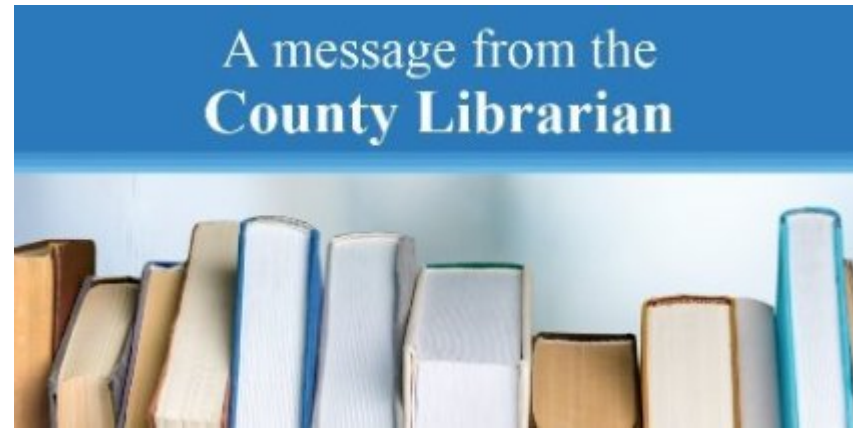


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Library News for April

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Dear Valued Library Patron,

Libraries are very special places to me. I say this not only because I have spent the last 20 years loving working for the Contra Costa County Library, but because libraries have been an integral part of every stage of my life. The public library and school libraries in the tiny, rural, Maine town where I grew up were a safe hangout for me and my friends that also provided us some independence. They were essential for doing our homework during the school year and for providing summer reading materials for fun.

[Read more](#)

Kindergarten Countdown

Is your child entering TK - 1st grade in the fall? Pick up a Kindergarten Countdown Activity Kit beginning Tuesday, April 5. Kits are available for children ages 3 - 6, while supplies last.

Youth Services Staff will host several online sessions demonstrating how to use the Kits and will be providing helpful early learning tips.

[Find out more](#)



Author Talk: *A Face for Picasso*

with Ariel Henley
 Wednesday, April 6 | 4 - 5 p.m.



A Face for Picasso: Author Talk with Ariel Henley

Wednesday, April 6
 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Ariel Henley explores beauty and identity in [A Face for Picasso](#), her memoir about resilience, sisterhood, and the strength it takes to put your life, and yourself, back together time and time again. The book is a Teen Honor winner of the Schneider Family Book Award for 'excellence of portrayal of the disability experience in literature for youth.'

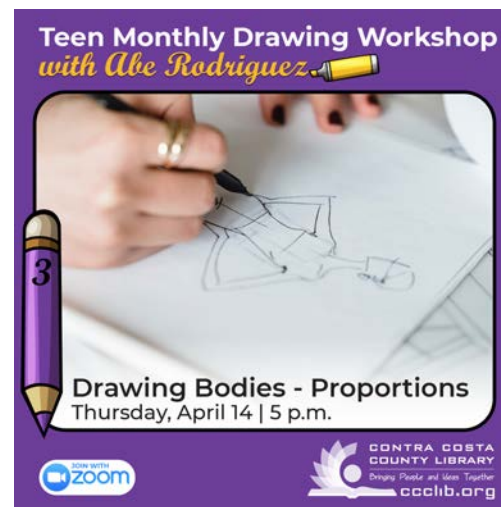
[Register for this author talk](#)

Teen Drawing Workshops with Mr. Abe

Thursday, April 14th
 5:00 - 6:00pm

Join us for the next drawing workshop for teens in our monthly series with Mr. Abe. Get some tips on how to draw full body characters and get around tricky things like arms and legs, body types, and of course, hands.

[Register for the workshop](#)



Bike Camping 101

Wednesday, April 20
 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

This class, in partnership with Bike East Bay, will cover all of the basic skills needed to plan a fun, comfortable, and safe bike camping trip. Whether planning for an overnight stay at one of our many great local parks or for a week plus long expedition, this workshop covers what to pack, where to go, and what to do when you're there.

[Register for the webinar](#)

Jungle James Animal Adventure

Wednesday, April 20
 4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Join us virtually for the second in our three-part Spring Nature Exploration Series as Jungle James brings the jungle to you. This engaging and educational program will feature 5-6 reptiles from around the world and you will learn about each animal's habitat, habits, and unique features.

[Register for this event](#)



All Hands on Deck: A Path to Our Sustainable Future

Thursday, April 21 | 4 - 5:30 p.m.



All Hands on Deck: A Path to Our Sustainable Future

Thursday, April 21
 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Learn how each of us can work toward a sustainable future in our lives and our communities. Discover new resources, tools, and ideas for how we can be part of the solution as we journey to get our environment and communities to a sustainable condition.

[Register for the webinar](#)

Earth Day 2022

Earth Day is an opportunity to reflect on global environmental concerns. To address these topics, Kanopy, the Library's streaming video service, has curated a collection of documentaries that focus on nature and the human impact on the environment.

[Explore these titles](#)



Meditation and Death: Meditator and Mystical Perspectives

Tuesday, April 26
 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Dr. Matthew Raider, long time meditator and contributing author to [Meditation as Medication for the Soul](#) by Rajinder Singh, will talk about the mystical aspect of meditation and how it relates to those that have had a 'Near-Death Experience.'

[Learn more](#)

Climate Careers Chat

Thursday, April 28
 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Curious about environmental and climate-related jobs? Join the Library and Sustainable Leaders in Action for a Climate Careers Chat, featuring two panelists from the marine science field who will share their education, career history, and advice.

[Register for this event](#)



Día Celebration with a Virtual Bilingual Storytime

Friday, April 29
 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Celebrate El día de los niños/El día de los libros (Children's Day/Book Day), with a very special virtual storytime. Enjoy bilingual books, songs, and activities with special guest readers from First 5 Contra Costa, Tandem Early Learning, and the Library.

[Register for the Storytime](#)

