



# Friends of the Saratoga Libraries

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NEWS AND  
INFORMATION

MAY 2017

## The Friends of Saratoga Libraries Has Something to Celebrate with You!

Join us for a week of free events and activities during the week of May 8 to May 13, 2017.

The Friends of Saratoga Libraries will host events in two of our used bookstores. All week long, a variety of children's and adult's events are scheduled including raffles, refreshments and book pricing promotions.

Where else can you get the **Best Books @ Best Prices** and have fun too?

**There is something for everyone so mark these dates on your calendar today:**

### Children's Events:

- Story time presentations and book gift certificate giveaways in the Children's section of the Saratoga Library: Tuesday – May 9th @ 7:30 p.m., Wednesday – May 10th @ 10:30 a.m., Thursday – May 11th @ 10:30 and 11:30 a.m.
- Story Walk Displays at the Book-Go-Round and Saratoga Library Café Bookstore.

### Adult Events:

- Tuesday, May 9th - 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Speed Dating Book Share in the Saratoga Library Café Bookstore.
- Thursday, May 11th - 10:30 a.m. – noon: Author Talk by award-winning author Elizabeth McKenzie Saratoga Library Quiet Reading Room - see below for details.
- Saturday, May 13th:
  - Jazz, Wine Tasting, and snacks at the Book-Go-Round
  - Following the Trivia contest in the Saratoga Library Community room join us in the Friends of Saratoga Libraries Café Bookstore for snacks and a raffle

**We look forward to seeing you at these locations for the events:**

- **Book-Go-Round:** 14410 Oak Street at the corner of Saratoga Los Gatos Road
- **Friends of Saratoga Libraries Café Bookstore in the Saratoga Library:** 13650 Saratoga Avenue



## Author Talk: Elizabeth McKenzie discusses her book *The Portable Veblen*

Veblen and Paul are trying to make it to their wedding day in one piece. Veblen sees her house as being "rich" in squirrels and Paul wants a stately home - *The Portable Veblen* is a delightful and humorous novel about love and family set in Palo Alto.



Elizabeth McKenzie is also the author of *Stop That Girl*, short-listed for The Story Prize, and the novel *MacGregor Tells the World*, a Chicago Tribune, San Francisco Chronicle and Library Journal Best Book of the Year. Her work has appeared in The New Yorker and The Atlantic. She received her MA from Stanford, was an assistant fiction editor at The Atlantic, and currently teaches creative writing at Stanford's school of continuing studies. She lives in Santa Cruz.

The program will take place in the Saratoga Library Quiet Reading Room on May 11 at 10:30 a.m.

### 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

# Saratoga Teen Wins National Teen Poetry Contest

Santa Clara County Library District (SCCLD) is pleased to announce Aashna Belenje, a local teenager from Saratoga, California and 8th grade student at Redwood Middle School, as one of five teens picked nationwide as a winner of the prestigious Voice of Youth Advocates (VOYA) teen poetry contest. Out of all entries submitted, only thirty qualified to be included in the national contest. Two American poet laureates: Peter Meinke and Alice B. Fogel, were selected to judge this year's poems. Described as "both devastating and sweet" by Fogel and "a touching little narrative," by Meinke, Belenje's winning entry "Smile," was selected for its poignant description recounting the lonely life of a young student. As a national winner, Belenje will receive \$20 and her poem published in the April issue of VOYA magazine.

Aashna's winning entry "Smile" may be found here:

<http://voyamagazine.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/Poetry-Contest.pdf>



## Colorful Native Perennials & Groundcovers for the Garden, a talk by Stephanie Morris

Native perennials and groundcover provide those splashes of color that we so appreciate in the garden. Most of these plants need very little care besides some deadheading, pruning and watering. Stephanie Morris has been designing with California native plants for twenty years. See her favorite selection of colorful, low care plants that will make your garden buzz with interest! Join us on May 23rd at 7:00 pm in the Community Room

## Blossom Festival - March 18, 2017

March 18th was a very special day for the city of Saratoga as it celebrated the return of spring with the annual Blossom Festival. Many Saratoga community groups and vendors participated in this year's event and provided fun for all ages. Arts and crafts, storytimes for the little ones, vintage cars, and visits from some historical Saratoga citizens were a few of the fun activities available to enjoy.

The Friends of the Saratoga Libraries were pleased to offer fabulous, gently used children's books for sale at clearance prices.

It was indeed a busy day and we sold well over 500 of our great children's books! All the proceeds from this sale will support the Saratoga Library and its community programs. If you missed this opportunity you can still find children's books at the Book-Go-Round and in the café at similar prices.

The Friends of the Saratoga Libraries wish to thank our great volunteers and all of our community patrons for their support in making this year's Blossom Festival Children's Book Sale so much fun and such a great success!



Are you a teen thinking about college? Are you overwhelmed by the process? Do you just need a little bit more information? Come to our College Day event and listen to a panel of high school seniors and college students - and have your questions answered. We will meet on Saturday May 13 at 10:00 am in the Community Room

### 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](http://www.fslonline.org) or pick up a brochure in the library.



# Saratoga Library Community Events: May 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	7	8	10	11	12	13
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	<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>		

<p><b>May 3 at 3:45 pm - Twirl &amp; Spin: Design a Pinwheel (Childrens)</b></p> <p><b>May 4, 11, 18, and 25 at 11:00 a.m. - English Conversation Club (Adult)</b></p> <p><b>May 6 at 10:00 a.m. - Paperback Book Sale (All)</b></p> <p><b>May 7 at 1:00 p.m. - Paperback Book Sale (All)</b></p> <p><b>May 8 at 7:30 p.m. - Book Discussion Group (Adult)</b></p> <p><b>May 10 at 3:45 p.m. - Sock Puppets Galore! (Childrens)</b></p> <p><b>May 11 at 10:30 a.m. - Author Talk: Elizabeth McKenzie discusses her book <i>The Portable Veblen</i> (Adult)</b></p> <p><b>May 13 at 10:00a.m. - College Day (Teen)</b></p> <p><b>May 13 at 3:00 p.m. - Trivia Contest (All)</b></p> <p><b>May 19 at 11:00 a.m. - Bay Area Hummingbirds (Adult)</b></p> <p><b>May 19 at 3:30 p.m. - Teen Craft Afternoon (Teen)</b></p> <p><b>May 21 at 1:30 p.m. - CoderDojo (Teen)</b></p> <p><b>May 23 at 7:00 p.m. - Colorful Native Perennials and Groundcovers for the Garden, a talk by Stephanie Morris (Adult)</b></p>	<p>6 Paperback Book Sale 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>13 College Day 10:00 a.m. Trivia Contest 3:00 p.m.</p> <p>19 Hummingbirds 11:00 a.m. Teen Craft 3:30 p.m.</p> <p>25 English Conversation Club 11:00 a.m.</p>
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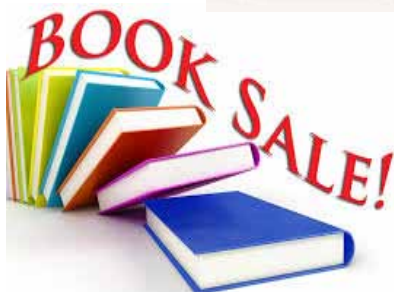
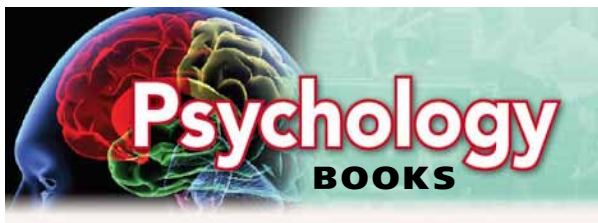
## Book-Go-Round NEWS

OAK STREET USED BOOK STORE HOURS:  
Sunday-Friday: Noon - 5 pm  
Saturday: 10 am - 5 pm  
  
*PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE SARATOGA LIBRARY*

*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*

If you like books, you'll LOVE the Book-Go-Round

**May Special Feature:**



**Don't miss it!**

**We will be closed Monday,  
May 29th in observance of:**



**Huge Paperback Book Sale** May 6th and 7th at the Saratoga Library. Thousands of books, including CDs & videos. Fiction, non-fiction and children's books. 25 cents each on Saturday 10 am - 6 pm, and \$3 per bag on Sunday 1 pm - 4 pm.