



Friends of the Saratoga Libraries

Supporting the Saratoga Library since 1972

NEWS AND
INFORMATION

APRIL 2016

Virtual Library Resource of the Month: Brainfuse

Access to free online tutors for all ages and subjects is available every day from 1:00-10:00 p.m. on your home computer or from any library computer with the use of your Santa Clara County Library card. From www.sccl.org, go to Services, then Online Learning. From there you can choose between the [Brainfuse Adult Learning Center](#), offering services designed to help adults acquire critical and marketable academic skills, or [Brainfuse](#), a service for one-on-one homework and study assistance in a wide variety of subjects. Brainfuse also offers [JobNow](#), a service for live résumé assistance, interview coaching and other career resources.

Selecting the Brainfuse link will take you to Brainfuse HelpNow, where you can get live tutoring by grade and subject, online writing assistance, customized study plans, and college major and career selection guidance. You will also find options for virtual study sessions and brainstorming, as well as the ability to ask questions and get expert help.

The Brainfuse Adult Learning Center includes help with US Citizenship and High School Equivalency Test prep, Microsoft Office Help from live experts, résumé writing help and career resources and live tutoring in various subjects.

To get started, consider trying Brainfuse HelpNow's Expert Help: Live Tutoring first. Select a grade and a subject, and get connected to a live tutor. If you just want to check out the service, tell the tutor that you would like a demonstration and you will be able to experience how tutoring is provided in the virtual space. Try it out today and help us spread the word about this special resource.



Authors' Faire Coming May 9th

Be sure to mark your calendar for the brand new Friends event coming in May. Replacing our traditional monthly Authors' Series program will be an Authors' Faire scheduled for the evening of Monday, May 9th at 7 o'clock.

A number of area authors will be present to talk about their books, including Jan Eby, Laurie Mobilio, Lynne Noel and Cindy Summers - the popular quartet behind *The Grammie Guide*; Isabelle Gecils, the author of *Leaving Shangrila*; and Ruchira Khanna, who wrote *Voyagers into the Unknown*. Please join us in the Saratoga Library Community Room for what promises to be a lively evening. Admission is free, and refreshments will be served.



If you are currently receiving this newsletter by mail and would rather receive it by email, please notify: Membership@fslonline.org.

Saratoga Library Hours:

Monday, Tuesday - 1:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday
10:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Sunday - 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Ginny Sampson, Local Artist

Local artist, educator and Friends member Ginny Sampson was born and raised in Nebraska. After studying history and art at Wellesley College, she decided to pursue a graduate degree in education, which brought her to California. She met her husband when they were teaching at Campbell High School and she has lived in Saratoga since 1967. She taught art for several years before returning to full-time teaching in special education. Ginny has continued to study painting and drawing, and is a member of Saratoga Contemporary Artists and the Santa Clara Valley Watercolor Society. This beautiful pen and ink and watercolor rendering of the Saratoga Library is one of several paintings Ginny has done of Saratoga landmarks. The Friends thanks Ginny for making the painting available for our publicity.



*I have always imagined
that Paradise will be a
kind of library.*

-Jorge Luis Borges

Friends Perform Acts of Kindness

To celebrate Random Acts of Kindness Week in the city of Saratoga, The Friends of the Saratoga Libraries Board members decided this year to give out Book-Go-Round gift certificates. Each board member was given a special five-dollar gift certificate prepared for the occasion and instructed to bestow it on someone within the city during the week of February 14-21. Stories were told at the following board meeting of recipients who were surprised and touched by the gesture.

*A library is not a luxury
but one of the necessities
of life.*

-Henry Ward Beecher

Nominating Committee Seeking Volunteers for 2016-17

The Friends Nominating Committee has formed and we are seeking Friends supporters who would like to be involved in our activities for the 2016-2017 year. We have a variety of opportunities available depending on your interests and would love to talk with you about how you can become more involved with the Friends. Positions available include board member, book sales and merchandising, hospitality, communication, and publicity. Join a fantastic team of people who love our library and enjoy helping our community! For more information, please contact Friends president Lisa Finley at LWFinley@pacbell.net.

Paperback Sale!

Saturday April 23rd 10-6 & Sunday April 24th 1-4
in the Saratoga Library Community Room.

Books 25 cents each on Saturday and \$3 a bag on Sunday. Thousands of books for sale!

Join The Friends of the Saratoga Libraries

Your membership in the Friends of the Saratoga Libraries supports our local library programs. You may join online at www.fslonline.org or pick up a brochure in the library.



Saratoga Library Community Events: April 2016

April 4 at 7:30 p.m. - Book Discussion Group
An Unnecessary Woman by Rabih Alameddine (Teens and Adults)

April 5 at 7:00 p.m. - Estate Planning and Taxes (Adults)
 April 11 at 2:30 p.m. - Kindness and Kids: Early Literacy Storytime (Children's)

April 11 at 7:00 p.m. - Human Trafficking: A Local and Global Issue (Teens and Adults)

April 12 at 7:00 p.m. - Read-Up: Share Your Favorite Books and Meet Other Local Book Lovers (Adults)

April 13 at 3:45 p.m. - Artist Talk: Illustrator Nancy Near (Children's)

April 14 at 10:15 a.m. - Chinese Book Club - *Biography of Su Dong* (Adults)

April 14 & 28 at 4:00 p.m. - Math at the Art Museum (Children's)

April 16 at 2:00 p.m. - Teen Service Projects Convention (Teens)

April 17 at 1:30 p.m. - CoderDojo Coding Club (Students 11-17 years)

April 19 at 7:00 p.m. - Silicon Valley Grows: Green Arrow Pea Harvest and Tasting - Gardening Program (Teens and Adults)

April 20 at 3:45 p.m. - Earth Day Craft (Children's)

April 21 at 4:00 p.m. - The Traveling Lantern Theatre Company (Children 3rd - 6th Grades)

April 25 at 7:30 p.m. - Jazz on the Patio - Daniel Bennett Group (Families)

April 26 at 6:00 p.m. - Crash Course on Taxes for Teens - Mayor Manny Cappello and Lynda Boman (Teens)

April 29 at 11:00 a.m. - Poetry Reading by Mary Lou Taylor (Teens and Adults)

April 30 from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Financial Planning Fair (Teens and Adults)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Family Storytime - Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. Toddler Storytime - Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. Pre-School Storytime - Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. Baby Storytime - Thursdays at 11:30 a.m. Middle School Computer Club - Every Weekday After School Middle School Hangout - Every Weekday After School						
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Book Discussion Group 7:30 p.m.	Estate Planning and Taxes 7:00 p.m.		English Conversation Club 11:00 a.m.		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Kindness and Kids: Early Literacy Storytime 2:30 p.m. Lecture - Human Trafficking 7:00 p.m.	Read-Up 7:00 p.m.	Artist Talk 3:45 p.m.	Chinese Book Club 10:15 a.m. English Conversation Club 11:00 a.m. Math at the Art Museum 4:00 p.m.		Teen Service Projects Convention 2:00 p.m.
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
CoderDojo Coding Club 1:30 p.m.		Green Arrow Pea Harvest 7:00 p.m.	Earth Day Craft 3:45 p.m.	English Conversation Club 11:00 a.m. The Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe 4:00 p.m.		Friends Paperback Sale 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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<p>14410 Oak Street @ Saratoga-Los Gatos Rd. (HWY 9) one block south of Big Basin Way, Saratoga Village (408) 867-5552 www.BookGoRound.com</p>	<p>Book-Go-Round NEWS OAK STREET USED BOOK STORE HOURS: Sunday-Friday: Noon - 5 pm Saturday: 10 am - 5 pm PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE SARATOGA LIBRARY</p>	<p>When in the Saratoga Library visit our Library Café Bookstore with Bargain Books section Open during library hours Mon-Tues 1-9; Wed-Sat 10-6; Sun 1-5</p>
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If you like books, you'll LOVE the Book-Go-Round

Book-Go-Round Special Features for April

Books about Native Americans



Mini Feature: All about Horses

Other special items you can find in our store:

- ☞ Leather bound books & sets
- ☞ **Audio Books**
(great for long car trips!)
- ☞ Manga & Graphic Novels are sometimes available
- ☞ Antiquarian Books
- ☞ We have something for everyone!



Some of our most popular book sections are children's books and cookbooks. Need a gift for a grandchild? Want to find recipes from trusted cookbook authors? We have books for you, and you can't beat our prices!