



Terrie Creamer, FSL President, presents \$152,000 check to Gayathri Kanth, Community Librarian. The FSL 2011/12 grant is the largest gift ever presented. The funds will be used for unique programs and projects at the Saratoga Library such as the Bestsellers collection; books selected from National Best Seller list, circulate for one week.

Friends of the Saratoga Libraries Grant \$152,000 to Library

"Your commitment and support enable the Saratoga Library to offer excellent programs and collections enjoyed by the diverse Saratoga community," said Gayathri Kanth, Community Librarian, Saratoga Library. "The Friends are thrilled to be able to provide additional resources to our library," commented Terrie Creamer, Friends' President, as she handed the check to Ms. Kanth.

Funds from the grant enhance the experiences of Saratoga Library patrons in several areas.

Middle School Program: Many students from Sacred Heart, St. Andrews and Redwood Middle School frequent the library after school. "The Library will join with the Saratoga Recreation Department to offer special

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FSL Author Series - *In Secret and Shadows* by Author Janet Pullen Wednesday, October 5, 10 AM Saratoga Library



Author Janet Pullen shares the stories behind her intriguing book, *In Secret and Shadows*, Wednesday, October 5, 10 am, in the Community Room of the Saratoga Library. Her book begins with her disturbing experience at Montsegur, an experience that leads her to the story of the Cathars, a religious sect in Occitane, during the 4th Century AD when Emperor Constantine created the Holy Roman Empire and a unified Roman Catholic Church. In the five years she lived there with her family, she journeyed through the history and intrigue of southern France, a history that included tales of Mary Magdalene, Occitania, and The Knights Templar, along with the Merovingians, Roman Catholic Bishops, and more. The book is much more than a story of knights, crusades and witch hunts. Pullen pulls you through the strange looking glass of her very personal, mystic discovery of the dark past of her own Catholicism into the real shadows and the forgotten victims of the French witch-hunts. The Inquisition began in France, not Spain. "It was a story I felt compelled to tell. The story is hard to find; the path is littered with rumor, contradictions, and blockades. And, I needed to tell it in a way that people would read. They might not read a book about religion, but they would read a personal story about my own journey for truth," says Pullen.

Comments a member of the Friends of the Saratoga Libraries, "To say the book is intriguing barely captures the pull to reach the end of the story as I did in a short 5 hour stretch. I found the book filled with vivid and disturbing images, implausible dream descriptions that made me wonder, 'did this really happen to her (the author)?' At the same time I appreciated the well-documented research, the careful questioning of tales as rumor or fact, and shared her dismay when I learned the dark history of the church in which I was raised. Now I want to hear her story!"

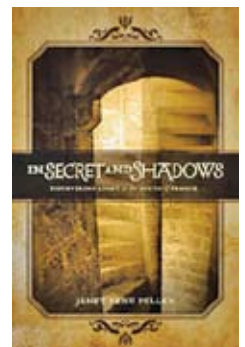
Reviews of the book:

"I wish the book could have been longer. There is so much we haven't been told about our western heritage."

"The book leads you along paths that bring fresh insights into the Mary Magdalene maze; I am relieved to know the Roman Catholic Church now says she was a woman of virtue."

"It is a peek behind the glitz of Dan Brown's tale, The DaVinci Code."

Janet Pullen is a psychotherapist and writer in Los Gatos. She has been a student of Kripalu Yoga for more than 30 years and is the author of *Reclaiming the Surrendered Self, When the Spiritual Teacher Betrays the Disciple*.



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

Editor's Note: In lieu of her regular message, Terrie Creamer, President of the Friends of the Saratoga Libraries, brings you the following message regarding literacy.

Literacy- Helping to Make a Difference

Did you know that the Santa Clara County Library System, which the Saratoga Library is a part of, has a literacy program, called The Reading Program? According to the Workforce Investment Act, literacy is an *individual's ability to read, write, and speak in English, compute, and solve problems, at levels of proficiency necessary to function on the job, in the family of the individual, and in society.*"

According to www.proliteracy.org:

- In the U.S., 30 million people over age 16, 14% of the country's adult population, don't read well enough to understand a newspaper story written at the eighth grade level.
- In California, 24% of adults perform at the lowest levels of literacy.
- Two-thirds of the world's illiterate adults are women
- In Silicon Valley, 400,000 adults lack functional literacy which prevents some from fully participating as citizens, workers and parents.
- More than 60% of all inmates can barely read and write.
- Low health literacy costs between \$106 billion and \$238 billion each year in the U.S. 7 to 17 percent of all annual personal health care spending.
- Low literacy's effects cost the U.S. \$225 billion or more each year in non-productivity in the workforce, crime, and loss of tax revenue due to unemployment.

The Reading Program served:

- Served 114 students from July through December 2010
- 60% female and 40% male
- 70% between ages 20-50
- 60% Latino, 20% Asian, and 20% other ethnicities
- 60% didn't complete High School; 30% completed HS, 10% some schooling beyond HS
- 35% work FT, 15% work PT, and 45% looking for work
- Most students test at an intermediate level, roughly equivalent to 4th-6th grade reading level

In addition there is a program called Families for Literacy which is held in Gilroy at the low-income apartments. This program has 7 volunteers, serves 27 students, helps learners to accomplish their workplace goals such as reading signs and recognizing safety and caution words, read to their children and help them with homework, fill out job applications and improve communication with teachers, bosses, and doctors.

The program also includes a program at the Elmwood Correctional Facility in Milpitas. There is a library at the site and the literacy program.

Here's how you can become involved:

If you would like to learn more about these programs and volunteer go to <http://www.santaclaracountylib.org> and click on the literacy tab.

If you would like to make a donation you may send it to the Friends of The Saratoga Libraries and include the notation "The Reading Program" and we will make sure that the donation is made.

Terrie Creamer

President, Friends of the Saratoga Libraries

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programming for middle school students on early dismissal Wednesdays when students are with us for more than five hours, said Ms. Kanth. Sixth grade students will enjoy the very popular Battle of the Books; more than 100 students and 75 adults participated in 2011.

Enhancements to the Adult and Teen Collection and Programs: The Best Seller Collection, the most popular area in the library, will expand its media and teen materials. The grant funds presenters, supplies and equipment for programs. The program schedule is available on the library's website: www.santaclaralib.org/Saratoga.

Children's Area: The children's collection is one of the most popular collections, and, therefore, needs to be periodically replaced and refreshed. Programming for this area is very popular and supplies are well used, equipment is well worn. The well-worn Ellison die-cut machine needs to be replaced; consumable supplies need to be restocked.

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.fslonline.org or pick up a brochure in the library.

Friends Launch 2011/2012 Membership Drive

Please renew your membership to Friends of the Saratoga Libraries on-line, asks Helen Chang, Membership Chair, Friends of the Saratoga Libraries. "Renewing on-line is easy and will reduce the cost of mailing renewal letters so that we will have more to grant, besides it is good for the environment! With the newly initiated online system, all information is readily and correctly transcribed to our database," adds Helen.

Our libraries face reduced funding, which translates to reduced programs, services, and collection improvements. Members of the Friends of the Saratoga Libraries enhance the experience provided to patrons of the Saratoga Libraries. Special programs for all ages, an enhanced collection of books, media, and other materials, and additional services are provided through the work of the Friends of the Saratoga Libraries, including the very popular Best Sellers section where patrons can checkout a best seller for a one week period. The Book-Go-Round (BGR), staffed by volunteer members of the Friends, is a major source of funding for the Saratoga Libraries. Members are eligible for a special BGR discount in the spring.

2011-2012 Author's Series

Helen Yamauchi, chair, Friends of the Saratoga Libraries Author's Series, recently announced the 2011-2012 program. "Our authors are varied in genre, time, place, fiction, non-fiction, historic, current, domestic and foreign. Each bring new perspectives and insights to age-old questions." All programs are held the first Wednesday of each month at 10 am in the Saratoga Library Community Room. There is no charge.

Upcoming Author:

Nov. 2, 2011

Dana Bagshaw: *Mama Grace*, is based on an original manuscript by the author's grandmother, Letha Crossman, and tells the story of her family homesteading in Oklahoma in the early 1900s. *Running From Grace* is based on the memoirs of her great-uncle Victor and portrays a working man's struggles during difficult times in the American Southwest during the 20s, 30s, and 40s.



For a complete listing of the authors and their dates, please visit the Friends of the Saratoga Libraries website: fsonline.org

How to Give to the Friends of the Saratoga Libraries

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Community Room Patio 12 x 12 inch Tiles \$1,000 Individual, \$1,500 Business
Library Lobby Bronze Plaque \$5,000 - \$100,000 & up

Corporate Matching: Employee matching is a way to make your dollars go even further. Matching gifts are cash donations made by your employer that are often equal in value to your initial gift. You can increase the impact of your contribution by participating in your company's matching program. It's easy to apply for corporate matching funds. Just complete the form on your corporate website or request one from your HR department. We'll do the rest!

The Friends of Saratoga Libraries Federal Tax ID# is 94-2831256.

Contact our Finance Chair for more information and details.

Donate Books: Donations of books, records, etc. are gladly accepted and are TAX DEDUCTIBLE. See the Donations page of Book-Go-Round for further information

Volunteer: As an all-volunteer organization we have lots of opportunities and many types of ways to volunteer.

- Visit Book-Go-Round
- Email us at the Friends of the Saratoga Libraries
- Go to the website at www.fsonline.org

Helen Yamauchi, FSL Authors Series Chair, Terrie Creamer, FSL President, Cynthia Chang and Ellen Lau observe Author Helen Wang sign a copy of *The Chinese Dream* for Cynthia Chang. Helen launched the FSL Author Series, September 7, with the background story of her book in which she says "the Chinese Dream as like the American Dream: regardless of your origins, with determination you can succeed. The rising Chinese Middle Class creates opportunities for the west to sell their consumer goods and represents a new way to look at the world, the oneness of the world, that will be built by the middle class of China.



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