Join us in celebrating National Library Week. In our increasing digital world, libraries remain as central hubs in our communities. Beyond books, libraries provide a place to connect with others, learn new skills, and focus on what matters most. We are proud to offer story times, author talks, workshops, events, book clubs, and other programs where our community can connect and build relationships that will last a lifetime. We are proud of our commitment to inclusivity and support and invite you to visit our ten open branches at the heart of Santa Cruz Public Libraries, where everyone belongs. Meg Medina will serve as 2024 Honorary Chair. We have many of Meg’s books in our collection. Check them out!

April is National Poetry Month
This month we honor the role that poets play in our culture and underline the importance of poetry to increase empathy and create understanding by enabling us to get new perspectives on the human experience. We are excited to be partners in the inaugural Santa Cruz County Youth Poet Laureate 2024-2025 Celebration. This is a joyful opportunity to appreciate our county’s youth and let their unique voices shine. The program will include readings by the five finalists and an announcement of the inaugural youth poet laureate.

For More Information
To find out more about the Youth Poet Laureate program, or to reserve your seat visit the link: www.santacruzpl.org/pages/sc-county-youth-poet-laureate or scan the QR Code

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This is an overview of everything happening at SCPL this month. Visit us online for a full list of programs & events.
Programs for Kids

Aptos Youth Chess Club
Tuesdays
3:30pm-4:30pm @ Aptos Library

Make and Explore
Tuesdays (no program 4/2)
3:00pm-4:30pm @ Scotts Valley Library
Wednesdays
3:00pm-4:00pm @ Boulder Creek Library
2:30pm-4:00pm @ Garfield Park Library
Thursdays (no program 4/25)
3:00pm-4:30pm @ Branciforte Library
3:00pm-5:00pm @ Felton Library
Fridays
3:00pm-4:30pm @ Live Oak Library

Game Zone
Wednesdays
1:00pm-3:00pm @ Scotts Valley Library

Afterschool STEAM: Minecraft
Wednesdays
3:30pm-5:30pm @ Aptos Library

Tales to Tails
1st and 3rd Wednesday
3:30pm-4:30pm @ Apts Library
1st Wednesday
3:30pm-4:30pm @ La Selva Beach Library
2nd and 4th Tuesday
4:30pm-6:00pm @ Downtown Library
4th Wednesday
3:00pm-4:00pm @ Scotts Valley Library
(please register by calling 831-427-7713)

Lego Engineering Challenge
Wednesdays
4:00pm-5:30pm @ Downtown Library

Afterschool STEAM: Lego's Not-So Simple Machines
Thursdays (no program 4/25)
3:30pm-5:30pm @ La Selva Beach Library

Discovery Zone Playgroup
Fridays
10:00am-12:00pm @ Boulder Creek Library

Lego Fun Day
Fridays
3:00pm-4:30pm @ Felton Library

R.E.A.D.: Reach Every Amazing Detail
3:00pm-5:00pm (no program 4/2, 4/4, & 4/25)
Tuesdays @ Garfield Park, Live Oak, and Scotts Valley Libraries
Wednesdays @ Branciforte, Capitola, and La Selva Beach Libraries
Thursdays @ Aptos, Downtown, and Felton Libraries
(please register by calling 831-427-7713)

Special ASL Storytimes
Tuesday, April 9th
4:00pm-5:00pm @ Felton Library
Tuesday, April 16th
11:00am-11:45am @ Scotts Valley Library
Tuesday, April 23rd
11:00am-12:00pm @ Live Oak Library

Chess Club with Gjon
Saturdays (no program 1st Sat)
2:00pm-3:30pm @ Downtown Library

Jr. Rangers
Thursday, April 18th
3:30pm-5:00pm @ Garfield Park Library

Programs for All Ages

Knitting at the Library
Mondays
12:30pm-2:00pm @ Felton Library
Fridays
11:00am-1:00pm @ Live Oak Library

SciFi Flicks
Monday, April 1st
6:00pm-8:00pm @ Aptos Library

Family Movie Matinee
Wednesday, April 17th
3:00pm-6:00pm @ Felton Library

Pixar Pictures
Friday, April 19th
3:30pm-6:00pm @ Garfield Park Library

Programs for Teens

Aptos Youth Chess Club
Tuesdays
3:30pm-4:30pm @ Aptos Library

Afterschool STEAM: Minecraft
Wednesdays
3:30pm-5:30pm @ Aptos Library

Game Zone
Wednesdays
1:00pm-3:00pm @ Scotts Valley Library

Afterschool STEAM: Lego's Not-So Simple Machines
Thursdays (no program 4/25)
3:30pm-5:30pm @ La Selva Beach Library

Creative Art Workshops
Thursday, April 4th & 18th
4:00pm-6:00pm @ Scotts Valley Library

Mah Jongg Club
Thursdays (no program 4/25)
2:00pm-4:00pm @ Aptos Library

Lego Fun Day
Fridays
3:00pm-4:30pm @ Felton Library

Advisory Council of Teens
11:00am-1:00pm
Sunday, April 7th @ Aptos Library
2:00pm-4:00pm
Saturday, April 20th @ Felton Library
Sunday, April 21st @ Downtown Library

Inaugural Santa Cruz County Youth Poet Laureate Celebration
Wednesday, April 10th
6:00pm-8:00pm @ Kuumbwa Jazz Center

SAGA for Teens
Wednesday, April 24th
3:00pm-5:00pm @ Felton Library