Friends of the Saratoga Libraries - Celebrating 50 years!

This is our Golden anniversary! The Friends of the Saratoga Libraries was founded in 1972, as proudly stated on our website.

We have been chosen as the Volunteer Organization of the Year for Saratoga! This is a wonderful honor and you should all be proud of the work we have done to support our library and community!

We will be recognized at the State of the City event on October 1st, 2 pm at the Joan Pisani Community Center at 19655 Allendale Avenue. You are welcome to attend and celebrate with us. Check the city website for more details, www.saratoga.ca.us/SOTC.

It’s Time to Celebrate the Friends

October is a big month for the Friends of the Saratoga Libraries! We will join libraries across the country to celebrate “National Friends of the Libraries Week” from October 16-22. The week gives the Friends a chance to promote our organization in the community and highlight the ways we contribute to the excellence of our library.

October is also when we conduct our annual membership drive. It is the time for us to remind our members to renew, and ask all library patrons to become a “Friend” of the library by joining! Look for us at the library - we’ll be manning a “join now!” table all week from October 16-22. There will also be a membership display at the Book-Go-Round to help customers connect the dots between the library, the store and the Friends.

The Friends of the Saratoga Libraries is an all-volunteer organization that raises money for the library and provides opportunities for the community to directly support the library. This year the Friends granted $150,000 to the library which is being used to maintain and expand collections and facilities, provide programming for all ages, and extend library hours. We raised these funds through memberships and the sales of donated books.

Laura Bush once observed, “I have found that the most valuable thing in my wallet is my library card.” If you value your library card and appreciate the services the library offers, show your support by renewing your membership or joining for the first time - your membership dues are a direct donation to the Saratoga Library. You can renew by mail (look out for the renewal letter in your mailbox in the second week of October) or online at fsionline.org. Consider increasing your membership donation if your means allows and be sure to tell your friends about the Friends.
Parliamentarian

The Board of the Friends created a new position for the 2022-2023 year: Parliamentarian. At the June meeting I was elected to hold this position. What is a Parliamentarian and what does that person do? Why? What will I do in this role on our Board?

A Parliamentarian is defined as a person who is expert in the formal rules and procedures of deliberative assemblies and other formal organizations. Usually, this means the knowledge and use of Robert’s Rules of Order. Implementation of these rules enables organizations to comply with their bylaws and conform to any governmental requirements. Since the Friends is a nonprofit organization, it is important that the bylaws created by the Board are followed in order to protect our tax-exempt status, and ensure the mission of the Friends continues.

If you are interested, or even just curious, you will find the bylaws on our website at fslonline.org. These bylaws are subject to a biannual review and, when necessary, amendment. A review will take place this fiscal year. As a general rule, all members are encouraged to make suggestions regarding what you want this organization to do, and how we should do it. Please send suggestions or questions to me about this process, along with your thoughts on changes we can make to improve our organization’s stated goals (and any new ones).

With my new power, I will also try to keep our meetings on track and on time. Wish me luck!

Peggy Patrick (masp50@yahoo.com)

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New Window Blinds

Thank you to Thomas Scott from the city of Saratoga for facilitating the replacement window blinds at the Book-Go-Round!

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Paper vs Digital Newsletters

Are you still receiving your newsletter via USPS? Instead, how about receiving it in your email inbox? Digital newsletters cut back on our mailing and printing expenses, leaving more of our donations available to fund the Saratoga Library. You can update your newsletter preferences by sending an email to President@fslonline.org.

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Renew Your Membership

Have you renewed your membership yet? If not, visit us at fslonline.org today!
Saratoga Library Events, October 2022

Mandarin for Beginners

Tuesday, October 4, 2022 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Take up Mandarin with this 10 class series for Beginners! Classes meet on Tuesday evenings at 7 PM, from September 13 through November 15, 2022. Meet new friends while you learn about Chinese culture and basic vocabulary and phrases. Impress your friends the next time you order at a Chinese restaurant! Registration is required for each session. Classes will be held in-person in the Community Room except for Nov 1 and 8. More information will be provided on the class location for these dates.

The series is co-sponsored by the Friends of Saratoga Libraries, the Education Division of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in San Francisco and is taught by a teacher certified with the Association of Northern California Chinese Schools.

Knit a Baby Blanket Workshop for Beginners

Wednesday, October 5, 2022 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Learn and practice basic knitting stitches in this workshop while you make a baby blanket! Supplies will be provided or you can bring your own yarn and Size 7, 24' circular knitting needles. This is the first workshop in a series of three that will be offered the first Wednesday of October, November and December.

This workshop will be in Saratoga Library's Community Room. Limited spots are available and registration is required. All participants must wear a face mask.

Kids Halloween Crafts

Tuesday, October 11, 2022 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Use your imagination, sense of humor, construction paper, tape, scissors, glue, and googly eyes to create Halloween magic! No registration necessary.

All materials will be supplied by the library. Seating is limited - First come, first served.

Distinguished Author Series Returns

The Santa Clara County Library District (SCCLD) is proud to announce the third annual Distinguished Author Series. The series presents three writers whose works spark thought-provoking ideas and conversations. Each author presentation or moderated talk will be followed by opportunity for questions and answers.

The authors are Emily Chang, the author of *Brotopia*, an expose on the gender gap in Silicon Valley (September 14th); Silvia Moreno-Garcia, the author of the wonderful noir novels *Mexican Gothic* and *Velvet Was the Night* (October 1st); and Dr. Daphne Miller, who studies the connection between health, food and agriculture (October 22nd). You can learn more about this exciting and diverse program by visiting https://sccld.org/authorseries/.

The Distinguished Author Series is Free and open to the public. Registration is required.
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Book-Go-Round NEWS

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Thursday: 12pm-7:00pm
Saturday: 10am-5pm

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