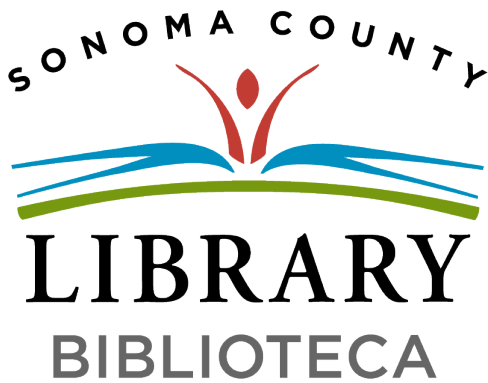


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Our mission is to bring information, ideas, and people together to build a stronger community

Hot Topics in December at the Library

#SundaySuccess The Sonoma County Library opened on Sundays at all 12 regional libraries, beginning November 6. Prior to this, only Central Santa Rosa was open Sundays. Patron visits and check-out figures indicate that this is a popular and much-needed enhancement to library services, made possible by the Measure Y sales tax, your community investment in libraries.

#CapitalKickoff The Sonoma County Public Library Foundation and the library hosted a very successful capital campaign launch event, a breakfast on November 10 featuring library boosters from all walks of life. The foundation set a tone for progress with a \$100,000 matching grant challenge, which was more than halfway met that morning by a \$25,000 pledge from the Friends of the Santa Rosa Libraries, and \$10,000 pledges from Santa Rosa Vice Mayor Eddie Alvarez, Roseland Library Coalition Founder Pat Kuta, and Rohnert Park Library Commissioner Barbara Mackenzie, with her husband Jake Mackenzie.

#RoselandRising The capital campaign described above dovetails with a multi-year vision to create a 21st Century Library System. Roseland is the next step, and a visionary new facility will complement the innovative programming, collections and services that we must provide to meet our commitment to serve everyone in our community.

#PatronPraise We hear from patrons every week about how the library supports and inspires. Two recent messages remind us how we can make a difference in the lives of people, in big and small ways:

"I grew up in Sonoma County and return often. I've been reading about the increase in book bannings recently, and just wanted to say how much I appreciate the breadth of the Sonoma County Library's collection. Growing up, I appreciated all the LGBT content available – my friends and I had "gay movie night" in high school, in the pre-Netflix days when we couldn't afford Blockbuster made up of DVDs from the library – and I enjoyed always knowing I could find whatever book I wanted at the library. Please know how much the diversity of your catalog is always, and has always been, appreciated."

"When my son's play date fell through, we went to the library. So glad it's open on Sundays. Otherwise, I would have had one upset boy on my hands."

COMMEMORATIONS

Notable in December

Winter Reading program begins

Mock Caldecott contest begins

Sonoma County Library 2022 "Staff Picks" list announced

Hannukah, Kwanzaa, Las Posadas, and Christmas observed