



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. We are excited to be partners in the 2025-2026 Santa Cruz County Youth Poet Laureate Celebration. This is a joyful opportunity to appreciate our county's youth and let their unique voices shine.

Cabrillo College Samper Recital Hall - Thursday, April 17, 2025 7:00 PM

To reserve your seat visit:

www.santacruzpl.org/pages/sc-county-youth-poet-laureate/
or scan the QR Code



**SPRING IN-SERVICE DAY
BRANCH CLOSURES
THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 2025**

**TODAS LAS SUCURSALES
ESTARÁN CERRADAS AL PÚBLICO
JUEVES 24 DE ABRIL, 2025**



VIRTUAL AUTHOR TALKS

Wordsmith and Wonder: An Author Talk with Jodi Picoult

Wednesday, April 2nd

4:00-5:00pm @ Online

The Stories, Science, and History of Trees with Smithsonian Gardens Greenhouse Horticulturalist

Matthew Fleming

A Library Speakers Consortium and Smithsonian Institution Collaboration

Tuesday, April 8th

11:00am-12:00pm @ Online

The Thrill of Writing Action, Adventure, and Suspense: A Conversation with Bestselling Author

Gregg Hurwitz

Thursday, April 24th

4:00-5:00pm @ Online

**SCAN QR CODE TO VIEW AND REGISTER
FOR UPCOMING VIRTUAL TALKS**

SCPL Virtual Author Talks are made possible through the generous support of the Friends of the Capitola Branch Library.

[HTTPS://LIBRARYC.ORG/SANTACRUZPL](https://libraryc.org/santacruzpl)



**SANTA CRUZ
PUBLIC LIBRARIES**

April Programs & Events



**831-427-7713
santacruzpl.org**



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

Programs for Adults



Backgammon

Tuesdays - 10:30am-12:00pm @ Aptos Library



New Parents' Support Group

Tuesdays - 12:30pm-2:00pm @ Felton Library



Project SCOUT Tax Preparation Assistance

Tuesdays - 10:00am-3:00pm @ Aptos Library

Tuesdays - 10:00am-3:00pm @ Downtown Library

Wednesdays - 2:00pm-5:00pm @ Capitola Library

Saturdays - 10:00am-3:00pm @ Downtown Library

Saturdays - 10:00am-1:00pm @ Felton Library



English Language Conversation Club

Tuesdays - 1:00pm-2:30pm @ Live Oak Annex

Thursdays - 11:00am-12:00pm @ Downtown Library

Saturdays - 10:00am-12:00pm @ Capitola Library



GSSCC Lecture: Genealogy Beyond BMD

Tuesday, Apr 1st - 1:00pm-2:30pm @ Downtown Library & online

In-person Tech Help

Mondays - 1:00pm-3:00pm @ Aptos Library

Tuesdays - 10:00am-12:00pm @ Scotts Valley Library

Wednesdays - 10:00am-12:00pm @ Capitola Library

Thursdays - 10:00am-12:00pm @ Boulder Creek Library

Fridays - 2:00pm-4:00pm @ Felton Library

Saturdays - 10:00am-12:00pm @ La Selva Beach Library

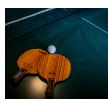
Sundays - 1:00pm-3:00pm @ Downtown Library

(please register online or by calling 831-427-7713)



Pilates @ the Library

1st and 3rd Wednesday - 12:30pm-1:30pm @ Aptos Library



Ping-Pong Club

1st Wednesday - 3:00pm-5:00pm @ Felton Library

(drop ins allowed, online registration encouraged)



Virtual Writers' Open Mic Night

Wednesday, Apr 2nd - 6:00pm-8:00pm @ Online

(please register online or by calling 831-427-7713)

Programs for Adults



Tai Chi in the Library

Thursdays - 10:00am-11:00am @ Aptos Library



Tech Talks: Travel Apps (Apple / Android)

Thursday, Apr 3rd - 11:00am-12:00pm @ Online

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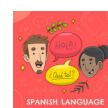
Author Talk with Annelise Schinzinger

Thursday, Apr 3rd - 2:00pm-3:30pm @ Capitola Library



Mah Jongg Club

Thursdays - 2:00pm-4:00pm @ Aptos Library



Conversations in Español

1st and 3rd Thursday - 6:00pm-7:30pm @ Garfield Park Library

2nd and 4th Thursday - 4:30pm-6:00pm @ Garfield Park Library



Trivia on Tap

1st and 3rd Thursday - 6:30pm-8:00pm @ Steel Bonnet Brewing Co.



Scrabble

Fridays - 1:00pm-2:30pm @ La Selva Beach Library



Community Crafters

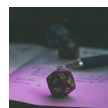
Saturdays - 10:00am-1:00pm @ Boulder Creek Library



Are You Game?

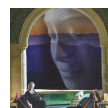
1st and 3rd Saturday - 12:00pm-5:00pm @ Capitola Library

2nd Saturday - 12:00pm-5:00pm @ Felton Library



Dungeons and Dragons for Adults

1st and 3rd Saturday - 12:00pm-5:00pm @ Capitola Library



Soul Collage

Saturday, Apr 5th - 12:00pm-3:00pm @ Felton Library

(please register online or by calling 831-427-7713)



Death Cafe

Saturday, Apr 5th - 3:30pm-5:00pm @ Downtown Library

(please register online or by calling 831-427-7713)

Programs for Adults

"Free for All: The Public Library" Movie Screening

Saturday, Apr 5th - 2:00pm-4:00pm @ Branciforte Library
 Thursday, Apr 10th - 6:30pm-8:30pm @ Capitola Library
 Saturday, Apr 12th - 1:00pm-3:00pm @ Scotts Valley Library
 (please register online or by calling 831-427-7713)

How to Write a Political Poem

Saturday, Apr 5th - 2:00pm-4:00pm @ Boulder Creek Library
 Monday, Apr 7th - 5:00pm-7:00pm @ Garfield Park Library

Bridge Club

Mondays - 10:30am-12:00pm @ Aptos Library
 Fridays (no program 1st Fri) - 10:30am-12:00pm @ La Selva Beach Library

Quilting with Friends

1st and 3rd Monday - 11:00am-3:00pm @ Boulder Creek Library

The Santa Cruz Poetry Project

Mondays - 4:00pm-5:30pm @ Downtown Library

Self-Esteem Workshop For Adults

Tuesday, Apr 8th - 4:30pm-5:30pm @ Felton Library
 Tuesday, Apr 15th - 4:30pm-5:30pm @ Felton Library
 (please register online or by calling 831-427-7713)

Happy Ink: Crafting Poetry from Simple Pleasures

Tuesday, Apr 8th - 6:30pm-8:00pm @ Capitola Library
 (please register online or by calling 831-427-7713)

How Fairy Tales became White: A Conversation with Professors Kimberly Lau and Micah Perks

Tuesday, Apr 8th - 6:30pm-7:30pm @ Downtown Library

Trivia Night at Boulder Creek Pizza & Pub

2nd Tuesday - 6:30pm-8:00pm @ Boulder Creek Pizza & Pub

Mosquito & Vector Control in Northern Santa Cruz County

Wednesday, Apr 9th - 12:00pm-1:00pm @ Felton Library

Health and Lifestyle Solutions Book Club

Thursday, Apr 10th - 11:00am-1:00pm @ Scotts Valley Library

Programs for Adults

Community Poetry Circle

Wednesday, Apr 9th - 2:00pm-4:00pm @ Branciforte Library
 Saturday, Apr 12th - 1:00pm-3:00pm @ Capitola Library
 Saturday, Apr 19th - 1:00pm-3:00pm @ Felton Library
 (please register online or by calling 831-427-7713)

Zentangle Art

Saturday, Apr 12th - 10:00am-11:30am @ Capitola Library

Friends who Scrap: Social Paper-crafting

2nd Saturday - 12:00pm-4:00pm @ Branciforte Library

Basic Composting Workshop

Saturday, Apr 12th - 1:00pm-3:00pm @ Aptos Library

Meditation for Stress Relief

2nd Saturday - 3:00pm-5:00pm @ Aptos Library

Loops at the Library - Knit/Crochet

2nd Monday - 12:00pm-1:30pm @ Garfield Park Library

Aptos Writer's Workshop

2nd and 4th Monday - 12:30pm-3:00pm @ Aptos Library

Enthusiastic Bird Watchers

Tuesday, Apr 15th - 10:30am-12:00pm @ La Selva Beach Library

Picture Bingo with Shared Adventures

3rd Tuesday - 3:30pm-5:00pm @ Downtown Library
 For people with special abilities (disabilities)

Writing Group for 55+

Thursday, Apr 17th - 10:00am-11:30am @ Garfield Park Library

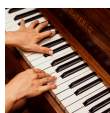
Tech Talks: Google Maps for Travel (Apple / Android)

Thursday, Apr 17th - 11:00am-12:00pm @ Online
 (please register online or by calling 831-427-7713)

Queer Author Panel: Celebrating Pride 50

Thursday, Apr 17th - 6:30pm-8:00pm @ Capitola Library
 (please register online or by calling 831-427-7713)

Programs for Adults



Munching with Mozart

Friday, Apr 18th - 12:10pm-12:50pm @ Downtown Library



Encouraging Your Child's Self-Esteem

Friday, Apr 18th - 12:30pm-2:00pm @ Capitola Library



Friday Nite Movie

Friday, Apr 18th - 5:00pm-7:00pm @ La Selva Beach Library



Understanding the California Farmworker Experience with Dr. Ann López from the Center for Farmworker Families

Saturday, Apr 19th - 11:00am-12:15pm @ Live Oak Annex



Co-Develop Tools for Coastal Flooding Risks

Sunday, Apr 20th - 1:30am-3:30pm @ Downtown Library



A Matter of Balance - Falls Prevention Workshop Series

Tuesdays, Apr 22nd-May20th - 10:00am-12:00pm @ Live Oak Annex

(to register: ares.bartell@scvolunteercenter.org or (831) 205-0160.)



Celebrating Earth Day and Community Through Dance

Tuesday, Apr 22nd - 4:00pm-5:00pm @ Felton Library



Neighbors for Neighbors

Tuesday, Apr 22nd - 6:00pm-8:00pm @ Capitola Library

(please register online or by calling 831-427-7713)



CreateAbility Hour

Friday, Apr 25th - 11:00am-12:00pm @ Felton Library



Positive Parenting Series with Triple P and First5

Friday, Apr 25th - 3:00pm-4:30pm @ Felton Library



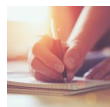
Saturday Shakespeare - A Midsummer Night's Dream

Saturday, Apr 26th - 10:00am-12:00pm @ Aptos Library



Medi-Cal Resources

Saturday, Apr 26th - 1:00pm-4:00pm @ Aptos Library



Writer's Working Group

Saturday, Apr 26th - 3:00pm-5:00pm @ Capitola Library

Programs for Adults



Queer Gaming

Sunday, Apr 27th - 1:00pm-5:00pm @ Downtown Library



Reading Poems Together

4th Monday - 12:00pm-1:00pm @ Capitola Library

(please register online or by calling 831-427-7713)



Medicare and You

Wednesday, Apr 30th - 10:30am-12:00pm @ Felton Library



Positive Discipline for Parents of 2-5 year olds

Wednesday, Apr 30th - 6:00pm-8:00pm @ Aptos Library

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Westside Author series

Wednesday, Apr 30th - 16:30pm-7:30pm @ Garfield Park Library

Programs for All Ages



Knitting at the Library

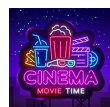
Mondays - 12:30pm-2:00pm @ Felton Library

Fridays - 11:00am-1:00pm @ Live Oak Library



Jazz at the Library

Friday, Apr 4th - 12:00pm-1:00pm @ Downtown Library



Family Movie Matinee

Wednesday, Apr 16th - 3:00pm-6:00pm @ Felton Library



Earth Day at Downtown Santa Cruz

Saturday, Apr 19th - 12:00pm-4:00pm @ Abbott Square



Meet Me at the New Downtown Library Festival!

Saturday, Apr 26th - 1:00pm-4:00pm @ Cedar St and Lincoln St



SPCA Classroom Program

Wednesday, Apr 30th - 10:30am-11:00am @ Garfield Park Library

Programs for Teens



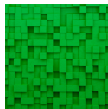
Aptos Youth Chess Club

Tuesdays - 3:30pm-4:30pm @ Aptos Library



Game Zone

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



Afterschool STEAM: Minecraft

Wednesdays - 3:30pm-5:30pm @ Aptos Library

2nd and 4th Tuesday - 4:00pm-5:30pm @ Downtown Library



LEGO Robotics

Thursdays, April 3-May 15 - 3:30pm-5:00pm @ Boulder Creek Library

(please register online or by calling 831-427-7713)



Afterschool STEAM: Lego Not-So Simple Machines

Fridays- 3:00pm-4:30pm @ Aptos Library



Lego Fun Day

Fridays - 3:00pm-4:30pm @ Felton Library



Advisory Council of Teens

Sunday, Apr 6th - 11:00am-1:00pm @ Aptos Library

Saturday, Apr 12th - 2:00pm-4:00pm @ Felton Library

Sunday, Apr 13th - 2:00pm-4:00pm @ Downtown Library



SAGA for Teens

2nd Wednesday - 3:00pm-5:00pm @ Felton Library



Santa Cruz County Youth Poet Laureate Celebration

Thursday, Apr 17th - 7:00pm-8:30pm @ Cabrillo College



Afterschool STEAM: Lego Stop Motion Movies

Fridays Apr 18th-May 9th - 3:00pm-4:30pm @ Aptos Library

(please register online or by calling 831-427-7713)



3D Printing Design Club

Saturday, Apr 26th - 10:00am-11:30am @ Scotts Valley Library

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Programs for Kids

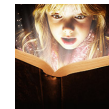
R.E.A.D.: Read Every Amazing Detail

Tuesdays - 3:00pm-5:00pm @ Garfield Park and Live Oak Libraries

Wednesdays - 3:00pm-5:00pm @ Boulder Creek, Branciforte, Capitola, and La Selva Beach Libraries

Thursdays - 3:00pm-5:00pm @ Aptos, Downtown, and Felton Libraries, and Live Oak Annex

(please register by calling 831-427-7713)



Aptos Youth Chess Club

Tuesdays - 3:30pm-4:30pm @ Aptos Library



Make and Explore

Tuesdays - 3:00pm-4:30pm @ Scotts Valley Library

Wednesdays - 1:30pm-2:30pm @ Boulder Creek Library

Wednesdays - 3:00pm-4:30pm @ Garfield Park Library

Thursdays - 3:00pm-5:00pm @ Felton Library

Thursdays - 3:30pm-5:00pm @ La Selva Beach Library

Fridays - 3:00pm-4:30pm @ Live Oak Library



Tales to Tails

Mondays - 3:30pm-4:30pm @ Garfield Park Library

1st Wednesday - 3:30pm-4:30pm @ La Selva Beach Library

3rd Tuesday - 3:00pm-4:00pm @ Felton Library

Wednesdays - 3:30pm-4:30pm @ Aptos Library

4th Wednesday - 3:00pm-4:00pm @ Scotts Valley Library

2nd Saturday - 3:30pm-4:30pm @ Capitola Library

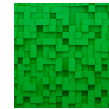
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Afterschool STEAM: Minecraft

Wednesdays - 3:30pm-5:30pm @ Aptos Library

2nd and 4th Tuesday - 4:00pm-5:30pm @ Downtown Library



Lego Engineering Challenge

Wednesdays - 4:00pm-5:30pm @ Downtown Library



Pokemon

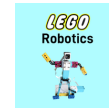
Thursdays - 3:00pm-5:00pm @ Live Oak Annex



LEGO Robotics

Thursdays, April 3-May 15 - 3:30pm-5:00pm @ Boulder Creek Library

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Programs for Kids



Discovery Zone Playgroup

Fridays - 10:30am-12:00pm @ Boulder Creek Library



Afterschool STEAM: Lego Not-So Simple Machines

Fridays- 3:00pm-4:30pm @ Aptos Library



Lego Fun Day

Fridays - 3:00pm-4:30pm @ Felton Library



Sewing for Kids

Saturday, Apr 5th - 10:30am-12:00pm @ Downtown Library



Crochet for Kids

Saturday, Apr 12th - 1:30pm-3:00pm @ Capitola Library
(please register online or by calling 831-427-7713)



Chess Club with Gjon

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



Jr. Rangers

Thursday, Apr 17th - 4:00pm-5:00pm @ Garfield Park Library



Afterschool STEAM: Lego Stop Motion Movies

Fridays Apr 18th-May 9th - 3:00pm-4:30pm @ Aptos Library
(please register online or by calling 831-427-7713)



Youth Birding Workshop

Friday, Apr 25th - 2:30pm-5:00pm @ La Selva Beach Library



Check out our schedule of weekly storytimes!



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Celebrate National Library Week, April 6 - 12, 2025

NATIONAL LIBRARY WORKERS DAY

LIBRARIES WORK BECAUSE WE DO



Nominate a Stellar Library Worker!

NLWD (April 8th) is a day for library staff, users, administrators, and Friends groups to recognize the valuable contributions made by all library workers. Now is the perfect time to highlight the critical role library workers play in keeping our libraries running. Join us in recognizing the amazing STARS who work in libraries!

Scan the QR Code or visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SubmitAStarforNLWD>



Join us in recognizing and thanking our incredible volunteers during National Volunteer Appreciation Week!
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