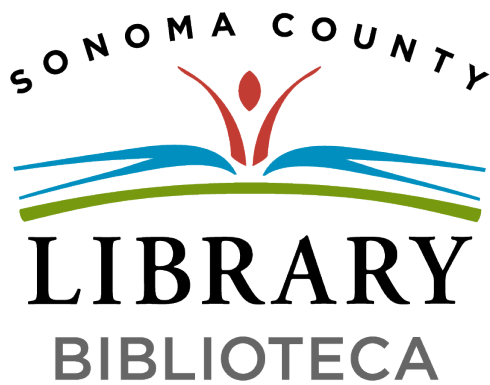


# Library News January 2023



## The Sonoma County Library Commission

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

## Hot Topics in January at the Library

**#MatchMade** The Sonoma County Public Library Foundation made a generous offer to match all donations to the Roseland Library Campaign up to \$100,000, and the community responded immediately. By the last week in December, donations had already well exceeded \$100,000 and the foundation board voted unanimously to extend the match beyond the initial \$100,000, to all gifts received by midnight December 31, a strong start to a \$3.6 million campaign. Foundation leaders are especially grateful to library commissioners who have donated to support this effort.

**#GrantSeason** The library is working on 10 separate grants to the state library for improvements to branches. We want to thank staff from many municipal partners, including Cloverdale, Healdsburg, Windsor, Rohnert Park, Santa Rosa, and the County of Sonoma, who worked with library staff to identify and submit letters of interest on a short deadline. The state library grant applications officially open in early 2023, and this early prep work helped us gain valuable insights about local needs, and celebrate local partnerships.

**#PatronPraise** Library patrons love to tell us what they think. A Sebastopol patron wrote recently: "Always helpful, always knowledgeable, always there."

## COMMEMORATIONS

### Notable in January

Winter Reading  
Mock Caldecott  
Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
Lunar/Chinese New Year



**#WinterReading** Are you tracking your reading? The library's Winter Reading program is active through January 14. By the last week of December, more than 60,000 minutes had been logged by library patrons. Get involved, sign up at [sonomalibrary.beanstack.org](http://sonomalibrary.beanstack.org).