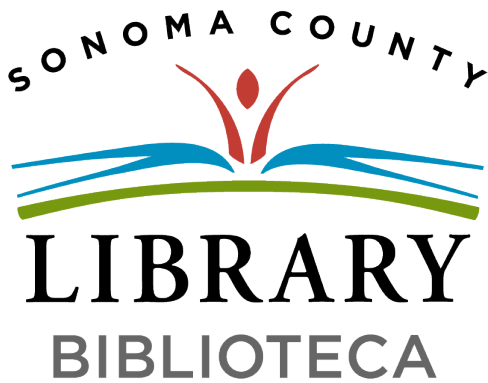


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Our mission is to bring information, ideas, and people together to build a stronger community

Hot Topics in March at the Library

In February, we asked library patrons to “Tell us what you love about the library,” and we got an incredible response. A few gems are below.

I LOVE the library because it is a safe quiet place open for learning and discovering that welcomes everyone. The best thing about America is its free public libraries!

I LOVE Sonoma County libraries! You have a huge and constantly updating assortment of books and videos. You're online so I can easily find and reserve a book from any of the county libraries and pick up at my local one. You have computers I can use for free, even print out a certain number of copies for free. Your reference people are very helpful as well. You have friendly and helpful employees. You've had lots of interesting presentations in the meeting room at my local branch. There is so much to love about our library.

EVERY YEAR I make a small donation to the library, because it is one of my favorite government organizations. Knowledge is power, and libraries are the public stewards of knowledge. Good democracy is based on the premise of an informed electorate. Libraries help make our democratic government stronger.

IN ADDITION TO BOOKS, during the worst of the COVID shutdowns, I got into the habit of accessing online books, books on tape and using all the extras such as films on Kanopy, books on OverDrive/Libby, and hoopla. I have accessed the New Yorker and other magazines, too. I love having such a variety of items that I can access from home.



WHOEVER monitors the waits for books and orders more when they see the popularity of a book is a gem. I feel so lucky to have this service.

ME GUSTA mucho que hay una librería en Roseland y en mi comunidad, por fin se hizo realidad y pronto tendremos una más grande con muchos servicios, y ahora tienen un lugar los niños donde aprender muchas cosas y a leer y como usar computadoras y muchos más servicios, todo mundo puede tener una targeta de acceso y a veces hay programas en línea muy divertidos para los niños como leer libros y con pupets.

I LOVE that the library is now open every day! I just like being there surrounded by fellow book lovers and knowledge seekers and lovers of literature. I like all the libraries I have been in. What a stellar staff and what wonderful book sharing is offered there. Hooray for book clubs. The library is one of my best friends and favorite places. You seem to think of everything, another reason I love librarians.

COMMEMORATIONS

Notable in March

International Women's Day
Read Across America Day
Teen Tech Week
Women's History Month
International Transgender Day of Visibility
Cesar Chavez Birthday