



City of Saratoga Library Commission

AGENDA

DATE: Tuesday, February 23, 2016

TIME: 7:00 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 February 18, 2016.

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 December 9 meeting.

New Business

1. New Library Commissioner, Flora Hoffman

Issue: Flora has been appointed to fill one of three seats on the Commission

Action: Briefly, go over the “dos and don’ts” of serving as a city commissioner.

2. Selection of New Chair (and Vice Chair, if Needed)

Issue: The Chair resigned after the December meeting and the Commission needs to elect a Chair (and possibly Vice Chair).

Action: Commissioners will vote on new Chair and Vice Chair, if needed.

3. Library Commission Work Plan and Objectives

Issue: On April 6, 2016, the Library Commission will meet with the City Council at a Joint Council Session and discuss the commission’s new work plan.

Action: The Commission needs to draft a work plan in conjunction with the City Council’s objective and firm up its own objectives.

Reports

1. Nancy Howe, Santa Clara County Librarian
2. Allison Lew, Saratoga Community Librarian
3. Lisa Finley, Friends of the Saratoga Library

4. Robert Gulino, Library Commission Vice-Chair
5. Adam Henig, City of Saratoga Commission Liaison

Agenda Items for the Next Meeting, April 26, 2016

Adjournment

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Library Commission Agenda Note:

In accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act, copies of the staff reports and other materials provided to the Library Commission by City staff in connection with this agenda are available at the office of the City Manager at 13777 Fruitvale Avenue, Saratoga, California 95070. Any materials distributed by staff after the posting of the agenda are made available for public review at the office of the City Manager at the time they are distributed to the Library Commission.

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 February 18, 2016 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, December 9, 2015
TIME: 4:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Saratoga Library/ Community Room
13650 Saratoga Avenue
Saratoga, CA 95070

Call to Order 5:13 p.m.

Roll Call – Marty (Late), Gulino, Campodonico

Also present: Nancy Howe (County Librarian) , Allison Lew (Community Librarian), Lisa Finley (FSL);
Community members: Amika Antoniades-Rao, Subha Rajana, Flora Hoffman

Report on Posting of the Agenda: Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2, the agenda for this meeting was properly posted on December 2, 2015.

Oral & Written Communications: None.

Approval of October 28 Minutes: Friends of the Saratoga Library President Lisa Finley requested that under her report, point c) “Friends are also receiving more donations than they can handle.” be changed to “Friends are also receiving many donations at this time.” Campodonico moved to accept the amendment to the minutes and approve the draft minutes for the October 28 meeting. Vice-chair Gulino seconded the motion. Motion passed 2-0.

Old Business

4. Saratoga Heritage Inventory List

Issue: Saratoga Library to be added to the City’s HPC’s “Saratoga’s Heritage Inventory List.” Issue is not ready to be addressed per City Council.

Action: City Staff contacted HPC Staff Liaison and Associate Planner Michael Fossati and he has informed me that the Inventory List is still in process and is not ready to be discussed.

None taken and will be taken off the agenda per Vice-Chair Gulino.

5. Library Trivia Night

Issue: Library Commission, with assistance from Library staff, will be planning a trivia night for adults

Action: Begin plan the logistics and marketing strategy for the event, which is expected to take place in March.

Library staff informed commission that the following dates are available to hold event: April 8, **May 21**, June 4. Since spring break would conflict with 4/8 and 6/4 is summer, Vice Chair Gulino felt 5/21 was the only option. Event will be held at 3:00 p.m. (no longer has “night” in name); Commission needs to plan event logistics and marketing strategy.

Vice Chair Gulino motioned to have a special meeting on Tuesday, January 26 at 7:00 p.m. (held in a study room). Chair Marty seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

6. Library Card for Every Resident

Issue: Assist Library staff efforts to promote obtaining a library card.

Action: Feedback from tabling at annual Tree Lighting event in the Downtown Village.

Chair Marty reported that the Tree Lighting event offered an opportunity to promote the Library. She handed out goody bags and answered questions about senior programming and a children’s reading program.

Reports

6. Nancy Howe, Santa Clara County Librarian:
 - a. Discussed “Welcome” to the library brochure, which is printed in four languages—English, Spanish, Chinese and Vietnamese;
 - b. Announced the library’s holidays hours
 - c. Informed commission about article in *San Jose Mercury News* about the librarians who were interviewed about the best children’s books
 - d. There’s an exhibit from the Smithsonian Institution at the Milpitas Library
 - e. Discussed the economic and logistical impact of the elimination of the nonresident fee; Milpitas and Cupertino have been the most affected; Saratoga’s impact has been in the “middle range.”
7. Allison Lew, Saratoga Community Librarian
 - a. Informed commission about two upcoming programs: recycle program at the Library (12/15) and teen program for how to deal with stress (1/23)
 - b. Reviewed the previous night’s celebration of the volunteers and donors from the Friends of the Saratoga Library; shared a slideshow
8. Lisa Finley, Friends of the Saratoga Libraries
 - a. Thanked the City of Saratoga for the new flooring installed at the Book Go Around
 - b. Actively seeking volunteers
 - c. Announced 2016 Paperback sales schedule
 - d. Changed email contact system to Mailchimp
 - e. Now selling books on Amazon
9. Lauren Marty, Library Commission Chair (none)
10. Adam Henig, City of Saratoga Liaison
 - a. Announced City Council will hold study session on December 16, 2015, to discuss the future of the Library Commission.

Agenda Items for the Next Meeting, February 24, 2016 – Update from Special Meeting

Adjournment Campodonico motioned to adjourned at 6:04 p.m. Vice Chair Gulino seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted:
Adam Henig
Recreation Supervisor

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January 2016
Commission Report
Nancy Howe, County Librarian

JPA and Finance Committee

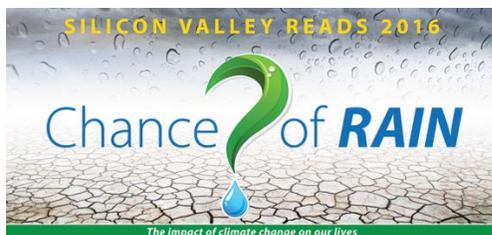
The Joint Power's Authority Board (JPA) will hold its first meeting of 2016 on Thursday, January 28, at 1:30 p.m. at the Support and Services Center, 1370 Dell Avenue. The meeting is open to the public. Agenda items will include the review of the Capital Maintenance Plan, review of the Three-Year Technology Plan, and the Five-Year Financial Forecast. The JPA Chair for 2016 is Burton Craig (Monte Sereno City Council) and Vice Chair is Supervisor Mike Wasserman (County Board of Supervisors).

The JPA Finance Committee will meet on January 19, at 3:00 p.m. at the Services and Support Center. The meeting is open to the public.

2016 Annual Friends, Foundation, and Endowment Forum

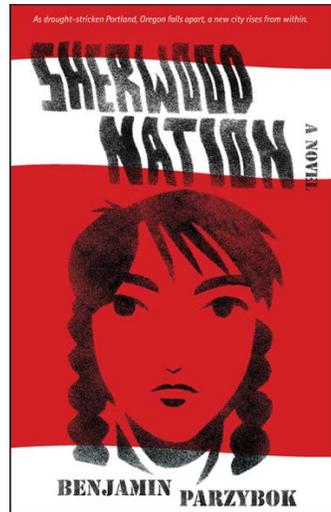
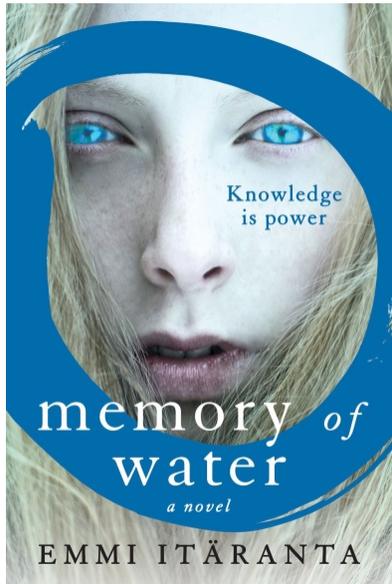
The Annual Friends, Commissions, Foundation, and Endowment Forum will be Saturday, January 30, 2016, 9:00 – 12:30 (lunch included). Our keynote speaker will be Susan Hildreth, Aspen Institute Communications and Society Fellow, and Director of the Pacific Library Partnership. Susan is the immediate past director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services, and has served as California State Librarian, and Director of the San Francisco Public Library and the Seattle Public Library. She will be presenting "Rising to the Challenge: Re-envisioning Public Libraries", a report recently issued by the Aspen Institute. Please RSVP to Cynthia Rios Garcia at cgarcia@sccl.org. All commissioners are encouraged to attend and should have received an e-invitation.

Silicon Valley Reads Kicks off on January 26th "Chance of Rain"



The free kick-off event will be on Tuesday, January 26, 7:30 pm at the Campbell Heritage Theater. Sal Pizarro, San Jose Mercury, will interview our two featured authors, Emmi Itaranta, *Memory of Water*, and Benjamin Parzybok, *Sherwood Nation*.

The theme is “Chance of Rain” and there will be over 100 free events to engage discussion on the topic of rain and climate change. A calendar of events will be distributed at commission meetings.



February 2016

Commission Report

Nancy Howe, County Librarian

A new digital service: IndieFlix



This streaming movie service provides unlimited access to award-winning shorts, feature films, and documentaries. With thousands of films to choose from across more than 50 countries. It also includes Film-festival hits, with films from major festivals all over the world, including Sundance, Cannes, Tribeca, and more!

- **Find the right film for you** — Sort by language, genre, or film length with easy-to-use filters
- **Available everywhere** — Watch movies on any Internet-enabled computer, smartphone, or tablet with a Web browser! Also available on Roku, xBox, and Apple TV via Apple devices
- **Start browsing at <https://www.rbdigital.com/sccl/service/indieflix>**

JPA Meeting Summary

The Joint Powers Authority governing board (JPA) met on Thursday, January 28th. Key actions included the acceptance of the Five-year Financial Forecast; adoption of the Capital Maintenance Plan Status Update; adoption of the Three-Year Technology Replacement and Improvement Plan; acceptance of the report of effects of the elimination of the \$80 non-resident library card fee; ratification of appointments to the Finance Committee, the Funding Formula Review Subcommittee, and the Santa Clara County Library District Board of Directions; and approval of the 2016 meeting schedule.

The New Santa Clara County Library Foundation

The Santa Clara County Library Foundation has been formed as a non-profit public benefit corporation organized for the exclusive support of the Santa Clara County Library District and the initial board members were appointed. It is a volunteer organization with no paid staff. The purpose of the new Foundation is to raise funds to support district services (Bookmobile and The Reading Program), to fund programs to meet emerging needs and other innovations. The Foundation's fundraising will complement not compete with the work of current support groups such as the Friends.

The Board will consist of no fewer than 5 members, the majority of whom must be appointed by the Joint Powers Authority Board. Thank you to the five volunteers who agreed to serve:

Terrie Creamer, President

Terrie is the immediate past president of the Saratoga Friends, President of the Saratoga Monte Sereno Community Foundation, and National District Coordinator of the National Charity League.

Linda Arbaugh, Secretary

Linda is the current president of the Milpitas Friends, and retired community librarian for Milpitas where she worked on the design of the library.

Jerry Liu, Treasurer

Jerry serves on the Cupertino Library Commission, and the board of the Cupertino Library Foundation. He is a research manager at HP Labs where he leads a group of researchers in developing online education technologies to improve learning effectiveness. He has served on the Lincoln Elementary School Site Council and volunteers in the classrooms and the computer lab. He has also served as co-chair for several annual HP Bay Area charity campaigns to raise funds for Bay Area schools.

Susan Fuller

Susan served as County Librarian from 1985 to 2002, and was instrumental in the establishment of the Joint Powers Authority District. She has served as the president of the Planetree Health Library Board of Directors.

Lenelle Smith

Lenelle is the past president of the Los Altos Library Endowment and also is active in the Friends of the Los Altos Library. She is a past Library commissioner and North County Library Authority Board Member.

Silicon Valley Reads Film Festival

Here's a chance to see all the Silicon Valley Reads' documentary films in one place. These documentary films will supplement this year's two featured books, Emmi Itäranta's *Memory of Water* and Benjamin Parzybok's *Sherwood Nation*, which together explore the theme of climate change, and the impact on our world. The Festival will begin on Sunday, February 28th starting at noon at the Cupertino Bluelight Cinema 5. Films will include:

Climate Refugees at 12:00pm

The Fight for Water: A Farm Worker Struggle at 2:20pm

Liquid Assets at 3:55pm

Blue Gold: World Water Wars at 5:40pm

There Once Was An Island at 7:30pm

In total, Silicon Valley Reads will provide more than 150 free programs created to engage the community in dialogue about the potential effects of climate change. In February and March these two featured authors will visit dozens of local schools where they will present workshops, sponsored by the

Santa Clara County Office of Education, as well as participate in library programs. The complete schedule of events can be found at <http://www.siliconvalleyreads.org>.

The Cupertino Bluelight Cinema is located in the Oaks Shopping Center across from De Anza College at 21275 Stevens Creek Blvd, Cupertino, CA, 95014. The Cupertino Library Foundation is a co-sponsor of this event.

TEDx Events Come to Local Libraries February 16-18



SANTA CLARA COUNTY, CALIF. –February 2, 2016, Several free TEDx events will take place at Santa Clara County Library District libraries (SCCLD) during the month of February. A popular way to bring communities together, TEDx events invite local residents to gather in a communal atmosphere to watch and discuss ideas and topics. These independently organized events, licensed by TED, will present a live-stream of the 2016 TED conference: *TED2016: Dream*. All sessions presented will be aired live as they are broadcast from Vancouver, Canada, February 16-19, 2016. Focusing on the greatest dreams one is capable of dreaming, *TED2016: Dream* takes a close look at some of humanity’s toughest challenges. Local residents may attend one or more of the six free live-streaming events scheduled at five different SCCLD libraries. Topics covered range from the power of dreaming to how one can use imagination, invention and ingenuity to create a better world. Additional information for *TED2016: Dream* can be found at: <https://conferences.ted.com/TED2016/program/guide.php>.

Milpitas Library	Deep Memory	Tues. Feb. 16 @ 5-6:45 p.m.
Gilroy Library	TED University	Wed. Feb. 17 @ 2:15-4 p.m.
	Nightmare	Wed. Feb. 17 @ 5-6:45 p.m.
Los Altos Library	Nightmare	Wed. Feb. 17 @ 5-6:45 p.m.
Cupertino Library	Outside the Box	Thurs. Feb. 18 @ 11 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.
Campbell Library	Dreams	Thurs. Feb. 18 @ 2:15-4 p.m.

Saratoga Library Report: February 2016

Allison Lew, Community Librarian

Statistics

	Dec. 2014	Dec. 2015	Jan. 2015	Jan. 2016
Total Circulation	90,354	85,640	94,212	87,910
Adult/Teen Circulation	49,463	45,795	49,490	49,535
Children's Circulation	40,891	39,845	44,722	38,375
Total Number of Programs	61	72	65	71
Programs Total Attendance	1,297	2,246	1,572	2,029
New Library Cards Issued	121	259	184	340
Gate Count	32,087	33,064	34,456	35,385
Outreach Events	1	1	3	3
Outreach Total Attendance	60	40	300	140
Volunteer Hours	1,306	1,289	1,579	1,362

In January 2016, librarians answered **3,773 reference questions** for patrons of all ages.

Personnel



“The Saratoga Library wishes to welcome our new Coded Page Angelo McNatt. Angelo was born and raised in San Jose. As long as he can remember, libraries have been one of his favorite places to spend time, whether as a patron or employee. He has a Bachelor's Degree in English Literature from San Jose State University, and his hobbies include singing and playing softball. He enjoys watching the Warriors and Giants games and listening to way too much sports talk radio. He

is excited to be part of the Saratoga Library staff and we are excited to welcome him to our team.”

--**Andrew Cammisa**, *Circulation & Accounts Supervisor*

Programs

Programs for Adults

February 1 at 7:00 p.m. - Silicon Valley Reads Author Emmi Itäranta

Emmi Itäranta will discuss her book, *Memory of Water*, a speculative novel set in a future where extreme water rationing affects the lives of individuals and a village community.

February 2 at 7:00 p.m. - *Mega-Drought*, a History Channel Documentary Film

Trends indicate that a major drought event may be looming in the not-too-distant future. In as few as three decades, we could experience conditions that would make the Dust Bowl of the 1930s seem like an oasis. Efforts to conserve, while admirable and desperately necessary, may already be too late. This episode of the History Channel’s mega-disaster series projects a scenario 70 years into the future in which a 12-year drought leaves the U.S. unstable and economically depressed. Western cities are abandoned, states clash for dwindling water supplies, and society devolves into a battle for survival.

February 5, 12, 19 & 26 at 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. - Citizenship Classes

Citizenship classes assist community members in preparing for the process of becoming citizens. Attendees learn about civics and government, reading and writing English, and interviewing strategies.

February 8 at 7:00 p.m.: *Blue Gold, World Water Wars* Documentary Film

Wars of the future will be fought over water as they are over oil today, when the source of human survival enters the global marketplace and political arena. Corporate giants, private investors, and corrupt governments vie for control of our dwindling supply, prompting protests, lawsuits, and revolutions from citizens fighting for the right to survive. Past civilizations have collapsed from poor water management. Can the human race survive?

February 9 at 7:00 p.m. - Master Gardeners SVG Kickoff - Green Arrow Pea

Master Gardener Hillie Salo will discuss planting the Silicon Valley Grows selection for 2016: the Green Arrow Pea. This is the first talk in a series.

February 11 from 10:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. - Bimonthly Chinese Book Club

This month's featured selection is *A Brave New World* by Aldous Huxley. This classic novel published in 1932 is set in London of AD 2540. The novel anticipates developments in reproductive technology, sleep-learning, psychological manipulation, and classical conditioning. A fascinating study of society is presented. The book discussion will be in Mandarin. Copies of the book are available at the Adult Reference Desk.

February 13 at 6:00 p.m. - Read Dating

Saratoga Library invites singles, age 25 to 40, to its Read Dating event. Participants should bring one or two books they love. They are paired up for a 5 minute reading date, wherein they discuss their favorite books. When the 5 minutes is up, each participant rotates to the next person. Participants can mingle while enjoying the light dinner buffet, beginning at 6 p.m. Book sharing begins at 6:30 p.m. and ends at 7:45 p.m. Sign-up in advance at the Adult Reference Desk.

February 16 at 7:00 p.m. - *Earth Under Water*, a National Geographic Documentary Film

This National Geographic film discusses the potential effects of sea level rise on our civilization. The film provides analysis of the next few centuries. *Earth Under Water* explains the science behind the prediction of sea level rise, and the film shows what will happen if the levels rise with increasing speed. Then, it fast-forwards to the 23rd century to show how resourceful humans can fight back and adapt using hyper-engineering, vast dams, and even the construction of floating cities to cope with the after-effects.

February 17 at 11 a.m. - Live Streaming of Conference: TEDx 2016 Dream

The Saratoga Library will host a free, live TEDx event on Wednesday, February 17 from 11 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. A popular way to bring communities together, TEDx events invite local residents to gather in a communal atmosphere to watch and discuss ideas and topics. Saratoga's TEDx event will present a live-stream video directly from the 2016 TED Talk conference, TED2016: Dream. Broadcast from Vancouver, Canada, our program will focus on the dreams that define us. What exactly are TED Talks? They are videos that present a great idea in 18 minutes or less, and they have grown in popularity since its first online broadcast in 2006. With the goal of sharing ideas worth spreading, the talks center on a variety of fields including science, technology, business and culture around the world. TED Talks are available online for free and have garnered over one billion collective views. Saratoga's TEDx session title is, "Imagine There's No Countries." The Program Guide is available here: <https://conferences.ted.com/TED2016/program/guide.php>.

February 22 at 7:00 p.m. - Drones: An Introduction to a Modern Phenomenon

Are you interested in drones? Do you have questions or concerns? Join us and learn about the different classifications and types, who uses them, how they are used, and the myths and realities. FAA rules, laws, and cases will be discussed. This event will be presented by Alvin Alejandro, owner of Aerial Vue.

February 24 at 11:00 a.m. - English Language Learners from Saratoga High School

The English Language Learners class from Saratoga High School and their families will visit the Saratoga Library. They will receive library cards and enjoy a tour of the library. Students will gain a wealth of information about library resources, including eBooks and databases.

February 29 at 7:00 p.m. - Graywater

This seminar provides information about the Santa Clara Valley Water District Graywater Laundry to Landscape rebate program, which offers \$200 per single family residence for connecting a clothes washer to a graywater irrigation system. Topics include graywater code and design aspects.

March 1 at 6:00 p.m. - Civil Grand Jury Information Session

We invite you to learn about serving on the Civil Grand Jury.

March 5 at 2:00 p.m. - Grand Tour Japan: The Japanese Tea Ceremony

Noted local teacher Aiko Tauchi will present a traditional Japanese tea ceremony, a cultural activity involving the ceremonial preparation and presentation of green tea.

March 7 at 7:30 p.m. - Saratoga Library Book Discussion Group

Community members are invited to read and discuss *Prayers for the Stolen*, by Jennifer Clement. Born in a rural Mexico region where many girls are disguised as boys to avoid the attentions of traffickers, Ladydi dreams of a better life. She moves to Mexico City, where she falls in love and then later finds herself in prison with other women who share similar experiences.

March 8 at 7:00 p.m. - Calligraphy

Learn the basic strokes of calligraphy with resident professional, Holly Okamura. Materials will be provided. (For teens and adults.)

March 14 at 7:00 p.m. - Grand Tour Japan: Hakone Gardens

Shozo Kagoshima, Executive Director of the Hakone Foundation, will discuss the 100-year history of the gardens as well as the future, including the Master Plan project.

March 15 at 7:00 p.m. - Workshop: Re-Enter the Workforce

Mission College instructor Adrienne Pierre will provide strategies for re-entering the workforce, and she will

supply career and interviewing tips.

March 18 at 11:00 a.m. - Oscar de la Renta: A Retrospective

The deYoung Museum presents the world premiere retrospective of one of fashion's most influential designers, Oscar de la Renta. SF Fine Arts Museum docent Ellen Harden will discuss works produced from over five decades. The exhibit at the deYoung will be available through May 30, 2016.

March 21 at 7:00 p.m. - Grand Tour Japan: The Sister City Program - Saratoga and Muko

Sister Cities Saratoga and Muko, Japan have a thirty-year relationship that includes visits, collaboration, and gift exchanges. Traditions and cultures are celebrated. At this event, learn about the Sister City program and Muko, Japan. We also invite you to enjoy a special performance by Taiko drummers during this program.

March 28 at 7:00 p.m. - Grand Tour Japan: How Japan Inspired Monet, Van Gogh, and Other Artists

Asian Art Museum docent Ruby Ming discusses how Japanese art influenced famous western artists and changed the course of western art.

March 4, 11, 18, & 25 at 1:00 p.m. - Citizenship Classes

Citizenship classes assist community members in preparing for the process of becoming citizens. Attendees learn about civics and government, reading and writing English, and interviewing strategies.

March 3, 10, 17, & 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 Programs

February 12 at 3:30 p.m. - Teen Valentines Craft

Teens are invited to make crafts for their Valentines! Join us for a fun activity.

February 20 at 2:00 p.m. - Saturday Screenings - Teen Movie Club

Is the book always better than the movie? Read the book, then watch the movie with us and decide for yourself. Or, just come and enjoy the movie! Enjoy a trivia game to win prizes after the movie.

March 3 at 6:30 p.m. - Teen Coffeehouse

Calling all teen performers! Sing, dance, play music, recite poetry, showcase your art, and more. Join us for the Coffeehouse talent show! Teen performers only, but adoring audiences welcome. Sign up to be a performer at <http://tinyurl.com/performSA>

March 19 at 1:00 p.m. - SAT Practice Test

Get experience with taking the SAT Test, without the pressure! Take a full practice test at the library on March 19. Then, join us on March 29 to receive test results and gain test-taking strategies.

March 26 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. - Teen Hack-A-Thon

Saratoga Library has partnered with Tekspark.org to offer a hack-a-thon for high school students. Sign up in groups of 3-5 on the library website. Detailed information is available at the following webpage: <http://sccl.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails.aspx?EventId=68103&lib=999>. Get the hack-a-thon prompts in the morning. Then, put your programming skills to the test. Present your work to a panel of judges in the afternoon. The three top teams will win a prize!

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 - Thursdays at 11:30 a.m.**
- **Pre-School Storytime - Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.**



February 2 at 7:30 p.m. - Celebrate the Year of the Monkey - Chinese New Year Storytime - Special Guest Councilmember Emily Lo (Pictured at Left, Above)

Learn about Chinese New Year and enjoy monkey stories at a special family storytime that will also include a fun craft.

February 4 at 10:30 a.m. - Celebrate Chinese New Year at Preschool Storytime - Presented by Librarian Holly Okamura (Pictured at Right, Above)

Preschoolers are invited to enjoy Chinese New Year and monkey stories at storytime.

February 10 at 3:45 p.m. - Inspire Your Heart with Art

Children (Kindergarteners through 6th graders) are invited to a special art program. They will create special designs using paper hearts.



February 12 at 12 noon & 1:30 p.m. - St. Andrews School - 8th Grade - Mr. Johnson

Two eighth grade classes will visit the library. Librarians will recommend great books and library resources to students. Students will receive library cards.

February 18 at 9:30 a.m. - Sacred Heart Elementary School - Pre-K - Ms. Soto

Children will enjoy stories, rhymes, songs, non-fiction books, and a movie.

February 19 at 10:30 a.m. - Sacred Heart Elementary School - 1st Grade - Ms. Biss

Sacred Heart Elementary School's first grade class will visit the library for its monthly visit to hear stories, see a movie, and check out great books.

February 19 at 10:45 a.m. - Sacred Heart Elementary School - 2nd Grade - Ms. Martin

Sacred Heart Elementary School's second grade class will visit the library for its monthly visit to hear stories, see a movie, and check out great books.

February 23 at 11:00 a.m. - Argonaut Elementary School - 1st Grade

An Argonaut Elementary School first grade class will be led on a fun library tour, attend a library presentation, receive library cards, and check out library books.

February 24 at 2:30 p.m. - Silicon Valley Reads: Author Miranda Paul - Storytime

Author Miranda Paul will read her book *Water Is Water*. She will then invite children to act out the story as an action rhyme including song and dance. For Pre-K students through first graders.

February 25 at 4:00 p.m. - Silicon Valley Reads: Movie *Water Detectives*

Kids are invited to watch an enjoyable short documentary about how a group of children in Matamoros, Mexico gave adults important new strategies about proper water usage. A craft project will follow the film showing.

March 1 at 11:00 a.m. - Argonaut Elementary School - 1st Grade

An Argonaut Elementary School first grade class will be led on a fun library tour, attend a library presentation, receive library cards, and check out library books.

March 2 at 3:45 p.m. - Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss!

Children of all ages are invited to a birthday party for Dr. Seuss. Watch a Dr. Seuss movie, enjoy a cupcake, and more.

March 10 at 10:30 a.m. - Celebrity Storytime for Silicon Valley Reads

Santa Clara Valley Water District Director Nai Hsueh will read *Water Is Water*, by Miranda Paul.

March 16 at 10:30 a.m. - The Fratello Marionettes present: *Mother Goose Land*

Preschoolers are invited to enjoy a special marionette-puppet adventure.

March 17 at 9:30 a.m. - Sacred Heart Elementary School - Pre-K - Ms. Soto

Children will enjoy St. Patrick's Day stories, rhymes, songs, non-fiction books, and a movie.

March 18 at 10:30 a.m. - Sacred Heart Elementary School - 1st Grade - Ms. Biss

Sacred Heart Elementary School's first grade class will visit the library for its monthly visit to hear stories, see a movie, and check out great books.

March 18 at 10:45 a.m. - Sacred Heart Elementary School - 2nd Grade - Ms. Martin

Sacred Heart Elementary School's second grade class will visit the library for its monthly visit to hear stories, see a movie, and check out great books.

March 28 at 3:45 p.m. - Board Game Bonanza for Tweens

Fifth through eighth grade students are invited to a special board game event. A large variety of board games will be provided.

*Thank you Friends of the Saratoga Libraries
for generously funding library programs and events!*

Outreach

February 8 at 9:30 a.m. - Visit to Primary Plus Preschool

A children's librarian will provide storytimes for four pre-school groups. The librarian will discuss great books and library services.

February 28 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. - Hakone Gardens Lunar New Year Festival

Saratoga Library staff members will participate in the annual Lunar New Year event at Hakone Gardens. They will promote library programs and register persons for library cards. Community members will get to spin the prize wheel and win giveaway prizes. While doing this, they will be informed about library programs, services, and collections. (<http://hakone.com/lunar-new-year-festival.html>)

March 19 from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Blossom Festival

Librarians will read stories to children as part of the annual community event, the Blossom Festival. Join librarians at the historic Warner Hutton House to hear great stories (13777-A Fruitvale Ave., Saratoga, CA 95070).

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.

New Virtual Library Resource: IndieFlix

Patrons are invited to use their library card numbers to log into the Santa Clara County Library District website and begin enjoying IndieFlix.

(Visit the library's webpage: <http://www.scccl.org/Research/Categories>. Click on "Arts" to gain the link to IndieFlix.)

This streaming movie service provides unlimited access to award-winning shorts, feature films, and documentaries. Enjoy access to thousands of films from across more than 50 countries.

- **Film-festival hits:**
View films from major festivals from all over the world, including Sundance, Cannes, Tribeca, and more!
- **Find the right film:**
Sort by language, genre, or film length with easy-to-use filters.
- **Available everywhere:**
Watch movies on any Internet-enabled computer, smartphone, or tablet. Also available on Roku, xBox, and Apple TV.

Circulation & Accounts Supervisor Andrew Cammisa's Commendation of Clerk Durga Jandhyala

The Saratoga Library would like to commend Library Clerk Durga Jandhyala. Durga began her career with the Library District in December 2001 as an extra help page at Cupertino. She became coded in May of 2003 working both as a page and as a provisional clerk. She was promoted to Library Clerk in 2012 at the Morgan Hill Library and she joined the Saratoga team in February 2013. During her time here at Saratoga and at other Libraries she has proven herself to be one of our most valuable employees. Extremely hard working, conscientious, and knowledgeable she makes a great addition to any team. During Saratoga's search for a Senior Clerk Durga graciously offered to take on the responsibilities and duties of the position. Because of her variety of skill sets and job knowledge we here at Saratoga were in good hands until the position was filled. Whenever a new person joins our staff, Durga is our "go to" person to give them training in a positive and thorough manner. After the implementation of our new ILS Sierra, Durga was one of the first to find more efficient work flow to aid staff and help us all to give our usual great customer service. Because she has been so helpful to us here at Saratoga she has now joined the District Sierra Improvement Team to help bring her insights to the whole system. She is an example of how one gives the best service to external and internal customers. She is a pleasure to work with and a tremendous asset to the Saratoga Team.

-Andrew Cammisa, Supervisor

Saratoga Library: Art on Display in January

Coordinated by Librarian Betsy White and Volunteer Bonnie Stone.

Artwork is on display in the library lobby for community members to enjoy.

“In the main lobby is a show by Joseph Choe, predominately acrylics inspired by his travels in California and Europe. Joseph was diagnosed with autism at age 3 and began his interest in art by drawing his favorite cartoon characters. He currently works with teachers at the Cupertino based AMASE (Academy of Music and Arts for Special Education). Other members of the organization will display their works in the group study area. Both exhibits will remain up through February.”

- Betsy White, Librarian

Friends of Saratoga Library report for the February meeting by Lisa Finley, President

- Random Acts of Kindness Week: The Friends Board voted to support City of Saratoga's Random Acts of Kindness Week, February 14th - 21st. Each of our 12 Board members will give a \$5 gift certificate to the Book-Go-Round, our used bookstore located in downtown Saratoga, to someone in the community that week in celebration of the event.
- Programs: We are discontinuing our monthly Wednesday morning Author's Series program where we showcase a single local author and will be replacing it with a new format. Our last monthly program was on February 3rd and featured Betty Peck. We are planning an Author's Faire on Monday, May 9th at 7:00 pm in the Library Community Room. We will invite all of the many local authors on our waiting lists who have requested a venue from us and the event will take the form of a panel or science fair-style display stations depending on the number of local authors who RSVP. The event is free to the public and refreshments will be served.
- Friends Roundtable: At the recent County Library Forum, one of the sessions featured a Friends' Roundtable, an informal discussion on a variety of topics of mutual interest. All the Friends organizations within the County were represented, and it was a very beneficial session. We are planning to meet again and possibly on a quarterly basis.
- Blossom Festival: The Friends will set up a booth at the event.
- Retail Operations Manager: The manager of our Book-Go-Round will be resigning effective 12/31/16. We are actively seeking one or more replacements for this position. Please contact Lisa Finley if you or anyone you know may be interested in finding out more about the role.
- Local Artist Painting - Local artist Ginny Sampson has painted a beautiful rendering of the Saratoga Library. We are using it in our current Friends promotion, and a poster is on display at the entrance to the library.
- Outreach: We are in the final stages of completing a new tri-fold brochure on the Friends organization. Our next project is planning a newspaper flyer that will be distributed in the Saratoga News.
- Book Sale Operations Facilities: We are reviewing each of our book sale operations facilities for potential improvements (Book-Go-Round, Library Sorting Room and Storage Sheds, Friends Café Bookstore, and the Joan Pisani Community Center Bookshelves).
- Quarterly Paperback Book Sales: Sale on February 6th-7th was well-attended. The next sale is scheduled for April 23-24 in the Library Community Room.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Finley

RESOLUTION 16-003

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SARATOGA
AMENDING THE SARATOGA LIBRARY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE**

WHEREAS, the Saratoga Library Commission provides counsel and recommendations on library policies, budgets, plans, and procedures to the City Council, City staff, the Santa Clara County Library, and Saratoga Librarian; and

WHEREAS, the Saratoga Library Commission currently meets on the fourth Wednesday of every other month (during even numbered months) at 4:00 p.m. at Saratoga Library; and

WHEREAS, the Saratoga Library Commission will now hold its regular meetings on the fourth Tuesday of every other month (during even numbered months) at 7:00 p.m. at Saratoga Library;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Saratoga does hereby amend the Saratoga Library Commission regular meeting schedule.

The above and foregoing resolution was passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Saratoga City Council held on the 20th day of January 2016 by the following vote:

AYES: Mayor E. Manny Cappello, Vice Mayor Emily Lo, Council Member Mary-Lynne Bernald, Howard A. Miller, Rishi Kumar

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:



E. Manny Cappello, Mayor

ATTEST:

Crystal Bothelio, City Clerk

DATE: 1/22/2016