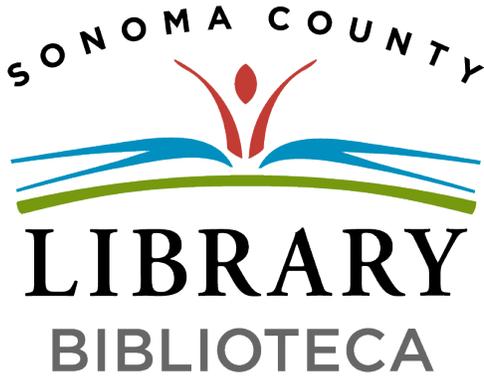


# Library News May 2023



## 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 May at the Library

**CELEBRATION** On May 20, Sonoma County Library will celebrate three graduates of Career Online High School. **Jeannine** set her education aside for years to raise her family, and with her youngest in high school, she decided to pursue her own diploma. **William** was determined to attend college. By applying credit from high school, William finished his diploma in 73 days. **Manuel** works hard to support his family and never thought his dream of finishing high school was possible. After his wife visited the library and saw a Career Online High School brochure, Manuel overcame his doubts and dedicated himself to earning his diploma. "To learn is to be happy," said Manuel. "I'm grateful to my sons Raul and Abel and my wife Connie for always believing in me. My education victory has made me more prepared and aware, and it feels great to finally say 'I did it!' as a member of the Class of 2023."

**EMPOWERMENT** May 8-12 is Economic Development Week, a celebration of career development and continuing education resources that improve quality of life in our community. Sonoma County Library supports those who want to invest in their career by taking advantage of free programs designed to improve job skills

and help businesses succeed. "Economic Development Week aims to increase awareness for programs that advance career development and create jobs for people in our community," said Sonoma County Library Director Erika Thibault. "We're excited to support our patrons' economic success."

**PATRON PRAISE** From a recent online survey: "The library is a cultural and educational mecca in the heart of Sonoma County. In a world in which public services are being privatized or cut back, it is refreshing to know that the library still exists—and thrives."

## COMMEMORATIONS

### Notable in May

National Bike Month  
Asian Pacific Heritage Month  
Jewish American Heritage Month  
Mental Health Awareness Month  
Older Americans Month  
Cinco de Mayo  
Memorial Day

### Jumpstart Your Future

Earn an Accredited High School Diploma and a Career Certificate

Free Through Your Library



### Impulsa Tu Futuro

Consigue tu diploma de Secundaria Acreditado y un Certificado Profesional

Gratis por medio de tu biblioteca

### Celebrate Economic Development Week with Us!

May 8-12



¡Celebre la semana del desarrollo económico con nosotros!