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Summer fun for Lafayette's littles



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By Jennifer Wake

Local toddlers and young children were greeted with fun music, face painting, bubbles and games July 12 as part of the free Concert for Kids at Creekside Commons on Carol Lane in Lafayette, featuring Bay Area children's music artist Andy Z (Andreas Zamenes) and the Andyland Trio. Zamenes has been delighting kids and families for two decades. The event was one of several unique Lafayette events focused on younger kids and their families this summer.

Through the month of August on Tuesday nights at 6 p.m., the Lafayette Library hosts a half-hour Campfire Storytime for the whole family. The evenings include singing songs, reading picture books aloud, and body movement activities for the younger children as well as crafts and coloring. Sensory Storytime is also offered at 10:30 to 11 a.m. on Thursdays at the Library through the month of August and features a visual storytime

schedule, lots of repetition, short and interactive stories, designated seating, and dim lights to accommodate everyone. While Sensory Storytime is for toddlers and preschoolers, all are welcome.

Bel and Bunna's Books is also hosting two Special Circle and Story Times, the first at the Library at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, July 25 and at the book store on Aug. 31, featuring "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" Circle Time.

For information, visit <https://belandbunnasbooks.com/summer-story-times/>



LLLCF presents its Distinguished Speaker Series in August

The Lafayette Library and Learning Center Foundation will present three author discussions as part of its Distinguished Speaker Series Aug. 9, 10 and 19.

Author Anthony Marra will speak at 7 p.m. Aug. 9 in the Don Tatzin Community Hall about his book, "Mercury Pictures Presents," a love letter to life's bit players, a panorama of an era that casts

a long shadow over our own, and a tour de force by a novelist whose work The Washington Post calls "a flash in the heavens that makes you look up and believe in miracles," according to the LLLCF website. Tickets are \$30 and include a copy of "Mercury Pictures Presents."

On Aug. 10 Emi Nietfeld will discuss her memoir, "Acceptance" at 7 p.m. in the Don

Tatzin Community Hall. "Acceptance" is described as a luminous, generation-defining memoir of foster care and homelessness, Harvard and Big Tech, examining society's fixation with resilience – and its cost. Tickets are \$27 and include a copy of Nietfeld's memoir.

And on Aug. 19 at 2 p.m. in the Don Tatzin hall, in partnership with Orinda Books,

author Daniel Stone will discuss his book, "Sinkable: Obsession, the Deep Sea, and the Shipwreck of the Titanic" which is part narrative history and part adventure, filled with colorful characters and fascinating science that reveals a crucial part of the Titanic's story almost no one ever examines. "Brimming with humor, curiosity and wit," according to the LLLCF website,

"Sinkable" follows in the tradition of Susan Orlean and Bill Bryson, offering up a page-turning work of personal journalism and an immensely entertaining romp through the deep sea and the nature of obsession."

To RSVP for any of these programs, visit <https://www.lllcf.org/special-events> – J. Wake

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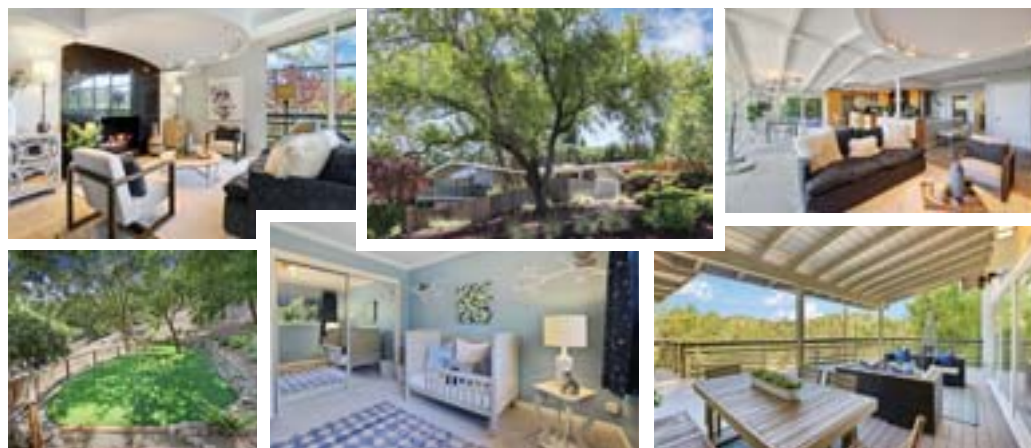
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