

OFFICE HOURS

Tentative Reopening

July 20

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Tentative Phased Reopening July 20

Good News! The ASI Board today (June 26) decided on a tentative July 20 opening for selected activities (see schedule below). Other activities will be phased in over time, depending on how well the initially scheduled activities go and on how the COVID-19 pandemic slows or progresses.

The Board also put the finishing touches on ASI COVID-19 Rules and Guidelines, which we will provide to all Members via the first July newsletter next week going to both email and US Postal Service readers.

The Board wishes to emphasize that its Rules and Guidelines will provide maximum reasonable protection for ASI Members but that participation in an activity depends on the comfort level of each individual.

Please carefully consider the Guidelines, your activity and your comfort level before you commit to participation in ASI's reopening schedule.

That all said, the Board warmly welcomes your return to ASI. We hope you look forward to the reopening as much as we do.

PRELIMINARY ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

MONDAY: Zumba, 8:45-10 AM* + Instr. Donation

TUESDAY: Line Dancing, 10:00-11:30 AM**

WEDNESDAY: Yoga, 8:45-9:45 AM*

Light Exercise, 10:15-11:00 AM*

Tai Chi, 1:30-3:00 PM**

Line Dancing, 6:30-8:30 PM** + \$1 for Instr.

THURSDAY: AOA Discussion Group 2:15-3:30 PM

FRIDAY: Yoga, 8:45-9:45 AM*

Zumba, 10:15-11:15 AM* + Instr. Donation

* \$1 Fee for Members, \$2 Fee for non-members

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Office Volunteers Much Needed

We are putting out an urgent plea for ASI Members who will feel comfortable working at the facility to step up and volunteer to help workshop leaders

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Salinas Libraries Offer Curbside Pickup

Thanks to Salinas Librarian Jissella Duarte

After much preparation by staff, we have started Curbside Pickup for library materials put on hold. Stay safe and get the materials you've been waiting for in a socially distant fashion with simple, easy to follow procedures. This is how the program works.

Instructions for Using Curbside Pickup

Log into the library website catalog at <https://catalog.salinaspubliclibrary.org>. Select your title or titles (5 items can be requested at one time) and enter your library card to request library items.

Wait for notification that your materials are available for pickup. This will be done either via phone, text, or email, depending on your preferred method of communication in your library record. You will be provided with further instructions on how and when you can pick up your materials.

Call the library at the number given to make an appointment to pick up your materials. Drive-up or walk to the reception area at El Gabilan Library on the designated day and call the designated phone number to let library staff know you have arrived.

Staff will verify your library card/identification and deliver your requested items to the trunk of your car, or place them on a table for you to pick up.

Additional information:

All curbside pickups will be at El Gabilan Library, 1400 N. Main St., Monday thru Friday, between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Bring your library card to

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When my grandson Billy and I entered our vacation cabin, we kept the lights off until we were inside to keep from attracting pesky insects. Still, a few fireflies followed us in. Noticing them before I did, Billy whispered, "It's no use Grandpa. Now the mosquitoes are coming after us with flashlights."

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re-start some activities that have been important and useful to Members. It's our volunteers who make ASI such a valuable resource for all of us active seniors.

Please contact President **Dwight Freedman** at dfreedma@sbcglobal.net or newsletter Editor **George Niesen** at gnie-sen@redshift.com or (831) 595-3165, if you could possibly help out for a few hours per week (see schedule previous page). Thank you.

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pick up your items. Face covering is required for interaction with library staff.

At this time, borrowed library materials can only be returned to El Gabilan Library during curbside service hours Monday thru Friday, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. No appointment necessary to return library materials. No late fines are being assessed during the library closure period. All library materials borrowed before library closure due to Covid-19 are due back by August 31st.

For questions, please call (831) 758-7302 Monday thru Friday, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Click here for more information about this service and the library's reopening plan.

Salinas Libraries Reopen With Online Programming

Hi Active Seniors. I'm Jissella Duarte and I'm a Librarian with the Salinas Public Library. There's a couple of programs at the Library I'd love to share with ASI members. I describe them here and include some flyers as well as other marketing materials. If you have any questions, feel free to email me, jissellad@ci.salinas.ca.us.

Adult Summer Reading

Adult Summer Reading has gone virtual; it's more interactive than ever and guaranteed fun! We promise you'll have a good thyme "Digging Deeper" into gardens, plants and nature with our Summer Reading Challenge and video gardening series.

[Register](#) for our Summer Reading Challenge and participate by completing five books or gardening videos. Each video submission counts as one book. Do any combination of books or videos; so long as you complete five you will earn a FREE book while supplies last and automatically be entered for a prize drawing. Although five is the minimum, we encourage you to read and record away!

This year you are the experts. Submit a video sharing your favorite gardening tips and tricks and dive into at-home gardening with our five themes: "Spice Up Your Life," "Good Bug Bad Bug," "No Backyard No Problem," "Have You Ever Killed an Orchid?" and "Gardening Tips." We'll showcase your videos in our video gardening series and share them with the community.

To find out more about each video topic, [click here](#). To learn how to increase the odds of your video being picked for our gardening series, [click here](#).

Entrepreneurship Bootcamp

The Salinas Public Library has partnered with the non-profit, Centro Community Partners, to bring you a FREE virtual Entrepreneurship Bootcamp. Rising entrepreneurs or even current small business owners will receive professional and personalized advice on how to create a business plan. It's a two-session program offered in English and Spanish.

The English version is Saturday, July 18th & Sunday July 19th from 11am-2 pm. Click [here to register](#).

The Spanish version is Tuesday, July 21st & Thursday, July 23rd from 5:30-8:30 pm. Click [here to register](#).



Salinas Library Offers Kanopy

With the motto of "thoughtful entertainment," **Kanopy** provides access to films of unique social and cultural value; films that are often difficult or impossible to access elsewhere; and programming that features diversity, with a wide array of foreign language films and films on race, and current affairs.

Click [here](#) to get started and view all of their offerings. A service of Salinas Public Libraries, you can "check out" up to five movies per month on your library card at no charge.



Monterey County Weekly Recognizes Cartoonist Ian Stigliani

By Ian Stigliani

Thanks to Walter Ryce, an editor and arts and culture writer for our local newspaper, *The Monterey County Weekly*, who has written a short piece about my 90 cartoons in 90 days challenge and has included a couple of my cartoons. See it all montereycountyweekly.com, or pick up this week's paper around town. Thank you, Mr. Ryce.



Newsletter Contributions Wanted, as Well as an Associate Editor

ASI Members please consider helping make this newsletter more relevant to our readership. Your Editor welcomes articles or suggestions for articles or bits of humor that you think other Members would like.

With weekly newsletter production continuing for the foreseeable future, your Editor also could really use some help. He'd like to work with an **Associate Editor** on collecting material for the newsletter, writing articles and formatting the newsletter.

Candidates should have a strong interest in making this a useful, informative and entertaining publication. Good language, Internet and desktop publishing skills useful but not necessary as Editor will train.

Please send your submissions, suggestions and **offers to volunteer** to George Niesen, gniesen@redshift.com or text or call him at 831-595-3165.