



SAN RAFAEL
LIBRARY AND RECREATION

CHECK IT OUT

October 2025

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LOVE YOUR LIBRARY

SAN RAFAEL PUBLIC LIBRARY

Thank You for Celebrating With Us!

What an incredible day! Our Grand Reopening Celebration welcomed more than 1,000 visitors through our doors, filling the library with energy, laughter, and community spirit. From delicious food and lively music to engaging programs and family-friendly activities, the day was a joyful reminder of just how much our library means to San Rafael.

We were thrilled to see how much you enjoyed the swag, especially our *Love Your Library* campaign items. This campaign celebrates the vital role our library plays in the community, and your enthusiasm and support are what truly bring this building to life. A special thank you to the Terra Linda Ceramic Artists for [sharing their incredible collection](#) with us during the celebration.

Thank you for making the reopening such a joyful beginning to this next chapter of our beautifully renovated library. We look forward to welcoming you back soon to explore our collections, enjoy our programs, and connect with all the resources your library has to offer.

This Month at the Library

PICKLEWEED RENOVATION UPDATE

The Pickleweed Library closed on September 27th for renovation. Starting on **October 15**, staff will be available at the Al Boro front desk on **Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays** from **9:00 AM to 5:00 PM**. During these hours, we will offer basic services and hold pickups.

We'll also be available to assist you at the Downtown and Northgate Libraries.

We can't wait to welcome you back in the Spring/Summer 2026

[More info](#)

BANNED BOOKS WEEK

OCTOBER 5-11

★ Read for your Rights ★

Banned Books Week was launched in 1982 in response to a sudden surge in the number of challenges to books in libraries, bookstores, and schools. Held in the last week of September or first week of October, the annual event highlights the value of free and open access to information and brings together the entire book community – librarians, educators, authors, publishers, booksellers, and readers of all types – in shared support of the freedom to seek and to express ideas. Here are some banned book recommendations.

BANNED BOOKS PICKS FOR KIDS

BANNED BOOKS PICKS FOR TEENS

BANNED BOOKS PICKS FOR ADULTS

UNITED AGAINST HATE WEEK

October 19-25, 2025

United Against Hate Week is a call for seven days of local civic action by people in every community to stop the hate and implicit biases that are a dangerous threat to the safety and civility of our neighborhoods, towns, and cities. The campaign aims to empower residents to take action in their communities and alter the course of growing intolerance.

The City has been participating in United Against Hate week for several years. You can find more information on past initiatives on our [website](#).

Programs

FIRST WEDNESDAY ART TALK



FROM THE KILN: Japanese Ceramics

Wednesday, October 1
City Hall Council Chambers 1400 5th Ave.
1:00 PM–2:00 PM

Immerse yourself in the imaginative techniques, complex variety, and sheer beauty of Japanese ceramics in the Asian Art Museum's collection, from centuries past to the present day.

[Learn More](#)



ESL Conversation Club



ESL Conversation Club
October 4th and 18th
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.

MUSIC & STORYTIME!


New days, same fun!

Sing and Stomp with Emily Bonn

Northgate
Wednesdays
10:30 AM–11:00 AM

Pickleweed
Thursdays (Resuming on 10/16)
10:30 AM–11:00 AM

Storytime
Downtown Library
Fridays
10:30 AM–11:00 AM



MARIN MASTER GARDENERS

Habitat Gardening: Bring Birds, Bees and Butterflies to Your Yard!

Wednesday, October 8
Downtown Library
1100 E St.
2:00 PM–3:00 PM

Bob Mauceli will show you how to use plants, feeders, water and other features to provide havens for wildlife in your garden.



FILMMAKERS IN FOCUS

COLETTE GHUNIM

FILMMAKER

New Date and Location!

[Traces of Home](#)
by Colette Ghunim


Tuesday, October 21
6:30 PM–7:30 PM
Downtown Library | 1100 E St.



Exploring the Night Sky

Saturday, October 25
Jean and John Starkweather Shoreline Park | [Exact location here](#)
6:00 PM–8:00 PM

Come check out the library's telescope kits and explore the night sky with Marin Stargazers. We will be looking at the crescent Moon and Saturn!



LOCAL AUTHOR TALK:

Scott Fletcher Discusses his New Book

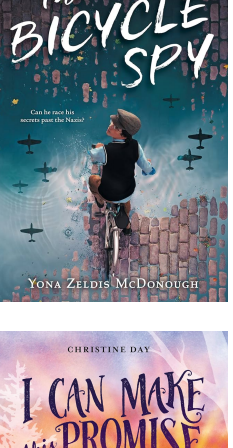
MORE MOMENTS IN MARIN HISTORY

Thursday, October 30
Downtown Library
1100 E St.
6:30 PM–7:30 PM

Local author and history buff, Scott Fletcher, will discuss his new book *More Moments in Marin History: Familiar Tales and Untold Stories*.

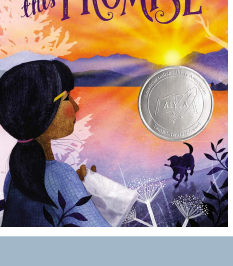
Books Beyond Borders

Book club 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, October's book and meeting information:

The Bicycle Spy by Yona Zeldis McDonough (France).
Wednesday, October 1, 2025
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Multipurpose Room at Al Boro | [50 Canal Street](#)



November's book and meeting information:

I Can Make this Promise
by Christine Day (Upper Skagit people).
Wednesday, November 5, 2025
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Multipurpose Room at Al Boro | [50 Canal Street](#)

Club de Lectura

Sabores Literarios

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



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

El Murmullo de las Abejas por [Sofía Segovia](#). *Abejas* por [Sofía Segovia](#).
Viernes, 3 de octubre, 2025
5:30 pm - 7:00 pm
Biblioteca Northgate | [5800 Northgate Dr. Ste. 083](#)



¡Únete al Club de Lectura! El próximo libro será:

El Recluso por [Freida McFadden](#)

Services



NEW All Access subscription to the NYT

We have a NEW All Access subscription to The New York Times which includes: Games, Cooking, Wirecutter, and The Athletic. Available through June 30, 2026 *Note: You will need to log in or create a NYTimes.com account.*

kanopy update

New Access for SRPL Cardholders

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](#).

DROP-IN TECH HELP @ NORTHGATE LIBRARY

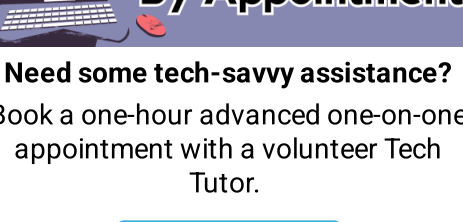
Wednesdays | 1 PM–3 PM
Northgate Library
5800 Northgate Drive Ste. 083

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AYUDA TECNICA EN LA BIBLIOTECA PICKLEWEED

(Resuming on 10/21)
Tuesdays | 9 AM–12 PM
Al Boro Community Center
50 Canal Street

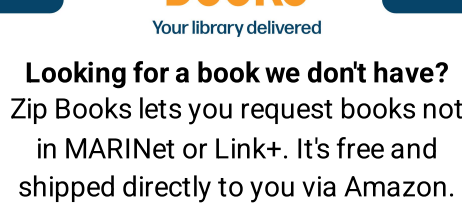
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Tech Tutors By Appointment

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

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ZIP BOOKS
Your library delivered

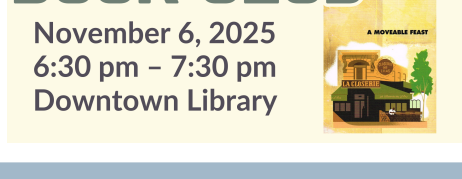
Looking for a book we don't have? Zip Books lets you request books not in MARINet or Link+. It's free and shipped directly to you via Amazon.

[Learn More](#)

Coming Soon - November




MARIN MASTER GARDENERS
Rethinking the Lawn
Learn about eco-friendly lawn alternatives.
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12
2:00 - 3:00 PM
DOWNTOWN LIBRARY
1100 E STREET




QUARTERLY CLASSICS BOOK CLUB
November 6, 2025
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Downtown Library


Monthly Programs - All Ages



Zen-tangle



LEGO SATURDAYS
SÁBADOS DE LEGO



All Things Apple

[See More](#)

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