

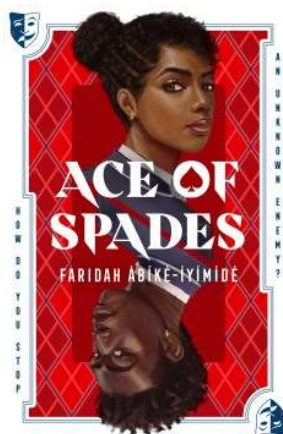


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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

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Ace of spades

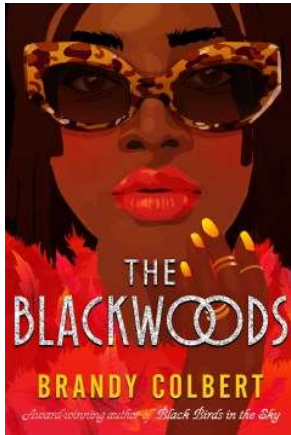
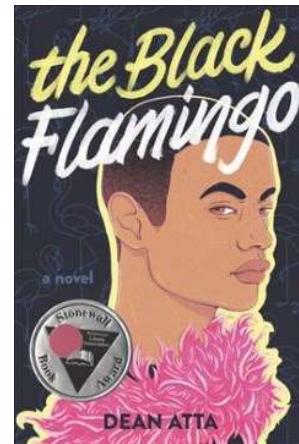
by Faridah Àbíké-Íyímídé

A contemporary thriller by a debut author follows two Niveus Private Academy students who, selected to be part of the elite school's senior class prefects, are pitted against an anonymous bully who reveals all of their secrets.

The black flamingo

by Dean Atta

A fierce coming-of-age novel about identity and the liberating power of drag follows the experiences of a mixed-race teen in London who struggles to connect with his heritage before coming out and establishing his place in Drag Society.



The Blackwoods

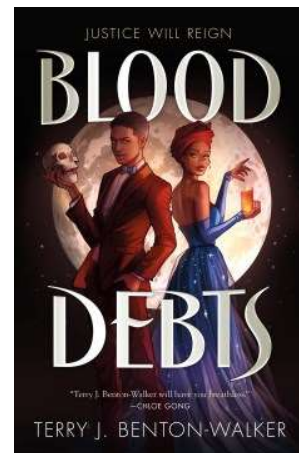
by Brandy Colbert

Told from multiple points of view, Ardith and Hollis Blackwood's lives are upended when their great-grandmother, legendary actress Blossom Blackwood, passes away, and family secrets emerge

Blood debts

by Terry J. Benton-Walker

Cristina and Clement, 16-year-old twin heirs to a powerful, magical, dethroned family in New Orleans, must find a way to trust each other and their family's magic to solve a decade's old murder and stop another massacre from destroying the city. 200,000 first printing. Simultaneous eBook.



The Davenports

by Krystal Marquis

Inspired by the real-life story of C.R. Patterson and his family, this sweeping novel is centered around the Davenports, one of the few Black families of immense wealth, and follows four determined and passionate young Black women who discover the courage to take charge of their lives?—and love. Simultaneous eBook.



The taking of Jake Livingston

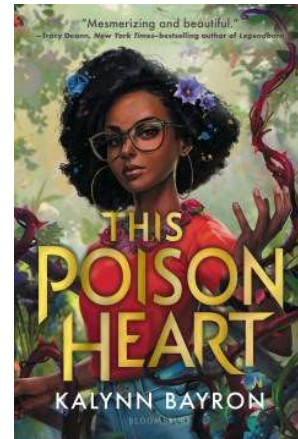
by Ryan Douglass

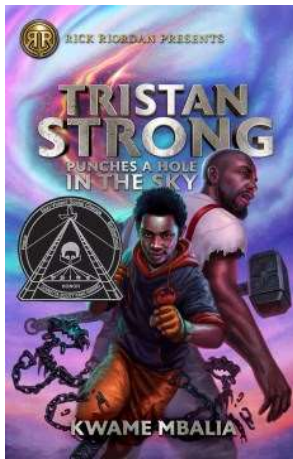
"When a murderous ghost begins to haunt sixteen-year-old Jake Livingston, high school soon becomes a different kind of survival game"

This poison heart

by Kalynn Bayron

While learning to control her gift, the ability to grow plants from tiny seeds to rich blooms, Briseis must use her powers to save her family from a centuries-old curse as dark forces surround her. 85,000 first printing. Simultaneous eBook.





Tristan Strong punches a hole in the sky

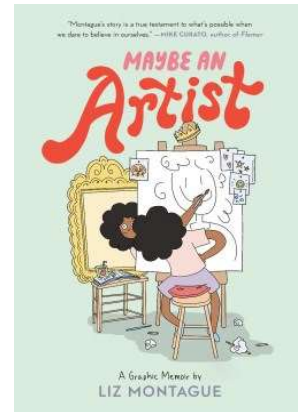
by Kwame Mbalia

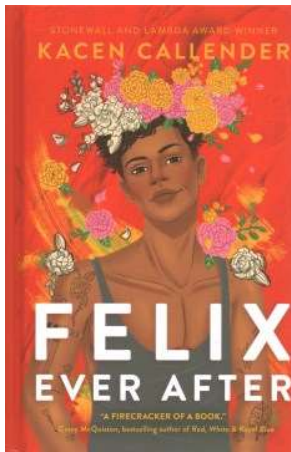
Haunted by the bus accident that ended his best friend's life, seventh grader Tristan Strong dreads a visit to his grandparents' Alabama farm before a bizarre living doll snatches away his friend's notebook and draws him into a world of burning seas, iron monsters and exhausted black folk heroes.

Maybe an artist : a graphic memoir

by Liz Montague

"One of the first Black female cartoonists to be published in the New Yorker offers this brilliant, laugh-out-loud memoir in which she shares the events in her life that led to her success. Simultaneous and eBook. Illustrations. "





Felix ever after

by Kacen Callender

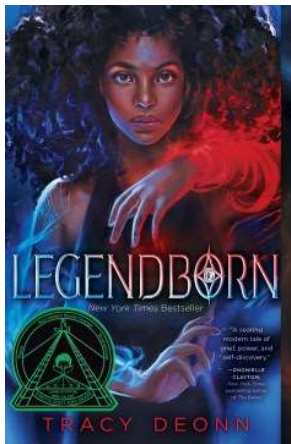
"A Stonewall Honor Book From Stonewall and Lambda Award-winning author Kacen Callender comes a revelatory YA novel about a transgender teen grappling with identity and self-discovery while falling in love for the first time. Felix Love has never been in love--and, yes, he's painfully aware of the irony. He desperately wants to know what it's like and why it seems so easy for everyone but him to find someone. What's worse is that, even though he is proud of his identity, Felix also secretly fears that he's one marginalization too many--Black, queer, and transgender--to ever get his own happily-ever-after. When an anonymous student begins sending him transphobic messages--after publicly posting Felix's deadname alongside images of him before he transitioned--Felix comes up with a plan for revenge. What he didn't count on: his catfish scenario landing him in a quasi-love triangle.... But as he navigates his complicated feelings, Felix begins a journey of questioning and self-discovery that helps redefine his most important relationship: how he feels about himself. Felix Ever After is an honest and layered story about identity, falling in love, and recognizing the love you deserve. "Felix is attending an ultracompetitive arts summer program to have a better shot at a full scholarship to Brown when someone posts Felix's dead name beside photos of him, pre-transition, in the school's lobby. Felix's plot to get revenge throws him onto the path of love and self-discovery." (Publishers Weekly, "An Anti-Racist Children's and YA Reading List")"

The gilded ones

by Namina Forna

Inspired by the culture of West Africa, a feminist fantasy debut traces the experiences of an intuitive girl who is invited to leave her discriminatory village to join the emperor's army of near-immortal women warriors.



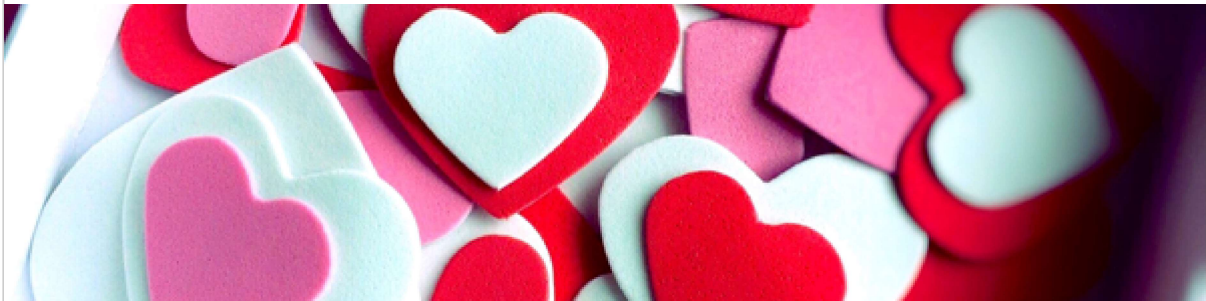


Legendborn

by Tracy Deonn

Wanting to escape her previous life after the accidental death of her mother, 16-year-old Bree enrolls in a program for high school students at the local university before her witness to a magical attack reveals her undiscovered powers as well as sinister truths about her mother's death.

ROMANCE BOOKLIST



Cupid's revenge

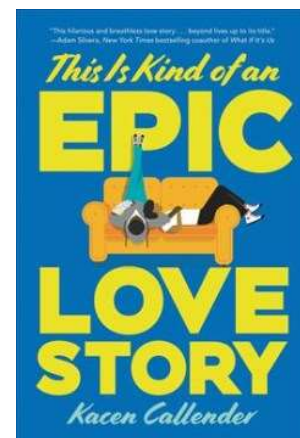
by Wibke Brueggemann

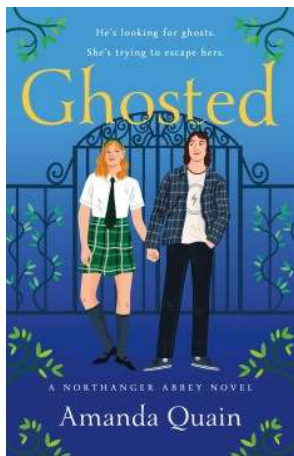
Unlike her friend Teddy, sixteen-year-old Tilly is not looking for a girlfriend, but when Teddy forms a crush on Katherine Cooper-Bunting, his co-star in their community theater production, Tilly finds herself also swooning over her

This is kind of an epic love story

by Kacen Callender

Budding screenwriter Nate, sixteen, finds his conviction that happy endings do not happen in real life sorely tested when his childhood best friend and crush, Oliver James Hernandez, moves back to town





Ghosted : a Northanger Abbey novel

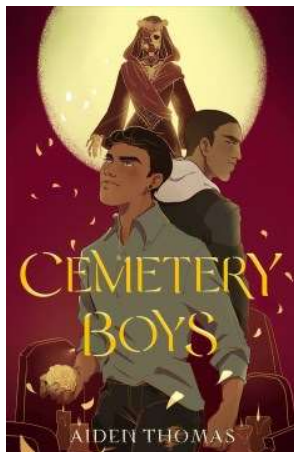
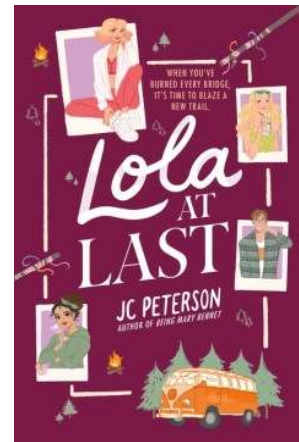
by Amanda Quain

Partnered with new student Kit for an investigative project on Northanger Abbey's paranormal activity, Hattie soon realizes he might be the kind of person who makes her want to believe in something?—? and someone?—?for the first time. 50,000 first printing. Simultaneous eBook.

Lola at last

by JC Peterson

"After causing a fire on a party boat, Lola Barnes is sent to nonprofit camp Hike Like a Girl, where she finds something she's been missing all along?—?friends, romance and a strength she didn't know she had. 35,000 first printing. Simultaneous eBook. "



Cemetery boys

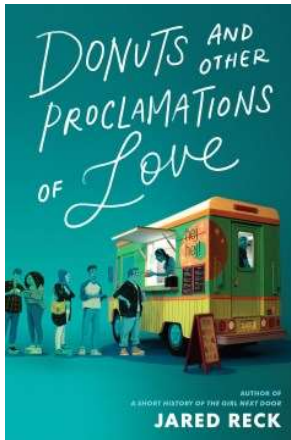
by Aiden Thomas

Determined to prove himself a real brujo to the traditional Latinx family that does not accept his true gender, a trans boy summons the ghost of the resident bad boy, who refuses to return quietly to death.

The matchbreaker summer

by Annie Rains

When her mom decides to close Camp Seabrook because she's marrying a guy she met online, 16-year-old Paisley Manning teams up with polar opposite Hayden Bennett to break up the happy couple—and loses her heart in the process. Original. Simultaneous eBook. ?



Donuts and other proclamations of love

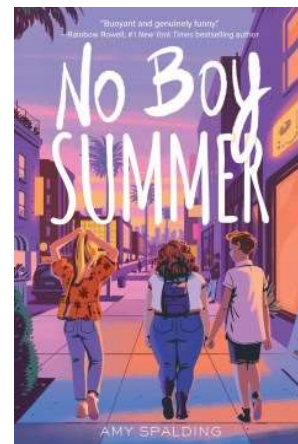
by Jared Reck

When his life is invaded by the overachieving Lou, who ropes him into helping her gain her Girl Scout Gold Award, high school senior and food truck operator Oscar finds his future going in a very different direction than planned. Simultaneous eBook.

No boy summer : a novel

by Amy Spalding

Swearing off boys for the summer while staying with their aunt in Los Angeles, Lydia and her younger sister Penny make a pact, but when Lydia meets Fran, who has mutual feelings for her, she decides to secretly bend the rules. 25,000 first printing.





This time it's real

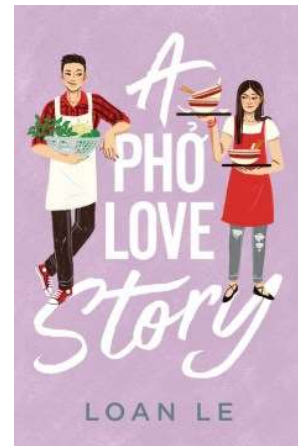
by Ann Liang

"To keep a massive secret from coming out, 17-year-old Eliza Lin asks the famous actor in her class to pose as her fake boyfriend in exchange for writing his college applications?—an agreement that starts to feel all too real, threatening her carefully laid plans. Simultaneous eBook. "

A phở love story

by Loan Le

Avoiding each other most of their lives because of a mysterious rivalry, two Vietnamese-American teens from competing pho restaurants fall in love by chance while uncovering the reason behind their families' generations-old feud. A first novel. 50,000 first printing. Simultaneous and eBook.



Getting over Max Cooper

by Marcelle Karp

With her best friend Macy still obsessing over her hookup with Max Cooper the summer before, Jazz begins to see that she knows only one side of the story and must help Macy before something terrible happens. Simultaneous eBook.

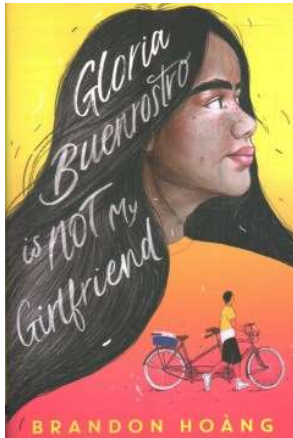
Fake dates and mooncakes

by Sher Lee

"Dylan Tang wants to win a Mid-Autumn Festival mooncake-making competition for teen chefs--in memory of his mom, and to bring much-needed publicity to his aunt's struggling Chinese takeout in Brooklyn. Enter Theo Somers: charming, wealthy, with a smile that makes Dylan's stomach do backflips. Their worlds are sun-and-moon apart, but Theo keeps showing up. He even convinces Dylan to be his fake date at a family wedding in the Hamptons. In Theo's glittering world of pomp, privilege, and crazy rich drama, their romance is supposed to be just pretend...but Dylan finds himself falling for Theo. Then Theo's relatives



reveal their true colors--but with the mooncake contest looming, Dylan can't risk being sidetracked by rich-people problems. Can Dylan save his family's business and follow his heart--or will he fail to do both?"



Gloria Buenrostro is not my girlfriend

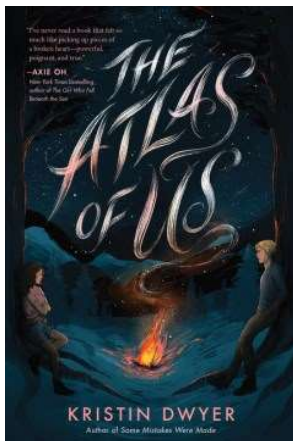
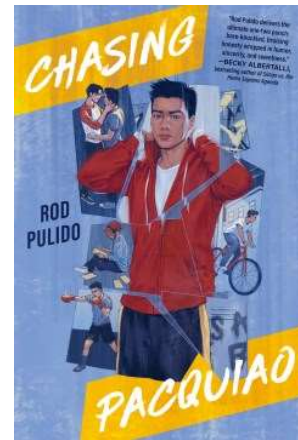
by Brandon Hoang

To gain entrance to the popular crowd, Gary must acquire a prized possession from Gloria Buenrostro, a beautiful and mysterious girl, but as he gets to know her, he realizes no amount of popularity is worth losing a true friend. 35,000 first printing. Simultaneous eBook.

Chasing Pacquiao

by Rod Pulido

When Bobby is unwillingly outed he turns to boxing, finding a hero in Filipino boxer Manny Pacquiao, but when Pacquiao publicly denounces homosexuality, Bobby must discover a hero within himself



The atlas of us

by Kristin Dwyer

"Atlas has lost her way. In a last-ditch effort to pull her life together, she's working on a community service program rehabbing trails in the Western Sierras. The only plus is that the days are so exhausting that Atlas might just be tired enough to forget that this was one of her dad's favorite places in the world. Before cancer stole him from her life, that is. Using real names is forbidden on the trail. So Atlas becomes Maps, and with her team-Books, Sugar, Junior, and King-she heads into the wilderness. As she sheds the lies she's built up as walls to protect herself, she realizes that four strangers might know her better than anyone has before. And with the end of the trail racing to meet them, Maps is left counting down the days until she returns to her old life--without her new family, and without King, who's become more than just a friend"

TEEN PROGRAMS

**Come check out and participate in our teen programs.
Programs are listed from 2/9 to 3/9.**



Los Osos Library - Lunar New Year Celebration

Friday, February 9, 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Los Osos Library - Children's Area

Learn all about the Lunar New Year while making fun holiday crafts! Wear your finest red outfit for good luck! Welcome to the year of the dragon.



Valentines Day Card Making

Saturday, February 10, 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Nipomo Library - Community Room

Join us for a crafty afternoon and create your own personalized Valentines cards using our cards, stamps, ribbons cutouts and more. You supply the spark, inspiration, and creativity to make your cards funny, sentimental or romantic. A stamping good time for all ages. No registration required.

Chess Club

Friday, February 16, 2:00 PM - 4:30 PM

Nipomo Library - Community Room

Would you like to learn to play chess? Would you like to improve your chess strategy and meet other players? Join us on the third Friday of the month from 2:00-4:30. School ages to seniors are welcome. Game boards and instruction will be provided. Register for a text or email reminder. Registration not required to attend.



Frankentoy

Saturday, February 17, 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Cambria Library

Join us at the Cambria Library to mix and match pre-loved stuffed animals to create your new best friend! Ages 8+ with adult supervision . Registration required



Morro Bay Library - Teen Advisory Board Meeting

Saturday, February 17, 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Morro Bay Library - Program Room

Calling all teens! Looking for volunteer or community service hours? Help Librarian Emily create a new Teen Advisory Board! Participation can be listed on job, scholarship and college applications. Help plan teen events, create content for social media, create contest ideas, recommend books, movies and more. Tell me what rad stuff you want to see happen! There will be snacks. For ages 12-18.

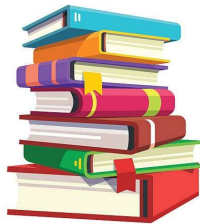


SLO Library - Teen Advisory Board Meeting

Saturday, February 17 and March 9, 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

San Luis Obispo Library - Teen Area

Looking for volunteer or community service hours? Join San Luis Obispo Library's Teen Advisory Board! Participation can be listed on job, scholarship and college applications. Help plan virtual and in person teen events, create content for social media, create contest ideas, recommend books, movies and more. All meetings will be held in the Teen Area of the San Luis Obispo Library and on Zoom. Light refreshments will be provided. You must be 12-18 years old.



Teen Book Club at Atascadero Library

Wednesday, February 21, 3:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Atascadero Library - O'Grady Conference Room

Fiction, Graphic Novels, Manga - it all counts! Let's talk about it! Snacks provided. For ages 12-17.



Los Osos Library - Plant Swap

Saturday, February 24, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Los Osos Library

Calling all plant enthusiasts, newbies, and everyone in between! Bring along any plants, cuttings, starts and pots you'd like to share; then take home a new plant for yourself. Don't have a plant to share? We'll have extras, so come anyway! Also, check out our seed library while you're here to inspire your spring garden. *Please label each plant with its name along with its light, soil, and water preferences if possible.

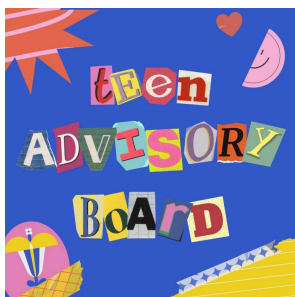


Mini Canvas Painting

Saturday, February 24, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

San Miguel Library

Let's get warm and cozy in the library and make a cute mini painting. Or an ugly one. That's works too. Pongámonos cómodos en la biblioteca y hagamos un lindo mini cuadro. O uno feo. Eso también está bien.



Los Osos Library - Teen Advisory Board Meeting

Saturday, February 24, 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Los Osos Library

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Teen Book Club

Saturday, February 24, 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

San Luis Obispo Library - Teen Area

Come join us to talk about books! This program will be held in the Teen Area of the San Luis Obispo Library. Light refreshments will be served. Bring a friend! Ages 10-17. For this month, we will be reading Hex Americana by Bree Wolf.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5736148024> Meeting ID: 573 614 8024

All library programs will follow current state and county health guidelines.

DIY Terrarium

Tuesday, February 27, 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Cambria Library

In 2024 the Cambria Library is dedicated to sustainable crafting. Help us get started with this easy and fun DIY Terrarium using recycled glass containers and sustainably sourced plants and soil! Ages 5+ with adult supervision. Registration required



Teen Book Swap

Friday, March 1, 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

San Luis Obispo Library - Teen Area

Are you looking to revamp your personal library? Look no further! The main SLO Library is holding a monthly Teen Book Swap! Come on by and



swap some books and find new treasures! Teen Book Swap is located in the Teen Area on the second floor of the SLO Library. Snacks will be provided.

Arroyo Grande Library Central Coast Aquarium Touch Tanks

Saturday, March 2, 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM
Arroyo Grande Library

Join us at the Arroyo Grande Library as we explore the animals that live in our local tide pools. The Central Coast Aquarium will bring their mobile touch tanks and will allow kids to gently touch the animals. All ages are welcome.



S.T.E.A.M. Workshop for Kids

Saturday, March 2, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Santa Margarita Library

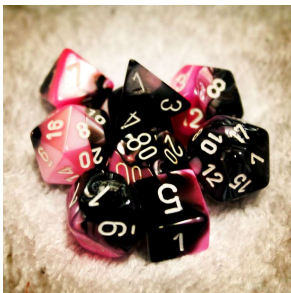
Kids will create a S.T.E.A.M. project with Kiwi Boxes to take home. Running short on time? Register and take a box to go. This program is for ages 9+. Registration begins 2/17/2024 at 8:00 am.



Teen Advisory Board- South County

Saturday, March 2, 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Arroyo Grande Library

Monthly meeting of the Arroyo Grande Library Teen Advisory Board. Design & promote teen library programs! Great for resume, college application, or community service credits. Ages 13+ Minimum commitment of 6 months. Register today to receive a reminder the week of the event.



Los Osos Library - Dungeons & Dragons for Teens

Saturday, March 9, 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Los Osos Library - Library

Teens and tweens: Local Dungeon Master John will take us on a voyage to The Enchanted Woods! You and your friends are attending a school for wizards, but on a field trip to the Enchanted Woods you get separated from your group! Work together with your friends, watch out for dangers, and get help from the forest's residents to get safely back to your class before night falls! For ages 11-18. Space is limited so please register!

Around the Stacks

Around the Stacks! Apart from programs, we have other fun activities you and your friends can do together.

Nintendo Switch @ SLO Teen Area

Tuesday thru Saturday, Open to 15 minutes to closing
SLO Library - Teen Area

Come to your SLO Library Teen Area to hang out and play some Nintendo Switch. Ages 10 to 17. Limited to one-hour sessions.



SLO Library 3d Printing

Tuesday thru Friday, Open till 30 minutes closing
SLO Library - Children's Area

Check our 3D Printer Use Policy at [3d_print_pol.pdf \(slolibrary.org\)](#). When your project is ready, make an appointment to bring it to the Children's Desk. This is a DIY project.

Please call the Children's Department at 805-781-5775 with any questions.

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Boardgame Cart in SLO Library Teen Area

Tuesday thru Saturday, Open to 15 minutes before closing.
SLO Library - Teen Area

The fabulous teens from TAB and the SLO Library has partner up to bring you a board game cart for the teen area. Come to SLO Library Teen Area and play some boardgames! Totally free to use and open to all your friends and family to play.





County of SLO Public Libraries Boardgame collection!

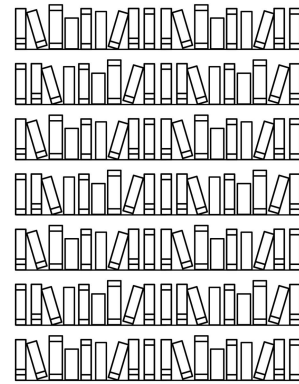
Tuesday thru Saturday, Any time
All Locations

The County of SLO Public Libraries are now offering board games to check out!

Avid Readers and Writers! SLO Teen Area Book reviews!

Tuesday thru Saturday, Open till Close
SLO Library - Teen Area

Avid readers and writers, the SLO Library needs your help! We are always looking to collect book reviews and share them with other teens! Interested! Head to the Teen Area at SLO Library and pick up book review form. When you finish your review, hand it to the Children's Desk and we will post it for teens to read!



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