

# Participatory Libraries in the United States

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# San Rafael

- north of San Francisco
- 60,000 residents
- 30% speak Spanish

# The Library

- 15,000 sq feet + 500 (branch)
- main library 105 years old
- lowest funding in the area



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# 13 Participatory U.S. Libraries



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Detroit Public Library  
Michigan

HYPE Makerspace

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### **Bike Tech**

Be your own bike mechanic! Learn how to maintain, fix, and customize your bicycle. Biking is quickly gaining in popularity around the country, join in the movement and become a bike tech expert. In partnership with The Hub of Detroit bicycle shop.

<http://www.thehubofdetroit.org>

### **Electronics**

Learn the basics of how electronics work, and take control of the electronic world around you. Workshops include how to solder and circuit bending.

### **DIY Crafting**

Let's get crafty! Work on papercraft, knitting, cross-stitch, and more! No experience necessary, make great gifts for friends and family, or maybe even start your own crafting business. Find new ideas and come in with even more projects we can work on!

### **Graphic Design**

Show your artistic side! Learn to make your own vinyl stickers, spray paint stencils, and silk-screen prints! Create designs and print them out using our Silhouette Cameo cutting tool.

### **Sewing/Wearables**

Work that fashion! Learn how to make your own clothing visions become a reality. Design clothes and accessories you want, and then make them with our collection of sewing machines. Basic sewing skills taught for those who aren't familiar in the use of sewing machines.

### **Arduino Robotics**

Build your own robot army! Learn the basics of electronic circuits, then build and program your own robot. We use the open source Arduino micro-controller, which has a ton of free resources and tutorials available online.

<http://www.arduino.cc>

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Experimental Music





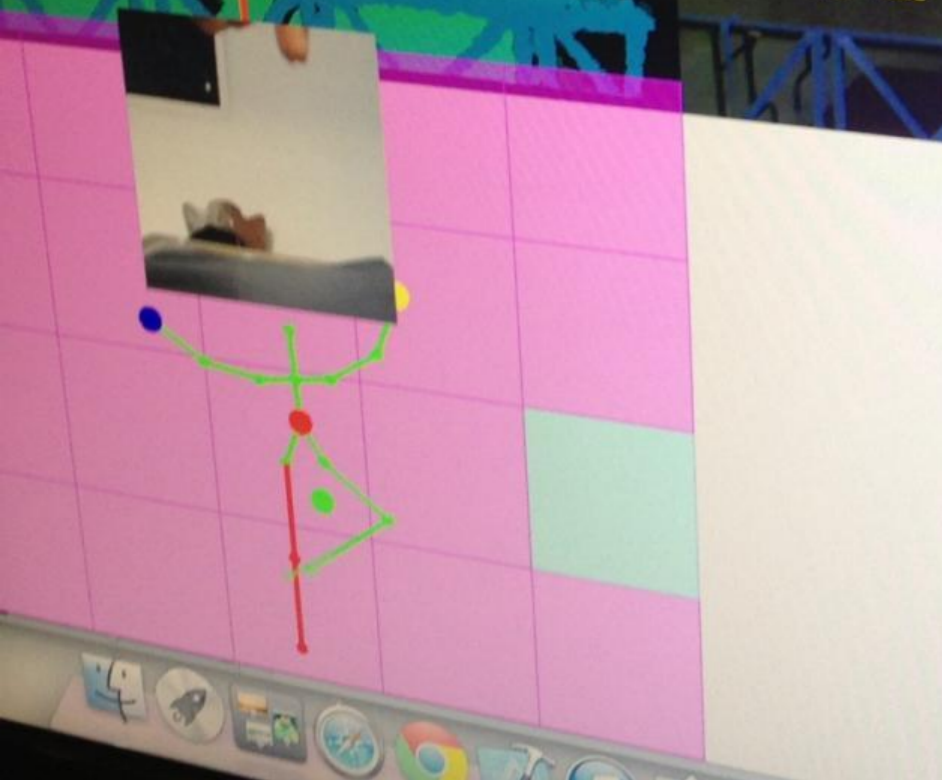
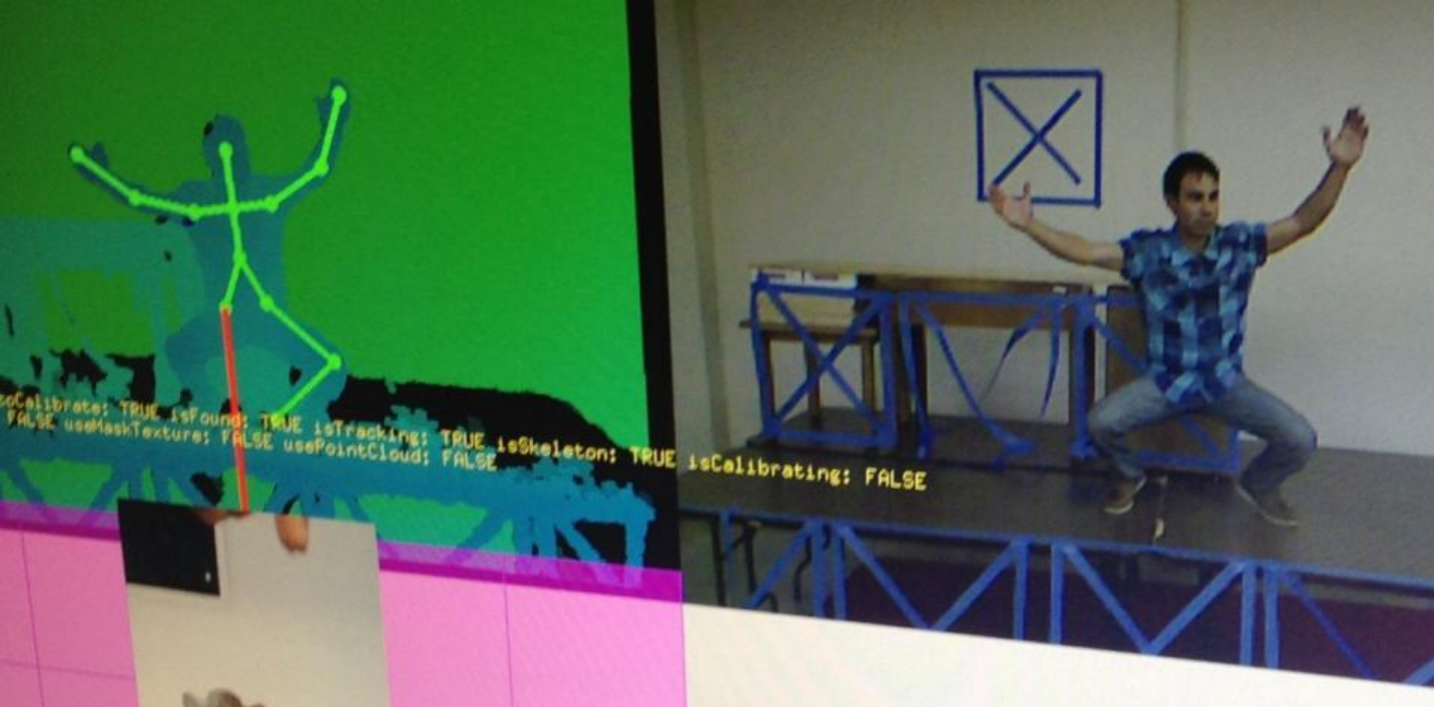
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AtTheLibrary



# Chattanooga Public Library Tennessee

4<sup>th</sup> Floor



**Our Vision:** The 4th floor is a public laboratory and educational facility with a focus on information, design, technology, and the applied arts. The 14,000 sq foot space hosts equipment, expertise, programs, events, and meetings that work within this scope. While traditional library spaces support the consumption of knowledge by offering access to media, the 4th floor is unique because it supports the production, connection, and sharing of knowledge by offering access to tools and instruction.



[chattlibrary.org/4th-floor](http://chattlibrary.org/4th-floor)

# Oak Park Public Library Illinois

## Idea Box



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UNKNOWN PLACES

FUTURES

EXPERIENCES

SOMETHING I LEARNED WHEN TRAVELING WAS...

Never let go  
of your mom's  
hand in Rome

Elisa betta

TO: NEW EXPERIENCES IN...

Italy, Rome



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Madison Public Library  
Wisconsin

The Bubbler

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### Madison Bubbler

RT @ArtsExtract: Chants + video art at Central Library.

<http://t.co/58WQ6AUMWy>

about 18 hours ago



### Madison Bubbler

Join us tomorrow from 5-9pm in the Art Gallery for Fall Gallery Night. 60+ local artists, Bubbler project & more!

<http://t.co/nG2Mo6a3Jo>

about 2 days ago



### Madison Bubbler

Surprise! @ChantsWI will be playing at @madisonlibrary 8-9pm this Friday for @MMoCAMadison gallery night! #madgallerynight

#awesome #love

about 2 days ago



### Madison Bubbler

RT @MadisonBiz: Be the next 5 to retweet this and pick up a prize at our Oct. 9th Big Night Out @Madisonbubbler. #ultimatenetworking

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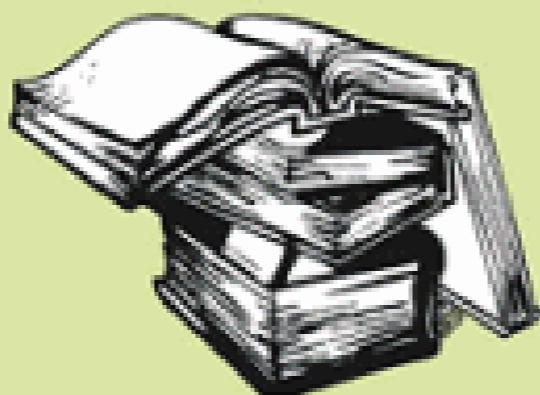


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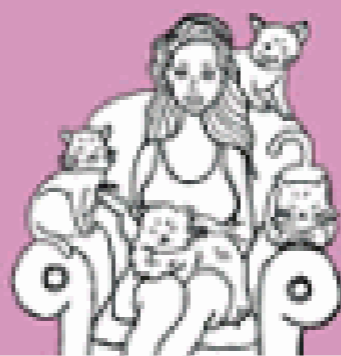
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Iowa City Public Library  
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Local Music Project

# Local Music Project

People come and go in a college town. Bands come and go. Playing in a small market like Iowa City too often means day jobs, lots of travel, or playing locally so often that people begin to take you for granted.

Iowa City Public Library has loaned music for decades, CD's most recently, but vinyl before that. The market for these is shrinking though, and we've been looking for a new model. Here it is.

If you have a library card and [password](#), and live in Iowa City or an area that contracts with us (Iowa City, rural Johnson County, Hills or University Heights) you can download this music. You own it forever. Put it on your phone. Play it at parties. Turn it up.

Local musicians have kindly (and bravely) leased us the right to offer it to you. You can thank them by going out to hear them play.

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**TOO MUCH YANG**



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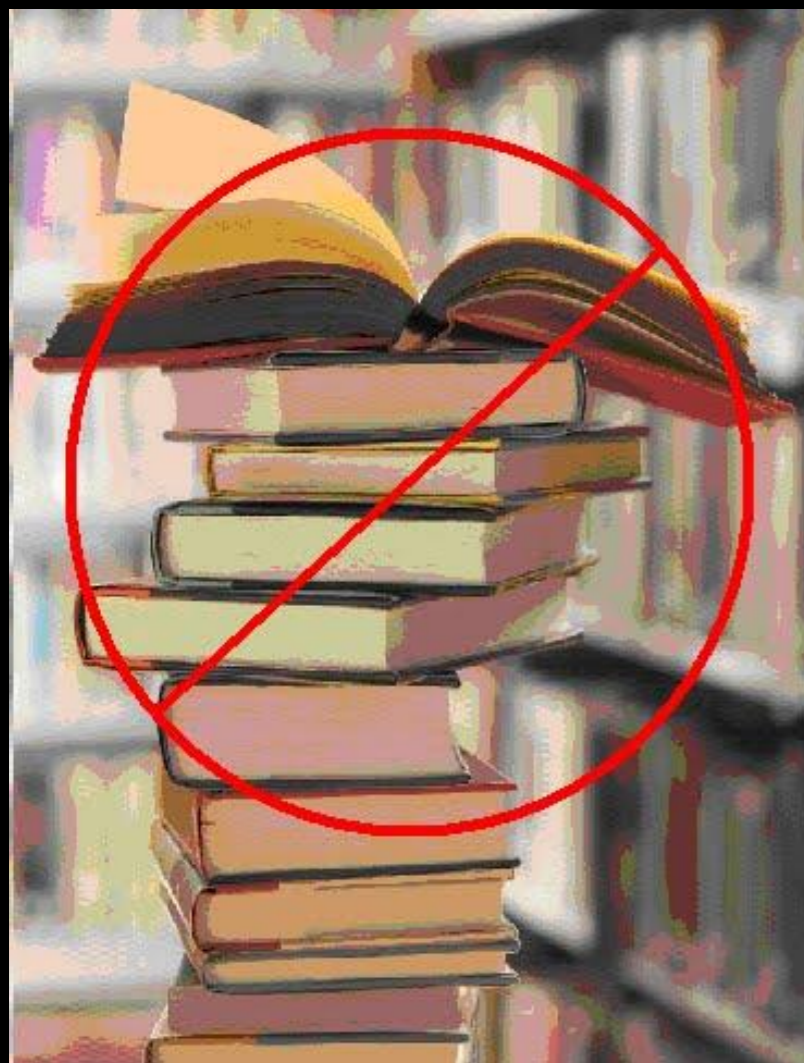
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[bexarbibliotech.org](http://bexarbibliotech.org)

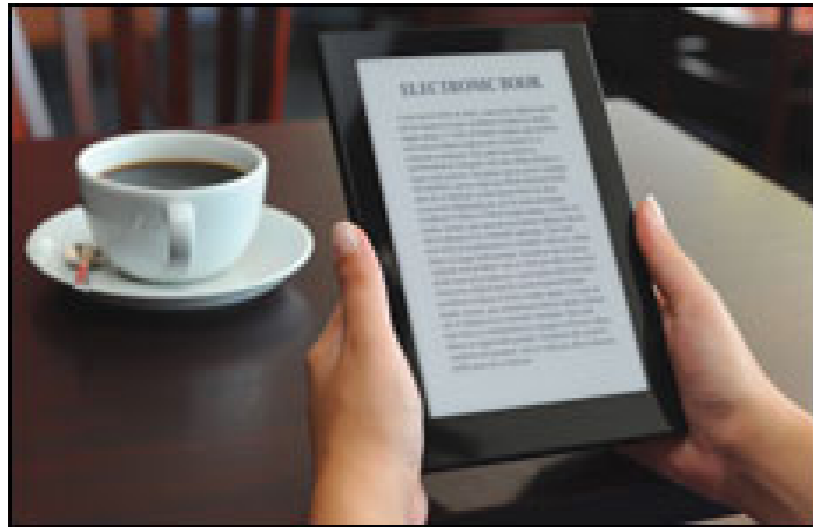
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# Douglas County Libraries Colorado

## eBook Revolution

# An open letter about eBooks and Douglas County Libraries

This is a time of great change in the publishing world. In the print world, public libraries are volume purchasers. Across the nation, we buy about 10% of all the books produced by commercial



publishers. We buy about 40% of all children's books. Because of the many millions of dollars we spend, we typically get significant publisher discounts. That's part of the cooperative

purchasing value of the library, and it has benefitted both publishers and taxpayers for over a century.

Many of our patrons are also interested in eBooks. But lately publishers are changing the rules. Some -- four of the "big six" -- won't sell eBooks to libraries at all. The two that did, HarperCollins and Random House, unilaterally changed the terms. HarperCollins requires us to "buy" the book again after 26 checkouts. (It's really more of a license to read than a purchase.) Random House recently raised the price of a new eBook by 300%. So a fiction title might cost \$80; a non-fiction title, \$120.

That's neither sensible nor sustainable. While the Douglas County Libraries will continue to buy print copies of popular titles published by the big six, we won't be spending \$120 for a single copy of an eBook.

In a free market, companies are free to set their prices. But we are free to seek a better deal - and we've found one. Instead of passively accepting what amounts to a 33% reduction in the purchasing power of the library, we'll be extending our network of electronic publishers to include those who are more responsive to our needs and budgets.

We have now identified some 12 groups of publishers, comprising over 800 individual companies. We have purchased from them over 7,000 eBook titles, which are now available from our catalog. We are buying the titles at discount, and we actually own them. This model of distribution, created by Douglas County Libraries, is now being picked up by hundreds of libraries across the nation. And we're signing up new publishers every day.

We encourage you to explore the offerings of those organizations which, like us, are pioneers in the 21st century world of publishing. You'll find fine children's books, reputable reference works, novels, histories, and romances.

Happy reading!

If you have questions, feel free to email me at [jarue@dclibraries.org](mailto:jarue@dclibraries.org).

Jamie LaRue, Director  
Douglas County Libraries





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# Novato Library California

## Junior Librarians

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Boom Boom



[juniorlibrarians.org](http://juniorlibrarians.org)

# Sonoma County Library California

## Local Author Database



# Community

A Sonoma County Library project

- Home
- Browse authors
- Browse works
- Publishers and presses
- Events
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## Authors by location

- Annapolis
- Kenwood
- Bodega
- Knights Valley
- Bodega Bay
- Magic Mountain

## Featured authors



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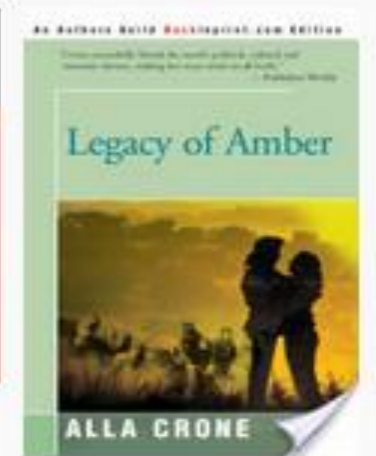
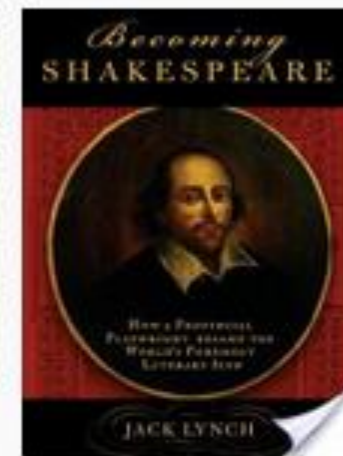
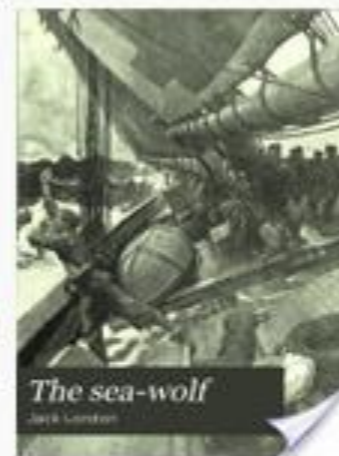


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## Featured works



## Purpose

The Sonoma County Library Community project has two aims. Firstly, it is a platform to publicize authors with connections to Sonoma County and to make their works more visible online and in the catalog

## Objectives

On a practical level we hope to provide:

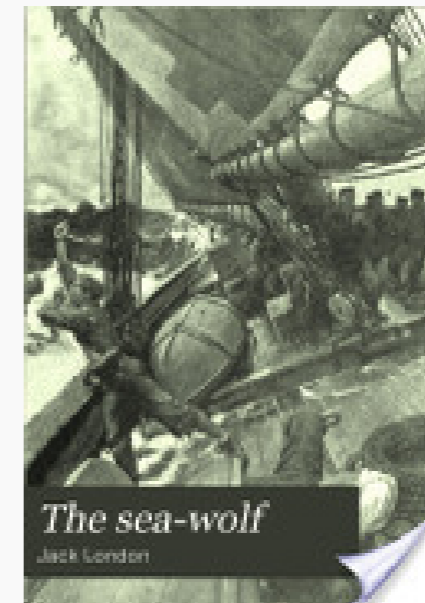
Accurate author profiles with links to the library catalog, personal websites and external services

# Sea wolf

## Author(s)

[Jack London](#)

<b>Published:</b>	1904
<b>Genre:</b>	Fiction
<b>Source:</b>	Project Gutenberg
<b>Physical copy:</b>	<a href="#">bib. search</a>
<b>Download (epub):</b>	<a href="#">available</a>
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<b>Smashwords:</b>	not available



## Description

The story of a soft, domesticated intellectual named Humphrey van Weyden, forced to become tough and self-reliant through exposure to cruel brutality. Onboard a San Francisco ferry when it collides with a ship in the fog and sinks, Humphrey is rescued by Wolf Larsen, captain of the seal-hunting schooner Ghost, bound for Japan. Brutal and cynical, yet also highly intelligent, Larsen rules his ship and terrorizes the crew with the aid of his exceptional strength.

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