

Friends of the Redwood City Public Library



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2026 SUMMER LEARNING CHALLENGE



Registration for Children and Teens Starts on June 1!

To kick off summer, everyone 18 years and under receives a **free book** for registering for the Summer Learning Challenge!

This year's challenge has fun, motivational incentives:

- Children and teens can now register and complete their reading/activity logs online!
- Prize Drawings for Kids! All 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 drawing multiple times! Kids log 20 minutes of reading or listening each day and each time they try a new activity. Completion goal is 9 hours per log, and kids receive another free book upon first log completion!

New this year, **teens** can play a bingo card of reading activities and other exploration. When they visit the Teen Center from June 1 through August 31, they can obtain a **Punch Card**; when teen visits Center six times, they can enter the prize drawing!

Adults can participate by reading three books or attending three library activities (mix and match)!

More Fun! The Redwood City librarians and staff have planned a terrific entertainment series in June and July with seven weeks of programming! See the back page of this newsletter for the wonderful scheduled activities. A tremendous thank you 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 Downtown Library's roof
- Very low prices
- Cash, credit, debit accepted

Friends Kiosk at Redwood Shores

There is a lovely kiosk of books, puzzles, and more for sale at Redwood Shores Library. For purchases at the kiosk, pay at the checkout desk, cash only!

Stop by either location at every library visit and pick up a book or two for summer reading and 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 2026 Programs

Live summer 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: **5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.** Redwood Shores Library
- Saturdays: **11 a.m.** Downtown Library

June 16/17/20: **Sterling Bubbles!** (bubble magic)

June 23/24/27: **Nikki Borodi and the Muscle** (acrobatic storytelling)

June 30/July 1: **Adventure Theater!** (adventures in space)
no Downtown Library program

July 7/8/11: **Unearth a Story** (dinosaur puppets and magic show)

July 14/15/18: **Wylding Woods** (immersive puppet show)

July 21/22/25: **Farmer Arann** (farm music concert)

July 28/29/Aug 1: **Rock Steady Juggling** (comedy, magic, juggling)

Library Storytimes

Schaberg: Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

Redwood Shores: Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.; Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

Downtown: Mondays, 10:30 a.m. (en español); Thursdays 11:30 a.m.; Thursdays, 7 p.m. (bilingual)

Stories in the Park: Tuesdays, June 16 – July 28, 10 a.m. at a different park each week!

Seaside Story Hour

Presented by **Marine Science Institute** at Redwood Shores on Saturday, June 27 and Saturday, July 25, 11 a.m.

All programs sponsored by Friends of the Library

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 2026 Librarian's Circle and Benefactor levels in our spring 2027 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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Friends of the Redwood City Public Library is a 501(c)(3) organization. As such, your membership donation is tax deductible as allowed by law.

More Summer Programming

- **JAMaROO**, Kids, Mondays at 11:30 a.m., June 15 – July 27, Schaberg
- **LEGO Robotics**, Kids, Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m., Schaberg
- **Music with Val**, Kids, Wednesdays, June 17 – July 22 at 10:30 a.m., Downtown
- **Storytelling and Music with Kirk Waller**, Kids, Saturday, June 20 at 11 a.m., Redwood Shores
- **Tween Creative Studio**, Tweens, Wednesdays at 4 p.m., Downtown
- **Jackpot Junction**, Teens, Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m., June 2 – August 25, Downtown
- **Lowkey Creative**, Teens, Thursdays at 3:30 p.m., June 4 – August 27, Downtown
- **Video Game Nights**, Teens, Tuesdays at 4 p.m. in June, Downtown
- **Movie Nights**, Teens, Thursdays at 4 p.m. in July, Downtown
- **Free the Curls**, All Ages, Tuesday, June 16 at 6:30 p.m., Redwood Shores
- **Juneteenth: A Historical Perspective and Conversation**, Adults, Thursday, June 18 at 6:00 p.m., Downtown
- **Fix-It Clinic**, Adults, Saturday, July 18 at 10:30 a.m., Downtown
- **Tai Chi**, Adults, Wednesday, July 8 and 22 at 11 a.m., Redwood Shores

Lunch at the Library

**Monday through Friday
12 p.m. to 1 p.m.**

The Downtown Library will host free daily lunch for children and teens Monday through Friday, June 15 – July 24. Kids and teens can enjoy nutritious meals alongside food and farm-themed activities with books that help young minds and bodies grow and thrive. No registration required; lunch will be first-come, first-served. Don't miss Fun Fridays: Fresh Experiences Before Lunch, starting at 11 a.m.!

