

Program & Event Calendar

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THE POSSIBILITIES

SUMMER

Reading Program

2023

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Branch Locations:

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, Aptos

Live Oak - 2380 Portola Dr, Live Oak

Scotts Valley - 251 Kings Village Road, Scotts Valley





This theme at the Santa Cruz Public Library this summer is

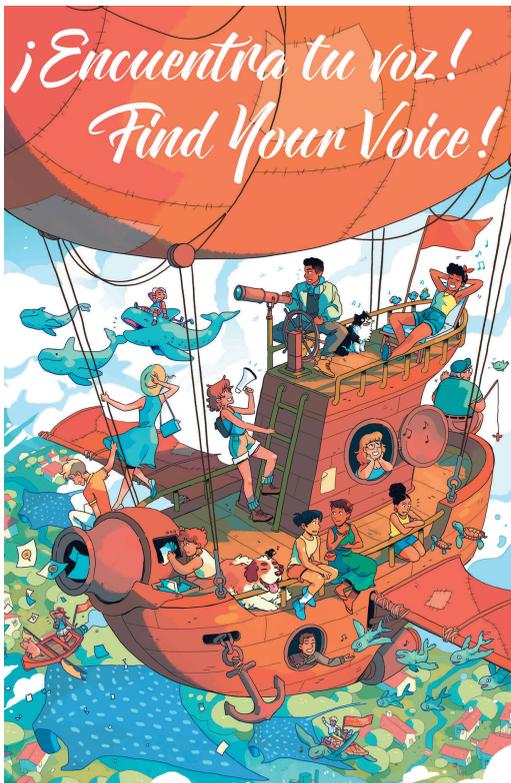
Find Your Voice!

Our voices have power. We use our voices to share stories, express ourselves, and spark change. Our voices include not only the sounds we make, but the words we write, the art we create, the movements we perform, and the actions we take each day to impact our world.

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.

Read! Write! Draw! Sing!

Find Your Voice at the Santa Cruz Public Library this summer!



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!

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.



Important Dates:

June 1st - Sign up & start logging reading!
 July 31st - Last day to log reading.
 August 13th - Last day to pick up prizes.



Special Events

The Puppet Company Presents: The Three Dinosaurs Gruff En

Join us for The Puppet Company's production of The Three Dinosaurs Gruff! This theatrical comedy pokes fun at the famous "3 Billy Goats Gruff" tale through the use of imagery, music, and songs.

6/14 (Wed) 11:00am La Selva Beach 
6/14 (Wed) 2:30pm Branciforte

Seed Balls: Plant It! with Peopleologie En

Create seed balls that can be planted (or randomly thrown) to help our planet and make our neighborhoods bloom! All materials provided.

6/15 (Th) 11:00am La Selva Beach
6/15 (Th) 1:30pm Garfield Park

Let's Dye! Shibori Workshop with Peopleologie

Weave together history, science, math, and En R folk art when you transform a piece of cotton into a unique shibori/resist-dyed art work and wall hanging. It is always a surprise! Materials provided. By registration only.

6/15 (Th) 4:00pm Felton 

Tom Noddy's Bubble Magic En

Come join America's Bubble Guy, Tom Noddy, for an incredible display of bubble magic, filled with humor, joy, and wonder!

6/22 (Th) 11:00am Scotts Valley 
6/22 (Th) 2:00pm Capitola
7/27 (Th) 4:00pm Felton

Soundswell Live Music Concert

Come out and enjoy fresh air, live music, food trucks, a musical instrument petting zoo, and the company of your community!

6/24 (Sat) 1:00pm Felton

Fratello Marionettes Present: Jack and the Bean Stalk En

Fratello Marionettes' production of "Jack and the Bean Stalk" tells a classic story through the art of puppetry. This performance is sure to delight the whole family!

6/26 (Mon) 11:00am Boulder Creek
6/26 (Mon) 2:00pm Capitola

Mike the Magician's Summer Reading Magic Show En

Celebrate the magic of reading with this fun, funny, highly participatory magic show for all ages!

6/28 (Wed) 11:00am Live Oak 
6/28 (Wed) 2:00pm Downtown
6/28 (Wed) 4:00pm Felton

Slim Chance Circus

Hilarious and inspiring family entertainment! The perfect mix of thrills and skills to delight audiences of all ages.

7/1 (Sat) 11:00am Downtown
7/1 (Sat) 3:00pm Scotts Valley

Rhonda Applesed and the Tree that Learned How to Speak En

Join us for the story of Rhonda Applesed, who, like her ancestor Johnny Applesed, spreads her love for trees and for the environment in this fun and exciting production!

7/7 (Fri) 1:30pm Scotts Valley

Dungeons & Dragons Figure Painting En R

Teens will join puppeteer Ricki Vincent in painting their own figurines for the game Dungeons and Dragons. Teens 12-18.

7/8 (Sat) 1:00pm Capitola 



Special Events

Baba Shibambo Marimba En

Safari rhythm at the Library! Come play and learn with Master Hand Drummer Baba Shibambo.

7/12 (Wed) 12:00pm Live Oak

Cascada de Flores Presents: ¡Aquí-les va... un cuento! The Treasure of Aquiles B

Come join the adventures of Aquiles! Sing, dance and play with Cascada de Flores. ¡Aquí-les va... un cuento! The Treasure of Aquiles is a bilingual, participatory and original story told with music, dance and you!

7/13 (Th) 2:00pm Branciforte
7/13 (Th) 4:30pm Live Oak

Circus of Smiles En

Your kids won't be able to stop smiling as our amazingly silly characters take you on a circus inspired journey. Engaging audiences of all ages, the show incorporates juggling, acrobatics, music, and feats of incredible strength.

7/17 (Mon) 2:00pm Capitola

The Magic Of Germar B

Non-stop learning and fun through magic and illusion!

7/19 (Wed) 11:00am Garfield Park
7/19 (Wed) 3:00pm Nueva Vista
133 Leibrandt St, SC

Python Ron's Reptile Kingdom En

Come join Python Ron and learn all about and get to meet his reptile friends! From 18 foot pythons to 4 foot long lizards, Python Ron gives everyone the opportunity to get close up and personal with these awesome creatures.

7/20 (Th) 11:00am Capitola
7/20 (Th) 1:00pm La Selva Beach
7/20 (Th) 4:00pm Scotts Valley

The Superpowers of the Storyteller En

Young and old will exercise, stretch and strengthen their listening, their voices, their memories, and their imaginations. Learn the Storyteller's Secret and leave with an easy to tell story to share with family and friends.

7/21 (Fri) 12:00pm Live Oak
7/22 (Sat) 2:00pm Capitola

Sing, Dance, and Play with Happily Ever Laughter En

Join the Faeries from Happily Ever Laughter for this enchanted event! Get silly with an instrument sing along. Get your wiggles and giggles out with a high-energy freeze dance. Use your imagination with free play activities.

7/22 (Sat) 1:00pm Boulder Creek



NorCalBats En

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!

7/27 (Th) 11:00am Boulder Creek
7/27 (Th) 2:00pm Downtown

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S.T.E.A.M.

Weekly Make & Explore En

Every week we will have a new project idea for you to build or explore. Projects will include Science, Arts & Crafts, including model building, and exploration of the environment around us.

Tue	3:00pm	Branciforte
Wed	2:00pm	Boulder Creek
Wed	2:30pm	Garfield Park
Thur	3:00pm	Felton
Fri	3:00pm	Live Oak

Lego Engineering Challenges En

The Lego Engineering Challenge is a fun way for tweens to learn about basic engineering, teamwork, and leadership by completing various lego projects.

6/15 (Th)	3:00pm	Downtown
7/20 (Th)	3:00pm	Downtown

Games

Chess Club with Gjon En

Professional chess instruction with Chess Master Gjon Feinstein. Saturdays except 1st Saturday of the month.

Sat	2:00pm	Downtown
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Jaque Mate! Bilingual Chess Club B

Learn tactics and grand strategy.

Wed	2:00pm	Branciforte
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Writing & Poetry

Find Your Poetry Voice! En

Join Santa Cruz County Poet Laureate, Farnaz Fatemi, as she leads kids (ages 6-8) in some fun poetry-writing activities!

6/14 (Wed)	11:00am	Downtown
7/12 (Wed)	11:00am	Felton

Find Your Poetry Voice! En

Join Santa Cruz County Poet Laureate, Farnaz Fatemi, as she leads tweens (ages 9-12) in some fun poetry-writing activities!

7/11 (Tue)	3:00pm	Scotts Valley
7/19 (Wed)	11:00am	Branciforte



Storytimes

Weekly Toddler Storytime En

Join us for our weekly storytimes, which include stories, songs, and play (ages 0-3).

Tue	11:00am	Live Oak
Tue	11:00am	Scotts Valley
Wed	11:00am	Capitola

Weekly Preschool Storytime En

Join us for our weekly storytimes, which include stories, songs, activities, and play (ages 3-5).

Wed	10:30am	Garfield Park
Wed	11:00am	La Selva Beach
Thur	11:00am	Felton
Thur	11:00am	Live Oak
Fri	11:00am	Scotts Valley

Combined Storytime En

Join us for our weekly storytimes, which include stories, songs, and play (ages 0-5).

Wed	11:00am	Boulder Creek
Thur	10:30am	Downtown
Sat	10:30am	Branciforte B



Homework Help

Bring your assignments to one of our FREE drop-in Homework Help sessions. (June only)

Tue	3:00pm	Capitola
Tue	3:00pm	Scotts Valley

Reading



Tales to Tails R

Kids can come read aloud to our trained therapy dogs, who are very attentive and neutral reading partners. Be sure to sign up in advance!

2nd & 4th Sun 12:30pm Capitola
 4th Wed 3:00pm Scotts Valley

R.E.A.D.: Reach Every Amazing Detail R En

R.E.A.D. is one-on-one reading and comprehension instruction for readers 1st through 12th grade. Instructors are California credentialed teachers. By Appointment Only.

Tue 3:00pm Live Oak
 Wed 3:00pm La Selva Beach
 Wed 3:00pm Capitola
 Thur 3:00pm Downtown
 Thur 3:00pm Felton

Family Movie En

Join us for a great family movie!
 1st & 3rd Sat 2:00pm La Selva Beach

Weekly Family Crafts

Family Craft

Fun for the whole family! Do-it-yourself crafts every Friday.

Fri 2:00pm La Selva Beach

Knitting at the Library

All you need to do is bring some yarn and knitting needles. All ages are welcome!

Mon 12:30pm Felton

Summer Reading Crafts

Come join us each Tuesday this summer for a special activity to help you "Find Your Voice!"

Tue 3:00pm Scotts Valley

Family Craft Time

Book Bag Decorating

Come and decorate your very own book bag! We will provide all of the supplies needed.

6/8 (Th) 12:00pm Downtown

Rock Painting

Find your voice with creativity! We will provide the supplies for you to paint your own designs on a rock.

6/13 (Tue) 1:00pm Downtown

Perler Bead Crafts

Perler beads are small beads that you can lay on a mat to create interesting patterns. After you apply heat, the beads will fuse together creating your design into a single work of art!

6/22 (Th) 12:00pm Downtown

Glow in the Dark Bouncy Balls Craft

Using just a few common ingredients you can make your own bouncy balls that glow-in-the-dark!

6/29 (Th) 1:00pm Downtown

Origami Extravaganza

Join us for traditional and modular origami. Come learn or share your expertise.

7/8 (Sat) 2:00pm La Selva Beach

Glitter Jellyfish Craft

Come and make a beautiful Jellyfish Craft.

7/12 (Wed) 1:00pm Downtown

Glass Painting

We will provide the materials to create your own unique painted glass vase or mason jar.

7/18 (Tue) 12:00pm Downtown

Light Up Firefly Craft

We don't have fireflies here in Santa Cruz, but you can make your own!

7/26 (Wed) 12:00pm Downtown

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Advisory Council of Teens En

Come provide feedback on our teen programs, events, and space! Students, ages 12-18, can fulfill community service credits, obtain job skills, develop leadership abilities, and acquire college extracurricular experience.

- 6/4 (Sun) 2:00pm Capitola
- 6/17 (Sat) 2:00pm Felton
- 6/18 (Sun) 1:30pm Downtown
- 7/2 (Sun) 2:00pm Capitola
- 7/15 (Sat) 2:00pm Felton
- 7/16 (Sun) 1:30pm Downtown

Games

Aptos/Capitola Youth Chess Club En

Come and play chess, one of the world's oldest and most popular games, against other kids!

- Tue 3:30pm Capitola

Library Ping Pong Club

Join us for some Ping Pong!

- 2nd & 4th Sat 12:00pm Scotts Valley

Questing in the Library: Tabletop Role Playing En **R**

Get ready for adventure! Have you ever wanted to learn how to play tabletop Role Playing Games (RPGs)? Then this is the program for you!

- 6/9 (Fri) 2:00pm Boulder Creek

Family Game Club En

Play board games and card games together, learn new games as well as old favorites, and make new friends. Drop on in!

- Sat 1:30pm Boulder Creek



Writing & Poetry

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- 6/9 11:00am Capitola
- 6/29 3:00pm Boulder Creek

Theater & Music

NextStage Productions Reader's Theater presents: 5 short Comedies En

A rousing presentation of 5 Short Comedies:

- Rental - Valerie sends her best friend a surprise birthday gift.
- Rosa's Eulogy - Requiem for a cat Ferris Wheel
- Sometimes the unexpected occurs at the Carnival Norm Anon
- Looking on the bright side Emotional Baggage...If your luggage could only talk!

- 6/2 (Fri) 2:00pm Capitola
- 6/16 (Fri) 2:00pm Scotts Valley



Santa Cruz Shakespeare: Professor Michael Warren talks about the 2023 Season En

Join Professor Michael Warren for a lively and enlightening talk about the plays in the 2023 season of Santa Cruz Shakespeare. The Summer Festival Season runs July 8 - August 27 in The Grove, with a full-sized acting company, and three top-notch productions.

- 7/6 (Th) 5:00pm Downtown

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Author Talks

Book Talk with Lynn Guenther

The historical novel: Light of the Bay brings Laura Hecox (pioneer, naturalist, activist, lighthouse keeper) to life, telling her remarkable story from a first-person perspective.

6/11 (Sun) 2:00pm Downtown

Big Basin Redwood Forest: California's Oldest State Park, by and with Dr. Traci Bliss

Join author Traci Bliss as she discusses her latest book about the untold story to preserve California's ancient redwoods for future generations.

6/18 (Sun) 2:00pm Downtown

Memoirs by Kate Evans, Dena Moes and

Andrea Ross.

Evans, Moes, and Ross will share their stories of adventure as they explore the meaning of home and family. Program will include live music by Winterlark.

7/13 (Th) 5:00pm Downtown

Bold Voices: Discussion with Jill Cody

Find your voice and change the world! Jill Cody, host of the Be Bold America Podcast and Author of America Abandoned and Climate Abandoned will discuss her work.

7/22 (Sat) 11:30am Capitola

Author Talk and Book Release Party with

Kayla Cunningham

Romance readers will love this new series with a local flare from former UCSC student Kayla Cunningham.

7/29 (Sat) 11:00am Capitola

Arts & Crafts

Camp Nostalgia Craft

Take a trip down memory lane! Come recreate those Summer Camp Crafts with us!

6/1 (Th)	2:30pm	Garfield Park
6/1 (Th)	3:30pm	Boulder Creek
6/3 (Sat)	1:00pm	Live Oak
7/1 (Sat)	1:00pm	Live Oak
7/6 (Th)	2:30pm	Garfield Park
7/6 (Th)	3:30pm	Boulder Creek

Knitting at the Library

All you need to do is bring some yarn and knitting needles. All ages are welcome.

Mon 12:30pm Felton

Workshops & Lectures

Homebuyers Series

Learn from a top Realtor and Top mortgage expert, as they provide important info on how to buy, where to buy and why to buy in today's fast-moving market.

6/3, 6/10, 6/25 (Sat) 1:00pm Capitola

What to Do with All of Our Family Stuff:

Research, Documents, and Heirlooms

This program will examine how we might define our legacy and preserve and pass on family treasures to future generations.

6/6 (Tue) 1:00pm Online

Intro to Genealogy, with Mike Epperson

Presented by The Santa Cruz Genealogical Society.

6/10 (Sat) 10:30am Downtown

Medicare and You

The Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP) will present what's new with Medicare in 2023 and how to compare plans.

6/14 (Wed) 10:30am Scotts Valley

7/12 (Wed) 10:30am Capitola

Podcasting Basics

Learn how to create your very own podcast!

7/13 (Th) 12:00pm Online

Activism

Anti-Racism Book Circles

In partnership with The Resource Center for Nonviolence, volunteer-facilitated book circles offer participants a courageous space to help engage in collaborative, antiracist, learning by cultivating inclusivity, curiosity, & mutual respect.

Tue 6/6-7/18 6:30pm Capitola

Sun 7/9-8/13 10:30am Downtown

Bystander Intervention Training

This interactive training will teach you the 5Ds of bystander intervention methodology.

6/17 (Sat) 11:00am Scotts Valley

7/15 (Sat) 11:00am Capitola

Neighbors for Neighbors

A meetup for people who want to learn how to take an active role in their neighborhood to bridge divides on the topic of homelessness.

6/15 (Th) 5:30pm Garfield Park

6/27 (Tue) 5:30pm Capitola

7/20 (Th) 5:30pm Garfield Park

7/25 (Tue) 5:30pm Capitola

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Writing & Poetry

Virtual Writers' Open Mic Night

A safe environment to read your works aloud. Poets, novelists, scriptwriters, essayists--are all welcome!

6/7 & 7/5 (Wed) 6:00pm Online

Community Poetry Circle R En

Join the circle and write a poem in a creative and supportive environment. No experience necessary.

6/10 (Sat) 1:00pm Capitola
 6/15 (Th) 3:00pm Boulder Creek
 6/17 (Sat) 1:00pm Felton
 6/29 (Th) 2:30pm Garfield Park
 7/1 (Sat) 1:00pm Downtown
 7/8 (Sat) 1:00pm Capitola
 7/15 (Sat) 1:00pm Felton

Santa Cruz Poetry Project Workshop

This workshop welcomes anyone who would like to establish a writing practice in a safe and encouraging environment. Brought to you by the Poetry Project.

Mon 4:00pm Downtown

Ancestor Journeys, a writing workshop with Gail Burk En

This workshop will help you get started with writing and researching your ancestors' journeys.

7/8 (Sat) 10:30am Downtown

Technology

In-person Tech Help R

Our tech savvy staff is available to help you troubleshoot your tech questions with a 30 minute (or less) appointment.

Tue 10:00am Capitola En
 Tue 10:00am Scotts Valley B
 Wed 3:00pm Scotts Valley B
 Thu 10:00am Live Oak B

Starting July 2023

Mon 4:00pm Downtown En
 Sat 1:00pm Branciforte B

Advancing Ideas: Artificial Intelligence Monthly Meetup

Are you Intrigued by A.I.? Does A.I. Scare you? Do you want A.I. to write your next term paper? Come hang out and talk about the implementation and implications of this rapidly advancing field.

6/15 (Th) 6:00pm Idea Fab Labs
 7/20 (Th) 6:00pm Idea Fab Labs -
 2801 Mission St #204

Play

Bridge Club R

Join us at the Bridge Club! Everyone is welcomed from beginners to social players. Bridge club is a partnership with Santa Cruz County Parks.

Mon 10:30am Capitola

Board in the Library

Adults need playtime too! Come play some new or old favorite tabletop games. Bring your favorite board game or play some of the library's games.

2nd & 4th Sat 12:00pm Felton

Library Ping Pong Club

Join us for some Ping Pong!

2nd & 4th Sat 12:00pm Scotts Valley

Trivia On Tap En

Participants can form teams of up to 6 people and will be asked 30 questions on a variety of different topics.

1st & 3rd Thur 6:30pm Steel Bonnet Brewing Company

Friday Nite Movie En

Join us for a movie night!

6/16 (Fri) 5:00pm La Selva Beach
 7/21 (Fri) 5:00pm La Selva Beach

Picture Bingo with Shared Adventures

This Bingo program for people with special abilities (disabilities) is adaptable to all because it uses pictures!

6/20 (Tue) 3:30pm Downtown
 7/18 (Tue) 3:30pm Downtown

Queer Gaming En

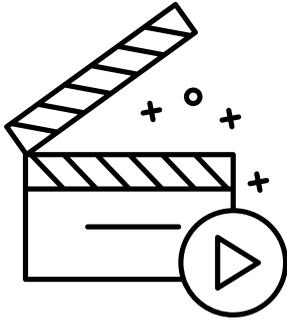
Queer Gaming is a safe place for LGBTQ+ folks and allies to gather, play games and build community.

6/25 (Sun) 1:00pm Downtown
 7/23 (Sun) 1:00pm Downtown

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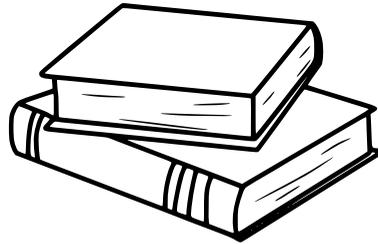
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What else can you do with your library card this summer?



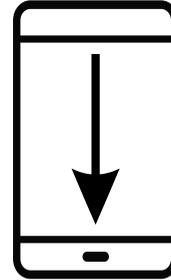
Watch movies, TV series, and more

Thousands of titles are available for streaming & download.



Read any way you like

Printed books, magazines, ebooks, and audiobooks.



Use the App for easy browsing

Browse the library catalog and download digital content from anywhere.

Discover & GO Museum Passes

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!



Log your summer reading:

Log your reading here or online at SantaCruzPL.org/SRP/



Name _____

Age _____

20 mins	20 mins	20 mins
20 mins	20 mins	20 mins
20 mins	20 mins	20 mins
20 mins	20 mins	20 mins
20 mins	20 mins	20 mins

You've read 5 hours!

20 mins	20 mins	20 mins
20 mins	20 mins	20 mins
20 mins	20 mins	20 mins
20 mins	20 mins	20 mins
20 mins	20 mins	20 mins

You've read 10 hours!

20 mins	20 mins	20 mins
20 mins	20 mins	20 mins
20 mins	20 mins	20 mins
20 mins	20 mins	20 mins
20 mins	20 mins	20 mins

You've read 15 hours!

20 mins	20 mins	20 mins
20 mins	20 mins	20 mins
20 mins	20 mins	20 mins
20 mins	20 mins	20 mins
20 mins	20 mins	20 mins

You've read 20 hours!

Prizes by Age Group:

Kids: 0 -11 yrs

Teens: 12-18 yrs

Adults 19+ yrs

 	Upon sign-up: Atlantis Fantasyworld certificate for a free graphic novel & Boardwalk Bowl Coupon	<p>Adults who sign up before June 25th will be entered to win 2 tickets to a SC Shakespeare play of their choice</p>	
	Free Book	1 Raffle Ticket	Tote Bag
	1 Raffle Ticket	2nd Raffle Ticket	1 Raffle Ticket
	2nd Raffle Ticket	3rd Raffle Ticket	2nd Raffle Ticket
	Scoop from Penny Ice Creamery + 3rd Raffle ticket + Grand Prize Raffle ticket	Scoop from Penny Ice Creamery + 4th Raffle ticket + Grand Prize Raffle ticket	1 entry into the Grand Prize Raffle

Kids Raffle Prizes:
Prizes from local businesses

Teens Raffle Prizes:
Prizes from local businesses

Adult Raffle Prizes:
Prizes from local businesses

Kids Raffle Grand Prize:
\$500 gift certificate to a local bike shop of your choice

Teens Raffle Grand Prizes:
\$500 gift certificate to local bike shop, airpods, Beats headphones, and more!

Adult Grand Prizes:
Year-long family membership to Museum of Art & History or Monterey Bay Aquarium



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