



SAN RAFAEL
LIBRARY AND CREATION



This Month at the Library

DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

GRAND REOPENING

CELEBRATION

9/20/25

12 PM – 5 PM

BIBLIOTECA CENTRAL GRAN CELEBRACIÓN DE REAPERTURA

San Rafael Public Library | 1100 E Street

Saturday, September 20, 2025
12 PM – 5 PM

San Rafael's Downtown Library is back! Join us for a free community celebration as we mark the Grand Reopening of San Rafael's historic Downtown Library!

We'll kick things off with a ribbon-cutting at noon, then keep the party going with activities for all ages, family-friendly fun, delicious food, live music, and chances to explore the library's refreshed spaces. Think: cozy new furniture, beautiful updates, and more ways to connect, learn, and create.

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¡La Biblioteca Central de San Rafael está de vuelta! ¡Acompáñanos en una celebración comunitaria gratuita para festejar la Gran Reapertura de la histórica Biblioteca Central de San Rafael!

Comenzaremos con la ceremonia inaugural al mediodía y continuaremos con actividades para todas las edades, diversión para toda la familia, comida deliciosa, música en vivo y la oportunidad de explorar los renovados espacios de la biblioteca. Imagina: cómodos muebles nuevos, hermosas renovaciones y más formas de conectarte, aprender y crear.

LOVE YOUR LIBRARY

SAN RAFAEL PUBLIC LIBRARY

With the return of San Rafael's historic Carnegie Downtown Library, we're excited to launch the **Love Your Library** campaign. Take a moment to rediscover everything your library has to offer, from early literacy programs and technology access to cultural events, job resources, and quiet places to read and study. There is truly something for everyone at the San Rafael Public Libraries.

The campaign aims to connect more residents with library resources, show how your support keeps our libraries thriving, and welcome new visitors to explore all that the library has to offer.

We hope you will join us for a day to reconnect, rediscover, and celebrate the heart of our community. Come see why there's so much to love about your library. See you there!

Con el regreso de la histórica Biblioteca Central Carnegie de San Rafael, nos complace lanzar la campaña **Love Your Library** (Ama tu biblioteca). Descubre todo lo que tu biblioteca tiene para ofrecer, desde programas de alfabetización temprana y acceso a tecnología hasta eventos culturales, recursos laborales y lugares tranquilos para leer y estudiar. Las Bibliotecas Públicas de San Rafael tienen algo para todos.

La campaña tiene como objetivo conectar a más residentes con los recursos de la biblioteca, mostrar cómo su apoyo mantiene nuestras bibliotecas prósperas y dar la bienvenida a nuevos visitantes para que exploren todo lo que la biblioteca les ofrece.

Esperamos que nos acompañen a reconectar, redescubrir y celebrar el corazón de nuestra comunidad. Vengan a ver por qué hay tanto que amar de su biblioteca. Nos vemos en la biblioteca!

More Info

Más Info

Local Update | Informe Local

Support for Canal Fire Survivors
Apoyo para los sobrevivientes del incendio en Canal

Following the August 21 fire, the City of San Rafael opened a temporary shelter at the Albert J. Boro Community Center to assist more than 50 displaced residents. City staff, including members of the Library team, worked alongside community partners to provide meals, clothing, medications, and other essential resources. By Friday evening, August 22, all affected residents were offered temporary shelter in hotels and the shelter closed.

Tras el incendio del 21 de agosto, la Ciudad de San Rafael abrió un refugio temporal en el Centro Comunitario Albert J. Boro para asistir a más de 50 residentes desplazados. El personal de la Ciudad, incluyendo miembros del equipo de la Biblioteca, trabajó junto con colaboradores comunitarios para proveer comidas, ropa, medicamentos y otros recursos esenciales. El viernes, 22 de agosto, por la noche se ofreció alojamiento temporal en hoteles a todos los residentes afectados y el refugio cerró.

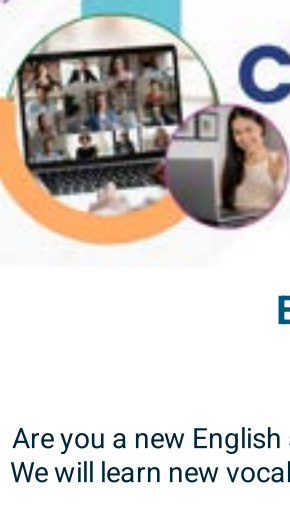
How You Can Help
If you would like to support those impacted, consider donating to:

Cómo Puedes Ayudar
Si deseas apoyar a las personas afectadas, considera hacer una donación a:

• [Canal Alliance's Client Support Fund](#)

• [Marin Community Foundation's Canal Residents Emergency Fund](#)

Programs | Programas



ESL

Conversation Club

JOIN US!

ESL Conversation Club

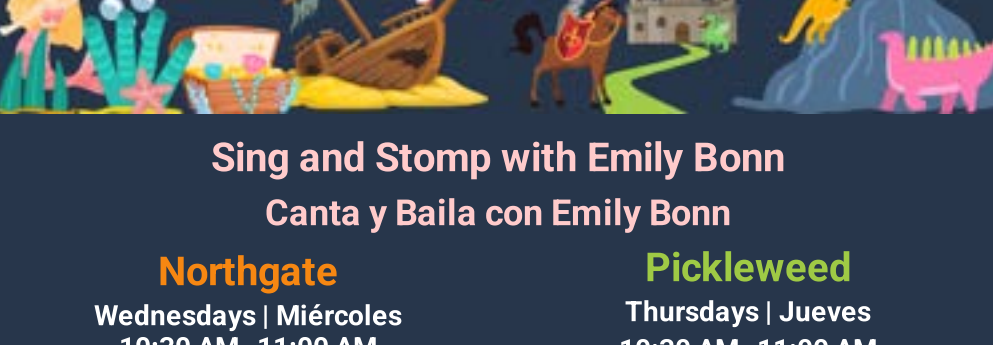
September 6th and 20th

4 PM–5 PM | Zoom

Are you a new English speaker? Join us via Zoom to talk and grow together! We will learn new vocabulary and idioms, discuss grammar, and improve our conversation skills.

Learn More

Register



MUSIC & STORYTIME!

New days, same fun!

Sing and Stomp with Emily Bonn
Canta y Baila con Emily Bonn

Northgate
Wednesdays | Miércoles
10:30 AM–11:00 AM

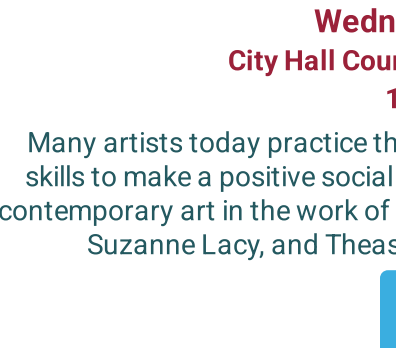
Pickleweed
Thursdays | Jueves
10:30 AM–11:00 AM

Storytime | Hora de Cuentos

Downtown Library
Fridays | Viernes
10:30 AM–11:00 AM

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FIRST WEDNESDAY ART TALK



**ACTIVIST ARTISTS:
THE SOCIAL
PRACTICE OF ART**

Wednesday, September 3

City Hall Council Chambers | [1400 5th Ave.](#)

1:00 PM–2:00 PM

Many artists today practice their art outside the museum, aiming to use their skills to make a positive social contribution. Learn about this exciting trend in contemporary art in the work of Mark Bradford, Judy Chicago, Suzanne Jackson, Suzanne Lacy, and Theater Gates. Docent Speaker: Avril Angvine

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MARIN MASTER
GARDENERS

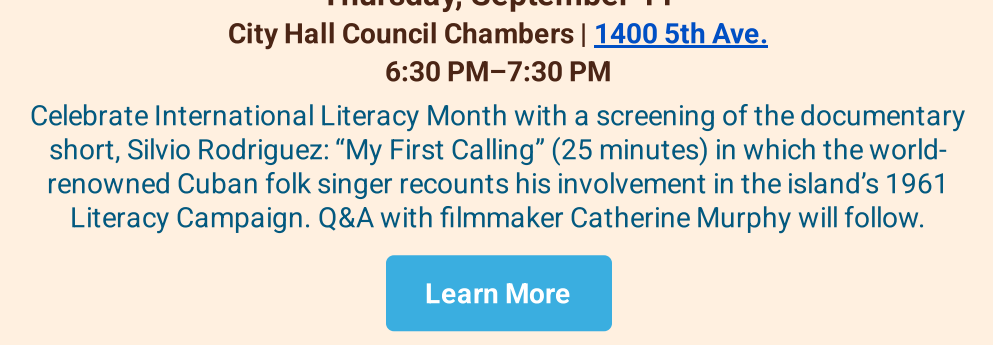
Wednesday, September 10

Downtown Library | 11:00 EST.

2:00 PM–3:00 PM

Join us as Keri Pon and Jenine Stillson discuss which flowers or parts of flowers are safe to eat and, also, some that you should avoid.

Learn More



FILMMAKERS
IN FOCUS

FILMMAKER

CATHERINE MURPHY

Thursday, September 11

City Hall Council Chambers | [1400 5th Ave.](#)

6:30 PM–7:30 PM

Celebrate International Literacy Month with a screening of the documentary short, Silvio Rodriguez: "My First Calling" (25 minutes) in which the world-renowned Cuban folk singer recounts his involvement in the island's 1961 Literacy Campaign. Q&A with filmmaker Catherine Murphy will follow.

Learn More

SUMMER STORY TIMES

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE LAB

at Pickleweed Park

Saturday, September 13 | Sábado, 13 de septiembre

Pickleweed Library | [50 Canal Street](#)

10:30 AM–12:30 PM

Come join us for Storytime and nature-themed activities for the whole family!

Acompáñanos a un rato de cuentos y actividades relacionadas con la naturaleza para toda la familia!

Learn More



Handwriting the Constitution

Saturday, September 13

Downtown Library | [1100 E St.](#)

2:00 PM–5:00 PM

Help us celebrate National Constitution Day by joining the *Handwriting the Constitution* project facilitated by local artist and graphic designer, Barbara Summer and Leslie Ithig.

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RARE & SPECIAL
BOOK SALE

Friday, September 26

1:00 PM–4:30 PM

[member preview 12:00 PM–1:00 PM]

Saturday, September 13

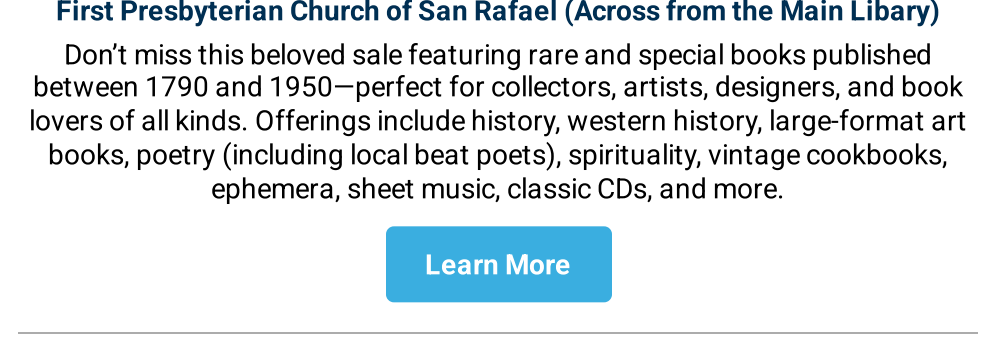
9:00 AM–3:00 PM

Canoles Hall | 1510 Fifth Ave.

First Presbyterian Church of San Rafael (Across from the Main Library)

Don't miss this beloved sale featuring rare and special books published between 1790 and 1950—perfect for collectors, artists, designers, and book lovers of all kinds. Offerings include history, western history, large-format art books, poetry (including local beat poets), spirituality, vintage cookbooks, ephemera, sheet music, classic CDs, and more.

Learn More



HUMANS
of SAN QUENTIN

Tuesday, September 30

City Hall Council Chambers | [1400 5th Ave.](#)

6:30 PM–7:30 PM

A humanitarian non-profit sharing the lives of people inside prison with the outside world to build empathy and understanding.

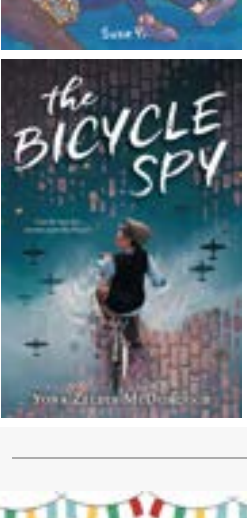
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Books Beyond Borders

Libros Sin Fronteras

For 5th–8th graders

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



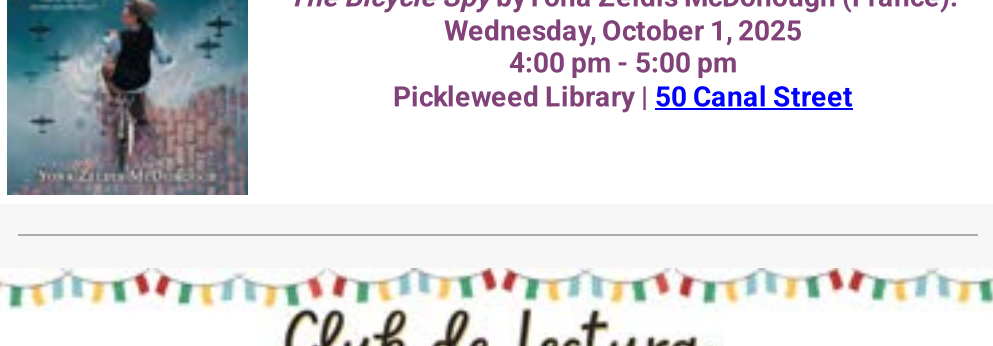
Reminder for Books Beyond Border participants, September's book and meeting information:

A Sky of Paper Stars by Susie Yi (Korea).
Wednesday, September 3, 2025
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Pickleweed Library | [50 Canal Street](#)



October's book and meeting information:

The Bicycle Spy by Yona Zeldis McDonough (France).
Wednesday, October 1, 2025
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Pickleweed Library | [50 Canal Street](#)



Club de Lectura

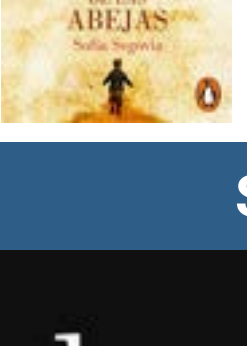
Sabores Literarios

Para más información, llama al 415-485-3483 ó escribe al correo electrónico: alejandra.barríos@cityofsanrafael.org



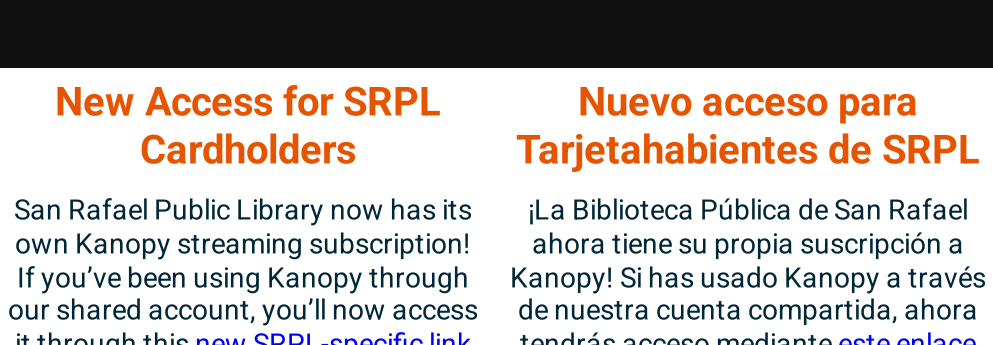
Recordatorio para participantes del club de lectura, el libro y la reunión de septiembre:

La Tabla Esmeralda por Carla Montero.
Viernes, 5 de septiembre, 2025
5:30 pm – 7:00 pm
Biblioteca Northgate | [5800 Northgate Dr. Ste. 083](#)



¡Únete al Club de Lectura! El próximo libro será:
El Murmullo de las Abejas por Sofia Segovia.

Services | Servicios



kanopy update

New Access for SRPL
Cardholders

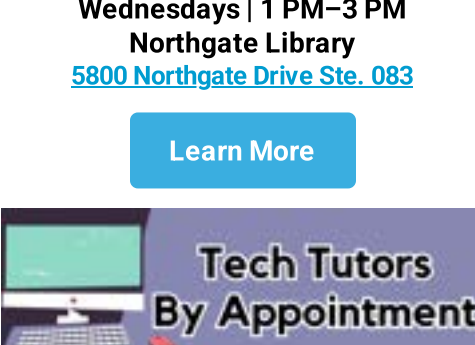
Nuevo acceso para
Tarjetahabientes de SRPL

San Rafael Public Library now has its own Kanopy streaming subscription! If you've been using Kanopy through our shared account, you'll now access it through this [new SRPL-specific link here](#).

¡La Biblioteca Pública de San Rafael ahora tiene su propia suscripción a Kanopy! Si has usado Kanopy a través de nuestra cuenta compartida, ahora tendrás acceso mediante [este enlace nuevo](#) enlace específico de SRPL.

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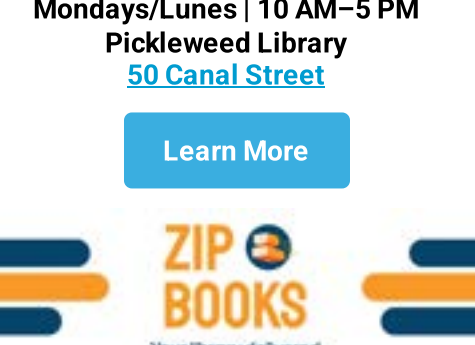


DROP-IN TECH HELP
@ NORTHGATE LIBRARY

Wednesdays | 1 PM–3 PM

Northgate Library

[5800 Northgate Drive Ste. 063](#)

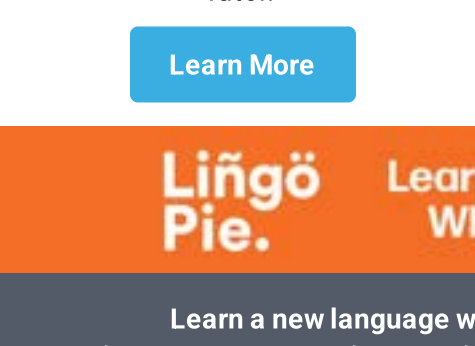


AYUDA TECNICA
EN LA BIBLIOTECA PICKLEWEED

Mondays/Lunes | 10 AM–5 PM

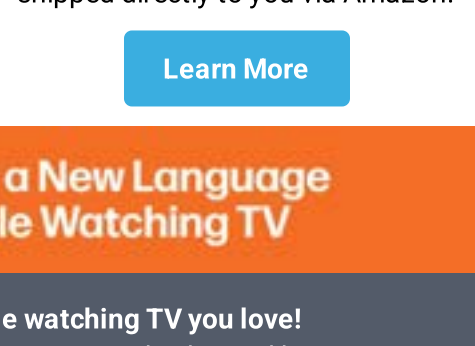
Pickleweed Library

[50 Canal Street](#)



Tech Tutors
By Appointment

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



ZIP BOOKS
The library's digital

Looking for a book we don't have? Zip Books lets you request books not in MARINet or Link+. It's free and shipped directly to you via Amazon.

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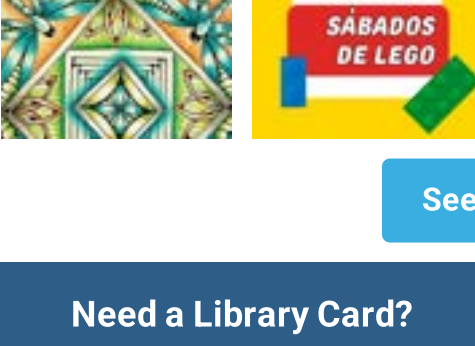
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Learn a New Language While Watching TV

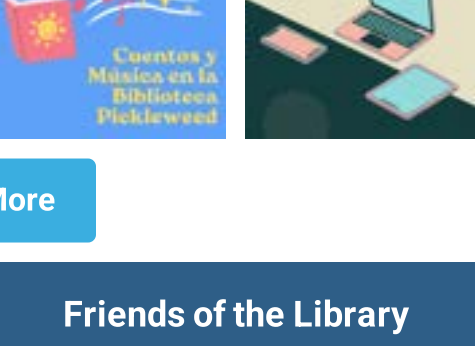
Learn a new language while watching TV you love! With Lingopie, stream shows with interactive subtitles and boost your comprehension episode by episode. Join for free with your MARINet library card.

Language Learning Resources

Coming Soon - October

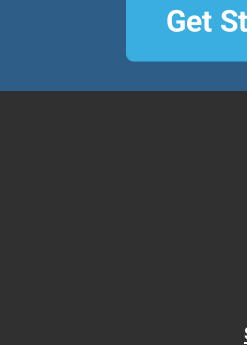


MARIN MASTER GARDENERS
Habitat Gardening
Sing, Walk, Bore B.
Butterflies to your Yard!
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8
2:00 PM–3:00 PM
DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

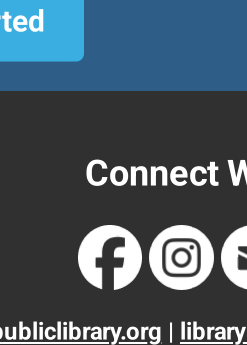


**FILMMAKERS
IN FOCUS**
CATHERINE MURPHY
TRACES OF OPIUM
FELIX

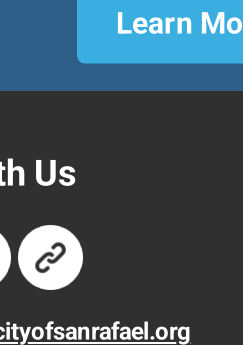
Monthly Programs - All Ages



Zen-tangle



LEGO
SATURDAYS
SABADOS DE LEGO



Masks and Puppets
Library



All Things Apple

See More

Need a Library Card?

Don't miss out on everything San Rafael Public Library has to offer. Sign up for your Library Card today!

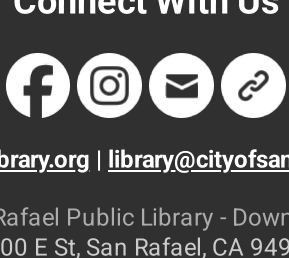
Friends of the Library

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

Get Started

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