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The City of South San Francisco

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City of South San Francisco Celebrates National Library Week, April 9th to 15th, 2017

City to host free activities and programs for the entire family

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., April 7, 2017 - The City of South San Francisco is celebrating National Library Week, April 9 - 15, 2017, by providing a lineup of special events in addition to its ongoing programs and services to introduce - and reintroduce - the many wonders of the library to the young and young-at-heart.

This year's theme for National Library Week is "Libraries Transform," which highlights how our nation's libraries and library workers continue to transform the lives of residents through free access to technology, information literacy, diverse collections, and opportunities for community engagement.

"We welcome new users to the South San Francisco Public Library, and welcome back our regular users to explore the wide range of opportunities and resources available to them," said Valerie Sommer, South San Francisco Library Director. "For example, library users can get everything from Discover & Go Museum Passes, to taking 'Tutoring for Adults' classes, as well as checking out iPads and the nearly 10,000 e-books in our collection, to accessing Microsoft Office and the internet via free Wi-Fi services. Libraries are no longer just a place for books anymore."

As part of National Library Week, the City of South San Francisco's Main Library at 840 W. Orange Ave. is offering the below special events:

- **Sunday, April 9, 2:30 p.m.** - Stuff You Should Know Workshop on "Meal Planning and Nutrition"
- **Monday, April 10, 3:00 p.m.** - Coffee Talk on "Get to Know Your Librarians"
- **Wednesday, April 12, 3:00 p.m.** - Coffee Talk on "Get to Know your Librarians"
- **Wednesday, April 12, 7:00 p.m.** - "National Library Week Proclamation" presented at City Council Meeting
- **Thursday, April 13, 6:00 p.m.** - Author Talk on "Ponyville Confidential" by Sherilyn Connelly
- **Friday, April 14, 3:00 p.m.** - Coffee Talk on "Get to Know Your Librarians"
- **Saturday, April 15, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** - Library Open House (includes activities and refreshments)

As part of its ongoing programming, the South San Francisco Public Library also offers a speaker series, after-school Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) program, mobile library, disability services, children's story times, computer classes, a library directory app, and 11 online book clubs.

For individuals unable to visit the South San Francisco Public Library, its travelling counterpart, "Learning Wheels," drives to harder-to-reach neighborhoods in South San Francisco, as well as Daly City and San Bruno. Through Learning Wheels, a program of [Project Read](#), this mobile library provides an array of resources including a state-of-the-art computer, free books, and interactive educational toys. In addition to traveling to neighborhoods, Learning Wheels visits health care centers, home day care centers, homeless shelters, health care centers, and individual homes. For more information on "Learning Wheels" please call 650-829-3871.

To encourage new and existing library users to get connected, there is now a Library Directory App! The South San Francisco Public Library and Pacific Library Partnership have joined forces and designed a mobile phone application that provides a searchable directory of libraries in San Mateo County as well as the Counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, San Francisco, Monterey, Santa Cruz, San Benito, and Santa Cruz. Library users can also sign up to receive text-message alerts to stay current on library account activity, updates on item holds that are ready to be checked out, overdue notices, and courtesy notices for items that are due in two days. Text SIGNUP to pls@shoutbomb.com to stay informed, make renewing easier - and avoid late fees.

For more information about the South San Francisco Public Library, please drop by the Main Library at 840 West Orange Ave., call 650-829-3860, or

visit www.ssf.net/library.

[National Library Week](#), first sponsored in 1958, is observed each April by the American Library Association and libraries across the county.

"Now more than ever libraries and library workers are establishing themselves as trusted sources of information for both residents and the community," says Sommer. "The South San Francisco Public Library is here ready to unlock the wonderful world of literacy through your medium of choice whether it is electronic or printed."

About South San Francisco

The City of South San Francisco proudly remains *The Industrial City*, a reflection of its steel mill and ship building past, redefined to reflect the innovative, entrepreneurial and industrious spirit which has made South San Francisco the Biotech Capital of the World, with 214 active biotech companies and growing. A vibrant community of 64,585 residents, South San Francisco enjoys a high quality of life with an extensive public parks system, active library and learning programming and a dynamic, engaged community making South San Francisco a great place to live, learn, work and play.

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