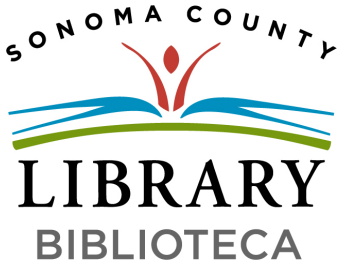


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“A library is a house of hope. It’s a place where we all, whatever our situation, can feed our ideas and develop our dreams.”

— Doug Wilhelm

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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**

A New Library for Roseland

It’s official – the Sonoma County Library and the City of Santa Rosa are partnering to build our first new library in 20 years!

The City of Santa Rosa has chosen Swinerton as the design-build firm for the Hearn Community Hub project, located in southwest Santa Rosa.

The hub campus will include a library and fire station in its first phase. Swinerton will work with Jayson Architecture for the library, and Shah Kawasaki Architects for the fire station. Both architecture firms are highly experienced in library and fire station design, and have worked on projects throughout California.

A rendering is below, and you can see more of the winning proposal by visiting srcity.org and

searching for “HCH” and “Storyboard B.”

This is not the final design—much more has to be done to refine it—but this is the design direction, and we are pleased with its flexible interior, striking exterior, and naturalistic landscaping plan.

The Swinerton proposal was also the highest-ranked choice in a community survey, and we are so pleased that all the participants in the process came to a unanimous decision for the direction of this exciting project.

The design phase will officially begin soon, and the City of Santa Rosa has scheduled a community meeting to present the design to stakeholders.

The “Vision Unveiling Ceremony” will take place on Thursday, December 12 from 6-8 pm at The Backdrop in Santa Rosa. Invitations to the surrounding community will be sent out soon. We hope to see you there!



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OUR PATRONS SAY ...

From library patrons:

“Great service, good books, interesting programs for all ages.”

“What can be better than reading books ... and everything else they offer ... for free?”

“All kinds of wonderful activities for all ages and abilities.”

“They have all kinds of wonderful activities for all ages and abilities.”

“I can always find something I like to read here.”

“Helpful staff, clean and friendly place.”

“Library offers great resources at no cost—amazing in today’s world!”

FROM THE COMMISSION CHAIR



Library Commission Chair Deborah Doyle

November is a month for reflection and gratitude.

We celebrate Veterans Day, Thanksgiving and Native American and Indigenous Peoples’ Month.

We welcome newly elected officials. The library is grateful for so many volunteers who worked to renew the sales tax

that partially funds our operations; at this writing, results are not final but we remain hopeful.

We still have a vacant seat for a Sonoma Valley Library Commission appointee.

Other holidays of interest this month: National Young Readers Week, November 11–15; and National Philanthropy Day, November 15.

Deborah Doyle
Chair, Sonoma County Library Commission

Free people read freely!



gratitude tree árbol de gratitud

What are you thankful for?
¿De qué o quién está agradecido?

What are you thankful for? Share your thoughts during the month of November and help our gratitude trees grow! Check out the gratitude tree at our 12 regional libraries.



The Sonoma County Library Commission

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Library Honors Native American & Indigenous Peoples' Month

Sonoma County Library recognizes Native American & Indigenous Peoples' Month throughout November with librarian-curated reading lists, special in-person events, virtual author talks, and more.

The monthlong celebration expresses the library's respect for local Native American communities, including the Miwok, Wappo, Wintun, Pomo, and Patwin, as well as the Indigenous Peoples from across the world who now make Sonoma County their home.

To create a stronger connection with Indigenous Peoples, the library partnered with local Southern Pomo artist Nicole Martinez Jones, a Sonoma County-based illustrator known for her whimsical drawings focused on local flora and fauna.

The library features her custom artwork in branch book displays, event posters, and on social media.

For more information, visit sonomalibrary.org/NAIPM.



Help Spread Cheer this Holiday Season



The Sonoma County Library's Send Our Seniors Mail program encourages kindness and support to local seniors for the upcoming holiday season and beyond. The library has created a list of participating senior living facilities as well as guidelines for patrons to create and send seniors cards, artwork, and letters. Staff at the facilities then distribute the mail to those who might benefit the most from the positive outreach. For a list of participating facilities visit sonomalibrary.org/sendmail.

