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LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2026

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## LOVE YOUR LIBRARY

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### Every Story Counts: Share Your Love for the Library

Love Your Library is about celebrating the many ways San Rafael's public libraries show up for our community every single day! From diverse collections and inclusive programs to essential resources and welcoming, high-quality service for all. That's why we're participating in Every Story Counts, a statewide effort to better understand how people use and value their libraries, and we want to hear from you.

Reminder: the survey closes on Saturday, 1/31.

There's still time to share your story! The survey has been available all week at San Rafael Public Library locations: Downtown, Pickleweed, and Northgate, and can be completed online via the link below or in person at any library branch.

Whether you're bringing your child to storytime, using computers or Wi-Fi, browsing the collection, attending programs, or simply enjoying a welcoming place to be, your experience matters. You can share quick feedback, a great story, or a memorable moment that shows what the library means to you. Your input helps highlight the everyday impact of our libraries and strengthens efforts to support them now and in the future.

[Complete the Survey](#)

### Quick Highlights

San Rafael Public Libraries will be closed on **Monday, February 16th** for Presidents' Day.

This year we are partnering with LITA (Love is the Answer) to bring joy to folks who don't receive valentines. Come to the Downtown or Northgate Libraries and make valentines to be distributed at a skilled nursing facility for long term care residents.

Stop by the **Downtown** and **Northgate** Libraries to check out our brand new **Community Seed Libraries**, where you can borrow free vegetable, herb, flower, and native plant seeds for your garden! Plant them, save seeds from your harvest, and return them to share with fellow gardeners.

While the Pickleweed Library is being remodeled, staff will be available at the **Albert J. Boro Community Center**'s front desk on **Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays**, from 9:00AM to 5:00PM for basic services.

Hey teens, there are **free** after school snacks available at the **Downtown Library's** Teen area! Monday-Friday 2:30 PM-4:30 PM. For ages 12-18.

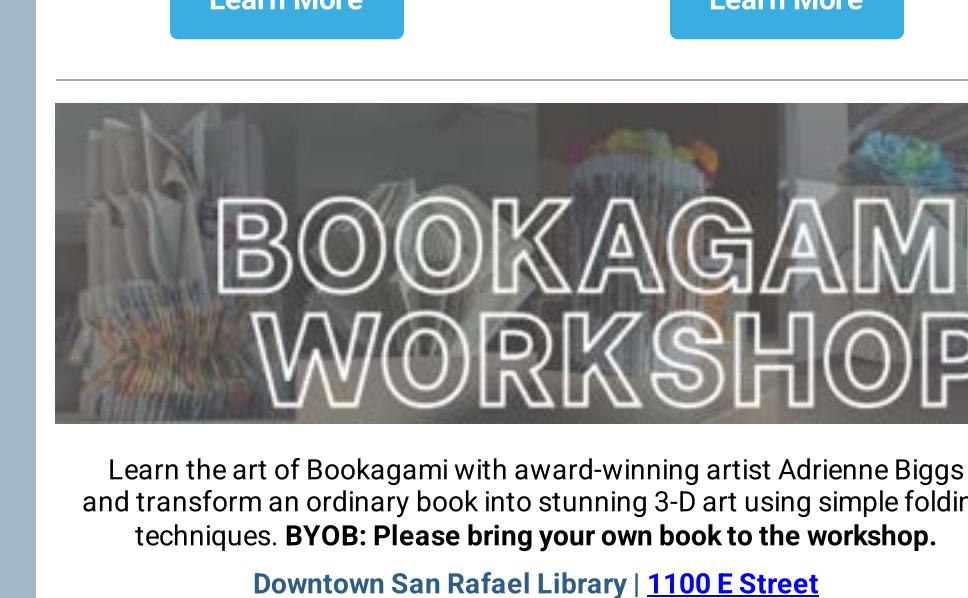
Black History Month recognizes the pivotal role of Black individuals to American history, culture, and society while reflecting on the ongoing struggle for equity and justice. We can show support by educating ourselves, amplifying Black voices, and creating inclusive spaces where everyone is valued. Here are some book recommendations for this month and all year long.

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### Program Spotlight



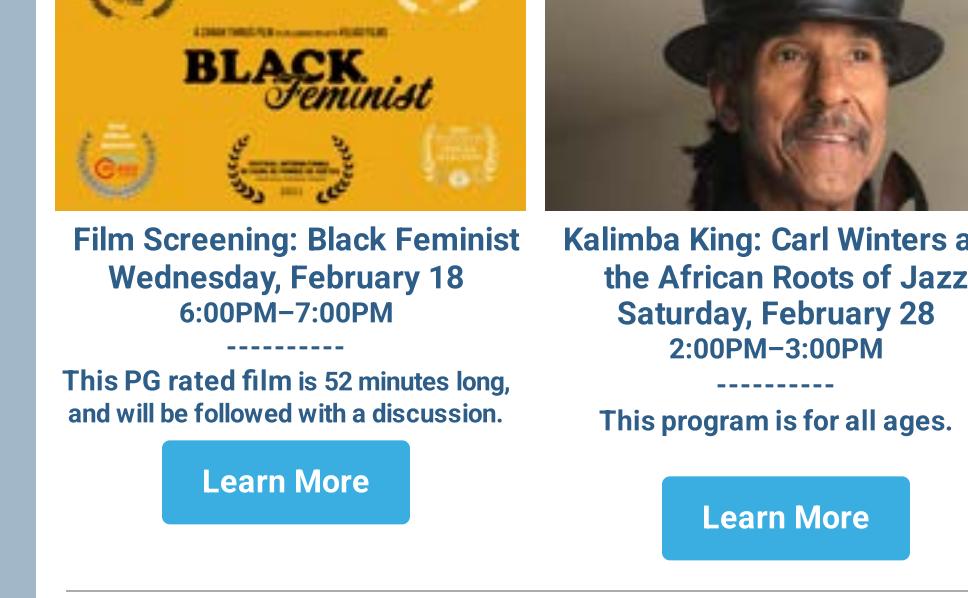
Downtown San Rafael Library | **1100 E Street**

Film for Tweens and Teens: **The Lake Merritt Monster**  
Monday, February 2  
5:30PM-6:30PM

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A 2025 short film by local filmmaker **Benjamin Mulholland**.  
Plus, post-screening discussion with the filmmaker, moderated by Diana Sánchez Maciel from the California Film Institute.

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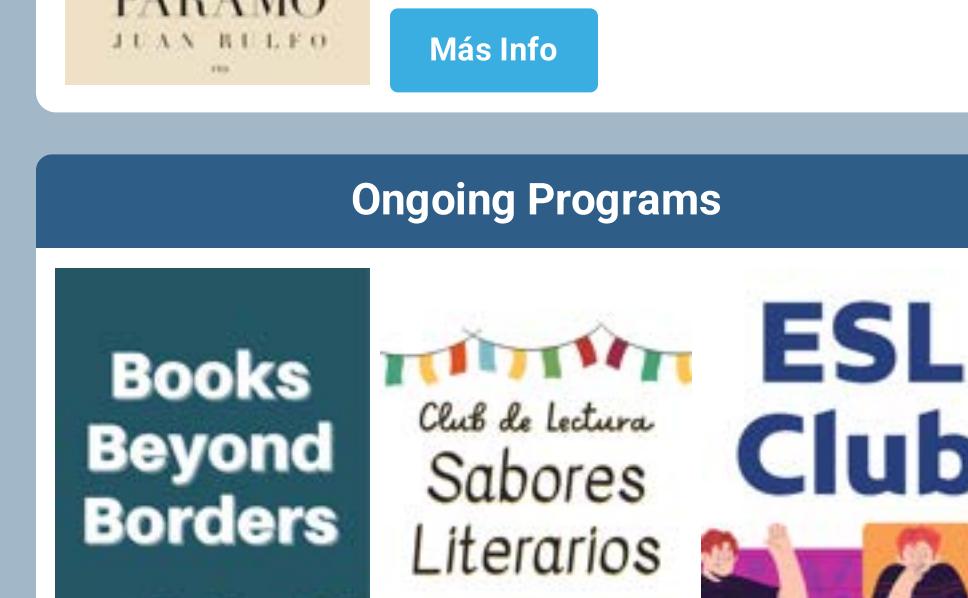
This Valentine's Day, express your creativity through beautiful handmade cards. Come to the Downtown Library, we'll provide you with a variety of paper, crafting supplies and more. You bring your ideas and special elements that you'd like to include in your valentines. Librarian Pam will be your facilitator.

Downtown San Rafael Library | **1100 E Street**

Sunday, February 8  
1:00PM-4:00PM

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For ages 13 and up

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Come celebrate the Year of the Horse with these two hands-on Chinese Calligraphy Workshops where you will explore Chinese traditions and learn about festive symbols.

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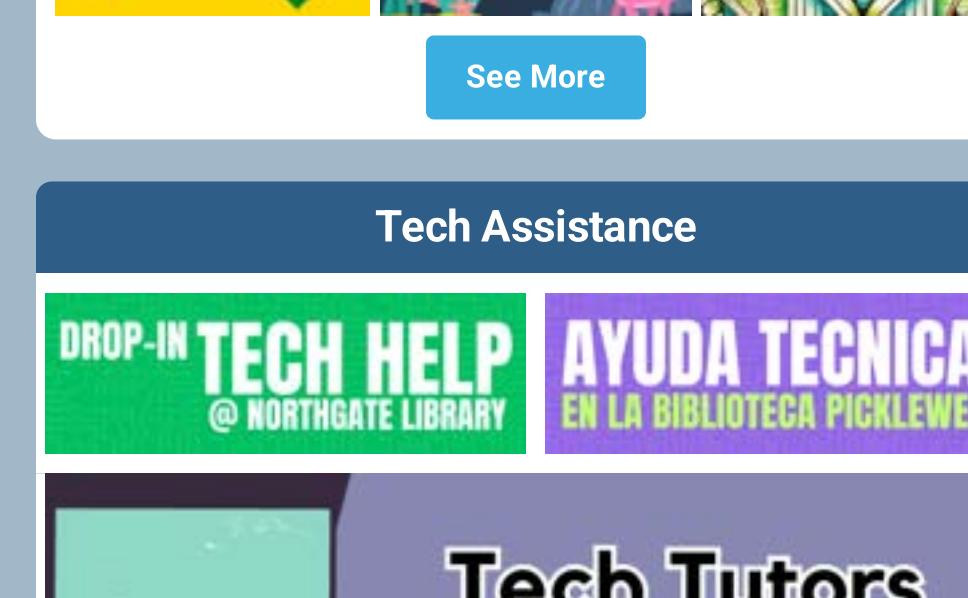
Workshop for Children  
Friday, February 20  
2:00PM-3:00PM

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For ages 7-12  
To sign up, please contact:  
**Margaret Stawowy**

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For ages 13 and up  
To sign up, please contact:  
**Bonnie Grossong**

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Learn the art of Bookagami with award-winning artist Adrienne Biggs and transform an ordinary book into stunning 3-D art using simple folding techniques. **BYOB: Please bring your own book to the workshop.**

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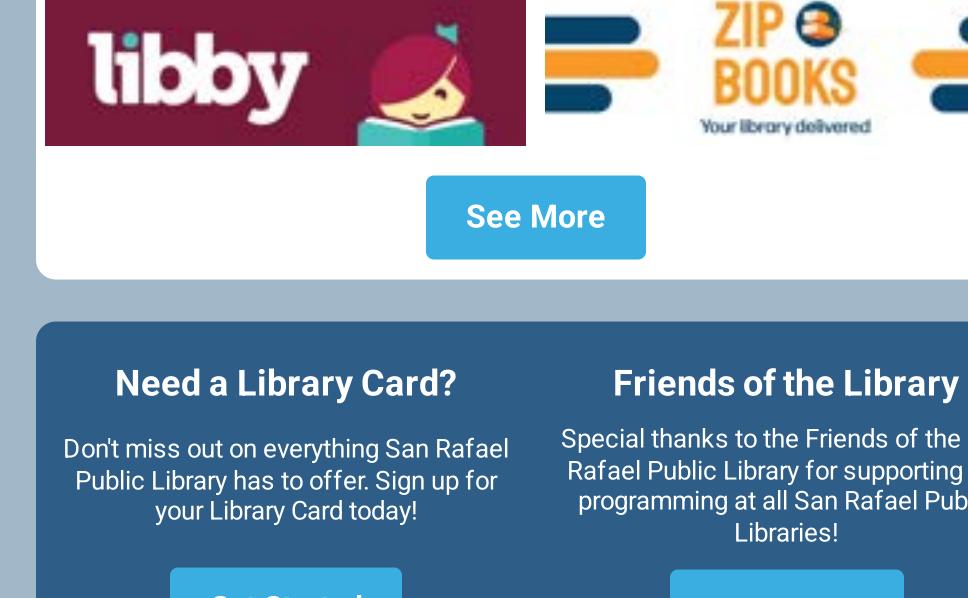
Saturday, February 21  
12:00PM-2:00PM

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For anyone 14+. Workshop limited to 12 participants so pre-registration is required. To sign up, please contact: **Bonnie Grossong**

BONUS: This workshop coincides with Adrienne's Bookagami exhibit at this library, "Black and White and READ All Over", viewable daily during open hours.

Check it out upstairs before you come to the workshop!

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Join us this February to celebrate Black History Month through two special programs that honor African American culture and history.

Downtown San Rafael Library | **1100 E Street**

Film Screening: **Black Feminist**  
Wednesday, February 18  
6:00PM-7:00PM

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This PG rated film is 52 minutes long, and will be followed with a discussion.

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Kalimba King: **Carl Winters and the African Roots of Jazz**  
Saturday, February 28  
2:00PM-3:00PM

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This program is for all ages.

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En este club de lectura leeremos libros de autores de todo el mundo hispanohablante y nos reuniremos todos los meses para tener una conversación amigable.

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