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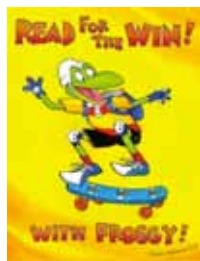
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Summer Reading Challenge Begins June 1: Read for the Win!

Studies have shown that children and teens who read at least five books over the summer can prevent learning loss. To combat the "summer slide," sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge and attend fun and educational events. Adults are also invited! Participants read at least 5 books between June 1 and July 31 and record the titles in a log, then turn in the completed log to receive prizes. You could win a new Kindle Fire! Sign up at the library or online at www.scl.org. Log your books online or use the paper log available at the library. Books, eBooks, audio books and graphic novels all count toward your total.

Children ages 6-12 who complete the program will receive a prize goody bag and will pick out a brand new book to keep. Teens ages 13-17 will receive a free book and a tote bag when they sign up and a gift card when they complete the challenge. Adults will receive a tote bag, a book and a \$2 gift certificate for chocolates. Adults and teens will be entered in a grand-prize drawing for a Kindle Fire. Pre-readers age 0-5 can complete a set of early literacy activities to earn a book. Prizes for all ages also include gift certificates for the Book-Go-Round used bookstore and a free pass to the *Children's Discovery Museum*. Prizes available while supplies last. The Summer Reading Challenge is generously funded by the Friends of the Saratoga Libraries.

Many additional programs and special events for all ages will be offered throughout the summer, including book clubs, family movie nights, musicians, gardening, magicians, arts and crafts, animal programs, storytelling, trivia, puppets, bubble magic, teen lock-in after-hours, stop-motion animation, Chocolate Olympics, and more! Details about summer programs for all ages will be posted to the www.scl.org/Locations/Saratoga page, in the Events section. Santa Clara County Library District's summer program partners this year are the *Children's Discovery Museum* and *Santa Clara County Parks*. SCC Park Rangers will be presenting a variety of programs at libraries throughout the district.



Authors' Faire May 9th

The Authors' Faire is here! Join us on Monday, May 9 at 7:00 pm for an evening of presentations and conversation with multiple Bay Area authors, 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*. Go to www.fslonline.org for the latest list of participating authors and come to the Saratoga Library Community Room on May 9 for what promises to be a lively evening. Admission is free, and refreshments will be served.



Satellite Bookstore Receives Heavy Foot Traffic

Since the installation of the Friends of the Saratoga Libraries' satellite bookstore, located in the lounge of the Joan Pisani Community Center, recreation staff has noticed lots of participants passing through to peruse the selection of books. From tots to seniors, it appears leisurely reading is still in vogue. Come check it out!

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

Thank You to our Outstanding 2015-2016 Friends Volunteers!

With over 160 active volunteers, the Friends is a thriving and vibrant organization and we are fortunate to have the talents of so many who love our library and our community. Many of our dedicated volunteers have been contributing for 10 years or more - an amazing commitment to our group! We value each and every one of the phenomenal people who give their time and energy to support the Friends. As I reflect on our 2015-2016 fiscal year, I'd like to give special thanks to our Board of Directors and Key Volunteers for their past year of service and leadership:

Board of Directors Members: Pat Russell (Treasurer), Alice Patrick (Membership), Susan Freeman (Community Events and Hospitality), Liz Guy (Publicity), Laura Tillett (Secretary), Kristin Gagnola (Programs), Mary Murphy (Newsletter), Debbie Jensen (Assistant Treasurer), Terrie Creamer (Immediate Past President), and Bobbi Stek (Retail Operations Manager).

Key Volunteers: Jean Hsu (Webmaster), Cynthia Lee (Membership Correspondence), Sophie Qian and Lyn Clawson (Mailing Coordinators), Claire Campodonico (Hospitality), Mary Swentzel (Paperback Sales Coordinator), Cathy Foscatto (Sorting Room Manager), Jan Barisich and Carol Lazzarino (Volunteer Coordinators), Anne Cunningham (Book-Go-Round Website and Newsletter), and Sharon Andres (Book Spine, Tile, and Brick Sales).

I am also very grateful for our collaboration with Saratoga Community Librarian Allison Lew. She is an outstanding asset to our community!

Lisa Finley,
President



English Conversation Club

The weekly English Conversation Club at the Saratoga Library has successfully completed its first year of operation. It was started early last year to meet the needs of Saratoga's growing population of non-native English speakers. Attendance has grown from 20 to about 35 learners.

Participants come from a variety of countries including France, Finland, China, India, Iran, Japan, Korea, Russia, Syria, the Czech Republic, Mexico, and Italy! Attendees self-identify their English proficiency levels and can choose to sit at tables for Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced, or High Advanced conversation levels. The club is organized by library staff but community volunteers play a big part as facilitators to guide conversations at each table. Many participants view this not only as an opportunity to become more proficient in English but also to learn about American culture and to make friends.

Please join us if you are looking for a friendly and supportive setting to improve your English listening and speaking skills, learn about American idioms, traditions and other cultures, and discuss current events and local news.

The club is free and open to all levels of English language learners. It is held weekly on Thursdays from 11:00 am to noon. Participation is on a drop-in basis. Fluent English-speakers are also needed to help facilitate conversations. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Lisa Liu at lliu@sccl.org.



Friends Board member Laura Tillett and Friend Adam Wickert assist with book sales at the Blossom Festival.

Virtual Library Resource of the Month: Zinio for Libraries

The Santa Clara County Library District offers 159 digital magazines for all ages free through Zinio for Libraries. Zinio offers e-magazines that you can read online or download onto your desktop or mobile devices. Enjoy *National Geographic*, *The New Yorker*, *Astronomy*, *Audubon*, *Better Homes and Gardens*, *Cook's Illustrated*, *Elle*, *Discover*, *Highlights*, *Cricket*, and the latest issues of many more magazines. All you need is an Internet connection, your library card number and your PIN to get started.

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Saratoga Library Community Events: May 2016

- May 2 at 7:30 p.m. - Book Discussion Group: *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman (Teens and Adults)
- May 3 at 7:00 p.m. - Addressing Diabetes the Ayurvedic Way (Adults)
- May 4 at 3:45 p.m. - Star Wars Event (Children's)
- May 9 at 7:00 p.m. - Friends of the Saratoga Libraries Authors' Faire (Teens and Adults)
- May 10 at 7:00 p.m. - Read-Up: Share Your Favorite Books and Meet Other Local Book Lovers (Adults)
- May 11 - Cupcake Decorating - 3:30 p.m. (Grades K-3) and 4:30 p.m. (Children's)
- May 11 at 7 p.m. - Author Talk: Kim Stanley Robinson (Teens and Adults)
- May 14 at 10:00 a.m. - Gravity Drop (Children's)
- May 14 at 2:00 p.m. - College Day (Teens)
- May 15 at 1:30 p.m. - CoderDojo Coding Club (For Ages 11-17)
- May 16 at 2:30 p.m. - Early Literacy Storytime (Children's)
- May 16 at 7:00 p.m. - Travel Program: Turkey. Presented by David Couzens (Adults)
- May 17 at 7:00 p.m. - Healthy Aging: Managing Your Medications to Prevent a Tragedy (Adults)
- May 21 at 2:00 p.m. - Afternoon Book Trivia (Adults)
- May 22 at 1:00 p.m. - Teen Study Hall (For Final Exams)
- May 24 at 7:00 p.m. - CNPS: Soil Health. Drought-Proof Your California Native Garden (Adults)
- May 31 at 7:00 p.m. - Healthy Aging: Strategies to Improve Your Sleep (Adults)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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29	30 Library Closed	31 Healthy Aging 7:00 p.m.	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			



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May 5, 12, 19, & 26 at 11 a.m. - English Conversation Club: Language Learners (Teens and Adults)

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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 <i>PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE SARATOGA LIBRARY</i></p>	<p><i>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</i></p>
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