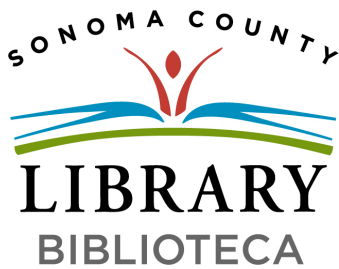


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"I love these libraries they're the best public libraries I've ever used."

Sonoma County Library patron

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Sonoma County Library creates community through discovery, culture and connection

FROM THE DIRECTOR



Sonoma County Library Director Erika Thibault

Library Lovers' Month

Last month I wrote about one of my New Year's resolutions—to read more books! I am happy to report that I have already finished three novels, and my phone usage decreased as well.

Last month I read two books in Mick Herron's "Slow Horses" series and finished "Liars" by Sarah Manguso. I

hope to continue my progress this year.

February is the month for love—library love!

Help us celebrate Library Lovers' Month, where we recognize and honor the invaluable role that libraries play in our communities.

Observed every February, Library Lovers' Month highlights the importance of libraries as spaces for learning, exploration, and connection. Whether you are a book enthusiast, a student, or someone who enjoys the quiet refuge of a library, this is the perfect time to show your appreciation.

At Sonoma County Library, our libraries are more than just collections of books—we provide access to technology, research materials, educational programs, and community events. We offer free resources such as WiFi, job search assistance, and workshops that benefit people of all ages.

Library Lovers' Month encourages all to support their local libraries by borrowing books, donating materials, or volunteering. It's also an opportunity to advocate for library funding and policies that maintain free access to knowledge for everyone.

At Sonoma County Library, we love to hear your stories. Tell your local library staff how much you appreciate them! You can also send comments to news@sonomalibrary.org.

In a digital age where information is at our fingertips, libraries remain essential. They foster a love for reading, create opportunities for growth, and serve as welcoming spaces for all. This February, take a moment to visit, celebrate, and show gratitude for your local library!



LIBRARY LOVERS' MONTH

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OUR PATRONS SAY ...

From library patrons:

“The library is wonderful, easy to use, and I love my local branch.”

“Very easy to access materials.”

“I have always loved libraries and I also love how Sonoma libraries continue to reinvent themselves and keep relevant.”

“Always helpful and willing to assist. Thank you very much”

“It’s a fabulous library. All the staff is super friendly. I love all the classes that are offered there, I think it’s a valuable community asset.”

“Our library has so many diverse resources. librarians are kind, knowledgeable, and very helpful to the patrons.”

“There are so many resources available.”

FROM THE COMMISSION CHAIR



Library Commission Chair Deborah Doyle

Many eyes are focused on Washington, D.C today.

We want to assure library users and supporters that Sonoma County Library continues to champion and promote free access to information, education and entertainment for all.

Our hearts grieve with those in Southern California suffering from the fires and we remember our own experiences of wildfires.

We also celebrate the past and look to the future with events this month including music, dance, workshops, book clubs, and author events, many of which bring Black History Month to life.

Try the new library mobile app, and know that we appreciate your patience during library renovations.

Deborah Doyle
Chair, Sonoma County Library Commission
Free people read freely!

A high school diploma, free with a library card

Through Career Online High School’s online, accredited program, adults can earn a high school diploma and a career certificate, free with a Sonoma County Library card.

“Thank you to Sonoma County Library for offering this program and all the amazing opportunities they make available to everyone,” said Emeline Merlier, a 2024 COHS graduate.

“I am grateful this program was offered online. This is not something I would have had access

to before and being able to complete it on my own time from wherever I was made it very convenient to complete the degree in a more efficient way.”

Career certificates in the Career Online High School program cover high-growth professional fields, and each Career Online High School student is paired with a professional academic coach to provide guidance and resources to help them succeed. Learn more and apply: sonomalibrary.org/careeronlinehighschool.



The Sonoma County Library Commission

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Save money with your library

Give your wallet a break, visit your local library

February is Library Lovers' Month. What better time to show some love to your library and save some cash while you're at it? Give your credit card a rest and take advantage of all the library has to offer, free with your library card!

Don't have a card? Sign up for a temporary card online, or get a free card at any Sonoma County library.

"With prices climbing everywhere, you can always count on your local library to provide free resources, books, events and so much more," said Sonoma County Library Director Erika Thibault. "We're here to help make life easier, more enriching and affordable for everyone."

Save on Streaming

- Drop Spotify for Freegal, the library's free music app
- Kick Netflix and Hulu to the curb and stream movies and TV with Kanopy and hoopla
- Break up with Audible and fall in love with Libby
- Enjoy concerts, ballets, documentaries, and master classes from your couch with Medici.tv
- Find your new favorite hobby with The Great Courses on Kanopy and hoopla
- Access newspapers and magazines like the New York Times, the Wall Street Journal and Billboard with your library card

Save on Activities

- Check out a California State Library Parks Pass to explore state parks

- Grab a free or discounted pass from Discover & Go to visit museums, art centers, and more
- Get the kids school-ready and build their literacy skills at free storytimes
- Build community and your skills at workshops for every interest

Visit us in person for educational and inspiring events, and service you can rely on. Visit us online 24/7 to stream your favorite films, learn a language or check out a great book. All this and more, always free.

Save money with your library card

Ahorra dinero con tu tarjeta de biblioteca

Beat inflation and give your credit card a rest.
Vence la inflación y dale un descanso a tu tarjeta de crédito.

sonomalibrary.org/save



Black History Month

Celebrate Black History Month this February—and all year long!—with Sonoma County Library, where celebrating our community is more than a month. Explore books for kids, teens, and adults at sonomalibrary.org/staffpicks.