

## Retail Operations Management Turnover

Effective January 1, 2017, the Friends Book-Go-Round and related operations will be under new management. Bobbi Stek, Retail Operations Manager since July, 2013, will be stepping aside and Friends Board member Kristin Gragnola will be taking the helm as the new Retail Operations Manager. Both Bobbi and Kristin live in Saratoga and have raised their families here. We are anticipating a smooth and seamless transition from one talented leader to the next!

Bobbi Stek has been an active and dedicated Friends of the Saratoga Libraries volunteer since 2001, when she began working at the Book-Go-Round and as part of the merchandising crew. Bobbi has done a tremendous job of handling all aspects of our retail sales, and we are very grateful for the time, energy, and devotion she brought to her role. We are fortunate that Bobbi plans to continue volunteering with the Book-Go-Round even though she will no longer hold the manager position.

Kristin Gragnola comes to the Retail Operations Manager position with an extensive background in community volunteerism and leadership with the Saratoga schools PTAs and PTSO, Kiwanis Club, Bible Study Fellowship, Girl Scouts, and local clubs. She joined the Friends board in 2015, and, prior to that, loved working at the Book-Go-Round with her daughters as part of National Charity League. We are delighted and excited that Kristin will be sharing her many gifts and talents with us as our new Retail Operations manager.

Thank you, Bobbi, for your many contributions! Welcome, Kristin, we look forward to your leadership!

*"Volunteering with the Friends of the Saratoga Libraries is a rewarding and enjoyable experience for me. The volunteers are wonderful to work with and library staff has always been extremely helpful and professional."* - **Bobbi Stek**

*"I live in Saratoga with my husband and 3 cats now that the last of our 4 children has headed off to college. As an empty nester I was invited to join the Friends board and with Bobbi's departure I decided to try something new!"* - **Kristin Gragnola**



Bobbi Stek (on left) and Kristin Gragnola (on right)



## The World of Jane Austen in Art

Explore the era of beloved English novelist Jane Austen through the arts of her time, from the paintings of Thomas Gainsborough and John Constable to the elegant Georgian townhouses of Bath. Presented by Kathryn Zupsic, San Francisco Fine Arts Museum Docent. Please join us for the Jane Austen program on Friday, January 13 at 11:00 a.m. in the Community Room.

### **Saratoga Library Hours:**

Monday, Tuesday - 1:00 PM to 9:00 PM

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

Sunday - 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

# The Friends' Library Bear Has A Name: Buddy Bear!



After several weeks of collecting over 200 creative entries, the Board of the Friends of the Saratoga Libraries selected a winner for the Name the Friends' Bear Contest. Our bear now has a name: Buddy Bear! Congratulations from the Friends of the Saratoga Libraries and "Darth Vader" to Advik Gonugunta who submitted the winning name. Buddy Bear was officially named during our first annual Take A Child To A Bookstore Day on December 3rd at the Friends' Cafe Bookstore in the Saratoga Library.



# Hobby Program Series: Introduction to Google Cardboard

Children and teens are invited to attend a presentation and introduction to virtual reality using Google Cardboard. Participants will be provided with the opportunity to learn some tips and tricks to make their own virtual reality photos and videos. This program will take place in the Saratoga Library Community Room on Saturday, January 7 at 10:30 a.m.



# Rosetta Stone

**Free Access to Rosetta Stone® Online with SCCLD Library Card**

Now available online on the library's main website ([www.sccl.org](http://www.sccl.org)), SCCLD is pleased to announce the addition of the Rosetta Stone Online Library Solution, a language learning service that offers anyone with a SCCLD library card free access to 30 new language courses. SCCLD Library cards are free and available to everyone.

An award winning interactive approach to learning a new language, the Rosetta Stone Library Solution utilizes an immersion method within its coursework. Courses are available in different proficiency levels and structured around core lessons that help build reading, writing, speaking and listening skills. Online lessons focus on refining grammar, vocabulary and pronunciation skills through the use of quizzes, challenges and illustrative images with lessons progressing from basic to complex. Included in each course is an interactive voice comparison component that allows the learner to record his or her voice and compare it to the voice of a native speaker using the same spoken phrase. By using this method, language students learn proper word articulation, cadence, pronunciation and more.

Use this fun, interactive program to achieve your language-learning goals. Rosetta Stone is available at [www.sccl.org](http://www.sccl.org), then choose "Research" and then "Language Learning".



# Celebrate 2017 - The Year of the Rooster!

To celebrate Lunar New Year 2017, Saratoga Library is inviting families to a special program. Please join us on Wednesday, January 25 at 3:45 p.m. for rooster-themed stories and crafts.



## Join The Friends of the Saratoga Libraries

Your membership in the Friends of the Saratoga Libraries supports our local library programs. You may join online at [www.fsonline.org](http://www.fsonline.org) or pick up a brochure in the library.



# Saratoga Library Community Events: January 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Library Closed	2 Book Discussion Group 7:30 p.m.	3	4	5 English Conversation Club 11:00 a.m.	6 Adult Social Hour 10:30 a.m.	7 Hobby Program 10:30 a.m.
8	9	10	11 Childrens Craft 3:45 p.m.	12 Chinese Book Club 10:15 a.m. English Conversation Club 11:00 a.m.	13 Adult Social Hour 10:30 a.m. Jane Austen 11:00 a.m.	14 Trivia 3:00 p.m.
15	16 Library Closed	17 Childrens Craft 3:45 p.m.	18	19 English Conversation Club 11:00 a.m.	20 Adult Social Hour 10:30 a.m.	21
22	23 Bollywood Fitness and Yoga 7:00 p.m.	24	25 Celebrate 2017 3:45 p.m.	26 English Conversation Club 11:00 a.m.	27 Adult Social Hour 10:30 a.m.	28
29	30 Travel Program 7:00 p.m.	31 Childrens Book Club 4:00 p.m.	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">           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.         </div>			

January 2 at 7:30 p.m. - Book Discussion Group (Adult)

January 5, 12, 19 and 26 at 11:00 a.m. - English Conversation Club (Adult)

January 6, 13, 20 and 27 at 10:30 a.m. - Adult Social Hour (Adult)

January 7 at 10:30 a.m. - Hobby Program Series: Introduction to Google Cardboard (Teen and Adult)

January 7 at 2:00 p.m. - Saturday Screenings Teen Movie Club (Teen)

January 11 at 3:45 p.m. - BRRRR . . . Make a Snowglobe. (Children)

January 12 at 10:15 a.m. - Chinese Book Club (Adult)

January 13 at 11:00 a.m. - The World of Jane Austen in Art (Adult)

January 14 at 3:00 p.m. - Trivia (All)

January 17 at 3:45 p.m. - Be Warm in Winter – Hot Cocoa and Mug craft (Children)

January 23 at 7:00 p.m. - Bollywood Fitness and Yoga (Adult)

January 25 at 3:45 p.m. - Celebrate 2017 – the Year of the Rooster! (Children)

January 30 at 7:00 p.m. - Alaska Bald Eagles (Adult)

January 31 at 4:00 p.m. – Book Club: First Test by Tamora Pierce. (Children)



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<p>14410 Oak Street @ Saratoga-Los Gatos Rd. (HWY 9) one block south of Big Basin Way, Saratoga Village  (408) 867-5552 <a href="http://www.BookGoRound.com">www.BookGoRound.com</a></p>	<p><b>Book-Go-Round NEWS</b> OAK STREET USED BOOK STORE HOURS: Sunday-Friday: Noon - 5 pm Saturday: 10 am - 5 pm  <i>PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE SARATOGA LIBRARY</i></p>	<p><i>When in the Saratoga Library visit our Library Café Bookstore with Bargain Books section Open during library hours Mon-Tues 1-9; Wed-Sat 10-6; Sun 1-5</i></p>
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*If you like books, you'll LOVE the Book-Go-Round*



**January Special Feature:  
Native American History & Culture**



*The Book-Go-Round  
will be closed New  
Year's Day.*

*Flappy New Year to all our loyal customers!*

Paperback Sale at the Saratoga Library January 28 & 29. Thousands of books!  
Sat 10 am 6 pm, books 25 cents each  
Sun 1 pm 4 pm, books \$3 per grocery bag  
Don't miss it!

For volunteer opportunities at the Book-Go-Round, please contact Kristin Gagnola at [crunchgrag@aol.com](mailto:crunchgrag@aol.com). Adults only please.