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LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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San Rafael Public Library Tips

Tip #001: Get more out of the MARiNet app

Did you know the free [MARiNet App](#) can do more than just search the catalog? Here are few handy features worth a look this month.

- **Scannable library card** lets you access your library card through the MARiNet app.
- **Mobile checkout** lets you check out items right from your phone – no trip to the desk required.
- **Multi-account access** lets you add your family's library cards to a single account, making it easy to manage holds and checkouts for everyone in the household in one place.

Your virtual library card is always just a tilt or a tap away, so you'll never have to worry about leaving your card at home again. Download the app for [Apple iOS](#) or [Android](#) and start exploring these tools today.

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Quick Highlights



The San Rafael Public Library will be **closed** on **Monday, September 7** in observance of Labor Day.



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.



September 15 is the beginning of **Hispanic Heritage Month**. Check out our [booklists!](#)

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.

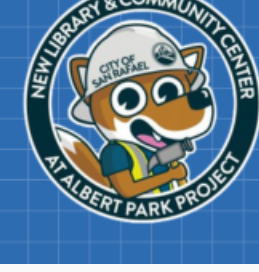
[Fill Out the Interest Form](#)

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.

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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



Wednesday, September 2
San Rafael Downtown Library | [1100 E Street](#)
3:30 PM–4:30 PM

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.

[Learn More](#)



Wednesday, September 9
San Rafael Downtown Library | [1100 E Street](#)
2:00 PM–3:00 PM

A 35 minute talk on pollinators and how native plants can support them by including a review of the various pollinators in the area, information on the tropical milkweed controversy, details on why nonnative plants can not support our local fauna, some information on what is happening to bird and insect populations, and how to get started using native plants along with some gardening tips.

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Wednesday, September 9
San Rafael Downtown Library | [1100 E Street](#)
3:45 PM–4:45 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. Children under 8 must be accompanied by a caregiver.

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Thursday, September 10
San Rafael Downtown Library | [1100 E Street](#)
6:00 PM–7:30 PM

Join Lori Deibel of the Marin History Museum and Walter Gonzalez of the San Rafael City Managers Office for a sneak peek at an exciting new project bringing San Rafael's history to its streets. Learn how the idea came together, see some of the 24 historic sites included, and get a first look at the signs soon to appear throughout downtown San Rafael—offering pedestrians a quick glimpse into the city's past.

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Thursday, September 17
San Rafael Downtown Library | [1100 E Street](#)
6:00 PM–7:30 PM

Russ Bertetta joins Rodney Paul to discuss the "Big 5" artists who defined the psychedelic San Francisco's folk-rock posters of the mid-1960's, with musician videos, artist interview clips, and a look at contemporary artists carrying on their style.

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Saturday, September 26
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. Bring your smartphone, tablet, or just your questions – Library Chromebooks are available to use during the workshop. Questions? Contact Javier Morales at Javier.Morales@cityofsanrafael.org

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Ongoing Programs





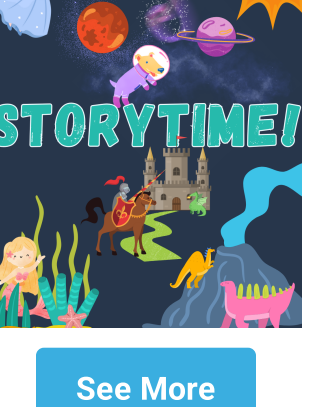














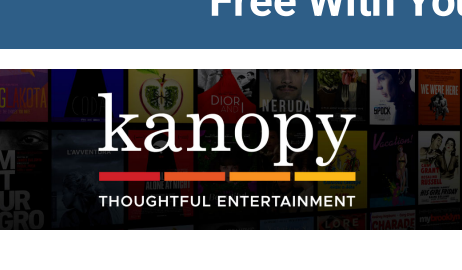
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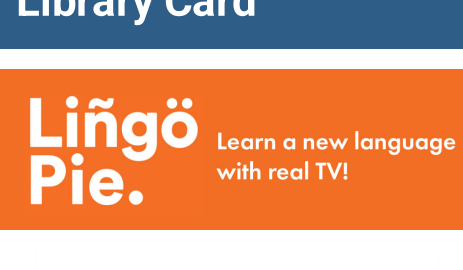




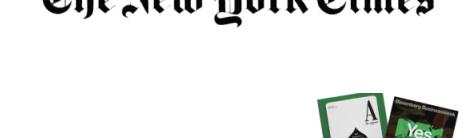


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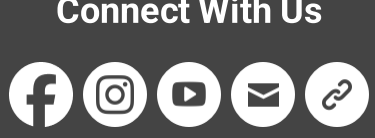
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