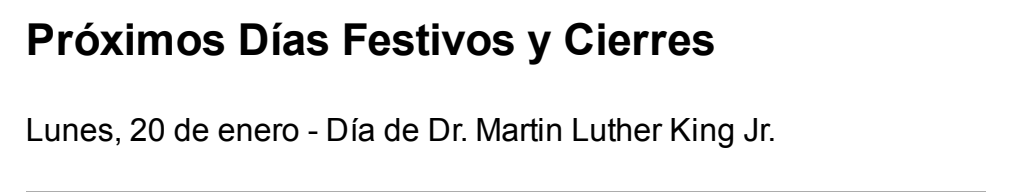




## This month at the Library...

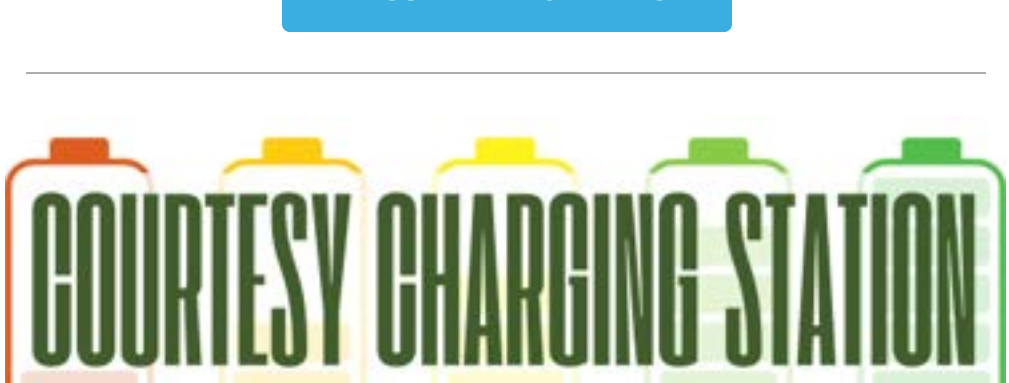


### Upcoming Holidays & Closed Days

Monday, January 20th - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. day

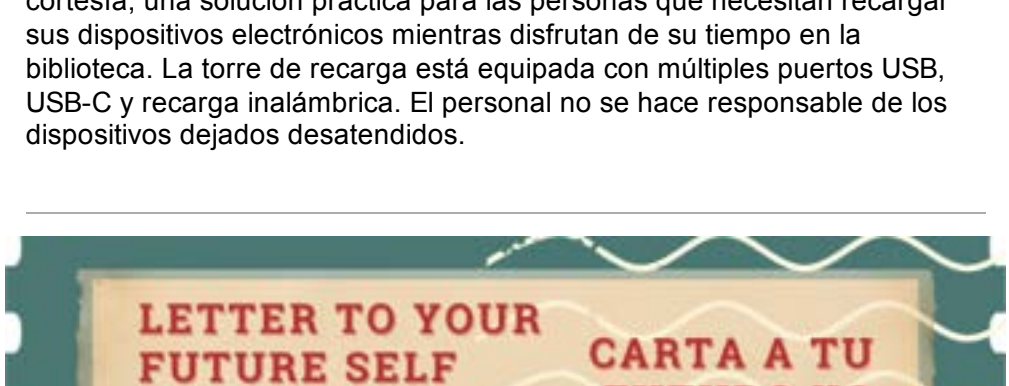
### Próximos Días Festivos y Cierres

Lunes, 20 de enero - Día de Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



In November 2024, San Rafael voters approved Measure P, an initiative to fund a new main library and community center at Albert Park. Measure P is a major investment in our cultural and civic institutions, aimed at creating a vibrant space for civic, cultural, and social enrichment for the entire community. As one of the city's largest capital projects in recent years, Measure P marks an exciting new chapter for San Rafael. The project is in its early stages, and we look forward to sharing updates as planning progresses. For more details and frequently asked questions, click the link below.

[MEASURE P INFORMATION](#)



### Courtesy Charging Station at 4th Street Pop-Up Library

Our Pop-Up Library now offers a courtesy charging station, providing a convenient solution for patrons who need to recharge their electronic devices while enjoying their time in the library! The charging tower is equipped with multiple outlets, USB, USB-C ports and wireless charging. Staff is not responsible for devices left unattended.

### Estación para Recarga de Cortésa en la Biblioteca Temporal

Nuestra Biblioteca Temporal ahora ofrece una estación para recarga de cortesía, una solución práctica para las personas que necesitan recargar sus dispositivos electrónicos mientras disfrutan de su tiempo en la biblioteca. La torre de recarga está equipada con múltiples puertos USB, USB-C y recarga inalámbrica. El personal no se hace responsable de los dispositivos dejados desatendidos.



### SRPL invites you to write a letter to your future self!

Join us for this program once again!

Pick up a set of stationery at all of our branches; we've got different sets for all ages, from little ones to adults. You can write about whatever you wish: your hopes and dreams for the coming year, plans you're looking forward to, a list of things you love - anything goes! You are also more than welcome to draw or paint your letter instead, write a poem, or just express yourself in any way.

Once your letter is ready, return it to us, **before the end of January**, sealed in the envelope that we provide, self-addressed, and we'll do the rest! Your letter will arrive in one year.

### SRPL to invita a que le escribas una carta a tu futuro yo!

¡Únete a nosotros en este programa una vez más!

Recoge una hoja para tu carta en cualquiera de nuestras sucursales; tenemos diferentes tipos de hojas para todas las edades, desde los más pequeños hasta los adultos. Puedes escribir lo que quieras: tus sueños y esperanzas para el año que viene, tus metas y planes, una lista de las cosas que te gustan... ¡todo vale! También puedes dibujar o pintar tu carta, escribir un poema o expresarte de cualquier otra forma.

Una vez preparada tu carta, devuélvenosla, antes de **finales de enero**, sellada en el sobre que le proporcionamos, con tu dirección, y nosotros haremos el resto! Tu carta llegará dentro de un año.



### January is International Creativity Month, so get creative!

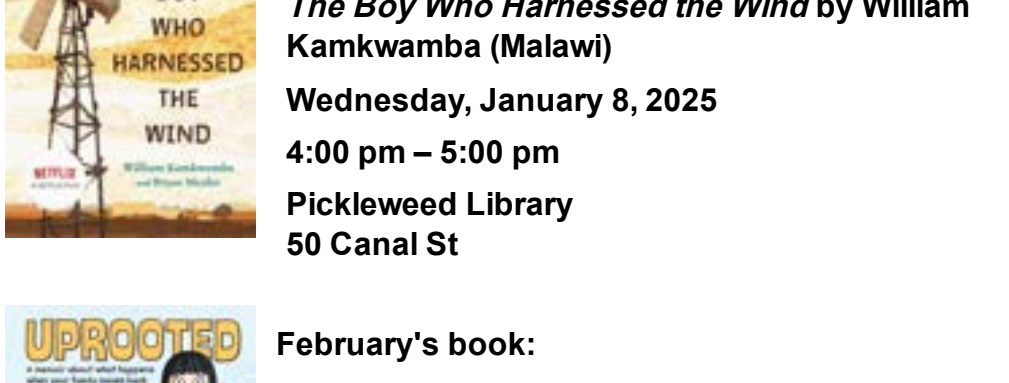
Come to any of the San Rafael Libraries to grab your Mystery Maker Bag. Use the items in the bag to come up with something uniquely yours. Get out your scissors, markers, tape, and glue sticks and have fun!

Want to share?  
Email: [library@cityofsanrafael.org](mailto:library@cityofsanrafael.org)

### Enero es el Mes Internacional de la Creatividad, ¡así que ponte creativo!

Ven a cualquier Biblioteca de San Rafael por tu Bolsa Misteriosa. Usa los materiales para crear algo único. Sacra tus tijeras, marcadores, cinta adhesiva, pegamento y diviértete.

Quieres compartir tus creaciones con nosotros?  
Envíanos una foto a este email: [library@cityofsanrafael.org](mailto:library@cityofsanrafael.org)



### Wednesday, January 8, 2025

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

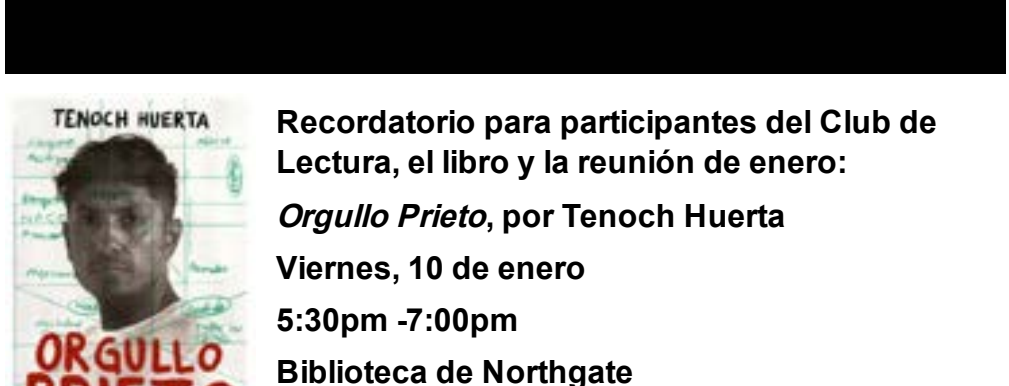
The seven monumental *Battle of Pavia* tapestries celebrate the imperial army of the Holy Roman Emperor Charles V's defeat of the French. The docent's talk on the tapestries will immerse viewers in the world of Renaissance politics, art, and fashion. The de Young Museum is the sole West Coast venue for the spectacular *Battle of Pavia* tapestry exhibition, on loan from the Capodimonte Museum in Naples, Italy.

FAMSF Docent: Gretchen Turner

This exhibit will be at the De Young through January 12, 2025.

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

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### Reminder for Books Beyond Border participants, January's book and meeting information:

*The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind* by William Kamkwamba (Malawi)  
Wednesday, January 8, 2025  
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm  
Pickleweed Library  
50 Canal St

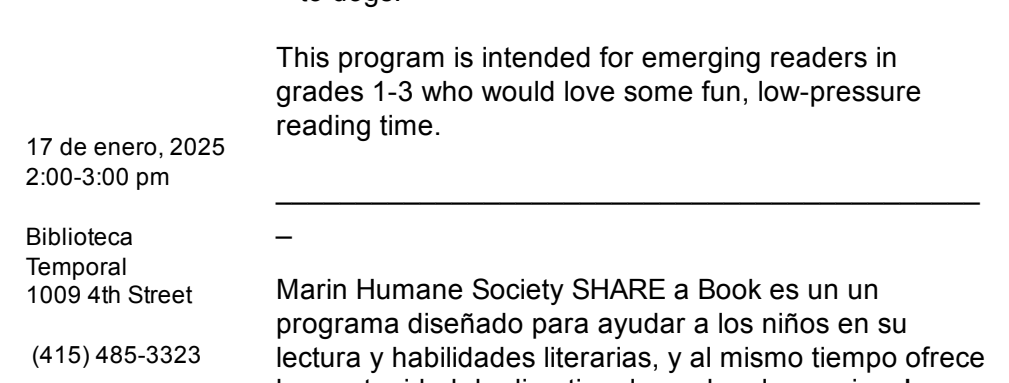
February's book:  
*Uprooted* by Ruth Chan (Hong Kong).  
Wednesday, February 5, 2025  
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm  
Pickleweed Library  
50 Canal St

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

To sign up, please email Lea at [lea.aschkenas@cityofsanrafael.org](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're read about.

[MORE INFO](#)



### Recordatorio para participantes del Club de Lectura, el libro y la reunión de enero:

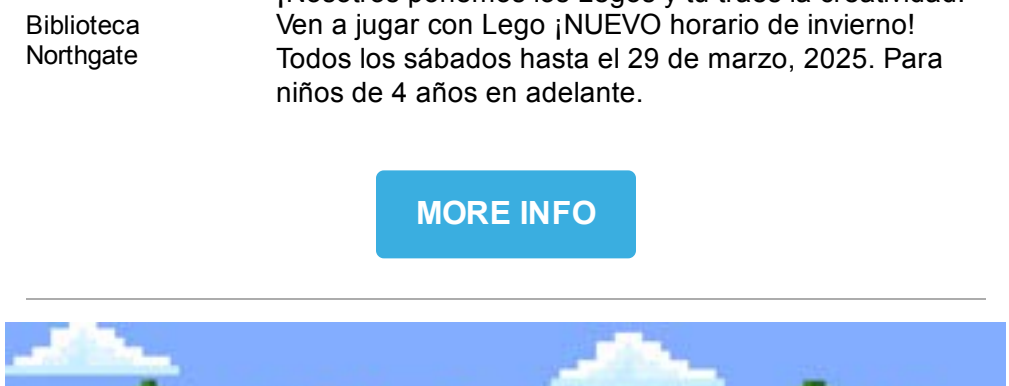
*Orgullo y Prejuicio*, por Tenoch Huerta  
Viernes, 10 de enero  
5:30pm - 7:00pm  
Biblioteca de Northgate  
5800 Northgate Drive Ste. 083

¡Únase al club de lectura! El próximo libro será:  
*Marina*, por Carlos Ruiz Zafón  
Viernes, 7 de febrero  
5:30pm - 7:00pm  
Biblioteca de Northgate  
5800 Northgate Drive Ste. 083

El libro de marzo: *Sira*, por Julia Álvarez

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

[MAS INFORMACIÓN](#)



January 17, 2025  
2:00-3:00 pm  
4th Street Pop-Up Library  
1009 4th Street  
(415) 485-3323

Dogs are ideal reading partners, providing comfort and unconditional acceptance that can allow children to focus better and read with greater confidence. 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!

This program is intended for emerging readers in grades 1-3 who would love some fun, low-pressure reading time.

17 de enero, 2025  
2:00-3:00 pm  
Biblioteca Temporal  
1009 4th Street  
(415) 485-3323

Marin Humane Society SHARE a Book es un programa diseñado para ayudar a los niños en su lectura y habilidades literarias, y al mismo tiempo ofrece la oportunidad de divertirse leyendo a los caninos!

Este programa está diseñado especialmente para niños en los grados 1-3 quienes disfrutarán leer sin presión alguna.

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### Lego Saturdays at Northgate

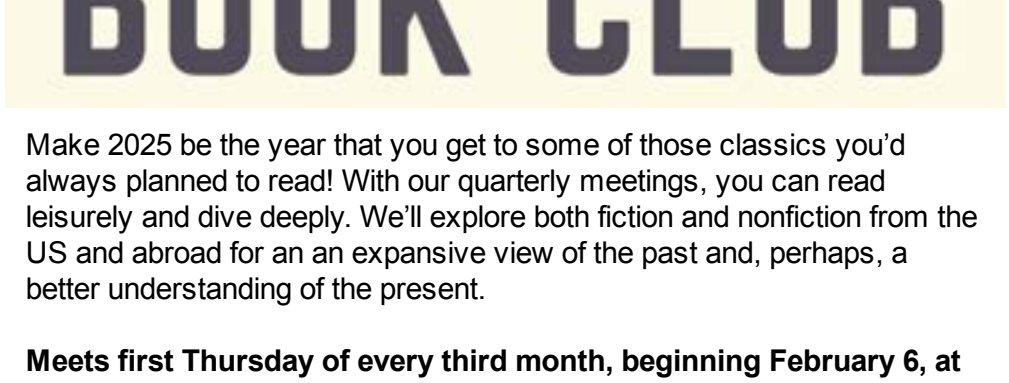
Saturdays  
11:30-3pm  
Northgate Library

We'll supply the Legos and you bring your creativity! Join us for drop-in free play with Lego. NEW winter schedule! Every Saturday until March 29, 2025. Ages 4 and up.

Sábados  
11:30-3  
Biblioteca Northgate

¡Nosotros ponemos los Legos y tú trae la creatividad! Ven a jugar con Lego ¡NUEVO horario de invierno! Todos los sábados hasta el 29 de marzo, 2025. Para niños de 4 años en adelante.

[MORE INFO](#)



### Pickleweed Game Club

Video games and snacks? That sounds like a great time! What? Yes, 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 teens and teens to come hangout, make new friends, play video games and eat delicious snacks.

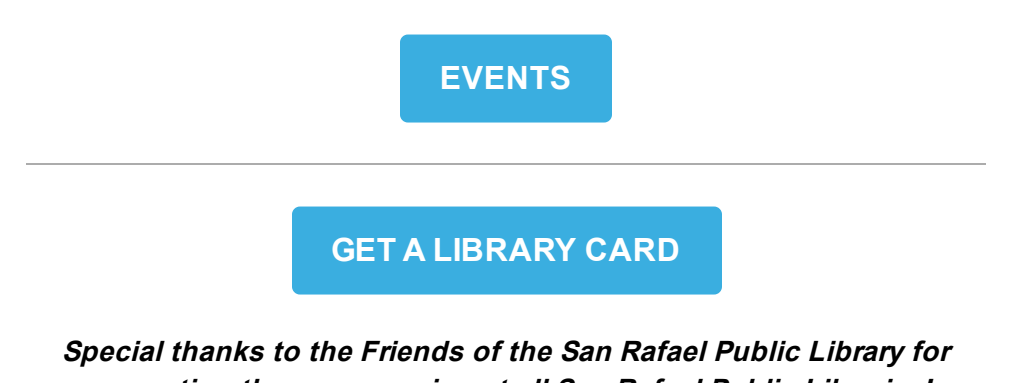
We will have a Nintendo Switch running some of your favorite games. Come on by and enjoy good company and video games.

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

Every Friday from 3:30-4:30 (except 1/3/25)  
Pickleweed Library  
50 Canal Street

Ages 9 to 17  
Snacks will be provided

[LEARN MORE](#)



### Free In-Person, Drop-In Reading and Homework Help

For grades 1-8  
4th Street Pop-Up Library: Starting on February 3rd, Mondays and Wednesdays, 4 to 6 PM.  
Pickleweed Library: Starting on February 4th, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4 to 6 PM

Kids will be helped in a first come, first served basis.

*In partnership with Dominican University.*

### Ayuda en persona con lectura y la tarea, sin cita previa

Para los alumnos de 1º a 8º grado.

**Biblioteca Temporal:** Empezando el 3 de febrero, los lunes y miércoles, de 4 a 6 de la tarde.  
**Biblioteca Pickleweed:** Empezando el 4 de febrero, los martes y jueves, de 4 a 6 de la tarde.

Se ayudará a los niños por orden de llegada.

*En colaboración con Dominican University.*

[MORE INFO](#)



### Make 2025 be the year that you get to some of those classics you read always planned to read!

With our quarterly to meet, 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 Zen-tangle 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!*