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The **Redwood City Public Library** is honored to welcome **Pam Muñoz Ryan** to the Downtown Library on Thursday, April 16, at 6 p.m.

Ms. Ryan's stories, including *Esperanza Rising*, *El Niño*, *Echo*, *Riding Freedom*, and *Becoming Naomi León*, have reached millions of readers and won major awards, including the Newbery Honor, Children's Literature Legacy Award, and Pura Belpré Award.

In this author talk, Ms. Ryan will explain how she turns ideas into books, where her characters come from, and what inspires her stories about hope, courage, and finding your voice. Young readers, aspiring writers, parents, and teachers will all enjoy hearing from one of today's top children's authors.

Get ready to listen, laugh, and be inspired. Find out why Pam Muñoz Ryan's books are favorites in classrooms, libraries, and homes everywhere. This is a great chance for kids and families to meet an author whose stories stay with you long after you finish reading.

In addition to her visit to the Downtown Library in the evening, Ms. Ryan will be visiting students at McKinley Institute of Technology and North Star Academy earlier in the day.

National Library Week April 19 - 25

National Library Week 2026 is the American Library Association's annual celebration highlighting the valuable role libraries and library professionals play in transforming lives and strengthening our communities.

The theme for 2026 is "Find Your Joy." The honorary chair for the week, **Mychal Threats**, sends this message:

"I love libraries enthusiastically every week! To serve as Honorary Chair for National Library Week takes that enthusiasm to a whole new level. Celebrating libraries, thanking library workers, visiting libraries is how I find my joy. There are so many library kids and library grown-ups who have yet to fully embrace their library joy, and I am so excited for them! When they enter the world of libraries and stories, I am confident they will find not only their library joy but their courage to believe in their own story and maybe even share it with others."

Pam Muñoz Ryan's visit to Redwood City is funded by Friends!



Mychal Threats Visits Redwood City Public Library

The **Redwood City Public Library** is thrilled to welcome **Mychal Threats** to the Downtown Library on Sunday, March 29, at 2 p.m.

Mr. Threats is PBS Kids' Resident Librarian, literacy advocate, host of *Reading Rainbow*, honorary chair of National Library Week, and one of *Time Magazine's* Next Generation Leaders. They will be sharing their personal journey through mental health, well-being, and self-care.

Copies of their first book, *I'm So Happy You're Here: A Celebration of Library Joy*, will be available to purchase from Linden Tree Books. Connect with community members at this all-ages, family-friendly program.

Mychal Threats' program is supported by Measure K funding from the County of San Mateo.

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