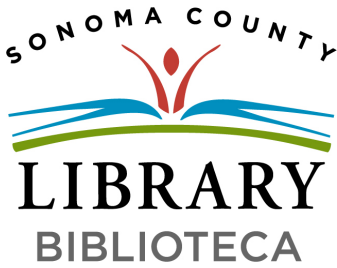


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"Reading brings us unknown friends."

Honoré Balzac

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Our mission is to bring information, ideas, and people together to build a stronger community

FROM THE DIRECTOR



**Sonoma County
Library Director
Erika Thibault**

Let's Read More in 2025

New Year's resolutions are a popular tradition where individuals set personal goals or intentions for the coming year.

This practice stems from a desire to make positive changes, break old habits, or strive for self-improvement. Many people view the start of a new year as a fresh beginning, a time to reflect

on the past and set clear objectives for the future.

Common New Year's resolutions include improving health, by exercising more, eating healthier, quitting smoking, or losing weight.

Others may focus on personal development, such as learning a new skill, reading more books, or enhancing career prospects through further education. Financial goals, like saving money or reducing debt, are also popular resolutions.

As I reflect on the typical resolutions many people make, I, too, have a personal goal that ties into this tradition. It might surprise you all to know that as a library director, I do not read as much as I would like.

Earlier in my career, when I was selecting materials for my branches, I routinely read book reviews and delighted in finding amazing new books to read and purchase for the library. The further ahead I advanced in my career, the less time I had for reading.

The other major factor for me is distractions from my smartphone. Constant notifications, social media, and apps compete for my attention, causing me to waste too much time on my phone! My New Year's resolution this year is to put down the phone and read more books!

Let's make reading a priority together—join me in the Sonoma County Library's Winter Reading Challenge. Sign up by visiting sonomalibrary.org/winter. More details are below. Let's get started!

Warm up with Books this Winter

Stay entertained and cozy this winter with Sonoma County Library's Winter Reading Challenge. Complete four lotería-style reading activities to earn a prize book. Complete 16 activities to be entered into the grand prize drawing for a Nintendo Switch.

Winter is the perfect season to embrace reading, spark creativity and spend time reading and discussing stories with others. Our Winter Reading Challenge offers something special for everyone with activities for all ages. Visit us in person at your local library or online to get started.

Sign up for the Winter Reading Challenge at sonomalibrary.beanstack.org or in the Beanstack app. Paper logs are available at your local library, or download and print from home at Sonomalibrary.org/winter.



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OUR PATRONS SAY ...

From library patrons:

"The library system goes way beyond expectations and keeps adding more."

"Love the library!"

"Books, free books. I submit a request for a book, I get an email that it has arrived and I check it out from a friendly person at the library. What more could you ask for?"

"The library has something for everyone. I am still learning about all the different services that are offered."

"Great locations. Clean and organized."

"Front staff are friendly and helpful. Reference Librarians are top shelf and knowledgeable. They know their collections and the system. Well lit, safe, warm, comfortable chairs and tables. A public space that is welcoming."

"The library is a great resource for my son and I. When he was younger, we utilized the reading programs, and now it's become a biweekly, sometimes sooner, visit for books that we wouldn't be able to access otherwise. Also, the staff are always so helpful!"

"Well organized, helpful employees, pleasant feeling, relaxing"

"As a retiree concerned about COVID-19, the ebook and audio books have become my first choice for reading and listening."

"The library is always a welcoming place. Expanded hours make it convenient to patronize. There are amazing programs. How lucky we are to have this great resource."

FROM THE COMMISSION CHAIR



**Library Commission
Chair Deborah Doyle**

Happy New Year to all! We hope your holidays were merry and bright.

Sonoma County Library's resources and programming can assist with setting and

achieving your New Year health and fitness goals, managing your finances, planning a special trip and more. Our up-to-date collections can provide information you'll need. Do try the new app.

Thanks again for supporting the sales tax renewal measure on November's ballot. Take advantage of the temporary services in Petaluma, Healdsburg, and Windsor and check out other library branches. We look forward to making 2024 a very productive year. Let us know how we can help.

Deborah Doyle
Chair, Sonoma County
Library Commission

Free people read freely!

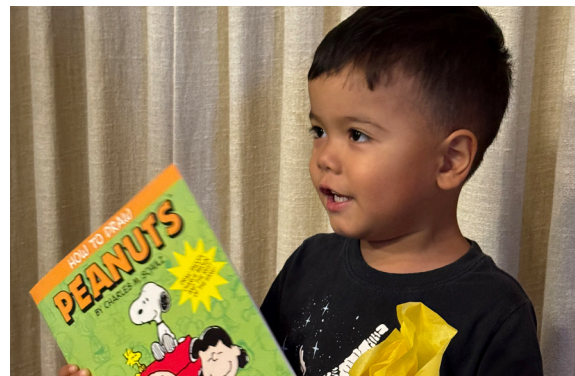
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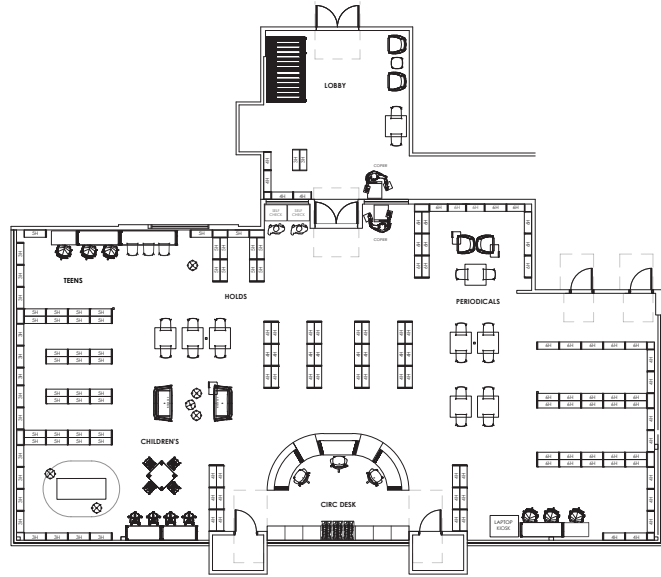


Windsor Regional Library modernization

CHANGE IS GOOD
The Windsor Regional Library will close **January 5** for a remodel.

The Windsor Mini Library will open in the library meeting room January 9. Books, holds, and computers.

UN BUEN CAMBIO
La Biblioteca Regional de Windsor cerrará el **5 de enero** para una remodelación.

La Mini Biblioteca de Windsor abrirá en la sala de reuniones de la biblioteca el **9 de enero**. Libros, títulos en espera, computadoras.



The Windsor Regional Library will close temporarily on January 5, 2025 to update the facility and improve the community's experience.

The library will be closed January 6-8, and the "Windsor Mini Library" will open on January 9 in the library meeting room. The full library will reopen in March.

In-person service is also available at the Healdsburg Mini and Northwest Santa Rosa Libraries, and the online library is open 24/7 at sonomalibrary.org.

Windsor is the third regional library to be under construction since last summer, thanks to the library sales tax.

Check out the library's new mobile app

Sonoma County Library has released a new-and-improved app. Patrons can access their digital library card and utilize the same great search features available in the library's catalog, all in one place.

Using the app, users can search books, movies, and music; check their account (including due dates and holds); download eBooks and eAudiobooks; look for events, check our free databases, locate libraries; and more.

More details can be found at sonomalibrary.org/mobile.

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