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These achievements include a newly expanded and renovated Fillmore Library that reopened to the public in November 2022, a $1.54 million Building Forward grant from the state for the Ray D. Prueter Library in Port Hueneme, an $8.7 million Building Forward grant for the EP Foster Library in Ventura, a $980,000 Building Forward grant for the Meiners Oaks Library, the opening of a new library on the east side of Ventura (Hill Road Library) in 2017, the purchase and implementation of a new Mobile Library in 2019 through a $100,000 grant from the state and match from the Ventura County Library Foundation, multiple programs implemented through grants funds received including Lunch at the Library, Career Online High School and READ Adult Literacy, and many community partnerships established to implement dynamic and relevant public services such as Parent and Child Together classes in partnership with First 5 Ventura County and the School Mobile Library with Ventura County Office of Education.
VENTURA COUNTY LIBRARY FOUNDATION
Presents
RISING FROM THE ASHES HOME TOUR

DON’T MISS OUT!
SAVE THE DATE
Saturday, April 20, 2024 | 12PM - 4PM | Ventura, CA
Limited Tickets Go On Sale March 1, 2024
www.vclibraryfoundation.org
Tickets $50
SPRING EVENTS

Play to Learn

Drop-in play group for caregivers and kids aged 0-5 years.
Oak View Library in the Community Room
Tuesdays, 3:30pm, following the weekly 3pm storytime

These 30 minute sessions feature sensory, art, and perceptual/motor development activities. A great opportunity for social-emotional learning, and to practice school readiness skills!

Game on! Tabletop Games

11:00am - 1:00pm & 11:00am - 1:00pm
Saturdays at Oak View & Sundays at Hill Rd.

Drop by and choose from many types of games to play!
For all ages.
Fun for families or a great reason to meet with friends.

Ventura County Library

Minecraft

Servers for kids and teens

Join us for gaming at the library!
Kids aged 5-17, first come first served.
E.P. Foster & Hill Rd. Libraries

Mondays 3:30 - 5:00pm

In-Person & Virtual Storytime

Check our website for dates and times.
BLACK HISTORY MONTH

FEBRUARY 2024

This list of reads features more than one trailblazer. Find out about an Oscar-winning fashion designer, a former slave leading others north, a friend of First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt, and more.
WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

March is Women's History Month. Control over the self and your destiny fuels both the nonfiction issues and fictional desires of the women portrayed here.

Fiction

- The Majority
  Elizabeth L. Silver

- Her Lost Words

- All You Have to Do Is Call

- The Lost Journals of Sacajewea

Nonfiction

- Say Anarcha

- Tiya Miles
  Wild Girls

- 50 Years of Ms.

- A Woman's Life is a Human Life
  Felicia Kornbluh

- Madame Restell

- Femina
  Janina Ramirez
  A New History of the Middle Ages through the Women Writers of Out of It
HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF WOMEN

Children’s Picturebooks

Middle Grade

Teen

VC READER | Spring 2024 vencolibrary.org
There’s a large area to cover here - from Japan and Iran to India and Hawaii. Our fiction selections honoring Asian/Pacific Americans deal with characters confronting their heritage. For more Own Voices suggestions, try Novelist Plus in our eLibrary.

Nonfiction

*STRANGERS IN THEIR OWN LAND*

*New Zealand and the South Pacific Islands*

*SMITHSONIAN ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HISTORY, ART, AND CULTURE IN 101 OBJECTS* Edited by Theodore S. Gonzalves

*Arts of the Pacific Islands* Vol. 8

Young Adult Fiction

*IN LIMBO* by I. S. Lee

*FIREBIRD* by Sunmi

*AN ARROW TO THE MOON*
ASIAN/PACIFIC AMERICAN Heritage Month

May 2024

Children’s Picturebooks

A is for Asian American
Amy Wu and the Warm Welcome
Finding Papa
How We Say I Love You
Eyes that Speak to the Stars

Kapaemahu

Children’s Fiction & Nonfiction

What Is Yellow Peril?
Shining a Light
Ruby Lost and Found

PARACHUTE KIDS
YOU ARE HERE
Hawaii is a state of dreams and legends, unique culture, and beautiful customs. The fiction and nonfiction we’ve picked reveal the many facets of the islands.

**Fiction**

- Made in Hawaii by Cedric Yamanaka
- The Picture Bride
- Pieces of Blue
- Nuclear Family

**Nonfiction**

- 'Āina Hānau Birth Land
- Cook Real Hawai'i
- Tales of Polynesia
- Mark Twain's Hawaii
- Lei Aloha: Celebrating the Vibrant Flowers and Lei of Hawai'i
Cesar Chávez and Dolores Huerta were integral in changing the lives of migrant farmworkers in California. Chávez and Huerta worked together to create the National Farm Workers Association which dramatically changed the lives of migrant workers. Farm workers organized to receive higher wages, help with rents and improve living spaces in migrant worker camps. Find a book in the VCL collection and learn more about the joint efforts of Chávez and Huerta and how they changed history right here in California.
El día de los niños/El día de los libros (Children’s Day/Book Day), commonly known as Día, is a celebration every day of children, families, and reading that culminates yearly on April 30.

Día is a nationally recognized initiative that emphasizes the importance of literacy for all children of all linguistic and cultural backgrounds. It is a daily commitment to linking children and their families to diverse books, languages, and cultures.

American Library Association
May is Mental Health Awareness Month. From imposter syndrome to rage, panic attacks, depression, and eating disorders—mental health encompasses a myriad of symptoms and causes. These books take on a number of the things bothering us in the 21st century.

**Nonfiction**

- **Life B**
  - Overcoming Double Depression

- **No Time to Panic**

- **Mom Rage**
  - The Everyday Crises of Modern Motherhood

- **Your Brain on Art**
  - How the Arts Transform Us
  - Susan Magsamen and Ivy Ross

- **Unreliable Narrator**
  - Me, Myself, and Imposter Syndrome

- **What’s Eating Us**
  - Women, Food, and the Epidemic of Body Anxiety

- **Zig-Zag Boy**
  - A Memoir of Madness and Motherhood

- **Fires in the Dark**
  - Healing the Unquiet Mind

- **Sure, I’ll Join Your Cult**
  - Maria Bamford

A Memoir of Mental Illness and the Quest to Belong Among Others
Mental Health Awareness

Youth Titles

Find books chosen in collaboration with the County of Ventura Employee Assistance Program (EAP) on a variety of mental health topics at Cloud Library.

Children’s Picturebooks

Children’s Nonfiction

Young Adult

Fiction

Nonfiction
Gardens

Nonfiction

These books all feature gardens in some way or another. Delve into them and take time to cultivate your attachment to the earth.

Diary of a Tuscan Bookshop

InCITING JOY

The COMFORT of CROWS

natures best hope

Wild WITCHCRAFT

ESAYS

Margaret Renkl

Nature’s best hope

Letter of Late Migrations
Ireland
Travel to Ireland via books this spring!

Fiction

- "The Magician's Daughter"
- "The Connellys of County Down"
- "The Lock-Up"
- "the happy couple"
- "the wren, the wren"

Nonfiction

- "The Strangers' House"
- "Sanctuary"
- "Returning Light"
- "A Guest at the Feast"
**MAKE A JEEPNEY!**

1. Color
2. Cut out on black dotted line
3. Fold on dotted gray line
4. Match the blue tabs then glue or tape
5. Match the gray tabs then glue or tape

**jeepney**

/nɪˈpɛni/ noun
1. (in the Philippines) a small bus, often colorfully decorated, created by converting a jeep
Instructions:
1. Color
2. Cut out on black dotted line.
3. Fold on dotted gray line
4. Match the blue tabs then glue or tape.

**tuk-tuk**
/ˈtʊktʊk/
noun
1. A motorized rickshaw, especially Southeast Asia or India.