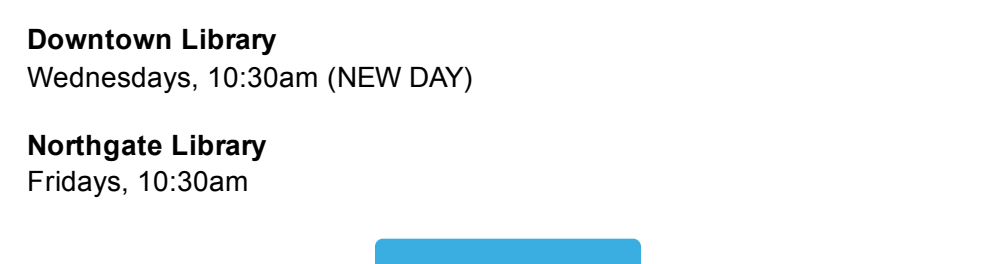
Join us for songs, rhymes, and stories every week! With Spring weather on the horizon, we'll be moving most of our storytime activities outside (weather permitting!). We host Stay & Play inside the library after each storytime.

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

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

**Northgate Library**  
Fridays, 10:30am

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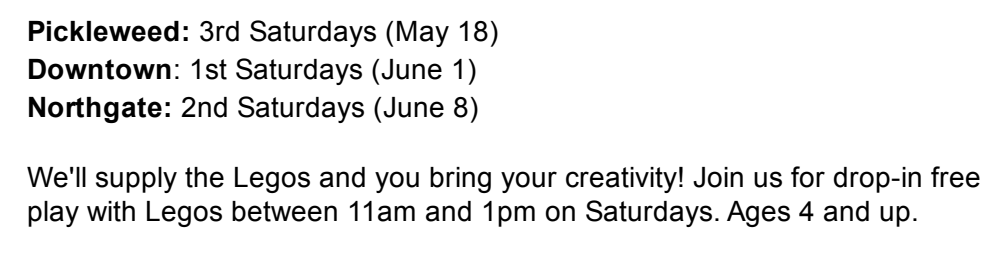
#### LEGO SATURDAYS

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

**Pickleweed:** 3rd Saturdays (May 18)  
**Downtown:** 1st Saturdays (June 1)  
**Northgate:** 2nd Saturdays (June 8)

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.

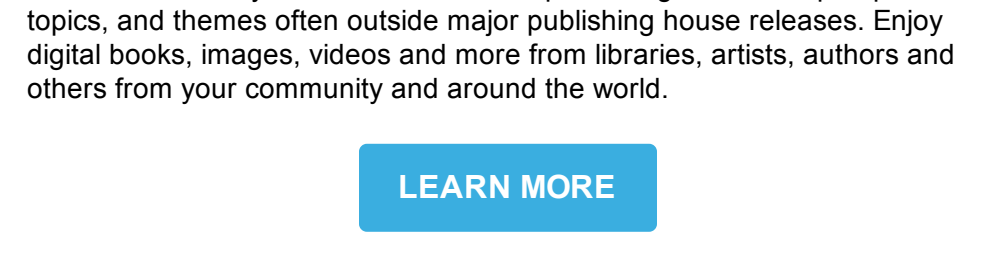
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