

Friends of the Redwood City Public Library



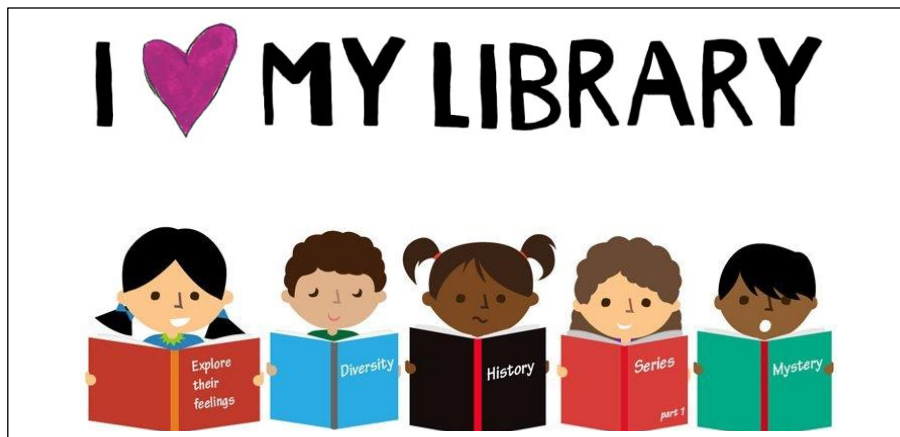
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Summer Learning Challenge 2020



Friends is pleased to inform you that the Redwood City Public Library Summer Learning Challenge is on (even though library branches are physically closed)!

Every year, thousands of Redwood City and North Fair Oaks youth join millions of children across the nation in accepting the Summer Learning Challenge to read and participate in learning all through the summer months. And every year, the Friends of the Redwood City Public Library accepts the challenge to fund our Library's summer program.

Redwood City Public Library's program usually provides our summer learners a variety of educational and cultural weekly programming and challenges, plus an end-of-summer celebration.

This year, our Library is faced with the unprecedented challenge of how to deliver Summer Learning Challenge 2020 in light of the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic. The Youth Services team has been working diligently to create a **virtual Summer Learning Challenge 2020**.

The Library is working with the performers, all scheduled prior to the shutdown, to provide entertainment and education programs virtually.

Librarians are reaching out to individual schools to safely deliver information to families. Because the Library cannot welcome customers back into the buildings, plans for curbside pickup are being developed so families can obtain the giveaway books and the finisher prizes.

The Summer Learning Challenge is critically important every year and even more so now. Due to distance learning in place for so many months, there is fear that many children will fall behind. Fighting the summer slide in learning has never been more important.

Youth Services is intent on creating a terrific program to support learning. With lots of creative thinking, the team will reach everyone possible this summer and deliver reading and fun to Redwood City and North Fair Oaks families.

Summer Learning Challenge

**This year's theme is
I Love My Library!**

Accept the Summer Learning Challenge! Read or listen and earn prizes all summer long!

Enjoy virtual stories and programs (reservations will be required), and **win prizes** for reading.

There will be book clubs, crafts, music, stories and play, yoga and amazing performers like these:

Musical Storytelling with Music Play Patrol; Mr. Shap, a magician with a twist; The Bat Lady by NorCal Bats; Bilingual Music for Families by Nathalia; and MORE...

Participating young people 18 and under will earn a chance to win a \$1,000 scholarship as part of the Summer Learning Challenge.

All up-to-date information on specific Library programs is available here: www.redwoodcity.org/summerlearning

**Summer Learning Challenge begins June 1!
Sign up online!**

Friends Bookstore

At this time, all Friends book sales and our Amazon operation are closed. We honestly do not know when the store will re-open. We also are not accepting donations at this time. Please follow us on Facebook or Instagram or check our website for updates as to when and how this will change. We miss our Library and our supporters very much!

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Libraries Are Hugely Popular!

From *Economy* magazine, January 24, 2020

Did you know that library visits in 2019 outpaced movie visits and live sporting events combined!

From the article: "Despite the proliferation of digital-based activities over the past two decades – including digital books, podcasts, streaming entertainment services and advanced gaming – libraries have endured as a place Americans visit nearly monthly on average. Whether because they offer services like free Wi-Fi, movie rentals, or activities for children, libraries are most utilized by young adults, women and residents of low-income households."



A Friend to the Redwood City Public Library



The **Little Learners**, a diverse group of children ages 3 to 5, put their hands together to thank the Friends of the Redwood City Public Library for sponsoring their program. The Little Learners usually meets every Wednesday to enjoy stories, songs and crafts. During the library shutdown, Jan Pedden and her team are assembling bags for pickup and conducting the sessions virtually. Check the library's website for details.