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Rohnert Park-Cotati Regional Library Weekly News

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**The Sonoma County Regional Libraries are now open Sundays!
Open hours are 1-5 p.m.**

ADULT AND TEEN PROGRAMS

Intro to Self-Defense for Teens (teens) Sat. Feb. 4, 10:30-12 p.m. Self-defense teaches boundary setting, personal safety, and physical self-defense skills. Taught by respected local instructor, Lucibel Nunez, you'll learn the basic skills to protect yourself in real life situations.

Queer Book Club: Honey Girl (virtual) (adults, teens) Wed. Feb. 8, 6-7 p.m. Join librarians virtually to discuss books centering on LGBTQ+ voices. This month they are reading and discussing *Honey Girl* by Morgan Rogers. You may request a copy of this book through the SCL catalog or by calling your local library. Advanced registration is required.

Virtual Author Talk with Lana Harper (virtual) (adults, teens) Thu. Feb. 9, 4-5 p.m. Join us for a magical evening with New York Times bestselling author Lana Harper as she discusses the enchanting third installment of her immensely popular *The Witches of Thistle Grove* series, *Back in a Spell*. Advanced registration is required.

Asian Art Museum Lecture: Lunar New Year (virtual) (adults, teens) Sat. Feb. 11, 11-12 p.m. Lanterns and couplets. Dragons and oranges. Red envelopes and housecleaning. Learn about the fascinating and colorful traditions, and the symbolic foods which enrich the celebration of the Lunar New Year throughout Asian cultures. January 22nd on the Gregorian calendar marks the beginning of the year of the Water Rabbit, year 4721 on the Chinese calendar. What does this mean and how is it celebrated? Find out in this virtual lecture! Advanced registration is required.

Teen Volunteer Orientation (teens) Wednesdays, 4-5 p.m. Are you a teen interested in volunteering for the Rohnert Park-Cotati Regional Library? Bring a Volunteer Packet signed by you and your guardian to the library. Orientation will go over the rules of volunteering, possible tasks you can help with, and a short in-person interview with the Teen Librarian. We look forward to working together!

CHILDREN PROGRAMS

Stay and Play/ Quédate y juega (ages 0-5) Wed. Feb. 8, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Come to "Stay and Play" Explore our toys, puzzles, building blocks and more! Through play, children learn about their world. With this knowledge, they can understand books and stories once they begin to read!

First Chapter Read-a-Long Book Club (grades 1-3) Tue. Feb. 7, 3:30-4 p.m. Read along with Miss Kate! You will receive free copies of the book when you register and attend the program. Advanced registration is required.

Young Astronomers Club at the Library (grades 4-9) Tue. Feb. 7, 6-7 p.m. Together with the Robert Ferguson Observatory, club members will study the night sky, learn how to use telescopes, meet other kids who are interested in space, and leave with a Young Astronomers membership button!

Family is a Rainbow (ages 3-8) Fri. Feb. 10, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Join us for an inclusive event for queer families and allies focused on celebrating the importance of family, diversity, and community. Parents, caregivers, and guardians are welcome to bring their children for an hour of stories, crafts, and exploring what it means to be a family.

Wee Read Baby-Toddler Storytime (ages 0-3) Thursdays, 10:30-11 a.m. Wee Read is a language-rich educational program for children ages 0-36 months and accompanying parents and caregivers.

Family Storytime (ages 0-5) Fridays, 10:30-11 a.m. Librarians lead families in activities and stories that are appropriate for all the ages in attendance, all while modeling and reinforcing skills and activities that parents can share with their children.

Read to a Dog (grades K-6) Thursdays, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Practice reading in person with a 4Paws certified therapy dog to improve reading skills and confidence.

Dial a Story! (all ages) Call any time of the day or night at (707) 755-2050 to listen to a recording of a children's librarian reading a storybook. A new story is released every Wednesday. Stories are available in English and Spanish and geared towards preschool age children.

All events are **free** and open to the public. For more information, call the library at 584-9121 or visit www.sonomalibrary.org.

Hours: Sun. 1-5 p.m. / Mon. & Thu.-Sat. 10-6 p.m. / Tue. & Wed. 10-8 p.m.

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