



City of Saratoga Library Commission

AGENDA

DATE: Wednesday, August 26, 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 August 17, 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 June 24 meeting and July 14 special meeting.

Old Business

1. Saratoga Heritage Inventory List

Issue: Saratoga Library to be considered for the City's HPC's "Saratoga's Heritage Inventory List."

Action: The HPC is currently working on creating a new process of adding properties to the inventory. Once that process has been settled and approved by the HPC, City will devise a plan on verifying how and if Saratoga Library can be added to the inventory as either a resource or a landmark property. The process should be finalized before the end of the calendar year. No action can be taken.

2. Battle of the Books (adult version) Update

Issue: Update from Commission Chair Marty and Vice Chair Gulino. Event date will be 11/15.

Action: Commissioners need to establish plan leading up to the day of the event.

3. Library Card for Every Resident

Issue: Update from Commissioner Kispersky about reaching out to the community and increase the number of library cards issued to Saratoga residents.

Action: Discuss ideas to implement for the upcoming school year.

Reports

1. Nancy Howe, Santa Clara County Librarian
2. Roslyn Donald, Interim Saratoga Community Librarian
3. Terrie Creamer, Friends of the Saratoga Libraries
4. Lauren Marty, Library Commission Chair
5. Adam Henig, City of Saratoga Liaison

Agenda Items for the Next Meeting, October 28, 2015**Adjournment**

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Library Commission Agenda Note:

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Certificate of Posting of Agenda:

I, Adam Henig, Recreation Supervisor, for the City of Saratoga, declare that the foregoing agenda for the meeting of the Library Commission of the City of Saratoga was posted on August 17, 2015 at the office of the City of Saratoga, 13777 Fruitvale Avenue, Saratoga, CA 95070 and was available for public review at that location. The agenda is also available on the City's website at www.saratoga.ca.us.



City of Saratoga Library Commission

MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, June 24, 2015

TIME: 4:00 p.m.

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

Call to Order 4:02 pm

Roll Call Campodonico, Gulino, Kispersky, Marty, Whitcomb (absent)

Staff: Nancy Howe, Roslyn Donald, Adam Henig, Michael Fossati (Planner)

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

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Approval of Minutes: Draft minutes for the April 22 meeting. Gulino moved to approve the draft minutes for the April 22 meeting. Kispersky seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

New Business (Chair moved it ahead of old business)

4. Saratoga Heritage Inventory List

Issue: On May 12, Staff Liaison Henig was contacted by HPC Commissioner Stransky to add Saratoga Library to the HPC's "Saratoga's Heritage Inventory List." Stransky plans to complete application for the Library to obtain status on the Inventory List.

Action: Stransky will provide details of the application process. Commission should discuss and vote whether to support.

Heritage Preservation Commissioner Annette Stransky had been researching whether the Saratoga Library could be added to the Saratoga Heritage Inventory List, which is determined by the Heritage Preservation Commission. City Staff Planner Michael Fossati explained that in order for the Library to be eligible for the Inventory List, it must meet only one of the seven criteria. Commissioner Stransky felt that the Library qualified under two of the seven qualifications:

- a) It exemplifies or reflects special elements of the cultural, social, economic, political, aesthetic, engineering or architectural history of the City, the County, the State or the nation;

- b) It embodies distinctive characteristics of a style, type, period or method of construction, or is a valuable example of the use of indigenous materials.

Commissioner Stransky offered to conduct further research and prepare the Library's application. Since the City is the property owner, Fossati explained, the process itself would be expedited. Also, he noted, once the Library is placed on the Inventory List it potentially could lead to it being selected as a state landmark. Marty inquired about the application process. Fossati explained:

- 1) Notify the owner (City)
- 2) Must meet 1 of 7 criteria
- 3) Notify City Council during Joint Meeting or beforehand
- 4) If Council approves, contact HPC and submit application

Interim Library Director Donald inquired about the advantages and disadvantages of having the Library listed on the Inventory List. The disadvantage, Fossati said, would be that if the Library made any changes to its exterior (liking adding a bike rack or landscaping changes), it would have to notify HPC ahead of time. HPC might, for example, recommend that action not be taken. The Library, however, could still pursue constructing the rack without penalty. The advantages, explained Commissioner Stransky, included enhanced prestige to the Library, increased foot traffic, and potentially lead to future state landmark status.

Chair Marty wanted to add this item to next meeting's agenda. Vice-Chair Gulino would like a status report at the next meeting and recommended Commissioner Stransky work on the application—once Council approves. Fossati recommended that he and Staff Liaison Henig will work together with City Manager about proposing the task to City Council.

Old Business

1. Battle of the Books (adult version) Update

Issue: Update from Commission Chair Marty. Commission needs to finalize event details such as date (10/17 or 11/7), rules, marketing ideas, and logistics. Divide duties among commissioners.

Action: Commissioners need to establish event plan.

Chair Marty and Vice Chair Gulino recommended that the event replicates a "Pub Trivia Night" rather than the youth-oriented Battle of the Books. It's more manageable and practical, they contended. Most Pub Trivia Nights are organized and operated by Brainstormer, a third party vendor. Gulino will meet with a representative to get ideas and possibly inquire about hiring for the Library's event, which will be scheduled on Saturday, October 17 from 3:00-5:00 p.m. Trivia questions will focus on a variety of genres such as romance books and geography. Chair Marty motioned to hold a special meeting for planning the event on Tuesday, July 14 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Vice Chair Gulino seconded and Commission voted 4-0 to hold a special meeting. Kispersky mentioned he won't

be able to be present. Commission recommended to have a representative from Brainstormer present at special meeting.

2. Library Card for Every Resident

Issue: Commissioner Kispersky will continue discussion about reaching out to community and increase the number of library cards issued to Saratoga residents.

Action: Discuss further how to pursue this project.

Kispersky met with library staff, who notified him that they were already placing library card applications in K-12 first day school packets. Library also mentioned that their targeted populations are fourth and fifth graders. Friends of Library President Creamer recommended that the Commission and Library staff reach out to teachers, who can influence parents about the importance of having a library card. Also, it was recommended by Donald to add library cards to the “classroom supply list.”

Reports

6. Nancy Howe, Santa Clara County Librarian - All libraries were closed June 3 for software migration. Systems software upgrade enhancements will include a fresh new look for SCCLD’s online library catalog, improved search functionality, and access to more book reviews. The Library will be sending out a patron survey soon to determine how well its new software fared. Beginning July 1, the Library will begin issuing free library cards to non-district residents of all ages. Commissions will receive monthly reports on usage increases so that the Library can monitor the impact. Also, the Joint Powers Authority Library Board decided to increase the Community Room reservation fee to \$25.00 for four hours of use from a \$10.00 flat fee. Each use of our community rooms costs the library an average of \$35 in staff time. The community room fee increase will recoup some of these costs and will be the first community room fee change in over 15 years.
7. Roslyn Donald, Interim Saratoga Community Librarian – The Library is in midst of ending its “Grand Tour of China” series, which featured Chinese Calligraphy , authors, and artists. The end of the year teen events included Study Hall for Finals and a “Teen Lock in.” In mid-May, staff visited all of the K-8 schools in Saratoga, encouraging students to utilize the library. Donald mentioned that program evaluation results demonstrated that most patrons hear about a program from either a poster, the Library’s website, a staff member or word of mouth.
8. Terrie Creamer, Friends of the Saratoga Libraries - The Friends grant to the library for 2015-2016 is \$141,000. This includes the ability to purchase bestsellers, sponsor programs for all ages, provide community outreach hours, augmenting collections, and maintaining the literacy program. The author series will resume on September 2
9. Lauren Marty, Library Commission Chair - none
10. Adam Henig, City of Saratoga Liaison - mentioned Library Commission applications are available for one spot on the commission—Whitcomb’s seat.

Agenda Items for the Next Meeting, August 26, 2015

- Battle of the Books
- Library Card

- Heritage List

Adjournment – Gulino motioned to adjourned. Kispersky seconded motion. 4-0 motion passed. 5:27pm

Respectfully Submitted: Adam Henig, Recreation Supervisor



City of Saratoga Library Commission

Special Meeting MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, July 14, 2015

TIME: 4:00 p.m.

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Call to Order - Due to a lack of a quorum, the meeting was not called to order.

Roll Call - Gulino

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Old Business

1. "Battle of the Books Trivia"

Issue: Commission needs to finalize trivia event details, divide job duties amongst themselves, and select a date for the event.

Action: Commissioners need to establish a plan leading up to the event.

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July 2015

Commission Report

Nancy Howe, County Librarian



Green Teen Garden Project at Cupertino Library Receives Award

The Urban Library Council (ULC) has announced its 2015 top innovators. ULC's annual Innovations Initiative is a showcase to share and inspire new ways of thinking and working that libraries implement to benefit people and communities. The Green Teen Garden Project was awarded an Honorable Mention for Sustainability.

Santa Clara County Library District, CA The Green Teen Garden Project@ Cupertino Library www.sccl.org
Teens in Cupertino replace their smart phones and tablets with rakes, seeds, and soil for four months to develop gardening and sustainability skills. The Cupertino Library's Green Teen Garden Project teaches these new skills through a four month, hands-on program led by library staff and veteran gardeners.

Participating teens learn best gardening practices and green living skills by maintaining a self-contained, organic garden located inside the library's courtyard. After two years of operation, the project has produced 40 teen eco-enthusiasts and donated more than 45 pounds of fresh organic vegetables to people in need.

Integrated Library System (ILS) Software Migration Update

We have been running Innovative Interface's Sierra ILS and public catalog Encore since June 3rd. The migration has not gone as smoothly as we expected. Patrons have experienced problems with the catalog, particularly the login and holds functions. We were also unable to migrate the patron lists from the previous catalog by June 3rd as we had hoped. Staff is aggressively working to identify and get bugs fixed, conduct testing, assist patrons, communicate all problems with the vendor, and explore alternative solutions. FAQs and a method for reporting problems can be found at <http://www.sycl.org/Catalog/Catalog-FAQs>. Thank you for your patience as we work through this major technical challenge. We are committed to giving our patrons a superior catalog experience.

Bus Driver Aids Quick Return of Child Abducted from Milpitas Library

http://www.mercurynews.com/milpitas/ci_28282099/bus-driver-recounts-actions-that-saved-abducted-milpitas

Thanks to the quick response of VTA, Law enforcement, and library staff, a 3 year old boy abducted from the Milpitas Library on June 8th was swiftly returned to his parents. In a matter of minutes, the library was searched, 911 was notified, and the Milpitas police were on site. The incident is a sober reminder to families and staff that libraries are very busy public buildings. Milpitas City Council formally commended Debra Serrano, Milpitas Library Clerk, who called police dispatch and provided critical information about the abducted child and suspect. The Milpitas Police and County Sheriff's Department are assisting the Library staff with review of emergency procedures.



New Version of Welcome Brochure Available

Starting July 1, library cards became free to all regardless of residents. A revised brochure reflecting our current policy has been printed and will be distributed to commissioners.



August 2015
Commission Report
Nancy Howe, County Librarian

On July 1, the Santa Clara County Library District stopped charging non-residents for library cards and began offering free library cards to all. We were glad to welcome so many patrons back. A total of 5679 new cards were issued during the month of July to non-residents. More detailed statistics will follow in next month's report.

On Monday, August 17, we will change our online catalog. On June 3, we went live with a new online catalog, Encore. We learned through an online survey that a majority of our patrons preferred the former catalog, Bibliocommons. They told us they liked the user interface and functionality of Bibliocommons. Also, some expected features in Encore did not work. We listened to our patrons and are pleased we were able to respond so quickly.

Saratoga Library Report: July 2015

Roslyn Donald, Acting Community Librarian

Statistics

	May 2014	May 2015	June 2014	June 2015
Total Circulation	94,260	88,222	100,164	84,489
Adult/Teen Circulation	50,526	48,403	53,473	48,243
Children's Circulation	43,734	39,819	46,691	36,246
Total Number of Programs	65	69	40	44
Programs Total Attendance	1,960	1908	2,658	1332
New Library Cards Issued	132	142	160	245
Gate Count	33,153	34,793	34,738	31,386
Outreach Events	7	8	14	6
Outreach Total Attendance	1,505	2523	805	1,110
Volunteer Hours	506	1373	1,500	1,563

Programs

Programs for Adults

Adult Events

June 16 at 7:00 p.m. - Master Gardeners: Waterwise Gardening Tactics Lecture

With mandatory water restrictions looming, participants will learn water-wise gardening tactics to convert a lawn or other landscape into somethings that's more drought-tolerant and beautiful. Master

Gardener Dee Brown will give an overview of "best watering" and yard maintenance practices to save water and your time!

She will also suggest and describe attractive low-water plants that thrive in our mild, Mediterranean climate and how to incorporate them into your landscape. Participants will also learn that reducing water usage can go hand-in-hand with creating a beautiful yard that attracts birds, bees, and butterflies.

June 20 at 1 p.m. - Gu-zheng Solo music by Hong Tai.

June 22 at 7 p.m. - Chinese Calligraphy

Experience the beauty of Chinese culture through calligraphy.

June 29 at 7 p.m. - Stanford professor and author Gordon H. Chang

Fateful Ties: the History of American preoccupation with China by Gordon H Chang.

Stanford professor of American History and director of the Center for East Asian Studies.

Americans look to China with fascination and fear, unsure whether the rising Asian power is friend or foe but certain it will play a crucial role in America's future. Americans have long been convinced of China's importance to their national destiny. *Fateful Ties* presents a long view of this history, beginning with Jamestown and coming to the present.

July 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. (Attendance: 108)

July 7, 14, 21, 28 at 7:00 p.m. - Point of View (POV) Sneak Preview Movie Series

Attend a special advanced viewing of acclaimed and provocative films from POV's 28th season on PBS. The following films will be shown at Saratoga Library before their television broadcasts:

July 7 at 7:00 p.m. - Web Junkie –

This film follows the treatment of three Chinese teenagers, obsessive gamers whose preference for the virtual world over the real one is summed up in one jarring statement: "Reality is too fake." (Attendance: 14)

July 14 at 7:00 p.m. - Return to Homs

This film focuses on Basset Saroot, star goalkeeper for the Syrian national soccer team, and his ragtag group's transformation and struggles, in this often wrenching study of the brutal war President Bashar al-Assad's regime has waged against the Syrian people. Winner of Sundance's World Cinema Grand Jury Prize for Documentary, this is an unprecedented view inside a conflict that many accuse the world of overlooking. (Attendance: 8)

July 21 at 7:00 p.m. Tea Time

This film looks at how a seemingly mundane routine of tea and pastries has helped a group of lifelong friends commemorate life's joys and cope with infidelity, illness and death. A celebration of the small things that help us endure, Tea Time, filmed over five years, illuminates a beautiful paradox: As familiar worlds slip away, friendships grow ever stronger and more profound. (Attendance: 14)

July 11 at 1 p.m. - Hot Buzz: Bees in the Library!

Members of the Santa Clara Valley Beekeepers Guild will hold a workshop on honey bees. Ken McKenzie of the Beekeepers Guild will bring his demonstration hive to the library where participants can watch the busy bees at work! (Attendance: 87)

Teen Events

July 10 at 3:00 p.m. - Teen Henna Tattoo Workshop

Learn about the history and culture of henna, get a design from a professional artist, and take some supplies home. For ages 12-18. 25 students

July 10, 17, 24 and 31 at 4:00 p.m. - Introduction to Programming – Java

In this 4 week workshop, learn the basics of Java programming: develop, compile and run simple programs. This workshop is taught by DeAnza College 22 attendees weekly.

Children's Events:

July 1 at 2:30 p.m. - Cowgirl Tricks with Karen Queste A real live
cowgirl will entertain with roping tricks inside the Community Room and out. Grades K – 6.
(Attendance: 61 children/35 adults)

July 8 at 2:30 p.m. – Super Bubble Power! Children's
librarian, Holly, will present a program full of bubbles – big bubbles and small. Children will be
encouraged to interact and try out the different bubble activities. Grades K – 6. (Attendance: 78
children/46 adults)

July 9 at 10:30 a.m. – Santa Clara County Fire Department Storytime The Santa
Clara County Fire Department will join us for a special Community Hero Storytime for pre-schoolers and
their families. Note that the firefighters remain in-service at all times, so please understand if the
firefighters are unable to complete the scheduled program due to an emergency call. (Attendance: 52
children/44 adults)

July 14 at 3:00 p.m. – Superhero Decoupage Tweens
(grades 5-8) are invited to come to this decoupage art project program using comic books to complete
their masterpieces! Registration required at the Children's Reference Desk beginning June 23.
(Attendance: 23 children/18 adults)

July 15 at 2:30 p.m. - The Wildlife Associates present: Wild Neighbors. The
Wildlife Associates will bring a red fox, porcupine, white-tailed kite and a Harris hawk to educate and
entertain the children and their parents as well as encouraging respect for all living creatures. Grades K
– 6. (Attendance: 103 children/66 adults)

July 22 at 2:30 p.m. – Storyteller, John Weaver.
Professional storyteller, John Weaver, will weave his told tales around the theme of "Every Hero Has a
Story". Grades K – 6. (Attendance: 63 children/42 adults)

Class visits:

July 6 at 1:15 pm – "Wild Coyotes" city camp visit

Youth participating in the recreation department's summer camp will visit the library and enjoy stories, jokes, good non-fiction and a movie. (Attendance: 13 children/5 counselors).

July 13 at 1:15 pm – “Wild Coyotes” city camp visit

Same as above. (Attendance: 14 children/6 counselors)

July 20 at 1:15 pm – “Wild Coyotes” city camp visit

Same as above. (Attendance: 12 children/5 counselors)

July 27 at 1:15 pm – “Wild Coyotes” city camp visit

Same as above. (Attendance: 10 children/5 counselors)

Newsletter

Subscribe to the Library Newsletter: <http://www.sccl.org/About/Library-News/Newsletter>

Outreach

West Valley College Farmer's Market: Monthly on Third Saturdays from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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

July 16 at 10:00 am – Growing Tree Preschool – three sessions

Children at a local preschool will enjoy listening to books and flannelboard stories. (Attendance: 90 children/6 adults.)

July 17 @ 7:00 pm – Saratoga Movie Night – “Wreck It Ralph”

One of our children's librarians attended and handed out some fun freebies and event fliers while updating the community about our now free library cards. (Attendance: 51 children/22 adults)

July 23 at 10:00 am – Growing Tree Preschool – two sessions

See above listing for details. (Attendance: 60 children/4 adults)

Upcoming Events

August 1 at 2:00 p.m. - *To Hell and Back The story of Audie Murphy. A true American Hero if there ever was one*

Broadway and film veteran Duffy Hudson who has created one man performances of Edgar Allan Poe, Albert Einstein, and George Burns has now created this memorable bio-play of America's most decorated hero of the Second World War. This 45 minute one man performance will showcase the WWII Adventures of Audie Murphy, his life and his crusade to help Veterans with PTSD.

August 6, 13, 20, and 27 at 11:00 a.m. - English Conversation Club

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August 7 at 1:30 p.m. – Road Scholar – Adventures in Lifelong Learning

Do you love to learn and travel with others who share your interests?

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Dr. DiAnn Ellis discusses the world of Downton Abbey within the social and historical context of the era. Learn about the Worth gowns, WW I, Spanish Flu, Suffragettes and daily lives of servants and landowners. She will also speak of her recent visit to Highclere Castle where the PBS series was filmed.

Dr. Ellis was a Professor of Education for 34 years at San Francisco State University and having lived in England is now pursuing her keen interest in British History.

Tea and biscuits will be served and vintage dress is welcome.

August 13 at 10:15 a.m. – Chinese Book Club

Participants will read and discuss 李光耀回忆录：我一生的挑战：新加坡双语之路 (作者：李光耀 Lee Kuan Yew) in Mandarin.

August 18 at 7:00 p.m. - Exploring the Don Edwards National Wildlife Refuge

The Don Edwards National Wildlife Refuge (DENWR) is the West Coast's largest wetlands restoration project in U.S. history. This 30,000-acre oasis for millions of migratory birds and endangered species is in the heart of Silicon Valley.

Eric Norris, Sloughkeepers President, will give us a multi-media tour through this largely unknown gem of the South Bay. Learn how you can explore it by kayak, foot, or bicycle.

Teen Events

August 15, 10 a.m. – Teen Laser Etching Puzzle Workshop

Create your own design and have it cut into puzzle pieces with a laser cutter. Get information about 3D printing: Watch a presentation of 3D printing techniques and purposes with a demonstration of multiple prints. Register at the library.

August 29, 1 p.m. - PSAT Practice Test

Practice taking the test—without the pressure. Receive test results. Advanced registration required. Sign up online at www.sccl.org – Location Saratoga – Events. For students in grades 9-11. Please bring a pencil and a calculator. Results seminar on Tuesday, October 8th at 7pm.

Children's Events

August 5 @ 2:30 p.m. – Heroes of Greek Mythology – crafts and activities

Children, grades K – 6, will participate in a variety of crafts and activities focusing on the theme of Greek mythology.

August 12 @ 2:30 p.m. – Summer Challenge Celebration with the Fratello Marionettes

Children who participated in the Summer Challenge program will enjoy this program celebrating their accomplishments. The Fratello Marionettes will perform their Vaudeville Follies program.

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New Library Cards Issued	160	245	213	691
Gate Count	34,738	31,386	34,016	33,345
Outreach Events	14	6	2	7
Outreach Total Attendance	805	1,110	400	313
Volunteer Hours	1,500	1,563	1,479	1472

New Staff

Clerk



Adrienne Apple

We are happy to announce the promotion of Coded Page Adrienne Apple to the position of Library Clerk 1. She has been with us for almost two years, first as an extra help page, then coded page, and now our new Library Clerk. Positive, hard working, and conscientious, she is a pleasure to work with. With a focus on great customer service, she is a great addition to our Clerk team. While working with us she is continuing her education at San Jose State working on her MLIS.

Pages



Grace Yee

We are pleased to announce the promotion of extra help page Grace Yee to Coded Page effective August 31, 2015. Grace has been with us for almost a year now and has been a pleasure to work with. Energetic, positive and a great team player, she has contributed to the success of our circulation department. We are very happy to keep her here as a member of the Saratoga team.



Gordon Fine

Gordon says: "I have lived in Saratoga all my life. I graduated from Saratoga High school and I am currently going to West Valley College. During one of my classes I needed to do community service and volunteered at the library. I liked it so much that I applied for a job and got it !!"

Other New Pages:

- Ung Leong
- Girjia Radhakrishnan

August Programs

Adult Events

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Children's Events:

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Children, grades K – 6, will participate in a variety of crafts and activities focusing on the theme of Greek mythology. (Attendance: 75 children and 56 adults).

August 12 @ 2:30 p.m. – Summer Challenge Celebration with the Fratello Marionettes

Children who participated in the Summer Challenge program will enjoy this program celebrating their accomplishments. The Fratello Marionettes will perform their Vaudeville Follies program. (Attendance: 52 children and 35 adults)

Class visits:

August 3 @ 1:15 p.m. – the “Wild Coyotes”, a city camp class will visit the library to hear stories, enjoy non-fiction and see a short movie. (Attendance: 19 children and 5 adults).

Newsletter

Subscribe to the Library Newsletter: <http://www.socl.org/About/Library-News/Newsletter>

Outreach

August 13 - Foothill Club Winnie Simpson Lunch

Roslyn Donald gave the presentation “Library Surprises: 30 Tips in 30 Minutes” to the annual joint meeting of the Foothill Club book clubs. 42 attendees.

Upcoming Events

Adult Events

September 1 at 7:00 p.m. - Exploring Elkhorn Slough

Elkhorn Slough is an ecological gem of Monterey Bay. It provides much-needed habitat for hundreds of plant and animal species including sea otters, harbor seals, sea lions, and more than 300 species of birds. Slough keeper President Eric Norris will show the best places to spot the various wildlife of the slough with a multimedia presentation. He will describe how to explore the slough by kayak, foot, or boat, and even from a wheelchair!

September 2 at 10:00 a.m. - Friends Author Series

Lynn Rogers will discuss her book *Born in Berkeley*.

September 15 at 7:00 p.m. - No Mow Native Lawn

Jodie Sheffield is a Seed Specialist in charge of Research and Development for a Northern California sod farm and has worked with plant breeders, seed producers and research facilities throughout California

for over 25 years. Jodie will talk about a variety of native plants and grasses for lawns that can save water. She will describe how these sturdy plants and sods create beautiful, natural spaces and what the best care options are for them.

September 3, 10, 17, and 24 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.

Teen Events

September 8 at 7:00 p.m. - PSAT Results Seminar

Results seminar for participants of the Aug. 29th PSAT Practice Test. Participants and their parents will pick up the test results and learn more about test taking strategies. Open to everyone interested in learning more about the PSAT.

September 19 at 1:00 p.m. - ACT/SAT Practice Test

Get experience with either the ACT or the SAT — without the pressure! Take the practice test at the library and choose which test to take. Results Seminar to pick up test results and learn what the results mean on Monday, September 28th at 7pm. Space is limited! Sign up online. Grades 9 and up only.

September 26 at 2:00 p.m. - College Essay Workshop

Workshop for the class of 2016. This workshop has two parts:
1st hour: parents and students attend a seminar about the nuances of college application essays.
2nd hour: students work with essay specialists and start brain storming/writing their essays.
Attendance is limited. Please sign up online.

September 28 at 7:00 p.m. - ACT/SAT Results Seminar

Results seminar for participants of the Sept. 19th ACT/SAT Practice Test. Participants and their parents will pick up the test results and learn more about test taking strategies. Open to everyone interested in learning more about these tests.

Children's Events

September 2 at 2:30 p.m. – Ready, Set, READ! Early Literacy Storytime . Children, ages 3-5, will enjoy a fun, interactive storytime and their grown-ups will learn early literacy tips at this afternoon storytime. The early literacy theme for this week is: Talking.

September 9 at 2:30 p.m. – Ready, Set, READ! Early Literacy Storytime. In this second week of a five part early literacy storytime series, children (ages 3-5) and grown-ups alike, will enjoy stories, music and literacy tips all set in our Orchard Room of the library. “Music Together” is the special guest and will provide the music to the singing theme of this week.

September 16 at 2:30 p.m. – Ready, Set, READ! Early Literacy Storytime. The early literacy theme for this storytime is “reading”. Children, ages 3-5, and their grown-ups will enjoy a lively storytime in this third session of a five week series.

September 22 at 3:45 p.m. – LEGO Play! Families may come and free play with LEGO pieces during this hour of fun and creativity. Pre-K through early elementary grades.

September 23 at 2:30 p.m. – Ready, Set, READ! Early Literacy Storytime. Week four of this five week early literacy storytime series will consist of stories, rhymes and songs all focusing on the early literacy theme of “writing”. Children, ages 3-5, and their grown-ups will have fun interacting with each other and the storytime librarian.

September 30 at 2:30 p.m. – Ready, Set, READ! Early Literacy Storytime. The theme of “playing” winds up this five week storytime series for children, ages 3-5, and their grown-ups. The children will enjoy the lively storytime and the adults will gain literacy tips.

Other Children's events and news:

The popular **Baby Storytimes** will be moving to **Thursday mornings at 11:30 a.m.** (formerly on Wednesday mornings) beginning Thursday, September 3. Ages: Birth to 18 months - non-walkers – no older siblings, if possible. Bring a blanket to put on the floor for your baby.

September is Library Card Month! From September 1 through September 30, children who receive a new library card will also receive a LEGO piece to add to a “construction” in the Children's Room and also LEGO stickers. Adults may participate as well. Children and your parents, please show your new library card at the Children's Desk to participate.

Class visits:

September 18 at 10:30 a.m. The 1st grade at Sacred Heart School will visit the library to start off the new school year. They will hear stories, see great non-fiction books, hear jokes and watch a movie. After the presentation, the children will have the opportunity to check out books using their new library cards.

September 25 at 10:30 a.m. Sacred Heart's 2nd grade class will visit the library to start off their new school as well. The students will enjoy stories, facts, participation tales and a movie. After the presentation, they will check out books.

Virtual Library Resource of the Month: Opposing Viewpoints

Opposing Viewpoints is a wonderful database for middle school and high school students. It offers varying perspectives on hundreds of contentious issues, from abortion to gun control to domestic terrorism and same-sex marriage. Students can use OV to write persuasive essays, prepare for debates, or to write a speech. It offers one-stop shopping for articles, essays, statistics, images and AV resources. OV essays cover all sides of social issues and offer a wide range of perspectives.

Friends of the Saratoga Libraries Report – August 26, 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.

The author series will resume on September 2 at 10 am with author Lynn Rogers. Lynn is from Berkeley and has written 12 books. Her series with Carolyn Ryder deals with coming of age in the 60, and continues by decade.

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