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May 2023

President's Message

I write this with a combination of excitement and melancholy. It has been nearly three years since I became President of the Friends of the Saratoga Libraries and my last term is ending June 30. It's been a crazy, wonderful time, dominated by a pandemic, but also by an amazing community that worked so hard to ensure that we were able to continue to keep our store open through most of that time and to continue raising the money we needed to support our wonderful library.

We maintained our annual grant through all three years and even increased it slightly, to \$150,000 last year. In addition, we bought some new furniture and are nearly done with a project to improve the patio behind the café. Expect more improvements in the future.

I'm excited because I see a bright future for our organization and I will continue to be around to support that future. As part of an effort to review how the Friends is doing, a group of us have reached out to all our volunteers (we hope, let me know if we missed you and we'll follow up) to talk with them about their time working for the Friends. It's been the best job I've done as president, and perhaps ever. You'll get a chance to learn more about this at our June 28 Annual Meeting.

For now, I can say that I've never talked with a more dedicated, hardworking, caring group of people. Even those who expressed concerns were still determined to continue helping us out and enjoy the opportunities the Friends offers. It also reinforced the importance the Friends plays in our community. This is an area we want to focus more on in the future, which aligns nicely with the strategic vision of our library as well.

At our Annual Meeting, we will be presenting some bylaw changes as well as our proposed slate for the 2023-24 board. We don't have these finished in time to make this newsletter, but we will email all our members at least two weeks before the meeting with that information. I'm excited about the board we are finalizing now and excited to be working with them as Immediate Past President.

David Guidry

President of the Friends of the Saratoga Libraries

Friends of the Saratoga Libraries Annual Membership Meeting & 50th Anniversary Lunch

June 28 12:00PM

Home of Liz Guy

19725 Via Grande, Saratoga, CA 95070

Join us for our annual membership meeting and 50th anniversary celebration. We will have our annual meeting followed by an outdoor lunch.

Please RSVP for the lunch to:

bethkingsley2002@yahoo.com by June 23.



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Thank You to All Our Members!

The Friends of the Saratoga Libraries would like to thank all of our members for their generous donations this year! If you haven't yet sent in your membership, you still have time to contribute this year. Our Membership Year follows our financial fiscal year, so that's July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023. The following is an update on our donations received through February 2023.

Thank you to our members who donated at our Senior and Individual levels. We couldn't do this without you because you comprise 30% of our donors! Those who donate at our Family and Patron levels brought in 31% of our membership donations, so thanks go to all of you too!

Our 30 Sustaining and Benefactor donors (out of over 427 total donors) have contributed 32% of our membership income. Thank you! Thirty-four of our members donate \$20-\$100 over one of our Membership levels...thank you for donating and that extra bit really helps.

A huge thank you goes to our four very special donors who donated \$750 or more. These four donors brought in \$4,750, or an amazing 15% of our membership income!

Everyone's donations will help us reach our goal to donate \$150,000 to our library this year. Your generous donations will help the library fund online and in-person programs across all age levels and add to the children, teen, and adult collections, including best sellers. Corporate matching funds are a great way to increase the reach of your contribution. If your employer participates in corporate matching programs, make sure you take advantage of matching your FSL contribution.

A very heartfelt thank you to all our donors for your support of your community and of reading, the foundation of all learning!

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Individual	\$25	25
Family	\$50	70
Patron	\$100	67
Sustaining	\$250	18
Benefactor	\$500	12
Amounts \$750 or more		4
Lifetime Members		101
Other		34
Total		427

Five Reasons To Read Gardening Books



Going Digital

This is the last printed and mailed Friends newsletter.

Do we have your email address? Contact us at president@fslonline.org to receive the newsletter in your inbox!

Saratoga Library Events, May 2023

Adult & Teen Events

Parenting Talks with Jill Avery: Trust is a Must Saturday, May 20 12:00 - 1:00 PM

In Family We Trust: Trust is a must. Become your children's biggest influence. Gain skills for how to effectively manage challenges and avoid unnecessary nosedives.

AAPI Heritage Month: Japanese Martial Arts Demo Sunday, May 21 11:00 - 12:00 PM

Several local Japanese martial arts practitioners will demonstrate the style they practice, how they practice, and some basic self-defense applications of that style.

The MEHKO (Microenterprise Home Kitchen Operations) Ordinance Tuesday, May 9 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Are you thinking of creating a small business or side hustle selling home-cooked food? Peter Ruddock, a local sustainable food advocate, will present information about the MEHKO ordinance. Followed by Q & A.

Taichi by the Orchard Saturday, May 13 10:00 - 11:00 AM

Martial Artist Yang Li will teach the basic postures, breathing techniques and forms of taichi in a series of two classes. Registration for each session is required.

Ikebana Sunday, May 21 3:30 - 4:30 PM

Art teacher Gloria Lee will give an introduction and demonstrate the basic principles and beauty of the classic Japanese art of flower arranging, Ikebana.

AAPI Heritage Month: Hula Performance Sunday, May 21, 2023 2:00 - 3:00 PM

Join us for a hula show featuring live music and dance from a local group, *Hula Halau O Pi'ilani*. They pride themselves on bringing Aloha and the Hawaiian cultural experience to all walks of life across the globe.

AAPI Heritage Month: Guzheng Performance Saturday, May 27 2:00 - 3:00 PM

Enjoy a stirring classical guzheng performance by musician Hong Tai. The guzheng is a plucked zither with 15 to 25 strings.

Children's Events

Kids' Mother's Day Craft Tuesday, May 9 4:00 - 5:00 PM

Join us for a family friendly craft. All supplies provided as long as they last.

Family BINGO Friday, May 12 4:00 - 5:00 PM

Please join us for our monthly Family Bingo program! Fun prizes to be won, and good times to be had! Bring the whole family, all ages are welcome. Admission to the program is first come, first served.

Kids Sock Puppet Craft Saturday, May 13 2:00 - 3:00 PM

Kids STEM Challenge Tuesday, May 16 4:00 - 5:00 PM

Join us in the Community Room for a family friendly STEM project! All supplies provided as long as they last.

Lego Fun Wednesday, May 17 4:00 - 5:00 PM

Kindergarteners - 7th graders, apply your engineering skills and imaginations to build with LEGOs! No registration required. Space is limited. First come, first served.

Kids Animals Craft Saturday, May 20 2:00 - 3:00 PM

Join us for a family friendly craft. All supplies provided as long as they last.

Glow-in-the-Dark Puppet Show Wednesday, June 14 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Puppet Art Theatre presents an underwater puppet adventure Goldilocks & the Three Sharks.

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Visit The Book-Go-Round during the Saratoga Spring Wine Experience
May 13th 2:30-5:30PM

DO YOU LOVE WINE AND MUSIC? Visit the Book-Go-Round for the Saratoga Spring Wine Experience. We will be hosting a winery and a Saratoga High School Jazz ensemble. Stop by to listen, sip and shop! Advance tickets available on Eventbrite.com

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