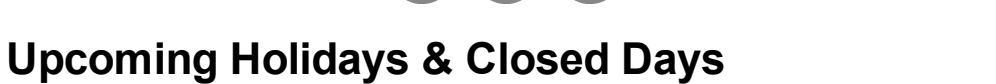


CHECK IT OUT

March 2025

This month at the Library...

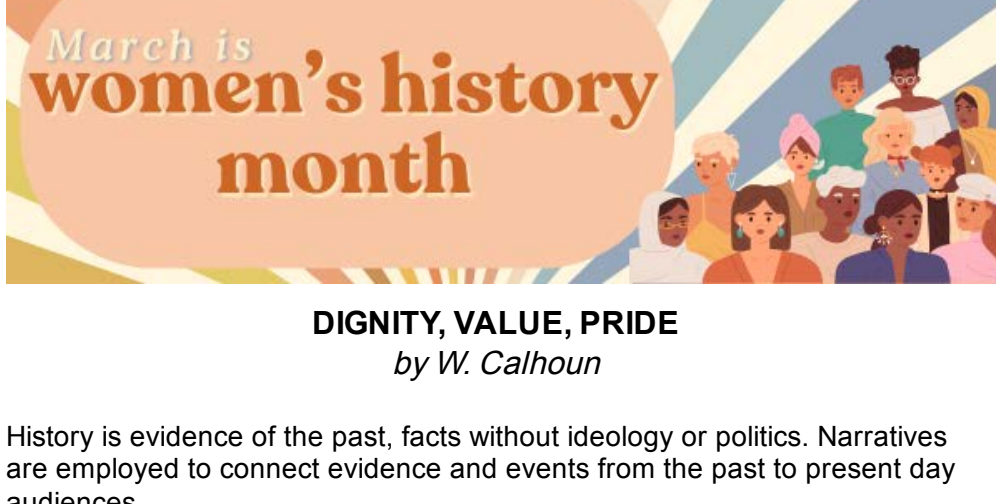


Upcoming Holidays & Closed Days

Monday, March 31st - Cesar Chavez Day

Próximos Días Festivos y Cierres

Lunes, 31 de marzo - Día de César Chávez



DIGNITY, VALUE, PRIDE

by W. Calhoun

History is evidence of the past, facts without ideology or politics. Narratives are employed to connect evidence and events from the past to present day audiences.

Emerging from the wake of Black History Month, I would like to share with you my reading and viewing recommendations:

Black Rice: The African Origins Of Rice Cultivation In The Americas (Judith A. Carney, 2001)

They Were Her Property: White Women As Slave Owners In The American South (Stephanie E. Jones-Rogers, 2019)

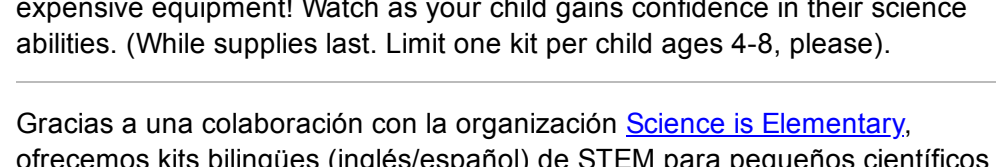
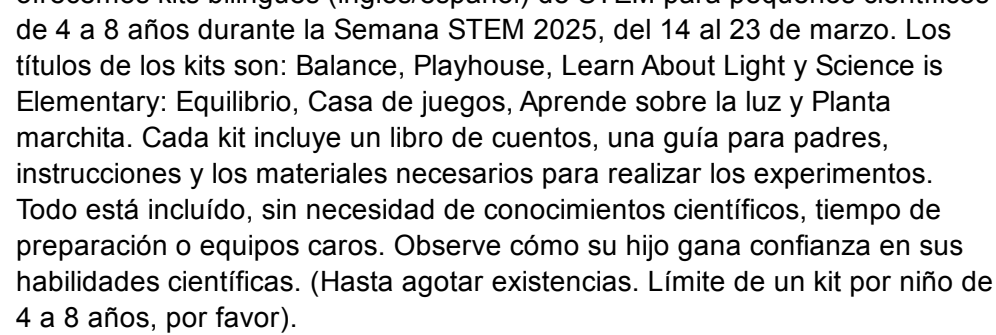
Passing (Nella Larsen, 1929)

Imitation Of Life (novel, Fannie Hurst, 1933/film, Selznick International, 1934)

Gone With Wind (novel, Margret Mitchell, 1936/film, Selznick International Pictures, 1939).

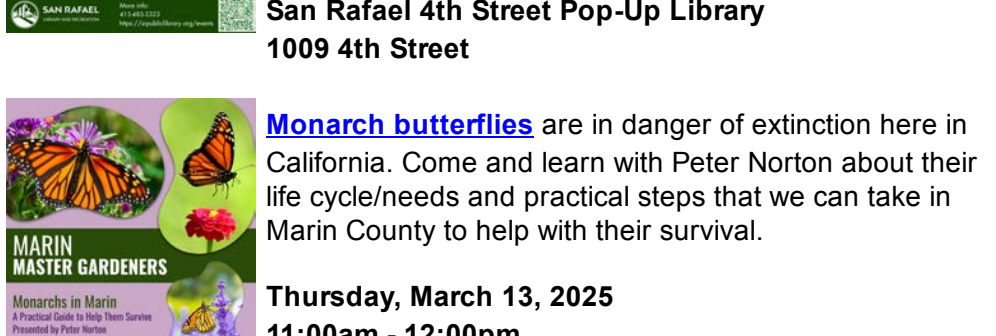
The central theme running through these works is, as Larsen suggests, that both racial and gender/sexual identities are as largely performative as they are inherent. To quote Nella Larsen –

"She wished to find out about this hazardous business of "passing," this breaking away from all that was familiar and friendly to take one's chance in another environment, not entirely strange, perhaps, but certainly not entirely friendly."

Through a collaboration with non-profit [Science is Elementary](#), we are offering bilingual English/Spanish STEM kits for young scientists ages 4-8 during STEM Week 2025, March 14-23. Kit titles include: Balance, Playhouse, Learn About Light, and Witted Plant. Each kit includes a storybook, parent guide, instructions, and materials needed to do the experiments. It's all here: no need for science expertise, preparation time, or expensive equipment! Watch as your child gains confidence in their science abilities. (While supplies last. Limit one kit per child ages 4-8, please).

Gracias a una colaboración con la organización [Science is Elementary](#), ofrecemos kits bilingües (inglés/español) de STEM para pequeños científicos de 4 a 8 años durante la Semana STEM 2025, del 14 al 23 de marzo. Los títulos de los kits son: Balance, Playhouse, Learn About Light y Science is Elementary. Equilibrio, Casa de juegos, Aprende sobre la luz y Planta marchita. Cada kit incluye un libro de cuentos, una guía para padres, instrucciones y los materiales necesarios para realizar los experimentos. Todo está incluido, sin necesidad de conocimientos científicos, tiempo de preparación o equipos caros. Observe cómo su hijo gana confianza en sus habilidades científicas. (Hasta agotar existencias. Límite de un kit por niño de 4 a 8 años, por favor).



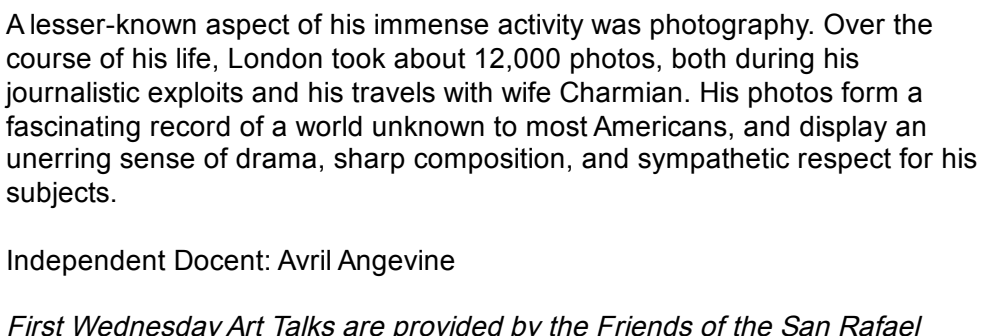
Growing Roses Learn how to select, plant, and prune roses for your garden. There will be a demonstration on how to prune roses during the class.

With Master Gardener Rod Kerr.

Tuesday, March 4, 2025
11:00am - 12:00pm
San Rafael 4th Street Pop-Up Library
1009 4th Street

Monarch butterflies are in danger of extinction here in California. Come and learn with Peter Norton about their life cycle/needs and practical steps that we can take in Marin County to help with their survival.

Thursday, March 13, 2025
11:00am - 12:00pm
San Rafael 4th Street Pop-Up Library
1009 4th Street



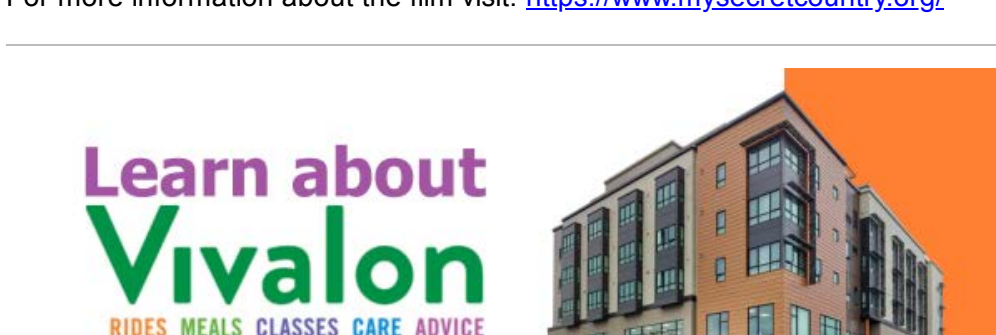
Wednesday, March 5, 2025
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm
San Rafael City Hall Council Chambers
1400 5th Avenue

Jack London was a man of many parts: cannery 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 they display an unerring sense of drama, sharp composition, and sympathetic respect for his subjects.

Independent Docent: Avriil Angevine

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

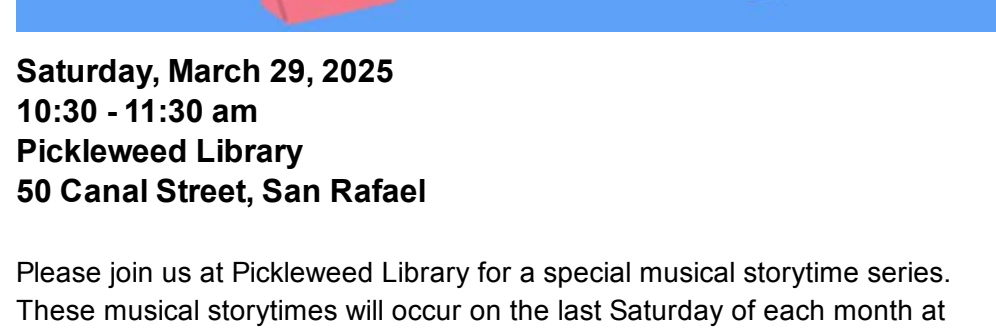


Saturday, March 22, 2025
6:30 - 8:30pm
San Rafael 4th Street Pop-Up Library
1009 4th Street

Please join us for a screening of "My Secret Country" followed by a Q&A with local filmmaker Mario McKenzie.

MY SECRET COUNTRY follows three children as they embark on an allegorical adventure into their imaginations to save the world's mysteriously disappearing desserts. Brought to life through 2D animation and co-written with the young protagonists, this award-winning film blends fantasy and reality to spark wonder in audiences of all ages.

You can watch the trailer [here](#).
For more information about the film visit: <https://www.mysecretcountry.org/>



Tuesday, March 25, 2025
11:00am - 12:00pm
San Rafael 4th Street Pop-Up Library
1009 4th Street

Vivalon is a local nonprofit serving older adults and people with disabilities in Marin County. Rebekah Wilson, Healthy Aging Programs Supervisor at Vivalon, will share all about the wide range of services that Vivalon has to offer, including transportation services, nutrition programs, and a wide variety of classes and events. We hope to see you there!



Saturday, March 29, 2025
10:30 - 11:30 am
Pickleweed Library
50 Canal Street, San Rafael

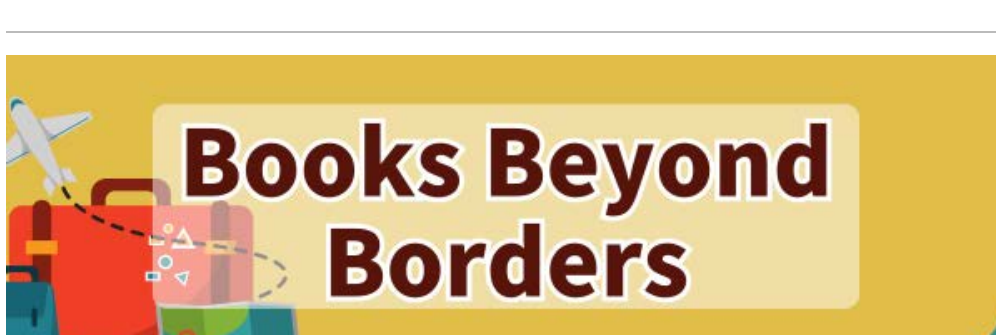
Please join us at Pickleweed Library for a special musical storytime series. These musical storytimes will occur on the last Saturday of each month at 10:30 a.m. beginning on Saturday, February 22nd. Each session will feature live music, movement activities, and read-aloud stories for children of all ages. See you there!

Sábado, 29 de marzo, 2025
10:30 - 11:30 am
Biblioteca Pickleweed
50 Canal Street, San Rafael

Ven a la Biblioteca Pickleweed para una serie especial de cuentos musicales. Estas horas de cuentos musicales tendrán lugar el último sábado de cada mes a las 10:30 a.m. a partir del sábado 22 de febrero. Cada sesión contará con música en vivo, actividades de movimiento y cuentos leídos en voz alta para niños de todas las edades. ¡Los esperamos!

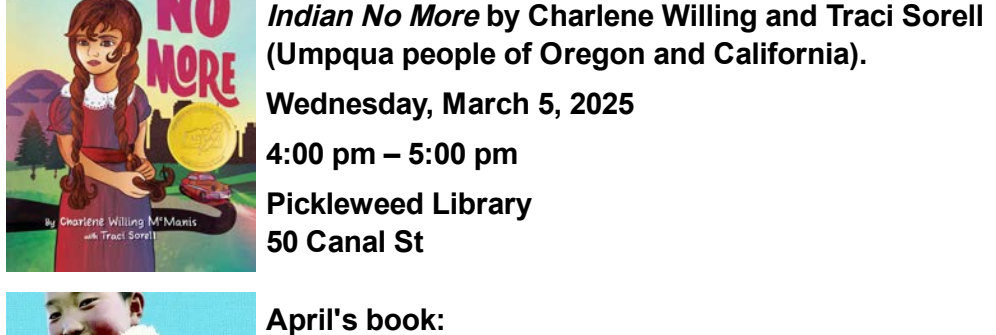


Wednesday
1:00 - 3:00 pm
Northgate Library
5800 Northgate Drive Ste. 083, San Rafael

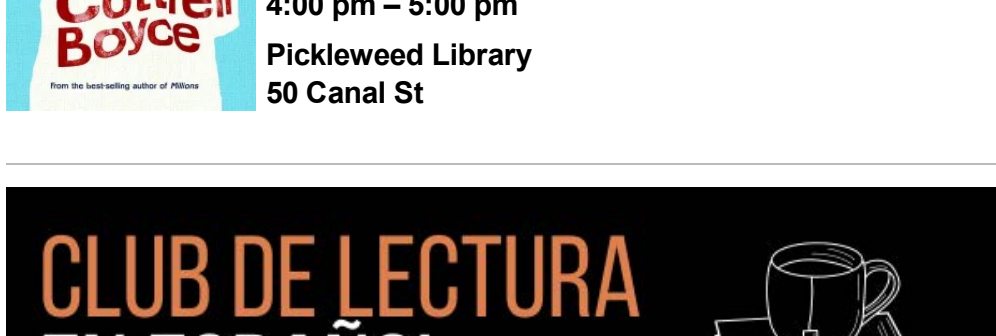


Thursday and Friday
12:00 - 5:00 pm
Pickleweed Library
50 Canal Street, San Rafael


Jueves y Viernes
12:00 - 5:00 pm
Biblioteca Pickleweed
50 Canal Street, San Rafael



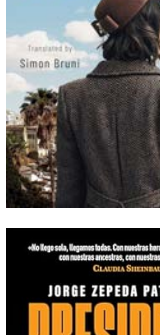
Need some tech-savvy assistance? Book a one-hour advanced one-on-one appointment with a volunteer Tech Tutor.



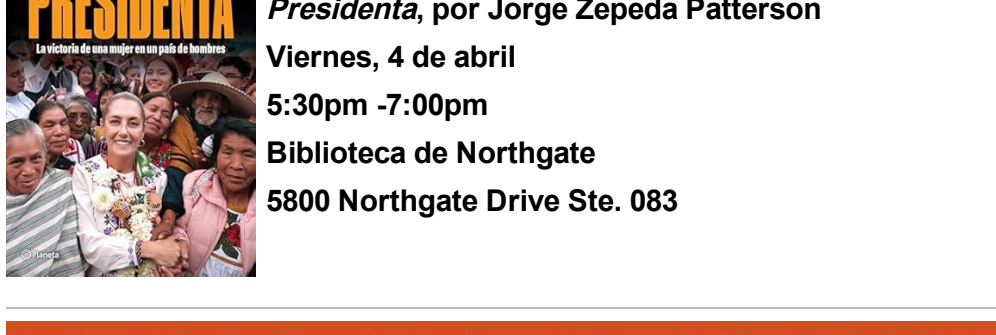
For 5th-8th graders
To sign up, please email Lea at lea.aschkenas@cityofsanrafael.org or call 415-485-3336.



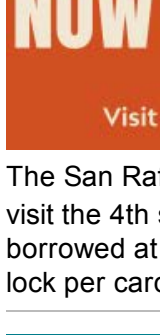
Reminder for Books Beyond Border participants, March's book and meeting information:
Indian No More by Charlene Willing and Traci Sorell (Umpqua people of Oregon and California).
Wednesday, March 5, 2025
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Pickleweed Library
50 Canal St



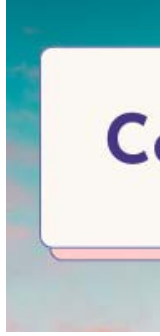
April's book:
The Unforgotten Coat by Frank Cottrell Boyce (England and maybe Mongolia).
Wednesday, April 2, 2025
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Pickleweed Library
50 Canal St



Para más información, lláma al 415-485-3181 o manda un correo electrónico a: alejandra.barríos@cityofsanrafael.org



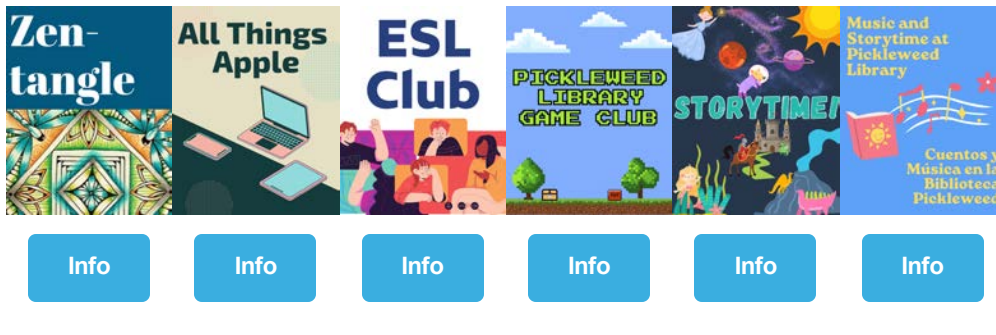
Recordatorio para participantes del Club de Lectura, el libro y la reunión de marzo:
Sira, por Maria Dueñas
Viernes, 7 de marzo
5:30pm - 7:00pm
Biblioteca de Northgate
5800 Northgate Drive Ste. 083



¡Únase al club de lectura! El próximo libro será:
Presidenta, por Jorge Zepeda Patterson
Viernes, 4 de abril
5:30pm - 7:00pm
Biblioteca de Northgate
5800 Northgate Drive Ste. 083



Visit our front desk to check out one of our new loaner bike locks! The San Rafael Public Library offers bike locks for patrons to use while they visit the 4th street Pop-Up or Pickleweed Libraries. Bike locks can be borrowed at the circulation desk with a library card in good standing (one bike lock per card).

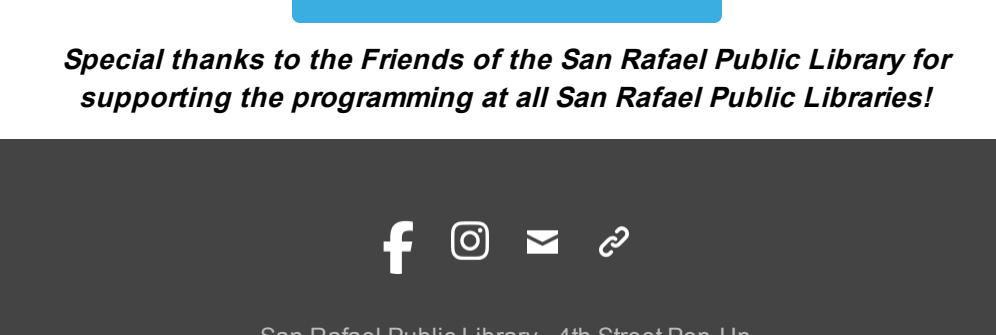



Join the library's new telescope kits with Marin Stargazers, who will walk you through the first steps about stargazing.
Stay tuned for more details soon.



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