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Celebrate Independent Bookstore Day with free events and giveaways

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Storytime at Bel and Bunna's Books in Lafayette.
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local artists to display their work and hosts Artist's Opening Receptions. Bel and Bunna's Books, which focuses on children's books, sponsors events such as a "Making Connections" class for new parents and their babies to learn how to connect through touch and feel, led by a children's physical therapist.

This year's Independent Bookstore Day will include a Bookstore Passport Game. Book lovers can pick up their passports now at any independent book store and begin collecting stamps from stores they visit through April 27. Stamped passports can then be turned in on that day for a chance to win prizes, including gift certificates.

Orinda Books plans to have local children's authors Michael Slack and Lindy Novak reading their books from 10:15 a.m. to noon. Also at 11 a.m., two publishers from Penguin Random House and Macmillan will present their favorite new books for summer, and at 3 p.m. Vilunya Diskin, a founding author of "Our Bodies Ourselves," will discuss the 50th anniversary of the book. There will also be live music, refreshments and giveaways throughout the day.

Bel and Bunna's Books, which has been at 3581 C Mt. Diablo Blvd. in Lafayette since 2016, will have story times at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., and throughout the day will offer crafts, giveaways, signed copies of books and other events.

For more information: www.indiebookstoreday.org, www.orindabooks.com, www.belandbunnasbooks.com.

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