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LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2026

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LOVE YOUR LIBRARY

SAN RAFAEL PUBLIC LIBRARY

As we celebrate one year since we launched the Love Your Library campaign, we're reflecting on the many ways our community has brought the library to life. Those everyday moments have helped shape the programs, services, and opportunities we've offered for all ages, and we're grateful to everyone who has been part of the journey.

As our Love Your Library campaign comes to a close, we're excited to turn the page and share something new. We hope you'll find something to enjoy in this newsletter and be sure to keep an eye out for our next issue to see what's next.

Quick Highlights



Zip Books is ending, get your requests in now! Zip Books is ending on August 31 due to discontinuation of state funding. The program has delivered titles not otherwise available in the library's catalog or through LINK+ straight to readers' doors, so if there's a book you've been wanting, submit your request now via the [Zip Books page](#) before the program closes.



You can still turn in your **Summer Reading Bingo Cards!** Get the community member designed stickers, enter the raffle to win the special limited edition tote bag with art also designed by a community member, and win tickets to a Giants game!



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.

CALL FOR

TEEN VOLUNTEERS!

Want to make a difference while earning volunteer/service hours?

The Young Readers Project is a teen-led program where teens help younger students become confident young readers!

We're looking for teen volunteers ages 13+ to help out weekend mornings for just one hour this fall. You'll be paired one-on-one with elementary-age readers for a fun 20-minute reading sessions where you'll read together, listen to kids read aloud, help sound out tricky words, encourage confidence and a love of reading.

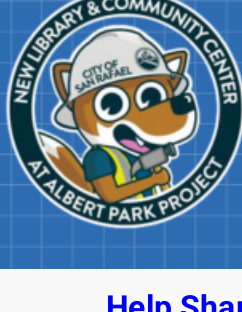
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HomeworkCA

New Free Tutoring Resource: HomeworkCA/Tutor.com

Students can now get **free, live one-on-one tutoring 24/7 in English or Spanish**, covering everything from math, science, and writing to AP/ACT/SAT/IB test prep and college planning tools from The Princeton Review. Available through July 31, 2027, thanks to Pacific Library Partnership and the California State Library.

[Try It Out!](#)



Community Survey

[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



PLAYTIME

ON THE PATIO

Step outside and play!

Wednesday, August 5 and 19

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.

[Learn More](#)

TEEN AUTHOR TALK

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Wednesday, August 5

San Rafael Downtown Library | [1100 E Street](#)

5:30 PM–6:30 PM

A gorgeous debut about friendship, grief, and new beginnings set in near-future San Francisco in the aftermath of a catastrophic earthquake and on the cusp of the first human mission to Mars.

Susie Nadler was born and raised in San Francisco, where she still lives with her husband and their teenage twins. As a school librarian, she gets to spend most of her time reading and talking to kids about books. Susie will join us for a reading and discussion about her debut novel, *We Tell About the Stars*.



[Learn More](#)

FINDING INFORMATION ONLINE

Friday, August 7

San Rafael Downtown Library | [1100 E Street](#)

2:00 PM–3:00 PM

Join us for a free, beginner-friendly workshop presented by ESCOM (Emeritus Students of the College of Marin). No experience necessary. All adults welcome to drop-in. Questions or want a reminder? Contact Javier Morales at Javier.Morales@cityofsanrafael.org

[Learn More](#)

BIKING ADVENTURE

AVENTURA EN BICICLETA

Saturday, August 8

Pickleweed Park | [50 Canal Street](#)

10:00 AM–1:00 PM

Learn about bike safety and participate in a supervised local ride. Riders will meet at Pickleweed Park. Bikes, helmets, water bottles, and transportation to off-site rides will be provided. Presented in partnership with [Tuna for Kids](#).

Limited spaces available. For Ages 8+
Registration and parent permission required. To register, email Lea.Aschkenas@cityofsanrafael.org

[Learn More](#)

MARIN MASTER GARDENERS

Wednesday, August 12

San Rafael Downtown Library | [1100 E Street](#)

2:00 PM–3:30 PM

Monarch butterflies, as much as we love them, are in danger of extinction here in California. Marin Master Gardener Peter Norton will share the monarch butterflies life cycle and needs, as well as practical steps that we can take in Marin County to help with their survival.

[Learn More](#)

KIDS BUILDERS CLUB

Wednesday, August 12

San Rafael Downtown Library | [1100 E Street](#)

3:30 PM–4:30 PM

Join us for an afternoon exploring our building and engineering skills. Engage with Legos, magnetic blocks, and other building materials and see what you can create. For children of all ages, children under 8 must be accompanied by a caregiver.

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[See More August Programs](#)

Ongoing Programs







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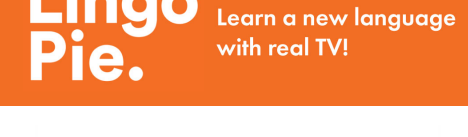
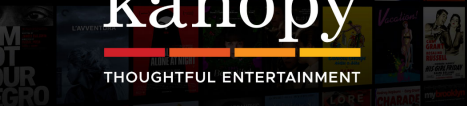
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