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San Rafael Public Library Tips

Tip #002: Did you know you can access even more ebooks and audiobooks through Libby?

Thanks to our lending partnerships, your MARINet library card gives you access to additional collections from the Peninsula Library System and NorthNet Library System. If you can't find the title you are looking for within our MARINet collection, Libby makes it easy to browse these partner collections too. Partner libraries' unique library cards will appear throughout the app, so you can quickly see where each ebook or audiobook is available.

When searching for a specific title, Libby will automatically check all partner libraries and will suggest the earliest available copy.

For information and to learn about other Libby Tips and Tricks, click [here](#).

Quick Highlights



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All San Rafael Library branches will be closed on **Friday, October 16** for **all staff development**.



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.



Banned Books Week is **October 4-10**. Check out our librarians' recommendation on these [booklists](#) and visit the library for daily trivia to win a prize!

WEBSITE UPDATE

The Library will Have a Brand New Website Soon!

Big news from the library: we are moving our website to a new and improved platform, alongside other City of San Rafael departments. This change will give us more functionality to provide better access to information and online services while strengthening our digital security. And not to worry! Everything you rely on in our current website will still be there, including the events calendar, library catalog, access to your account, content, and resource links.

Our current website will transition to the new site on October 15.

Through all of it, your library card, your account, and our services keep working just as they always have. We're excited about this next step and hope you'll enjoy the fresh look. And as always, our staff are happy to help with any questions, whether you stop by a branch or give us a call.

TEEN
ROBOTICS VOLUNTEERS
WANTED

Interested in robotics, STEM, or working with kids?

San Rafael Public Library will soon be recruiting teen volunteers to take part in Teens Succeed, a new robotics initiative that puts teens in the lead. Teen volunteers will learn how to build, code, and use robotics kits, then help lead a series of six robotics classes for other teens and younger children at the library. Along the way, volunteers will build STEM skills, gain hands-on teaching and leadership experience, and learn more about careers in robotics and engineering.

No previous robotics experience is required—just curiosity, reliability, and a willingness to learn and teach!

More information about volunteer applications, training, and program dates will be coming soon. Please email brannac@cityofsanrafael.org with any interest or questions.



Community Survey

Survey closes **October 11!**

Take 5-10 minutes today to share your priorities for the new Library and Community Center at Albert Park.

[Take the Survey](#)

Program Spotlight



Friday, October 2 & October 30
City Hall Council Chambers | [1400 Fifth Ave](#)
11:00 AM–12:30 PM

Join us for a free, beginner-friendly two-part workshop series presented by ESCOM (Emeritus Students of the College of Marin). Learn what AI actually is, how it works, and why it's suddenly everywhere in the news. No experience necessary. Bring your own device or use one of ours. All adults welcome to drop-in. Questions or want a reminder? Contact Javier Morales at Javier.Morales@cityofsanrafael.org

[Learn More](#)



Saturday, October 3
San Rafael Downtown Library | [1100 E Street](#)
11:00 AM–12:30 PM

A creative writing class for girls and gender-expansive youth ages 12-18. 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.

To register, please email branna.collins@cityofsanrafael.org

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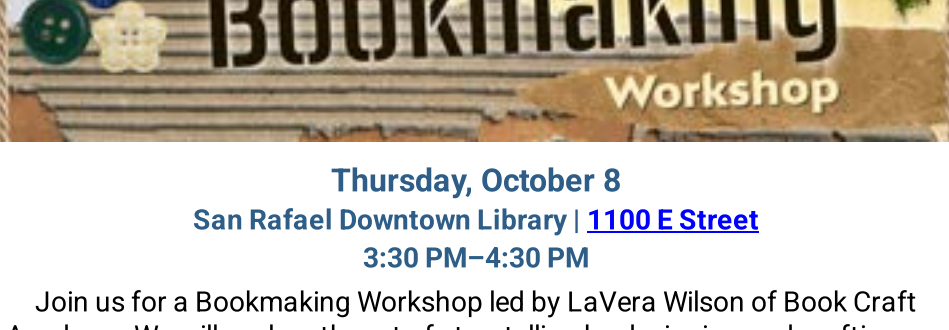
Wednesday, October 7
San Rafael Downtown Library | [1100 E Street](#)
3:30 PM–4:30 PM

This month we are making potions!

Join us for explorations, investigations, and fun as we play with different household non-toxic essentials. In this program series, we will make a mess, and see how different things react or combine while engaging in sensory experiences. The best part is, you don't have to clean up!

Children under 8 must be accompanied by a caregiver.

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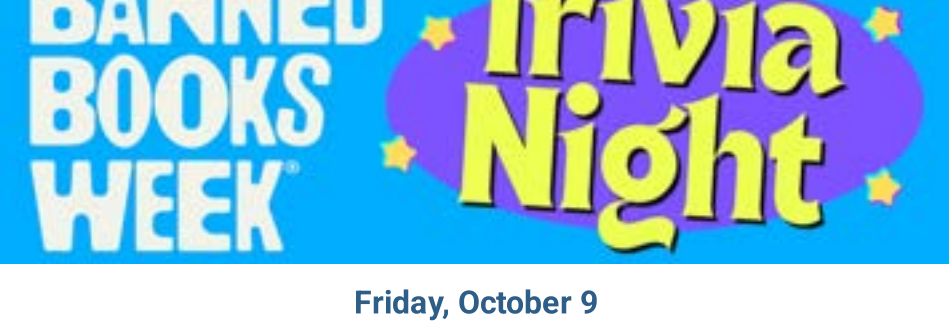


Thursday, October 8
San Rafael Downtown Library | [1100 E Street](#)
3:30 PM–4:30 PM

Join us for a Bookmaking Workshop led by LaVera Wilson of Book Craft Academy. We will explore the art of storytelling by designing and crafting our own oversized books. We will play with shapes, colors, textures and pop up. Create a fantastical book to take home and treasure for your own library.

Sign up by emailing Maria at maria.rosillamares@cityofsanrafael.org.

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Friday, October 9
San Rafael Downtown Library | [1100 E Street](#)
5:30 PM–7:00 PM

Show us what you know! Test your knowledge on all things banned book related at this all ages trivia night! In teams of 4, you will work together to answer questions from 4 related categories. Come with others or come alone, the top 3 teams will take home a prize! Follow us on Facebook and Instagram to get 2 bonus points for your team! Light refreshments and snacks will be provided.

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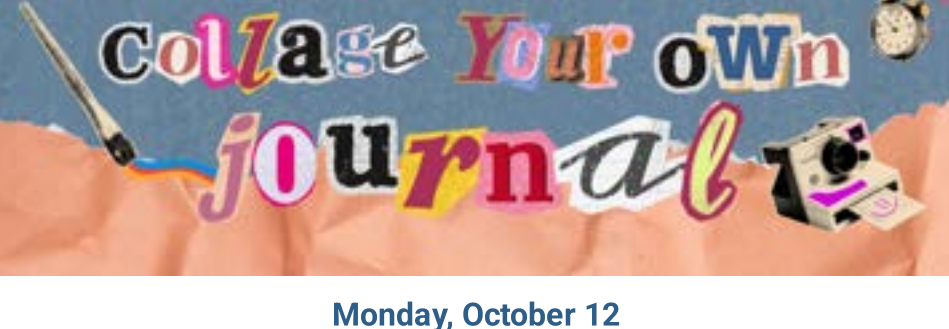


Saturday, October 10
San Rafael Downtown Library | [1100 E Street](#)
Teens and Adults | 11:30 AM–1:00 PM
Children | 2:00 PM–3:30 PM

Join in the fun! Come decorate a clay skull. We provide the prepared clay ornament and decorations. You provide the creativity.

No registration required, but available while supplies last.

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Monday, October 12
San Rafael Downtown Library | [1100 E Street](#)
5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Teens can come create their own collaged journal using magazine cut outs, stickers, and other supplies, which will all be provided.

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Wednesday, October 21
San Rafael Downtown Library | [1100 E Street](#)
3:00 PM–4:00 PM

Join us once a month at the Downtown Library as we practice our reading. We will read a the first chapter of a new monthly book, make an inspired craft, and share our thoughts of the book with other readers. You do not need to finish the book to attend. Free copies of the book will be provided while supplies last. Ages 8-10.

To register, please email maria.rosillamares@cityofsanrafael.org

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Saturday, October 24
San Rafael Downtown Library | [1100 E Street](#)
2:00 PM–3:30 PM

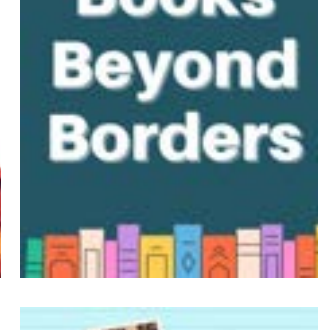
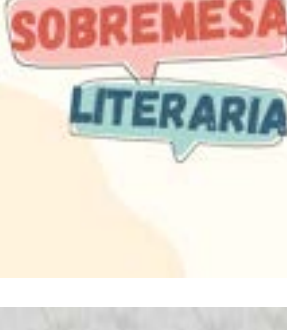
Confused by apps? Not sure where to find free eBooks, streaming films, or digital newspapers? Go beyond the bookshelves and discover the powerful digital library you can access for free with your library card. Each session opens with a 30-minute demo of the standout features, then shifts into a 30-minute hands-on lab where staff help you get set up one-on-one.

Questions? Contact [Javier Morales](mailto:Javier.Morales@cityofsanrafael.org) at Javier.Morales@cityofsanrafael.org

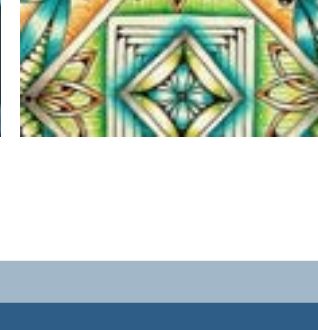
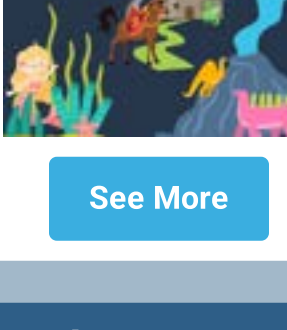
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Ongoing Programs





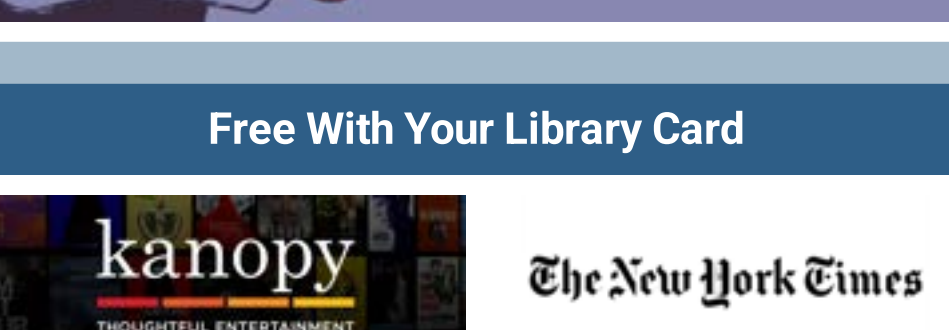




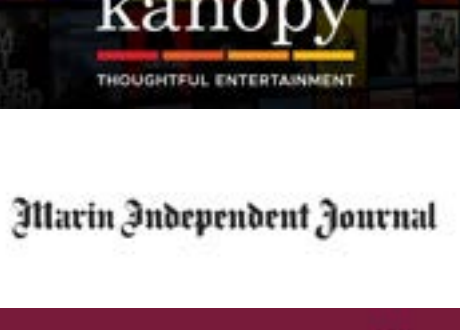
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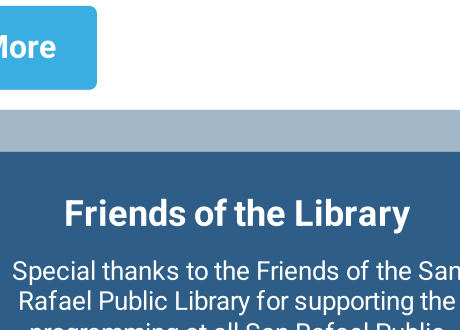
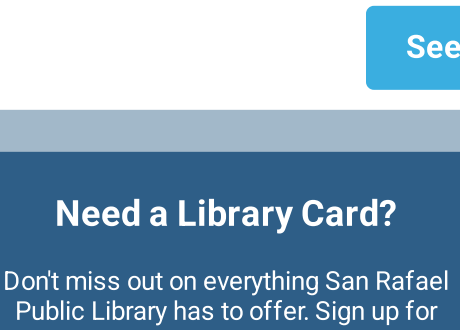
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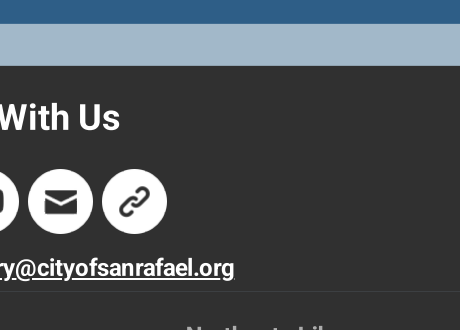
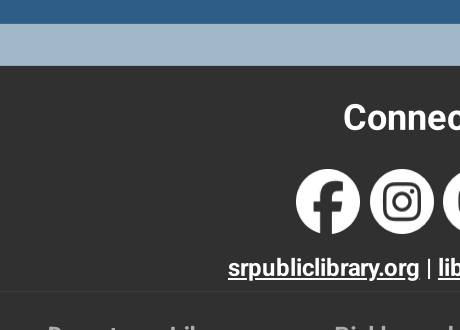




Free With Your Library Card







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Need a Library Card?

Don't miss out on everything San Rafael Public Library has to offer. Sign up for your Library Card today!

[Get Started](#)

Friends of the Library

Special thanks to the Friends of the San Rafael Public Library for supporting the programming at all San Rafael Public Libraries!

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