

# The Next Chapter

NEWSLETTER OF THE FRIENDS OF THE SARATOGA LIBRARIES

Spring 2024



## A Heartfelt Thank You to Our Members!

The Friends of the Saratoga Libraries would like to thank our members for their generosity this year. We are grateful for your support, which both enriches our library's resources and enables us to provide special programs to our community. Thanks to your kind donations, we embarked on several special projects aimed at making our library an even more vibrant hub of knowledge and innovation.

Your membership donations helped us reach our goal to grant \$150,000 to the Saratoga Library this year. Your generosity helps the library fund online and in-person programs across all age levels, and add to the children's, teen, and adult collections, including bestsellers.

Our 50 Sustaining and Benefactor donors contributed 56% of our membership income. Thank you! And a huge thanks to our members who donated at our Patron, Family, Senior, and Individual levels. We also welcomed four members at our new Student level this year. We could not do this work without you.

If you have not yet renewed your membership, you still have time to contribute this membership year, which runs July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Corporate matching funds are a great way to increase the reach of your contribution. If your employer participates in corporate matching programs, please make sure to take advantage by matching your Friends of the Saratoga Libraries membership donation.

We are truly grateful for your partnership and look forward to continuing to make a positive impact at the library and in our community!

## PROPOSED SLATE: FSL Board 2024-2025

### OFFICERS

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### DIRECTORS

Assistant Treasurer: Kurt Guttenberg  
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### DIRECTORS-AT-LARGE

Community Outreach & Events:  
Annie Ying  
Development: Wayne Innamorato  
Financial Advisor: Susan Carter  
Parliamentarian: Peggy Patrick

All proposed changes to our bylaws will be posted to [fsonline.org](https://fsonline.org) by June 12, 2024.

Membership Levels	# of Members
Benefactor > \$500	23
Sustaining \$250	27
Patron \$100	67
Family \$50	80
Individual \$25	54
Senior \$20	135
Student \$20	4
Lifetime	101
	<b>491</b>

To renew your membership [click here](#) or scan this QR code.



# Friends in the Community

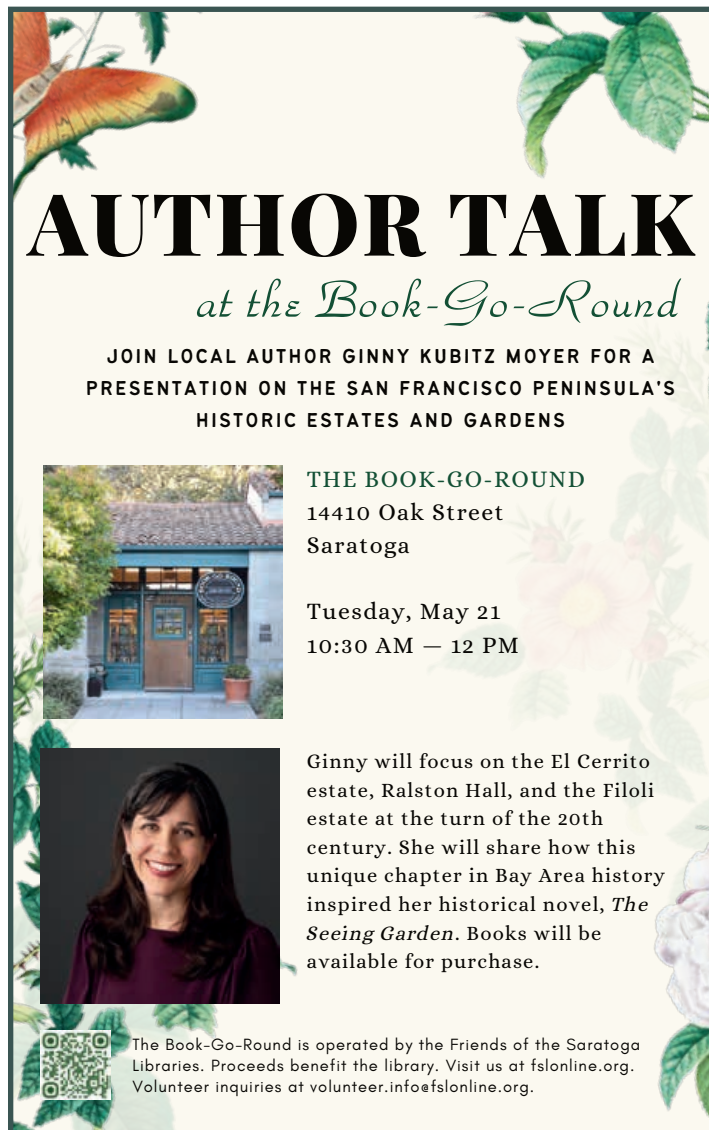
The Friends of the Saratoga Libraries enjoys participating in many community events throughout the year. We share information about the Friends, provide activities for children, sell books, and sometimes we have guest characters to enchant the visitors. The Book-Go-Round also hosts field trips for preschool and kindergarten classes.

Visit the Book-Go-Round for the **Saratoga's Spring Wine Experience** on Saturday May 11 from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. We will be hosting a winery and a Saratoga High School music ensemble. Stop by to listen, sip and shop! More information can be found at [www.saratogachamber.org](http://www.saratogachamber.org) and tickets are available on [eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com).

The Book-Go-Round will be hosting a **local author talk** on Tuesday May 21.

Look for us at the **Blossom Festival** June 8 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Heritage Orchard and Civic Center. We will have an array of books for sale, from children's to young adults to Staff Picks, so please stop by and check us out!


The City of Saratoga has scheduled **Summer Movie Nights** for June 14, July 12, and August 9. Selected movies are *Wonka*, *Trolls 3*, and *Kung Fu Panda 4*. We will have some activities for the kids before the movie starts.



## AUTHOR TALK


*at the Book-Go-Round*

JOIN LOCAL AUTHOR GINNY KUBITZ MOYER FOR A PRESENTATION ON THE SAN FRANCISCO PENINSULA'S HISTORIC ESTATES AND GARDENS




**THE BOOK-GO-ROUND**  
14410 Oak Street  
Saratoga

Tuesday, May 21  
10:30 AM – 12 PM



Ginny will focus on the El Cerrito estate, Ralston Hall, and the Filoli estate at the turn of the 20th century. She will share how this unique chapter in Bay Area history inspired her historical novel, *The Seeing Garden*. Books will be available for purchase.



The Book-Go-Round is operated by the Friends of the Saratoga Libraries. Proceeds benefit the library. Visit us at [fslonline.org](http://fslonline.org). Volunteer inquiries at [volunteer.info@fslonline.org](mailto:volunteer.info@fslonline.org).

### FRIENDS AT THE BLOSSOM FESTIVAL 2023



# Saratoga Library Events

**JOIN US ALL SUMMER LONG AT THE SARATOGA LIBRARY FOR AN ARRAY OF EXCITING PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN, TEENS, AND ADULTS. PROGRAMS INCLUDE:**

## **INTRO TO COUNTY PARKS**

**Saturday, June 1, 12–1 p.m.** • Join Park Interpreter Colter Cook to learn about the great outdoors found right here in the South Bay Area. Experience touching real animal pelts, doing activities, and more!

## **BOLLYBE: BOLLYWOOD DANCE CLASS FOR ADULTS AND TEENS**

**Sunday, June 9, 4–5 p.m.** • Learn a fun and vibrant Bollywood choreography, no previous dance experience required.

## **MR. ELEPHANT MUSICAL ADVENTURE**

**Saturday, June 22, 11–11:30 a.m.** • Mr. Elephant and his puppet pals sing original family-friendly songs, with styles ranging from rock to reggae, from beats to bossa nova.

## **TRIVIA NIGHT FOR ADULTS**

**Monday, June 24, 7–8 p.m.** • Questions in various categories will be related to adventure. Compete with a group or individually and put your knowledge to the test. Good times to be had and fun prizes to be won! Registration recommended.

## **SLIM CHANCE CIRCUS SHOW**

**Thursday, June 27, 11–11:45 a.m.** • Slim Chance's Circus of Possibilities combines classic circus, vaudeville, and slapstick comedy into a multitude of funny magical moments and surprises.

## **REPAIR CAFÉ**

**Sunday, June 30, 11 a.m.–3 p.m.** • Volunteers will not only help repair your broken items, but they will also teach you how to fix things yourselves. Repairs and maintenance offered: small electrical appliances, external cleaning and dusting of your desktop PCs, laptops, smartphones, and tablets, bike repair diagnosis & clothes mending. Registration required.

## **SEASONS OF BIRDS: A PHOTOGRAPHER'S VIEW**

**Tuesday, July 9, 7–8 p.m.** • Through a narrated series of impressive photographs and short videos, local writer and photographer Karen Gough highlights some of

the birds and wildlife that inhabit Shoreline and its surrounding estuaries.

## **RAIN FOREST ANIMALS**

**Wednesday, July 17, 11–11:45 a.m.** • Wildmind Science will teach kids all about the Armadillos, Coendous, Macaws, Skinks, and the Spectacled owl.

## **DOUG THE SURFING MAGICIAN**

**Wednesday, July 24, 11–11:45 a.m.** • Get ready to be amazed and amused by Doug the Surfing Magician!



## **Storywalk**

Thanks to Friends funding, we were able to purchase a year's worth of stories for our new Storywalk® project at Kevin Moran park. A StoryWalk® takes pages from a children's book and attaches them to signs which are installed along an outdoor path. It pairs reading with an outdoor activity to promote literacy, movement, exercise, and family engagement. The Storywalk is scheduled to be installed at the park this summer. Take a stroll around the meadow with the little ones in your life and check it out!

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**HOURS:**

Sunday:

12:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Mon – Wed, Friday:

12:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Thursday:

12:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Saturday:

10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

*The Book-Go-Round is now  
open late every Friday,  
5:00 – 7:30 p.m.*

*THE BOOK-GO-ROUND  
the Friends' Used Book Store  
proceeds benefit the  
Saratoga Library*

## Saratoga Library Events



### Summer Reading Program

This year's Summer Reading Program theme is "Adventure Begins at Your Library." It's free and fun for all ages! Start your adventure beginning June 1 by registering on Beanstack or with the Beanstack app. Log five books by July 31 to be eligible for completion prizes.

While supplies last, adults get a free book and tote bag and teens get a book and goodie bag for signing up. Adults and teens who complete the program are entered into a drawing for a

backpack loaded with supplies for your next outdoor adventure. Kids get a free book for their home library.

### Patio Shade Project

The patio shade is finally here! This Friends-funded project started in 2022 in an effort to make our outdoor space more comfortable and usable for events and general use. With the procurement and permit process complete, installation has begun. Come enjoy our beautiful patio space in the shade this summer!

The Friends of the Saratoga Libraries is seeking volunteers to join our retail team as category leads in: Japanese and Korean language books, audiobooks, and business.

Responsibilities include: evaluate, price, and stock donated books at The Book-Go-Round and the Friends Cafe in the library.

Flexible scheduling: with just a few hours per week required, choose the hours and days that suit you.

You will receive training.

If you are interested or seek more information, please contact us at [volunteer.info@fsonline.org](mailto:volunteer.info@fsonline.org).

**FRIENDS  
SHARING BOOKS**

May 9, 10:00 a.m.  
in the Saratoga Library  
Community Room

*Join fellow book lovers to discuss  
recent reads, and leave with a list of  
great recommendations.*

 Organized by the Friends of the Saratoga Libraries.