



# Friends of the Saratoga Libraries

*Supporting the Saratoga Library since 1972*

NEWS AND  
INFORMATION

MARCH 2018

## Book-Go-Round Has Been Around For 35 Years!

Despite the digital revolution and the demise of many brick-and-mortar bookstores, Saratoga's Book-Go-Round continues to thrive. Now in its 35th year, the little store that started in a tiny shared corner of the original Saratoga Library building on Oak Street has grown to three locations: the main store on Oak Street, the Friends Bookstore Café inside the Saratoga Library, and the BGR Annex inside the Joan Pisani Community Center.

Last year between the three locations, plus Amazon and Ebay sales, the Book-Go-Round raised more than \$140,000 to support the Saratoga Library.

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## Celebrate Spring at the Blossom Festival on March 24th



The Friends of the Saratoga Libraries will again join in the fun and celebration at the city's annual Blossom Festival. Taking place on Saturday, March 24th from 10am-4pm, the Blossom Festival will be held at the Heritage Orchard, Civic Center and Warner Hutton House. This free event offers many activities and opportunities for people to see and learn about Saratoga's history as well as meet community groups such as the Friends.

One of the city's oldest and most popular festivals, the Blossom Festival was started in 1900 by retired Congregational minister Edwin Sidney "Sunshine" Williams to celebrate the end of a two-year drought and the resulting beauty of the blossoming

orchards. It ran successfully for 41 years until the beginning of World War II. Successfully revived, this festival increases in popularity each year.

Many activities are planned throughout the day for both young and old. During the festival, The Friends of the Saratoga Libraries will offer for sale many fabulous, gently-used children's books for 50 cents each.\*\*

Come help us celebrate this spring tradition and stop by the Friends of the Saratoga Libraries table (located in front of the Warner Hutton house.) Peruse and purchase our wonderful children's books (whereby receiving a Friends' bookmark!) and learn about the Friends and what we do.

We look forward to seeing you!

\*\*All proceeds from the sale of our books benefit and support the Saratoga Library and its community programs.

### Saratoga Library Hours:

Monday, Tuesday - 10:00 AM to 9:00 PM

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

Sunday - 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

## Book-Go-Round (continued from page 1)

Last year saw the renovation of the Friends Bookstore Café. The space, which was first conceived of by volunteers with too many fiction titles for the store to manage, was expanded from a few shelves along the wall, to a roomful of shelves housing additional book categories. The Bookshelves in the Joan Pisani Center opened two years ago.

Longtime Friends of The Saratoga Libraries volunteer Kristin Gragnola became manager of The Book-Go-Round in January of 2017 after Bobbi Stek ended three years of service.

"The whole idea of the Book-Go-Round," Gragnola says, "is that books people loved reading or received as a gift and never opened have a chance to continue to be useful to others. Some of our books have been donated to us, purchased, and then donated back again!"

Supported entirely by the work of volunteers and donations from the community for its inventory, the Book-Go-Round has become a social and literary hub for local book lovers as well as those from neighboring communities.

Four times a year, volunteers (many of whom have been part of the support system for decades) help to mount the huge Paperback Book Sale in the community room of the Saratoga Library. People come from all over the area to seek out great finds at bargain prices-books are just 25¢ each on Saturday and \$3 for all you can stuff in a bag on Sunday.

In addition to the sales, there are a number of unique events hosted throughout the year including February's "Blind Date with A Book" in which book-lovers come with a favorite book to discuss and leave with a surprise to discover and fall in love with. The doors are always open for browsing, sipping, and cookie nibbling during the annual Wine Stroll. And springtime brings the highly anticipated kindergarten field trips.

If you haven't yet discovered the Book-Go-Round, or if it's been awhile since you've been in, come by and see what's on the shelves. The inventory is constantly changing. There are CDs, DVDs, calendars, and sheet music in addition to a wide variety of fiction, biography, history, travel, art, reference materials, children's books, and more.



## March Events at the Saratoga Library



### **Preserving Our Vision Over the Years, Wednesday, March 7, 10:30 am**

Learn how aging and diseases of our eyes can threaten our vision, and what we can do to preserve our most precious sense. Dr. Martin Fishman, an ophthalmologist in Los Gatos for over 40 years and a Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology at Stanford Medical Center, will discuss common eye diseases, preventative measures, therapies, and the latest medical and surgical approaches

to cataracts, glaucoma, macular degeneration, and other eye conditions.

### **Self-Care for Caregivers, Monday, March 19, 7:00 pm**

Becoming a caregiver is a life-changing experience, whether you are caring for a loved one or working in a healthcare profession. Compassion and mindfulness teacher Emily Hine, CEO of HineSight Consulting, will offer practical mindfulness strategies and compassion practices to reduce caregiver stress and burnout.



Emily Hine



### **Growing Exotic Fruit, Tuesday, March 20, 7:00 pm**

Master Gardener Jamie Chen will discuss the exotic fruits she grows in Santa Clara County and how you can grow them too.

### 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.



# Saratoga Library Community Events: March 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 English Conversation Club 11:00 a.m.	2	3 STEAM Saturday 3:00 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.				
4	5 Lego Club 4:00 p.m.  Book Discussion Group 7:30 p.m.	6	7 Preserving Vision 10:30 a.m.  St Patrick's Day Craft 4:00 p.m.	8 English Conversation Club 11:00 a.m.	9 Mr. Gumpy's Outing Puppet Show 10:30 a.m.	10 Fake News 3:00 p.m.
11	12	13 STEAM Days: Dot and Dash 4:00 p.m.  Paws to Read 7:00 p.m.	14 STEAM Days: Dot and Dash 4:00 p.m.	15 English Conversation Club 11:00 a.m.  Jim Gill Concert 4:00 p.m.	16	17
18 CoderDojo 1:30 p.m.	19 Lego Club 4:00 p.m.  Self-Care for Caregivers 7:00 p.m.	20 Master Gardeners 7:00 p.m.	21	22 English Conversation Club 11:00 a.m.	23	24
25	26	27 Bilingual Mandarin Storytime 11 a.m.  Paws to Read 4:00 p.m.	28 STEAM Days: Tangram Puzzles 4:00 p.m.	29 English Conversation Club 11:00 a.m.	30 <b>Library Closed</b>	31

March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 at 11:00 a.m. - English Conversation Club (Adult)

March 3 at 3:00 p.m. - STEAM Saturday: The Column Challenge (Registration required) (Childrens)

March 5 & March 19 at 4:00 p.m. - Lego Club (Childrens)

March 5 at 7:30 p.m. - Book Discussion Group (Adult)

March 7 at 10:30 a.m. - Preserving Our Vision Over the Years (Adult)

March 7 at 4:00 p.m. - Saint Patrick's Day Craft (Childrens)

March 9 at 10:30 a.m. - Mr. Gumpy's Outing Puppet Show (Childrens)

March 10 at 3:00 p.m. - John McManus on Fake News (Adult)

March 13 at 4:00 p.m. - STEAM Days: Dot and Dash for 3rd - 6th grade (Registration required) (Childrens)

March 13 at 7:00 p.m. & March 27 at 4:00 p.m. - Paws to Read (Registration required) (Childrens)

March 14 at 4:00 p.m. - STEAM Days: Dot and Dash for 1st - 2nd grade (Registration Required) (Childrens)

March 15 at 4:00 p.m. - Jim Gill in Concert (Childrens)

March 18 at 1:30 p.m. - CoderDojo Coding Club (Teen)

March 19 at 7:00 p.m. - Emily Hine: Self-Care for Caregivers (Adult)

March 20 at 7:00 p.m. - Master Gardeners: Growing Exotic Fruit, a talk by Jamie Chen (Adult)

March 27 at 11:00 a.m. - Bilingual Mandarin Storytime (Childrens)

March 28 at 4:00 p.m. - STEAM Days: Tangram Puzzles (Childrens)



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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 10-9; Wed-Sat 10-6; Sun 1-5

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

*March Specials:*



Books and sheet music featuring Jazz and guitar

In the children's section we will have books on Easter and Passover



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Korean books, DVD's and CD's for children and adults

**The Book-Go-Round is 35 Years Old!**

