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LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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LOVE YOUR LIBRARY

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Love Your Library!

The San Rafael Public Library (SRPL) is grateful to be part of a community that values discovery, learning, play, and connection. Every visit, every book checked out, every program attended, and every new library card reflects the many ways our community makes the library an essential part of San Rafael.

There's even more to love this summer! Join the [Summer Reading Program](#) from June 13 through August 8 for reading, activities, prizes, and plenty of ways to make the most of the season. Complete our Summer Reading Bingo game to discover library services and resources you may not know we offer and earn chances to win cool prizes along the way. Explore the full [calendar of events](#) and find your next great read, new skill, or favorite family outing.

Quick Highlights

- 31** The library will be closed on Friday, July 3rd and Saturday, July 4th for the Independence Day Holiday.
- 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.



[More Info](#)



Help Shape the New Library & Community Center at Albert Park!

Have a vision for the future of library services? Please take a moment to share your feedback on the new Library and Community Center at Albert Park through the survey linked below.

[Take the Survey](#)

Program Spotlight



Wednesday, July 1 and July 15
San Rafael Downtown Library Patio | [1100 E Street](#)
3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Step outside and play! Join us on the library patio for an afternoon of open-ended fun where kids can explore, create, and connect. Whether you're stacking high, strategizing your next move, or covering the sidewalk in color, there's something for every child to enjoy. No registration required.

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Tuesday, July 7

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

Looking to have a magical summer? Come see magician Mike Della Penna! Magician Mike Della Penna returns to the Library with his humorous, mystifying magic show best suited for children ages 4 through 9.

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Wednesday, July 8 | San Rafael Downtown Library | [1100 E Street](#) 1:00 PM–2:00 PM
Tuesday, July 21 | Al Boro Community Center | [50 Canal St](#) 4:00 PM–5:00 PM

You will have the opportunity to meet three of WildCare's rescued non-releasable wild animals during this unforgettable presentation. By sharing their rescue stories, these animals act as ambassadors for their species in order to increase awareness of their plight in the wild. Ages 5 and up

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Thursday, July 9

San Rafael Downtown Library | [1100 E Street](#)
6:00 PM–8:00 PM

Join us for an evening of poetry experimentation led by librarian and California Poets in the Schools teacher Lea Aschkenas. We'll take a look at some lesser-known forms of poetry, examine their themes and poetic techniques, and then delve into our own writing. Limited to 12 participants. **To register, email [Lea](#)**

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Saturday, July 11 & 25
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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Saturday, July 11
San Rafael Downtown Library | [1100 E Street](#)
2:00 PM–4:00 PM

Join us for a relaxing afternoon of art and community with Napa Valley Painting! In this bilingual workshop, our instructor will provide step-by-step guidance in both English and Spanish, making it a welcoming and accessible space for speakers of either language to create together. All materials, including easels, canvases, and paints, will be provided. Please wear clothes that you wouldn't mind getting a little messy. This program is for Teens and Adults.

Space is strictly limited to 12 participants! Registration required. Please email [Javier Morales](#) to register

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Every Monday from July 13–August 17
San Rafael Downtown Library | [1100 E Street](#)
3:30 PM–5:00 PM

Join us for our read & watch book club as we explore **A Good Girl's Guide to Murder** by Holly Jackson! This is a relaxed, read-at-your-own-pace book club. **Pick up your copy by July 6** and come ready to talk, watch, and enjoy the story with fellow readers. **For ages 13+**

Disclaimer: Our book club selection explores mature and sometimes intense topics. This includes depictions or discussions of suicide, self-harm, murder, underage drug and alcohol use, drunk driving, animal/pet death, and sexual assault. We want everyone to feel comfortable and informed—please take a moment to consider whether this material is a good fit for you.

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Ongoing Programs

SOBREMESA LITERARIA

Pokémon Club

Read to a Dog!
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ESL Club

MARIN MASTER GARDENERS

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STORYTIME

Zen-tangle

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