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- SUBJECT: Celebrate National Library Week at Ventura County Library
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- DATE: Week of April 6-12, 2025

Ventura, CA – What draws people to the library? Everything! From books and digital resources to job assistance and creative programming, libraries are essential to thriving communities.

National Library Week, April 6–12, 2025, is a time to celebrate the many ways libraries bring people together, spark imagination, and support lifelong learning. First celebrated in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association and libraries of all types across the country continue this tradition each April.

At the Ventura County Library, we invite the community to join the celebration! Whether you're a longterm patron or haven't visited in a while, now is the perfect time to explore all the library has to offer. Our library provides free access to computers and Wi-Fi, books in electronic or print formats, homework help, reading instruction for adults, STEAM programs for youth, story times and early childhood literacy programs, and much more, ensuring that everyone has access to resources that educate, inspire, and connect.

Whatever draws you in, the library has something for everyone. Whether you're preparing for a career change, launching a business, raising a family, or embracing retirement, the Ventura County Library is here to support your journey. Libraries serve as hubs for learning, creativity, and connection, helping people of all ages explore new ideas and opportunities.

Join us for special National Library Week events:

- **Hill Road Library**: Bee Brilliant: Nature's Tiny Heroes Dive into the fascinating world of bees! Children will learn about bee biology, hive life, pollination, and why these tiny insects are crucial to our ecosystem. Through interactive activities, kids will discover how bees communicate, make honey, and help our planet. Class is intended for children through age 12. Taught by certified Master Gardener Kat Baker. Thursday, April 10, 2025; 3:30pm -4:30 p.m.
- **Fillmore Library**: Paws for Reading Join us at the Fillmore Library for an adorable and educational event: Paws for Reading! Kids can cozy up with a furry friend and practice their

reading skills. It's a paw-some way to boost confidence and foster a love for reading! Tuesday, April 8, 2025; 3:00pm - 4:00pm

- Oak View Library: Science Lab for Kids Fun activities exploring STEAM: science technology, engineering, art, & math. Best suited for students in grades 3-6. Thursday, April 10, 2025; 3:00pm 4:00pm
- **Ojai Library**: Movie Night This program aims to provide a fun and relaxing way for patrons to enjoy a diverse selection of films, ranging from classic favorites to contemporary hits. The movie listings will be posted in the library, ensuring that everyone can stay up to date with the upcoming features. Thursday, April 10, 2025; 5:00pm 8:00pm
- **Oak View Library**: Art Salon for Adults Join us for a self-directed, relaxed exploration of visual mixed-media arts and crafts. It's a great opportunity to meet other creative-minded folks from the Oak View community. Basic supplies are provided through generous support of the Ojai Valley Library Friends and Foundation. Saturday, April 12, 2025; 10:00am 12:00pm
- **Ojai Library**: Scavenger Hunt for Families Calling all book explorers! Join us for a fun-filled scavenger hunt. This exciting adventure will take you through every corner of the library to uncover hidden treasures. Available all week during library open hours.
- **Ojai Library**: Letter Writing Station Write a letter to your favorite storybook character. Come back on Sunday, April 13, 2025 to receive a letter back! Available all week during library open hours.

This National Library Week, take time to rediscover the library and see how it draws us together as a community. Whether you're visiting for books, resources, or a place to connect, the Ventura County Library is here for you.

For more information about National Library Week events at the Ventura County Library, visit <u>www.vencolibrary.org</u> and follow us on social media.

All events are free and open to the public.

Ventura County Library: Inspiring our community to explore, discover and connect. The Ventura County Library is available 24/7 at <u>www.vencolibrary.org</u>.



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