

Friends of the Redwood City Public Library



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SUMMER LEARNING CHALLENGE

June 1st - August 31st

Summer Learning Challenge 2025!

Registration for all children and teens starts on **June 1!**

For everyone under 18 years of age, the registration process includes a free book of the child's choice to kick the summer off!

This year's challenge has some fun, motivational upgrades:

- Children and teens can now register and complete their reading/activity logs online!
- **Monthly Drawings for Kids!** Each month's completion logs will be entered into a drawing with prizes including Squishmallows, Lego sets, and more! Plus, the grand prize at the end of the summer is a \$1,000 scholarship.

Kids can finish multiple logs to enter the drawings multiple times! Kids log 20 minutes of reading or listening each day and any time they try a new activity. Completion goal is 9 hours or 27 days! Kids receive another free book upon first completion!

Teens and adults must read three books or attend three library activities (mix and match!) with a drawing for prizes at summer's end. Multiple log completions are encouraged!

More Fun! The Redwood City librarians and staff have planned a terrific entertainment series in June and July with one additional program this year! See the back page of this newsletter for the tremendous number of fun, exciting, and educational activities that are scheduled! **Massive thanks to the staff for their exceptional hard work to make the Summer Learning Challenge come to life!**

To learn more about the Summer Learning Challenge, go here:
www.redwoodcity.org/summerlearning



Friends Bookstore at the Downtown Library

Bookstore sales generate roughly 50% of the Friends revenue. Our Bookstore is unique in many ways:

- Staffed by volunteers
- Quality ranging from good to brand new
- Books PLUS puzzles, DVDs, CDs, vinyl, gift things, books on CD
- **HONEY** from the bees on the Library's roof
- Very low prices

Friends Kiosk at Redwood Shores

There is a lovely kiosk of books, puzzles, and more for sale at Redwood Shores Library. At the kiosk, pay for your purchases at the check-out desk, cash only!

Stop by either location and pick up a book or two for your summer outings and a couple for your friends as well!

Summer Learning Challenge is the single largest program that Friends funds each year. Thank you for your support to make this important program so successful.

Summer Learning Challenge 2025 Programs

Live performances, suitable for all ages, will be held at each library. (Note: Schaberg Library performances will be held at the Magical Bridge Playground at Red Morton Park.)

The schedule is as follows:

- Tuesdays: **6:30 p.m.** Magical Bridge Playground
- Wednesdays: **6:30 p.m.** Redwood Shores Library
- Saturdays: **11 a.m.** Downtown Library

June 17/18/21: **Rhythm Builders** (high-energy, interactive drum event)

June 24/25/28: **Jungle James** (animal adventures) [For this program, there will be an additional session at Redwood Shores at 5:30 p.m.]

July 8/9/12: **Slim Chance Circus** (circus and comedy)

July 15/16/19: **Puppet Art Theatre** (puppets and laughs)

July 22/23/26: **Cunamacue: Afro-Peruvian Dance** (music and dance)

July 29/30/Aug 2: **James Henry** (dance and sing)

Stories in the Park – All Ages 10 a.m.

Mezes Park, Monday, June 2 & July 7
Andrew Spinas Park, Tuesday, June 10 & July 8

Jardin de Niños, Tuesday, June 17 & July 15

Magical Bridge Playground, Tuesday, June 24 & July 22

Marlin Park, Tuesday, July 29

Stulsaft Park, Tuesday, July 29

Bilingual Stories and Songs with Kimba Chipilina

Mondays at 11 a.m. at Schaberg Library
June 2/16/30 and July 14/28

*All programs sponsored by
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Join the Friends of the Redwood City Public Library

☐ Junior member, under 18 years old - \$10

☐ Friends - \$15

☐ Patrons - \$25

☐ Librarian's Circle - \$50

☐ Benefactors - \$100 or more

If you wish to make the gift in honor of a friend or loved one:

We will acknowledge 2025 Librarian's Circle and Benefactor levels in our spring 2026 Newsletter.

☐ Check this box if you wish for your donation to be listed as Anonymous.

Please make checks payable to Friends of the Redwood City Public Library, or **donate at our website:**
www.friendsofrwclibrary.org

A Membership Card will be sent.

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- All Regular Monthly Programs for Kids Remain All Summer Long!
- **Dance Class**, Teens, Wednesdays in July at 1:15 p.m. Downtown
- **Teen Week**, August 4 - 7. Teens will have a week dedicated to learning about life skills.
- **Video Game Nights**, Teens, Tuesdays at 4 p.m. Downtown
- **Movie Nights**, Teens, Thursdays at 4 p.m. Downtown
- **Author Traci Bliss** author of *Big Basin Redwood Forest: California's Oldest State Park*, Adults, Saturday, June 7, at 2 p.m. Downtown
- **Juneteenth: A Historical Perspective and Conversation**, Adults, Tuesday, June 10, at 6:30 p.m. Downtown
- **Jim Witzel**, live music, Adults, Tuesday, June 10, at 7 p.m. Downtown
- **Summer Seed/Seedling Swap**, Adults, Saturday, June 21, at 10 a.m. Redwood Shores
- **Writing Family History with Al**, Adults, Saturday, June 28, at 2:45 p.m. Downtown

Summer Splash and Back to School Bash!

Saturday, August 2
10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Downtown

Details Coming Soon!

Material Donation Events

Friends relies on reselling donated materials such as books, CDs, DVDs, and puzzles to fund library programs.

To make donations easy, we offer **drive-up and drop-off** donation events on the third Saturday of the month:

- Location 1 - Behind the Downtown Library - 10 a.m. to Noon
- Location 2 - In the Parking Lot of Redwood Shores Library - 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.