



**DATE:** Tuesday, April 26, 2016

**TIME:** 7:00 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Saratoga Library/ Quiet Study Reading 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 20, 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 February 23 meeting.

### Commission Items

#### 1. New Library Commissioner, Carol Barmier

**Issue:** Carol has been appointed to fill one of two seats on the Commission

**Action:** No action needed.

### Existing Business

#### 2. Library Commission Work Plan

**Issue:** On April 6, 2016, the Library Commission met with the City Council at a Joint Session and discussed the commission's work plan.

**Action:** Now that the work plan has been officially accepted by Council, the Commission needs to prioritize the list, create a timeline, and assign duties.

### New Business

#### 3. Sharing Community News & Trends

**Issue:** As part of the work plan, the commission will share information about the community to help the library staff become better prepared to address the needs of the community and identify opportunities to promote library services.

**Action:** Discuss upcoming events, new trends, interests, etc.

**Reports**

1. Nancy Howe, Santa Clara County Librarian
2. Allison Lew, Saratoga Community Librarian
3. Lisa Finley, Friends of the Saratoga Libraries
4. Robert Gulino, Library Commission Chair
5. Adam Henig, City of Saratoga Liaison

**Agenda Items for the Next Meeting, June 28, 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 April 20, 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](http://www.saratoga.ca.us).

## **LIBRARY COMMISSION WORK PLAN & MEMBERSHIP KEY POINTS OF WORK PLAN**

1. Advise on programs and events and assist with promotion and outreach
2. Advise Library staff regarding results of County-wide survey
3. Provide recommendation on Interior Space budget to spent during fiscal year 2017-18
4. Engage in Information Sharing with library and public
5. Collaborate with West Valley College as part of the City's partnership initiative, as directed by Mayor Cappello and the City Council.

### **TOPICS IN DETAIL**

- **Information Sharing with the Library**
  - a. Hold a 3D Printing Event
  - b. Support Trivia Night
  - c. Provide three recommendations to Library Staff at meetings. These would include upcoming events to promote the library, new trends, interests, etc.
  - d. Explore supporting a volunteer program for after school hours at the library;
  - e. Provide additional items to the Local Government Resource Center (e.g., including a photo of Library Commission);
- **Information sharing with the public**
  - a. Working with KSAR to promote Library programming;
  - b. Expanding social media to promote Library and its offerings;
  - c. Assist with tabling at city-wide events (e.g., Heritage Day)
  - d. Creating email campaigns to reach specific populations (such as parents, youth, seniors, etc.) to tout Library and its programs;
  - e. Assist promoting and passing out the monthly Library Report to the public;
- **Survey**
  - a. Assisting Library staff and Deputy County Librarian Chris Brown to roll out countywide survey that will be implemented in the near future. The objective is to find out how to better serve users.
- **Interior Space Budget**
  - a. Provide recommendations regarding the \$200,000 interior space budget; (i.e., What's a great fit for the community?)
- **Other Topics**
  - a. Serve as contest judges
  - b. Procedure review (e.g., revising the Community Room sign-up policy)
  - c. Visit other County library commissions & JPA meetings



# City of Saratoga Library Commission

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## MINUTES

**DATE:** Tuesday, February 23, 2016

**TIME:** 7:00 p.m.

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

**Call to Order – 7:01pm**

**Roll Call –**

- **Present:** *Campodonico, Gulino, Hoffman*
- **Absent:** *None*
- **Staff:** *Allison Lew, Chris Brown, Adam Henig, Lisa Finley, Birgit Spring*
- **Public:** *Carol Barmier, Ashley Chen (TAB), Carissa Ko (TAB), Robert Burmeister, David McIntyre*

**Report on Posting of the Agenda:** Adam Henig, Recreation Supervisor with the City of Saratoga , reported that pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2, the agenda for this meeting was properly posted on February 18, 2016.

**Oral & Written Communications:** *None*

**Approval of Minutes:** Draft minutes for the December 9 meeting.

*Campodonico moved to approve the draft minutes for the December 9 meeting. Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.*

**New Business**

**4. 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.

*Staff Liaison Henig went over the “Dos and Donts” (Cheat Sheet) for the three commissioners. No action needed to be taken.*

**5. 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.

*Campodonico moved to nominate Vice Chair Gulino to Chair. Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. Gulino moved to nominate Campodonico to Vice Chair. Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.*

## **6. 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.

*Gulino presented and passed out "Ideas for Possible Inclusion in 2016 Work Plan" (added to minutes). Topics and subtopics discussed by the commissioners were:*

- **Information Sharing with the Library**
  - a. *Hold a 3D Printing Event*
  - b. *Support Trivia Night*
  - c. *Provide three recommendations to Library Staff at meetings. These would include upcoming events to promote the library, new trends, interests, etc.*
  - d. *Explore supporting a volunteer program for after school hours at the library;*
  - e. *Provide additional items to the Local Government Resource Center (e.g., including a photo of Library Commission);*
  
- **Information sharing with the public**
  - a. *Working with KSAR to promote Library programming;*
  - b. *Expanding social media to promote Library and its offerings;*
  - c. *Assist with tabling at city-wide events (e.g., Heritage Day)*
  - d. *Creating email campaigns to reach specific populations (such as parents, youth, seniors, etc.) to tout Library and its programs;*
  - e. *Assist promoting and passing out the monthly Library Report to the public;*
  
- **Survey**
  - a. *Assisting Library staff and Deputy County Librarian Chris Brown to roll out countywide survey that will be implemented in the near future. The objective is to find out how to better serve users. Once the results are known, commissioners can serve in an advisory role on how to incorporate the data.*
  
- **Interior Space Budget**
  - a. *Provide recommendations regarding the \$200,000 interior space budget; (i.e., What's a great fit for the community?)*
  
- **Other Topics**
  - a. *Serve as contest judges*
  - b. *Procedure review (e.g., revising the Community Room sign-up policy)*
  - c. *Visit other County library commissions & JPA meetings*
  - d. *Attend annual Friends and Commissioner forum*
  
- **Key Points of Work Plan**
  - a. *Plan and Promote Library Event and Programs*
  - b. *Assist with County wide survey*

- c. *Provide recommendation on Interior Space Review*
- d. *Engage in Information Sharing with library and public*

## Reports

### 6. Chris Brown, Deputy Santa Clara County Librarian

- *The recent commissioner and friends of the library forum had its highest attendance.*
- *JPA has been reviewing the Capital Maintenance Plan, the three-year technology plan, and the five-year financial forecast.*
- *Indie Flix is a new digital service accessible to library patrons.*
- *Silicon Valley Reads continues through March*
- *The recent streaming of the live TED Talks was attracted more patron than expected.*

### 7. Allison Lew, Saratoga Community Librarian

- a. *Figures:*
  - i. *2,029 people attended events in January 2016*
  - ii. *More than 35,000 people crossed the gate*
  - iii. *Volunteers spent 1,362 hours helping the library*
- b. *New staff member, Page Angelo McNatt*
- c. *Upcoming Adult events*
  - i. *English Language Learners (2/24)*
  - ii. *Graywater seminar (2/29)*
  - iii. *Grand Tour Japan (3/5)*
  - iv. *Calligraphy (3/8)*
- d. *Upcoming teen events*
  - i. *Coffeehouse (3/11)*
  - ii. *SAT Practice Test (3/19)*
  - iii. *Teen Hack-A-Thon (3/26); met with Cupertino TAB to help implement the idea*
- e. *Chinese New Year – guest storyteller Councilmember Emily Lo*
- f. *Upcoming youth events*
  - i. *Mother Goose Land (3/16)*
  - ii. *Board Game Bonanza for Tweens (3/28)*
- g. *Outreach*
  - i. *Blossom Festival (3/19)*
  - ii. *Monthly Farmer’s Market at WVC*

### 8. Lisa Finley, Friends of the Saratoga Library

- a. *Random Acts of Kindness Week*
- b. *Discontinuing our monthly Wednesday morning Author's Series program; planning an Author's Faire on Monday, May 9th at 7:00 pm in the Library Community Room.*
- c. *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 and it was a very beneficial session.*
- d. *Blossom Festival: The Friends will set up a booth at the event.*
- e. *Retail Operations Manager: Seeking one or more replacements for this position.*
- f. *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.*
- g. *Book Sale Operations Facilities: We are reviewing each of our book sale operations facilities for potential improvements.*

- h. 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.*
- 9. Robert Gulino, Library Commission Vice-Chair**
  - a. Two open positions on Library Commission*
  - b. Reminder of the commission's new meeting day and time*
- 10. Adam Henig, City of Saratoga Commission Liaison**
  - a. None.*

**Agenda Items for the Next Meeting, April 26, 2016**

- *None*

*Hoffman moved to adjourned the meeting at 9:03 p.m. Campodonico seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.*

Respectfully submitted,

Adam Henig  
Recreation Supervisor



**March 2016**  
**Commission Report**  
**Nancy Howe, County Librarian**

### **Vision Wheel: Vision, Strategies, Priority Projects**

The Joint Powers Authority first adopted an ambitious strategic plan in 2008 to have the highest % of residents with active library cards in the country. The attached Vision Wheel is an update of the strategic plan through June 2017. Five strategies are identified and surround the vision. The bullet points are the priority projects in our current staff work plan.

### **New Children's Library Services Manager**

SCCLD has just completed a national-wide recruitment for a new Children's Library Services Manager, and I am delighted to announce SCCLD's own Jennifer Weeks as the hire for this position that's so critical to the development of library programs, which target early literacy and early childhood education. In Jennifer I see a librarian who's extremely committed, optimistic, and inspired to serve the learning needs of our District's youngest. She will oversee the entirety of children's services throughout the Library, and will be part of a bold move to align our service managers with our strategic plan. These changes have been made to allow the Library to better lead, support, and invest in the development of our public service teams for children and adults. Jennifer's counterpart, Gail Mason, will lead the Teen and Adult Service teams. I feel confident that with these changes we will be doing our best to give everyone access to a life of learning and culture that has dignity and richness.

In over 12 years with the Library Jennifer has successfully led District wide programs such as our Ready to Read initiative—resulting in early literacy training for over 1,000 parents or caregivers. At the local level Jennifer helped to dramatically increase in Summer Reading participation for the Campbell Library, which she helped triple in just three years. She has an Early Childhood Education Certificate from the College of Marin, and a background in early childhood teaching. I know she feels confident that the work we do opens doors and changes lives. She will start her new position on Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **Customer Satisfaction Survey**

At the Library we're committed to finding ways to better serve our public. To that end we have been developing a new customer satisfaction survey. The survey will allow us to better

understand why and how our public uses the library, their opinion about the importance of specific programs, and their satisfaction levels with specific elements of their library experience. The intent of the survey will be to provide actionable and practical insight for library staff and leadership. Over the past few months we have been working with the San Francisco-based research firm Harder + Company on our plans to design, implement, and analyze the survey. We have nearly completed the survey design, which included a review of previous Library surveys. We are now testing the current draft with a team that includes library staff from each community library.

We plan to launch the survey to the public on Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, and will spend two months in the survey implementation process. After implementation, the Library will spend two months in the analysis and reporting process at which point a report will be prepared for Library staff and our JPA. We hope we can count on each Library Commission to help share the survey with library stakeholders, encouraging the community to participate and share their needs and preferences. We will be sending along flyers and survey hyperlinks in the next couple of weeks. Due to support from each library's Friends group we'll be offering a small batch of Amazon gift cards and Starbucks cards to provide an incentive for survey completion.



**April 2016**  
**Commission Report**  
**Nancy Howe, County Librarian**

**JPA Meeting, April 28**

The next JPA meeting will be Thursday, April 28th at 1:30 at the Services and Support Center. The agenda will include the first review of the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 proposed budget. The JPA Finance Committee will meet Wednesday, April 13, at 10:00 at the Services and Support Center.

**Read, Play, Grow – a Santa Clara County Library District Board Book for Young Children**

Thanks to the support of the Read Zone (a Super Bowl initiative for early literacy) and the Pacific Library Partnership, we have published our own *Read, Play, Grow* rhyming board book. The book was developed for children, parents, and caregivers by the staff and communities of the Santa Clara County Library District to promote helping children to get ready to read before kindergarten. In this book you will find some of our favorite rhymes and finger plays. The books will be given to families and are available in English, Spanish, and Chinese.

**Famous Science Fiction Author to Speak at Saratoga Library**

Acclaimed science fiction writer **Kim Stanley Robinson** will visit Santa Clara County Library District with an event at the Saratoga Library on Wednesday, May 11, at 7pm. Robinson, the award-winning author of 19 novels and numerous short stories, will talk about “The Power of Imagining,” discussing how fiction can help readers envision the future and explore new ideas. Robinson is well known for such works as the eco-novel *Green Earth*, a new version of the Science in the Capital series, *The Years of Rice and Salt* and the *Mars Trilogy*. His work has been honored with more than 20 awards including the 2016 Robert A. Heinlein Award. Audience Q&A will follow Mr. Robinson’s talk and he will be available for book signing after the event. The program is free and open to the public, with no tickets or reservations needed.

**Robotics Award to Gilroy Library**

A new robotics programming course will soon be coming to Gilroy Library and Gilroy Unified School District children, thanks to a \$15,000 Pacific Library Partnership Innovation Grant. Awarded for its “STEAM Powered Robots and Beyond” program, Gilroy Library will use the extra funding to create and maintain an innovative robotics programming for both kids Grade K-5 as well as teenagers in Grade 6 and above.

### **National “Thinking Money” Exhibit Heads to Saratoga Library**

The Saratoga Library will be hosting the American Library Association’s exhibit “Thinking Money.” The exhibit strives to teach tweens, teens and their parents, caregivers and educators about financial literacy topics such as saving, spending and avoiding fraud, in a way that is not only understandable, but fun. This museum-quality traveling exhibition will travel to 50 U.S. public libraries between 2016 and 2018.

### **Harwood Institute Innovators Lab for Libraries**

Five staff will be participating in the Harwood Institute’s Innovators Lab for Libraries, an exciting workshop focused on reaching out to create a shared vision between the library and the community. SCCLD is looking forward to this opportunity to gain new skills and tools to help uncover community needs and to learn how our libraries can be an effective part of community solutions.

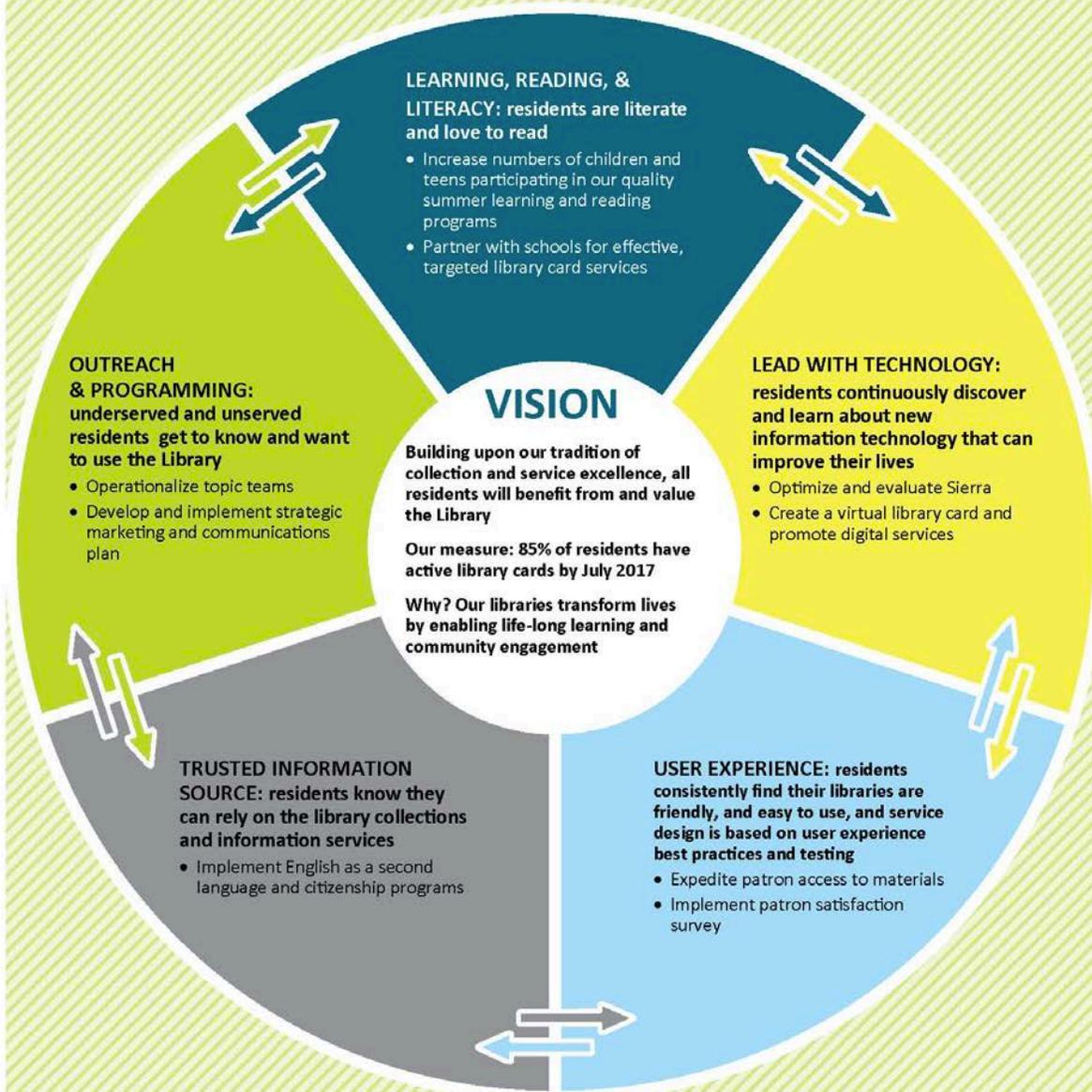
### **Deputy County Librarian, Carol Frost, Takes a New Position**

Please join me in congratulating Carol Frost who has accepted the new position of Assistant Director of Peninsula Library System and Pacific Library Partnership. Her last day of work with SCCLD will be Thursday, April 14. For three years, Carol has served as our Deputy County Librarian for Information Technology and Collection.

### **Library Journal selects Deputy County Librarian Chris Brown as 2016 Mover and Shaker**

Each year several dozen library staff from throughout the country are recognized by the *Library Journal* as Movers and Shakers. Chris Brown was awarded this distinction for his works at Contra Costa Library of creating the project “War Ink,” an online exhibit, with audio recordings, and a forum in which soldiers returning home from Iraq and Afghanistan can see and share their stories as told through their tattoos. The program has won awards including the Schwartz Prize and the John Cotton Dana Award.

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT  
STRATEGIC WORK PLAN: VISION, STRATEGIES, AND PRIORITY PROJECTS  
JANUARY 2016 — JUNE 2017**



January 12, 2016

## Saratoga Library Report: April 2016

Allison Lew, Community Librarian

### Statistics

	Feb. 2015	Feb. 2016	March 2015	March 2016
Total Circulation	84,862	93,549	88,759	90,905
Adult/Teen Circulation	44,912	52,054	47,251	48,917
Children's Circulation	39,950	41,495	41,508	41,988
Use of E-Book Collection (OverDrive Vendor)		2,014		2,041
Use of Downloadable Audio Books (OverDrive Vendor)		736		775
Total Number of Programs	54	77	81	87
Programs Total Attendance	1,326	1,896	2,032	2,342
New Library Cards Issued	143	263	115	261
Gate Count: Library Use	30,762	33,813	35,394	37,134
Outreach Events	2	4	5	4
Outreach Total Attendance	230	560	870	141
Volunteer Hours	1,403	1,337	1,562	1,378

# How Are We Doing?

*We Want to Hear From You!*



## Community Survey: A Letter

Dear Library Commissioners and Friends Board Members:

As you probably already know, the Santa Clara County Library District (SCCLD) serves over 425,000 residents in many cities of Santa Clara County – the very same residents who live within your audience area. As an important public entity, we are always looking for ways to expand our services while offering the best library experience possible.

While we like to think we’re meeting everyone’s needs, we know there is always room for improvements. To find out just how we’re doing, we’re hosting a customer satisfaction survey from now to May 31, 2016, asking local patrons to let us know what they think about our services and what can be done better. As a vital and well trusted member of the communities

we serve, we're hoping you'll join us in spreading the word to local residents by mentioning the survey opportunity in your publication and provide your audience with the survey link:

- English: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SCCLDSurvey>
- Spanish: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/encuestadesatisfacciondemiembros>

All surveys should be completed by May 31, 2016.

Letting us know what works, why and how residents use our facilities, telling us what specific services or programs they would like to see added or kept and overall satisfaction with service experiences while on our campus, helps us gain better insight into how we can ensure that future visits to any SCCLD location will be truly a great experience.

Thank you in advance for helping spread the word about the survey. Libraries are so much more than just a repository of books; they are invaluable community and cultural centers that not only offer free programs in art, literature, and music but provide ongoing help in educational pursuits and access to a host of free online databases 24/7. We feel that effective libraries build strong communities. With your help and the results from our 2016 Customer Satisfaction Survey, we hope to meet and exceed community expectations in the coming years and keep our communities strong.

Each survey takes approximately 10-15 minutes to complete. We welcome and value any suggestions on how to improve the quality of the local library. Survey results, as well as any added suggestions and comments, will help us in our next phase of library development as we plan for future services and programs.

Sincerely,

Allison Lew

**Summer Reading Challenge Begins June 1: Read for the Win!**

Studies have shown that children and teens who read at least five books over the summer can prevent learning loss. To combat the “summer slide,” sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge and attend fun and educational events. Adults are also invited! Enjoy a fun summer of reading and special events.

Participants read at least 5 books between June 1 and July 31 and record the titles in a log. Then, turn in the completed log to receive prizes. You could win a new Kindle Fire! Sign up at the library or online at

[www.sccl.org](http://www.sccl.org). Log your books online or use the paper log available at the library. Books, eBooks, audio books and graphic novels all count toward your total.



Children ages 6-12 who complete the program will receive a prize goody-bag and will pick out a brand new book to keep. Teens ages 13-17 will receive a free book and a tote bag when they sign up and a gift card when they complete the challenge. Adults will receive a tote bag, a book, and a \$2 gift certificate for chocolates. Adults and teens will be entered in a grand-prize drawing for a Kindle Fire. Pre-readers age 0-5 can complete a set of early literacy activities to earn a goody-bag and book. Prizes for all ages also include gift certificates for the Book-Go-Round used bookstore and a free pass to the Children’s Discovery Museum. Prizes are available while supplies last. The Summer Reading Challenge is generously funded by the Friends of the Saratoga Libraries.

Many additional programs and special events for all ages will be offered throughout the summer, including book clubs, family movie nights, musicians, gardening, magicians, arts and crafts, animal programs, storytelling, trivia, puppets, bubble magic, teen lock-in after-hours, stop-motion animation, Chocolate Olympics, and more! Details about summer programs for all ages will be posted to the [www.sccl.org/Locations/Saratoga](http://www.sccl.org/Locations/Saratoga) page, in the “Events” section. Santa Clara County Library District’s summer program partners this year are the Children’s Discovery Museum and Santa Clara County Parks. SCC Park Rangers will present a variety of programs at libraries throughout the district.

***Please consider informing community members about the Summer Reading Challenge!***

***Thank you for your assistance.***

# THINKING MONEY

Make financial literacy fun and empowering with a traveling exhibition for tweens, teens and their families.



## **Saratoga Library to Host Thinking Money, A Traveling Exhibition for Public Libraries**

Thinking Money is a museum-quality traveling exhibition that will travel to 50 U.S. public libraries between 2016 and 2018. It was created by the FINRA Investor Education Foundation in partnership with the American Library Association (ALA) Public Programs Office. Saratoga Library of the Santa Clara County Library District was one of 50 libraries selected to host the exhibit for a six-week period.

The objective of the exhibit is to teach tweens, teens, parents, caregivers, and educators about financial literacy topics in a way that is not only understandable, but fun. Through an adventure-themed storyline, interactive iPad content and other fun, hands-on activities, the exhibition explores the following themes:

- Wants vs. needs
- Earning and paying interest
- Preparing for rainy/sunny day
- Imagining your future self
- Avoiding financial fraud
- Thinking money

In addition to the exhibit, Saratoga Library will receive a \$1,000 allowance to present four free financial literacy programs for the public. We expect to receive the exhibit in 2017 or 2018, and we will provide additional details as we receive them from FINRA and ALA.

**-Lisa Liu, Librarian**

## **Spotlight on Selected May Programs**

### *Children*

#### **Roses in Bloom: Cupcake Decorating**

*May 11 at 3:30 p.m., for Grades K – 3*

*May 11 at 4:30 p.m., for Grades 4 – 7*

Children are invited to learn cupcake decorating techniques. They will learn to create frosting roses as well as other shapes.

#### **Gravity Drop Competition**

*May 14 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., for Grades K – 5*

At this fun event, students will learn math and engineering techniques as they work to build a contraption that is able to achieve the goal presented by librarians. Children are challenged to create a device that will drop a 2-ounce weight from a height of 6 feet within the span of one minute. The child that creates the device that finishes dropping closest to 60 seconds will win a prize. Bring your device to Saratoga Library to compete in our Gravity Drop Competition. (The 2-ounce weight will be provided by librarians during the event.)

#### **Early Literacy Story-Time: Be Brave**

*May 16 at 2:30 p.m.*

Early literacy programs aim to ensure that every child is ready to read. Children, ages 2-6, are invited to this special early literacy story-time program that has the theme of bravery.

### *Teens*

#### **Teen Advisory Co-Presidents and Secretary: Updates for the Library Commission**

## **College Day**

*May 14 at 2:00 p.m.*

Are you a teen thinking about college admissions? Are you overwhelmed by the process, or do you just need a little more information? Come to the College Day event and listen to a panel of high school seniors and college students. Ask them your questions.

## **CoderDojo Coding Club**

*Third Sunday of Every Month at 1:30 p.m.*

CoderDojo Silicon Valley @ Saratoga Library is part of the CoderDojo global collaboration providing free and open learning environments to students. Learn to code in various languages. Events are open to students that are 11 - 17 years old. Bring your own laptop or borrow one from the library. Seating is limited. Please register in advance.

At this club, each table is for a different coding language. Join the table of interest to you. Collaborate with others interested in the same coding language. You are welcome to bring a project that you are already working on. Help each other with projects at the table. Enjoy this team learning club. Adult mentors are available as well.

To sign up for notifications of events in order to register for them, please visit:

<http://bit.ly/cdsvsaratoga>

*CoderDojo Silicon Valley is an all-volunteer organization. CoderDojo Silicon Valley collects the minimum data about our members that is needed to run our events, and we never rent or sell our members' data to third parties.*

## **Adults**



### **Authors' Faire - Presented by the Friends of the Saratoga Libraries**

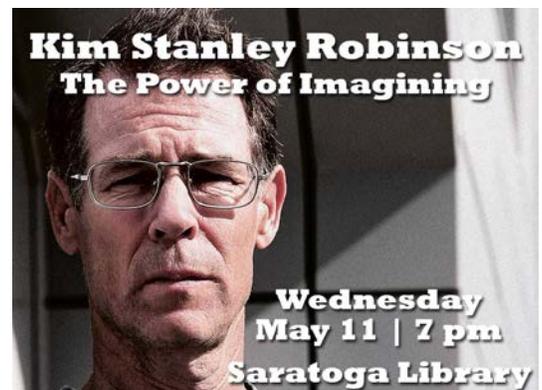
*May 9 at 7:00 p.m.*

The Authors' Faire is here! Join us on Monday, May 9 at 7:00 p.m. for an evening of presentations and conversation with multiple Bay Area authors, including Jan Eby, Laurie Mobilio, Lynne Noel and Cindy Summers, the popular quartet behind *The Grammie Guide*; Isabelle Gecils, the author of *Leaving Shangrila*; and Ruchira Khanna, who wrote *Voyagers into the Unknown*. Please visit [www.fslonline.org](http://www.fslonline.org) for the latest list of participating authors, and come to the Saratoga Library Community Room on May 9 for what promises to be a lively evening. Admission is free, and refreshments will be served.

### **Author Event - Kim Stanley Robinson Discusses the Power of Imagining**

*May 11 at 7:00 p.m.*

Acclaimed science fiction writer Kim Stanley Robinson will discuss how fiction can help readers envision the future and explore new ideas. Robinson is the author of 19 novels and numerous short stories, including the eco-novel *Green Earth*, *The Years of Rice and Salt*, and the *Mars* trilogy. His work has been honored with more than 20 awards including the 2016 Robert A. Heinlein Award. Audience Q&A will follow Mr. Robinson's talk, and he will be available for book signing.



### **Special Book Trivia Event**

*May 21 at 2:00 p.m.*

Robert Gulino, Chair of the Library Commission, presents a special trivia event. Come have fun testing your book trivia knowledge as your team competes against other teams. Each group of 3 or 4 persons is invited to register in advance for the May 21 event. Register your team at the Adult Reference Desk.

***For additional details about events, click on "Events" at [www.sccl.org](http://www.sccl.org).***

# Saratoga Library Community Events: April 2016

April 4 at 7:30 p.m. - Book Discussion Group  
*An Unnecessary Woman* by Rabih Alameddine (Teens and Adults)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Family Storytime - Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.                      Toddler Storytime - Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.                      Pre-School Storytime - Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.                      Baby Storytime - Thursdays at 11:30 a.m.                      Middle School Computer Club - Every Weekday After School                      Middle School Hangout - Every Weekday After School</p>						
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	Book Discussion Group 7:30 p.m.	Estate Planning and Taxes 7:00 p.m.		English Conversation Club 11:00 a.m.		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Kindness and Kids: Early Literacy Storytime 2:30 p.m. Lecture - Human Trafficking 7:00 p.m.	Read-Up 7:00 p.m.	Artist Talk 3:45 p.m.	Chinese Book Club 10:15 a.m. English Conversation Club 11:00 a.m. Math at the Art Museum 4:00 p.m.	Let's Talk About Getting Older 10:00 a.m.	Teen Service Projects Convention 2:00 p.m.
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
CoderDojo Coding Club 1:30 p.m.	Green Arrow Pea Harvest 7:00 p.m.	Earth Day Craft 3:45 p.m.	English Conversation Club 11:00 a.m. The Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe 4:00 p.m.	English Conversation Club 11:00 a.m. Math at the Art Museum 4:00 p.m.		Friends Paperback Sale 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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April 5 at 7:00 p.m. - Estate Planning and Taxes (Adults)

April 11 at 2:30 p.m. - Kindness and Kids: Early Literacy Storytime (Children's)

April 11 at 7:00 p.m. - Human Trafficking: A Local and Global Issue (Teens and Adults)

April 12 at 7:00 p.m. - Read-Up: Share Your Favorite Books and Meet Other Local Book Lovers (Adults)

April 13 at 3:45 p.m. - Artist Talk: Illustrator Nancy Near (Children's)

April 14 at 10:15 a.m. - Chinese Book Club - *Biography of Su Dong* (Adults)

April 14 & 28 at 4:00 p.m. - Math at the Art Museum (Children's)

April 15 at 10:00 a.m. - Let's Talk About Getting Older (Adults)

April 16 at 2:00 p.m. - Teen Service Projects Convention (Teens)

April 17 at 1:30 p.m. - CoderDojo Coding Club (Students 11-17 years)

April 19 at 7:00 p.m. - Silicon Valley Grows: Green Arrow Pea Harvest and Tasting - Gardening Program (Teens and Adults)

April 20 at 3:45 p.m. - Earth Day Craft (Children's)

April 21 at 4:00 p.m. - The Traveling Lantern Theatre Company (Children 3rd - 6th Grades)

April 25 at 7:30 p.m. - Jazz on the Patio - Daniel Bennett Group (Families)

April 26 at 6:00 p.m. - Crash Course on Taxes for Teens - Mayor Manny Cappello and Lynda Boman (Teens)

April 29 at 11:00 a.m. - Poetry Reading by Mary Lou Taylor (Teens and Adults)

April 30 from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Financial Planning Fair (Teens and Adults)



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# Saratoga Library Community Events: May 2016

- May 2 at 7:30 p.m. - Book Discussion Group: *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman (Teens and Adults)
- May 3 at 7:00 p.m. - Addressing Diabetes the Ayurvedic Way (Adults)
- May 4 at 3:45 p.m. - Star Wars Event (Children's)
- May 9 at 7:00 p.m. - Friends of the Saratoga Libraries Authors' Faire (Teens and Adults)
- May 10 at 7:00 p.m. - Read-Up: Share Your Favorite Books and Meet Other Local Book Lovers (Adults)
- May 11 - Cupcake Decorating - 3:30 p.m. (Grades K-3) and 4:30 p.m. (Grades 4 - 7) (Children's)
- May 11 at 7 p.m. - Author Talk: Kim Stanley Robinson (Teens and Adults)
- May 14 at 10:00 a.m. - Gravity Drop (Children's)
- May 14 at 2:00 p.m. - College Day (Teens)
- May 15 at 1:30 p.m. - CoderDojo Coding Club (For Ages 11-17)
- May 16 at 2:30 p.m. - Early Literacy Storytime (Children's)
- May 16 at 7:00 p.m. - Travel Program: Turkey Presented by David Couzens (Adults)
- May 17 at 7:00 p.m. - Healthy Aging: Managing Your Medications to Prevent a Tragedy (Adults)
- May 21 at 2:00 p.m. - Afternoon Book Trivia (Adults)
- May 22 at 1:00 p.m. - Teen Study Hall (For Final Exams)
- May 24 at 7:00 p.m. - CNPS: Soil Health Drought-Proof Your California Native Garden (Adults)
- May 31 at 7:00 p.m. - Healthy Aging: Strategies to Improve Your Sleep (Adults)

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**Recent Programs: Photos**

**March 2 - Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss!**



**March 8 - Calligraphy**



**March 11 - Teen Coffeehouse**



**March 5 - Grand Tour Japan:  
The Japanese Tea Ceremony**



**March 16 - The Fratello Marionettes Present:  
*Mother Goose Land***



**April 5 - Estate Planning and Taxes**



**March 17 - Celebrity Story-Time - Silicon  
Valley Reads - Joe Simitian, Santa Clara  
County Supervisor**



**April 14 - Math at the Art Museum**



**March 26 - Teen Hack-A-Thon**

**April 15 - Let's Talk About Getting Older**



**April 17 - CoderDojo Coding Club**



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for generously funding library programs and events!*

### **Class Trips to the Saratoga Library in May**

- May 13 at 10:30 a.m. - Sacred Heart Elementary School, First Grade - Ms. Biss
- May 13 at 10:45 a.m. - Sacred Heart Elementary School, Second Grade - Ms. Martin
- May 19 at 9:30 a.m. - Sacred Heart Elementary School, Pre-Kindergarten - Ms. Soto

### **Outreach**

#### **March 9 at 4:00 p.m. - Monte Sereno Youth Commission Meeting**

Teen Services Librarian Birgit Spring participated in the Monte Sereno Youth Commission meeting and discussed library resources. She encouraged Commissioners to take part in library activities.

#### **March 12 from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. - St. Paddy's Day Party**

Librarians participated in the Saratoga Village Development Council's St. Paddy's Day Party by reading St. Patrick's Day stories to children and handing out themed bookmarks and stickers.

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

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

#### **April 26 at 11:00 a.m. - Saratoga High School Lunch-Time Outreach**

Teen Services Librarian, Birgit Spring, will meet with teens during their lunch break to talk about library resources, programs, and the Summer Reading Challenge.

#### **May 23 from 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.: Book-Talking at Redwood Middle School**

Children's Librarians will provide presentations about great books to all sixth and seventh

graders at Redwood Middle School. Students will have the opportunity to check out key titles presented.

### **May - Various Dates - Elementary and Middle Schools**

Children's Librarians will visit local schools to invite participation in the Summer Reading Challenge.

### **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.

### **Virtual Library Resource: Spotlight on Literary Reference Center Plus**

Literary Reference Center is an information-rich online database available to all ages and valuable to students. Once at the library's website ([www.sccl.org](http://www.sccl.org)), click on "Research." A direct link to this resource is: <http://www.sccl.org/Teens/Teen-Research?categoryid=126>

Literary Reference Center Plus supplies information about authors and their literary works. The database provides students with homework resources, and it supplies instructors with support materials to aid their instruction. This full-text database includes a vast quantity of literary reference books, journals, magazines, study guides, literary videos, and more.

Posters and bookmarks informing high school students about Literary Reference Center are being prepared and will soon be brought to Saratoga High School for distribution to students.

### **Teen Poetry Contest 2016**

April is National Poetry Month! Teens are invited to celebrate poetry by entering the Santa Clara County Library District's 12th Annual Teen Poetry Contest.

- One winner from each library will be chosen in the following categories: Grades 6-8 (Middle School), Grades 9-12 (High School)
- Up to 3 original poems may be submitted
- \$50 gift card awarded to winners
- Submit poems along with entry forms to the information desk or through our web site by April

30, 2016

- The winning poem will be entered into a national contest held by VOYA (Voice of Youth Advocates) in December and possibly published nationally.

For more information, visit the library's website: <http://www.sccl.org/Teens/Contests>

### **Saratoga Library: Art on Display in March and April**

Coordinated by Librarian Betsy White and Volunteer Bonnie Stone.

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

“Exhibiting in the main lobby through the end of April are printmaker, Joanna Kidd and watercolorist, Nancy Near.

Ms. Kidd has a BFA and an MFA from the Accademia di Belle Arte in Florence, Italy. She currently teaches printmaking at Yuba College and the UC Davis Craft Center.

Cupertino resident Nancy Near discovered watercolor after a long career in tech. Her award winning portraits include a series of Haitian paintings. She has illustrated a book about a Haitian orphan called *Gideon Goes to School*. She will discuss her process for designing, illustrating, and publishing the book on Wednesday, April 13 at 3:45 p.m. in the Saratoga Library Orchard Room.”

- **Betsy White**, Librarian

### **Prospect High School Artwork on Display**

Community members are invited to enjoy student artwork on display in the Group Study Room. Prospect High School Students present a collection of paintings inspired by Roy Lichtenstein's style of pop art. Students present



popular culture still-life items, painted in flat blocks of color, thick black outlines, and comic-book dots.

**Supervising Librarian Annapurna Dandu's  
Commendation of Librarian Betsy White**

"I would like to congratulate Betsy White for the exceptional work she does at the Saratoga Library. Betsy has worked at the Santa Clara County Library District for the past twenty years. She goes out of her way to help patrons and provides excellent service at the reference desk. Patrons ask for her by name and she answers each question with a vibrant smile. She has started a travel program series named 'Grand Tour' which is very well accepted by our patrons. She brings in museum docents who talk about their present exhibits, which our patrons love. Betsy also takes up the tedious task of calling artists to apply, to display their art in the Saratoga Library. She advertises for it over various media once every two years and the Saratoga Library receives applications from everywhere, even as far as Colorado. She then coordinates with the artists and her helpers to make possible the beautiful display of art that we have in the Saratoga Library lobby."

*-Annapurna Dandu, Supervisor*

**Supervising Librarian Annapurna Dandu's  
Commendation of Librarian Lisa Liu**

"Lisa joined the Saratoga Library adult staff in 2014. Lisa has developed innovative programs of interest and educational value to the Saratoga Community. These include the English conversation club, gardening, health, finance, citizenship and other programs of interest to our patrons.

Lisa does an excellent job of reaching out to the community. She has represented the library at various outreach events and recently helped us build a relationship with the Saratoga High School English Language Learners department. As a part of the Santa Clara County Library's 100-year anniversary events, Lisa and her team organized an attempt to break the Guinness

World record – most number of people walking at once with books on their heads. She worked very hard and brought in hundreds of community members to the library for this event.

Thanks to Lisa Liu’s proposal, Saratoga Library will be hosting the ALA’s exhibit Thinking Money. Lisa actually helped design this ALA exhibit. Lisa also coordinated SCCLD’s participation in the Smart Investing grant, in July 2011 – June 2013, which included writing the final report for the grant. Lisa presented on the topic at the ALA Conference.”

*-Annapurna Dandu, Supervisor*

### **Newsletter**

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

## Friends of the Saratoga Library – April Meeting Report

**Updated Trifold Brochure** - Our trifold brochure has been updated, printed, and is now being distributed in the community. The cover features original artwork by local artist and Friend Ginny Sampson. The new version reflects our vision to create a Friends brand and logo suggestive of the colors in the lovely heritage orchard surrounding our Saratoga Library. Whereas our previous brochure focused on what we fund, the new version is broader in scope and also addresses our mission, who we are, what we do, how we raise funds, and how you can help. The revision still includes a Book-Go-Round page and a membership application form. We have added the tagline "JOIN~DONATE~VOLUNTEER" and also the abbreviated mission statement "Supporting the Saratoga Library since 1972" to the front cover. Library Commissioners and other interested persons are welcome to take brochures and help circulate them to publicize the Friends.

**Authors Faire** - The Friends will be hosting an event for the public featuring local authors on Monday, May 9th at 7:00 pm in the Library Community Room. Authors will be discussing their work, and books will be available for sale. The event is free. Library Commissioners are invited to attend.

**Blossom Festival** - The Friends set up a table at the recent well-attended Saratoga Blossom Festival. Close to 200 children's books were sold at the event.

**Library Grant** - The Saratoga Library Grant Proposal for 2016-2017 in the amount of \$141,000 will be presented to the Friends Board for review and approval at the board meeting on April 27th.

**Library Café Bookstore Renovation** - The Friends Board is currently reviewing quotes for potentially renovating the Friends Café Bookstore. Informational sessions are being held with individual board members to review proposed plans, and the topic will be discussed at the April Board meeting. Goals would be:

- to optimize the space and allow us to potentially double or triple the number of books for sale at the library store. This location currently brings in revenue of \$18,000-\$20,000 annually.
- to alleviate storage issues with accommodating the huge number of book donations we receive and hopefully increase thru-put time of books in our operations.
- to address facilities issues in the café (cabinetry is in disrepair, sink/garbage disposal unit is obsolete)
- to improve the overall look of this key area of the library and bring the physical appearance up to the standard set in the remainder of the library.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lisa Finley

# COMMISSIONER RECOGNITION DINNER

SAVE THE DATE!

## WHEN

Thursday, April 28, 2016  
6:00 – 9:30 p.m.

## WHERE

Prospect Center  
Friendship Hall  
19848 Prospect Road,  
Saratoga

More information to come!

# ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

## WHEN

**Friday**

**April 29, 2016**

**3:30 pm –**

**4:30 pm**



## Where

**West Valley  
College**

**Just past the Student Center at Vasona Creek**

**Free Parking in Lot 5!**

**FEATURING** -Santa Clara Valley Water District · West Valley  
Collection and Recycling · Saratoga City Arborist

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**EVENT FOR  
ALL AGES**

**HELP PLANT  
A TREE**

The City will be  
planting a Black Oak

**AMERICA IN  
BLOOM**

Find out who wins  
the Red Geranium  
contest!

**FREE  
COMPOST**

Bags of compost will  
be available in the  
parking lot to take  
home for gardening