Program & Event Calendar

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Branch Locations:

Aptos - 7695 Soquel Ave, Aptos
Boulder Creek - 13390 West Park Ave, Boulder Creek
Branciforte - 230 Gault St, Santa Cruz
Capitola - 2005 Wharf Road, Capitola
Downtown - 224 Church Street, Santa Cruz
Felton - 6121 Gushee St, Felton
Garfield Park - 705 Woodrow Ave, Santa Cruz
La Selva Beach - 316 Estrella Ave, La Selva Beach
Live Oak - 2380 Portola Dr, Santa Cruz
Scotts Valley - 251 Kings Village Road, Scotts Valley
Read! Renew! Repeat! at the Santa Cruz Public Library this summer!

Reading transports us to magical worlds and sparks our imagination and creativity. The theme of this year’s Summer Reading Program is: Read, Renew, Repeat, a conservation message inviting participants to reduce consumption and reuse materials, and to read as a restorative measure for self-care and renewal.

This summer we encourage you to read for fun, to learn a new skill, to make a new friend... Library programs and events are FREE and focused on maintaining and improving reading skills, exploring inside and out, and building up our community.

What is the Summer Reading Program?
The annual library summer reading program is all about supporting summer learning through reading, programs, and events. Track how much you read this summer to win prizes and raffle tickets.

Who can sign up?
Everyone! There are categories for all ages: 0-11, 12-18, and 19+. Get the whole family involved reading and earning prizes!

Important Dates:
June 1st - Sign up & start logging reading!
July 31st - Last day to log reading.
August 10th - Last day to pick up prizes.
*Raffle prize winners will be notified in mid-August

How do I sign up?
Scan the QR code, visit us online at SantaCruzPL.org, or stop by your local library branch. Track your reading online or use our reading log.

Read, Renew, Repeat Celebrations

Summer Reading 2024 Kick Off at the Aptos Branch Library

Join us to celebrate the newly opened Aptos Branch Library and the 2024 Summer Reading Program. Tour the beautiful, state-of-the-art Aptos Branch Library and sign up to participate in the Summer Reading Program. There will be performances for everyone to enjoy!

6/1 (Sat)  10:00am  Aptos

Branch Out! A Celebration of the Felton Library and Discovery Park

A celebration of the Felton Library and Discovery Park in the park, the parking lot, and the library. Enjoy free family-friendly activities and exhibits by a dozen community organizations- come make a wildflower seed packet, do a fish print, participate in a storytime with Librarian Jackie, and much more!

6/8 (Sat)  11:00am  Felton
Special Events

Virtual Author Talks 🌈
Author talks with award-winning authors through free, monthly live-streamed author talks from the comfort of your home. This partnership is made possible through the generous financial support of the Friends of the Capitola Branch Library. Register at: [https://libraryc.org/santacruzpl](https://libraryc.org/santacruzpl)

For the Love of Mars: A Human History of the Red Planet with Smithsonian Curator Matt Shindell
6/3 (Mon) 11:00am Online

Psychological Thrillers and the Queen of Twists–An Author Talk with Freida McFadden
6/13 (Thu) 5:00pm Online

Unpacking a History of Systemic Racism in the American Education System with Tiffany Jewell
6/20 (Thu) 11:00am Online

A Visit to Deckawoo Drive with Mercy Watson and Kate DiCamillo
7/9 (Tue) 11:00am Online

Surviving the Summer with The Last Kids on Earth and Max Brallier
7/16 (Tue) 11:00am Online

Learning the Power of Poetry with Bestselling Author Elizabeth Acevedo
7/23 (Tue) 11:00am Online

Graphic Novels are Life! Telling Your Own Story in a Graphic Novel with Dan Santat
7/31 (Wed) 11:00am Online

Talewise Science Heroes: Adventure of the Lost Treasure
Join Talewise for Science Heroes: Adventure of the Lost Treasure, an interactive and exciting STEM show that combines the magic of stories with the wonders of science!
6/5 (Wed) 11:00am Garfield Park

Slim Chance Circus Show 🌟
Hilarious and inspiring family entertainment, Slim Chance Circus is the perfect blend of thrills and skills to delight audiences of all ages.
6/6 (Thu) 1:00pm La Selva Beach

Tom Noddy's Bubble Magic 🌸
Come join America’s Bubble Guy, Tom Noddy, for an incredible display of bubble magic, filled with humor, joy, and wonder!
6/11 (Tue) 1:00pm Capitola
7/24 (Wed) 11:00am La Selva Beach

Cascada de Flores Presents: El Abuelo (The Tree & The Donkey Who Loved to Sing)
Join Cascada de Flores for a bilingual and participatory story exploding with the song, ancient musical instruments, poly-rhythms and sweet characters of Mexican music and dance. Families are invited to sing, dance and play with beautiful traditional songs and dances.
6/20(Th) 1:30pm Boulder Creek
6/20(Th) 4:30pm Live Oak

Fratello Marionettes’ Carnival of the Animals
Join us for a musical retelling of three classic fairytales woven together and set to a fanciful score by Saint-Saëns: “The Three Little Pigs,” “The Tortoise and the Hare,” and “The Ugly Duckling.”
6/22 (Sat) 11:00am Aptos

NorCalBats
NorCalBats is dedicated to the rescue, rehabilitation and release of bats throughout Northern California. Come to the library to meet the bats, learn about these animals and their role in insect control, and learn how you can help save these important mammals with education and rescue!
6/22 (Sat) 11:00am Downtown
6/22 (Sat) 1:00pm Scotts Valley
Special Events

Watsonville Taiko 🌞
The Japanese word "Taiko" means "big drum," and performance dates as far back as the 5th century. Today, you can enjoy this traditional Japanese art form here at the library with Watsonville Taiko! Sponsored by the Friends of the Felton Library.
6/22 (Sat)  2:30pm  Felton

Happy Birds
Happy Birds have been performing since 1989 and have been featured on The Tonight Show and have even made the Guinness Book of World Records! Prepare to be amazed by the incredible tricks these parrots can do and learn all about these clever birds!
6/25 (Tue)  11:00am  Felton
6/25 (Tue)  1:00pm  Branciforte
6/25 (Tue)  3:00pm  La Selva Beach

The Magic Of Germar 🌞
Come and be entertained by the Magic Comedy of Germar! Germar combines magic and humor in this bilingual (Spanish & English) program that will delight your family!
7/10 (Wed)  1:00pm  Garfield Park
7/10 (Wed)  3:00pm  Beach Flats Park
133 Leibrandt St, SC

Traveling Lantern Theatre Company: The Quest for the Kakapo! 🌞
Crikey! Join the Caterpillar Hunter on an exciting adventure as he travels around the world to rescue a rare endangered parrot known as the Kakapo. His quest teaches him (and the audience) about the efforts to preserve habitats and protect the endangered species that live in them.
7/12 (Fri)  11:00am  Branciforte
7/12 (Fri)  2:00pm  Scotts Valley

Jungle James
Meet Jungle James and a variety of creatures, including amphibians, insects, and reptiles! Jungle James Animal Adventures sheds new light on some of the world’s most commonly misunderstood creatures, evokes children’s natural sense of curiosity, and teaches respect for all living things.
7/10 (Wed)  11:00am  Downtown
7/10 (Wed)  1:30pm  Scotts Valley
7/10 (Wed)  4:00pm  Aptos

Zany Zoe Magic 🌞
Join us for a magic show presented in Spanish and English with Zany Zoe! Enjoy clean comedy and lots of audience interaction in a high energy magic show that will have you on the edge of your seat and off your feet!
7/23 (Tue)  1:30pm  Live Oak
7/23 (Tue)  4:00pm  Felton

Jack Spareribs, Pirate 4 Hire
Join Pirate Jack Spareribs for swashbuckling magic, mayhem, and comedy... and ventriloquism with Maynard, his talking Monkey! This show will have a little something for everyone and is sure to delight the whole family!
7/30 (Tue)  12:30pm  Boulder Creek
7/30 (Tue)  3:00pm  Capitola

Event Key:
Bilingual Program
Registration required
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Weekly Make & Explore
- Tue 3:00pm Scotts Valley
- Wed 3:00pm Boulder Creek
- Wed 2:30pm Garfield Park
- Thu 3:00pm Felton
- Thu 3:00pm Branciforte
- Fri 3:00pm Live Oak

Afterschool STEAM: Minecraft
- Wed 3:00pm Aptos

Lego Engineering Challenge
- Wed 4:00pm Downtown

Crafts

Summer Reading Crafts at Scotts Valley
- Tue 3:00pm Scotts Valley

Read, Renew, Repeat Craft
A series of 6 make and take crafts for you to express your creativity and meet others in your community. These crafts are all centered around the Summer Reading theme of Read, Renew, Repeat.

Book Bag Decorating
- 6/11 (Tue) 1:00pm Downtown

Rock Painting
- 6/18 (Tue) 1:00pm Downtown
- 7/23 (Tue) 1:00pm Downtown

Paint and Pot
- 6/25 (Tue) 1:00pm Downtown

Robo Recycling
- 7/9 (Tue) 1:00pm Downtown

Paper Bead Bracelet Making
- 7/30 (Tue) 1:00pm Downtown

Storytime, Preschool Time and Toddler Time
Story Time is a weekly early literacy program for families with children ages 0-5 years old. Preschool time is for ages 2-6 and Toddler time is a weekly event for ages 0-3 and their caregivers.

- Tue 10:30am Downtown (Storytime)
- Tue 11:00am Aptos (Storytime)
- Tue 11:00am Scotts Valley (Toddler)
- Tue 11:00am Live Oak (Toddler)
- Wed 10:30am Garfield Park (Preschool)
- Wed 11:00am Capitola (Storytime)
- Wed 11:00am La Selva Beach (Preschool)
- Wed 11:00am Boulder Creek (Toddler/Pre)
- Thu 10:30am Downtown (Storytime)
- Thu 11:00am Felton (Preschool)
- Thu 11:00am Live Oak (Preschool)
- Thu 4:30pm Live Oak (Spanish/Family)
- Fri 11:00am Scotts Valley (Preschool)
- Sat 10:30am Branciforte (Bilingual Family)

Tales to Tails
- 2nd & 4th Tue 4:30pm Downtown
- Wed 12:00pm Branciforte
- 4th Wed 3:00pm Scotts Valley
- 1st Wed 3:30pm La Selva Beach
- Wed 3:30pm Aptos

R.E.A.D. : Reach Every Amazing Detail
R.E.A.D. is one-on-one reading comprehension instruction for readers 1st through 12th grade. Instructors are California credentialed teachers. Sessions are 25 minutes long. By appointment only. For more information or to register, contact SCPL Telephone Information: 831-427-7713 or elibrary@santacruzpl.org.
- 3:00pm to 6:00pm Tuesdays @ Garfield Park, Live Oak, and Scotts Valley
- Wednesdays @ Branciforte, Capitola, and La Selva Beach
- Thursdays @ Aptos, Downtown, and Felton
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Kids

**Games & Play**

**Aptos Youth Chess Club**  
Tue  3:30pm  Aptos

**Discovery Zone Playgroup**  
Fri  10:00am  Boulder Creek

**Lego Friday Fun**  
Fri  3:00pm  Felton

**Chess Club with Gjon**  
Sat  2:00pm  Downtown

**Game Zone**

- 6/26 (Wed)  1:00pm  Scotts Valley
- 7/3 (Wed)  1:00pm  Scotts Valley
- 7/24 (Wed)  1:00pm  Scotts Valley

**Youth Chess Tournament**  
7/6 (Sat)  12:00pm  Aptos

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**Advisory Council of Teens**

- 6/9 (Sun)  2:00pm  Downtown
- 6/15 (Sat)  2:00pm  Felton
- 7/7 (Sun)  11:00am  Aptos
- 7/20 (Sat)  2:00pm  Felton
- 7/21 (Sun)  2:00pm  Downtown

**SAGA for Teens**

- 6/12 (Wed)  3:00pm  Felton
- 7/10 (Wed)  3:00pm  Felton

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**Writing & Poetry**

**Graphic Novel Workshop for Teens with Phil Yeh**

- 6/1 (Sat)  11:00am  Felton
- 6/1 (Sat)  3:30pm  Downtown

**Make Your Own Recycled Banner Bag**  
6/29 (Sat)  1:00pm  Aptos

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**Music**

**DJ Skills Workshop with DJ Yuka Yu**  
6/15 (Sat)  2:00pm  Felton

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**Art & Crafts**

**Creative Art Workshops for Teens**  
Bi-monthly program where teens can learn new skills to express their creativity!

**Basic Bookmaking**

- 6/6 (Thu)  4:00pm  Scotts Valley
- 6/20 (Thu)  4:00pm  Scotts Valley

**Slow Stitching**

- 7/11 (Thu)  4:00pm  Scotts Valley
- 7/25 (Thu)  4:00pm  Scotts Valley

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Crafts

Knitting at the Library
Mon 12:30pm Felton
Fri 11:00am Live Oak

Local Author Taylor Lahey Talk & Mosaic Craft
6/15 (Sat) 1:00pm Aptos

Parenting

New Parents' Support Group
Tue 12:30pm Felton

Great Expectations Parenting Group for Parents/Caregivers of Neurodivergent Children
6/15 (Sat) 1:30pm Scotts Valley
7/20 (Sat) 1:30pm Scotts Valley

Positive Parenting Series with Triple P and First5
6/24 (Mon) 3:30pm Aptos
6/28 (Fri) 3:00pm Felton
7/26 (Fri) 3:00pm Felton
7/29 (Mon) 3:30pm Aptos

Films

SciFi Flicks
6/3 (Mon) 6:00pm Aptos
7/1 (Mon) 6:00pm Aptos

Family Movie Matinee with California Film and Cultural Center
7/17 (Wed) 3:00pm Felton

Play

Are You Game?
6/1 (Sat) 12:00pm Capitola
6/15 (Sat) 12:00pm Capitola
7/6 (Sat) 12:00pm Capitola

Bridge Club
Mon 10:30am Aptos
Fri 10:30am La Selva Beach

Ping-Pong Club
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6/5 (Wed) 3:00pm Felton
7/3 (Wed) 3:00pm Felton

Dungeons and Dragons for Adults
6/8 (Sat) 12:00pm Capitola
6/22 (Sat) 12:00pm Capitola
7/13 (Sat) 12:00pm Capitola
7/27 (Sat) 12:00pm Capitola

Mah Jongg Club - Hong Kong Style
Thur 2:00pm Aptos

Picture Bingo with Shared Adventures
6/18 (Tue) 3:30pm Downtown
7/16 (Tue) 3:30pm Downtown

Queer Gaming
6/23 (Sun) 1:00pm Downtown
7/28 (Sun) 1:00pm Downtown
**Adults**

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**Workshops & Lectures**

**Long Term Care Planning**
- 6/4 (Tue) 7:00pm Capitola
- 7/13 (Sat) 10:30am Felton

**Senior Legal Services: Debt Clinic**
- 6/7 (Fri) 10:00am Branciforte
- 6/21 (Fri) 10:00am Branciforte
- 7/5 (Fri) 10:00am Branciforte
- 7/19 (Fri) 10:00am Branciforte

**Lunch & Learn: Environmental Sustainability**
- 6/12 (Wed) 12:00pm Capitola
- 6/26 (Wed) 12:00pm Capitola

**AAUW Speaker Series - The Pay Gap: Are We Making Progress?**
- 6/15 (Sat) 10:30am Aptos

**Childcare in Santa Cruz County**
- 7/20 (Sat) 10:30am Aptos

**Tenant Sanctuary: LGBTQ+ Issues**
- 6/20 (Thur) 6:30pm Downtown

**Earth-Friendly Gardening**
- 6/29 (Sat) 10:00am Branciforte
- 7/27 (Sat) 10:00am Scotts Valley

**English Language Conversation Group**
- Sat 10:00am Capitola
- Thur 11:00am Downtown

**Death Café**
- 6/1 (Sat) 1:30pm Downtown
- 7/6 (Sat) 1:30pm Downtown

**Lifestyle Medicine Book Club**
- 6/22 (Sat) 10:30am Felton
- 7/27 (Sat) 1:00pm Felton

**Neighbors for Neighbors**
- 6/25 (Tue) 6:00pm Capitola

**Arts & Crafts**

**Community Crafters**
- Sat 10:00am Boulder Creek

**Printing Botanicals**
- 6/22 (Sat) 10:00am Boulder Creek

**Soul Collage**
- 6/1 (Sat) 12:00pm Felton
- 7/6 (Sat) 12:00pm Felton

**Beginning Watercolor**
- 6/5 (Wed) 12:30pm Felton
- 6/12 (Wed) 12:30pm Felton

**Adult Crafts at the Library**
- 6/8 (Sat) 11:00am Live Oak
- 6/22 (Sat) 11:00am Live Oak
- 7/13 (Sat) 11:00am Live Oak
- 7/27 (Sat) 11:00am Live Oak

**Loops at the Library - Knit/Crochet**
- 6/17 (Mon) 12:00pm Garfield Park
- 7/15 (Mon) 12:00pm Garfield Park

**Films**

**Santa Cruz Black Film Series**
- 6/19 (Wed) 6:30pm Capitola

**Friday Nite Movie**
- 6/21 (Fri) 5:00pm La Selva Beach
- 7/19 (Fri) 5:00pm La Selva Beach

**Visions of America - Film Screening**
- 7/11 (Thur) 6:00pm Capitola
- 7/18 (Thur) 6:00pm Capitola
- 7/25 (Thur) 6:00pm Capitola

**Earth Focus Presents Inhabitants Film Screening & Discussion**
- 7/31 (Wed) 4:00pm Felton

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Writing & Poetry

Pilates @ the Library
6/5 (Wed) 12:30pm Aptos
6/19 (Wed) 12:30pm Aptos
7/3 (Wed) 12:30pm Aptos
7/17 (Wed) 12:30pm Aptos

Tai Chi
Thur 10:00am Aptos

Meditation for Stress Relief and Increased Energy
6/16 (Sun) 3:00pm Capitola
7/21 (Sun) 3:00pm Capitola

3 Keys to Healing Your Gut & Boosting Your Health!
7/17 (Wed) 5:30pm Capitola

Journal Writing Workshop
6/1 (Sat) 1:00pm Boulder Creek
6/29 (Sat) 1:00pm Felton

The Santa Cruz Poetry Project
Mon 4:00pm Downtown

Virtual Writers' Open Mic Night
6/5 (Wed) 6:00pm Online
7/3 (Wed) 6:00pm Online

Aptos Writer's Workshop
6/10 (Mon) 1:00pm Aptos
6/24 (Mon) 1:00pm Aptos
7/8 (Mon) 1:00pm Aptos
7/22 (Mon) 1:00pm Aptos

Eco Poetry Workshop
7/11 (Thur) 3:00pm Boulder Creek
7/25 (Thur) 3:00pm Garfield Park

Munching with Mozart
6/21 (Fri) 12:10pm Downtown
7/19 (Fri) 12:10pm Downtown

Author Talks

Double Rainbow: Collected Poems & Musings by Marigold Fine
6/6 (Wed) 2:00pm Capitola

An Evening with Author and Activist Kevin Adler
6/6 (Thur) 6:30pm Capitola

This is My Body: Author Talk with Madeline Aliah
6/7 (Fri) 5:00pm Aptos

Author Visit with Alejandra Campoverdi
6/26 (Wed) 7:00pm Capitola

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Tech Help
Sun 1:00pm Downtown
Mon 10:00am Scotts Valley
Mon 1:00pm Aptos
Tue 10:00am Felton
Wed 10:00am Capitola
Thu 10:00am Live Oak
Fri 2:00pm Felton
Sat 2:00pm Branciforte

Music

Branciforte Guitar Club
Wed 3:00pm Branciforte

Technology

Health & Wellness
What else can you do with your library card this summer?

**Watch movies, TV series, and more**
Thousands of titles are available for streaming & download.

**Read any way you like**
Printed books, magazines, ebooks, and audiobooks.

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Free and low-cost passes for museums, science centers, zoos, theatres, and other cultural destinations. Visit the Bay Area Discovery Museum, the CA Academy of Sciences, the de Young Museum, and more!

**Get Out & Explore Kits**
Check out a backpack containing a CA State Parks Vehicle Pass, laminated pocket guide/map, binoculars, and a compass. Get out and explore this summer!