Square is a Success at Book-Go-Round

Since late November, the Book-Go-Round has been using a Square Register for all transactions, both cash and credit card. It is a big hit with both customers and staff.

Square has enabled the Book-Go-Round to attract new customers such as those who do not carry cash. It also encourages customers to buy more books since they can pay with a credit card. And, it has eased the workload of the staff since they need no longer write out the receipt and do the arithmetic. Square does it all with just a few touches of the screen.

The screen shows icons for various prices. For a transaction of three books at $1.50 each, just touch the “$1.50” icon three times. The total of $4.50 will appear on the screen and on the customer-facing display. If the customer pays with a ten dollar bill, Square will show that the change should be $5.50. It also logs all the transaction, making our accounting easy and more accurate, and allowing us to learn more about sales patterns.

2020 Library District Forum

The Santa Clara County Library District held its 17th annual Friends, Foundation, Endowment, and Commissioners Forum at the district headquarters in Campbell. FSL president Alice Patrick and board members Liz Guy and David Guidry attended the event along with our acting Community Librarian Annapurna Dandu and a couple of folks from the Saratoga Library Commission.

The Forum included a general session, two breakout sessions and lunch. Supervisor Mike Wasserman opened the Forum and was followed by SCCLD Foundation president Terrie Creamer who shared about the work the Foundation is doing across the district. Next Diane Roche, director of Communications and Marketing, presented the service highlights of the past year which included a mini-Maker Faire at the Gilroy Library.

Saratoga Library Love Story

On 11/25/2019, we had the pleasure of witnessing a patron propose marriage to his girlfriend at the Saratoga Library. They both regularly studied together in the Group Study Room and that is where they fell in love. The young man (Mert) created a short library treasure hunt for his sweetheart (Asli), which she discovered and followed, leading her eventually to the patio where the proposal took place and was happily accepted. It was a sweet and charming event to observe, before and after which both repeatedly professed their appreciation for the Saratoga Library.

Congratulations Mert and Asli!
Book a Library Meeting Room Online

Looking for meeting space? Did you know that you can now book one of the meeting rooms at the library online? One of the most popular services that libraries offer their patrons is meeting space, and the Saratoga Library has three rooms that you can reserve: the large Community Room, which accommodates up to 135 people, the medium-sized Oak Room, for meetings of up to 12 people, and the smaller Redwood Room. All the rooms are equipped with a large screen to which you can connect a device.

To book a room online, you must have a valid library card and agree to room usage requirements. It’s really simple: go to the library website at sccl.org, scroll down to the bottom of the page and click on “book a room”; select the room you want to reserve and submit the date and time for your booking. You can reserve the Oak and Redwood Rooms for up to two hours, and the Community Room up to 8 hours. When you are requesting to book a small or medium meeting room, your reservation will be confirmed immediately and there is no charge. If you are asking to reserve the Community Room, your reservation must be approved by staff and, if approved, you will be required to pay a room booking fee, ($25 for up to four hours, $50 for over four hours). You can book a room up to 30 days in advance.

Save The Date!

Our next Friends Sharing Books will be on Thursday, April 2nd at 10am at Book-Go-Round. Join us there to trade book recommendations and enjoy conversation with other avid readers.

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The main event of the general session was the presentation of the results from the Patron Satisfaction Survey conducted by Harder+Company last year. Some of the highlights from this report included the following: almost all patrons (97%) found the staff at the Reference and Accounts Desks to be friendly and 85% would recommend the library to their family and friends; programs and services for youth were the most popular reasons for visiting the library; patrons were happy with the efforts of the district to increase library opening hours; and patrons found the materials they checked out to be in good condition at least 84% of the time (97% for books). It was hard to find anything needing improvement with such great results, but the consultants recommend that libraries explore opportunities to improve their collections and facilities even more, make targeted improvements to their programs and services, and explore strategies to build on their already-successful practices. The survey results will be available on the district website soon.

This session ended on a bittersweet note, with County Librarian Nancy Howe reflecting on her career and exhorting us to continue her work to bring literacy and books to every child in the district. Nancy is retiring at the end of March and will be missed by all!

The breakout sessions covered a variety of topics, from looking at the business side of the library district, to exploring the new website and the latest digital services, to a building tour, and a discussion on supporting students’ needs. Afterwards a delicious lunch was served with a chance to meet new friends and talk about all the exciting new things happening at our libraries.
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**Pre-School Storytime** - Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.
**Baby Storytime** - Thursdays at 11:30 a.m.
**Family Storytime** - Saturdays at 10:30 a.m.

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- **March 2 at 7:30 p.m.** - Saratoga Library Book Club (Adult)
- **March 5, 12, 19, 26 at 11:00 a.m.** - English Conversation Club (Adult)
- **March 6 at 10:30 a.m.** - Paint Party (Adult)
- **March 6, 13, 20, 27 at 4:00 p.m.** - Family Fun with Blue Blocks Workshop (Childrens)
- **March 6 at 4:00 p.m.** - Teen Instagram Workshop (Teen)
- **March 9 at 7:00 p.m.** - SVR Movie: The Life and Times of Rosie the Riveter (Adult)
- **March 12 at 12:15 p.m.** - Count Me In: Census 2020 (Adult)
- **March 14 at 10:00 a.m.** - Introduction to Photoshop for Teens (Teen)
- **March 14 at 2:00 p.m.** - San Francisco Bay Bird Conservation (Childrens)
- **March 15 at 1:30 p.m.** - CoderDojo Coding Club (Teen)
- **March 16 at 7:00 p.m.** - SVR Movie: Killing Us Softly (Adult)
- **March 17 at 4:00 p.m.** - STEAM: Catch a Leprechaun (Childrens)
- **March 19 at 12:30 p.m.** - Count Me In: Census 2020 (Korean) (Adult)
- **March 20 at 10:30 a.m.** - Big Basin State Park (Adult)
- **March 20 at 6:30 p.m.** - Teen Coffeehouse (Teen)
- **March 24 at 7:00 p.m.** - SVR Movie: On the Basis of Sex (Adult)
- **March 24 at 7:00 p.m.** - Master Gardeners: Deciduous Fruit Trees (Adult)
- **March 25 at 4:00 p.m.** - Cereal Rangoli Craft (Childrens)
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