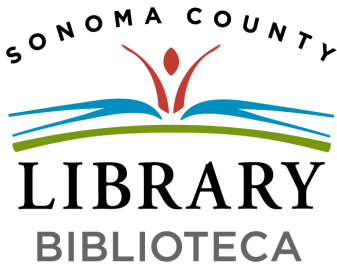


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“A university is just a group of buildings gathered around a library.”

— Shelby Foote

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

Adventure Begins At Your Library

Summer Reading starts June 1

Sonoma County Library’s Summer Reading Challenges are a celebration of reading, learning, and having fun. Join us on a reading adventure. Keep track of your progress by logging the minutes you read online or with paper logs.

Read, Learn, And Win Prizes!

Expand your knowledge by reading and attending events all summer. Everyone is welcome. All events are free, and you don’t need a library card to attend. The Sonoma County Library offers thousands of free, fun and educational events for all ages all year long.

Read wherever, however, and whatever you enjoy for lifetime learning. Visit sonomalibrary.org/summer for more.



NOTABLE IN MAY

In May, the library recognizes Jewish American Heritage Month, Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month, Mental Health Awareness Month, Bike to Work Day, and Memorial Day. Visit your local library or sonomalibrary.org for more information.



We Won Again!

North Bay Bohemian readers voted the Sonoma County Library as Best Children’s Education Center for the third year in a row, and Best Wine Education Center (Wine Library) for the second year in a row.

Want to Learn More About Your Library?

This spring, library staff and volunteers are on the road, sharing the message about the extraordinary value of free public libraries.

Library Director Erika Thibault has led the way, speaking to community groups 2-3 times a week; many other members of our library family are also part of our Speakers Bureau, from staff, to Library Commissioners, to Friends, to Library Advisory Board members.

If you would like someone from the library to speak to your group, club, or organization, contact us at libraryinfo@sonomalibrary.org. We love to talk about the library!

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FROM THE LIBRARY COMMISSION CHAIR



Library Commission
Chair Deborah Doyle

The rainy season seems to have finished; all are enjoying community parades, openings of farmers' markets, festivals, and gatherings.

If you'd like someone from Sonoma County Library's Speakers' Bureau to speak to a community group, please let us know; speakers

are delighted to talk about how the library is spending tax funds wisely and as promised.

Also, please take a moment during budget season to let your elected officials at the state and federal levels know how important libraries are to your community, and brag about the BiblioBox smart lockers appearing at many of our libraries that provide service 24 hours a day!

Free people read freely!



May is Asian American & Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month

First designated by Congress in 1977, AAPI Heritage Month is an annual celebration of the ways the AAPI community has enriched America's history and continues to be vital to its success. Join Sonoma County Library in celebrating AAPI voices during the month of May and beyond. Check out AAPI events, book lists, movies, music, and more—all available for free through your Sonoma County Library. Learn more at sonomalibrary.org/aapi

OUR PATRONS SAY ...

From library patrons:

"I really like my library! It's super close, and the librarians and employees are super nice."

"Everyone is very helpful and they always provide what I ask for."

"Good material in the library, other services and a very helpful and friendly staff."

"There are so many things that the library allows you to do. I love the free park passes, and Libby is so nice, it has so many books I've been meaning to read."

"Nice librarians, easy system for reserving books"



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