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LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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## LOVE YOUR LIBRARY

SAN RAFAEL PUBLIC LIBRARY

### Love Your Library This Summer

The San Rafael Public Library kicks off the season with something for everyone. Join us for **Summer Reading 2026** (June 13–August 8) featuring Bingo for all ages! Complete it to win collectible stickers and a tote bag featuring [artwork by local community members](#). Keep an eye on our [events calendar](#), we'll have a variety of programs and activities for all ages throughout the summer.

This summer, SRPL is also bringing books and activities directly to community lunch sites through the Lunch at the Library grant and our partnership with San Rafael City Schools, keeping kids engaged in reading and learning while school is out.

Libraries remain critical community resources that support learning, creativity, and connection for residents of all ages. We invite you to Love Your Library this summer!

### Quick Highlights

- The library will be closed on **Friday, June 19** for the Juneteenth Holiday.
- While the Pickleweed Library is being remodeled, staff will be available at the **Albert J. Bora 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.
- June is Pride Month, Caribbean American Heritage Month and Juneteenth. Check out our [book lists](#) and upcoming [events!](#)

## Community Survey

[Help Shape the New Library & Community Center at Albert Park!](#)

Take our 5–7 minute [survey](#) and tell us what programs and spaces matter most to you and your family. Your input will help shape a community space built for San Rafael's future.

[Take the Survey](#)

## 2026 READ WITH PRIDE FESTIVAL AT THE FARMER'S MARKET

Join us for a fun-filled, family-friendly day!  
Sunday, June 14  
Sunday Marin Farmers' Market | [3501 Civic Center Dr](#)

We're partnering with the Marin County Free Library to bring a joyful, family-friendly celebration to all members of the community.

- Here's what's in store:
- MCFL Learning Bus and Bookmobile
  - Community partner tables
  - Face painting
  - Family Storytime
  - Fun kids crafts
  - Kid Zumba
  - Music by DJ Destro

Scavenger hunt throughout the market  
Mark your calendars, we can't wait to celebrate with you!



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### Program Spotlight

## Odyssey of Big Brother & The Holding Company

Thursday, June 4  
San Rafael Downtown Library | [1100 E Street](#)  
6:30 PM–8:00 PM

Celebrate the Summer of Love with a special library program on Big Brother & the Holding Company, the legendary San Francisco band that launched the career of Janis Joplin and helped define the psychedelic rock sound of the era.

The program features a discussion with the two surviving members of the original band, bassist Peter Albin, and drummer, Dave Getz, who is a resident of Marin. Peter and Dave will share firsthand stories about the band's origins, the Haight-Ashbury scene, and the cultural impact of their music.

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## TEEN MAP MAKING

Like Dorothy Napangardi

Thursday, June 11, 18 & 25  
San Rafael Downtown Library | [1100 E Street](#)  
2:00 PM–3:30 PM

Students will learn about Dorothy Napangardi's art and influences and adapt her way of working to make their own drawings.

- Part 1: Thursday, 6/11 – Meet each other and become familiar with Napangardi's work.
- Part 2: Thursday, 6/18 – planning projects and beginning work.
- Part 3: Thursday, 6/25 – extended time to work on projects.

To register, please email [Brianna](#)

**Three session cumulative series, registration is required and assumes students will attend all three classes.**

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## BIKING ADVENTURE

AVENTURA EN BICICLETA

Saturday, June 13 & 27  
Pickleweed Park | [50 Canal St](#)  
10:00 AM–1:00 PM

Learn about bike safety and then participate in a supervised local ride. We meet at Pickleweed Park with bikes, helmets, and water bottles provided, as well as transportation to off-site rides. Presented in partnership with [Trips for Kids](#).

**Limited spaces available. For Ages 8+**  
**Registration and parent permission required. To register email: [Lea](#)**

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## Summer Children's Swap!

Kids' Apparel & Resources

Saturday, June 13  
San Rafael Downtown Library Patio | [1100 E Street](#)  
2:00 PM–4:00 PM

The San Rafael Public Library is partnering with Marin Community Free Swaps! Just show up, either with donations or not. No attendance fees or minimum donations to participate, ever. Bring what you can, take what you need. Everyone is welcome, whether you're donating, picking up, or both.

Visit the event page for more details on what to bring (and what not to bring) to the swap.

[Learn More](#)

## ROCK STEADY JUGGLING

FOR KIDS

Tuesday, June 16  
San Rafael Downtown Library | [1100 E Street](#) | 1:00 PM–2:00 PM  
Al Boro Community Center | [50 Canal St](#) | 4:00 PM–5:00 PM

Comedy, juggling, magic, and audience participation engage youngsters to re-environment issues around recycling, water conservation or wastewater science. Best suited for children of all ages.

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## POETIC PLAYLIST

WITH GRETCHEN CION

Saturday, June 27  
San Rafael Downtown Library | [1100 E Street](#)  
2:00 PM–3:30 PM

A creative writing class for girls and gender-expansive youth ages 13-18. For those who love music and writing, looking to hone their craft and create a writing practice. We'll analyze and discuss lyrics by iconic songwriters as inspiration for our own writing.

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### Ongoing Programs

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### Tech Assistance

### Free With Your Library Card

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