FSL Newsletter Goes Digital!

The Friends are making some changes regarding our newsletter. After May we will be producing the newsletter on a quarterly basis instead of monthly; it will come out February, May, August and November. As part of this change, we will cease to mail the newsletter to members. Instead, we will email it to all members (most of our members are receiving the newsletter by email already) but if you want a printed newsletter you will be able to find hard copies in the library and at the Book-Go-Round.

The Friends board arrived at this decision after careful consideration. We weighed the value of the traditional newsletter against the expense of producing and mailing it, we debated the best ways to communicate with our members and customers, and we researched how other friends groups are communicating. It costs about $700 a month to get the newsletter printed and mailed. By switching to a quarterly email newsletter we will save the cost of printing six newsletters and we will save postage and the time spent folding, labeling and mailing the newsletter.

Using our resources wisely is a big part of this decision, but equally important is the effectiveness of the publication. It has been frustrating that given the lead time required by our printer, we aren’t able to provide time-sensitive information in the newsletter, so to supplement the newsletter, we plan to send out a monthly email blast with the latest news about store specials, library programs and Friends activities. The change will also mean that the newsletter chair can put more time and thought into the newsletter’s content. Our hope is that by deploying both our quarterly newsletter with interesting, polished articles and the monthly email with up-to-the-minute information, we will best serve our members AND customers. We aim to make what we send you interesting and valuable.

If you are currently receiving the newsletter by mail and aren’t sure that we have your email address, you can contact president@fsonline.org to make sure you continue to receive the newsletter and e-blasts in your inbox. Or you can sign up at fsonline.org. And you can always grab a print copy of the newsletter at the Book-Go-Round or at the library. There will be plenty! Don’t hesitate to contact us if you have concerns or questions.

Blossom Festival & Wine Stroll

Saratoga Blossom Festival  April 29th 10AM  4PM
Come and visit us at the annual Saratoga Blossom Festival located in the Heritage Orchard and Saratoga Civic Center. The Friends of the Saratoga Libraries’ table will have books for sale from the Book-Go-Round bookstore. And then head over to the library to do more shopping at the Friends’ Paperback book sale!

Saratoga Spring Wine Experience  May 13th 2:30  5:30PM
Visit the Book-Go-Round for the Saratoga Spring Wine Experience. We will be hosting a winey on our front patio. Stop by to sip and shop. Advance tickets available on Eventbrite.com.

Praise for the Book-Go-Round

“I always love coming here, and I never leave without a few "new" books! Thank you, Friends!”

“I Love this place and love especially that the people working there are willing to chat and share about books they love and books they are reading.”
Trivia Night Highlights Hidden Gems in the Bay Area

The Friends’ Trivia Night on March 2nd at the Book-Go-Round was a big success. Local author Cassie Kifer presented 20 clues about the Bay Area’s historical sites, architectural treasures, and oddities from her new book, San Jose Scavenger. The two participants who answered the most questions correctly each won a copy of Kifer’s book.

Santa Clara County Library District Strategic Plan

SCCLD is pleased to present the new, 2023-2028 Strategic Plan which will elevate us to new heights with a refreshed Vision and Mission focused on our commitment to serve our communities. This plan captures the traditional values and strengths of the library and sets priorities for more responsive and reflective services going forward.

Vision: The Santa Clara County Library District aspires to be an inclusive space where everyone feels welcomed, supported in their lifelong learning, and energized to help us evolve as a community. We will work to create a world in which access to knowledge, resources, and opportunities is guaranteed to all.


The Vision and Mission are supported by four key priorities which all have equal weight.

WELCOME: We welcome all, providing inclusive and compassionate library service throughout the district.

LISTEN: We listen, valuing the voices of our patrons, our communities, and our partners.

INSPIRE: We inspire, building the foundations of literacy with our community.

INNOVATE: We innovate, fostering a culture of curiosity and opportunity.

Each of the four key priorities is supported by specific goals which can be found on our website at sccld.org/strategic-plan.

This will be a journey that will keep SCCLD moving in a positive forward direction. We will be successful when we are all working on the same priorities and towards the same goals. We invite you to read through the Strategic Plan found on our website.

Thank you for your continued support!
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Five Reasons To Read Cookbooks

![Cookbook images]
Saratoga Library Events, April 2023

Adult & Teen Events

**The Dave Rocha Jazz Group**  Saturday, April 01  12:00PM - 1:00PM
Join us for a performance at the Saratoga Library with the Dave Rocha Jazz Group. They have performed in New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Seattle over the past 20+ years.

**My Father, Artist Xu Beihong: An Art talk**  Sunday, April 02  2:00PM - 3:00PM
Xu Beihong 徐悲鸿 (1895-1953) is widely known as the father of modern Chinese painting. Famous for his ink brush paintings of galloping horses, he integrated Chinese and Western painting and mentored generations of Chinese artists. His daughter, Xu Fangfang, will introduce her memoir, *Galloping Horses: Artist Xu Beihong and His Family in Mao’s China* which describes how Xu Beihong’s family and legacy survived the political turbulence from 1949 through 1976. Please register for this art talk.

**Celebrate Arbor Day with Our City Forest**  Friday, April 07  1:30PM - 3:30PM
Come kick off an early celebration of Arbor Day with Our City Forest. The non-profit organization has been fighting climate change through urban forestry and environmental education. They will provide sprouted acorns, soil, and a container, and talk about how to care for an oak tree. No registration is required, so bring a friend or family member to get your baby tree while supplies last.

**Parenting Talks with Jill Avery: Getting Real, Real Quick**  Monday, April 24  7:00PM - 8:00PM
Getting Real, Real Quick: Parents, it starts with you! It’s not easy taking an honest look at ourselves to assess what we are contributing or contaminating to our family’s ecosystem. If you want your children to change, it starts with you. You will gain life-changing tools to improve yourself, strengthen your family, and to lead by example. Please register for the event.

**Gardening for Habitat @ Saratoga Library**  Tuesday, April 25  7:00PM - 8:00PM
Join speaker Arvind Kumar to learn the basics of habitat gardening with native plants for attracting birds and butterflies. Native plants can look beautiful while also providing unparalleled habitat value. Please register to attend.

Children’s Events

**Free Bike Repair at the Saratoga Library**  Saturday, April 01  10:00AM - 1:00PM
Bike Mobile is a free, mobile, hands-on repair clinic!
• First come, first served. Space is limited. Children’s bikes will get priority.
• Bike Repair & Education.
• We can fix most broken parts: flat tires, brakes, shifters. Must have gears and wheels.

**Spring Literacy Concert: Bingo Schmingo**  Saturday, April 08  11:00AM - 11:30AM
Bingo Schmingo’s language-based, catchy, fun and interactive music will facilitate your young child’s early literacy skills.

**Kids Birdcage Craft**  Tuesday, April 11  4:00PM - 5:00PM
Join us for a family friendly craft. All supplies provided as long as they last.

**Monthly Family Bingo Program**  Friday, April 14  4:00PM - 5:00PM
Fun prizes and good times to be had! All ages are welcome. Admission to the program is first come, first served.

**Kids STEM Build-a-Rocket**  Saturday, April 18  4:00PM - 5:00PM
Join us in the Community Room for a family friendly STEM project! All supplies provided as long as they last.

**Lego Fun for Grades K-7th**  Wednesday, April 19  4:00PM - 5:00PM
Apply your engineering skills and imaginations to build with LEGOs! No registration required. Space is limited. First come, first served.

**Dowel-O-Rama**  Saturday, April 29  3:00PM - 4:00PM
What can you do with a thinly rolled newspaper? Create anything you’d like! Join us on Saturday, April 29, and allow your creativity to go wild. All ages welcome.
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BOOK-GO-ROUND NEWS

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Sunday - Friday (except Thursday): 12pm-5pm
Thursday: 12pm-7:00pm
Saturday: 10am-5pm

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

April is National Humor Month

Laughter is the best medicine

Paperback Book Sale
at the Saratoga Library
April 29-30, 2023
Saturday 10am - 5:30pm, 25¢ per book
Sunday 10am - 4pm, $5 per bag