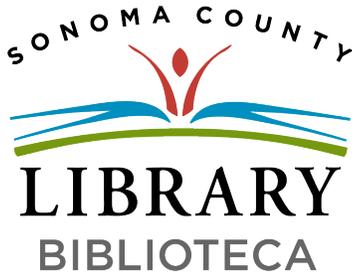


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The America I love still exists at the front desks of our public libraries.

—Kurt Vonnegut

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

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Sonoma County Library is always seeking ways to expand access to our services and collections. Two key components of our Reimagining Plan are to provide opportunities for all to learn, contribute, interact, and participate; and supporting community resiliency.



Sonoma County Library Director Erika Thibault

A key element of increasing access countywide is through our BiblioBus, a mobile library van that holds up to 600 items to browse and borrow, including DVDs, bilingual baby books, graphic novels, and copies of the library's most requested books. Last year, the BiblioBus attended 111 events, with 11,757 people attending, and

we are just getting started!

The BiblioBus is expanding its route to remote and underserved areas of our county, with stops in Bodega Bay, Cazadero, Geyserville, Monte Rio, Agua Caliente, and Larkfield-Wikiup. Patrons can browse the collection, check out new materials, sign up for a library card, access free WiFi, as well as a variety of other activities.

In addition to these new, regular stops, the BiblioBus attends community events, celebrations, and parades, and is available for private events not listed on our Community Stop schedule, such as The Living Room, an organization that promotes stability and support for Sonoma County women and children who are experiencing, or at-risk of experiencing, homelessness, and SCHIP (Sonoma County Indian Health Project).

The BiblioBus provides services in English and Spanish.

We connect with local leaders in Sonoma County to let them know about library services coming to their areas. If you would like to request the BiblioBus for an event or a regular stop, or want to know its schedule, visit sonomalibrary.org/bibliobus

September is Library Card SIGNUP MONTH

New Cardholders Can Win a Sonoma County Parks Pass or an Oliver's Market gift card!

Septiembre es el mes para OBTENER TU TARJETA de la biblioteca

¡Los nuevos titulares de tarjetas pueden ganar un pase para los parques del condado de Sonoma o una tarjeta de regalo de Oliver's Market!

All Ages
Para todas las edades



September is Library Card Sign-Up Month

Get a card and join a world of possibilities. Find your path at the library: from career resources to tech help, literacy classes to crafting workshops, no matter the journey, your library is here to support and inspire you.

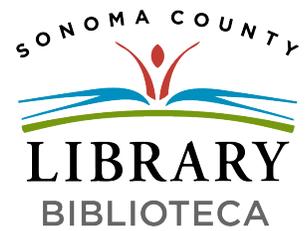
The library has the tools to help you get where you're going. We make it easy to enjoy everything we to offer, online and in person.

Explore free digital resources—all you need is a library card. Stream digital classes from the comfort of home or fine tune your resumé.

Drop by your library to your questions answered, use free WiFi, browse books, or take the kiddos to storytime.

Wherever you are, whoever you are, Sonoma County Library is here for you. Discover a world of potential, opportunities, resources, and imagination. Find your path at the library and sign up for a card today.

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NOTABLE IN SEPTEMBER

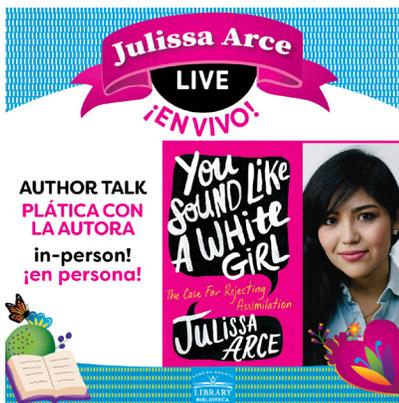
In September, the library celebrates ... libraries! Library Card Signup Month is underway, and a wonderful map of local branches and other county landmarks will be unveiled soon. Our "Celebrating Latin American Roots" commemoration starts as well, with exciting events and activities.

Join a celebration of Latin American roots with bestselling author Julissa Arce who will discuss her new book, "You Sound Like a White Girl."

"I am looking forward to visiting Sonoma County, a place made rich by people who share my story," said Arce.

Arce will speak at 11:00 am on September 23, at the Central Santa Rosa Library.

The morning event will be followed by an author talk and book signing at 2:00 pm at Andy's Unity Park in Santa Rosa.



FROM THE COMMISSION CHAIR



Library Commission Chair Deborah Doyle

We hope you enjoyed summer programming and events at our libraries; fall should be even more festive. "By all these lovely tokens, September days are here. With summer's best of weather and autumn's best of cheer." (*Poet H.H. Jackson*)

Please congratulate Brooke Greene (Cloverdale), our new library commission vice chair. Many thanks to Clare O'Brien who recently retired as children's librarian in Sonoma Valley; she will be missed. Sad news: former Library Director Brett Lear died recently. We are grateful for his work for SCL and send condolences to his family and colleagues.

Free people read freely!

OUR PATRONS SAY ...

From our Net Promoter Score, a patron satisfaction survey:

"You all are so very helpful, kind and pleasant to talk with! I am an avid reader and get very helpful suggestions from all your staff at the NW Library in Santa Rosa."—Northwest patron

"Me encantan las instalaciones y el ambiente de tranquilidad."—Roseland patron

"I love the people who work at the Sonoma County Library and so does my son! The activities and events are wonderful for all ages!"—Rincon Valley patron

"Our local library in Guerneville is fantastic. The librarians are so knowledgeable and willing to help. It's easy to order books if they don't have them in stock. I love our library."—Guerneville patron



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