

Friends of the Redwood City Public Library



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Summer Learning Challenge 2023



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

For everyone under 18 years of age, the registration process includes a free book of the child's choice. After completing the challenge, each child will be entered into a drawing for a \$1000 scholarship. Adults qualify for tickets for a prize drawing by reading a book, reading to a child, or attending a library class or program. Head to any of the three wonderful Redwood City libraries to sign up!

The learning challenge encourages kids and teens to read during the non-school months. That is only the beginning of its benefits. The program includes a wide variety of fun entertainment, Makerspace programs, storytimes in our libraries and Redwood City parks, book clubs, and so much more! Does your child love LEGO, sewing, drawing, magic, bubbles? There are programs centered on all these things! See the back side of this newsletter for details on the exciting, wide-ranging programming.

For adults, there are two music programs this summer at the library plus the ongoing programs in the Makerspace.

Summer Learning Challenge is the single largest program that Friends funds each year. Friends is very grateful to the hardworking and creative library staff who put together and manage this fine program. Last year, there were 9,643 registrations and 1,007 completions of the challenge. Let's eclipse that in 2023!



Downtown Library Bees

by Derek Wolfgram, Library Director

The Library bees went through a bit of a reset this spring. One of the three hives had been empty since last summer, one lost its queen and failed to raise another, and one had a failed swarm.

As a result, our beekeepers brought new bees and new queens for all three hives in April. Two of the hives started growing immediately, but the third queen didn't survive. Fortunately, the bees in the third hive were able to raise a new queen, but that hive is a few weeks behind in its growth. This time of year, the focus is on increasing the population, and all three hives are busily hatching and raising thousands of baby bees. There is a small amount of honey in the hives, but within the next few weeks the population of bees out foraging for pollen and nectar will grow dramatically, and they will start producing lots of honey. We expect a large honey harvest in the next several weeks – it's not an exact science to predict when, but three healthy hives should produce hundreds of pounds of honey by the end of summer.

Stay tuned for updates on honey availability in the Friends Bookstore!

Summer Learning Challenge 2023 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: 4 p.m. Downtown Library and 6:30 p.m. Magical Bridge Playground
- Wednesdays: 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Redwood Shores Library

June 20/21: *Magician Perry Yan!*

June 27/28: *Drummm Rhythmic Events!*

July 11/12: *Cascada de Flores Song, Music, and Dance!*

July 18/19: *Sterling Bubbles!*

July 25/26: *Jungle James Animal Adventures!*

Great Americans – Grades K-3

Learn about Great Americans through stories and crafts.

Fridays, 11 a.m. Downtown Library
June 16 – July 28

Stories in the Park – All Ages

Tuesdays, 10 a.m.

June 20 – Andrew Spinass Park

June 27 – Magical Bridge Playground

July 11 – Marlin Park

July 18 – Jardín de Niños

July 25 – Stulsaft Park

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- Patrons - \$25
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- Benefactors - \$100 or more

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We will acknowledge 2023 Librarian's Circle and Benefactor levels in our spring 2024 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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More Programs!

- **Book Clubs in English and Spanish, Grades 3 – 5** (Wednesdays at 5 p.m. online)
- **Camp Early Learners, Ages 0 – 36 months** (Mondays at 11 a.m. Downtown)
- **Camp Little Learners, Ages 3 – 5** (Mondays at 2 p.m. Downtown)
- **LEGO Robotics Camp, Grades 3 – 6** (June 20 – 23, registration required, Downtown)
- **Crafty Wednesdays: Learn to Draw, Ages 6 – 12** (Wednesdays at 4 p.m. Downtown)
- **Kid Makers: Learn to Sew, Ages 8 – 12** (Mondays and Thursdays at 10 a.m. Downtown)
- **Kid Makers: Fiber Arts, Ages 6 – 12** (Mondays at 1 p.m. Downtown)
- **MakerClub, Ages 4 – 12** (Wednesdays, drop in from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Downtown)

- **Camp No Sunscreen Required, Grades 6 – 12** (June 26 – 29 at 1 p.m. Teen Center and Makerspace Downtown)

Friends Bookstore

You will find a huge sale cart filled with **books and items for summer – activity books, games for travel, craft items, and great books for summer reading** – in the Friends Bookstore. Visit soon to stock up for the young persons in your life and for yourself! Excellent quality and very low prices.

