



# City of Saratoga Library Commission

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## **AGENDA**

**DATE:** April 22, 2015

**TIME:** 4:00 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Saratoga Library/ Community Room  
13650 Saratoga Avenue  
Saratoga, CA 95070

### **Call to Order**

### **Roll Call**

**Report on Posting of the Agenda:** Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2, the agenda for this meeting was properly posted on April 16, 2015.

**Oral & Written Communications:** Any member of the public may address the Commission about any matter not on the agenda for this meeting for up to three minutes. *Commissioners may not comment on the matter, but may choose to place the topic on a future agenda.*

**Approval of Minutes:** Draft minutes for the February 25 meeting.

### **Old Business**

#### **1. Battle of the Books**

Issue: Details needed for adult version of Battle of the Books.

Action: Discuss and finalize schedule for an adult program version of Battle of the Books.

#### **2. Work Plan**

Issue: Following the April 1 Joint Council meeting, these work plan items are expected to be implemented: Heritage Center Categorization project and a community outreach project to increase the number of library cards issued to Saratoga residents.

Action: Discuss steps needed to be taken to move forward with the Heritage Center Categorization project. Working with Allison, identify the populations that should be targeted for obtaining library cards.

### **New Business**

#### **1. Change time of meeting**

Issue: Chair would like to change meeting time

Action: Discuss alternatives to current meeting time.

**Reports**

1. Nancy Howe, Santa Clara County Librarian
2. Allison Lew, Saratoga Community Librarian
3. Terrie Creamer, Friends of the Saratoga Libraries (absent)
4. Lauren Marty, Library Commission Chair
5. Adam Henig, City of Saratoga Liaison

**Agenda Items for the Next Meeting****Adjournment**

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**Library Commission Agenda Note:**

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**Certificate of Posting of Agenda:**

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## **MINUTES**

**DATE:** February 25, 2015

**TIME:** 4:00 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Saratoga Library/ Community Room  
13650 Saratoga Avenue  
Saratoga, CA 95070

**Call to Order** 4:11pm

### **Roll Call –**

Present: Campodonico, Kispersky, Marty, Whitcomb

Absent: Gulino

Staff: Terrie Creamer, Nancy Howe, Allison Lew, Adam Henig

Public: Nancy Kirk

**Report on Posting of the Agenda:** Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2, the agenda for this meeting was properly posted on February 19, 2015.

**Oral & Written Communications:** Saratoga Resident Nancy Kirk inquired about seeking funds for improved signage at the library. When visiting the Los Altos Library, she noticed wayfinding signs that she found to be effective for users. Although she was impressed, she noticed one of them seemed a bit dangerous and could hurt someone. Also, she would like to see the library extend the number of days in a week it opens in the evening and that the library should consider eliminating the non-resident fee, which deters potential patrons from using the library. Finally, she recommended that the library provide a discount for residents when renting the community room (e.g., the first hour of use is free).

Marty joined the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes:** Draft minutes for the December 10 meeting.

Marty moved to approve the draft minutes for the December 10 meeting. Kispersky seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

### **Old Business**

#### **3. Battle of the Books**

Issue: Continue discussion about potentially establishing a program geared to adults

Action: Discuss an adult program version of Battle of the Books

Whitcomb said offering an adult version “sounds like fun.” Lew mentioned that she would like to involve the adult services supervising librarian in the planning and implementing of this program. More details at the next meeting.

#### 4. Work Plan

Issue: Chair Marty and Vice-chair Gulino attended January 23 Council retreat and presented the Commission's work plan. How will Commission accomplish the updated work plan?

Action: Discuss how (and when) item will be accomplished and vote to adopt updated Work Plan to present at the annual Joint City Council Meeting on 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 1 at City Hall.

In her feedback from the Council Retreat, Marty mentioned that the Council would like to have youth be more involved. In working with Lew, Marty has added another column to the Work Plan—denoting whether it's the Library Commission's or the Library's responsibility to complete.

The following completion dates and project ideas have been discussed and agreed upon:

- **Project#1** - Brainstorming program ideas with the Library – **(Ongoing)**
- **Project#2** - Heritage Center categorization – **(May)**
- **Project#3** - Increase marketing efforts (Library Commission assists where Library can't cover) – **(June)**
  - Howe mentioned that the Library would like to reach residents who are on "not our mailing list" and don't frequently use the library. It typically tends to be those who are in their thirties or forties and/or those who don't have children.
  - Whitcomb mentioned in the past she met with the principal at the elementary schools in Saratoga to promote the library; attended Open House; met with the school librarian; and sponsored a poster contest.
  - Kispersky said working with the schools are critical; Mentioned that Gulino has a marketing background; Library should look into using social media and direct mail; Thinks the City might be interested to support a campaign to "put a library card in every child's hand."
  - Lew responded that the Library already is doing a lot of marketing already; would prefer to have the Library Commission focus in an area which the Library isn't covering; Lew will identify those areas at the next meeting
- **Project#4** – Creating a library resource flyer to simplify services offered **(Ongoing)**
- **Project#5** – Contact leaders of local organizations/community groups **(Ongoing)**
  - Creamer mentioned that she has a list of community groups who might be receptive to the Library's needs and will provide it at the next meeting.

#### New Business

None

#### Reports

6. Nancy Howe, Santa Clara County Librarian

Howe brought to the Commission's attention the upcoming American Librarian Association's annual conference in June. This year it will be held in San Francisco. Because of the conference location's proximity, she's encouraging her staff, members of the Friends, and Library Commissioners to attend whatever portion of the conference they are able to. The SCC Library's Joint Power Authority board met on January 29. The Board's next meeting, which will cover budgetary matters, will be on April 16 and then June 4.

7. Allison Lew, Saratoga Community Librarian

Lew invited Commissioners to attend the Council meeting on April 15 to celebrate National Bookmobile Day. She reminded Commissioners that Friends make many of the public programs offered possible.

Silicon Valley Reads continues through the end of March. On March 14, the California Public Library Advocates will meet at the Saratoga Library for a day-long workshop. This is the only location in Northern California, Lew noted, and it's honor to host it. A former and the current state librarian will be the featured speakers.

In Lew's regular report, she mentioned that volunteer hours are way up, in comparison to this time last year. She also noted that there were three new hires since the last meeting (two in the children's wing), a special recognition was given to the library's janitor, and that the Library is seeking native English speakers to facilitate the weekly English Conversation Club. Upcoming events include SV Reads on March 2; an international candy tasting event and a panel discussion about the college application process for teens; introduction of baby story time; and a host of other events covered in her report. Using a video to show its capabilities, Lew explained the County's acquisition of several digital science journals and magazines that are now easily accessible to the public.

In order for the library to gauge the quality of its programs and learn how to improve it, Lew is asking her staff to provide evaluations to program participants. The evaluation covers program quality, how one heard about it, and demographic information. Kispersky asked Lew if she could itemize or "spread" the results out, so staff can see how each of the programs are doing. Using the data she has, Lew discovered that most of the patrons were pleased with the presentations offered and would like to see similar programs that they had just attended in the future.

Finally, she commended the Friends for funding the wayfinding sign project, which will provide more information to patrons and make it easier to navigate the library. This will "free up" staff for more complex questions that users may have. The idea was came about from Los Altos' installation. Library will be using same designer.

8. Terrie Creamer, Friends of the Saratoga Libraries

Friends recently received \$378,000 donation from a recently deceased resident. Friends granted \$50,000 to the County Bookmobile operation and will allocate between \$120,000 and \$150,000 to pay for the wayfinding signs. This does not include the \$14,000 paid to the designer for the initial consultation. Creamer handed Howe two checks for these projects. Creamer also mentioned an upcoming event that is part of the monthly author series.

9. Lauren Marty, Library Commission Chair

None

10. Adam Henig, City of Saratoga Liaison

Henig listed upcoming events that are taking place in the Village and around the City. He also reminded the group about the April 1 Joint Council Meeting at City Hall and the Commission Recognition Dinner on April 30 at the Foothill Club.

**Agenda Items for the Next Meeting**

- Update on the Work Plan, specifically the Heritage Center Categorization project and proposed marketing campaign that will be implemented by the Commission

**Adjournment** – Kispersky moved to adjourned the meeting at 5:46 p.m. Marty second the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted:

Adam Henig

Recreation Supervisor



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## **California Public Library Advocates (CPLA) Workshop to be held at Saratoga Library**

The Northern California CPLA annual workshop will be conveniently located at the Saratoga Library on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 – 1:30. This is an opportunity to meet Greg Lucas, California's new State Librarian, and Susan Hildreth, the new director of the Peninsula Library System and the former Director of the National Institute for Museum and Library Services in Washington DC. For more information <http://www.cpladvocates.org/workshops/>

## **Financial Planning Workshops**

The Santa Clara County Library District (SCCLD) is partnering with the Financial Planning Association Silicon Valley to offer more than twenty free financial planning seminars at all SCCLD libraries in March, April and May 2015. The topics will cover three major areas of interest:

- **Wealth Spreading throughout Generations:** Learn about gifting to grandchildren and educational savings plans and join in the discussion on potential generational skipping taxation.
- **Estate Planning for Life:** Understand basic estate planning documents and how to protect your family by having an appropriate Estate Plan in place.
- **Hatching a Nest Egg, Transitioning from Asset Accumulation to Retirement Distribution:** Learn about retirement distribution and how to ensure retirement distributions last a lifetime.

The seminars are free and open to the public.

Individuals seeking additional information are encouraged to visit the **SCCLD Smart Investing web guide:** <http://www.sccl.org/Research/Business-Money/Smart-Investing-@-the-Library>

Offering a wide range of new investor education programs that are easily accessed at the library or on line, topics covered range from Personal Finance Planning Tips to Financing Higher Education and Estate Planning.

## **ILS Software Migration – It's a major project happening now**

We are in the midst of a software migration to update our legacy Integrated Library System (ILS). This is the software that allows us to order materials, maintain statistics, maintain borrow records, handle fines

and fees, check materials out, and display them in our catalog. We hope to have the migration completed by June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015. Our patrons will see a slightly different interface for the catalog. We hope that this improved database will allow us to better serve our customers.

## **The Reading Program – An update and call for new volunteers**

The purpose of SCCLD’s Reading Program is to improve adult literacy levels.

The Reading Program is currently supporting 114 active volunteer tutor-learner pairs, and matched 12 new pairs in early 2015.

In the past few months, the Reading Program has done extensive community outreach throughout the Library District, and partnered with new agencies like the AARP, Voices Academy (a K-8 charter school) in Morgan Hill, and the Young Ladies' Institute of Sacred Heart Parish Center in Saratoga.

On November 10, 2014, the Reading Program welcomed its new full-time Literacy Program Specialist, Nathalie Jackson. Her primary focus is to work with adult learners and volunteer tutors in Gilroy, Morgan Hill and the unincorporated areas of South County. Nathalie will be working on establishing a more robust presence at the Morgan Hill Library by providing on-site service 8 hours per week. Nathalie is also currently working on starting a computer lab in Gilroy where learners and library patrons will be able to take basic and intermediate computer classes.

Here are the upcoming Reading Program Volunteer Orientations designed for those considering becoming a volunteer reading tutor:

<b>Thursday, March 12</b>	<b>3:00 - 4:00 PM</b>	<b>Mountain View Library</b>
<b>Thursday, March 12</b>	<b>6:00 - 7:00 PM</b>	<b>Mountain View Library</b>
<b>Wednesday, April 8</b>	<b>2:00 - 3:00 PM</b>	<b>Cupertino Library</b>
<b>Wednesday, April 8</b>	<b>6:00 - 7:00 PM</b>	<b>Cupertino Library</b>

To learn more about RP activities: <http://www.sccl.org/services/reading-program>

## **Photocopiers**

Within the next month, each library’s photocopying machine is being upgraded. The newer machines will print 30 pages per minute, allow scanning, and a person can scan to a Gmail account, or to a USB. Copies are 15 cents per page for black and white, and 20 cents per page for color, for cost recovery.



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## **Countdown!**

The non-resident library card fee will stop on July 1, 2015. We are currently selling cards at a pro-rated cost through June 30. We will be closely monitoring library usage to identify patterns and quickly respond.

## **Chris Brown is newly hired Deputy County Librarian**

Please join me in welcoming Chris Brown as our Deputy County Librarian, Community Library Development. His first day at Santa Clara County Library District will be Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. Chris is currently a Senior Community Library Manager at Contra Costa County Library where he has managed several branches and projects including *War Ink* and the *Discover and Go* museum pass program. He started working for the Contra Costa County Library in 2008 and has held several positions of increasing responsibility during his tenure. Chris was a 2011 Eureka Fellow and has been active in the California Library Association. He brings a passion for public libraries and building community relationships.

## **JPA**

The next JPA meeting will be on Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. at the Library Services and Support Center, 1370 Dell Avenue, Campbell, Ca. 95008. The agenda will include the first review of the proposed budget for FY 2015-16.

## Saratoga Library Report: April 2015

Allison Lew, Community Librarian

### Statistics

	February 2014	February 2015	March 2014	March 2015
Total Circulation	93,574	84,862	100,845	88,759
Adult/Teen Circulation	49,934	44,912	52,657	47,251
Children's Circulation	43,640	39,950	48,188	41,508
Total Number of Programs	61	54	71	81
Programs Total Attendance	1,723	1,326	2,084	2,032
New Library Cards Issued	193	143	169	115
Gate Count	29,747	30,762	34,268	35,394
Outreach Events	3	2	8	5
Outreach Total Attendance	216	230	550	870
Volunteer Hours	405	1,403 <small>(Now includes Friends' hours)</small>	486	1,562 <small>(Now includes Friends' hours)</small>

### Personnel

#### *New Employee*

The Saratoga Library welcomes its new Library Page, Randall Campbell. He lives in Sunnysvale and was formerly employed as a security guard. He is excited to start a new and different job, and he already is proving to be hard-



working and extremely energetic. We welcome his positive energy and his great attitude. He is a fabulous addition to our team here at Saratoga Library.

*--Andrew Cammisa, Circulation and Accounts Supervisor*

## Programs

### *Programs for Adults*

#### **April 1 at 10:00 a.m. - Friends Author Series: Barbara Tinsley**

Barbara Tinsley will read from her book of poetry, *Art, Passion and Poetry*. She will discuss writing her poems, and then the audience will be invited to ask questions.

#### **April 6 at 7:30 p.m. - Book Discussion Group: *The Sense of an Ending***

Participants will read and discuss *The Sense of an Ending*, by Julian Barnes. This is an intense novel that follows a middle-aged man as he contends with a past he never thought much about, until his closest childhood friends return with a vengeance.

#### **April 7 at 7:00 p.m. - Estate Planning for Life**

Learn about basic estate planning documents and how to help your family by having an Estate Plan in place. This workshop is presented by the Financial Planning Association of Silicon Valley.



**April 9 at 10:15 a.m. - Chinese Book Club: 永不屈服**

Participants will read and discuss, in Mandarin, Laura Hillenbrand's non-fiction book, 永不屈服 *Unbroken: A World War II Airman's Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption*. This is the story of Lt. Louis Zamperini whose plane went down on a May afternoon in 1943 when an Army Air Forces bomber crashed into the Pacific Ocean and disappeared, leaving only a spray of debris and a slick of oil, gasoline, and blood. He survived but was captured by the Japanese government and driven to the limits of endurance. Zamperini answered desperation with ingenuity, and he answered suffering with hope, resolve, and humor.

**April 11 at 2:00 p.m. - Guitarist Christopher Dean in Concert**

Join us for a relaxing afternoon of traditional instrumental Celtic and American Folk music presented by master guitarist Christopher Dean.

**April 21 at 7:00 p.m. - Women Re-Entering the Workforce**

Participants will learn strategies for starting a job search and re-entering the workforce after taking time off.

**April 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 at 11:00 a.m. - English Conversation Club**

The English Conversation Club is offered every Thursday morning in the Community Room at 11:00 a.m. The Club is open to all levels of English language learners. Meetings are fun social events that help participants improve their English listening and speaking skills. Participants practice speaking English, make friends, and learn about other cultures in a supportive environment. Participation is on a drop-in basis. Native English-speakers are welcome to help facilitate conversations.

**May 4 at 7:30 p.m. - Book Discussion Group**

*Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World that Can't Stop Speaking* by Susan Cain

Cain demonstrates how introverted people are misunderstood and undervalued in modern culture, charting the rise of extrovert ideology while sharing anecdotal examples of how to use introvert talents to adapt to various situations.

**May 5 at 7:00 p.m. - Hatching a Nest Egg: Transitioning from Asset Accumulation to Retirement Distribution**

Participants will learn strategies for making their capital assets last a lifetime. They will learn about topics including sequence of return risk, how to decide from which account to withdraw funds for retirement first, and when to start taking social security.

**May 6 at 10:00 a.m. - Friends' Author Series: A Talk by Author Bo Caldwell**

In *City of Tranquil Light* (2010), Bo Caldwell draws her story from the lives of her grandparents. She explores Mennonite missionaries, religion, and history. Caldwell is also the author of the best seller *The Distant Land of My Father* (2001).

**May 7, 14, 21 & 28 at 11:00 a.m. - English Conversation Club**

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their English listening and speaking skills. Participants practice speaking English, make friends, and learn about other cultures in a supportive environment. Participation is on a drop-in basis. Native English-speakers are welcome to help facilitate conversations.

**May 11 at 7:00 p.m. - Health Talk by Dr. Ayati**

Dr. Mehrdad Ayati, Stanford University Assistant Professor of Medicine and author of *Paths to Healthy Aging*, will provide an informative talk on healthy aging. He will share the latest research as well as his clinical experiences as a geriatrician.

**May 19 at 7:00 p.m. - Creating a Bee-Friendly Garden**

Participants will learn how to create bee-friendly gardens for native bees. Bees are important pollinators of crops. Presenter Debbie Ballentine, a garden writer for Houzz.com, will share information about how to develop a garden where native bees will want to live, eat, and raise their young.

***Teen Programs***

**April 3 at 6:30 p.m. - Teen  
Coffeehouse - Talent Show**

Calling all teen performers to showcase your talent at open mic night: sing, dance, tell jokes, play music, recite poetry, showcase your art, and more! Join us for a fun and relaxing evening! Teen performers only, and adoring audiences welcome!



**April 18 at 1:00 p.m. - New SAT Practice Test**

The SAT is changing in spring 2016. Are you prepared for the new test? Get experience with the exam, without the pressure, by taking the new SAT practice test at Saratoga Library. Then, return to the library on **April 27 at 6:30 p.m.** to gain and discuss test results in our results seminar. For grades 8 and up.

**April 28 at 6:00 p.m. - Lettuce Party! A Silicon Valley Grows Program for Teens**

Participants will discuss their experiences growing the heirloom lettuce, Amish Deer Tongue. They will enjoy a cooking demonstration using lettuce in a salad or wrap. Participants are invited to bring their favorite wrap and salad recipes to share.



**May 16 at 2:00 p.m. - Four Years of High School: A Roadmap**

This seminar will demystify the college admissions process for 6-9th grade students and help prepare them for their four years in high school:

- How to plan extracurricular activities
- Courses to take during the four years
- Testing roadmap

Students and their parents are invited to attend.

**May 23 & 30 (10 a.m. - 6 p.m.) and May 24 & 31 (1 p.m. - 5 p.m.) - Teen Study Hall**

The Community Room will be reserved as a quiet study area for teens studying for finals on May 23, 24, 30, and 31.

**May 26 at 5 p.m. - Teen Advisory Board ("TAB") - Year-End Celebration**

Many TAB members are graduating from high school and leaving the Board after many years of volunteering. We will thank the teens and celebrate their contributions at this fun recognition event. The teens provided many hours of volunteer work during which they promoted the library to fellow-teens, developed program ideas, helped facilitate programs enjoyed by their peers, and more.

### **Teen Advisory Board - Meets Monthly on Fourth Thursdays, During the School Year**

The TAB (Teen Advisory Board) plans teen-oriented events and advises the Teen Librarian on teen library services. TAB currently consists of 34 teens.

### **Middle School Hangout - Monday through Friday**

Middle School students are invited to socialize, do homework, eat, or read in the Community Room. Middle School Hangout is offered after school, Monday through Friday. Average attendance is 40+ persons per day.

### **Teen Computer Club - Monday through Friday**

The Training Room is open five days a week for kids ages 10-17 to use computers for homework and games. Teen Computer Club is offered after school, Monday through Friday. Average attendance is 25+ persons per day.



### ***Children's Programs***

- **Family Storytime - Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.**
- **Toddler Storytime - Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.**
- **Baby Storytime - Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m.**
- **Pre-School Storytime - Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.**

### **April 14 at 7:30 p.m. - Recycling Fun Family Storytime**

Kristine Dungo of the West Valley Collection and Recycling Company will visit the Family Storytime to present great stories and fun activities focused on making our world a cleaner place.

### **April 16 at 9:30 a.m. - Sacred Heart School - Pre-K Class**

Students will visit the library and enjoy stories, learn about non-fiction books, laugh at jokes, watch a short film, and check out books to take home.

**April 16 at 10:30 a.m. - Spring Puppet Shows, Presented by Ms. Holly and Ms. Pat**

Children's Librarians Holly and Pat will present two puppet shows as a special treat for our pre-school storytime attendees.

**April 22 at 2:30 p.m. - Ready, Set, READ!**

Ready, Set, READ is a special early literacy storytime for pre-school children and their grown-ups. Attendees will listen to stories, rhymes, and songs. Grown-ups will learn tips for helping children learn how to read.

**April 23 at 4:00 p.m. - Book Club: *Greetings from Somewhere: The Mystery of the Mosaic***

Second and third graders are invited to discuss a fun adventure book by Harper Paris that takes place in Venice, Italy. Attendees will also enjoy making a craft, playing a game, and more. Register for the Book Club beginning on April 1.

**April 24 at 10:15 a.m. - Sacred Heart School - First Grade Class**

Students will visit the library and enjoy stories, learn about non-fiction books, laugh at jokes, watch a short film, and check out books to take home.

**April 24 at 10:45 a.m. - Sacred Heart School - Second Grade Class**

Students will visit the library and enjoy stories, learn about non-fiction books, laugh at jokes, watch a short film, and check out books to take home.

**May 2 at 10:30 a.m. - Daisy Scouts**

Twelve Daisy Scout kindergarteners will visit the library for a special storytime, craft activities, and more.

**May 7 at 4:00 p.m. - Book Club - *Dragon Slayers Academy #1: The New Kid at School***

Third grade students will enjoy a fun discussion of *The New Kid at School*, and they will participate in various activities including making a craft. This event will be held in the Orchard Room.

**May 13 at 1:00 p.m. - St. Andrew's School - Fifth Grade Class**

Librarians will introduce fifth graders to homework help resources, take a behind-the-scenes library

tour, and learn about the Summer Reading Challenge.

**May 15 at 10:30 a.m. - Sacred Heart School - First Grade Class**

Students will visit the library and enjoy stories, learn about non-fiction books, laugh at jokes, watch a short film, and check out books to take home.

**May 21 at 9:30 a.m. - Sacred Heart School - Pre-K Class**

Students will visit the library and enjoy stories, learn about non-fiction books, laugh at jokes, watch a short film, and check out books to take home.

**May 29 at 10:30 a.m. - Sacred Heart School - Second Grade Class**

Students will visit the library and enjoy stories, learn about non-fiction books, laugh at jokes, watch a short film, and check out books to take home.

## **Outreach**

**West Valley College Farmer's Market: Monthly on Third Saturdays from 10 a.m. - 12 noon**

Saratoga Library staff members are at the Farmer's Market Information Booth on the third Saturday of each month to promote library services and register persons for library cards.

**April 18 at 11 a.m. - Saratoga Pet Parade - Blaney Plaza**

Children's Librarian Michelle will share information about library services at the Saratoga Pet Parade, which is an annual Saratoga Village Development Council event.

**April 21 at 4:00 p.m. - Arbor Day - City of Saratoga Event in Blaney Plaza**

In Blaney Plaza, Children's Librarian Holly will read tree stories to kids at a special storytime, Adult Services Librarian Betsy will provide library information and resources, and Bookmobile Librarian Amytha will invite community members to come on board the Bookmobile! The City of Saratoga will offer many fun and educational opportunities featuring various community partners including Saratoga Library.

**April 23 at 12:15 p.m. - Sacred Heart Luncheon Book Talk**

Adult Services Librarian Betsy will book-talk at Sacred Heart's Senior Luncheon. She will also inform attendees about library collections, services, and programs.

**May 14 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Saratoga Elementary School - Grades K through 5**

Children’s librarians will visit Saratoga Elementary School and introduce the Summer Challenge to students. They will also share great new books with the students.

**May 19 & May 20 from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Foothill Elementary School - Grades K through 5**

Children’s librarians will visit Foothill Elementary School and introduce the Summer Challenge to students. They will also share great new books with the students.

**May 26 from 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. - Redwood Middle School - Book Talking**

Children’s librarians will visit Redwood Middle School to talk about great paperback books. Copies of the books will be available for them to check out. Library cards will be issued to students that do not already have them prior to this date. Students will also be introduced to the Summer Challenge.

**May 27 from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - Blue Hills Elementary School - Grades K through 4**

Children’s librarians will visit Blue Hills Elementary School and introduce the Summer Challenge to students. They will also share great new books with the students.

**May (Date to be Finalized) - Saratoga High School**

Teen Librarian Birgit Spring will promote the Summer Challenge to students at Saratoga High School.

**Summer Reading Challenge - For All Ages**

***Introduction to the Summer Reading Challenge***

Written by librarian Jennifer Weeks

This summer, Santa Clara County Library District (SCCLD) invites you to be a hero! The 2015 Summer Challenge kicks off May 15 and runs through August 15, and this year’s exciting program offers something for everyone. Kids are encouraged with Every Hero Has a Story! Teens are dared to Unmask, and adults have the chance to Escape the Ordinary.

The Summer Challenge is about more than just reading— it is a



program that encourages all to enjoy library resources and to experience enriching and creative programs. It also provides opportunities with our new partners who include:

- SC County Parks
- County Fire, and the fire departments in the cities of Gilroy, Milpitas and Morgan Hill
- The Children’s Discovery Museum of San Jose
- The Tech Museum

Teens will get the chance to engineer and invent with Tech Museum staff. Kids will listen to a story from a park ranger, and adults will hear first-hand stories of bravery and determination. This year SCCLD has expanded the pre-reader (ages 0-5) component to encourage active participation of families to help their little ones get ready to read. The program supports the Every Child Ready to Read (ECRR) initiative as SCCLD libraries continue to provide training and programming in our communities to promote early literacy and the five practices of reading, playing, talking, singing, and writing that help young children get ready to learn.



So, how does the Summer Challenge work?

Using the Summer Challenge activity trackers that are available both in paper and online, patrons can earn points by completing suggested activities -- from visiting at a county park to reading a great book to downloading a free song. Kids who fill their tracker will receive a free book. Adults and teens that register online and complete the program receive prizes and are entered into a drawing to win new tablets. Plus, Children’s Discovery Museum is giving out free tickets to all patrons who complete the Summer Challenge.

So, Be a Hero this summer and sign up for the 2015 Summer Challenge.

### ***Summer Programs and Events***

*Check the “Events” Section of Our Website for Updates.*

**Toddlers and Preschoolers, Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.:**

- June 25: Santa Clara County Park Ranger Leroy will read stories at storytime.
- July 9: Representatives of the Santa Clara County Fire Department will present a special fire safety storytime. Kids will check out a real fire engine and meet fire fighters.

### **Grades K – 6:**

- Kick-off Event: Saturday, June 6 at 2:30 p.m. - Make a Super Hero Costume
- Wednesdays at 2:30 p.m.:
  - June 17: Superhero movie with refreshments
  - June 24: Bam! Pow! Read! Crafts and activities
  - July 1: Cowgirl Tricks with Karen Queste
  - July 8: Super Bubble Power!
  - July 15: Wildlife Associates Present: Wild Neighbors
  - July 22: Storyteller: John Weaver – “Every Hero Has a Story”
  - July 29: Magician: Donnie Crandell
  - August 5: Heroes of Greek Mythology – crafts and activities
  - August 12: Summer Challenge Awards Program

### **Grades 5 – 7:**

- Date to be announced: Coffee-filter art
- Date to be announced: Decoupage fun with comic books

### **Grades Pre-K through 7 - Family Nights:**

- June 30: Superhero Bingo
- July 21: Performer to be announced soon

### **Teens (Grades 8 – 12):**

- *Teen Summer Challenge Overview:*

This summer, Santa Clara County Library District invites you to be a hero! The 2015 Summer Challenge kicks off May 15 and runs through August 15. Teens are dared to Unmask. The Summer Challenge is about more than just reading— it is a program that encourages all to enjoy library resources and experience enriching and creative programs. To complete the Summer Challenge, use a Summer Challenge activity tracker that is available both in paper and online. Earn points by completing suggested activities -- from visiting a county park to reading a great book to downloading a free song. Teens receive a free book at sign up and a Starbucks gift card at completion. Teens that register online are entered into a drawing to win new tablets. So, Be a Hero this summer and sign up for the 2015 Summer Challenge!
- *Summer Programs and Events*

- June 12 at 6:30 p.m. - Teen Lock-In  
Kick-off the 2015 Teen Summer Challenge in style at the lock-in just for teens, during library closed hours. Enjoy crafts, karaoke, a scavenger hunt, games, and food! Pick up a registration form at the library, and then return the filled-out copy that includes parent signature to the library to reserve your spot.
- June 13 at 3 p.m. - Graphic-Novel-Making Workshop  
Artist and author Oliver Chin will lead a workshop on creating graphic novels and comics. Learn to make your own graphic novel, and get your questions answered.
- June or July - Introduction to Java Workshop (To be finalized)
- July 10 at 3 p.m. - Henna Tattoo Workshop  
Join professional henna tattoo artist Rachel-Anne for a workshop about the history and culture of henna. Get a professional design from her and then take some supplies home to make your own. Advanced registration required.
- August 15 at 10 a.m. - Laser Etching Puzzle Workshop  
(Event time to be finalized.) Teens will create their own designs and have it cut into puzzle pieces with a laser cutter. They will learn how the laser cutter works as it creates the puzzles. This program also includes a presentation about 3D printing techniques, purposes, and the future of this innovative technology.

#### **Adults:**

- *Adult Summer Challenge Overview:*  
This summer, Santa Clara County Library District invites you to be a hero! The 2015 Summer Challenge kicks off May 15 and runs through August 15. Adults are dared to Escape the Ordinary. The Summer Challenge is about more than just reading— it is a program that encourages all to enjoy library resources and experience enriching and creative programs. To complete the Summer Challenge, use a Summer Challenge activity tracker that is available both in paper and online. Earn points by completing suggested activities -- from visiting a county park to reading a great book to downloading a free song. Adults receive a free book and bag at registration. Adults that register online are entered into a drawing to win new tablets. So, Be a Hero this summer and sign up for the 2015 Summer Challenge.
- *Summer Programs and Events*

- Grand Tour Series: China  
June 8 at 7 p.m. - Jade: Stone of Heaven - Presented by Asian Art Museum docent, Bianca Larson.  
Jade objects were valued by Chinese emperors and fought over by Mughal princes. For 7,000 years, this lustrous gemstone has been treasured for its rarity, beauty, and symbolic value.
- June 11 at 10:15 a.m. - Bimonthly Chinese Book Club  
Participants will read *Frog* by Mo Yan, the 2012 Nobel Prize winner for literature. In this novel by China's respected and controversial author, Mo chronicles the sweeping history of the People's Republic of China through the lens of the nation's controversial one-child policy.
- Grand Tour Series: China  
June 15 at 7 p.m. - Images of Southwest China  
Photographer David Couzens will present images from his latest book, *Images of Southwest China*, highlighting the diverse people and landscapes of the provinces of Guangxi, Guizhou, and Yunnan.
- June 16 at 7 p.m. - Master Gardeners (Topic to be announced)
- Grand Tour Series: China  
June 20 at 1 p.m. - Gu-zheng Solo Music by Hong Tai  
(Start time to be finalized)
- Grand Tour Series: China  
June 22 at 7 p.m. - Chinese Calligraphy  
Experience the beauty of Chinese culture through calligraphy, in this introduction to calligraphy class.
- June 29 at 7 p.m. - Stanford professor and author talk  
(Information coming soon.)
- July - Santa Clara Bee Guild with Ken Waterman  
(Event date and description coming soon.)
- August 1 at 2 p.m. - *To Hell and Back: The Story of Audie Murphy* by Duffy Hudson  
This one-man performance showcases the WWII adventures of war hero Audie Murphy, his life, and his crusade to help veterans with PTSD.
- August 8 at 1:00 p.m. - Historical, Cultural, & Social Links to Downton Abbey  
Dr. DiAnn Ellis will discuss the world of Downton Abbey within the social and historical

events of the times. She will show slides of her visit to Highclere Castle. Tea and biscuits will be served and vintage dress is welcome.

- August 13 at 10:15 a.m. - Chinese Book Club  
李光耀回憶錄：我一生的挑戰 (*My Lifelong Challenge: Singapore's Bilingual Journey* by Lee Kuan Yew)  
Yew describes the policy adjustments and the challenges he faced while implementing a bilingual education system in Singapore. These challenges are illustrated in parallel with his personal struggles to learn the Chinese language. Yew organizes his experiences into eight precepts that he explains at the end of his memoir.
- August 25 at 7 p.m. - Master Gardeners: Vegetable and Seed Exchange
- Every Thursday at 11:00 a.m. - Weekly English Conversation Club  
The English Conversation Club is offered every Thursday morning in the Community Room at 11:00 a.m. The Club is open to all levels of English language learners. Meetings are fun social events that help participants improve their English listening and speaking skills. Participants practice speaking English, make friends, and learn about other cultures in a supportive environment. Participation is on a drop-in basis. Native English-speakers are welcome to help facilitate conversations.

## **Virtual Library Demonstration: Universal Class**

Available at <http://www.sccl.org/Research/Categories> in the Online Learning category.

Universal Class provides unlimited access to over 500 free, online, continuing education courses (non-credit). Enroll in up to five courses at a time. Persons have up to six months to finish each course, and they can attend class and complete assignments online whenever convenient for them. Each course has an instructor with whom participants may communicate using email.

## **Newsletter**

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## **Friends of the Saratoga Libraries Report – April 22, 2015**

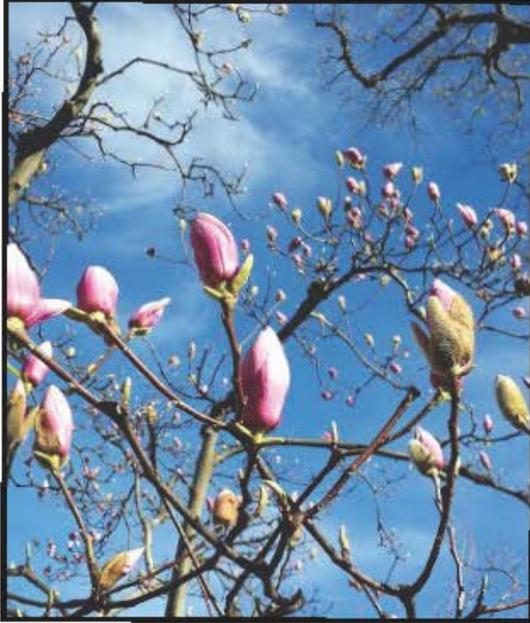
*Through Membership donations, donations of books, volunteering and purchasing books from the BOOK-GO-ROUND the Friends assist the library in maintaining and improving its current high level of library services.*

Next Author Series is May 6, 2015- Silicon Valley Reads author Bo Caldwell will discuss her new book, *City of Tranquil Light* which is based on the lives of her grandparents, who were missionaries in China and Taiwan.

The author series will resume on September 2

Membership Drive- please renew for 2015 or join

# HAKONE GARDENS MASTER PLAN COMMUNITY WORKSHOP



The City of Saratoga invites the public to attend the second community workshop on the development of the Hakone Gardens Master Plan. The Master Plan will serve as a guide to restoring and enhancing the structures and facilities throughout the 18-acre historic Japanese gardens.

The goal of the second workshop is to encourage continued participation, inform community members of the status of the master plan process, and discuss potential site alternatives identified at the first workshop meetings.

**APRIL 28TH, 2015 5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.**  
**HAKONE ESTATE AND GARDENS**  
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