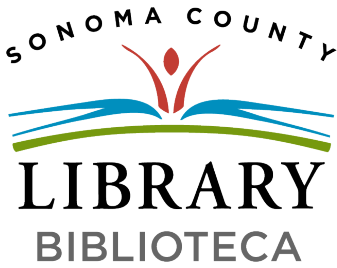


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“Libraries are one of the most amazing things we as human beings have ever done.”

— State Librarian Greg Lucas

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Our mission is to bring information, ideas, and people together to build a stronger community

FROM THE DIRECTOR



**Sonoma County
Library Director
Erika Thibault**

Help us celebrate Women’s History month at the library!

This annual celebration serves as a crucial tribute to the contributions and achievements of women throughout history. It stands as a reminder of their resilience, strength, and commitment to progress despite facing systemic obstacles and discrimination.

This month offers an opportunity to honor the pioneers who fought for women’s rights, such as suffragists who campaigned tirelessly for voting rights, civil rights activists who challenged racial and gender discrimination, and trailblazers who shattered glass ceilings in fields traditionally dominated by men.

From political leaders like Marie Curie and Malala Yousafzai to cultural icons like Maya Angelou and

Frida Kahlo, women have left an indelible mark on history through their innovation, courage, and perseverance.

By acknowledging and honoring the past achievements of women while also championing current efforts towards inclusivity and empowerment, we can strive for a more just and equitable future for all genders. Women’s History Month is not only a celebration but also a testament to the ongoing struggle for progress and equality worldwide.

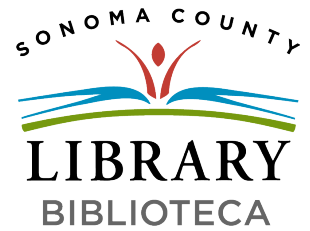
Sonoma County Library celebrates National Women’s History Month with events, displays, and resources. Help us share in this annual tribute by celebrating and learning about the generations of women who influenced and enriched our society.

Some of our programs include a music program at the Petaluma Regional Library with artists Erica Ambrin, Kayatta, and Eki Shola, and a virtual author talk with NPR’s Nina Totenberg. To find out more about our programs as, well as reading lists, visit sonomalibrary.org/womenshistorymonth.

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NOTABLE IN MARCH

In March, the library celebrates Women’s History Month, International Transgender Day of Visibility, and the birthday of labor leader Cesar Chavez. Popular programs include Tai Chi, Read to a Dog, Spanish Music & Movement, author talks, and more. Visit sonomalibrary.org/events for more.

TIME ACCESS

We now have access to TIME Magazine in the popular Libby app.

In addition to the current issue, three years of backlist are also available, so patrons can engage with all the content TIME Magazine has to offer.

Through the Libby app, we offer access to both the U.S. and International editions. Visit sonomalibrary.org and click on eLibrary to find Libby.

Looking for your next magazine read?

Check out the collection in Libby. Right alongside your ebooks and audiobooks!

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The library reading app

FROM THE LIBRARY COMMISSION CHAIR

Get Active and Speak Up for Libraries!



Library Commission Chair Deborah Doyle

It’s time to think about government budgets. Governor Newsom’s budget for next year slashed funding for library services and capital campaign projects all over the state, including Sonoma County.

Please contact your legislators and their aides—locally or in Sacramento. We hope you’ll raise your voices to tell them how critical these projects and services are to our community.

Free people read freely!

OUR PATRONS SAY ...

From library patrons:

“Staff are always helpful, polite and make for a wonderful community experience. I recently had a stroke and was having a hard day. When I asked for help they were quick to put me at ease and help. It’s wonderful to feel valued.”

“There are so many resources available. I am truly impressed with what is offered. I regularly borrow audiobooks, as well as hard copy.”

“I love going to our local libraries! I really like that I can request books from any library in our county. It feels like there’s a huge selection available.”



The Sonoma County Library Commission

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New eResource: PebbleGo

PebbleGo is a new eResource for kids. PebbleGo is packed with science-focused informational articles, ready-made activities, and literacy support for students of all abilities. Explore interactive eBooks in English and Spanish. PebbleGo is a part of the California State Library's COMPASS Collection. This collection offers educational resources to K-12 schools and public libraries including many databases covering books, science, history, and research. Learn more at sonomalibrary.org/pebblego



Women's History Month

This March, Sonoma County Library celebrates National Women's History Month, honoring the courageous women who transformed society through their activism. This year's theme, designated by the National Women's History Alliance, is "Women Who Advocate for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion." See our upcoming Women's History Month events and check out librarian-recommended reads, movies, and more at sonomalibrary.org/WomensHistoryMonth

February is for Lovers

February was Library Lovers' Month. We asked our community to share why they love their local library and they delivered! Thank you to our staff, Friends groups, volunteers, commissioners, union members, partners, and library supporters for making what we do possible. Below are some examples of the love we got.

"I love the books, the library, the Lucy statue and the lovely wonderful, friendly, knowledgeable library staff people. I love the book sales. I can hardly wait to secure my own library pin to wear proudly. I really loved the Bat Lady event. I look forward to getting library pins for my grandchildren. I love running into other friends looking for reading materials. I particularly love that the library is for everyone. I even love the copy machine. How perfect to have the Library Lovers Month."

"Great people, great book recommendations, local connections."

"Since we arrived in Petaluma (after living outside of the US for 9 years) this past summer, you've been a stable and supportive part of my family's day to day operation. Thank you to all of the librarians, not only at Petaluma, but throughout my life. Librarians have changed my life."

"We absolutely adore our library and staff. We started going there regularly when my daughter was only a few weeks old. It's a low pressure way to get out of the house. Now that she is almost two, there is even more for her to do! Coloring, reading to a dog, visiting story time and Spanish music time, and watching the 3-D printer as it runs. Being on one income as a full time stay at home mom, we have to get creative on how to stretch our dollars. The programs the library offers, the variety of books, and the Discover and Go passes available give us so many free options within our community. We are so incredibly free grateful for that. We love the library!"

"Me gusta la biblioteca por que tiene varios libros en español y su personal es especial la Maedra Marlén Verá una gran bibliotecaria que apoya u ayuda alas personas en español. Gracia por su servici y su tiempo. Existen varios eventos mensuales. Me encanta visitar la biblioteca. Libros para niños leerles a los bebe. Súper linda la biblioteca de Roseland."

"This is my very first time with a library card and I have been missing out! The library is so peaceful, the staff are so friendly and helpful! I love the online portals and how easily accessible everything is!"

"I no longer drive, so really appreciate the ability to check out books digitally. Also like reading The NY Times and other publications. My favorite use of my tax dollars!"

