SONOMA COUNTY LIBRARY FOUNDATION
Fundación de la Biblioteca

President's Update
March 2025

Supporting Libraries Across the Nation

Dear Chris,

On March 14, an executive order was issued to eliminate to the maximum extent the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the nation's only federal agency for American libraries.

Notes Library Director Erika Thibault: "Although these funding cuts may only impact Sonoma County Library nominally, they will affect libraries and museums nationwide in ways we cannot imagine. We are encouraging all

stakeholders to contact their elected officials and let them know that we in Sonoma County will not idly stand by and allow this to happen, here or anywhere."

If you, like many of us in the library (and museum!) fan club, are concerned about the loss of library funding and the negative impact it will have on our community and economy, please visit the American Library Association and EveryLibrary websites to learn more about how you can support our nation's libraries and museums.

Thank you!

Our Kind of Office Party

On March 6, we were thrilled to unveil a vision for the soon-to-be-built Roseland Regional Library at a reception with architect Abraham Jayson and Sonoma County Library Director Erika Thibault, generously hosted by Peter Colbert and his Wine Country Colbert Group team.

In addition to a display of renderings of the interior and exterior of the building, **SCLF President Chris Falley gave a sneak preview of naming opportunities**. We're so grateful that City of Santa Rosa Mayor Mark Stapp and Community Foundation Sonoma County President and CEO Óscar Chávez attended to lend their support.

Want to host an Office or House Party? Get in touch with the Fund Development Team--send us an email or give us a call at 707-545-0831 x1530!

Your Donations Making a Difference

Our thanks to Isaac Francisco for his gift of $103.61 in memory of Roger Harris (we also appreciate that Isaac covered the online processing fees too, that's a big help!)...**Welcome to first-time donor Shyam Ullal**, who gave $155.26...and another heaping helping of **gratitude to Pete and Jill Golis**, and their gift of $250 to the *Readers for Roseland* campaign, spearheaded by Gayle Guynup.

Give a Gift - Make a Difference

Another Chance to See *Free for All: The Public Library*

If you missed the screening of this important new documentary at the library earlier this month, you're in luck! **Mark your calendar for April 29 when KQED will air the film on television.**

Free for All: Inside the Public Library tells the story of the quiet revolutionaries who made a simple idea happen. From the pioneering women behind the “Free Library Movement” to today's librarians who service the public despite working in a contentious age of closures and book bans, meet those who created a civic institution where everything is free and the doors are open to all.

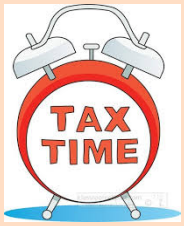
Explore Sonoma County Library's Events Calendar

Lunching & Learning at Wild Oak Saddle Club

Last Wednesday we took our show on the road and **made an information presentation at the wonderful Wild Oak Saddle Club for their Lunch & Learn** series.

An enthusiastic crowd of members braved the downpour to learn more about what the Library has to offer from Library Director Erika Thibault and SCLF's efforts to raise money for the new Roseland Regional Library from Treasurer Judy Glenn. **Many thanks to WOSC Board member Judy Farrell and General Manager Lori Darling for hosting us!**

If you belong to an organization and would like Erika and Judy to visit and share what's new and excellent at the library, drop us an line or give us a call at 707-545-0831 x1530.



Happenings at the Library

It's that time of year again--tax time! Pick up state and federal forms at your local branch, which also offers free printing of up to 33 pages per day. **Check out SCL's Tax webpage for more resources**.

By the time you read this, **the Cloverdale branch will have reopened** after its first phase of modernization! While the main building is open, the restrooms remain closed for further renovations. **A new patio is also under construction, using funds from the Claire McGowan Trust, which SCLF held in stewardship for the library.**

It's also that gardening time of year! Drop in each Tuesday at the Petaluma Mini Library to browse an information table stocked with county-specific gardening leaflets and ask questions of local garden experts from the UC Master Gardener Program of Sonoma County.

Ways to Share Your Love of the Library

Donations are always welcome (of course!) but there are many ways to support the Foundation's mission:

✧ **Become a Volunteer!** We can always use extra hands at our events and around the office, as well as for community outreach and fundraising

✧ **Host a library presentation** in your home, or at a meeting of your organization or business

✧ **Join our Readers for Roseland mailing list** and help build the collection for the new Roseland Regional Library

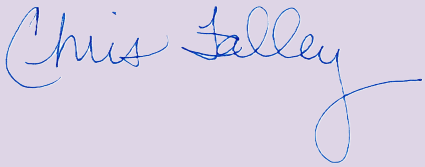
✧ **Join the David Sabsay Legacy Society** by including SCLF in your estate plan

✧ **Follow and share our social media posts**

✧ **Create a Facebook Fundraiser** to benefit the Foundation

✧ **Drop us a line with your feedback and ideas** for raising awareness about the Roseland campaign and supporting our library's mission

Thanks for reading! Til next time,



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