



# Friends of the Saratoga Libraries

Supporting the Saratoga Library since 1972

NEWS AND  
INFORMATION  
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2017

## Saratoga Gains New Community Librarian - Michael Eitner

After an extensive national search, the Santa Clara County Library District (SCCLD) is pleased to announce the appointment of a new community librarian for the Saratoga Library. Over 30 candidates applied for this position with the final candidates completing an extremely competitive four stage application process that included oral boards and two rounds of interviews. The specific qualities that were looked for within the top applicants included: key leadership, management and interpersonal skills as well as the ability to support and promote the knowledge, ideas and cultural enrichment offered by the libraries.



*"Many exceptional and experienced librarians applied to become Community Librarian at the Santa Clara County Library District. We are delighted to welcome Michael Eitner to our team,"*

**- Nancy Howe, County Librarian**

Michael's past experiences include the Collection Development Manager at the Denver Public Library, where he was instrumental in developing the use of a single bibliographic database that included the online catalog, new purchases and materials borrowed. Prior to that position, Michael managed the Eugene Field Branch library in Denver, Colorado, and worked as a librarian for the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District. For the past five years, Michael worked in the legal field - most recently as a lawyer, sharpening his critical thinking, communication and negotiation skills. It was his deep desire to return to the library field that led him to the Santa Clara County Library District and now the Saratoga Library.

*"There is a strong bond between the community and the Saratoga Library. I look forward to working with the staff to ensure the Saratoga Library continues to be a cherished and well-used community asset."*

**- Michael Eitner**

Michael earned a bachelor's degree from Beloit College in Beloit, Wisconsin, a Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from the University of Colorado and a Master of Library and Information Science degree from the University of Pittsburgh. Michael's new position as the Saratoga Community Librarian began February 2017.

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## A Big Thank You to Ginny Sampson

The Friends of the Saratoga Libraries would like to thank local artist and Friend Ginny Sampson for the use of her beautiful renderings of the Book-Go-Round and the Saratoga Library in our Friends promotional activities and the newsletter!



### Saratoga Library Hours:

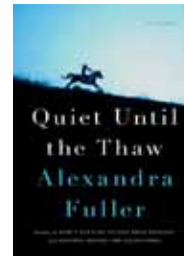
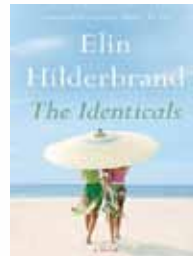
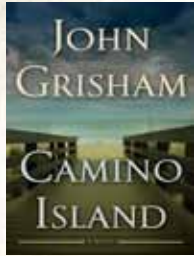
Monday, Tuesday - 1:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday  
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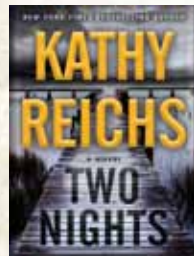
Sunday - 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

# WHAT WILL YOU READ THIS SUMMER?

June 2017



July 2017



## Thank You Friends, Volunteers and Saratoga Library Staff!

I am continually inspired by and grateful for the enthusiasm, creativity, and commitment I observe daily from those who love our Saratoga Library and work for the betterment of it. With over 160 volunteers behind our Friends operations and endeavors, it truly does "take a village" to accomplish what we do each year.

Our merchandizing crew handles every book donation that comes to us: sorting, pricing, transporting, categorizing, and displaying the books in our stores. Thanks to our sales volunteers who staff the many shifts, we are able to keep our Book-Go-Round open seven days a week, a fact I am very proud of. I estimate we move close to 100,000 books through our operations annually - - an amazing coordinated effort. My sincere appreciation goes to the many who make this possible for us.

Our key position volunteers support many crucial activities, and I thank them for their service: Cathy Foscatto (Sorting Room Manager), Mary Swentzel (Quarterly Paperback Sales Manager), Sophie Qian and Lyn Clawson (Mailing Coordinators), Cynthia Lee (Membership Correspondence), Yi Chiang and Jean Hsu (Webmasters), Sharon Andres (Book Spines/Tiles/Bricks), Mary Jeanne Fenn (Local Authors), Sushama Thakker (Auditor), and Julie Hall (Publicity). Our Community Events committee members are always ready to pitch in - thanks to Diane Clement, Happy Ho, Maureen McMillan, Dona Tobiason, Shari Khasrovi, Sandy Wu, and Sue Barerra.

The strength of our Friends Board of Directors astounds me. I do believe we have some of the highest caliber volunteers in Saratoga working on behalf of our library. For their leadership and guidance, I am sincerely indebted to: Liz Guy (Vice President), Pat Russell (Secretary), Debbie Jensen (Treasurer), Michelle Fan (Assistant Treasurer), Alice Patrick (Membership), Pam Roper-Kaiser (Publicity), Judy Goldman (Programs), Sharon Barrett (Newsletter), Diane Douglass and Laura Tillett (Community Events), and, immensely, Kristin Gagnola (Retail Operations Manager). You have my absolute admiration and respect.

Our Saratoga Library staff, particularly our new Community Librarian Mike Eitner, have been a joy and privilege to know and work beside. Thank you for all you do every day for our community!

Lisa Finley  
President, Friends of the Saratoga Libraries

# Saratoga Library's Summer Reading Program: Reading By Design!

Reading IS succeeding! The Saratoga Library has a tremendous summer planned, filled with opportunities for all ages to read, learn and have fun June 1 July 31 at the library. Reading is one of the best ways to learn something new or expand on earlier knowledge. Students who read more often and for fun do better in school and become better readers, spellers and writers. Reading also helps build critical thinking skills. Adults who pick up a book may find that reading can enhance empathy and lead to greater understanding of other people, as well as help explain other points of view. So come on into the library and join Reading by Design to help you read and succeed in all kinds of ways this summer.



Teens and kids will be challenged to read five or more books from June 1st through July 31st. Register for Reading by Design beginning on June 1st, then log your reading and activities and earn badges and prizes along the way.

## 2017 Summer Programs

### Teen Programs



#### Teen Lock In, Friday, June 9, 6:30 p.m.- 10 p.m.

To kick off the 2017 teen summer reading club, join us for an after-hours party in the library! There will be games, karaoke, a scavenger hunt and more. Lots of snacks and food too. Available for ages 12-17, no adults allowed. Advanced registration at the reference desk is required and space is very limited.



#### Summer Movie Screening, Monday, June 12, 6 p.m.

Join us for a fun movie evening. We'll be watching "Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them" PG13. Popcorn provided - teens age 13-18 only.

#### Paint Nite (During the Day!) for Teens, Saturday, June 24, 2 p.m.

Come paint a summer scene at our paint nite event just for teens. All supplies will be provided. Spots are limited and registration is required. There will be light refreshments.

#### College Essay Workshop with UC Focus, Saturday, June 12, 10 a.m.

Applying to College? A great college essay communicates all the necessary information about you as a person. Learn what colleges are looking for and get help writing the essays that best showcase you. Under the supervision of an essay specialist, students will learn what should and should not go in the essay, study a sample essay, brainstorm potential topics and find their unique writing voice for their UC Application. Seating is limited. Please register for this event.

#### PSAT Practice Test, Saturday, August 26, 1 p.m.

Grades 8-12 are invited to take a PSAT practice test. Get experience with the PSAT - without the pressure! Space is limited! Sign up online at [www.sccl.org](http://www.sccl.org) - Saratoga location under events. Bring a pencil and calculator.

### Children's Programs

#### The Puppet Company presents: "Puff the Magic Dragon," Tuesday, June 13, 7:30 p.m.

Onye Onyemaechi, Wednesday, June 14, 2:30 p.m. Village Rhythms African Drums

The Happy Bright Kids present: "The Three Little Engineers," Wednesday, June 21, 10:30 a.m.

Juan Sanchez, Wednesday, June 21, 2:30 p.m. Music Without Borders

Dreamhouses, Wednesday, June 28, 2:30 p.m. Color and decorate cardboard houses.

Free Building Fun!, Wednesday, July 5, 2:30 p.m. Construct buildings with paper tubes and more.

The Happy Birds, Saturday, July 8, 11:00 a.m. Join us for performing macaws.

Wildlife Associates present: Creepy, Crawly Critters, Wednesday, July 12, 2:30 p.m.

Ventriloquist Steve Chaney and Cornelius Crowe, Wednesday, July 19, 2:30 p.m.

Do It Yourself Toys, Wednesday, July 26, 2:30 p.m. Make a paper plate pinball game and more.

Summer Reading Club Celebration, Wednesday, August 2, 2:30 p.m.

San Francisco Bay Bird Observatory presents: Science Night, Monday, August 7, 7:00 p.m.



### 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](http://www.fslonline.org) or pick up a brochure in the library.



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## 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

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

*If you like books, you'll LOVE the Book-Go-Round*

## COME EXPLORE THE BOOK-GO-ROUND THIS SUMMER

You'll find books for all ages & interests that won't break if dropped & won't break the bank if left behind on your travels.

Books, audio-books, CDs, DVDs, videos & records you can enjoy and share with others.



## PAPERBACK BOOK SALE JULY 22-23

SARATOGA LIBRARY COMMUNITY ROOM

Sat: 10:00 to 6:00

All types of fiction and non-fiction, children's books, too, plus cds, videos - 25 cents each.

Sun: 1:00 to 5:00

Just \$3 for all you can fit into one of our paper grocery bags or your equivalent cloth bag



*Book-Go-Round Specials*

**June - Knitting Books • July - Ireland**

See our summer reads table - Going on a trip?  
Stop by and pick up a few books to take along!