

Check It Out

This month at the Library...



Our 4th Street Pop-Up Library is Open! ¡Nuestra Biblioteca Temporal Ha Abierto!

On September 2nd, the Downtown Library closed for much-needed safety and infrastructure updates. On Monday, September 16th, we opened a pop-up location on 4th Street to continue providing library services in downtown San Rafael during construction.

Our pop-up library is located at 1009 4th Street, across from the Bank of America, in the home of the former Beauty Expo. Located in the heart of downtown San Rafael, we are excited to take advantage of what the new space has to offer. Our services include enriching public programs; space to sit, read, and relax; free public Wi-Fi and access to laptops; holds pick-up, and a variety of popular books, DVDs, audiobooks, video games, magazines, and other materials.

Expanded Hours!
To offer more options to the community while the Downtown Library is closed, we have expanded our hours at all San Rafael Public Libraries. Check out our expanded hours below.

While the Downtown Library is closed...
You can return your checked out items and pick-up your holds at our 4th Street Pop-Up during open hours.

To learn more, view our Frequently Asked Questions.

El 2 de septiembre, la Biblioteca del Centro cerró por motivos de remodelación y actualizaciones de seguridad e infraestructura. El lunes, 16 de septiembre, reabrimos en una sucursal temporal sobre la 4ta calle para seguir prestando servicios en el centro de San Rafael durante la construcción.

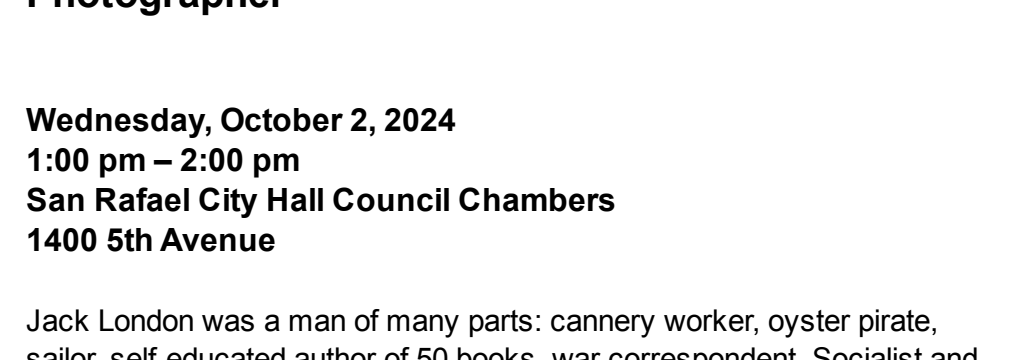
Nuestra biblioteca temporal (Pop-Up) se ubica en el 1009 de la 4ta calle, frente al Banco de América, en donde era la Beauty Expo. Situado en el corazón del centro de San Rafael, estamos muy contentos de aprovechar lo que el nuevo espacio tiene para ofrecer. Nuestros servicios incluyen programas públicos de enriquecimiento; espacio para sentarse, leer y relajarse; Wi-Fi público gratuito y acceso a computadoras portátiles; recogida de libros en reserva; y variedad de libros populares, DVDs, libros en CD, videojuegos, revistas y otros materiales.

Horario ampliado
Para ofrecer más opciones a la comunidad mientras la Biblioteca del Centro está cerrada, hemos ampliado las horas de servicio en todas las Bibliotecas Públicas de San Rafael. Consulte la extensión de nuestras horas de servicio.

Mientras la Biblioteca del Centro está cerrada...
Puede llevar sus devoluciones y recoger sus pedidos en la biblioteca temporal durante horarios de servicio.

Para más información, visite nuestras Preguntas Frecuentes.

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First Wednesday Art Talk – Jack London, Photographer

Wednesday, October 2, 2024
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm
San Rafael City Hall Council Chambers
1400 5th Avenue

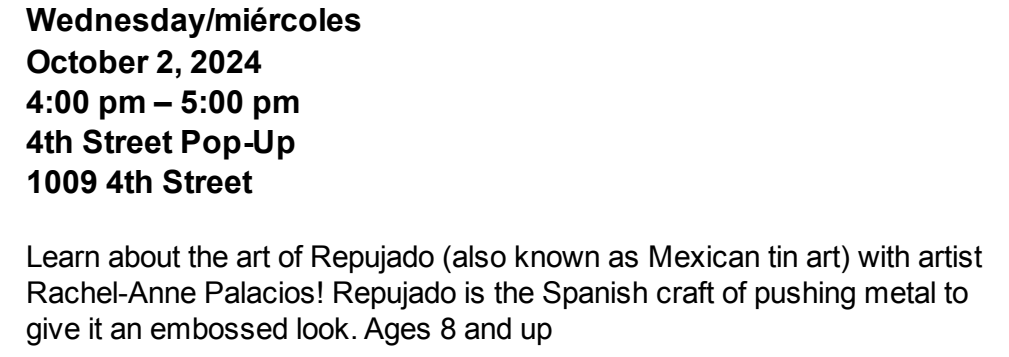
Jack London was a man of many parts: canner worker, oyster pirate, sailor, self-educated author of 50 books, war correspondent, Socialist and forward-thinking rancher.

A lesser-known aspect of his immense activity was photography. Over the course of his life, London took about 12,000 photos, both during his journalistic exploits and his travels with wife Charmian. His photos form a fascinating record of a world unknown to most Americans, and display an unerring sense of drama, sharp composition, and sympathetic respect for his subjects.

Independent Docent: Avril Angevine

First Wednesday Art Talks are provided by the Friends of the San Rafael Libraries

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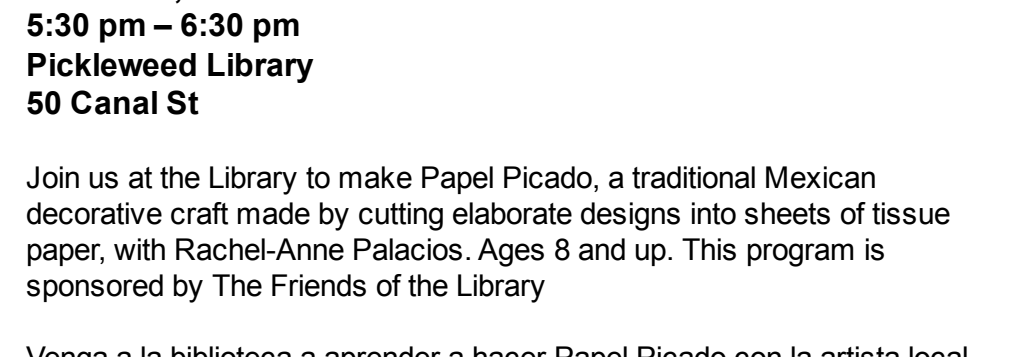
Repujado Workshop with Rachel Palacios

Wednesday/miércoles
October 2, 2024
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm
4th Street Pop-Up
1009 4th Street

Learn about the art of Repujado (also known as Mexican tin art) with artist Rachel-Anne Palacios! Repujado is the Spanish craft of pushing metal to give it an embossed look. Ages 8 and up

Aprenda en arte de Repujado con la artista local Rachel-Anne Palacios! El repujado es una técnica artesanal que consiste en trabajar planchas de metal para obtener una figura ornamental en relieve. Edades de 8 años en adelante.

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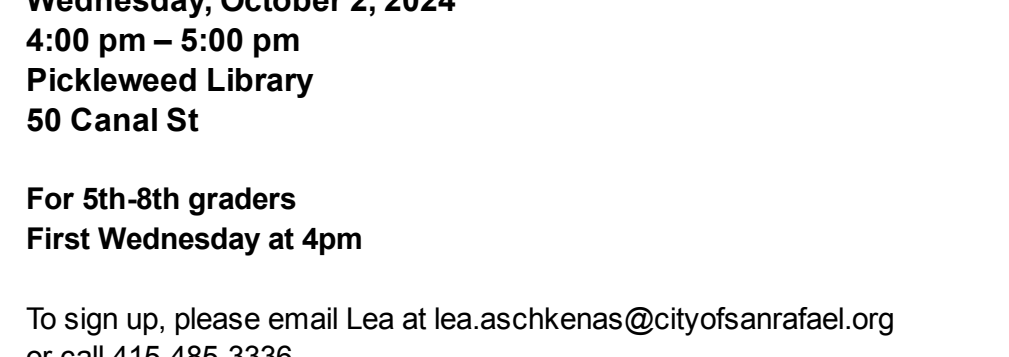
Papel Picado Workshop with Rachel Palacios

Wednesday/miércoles
October 2, 2024
5:30 pm – 6:30 pm
Pickleweed Library
50 Canal St

Join us at the Library to make Papel Picado, a traditional Mexican decorative craft made by cutting elaborate designs into sheets of tissue paper, with Rachel-Anne Palacios. Ages 8 and up. This program is sponsored by The Friends of the Library

Venga a la biblioteca a aprender a hacer Papel Picado con la artista local Rachel-Anne Palacios! Aprender a hacer Papel Picado, una artesanía decorativa tradicional mexicana que se realiza recortando elaborados diseños en hojas de papel de seda. Edades de 8 años en adelante. Este programa esta patrocinado por The Friends of the Library.

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Books Beyond Borders / Libros Sin Fronteras

Wednesday, October 2, 2024
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Pickleweed Library
50 Canal St

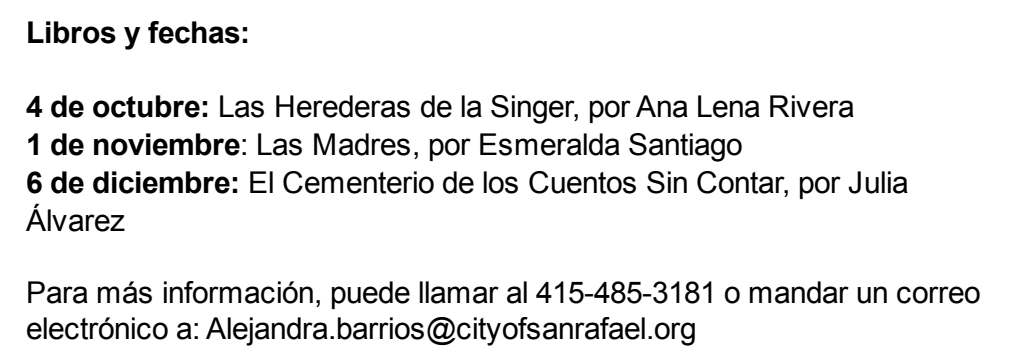
For 5th-8th graders
First Wednesday at 4pm

To sign up, please email Lea at lea.aschkenas@cityofsanrafael.org or call 415-485-3336.

Like reading? Like learning about life in other places and times? We've got just the club for you! 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 (limited free copies available, otherwise check yours out at the library) and then we'll meet to discuss it, sample some related food and maybe music, and do a fun related craft or writing activity. Occasional special guests will include the book's author or a visitor from the culture or time we've read about.

Oct 2: *Saffiyah's War*, by Hiba Noor Khan (France)
Nov 6: *My Brigadista Year*, by Katherine Paterson (Cuba)
Dec 4: *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind* by William Kamkwamba (Malawi)

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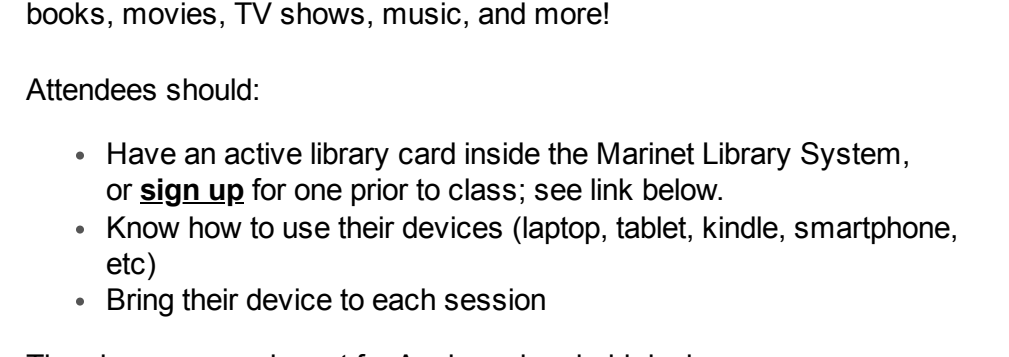
¡Únase al club de lectura!

Viernes, 4 de octubre
5:30pm - 7:00pm
Biblioteca de Northgate
5800 Northgate Drive Ste. 083

Libros y fechas:

4 de octubre: Las Herederas de la Singer, por Ana Lena Rivera
1 de noviembre: Las Madres, por Esmeralda Santiago
6 de diciembre: El Cementerio de los Cuentos Sin Contar, por Julia Álvarez

Para más información, puede llamar al 415-485-3181 o mandar un correo electrónico a: Alejandra.barrios@cityofsanrafael.org



Come join us at our new pop-up location on 4th Street, across from the Bank of America!

Thursday, October 10
2:00pm - 3:30pm
4th Street Pop-Up Library
1009 4th St. San Rafael

This ongoing class is designed to introduce you to the library's free e-books, movies, TV shows, music, and more!

Attendees should:

- Have an active library card inside the Marinnet Library System, or **sign up** for one prior to class; see link below.
- Know how to use their devices (laptop, tablet, kindle, smartphone, etc)
- Bring their device to each session

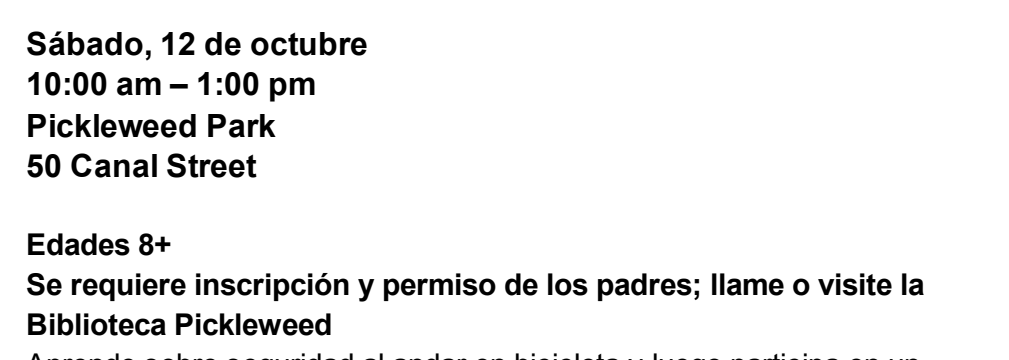
The classes are relevant for Apple and android devices. 2nd and 4th Thursdays for each month, 2 pm – 3:30 pm

Please register for the class by emailing: william.calhoun@cityofsanrafael.org

Class limited to 6 people per session

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Biking Adventure / Aventura en Bicicleta

Saturday, October 12
10:00 am – 1:00 pm
Pickleweed Park
50 Canal Street

For Ages 8+
Registration and parent permission required; call or visit Pickleweed Library.

Preference given to children who live in the Canal and are new to biking!

Learn about bike safety and then participate in a supervised local ride. We meet at Pickleweed Park with bikes, helmets, and water bottles provided, as well as transportation to off-site rides. Presented in partnership with Trips for Kids.

This program is brought to you thanks to the support of The Friends of the Library.

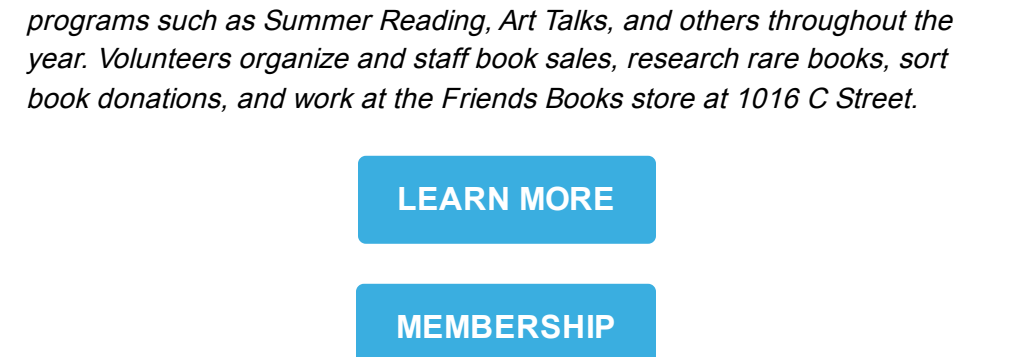
Sábado, 12 de octubre
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Pickleweed Park
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Edades 8+
Se requiere inscripción y permiso de los padres; llame o visite la Biblioteca Pickleweed

Aprende sobre seguridad al andar en bicicleta y luego participa en un paseo local supervisado. Nos reunimos en el parque de Pickleweed con bicicletas, cascos y botellas de agua, así como el transporte a paseos en otra ubicación. Presentado en colaboración con Trips for Kids. Cupo limitado, comuníquese con la Biblioteca Pickleweed para obtener más información.

Este programa se ofrece gracias al apoyo de Friends of the Library.

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A Bibliophile's Dream Sale!

Members Preview:
Friday, October 18: 12:00pm-1:00pm

Open to the Public:
Friday, October 18: 1:00pm-5:00pm
Saturday, October 19: 9:00am to 3:00pm

First Presbyterian Church
Canal Hall
located at Mission and E Streets.

This annual sale is a favorite of bibliophiles and collectors, artists, designers and those who create collage or book arts projects using ephemera.

Books will be set out on tables in an enormous community room adjoining a sunny patio. Books date from the 1800's to 1960. Material offered will cover all genres from vintage children's books, to cooking, poetry, fiction, history, natural history, etc. Two large collections of single artist art books are included, plus classical CDs, vintage movies on DVD, old magazines, art show catalogs and unique paper ephemera. All books have been sorted and researched.

More than 400 individuals and families help support the San Rafael Libraries each year through their membership in Friends of the San Rafael Public Libraries. The Friends participate in fundraising, advocacy, and volunteering all of which plays an important part in supporting library programs such as Summer Reading, Art Talks, and others throughout the year. Volunteers organize and staff book sales, research rare books, sort book donations, and work at the Friends Books store at 1016 C Street.

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Monthly Programs for All Ages

Check out our events calendar to learn more about all of our monthly offerings. From Zen-tangle and Storytime to ESL Conversation Club and Your Library 24/7, there is something for everyone!

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Special thanks to the Friends of the San Rafael Public Library for supporting summer programming at all San Rafael Public Libraries!