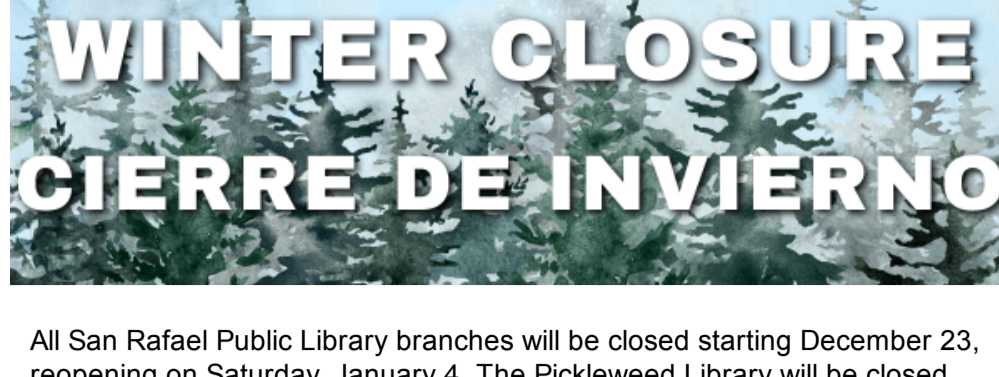




## This month at the Library...



All San Rafael Public Library branches will be closed starting December 23, reopening on Saturday, January 4. The Pickleweed Library will be closed starting December 21, reopening Saturday, January 4.

Stay tuned for another email with more detailed information later this month.

Todas las sucursales de la Biblioteca Pública de San Rafael permanecerán cerradas a partir del 23 de diciembre, reabriendo el sábado 4 de enero. La Biblioteca Pickleweed estará cerrada a partir del 21 de diciembre y reabrirá el sábado 4 de enero.

Estén atentos a otro correo electrónico con información más detallada a mediados de este mes.



**Wednesday, December 4, 2024**  
**1:00 pm – 2:00 pm**  
**San Rafael City Hall Council Chambers**  
**1400 5th Avenue**

Too often dismissed as a sentimental painter of mothers and children, Mary Cassatt (1844–1926) was in fact a modernist pioneer. Her paintings, pastels, and prints are characterized by restless experimentation and change. Cassatt was the only American to join the French Impressionists, first exhibiting with the group at Degas's invitation in 1879, and quickly emerged as a key member of the movement. Alongside scenes of women at the opera, visiting friends, and taking tea, Cassatt produced many images of "women's work" — knitting and needlepoint, bathing children, and nursing infants. These images suggest parallels between the work of art making and the work of caregiving. The exhibition calls attention to the artist's own processes of making — how she used her brush, etching needle, pastel stick, and even fingertips to create radical art under the cover of "feminine" subject matter.

FAMSF Docent: Marsha Holm

This exhibit will be at the Legion of Honor October 5th through January 25, 2025.

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

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[Book an appointment!](#)

Need some tech-savvy assistance? Get advanced one-on-one tech help from a volunteer Tech Tutor. Book a one-hour appointment through our online form (or ask library staff for assistance) and our volunteers will get back to you to schedule a time to meet at the Downtown Library.

Our volunteers can help you with things such as:

- Computer basics and set-up
- Email how-tos
- Web searching
- Learning to navigate PCs, Macs, tablets, and phones

Please allow 48 hours for our volunteers to get in contact with you. This service is available in English and in Spanish. If you have further questions, contact library staff at [library@cityofsanrafael.org](mailto:library@cityofsanrafael.org) or call us at 415-485-3323.

### ¡Agenda tu cita!

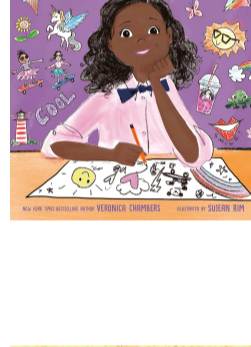
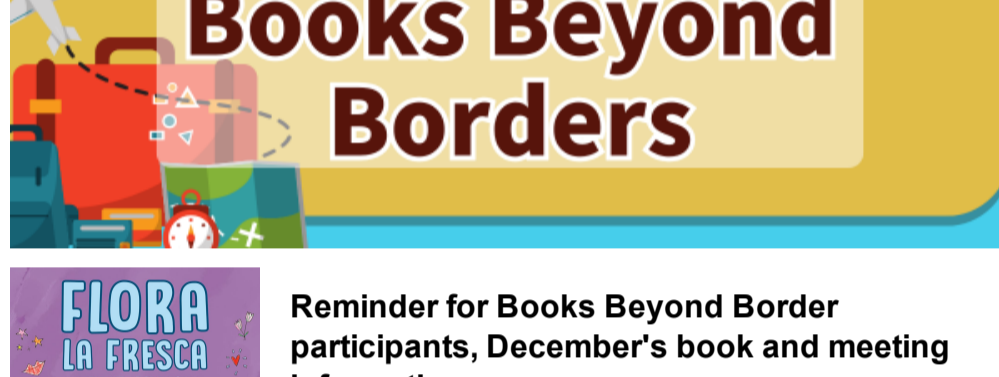
¿Necesita asistencia tecnológica? Puedes obtener ayuda personalizada de un voluntario experto en tecnología. Agenda una cita de una hora a través de nuestro formulario en línea (o pide ayuda al personal de la biblioteca) y nuestros voluntarios se pondrán en contacto contigo para concertar una cita en la biblioteca Central.

Nuestros voluntarios pueden ayudarte a:

- Notión básica de informática y configuración
- Manejo del correo electrónico
- Búsquedas en páginas web
- Aprenda a navegar por PC, Mac, tableta y teléfono celular

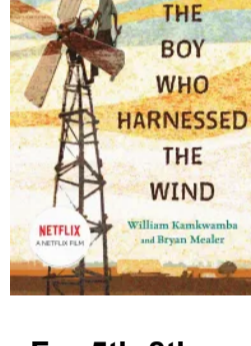
Por favor, espere 48 horas para que nuestros voluntarios se pongan en contacto con usted. Este servicio está disponible en inglés y en español. Si tiene más preguntas, póngase en contacto con el personal de la biblioteca por correo electrónico [library@cityofsanrafael.org](mailto:library@cityofsanrafael.org) y/o llame al 415-485-3323.

[APPOINTMENTS / CITAS](#)



**Reminder for Books Beyond Border participants, December's book and meeting information:**

***Flora la Fresca & The Art of Friendship* by Veronica Chambers**  
**Wednesday, December 4, 2024**  
**4:00 pm – 5:00 pm**  
**Pickleweed Library**  
**50 Canal St**



**January's book:**  
***The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind* by William Kamkwamba (Malawi)**  
**Wednesday, January 8, 2024**  
**4:00 pm – 5:00 pm**  
**Pickleweed Library**  
**50 Canal St**

**For 5th-8th graders**  
**First Wednesdays at 4pm**

To sign up, please email Lea at [lea.aschkenas@cityofsanrafael.org](mailto: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.

Stay tuned for more books next year!

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**Recordatorio para participantes del Club de Lectura, el libro y la reunión de diciembre:**  
***El Cementerio de los Cuentos Sin Contar*, por Julia Álvarez**  
**Viernes, 6 de diciembre**  
**5:30pm -7:00pm**  
**Biblioteca de Northgate**  
**5800 Northgate Drive Ste. 083**

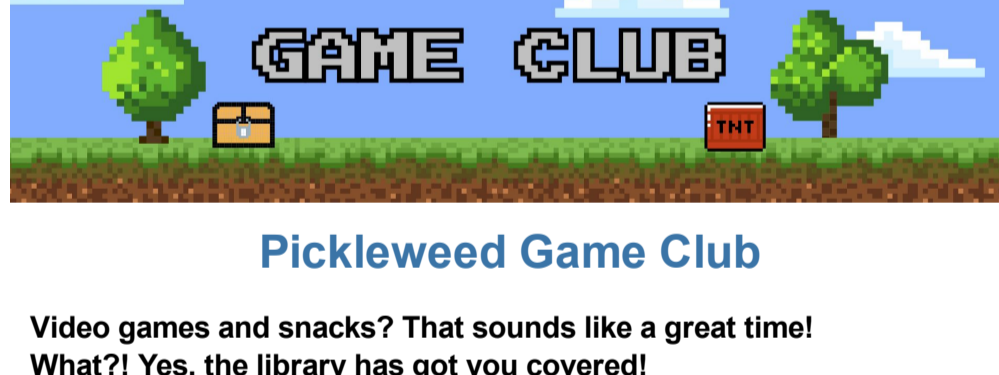


**¡Únase al club de lectura! El próximo libro será:**  
***Orgullo Prieto*, por Tenoch Huerta**  
**Viernes, 10 de enero**  
**5:30pm -7:00pm**  
**Biblioteca de Northgate**  
**5800 Northgate Drive Ste. 083**

El libro de febrero: Marina, por Carlos Ruiz Zafón  
El libro de marzo: Sira, por Julia Álvarez

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

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### Pickleweed Game Club

**Video games and snacks? That sounds like a great time!**  
**What? Yes, and the library has got you covered!**

Come get your game on with the new Pickleweed Library Video Game Club. The Club is an inclusive place for all tweens and teens to come hangout, make new friends, play video games and eat delicious snacks.

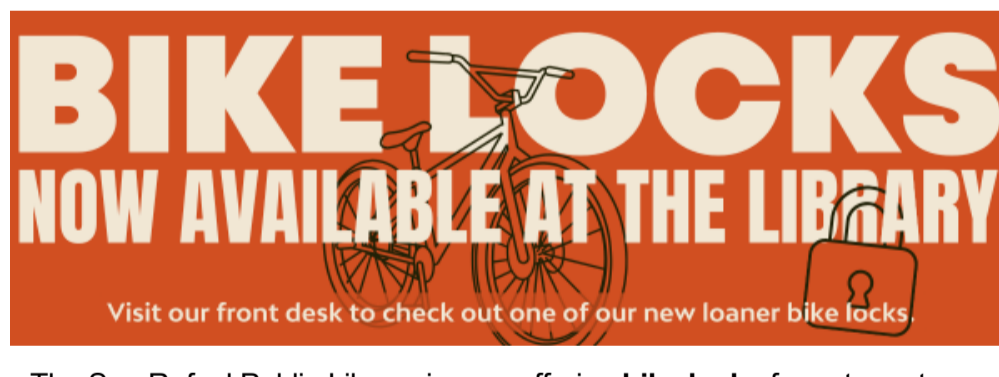
We will have a Nintendo Switch running some of your favorite games. Come on by and enjoy good company and video games.

You are more than welcome to bring your own portable system to play.

**Every Friday from 3:30-4:30**  
**(except 12/27/24 and 1/3/25)**  
**Pickleweed Library**  
**50 Canal Street**

**Ages 9 to 17.**  
**Snacks will be provided.**

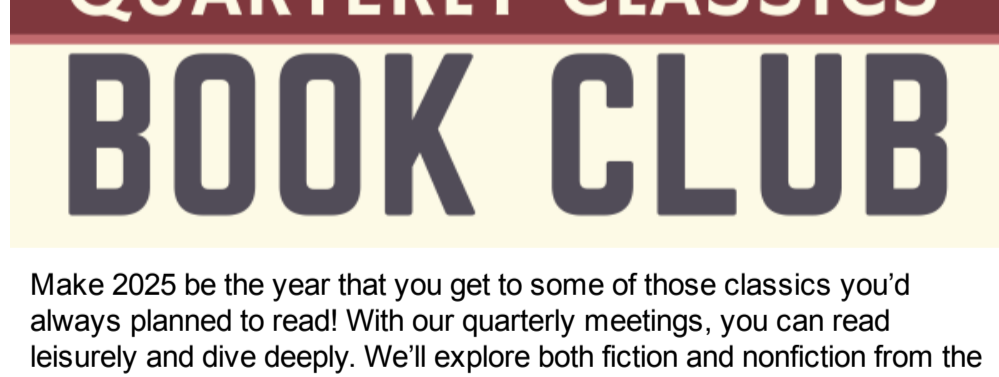
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The San Rafael Public Library is now offering **bike locks** for patrons to use while they visit the 4th Street Pop-Up or Pickleweed Libraries!

Locks can be checked out at the service desk with a library card and collateral ID, keys, or credit card. Bike locks check out for two hours and are for use only while visiting the library.

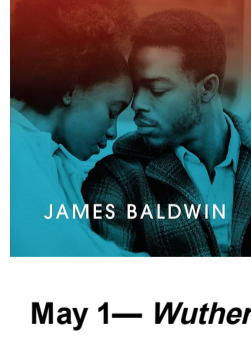
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Make 2025 be the year that you get to some of those classics you'd always planned to read! With our quarterly meetings, you can read leisurely and dive deeply. We'll explore both fiction and nonfiction from the US and abroad for an expansive view of the past and, perhaps, a better understanding of the present.

**Meets first Thursday of every third month, beginning February 6, at the 4th Street Pop-Up Library.**

First ten registered participants receive a free copy of each meeting's book. To register, email Lea at [lea.aschkenas@cityofsanrafael.org](mailto:lea.aschkenas@cityofsanrafael.org).



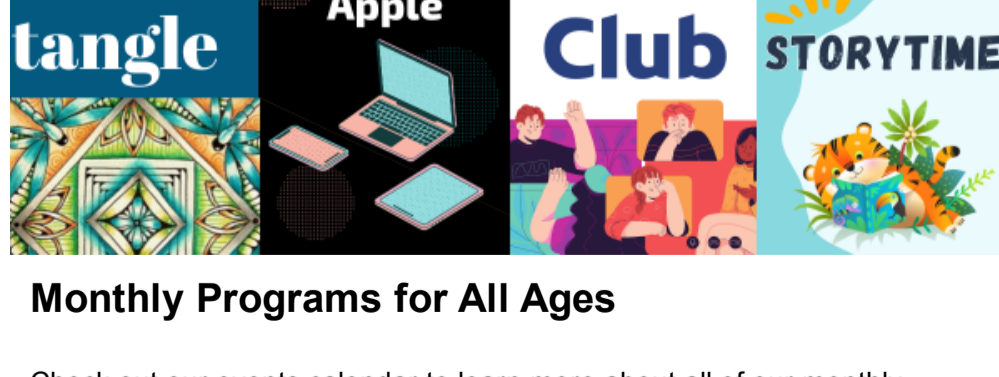
**February 6:**  
***If Beale Street Could Talk*, by James Baldwin**  
**San Rafael 4th Street Pop-Up Library**  
**1009 4th Street**  
**6:30-7:30pm**

**May 1— *Wuthering Heights*, by Emily Brontë**

**August 7— *A Moveable Feast*, by Ernest Hemingway**

**November 6— *Things Fall Apart*, by Chinua Achebe**

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### Monthly Programs for All Ages

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

[EVENTS](#)

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