



SAN RAFAEL
LIBRARY AND RECREATION



CHECK IT OUT
May 2025

This month at the Library...



Upcoming Holidays & Closed Days

Monday, May 26th - Memorial Day

Próximos Días Festivos y Cierres

Monday, May 26th - Día de los Caídos



The City of San Rafael has formally reaffirmed its steadfast commitment to the core values that shape our vibrant community: diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging. In a recently adopted resolution, the City Council recognizes that our collective strength is rooted in the richness of diverse voices and the resilience built through unity and collaboration.

At the heart of this affirmation lies a fundamental truth: every person deserves to feel safe, seen, and valued. Everyone should be free to live authentically and participate fully in civic life. In alignment with this powerful declaration, the San Rafael Public Library proudly stands with the City, embracing our shared responsibility to cultivate inclusive spaces where curiosity, learning, and connection thrive for all.

Through programs that celebrate multicultural stories and a steadfast commitment to equitable access to information and services, the Library is more than a place for books. It is a where community and belonging come to life. Together, we are building a future where all individuals are empowered, engaged, and uplifted.

[Read Resolution Here](#)



To commemorate Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Heritage month, discover a compelling collection of books featuring diverse voices and stories.



Celebrate and honor Jewish-American Heritage Month by exploring stories written by or about Jewish-Americans. Discover powerful memoirs, captivating fiction, and important historical accounts that reflect resilience, creativity, and community. Check out these reading suggestions!



Todos los viernes desde el 2 de mayo hasta el 13 de junio
11:30 am - 1:00 pm
Biblioteca Pickleweed
50 Canal Street

¡Disfruta un tiempo especial con tu hijo(a) en edad preescolar leyendo juntos un cuento ilustrado! Cada semana, la maestra leerá un libro diferente que introduce vocabulario usado en el salón de clases de kindergarten. Los libros se leen en español e inglés.

Después de la lectura, se compartirá información para los padres sobre las escuelas locales, cómo ayudar a tu hijo(a) a hacer una transición exitosa al aula, y otros temas relacionados con la educación.

Para inscribirte:

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Wednesday, May 7th, 2025

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

San Rafael City Hall Council Chambers

1400 5th Avenue

Ruth Asawa: Retrospective, is the first major museum retrospective of the groundbreaking work of Ruth Asawa (1926–2013). It will feature the entire spectrum of the artist's awe-inspiring practice. Sculpture, drawings, prints, paintings, design objects, and archival material from U.S.-based public and private collections will offer an in-depth look at her expansive output and its inspirations, exploring the ways her longtime San Francisco home and garden served as the epicenter of her creative universe.

Docent Speaker: Avril Angevine

This exhibition will be at SFMOMA: April 5–September 2, 2025

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





Marin Master Gardeners Growing Edibles

Growing some of your own food is as healthy as it is satisfying. Find out how to make the best choices for maximum success with your edibles.

Presented by Master Gardener Anne-Marie Walker

**THURSDAY, MAY 8
2-3 PM**

4TH STREET POP-UP LIBRARY



Marin Master Gardeners Growing Edibles

Thursday, May 8th, 2025

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

4th Street Pop-up

1009 4th Street

[MORE INFO](#)



Friday, May 9th, 2025

3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

4th Street Pop-Up Library

1009 4th Street

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 Pre-K-3 who would love some fun, low-pressure reading time.

Viernes, 9 de mayo, 2025

3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Biblioteca Temporal

1009 4th Street

Marin Humane Society Share a Book es un programa diseñado para ayudar a los niños con 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 Pre-K-3 quienes disfrutarán leer sin presión alguna.



Saturday, May 31st, 2025

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Pickleweed Library

50 Canal Street

Bring your broken items—such as textiles, bikes, lamps, small appliances, or electronics—and get them repaired for free by a volunteer Repair Coach. Learn valuable repair skills while helping reduce waste and supporting the local reuse economy. Registration is required, if you would like to bring an item to repair, register [here](#)

Sábado, 31 de mayo, 2025

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Biblioteca Pickleweed

50 Canal Street

Trae tus objetos rotos, como textiles, bicicletas, lámparas, pequeños electrodomésticos o aparatos electrónicos, para que los repare gratuitamente un reparador voluntario. A la vez aprende valiosas técnicas de reparación que ayudan a reducir los desechos y apoyan la economía local de reutilización. Es necesario inscribirte si deseas traer un objeto para reparar, regístrate [aquí](#)



Wednesday

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Northgate Library

5800 Northgate Drive Ste. 083, San Rafael

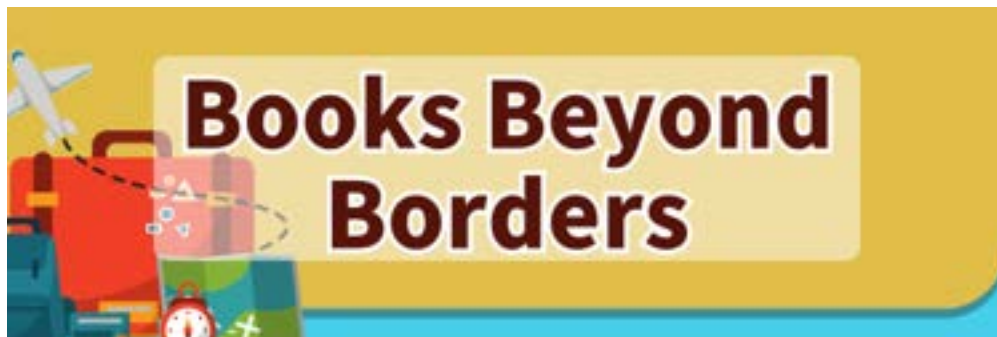


Thursday and Friday
12:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Pickleweed Library
50 Canal Street, San Rafael

Jueves y Viernes
12:00 pm - 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.



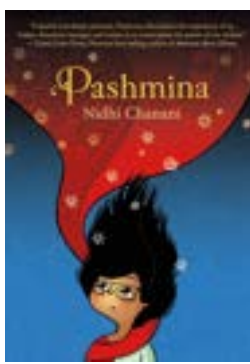
**Reminder for Books Beyond Border participants,
May's book and meeting information:**

***Johnny, the Sea, and Me* by Melba Escobar
(Colombia).**

Wednesday, May 7, 2025

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

**Pickleweed Library
50 Canal St**



June's book:

Pashmina by Nidhi Chanani (India).

The author will join us to talk about the book!

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Pickleweed Library

50 Canal St



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



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

Elena Sabe, por Claudia Piñeiro

Viernes, 2 de mayo

5:30pm -7:00pm

Biblioteca de Northgate

5800 Northgate Drive Ste. 083



¡Únase al club de lectura! El próximo libro será:

La Isla de la Mujer Dormida, por Arturo Pérez-Reverte

Viernes, 13 de junio

5:30pm -7:00pm

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5800 Northgate Drive Ste. 083

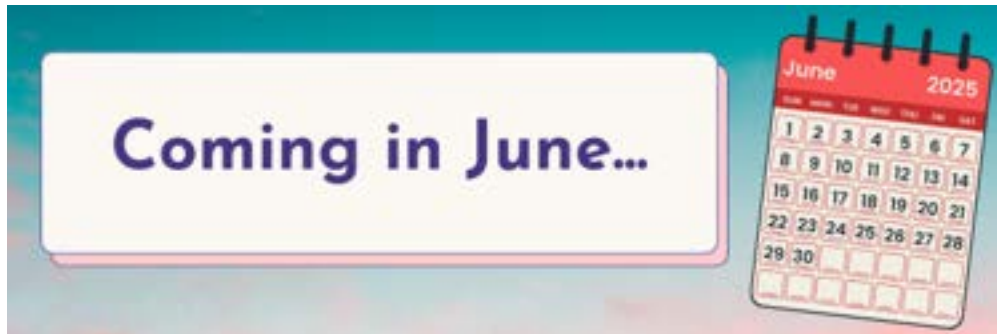
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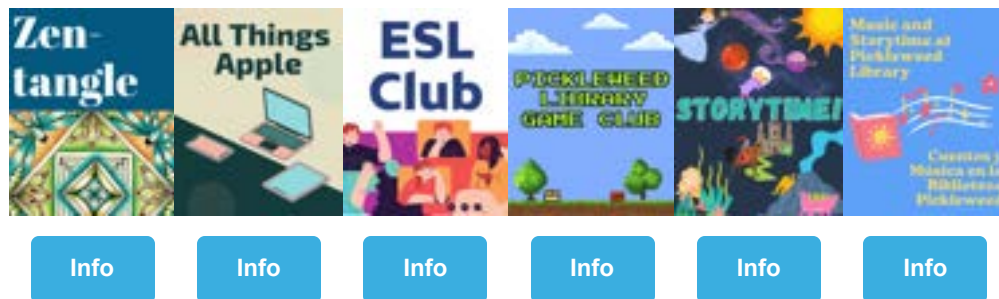
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online courses, thousands of books and
videos, interactive labs, instant answers you
can trust, and more.



Monthly Programs for All Ages



Check out our events calendar to learn more about all of our monthly offerings.
There is something for everyone!

EVENTS

GET A LIBRARY CARD

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



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Northgate Library
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