The Friends Offer Two Free Events this Month

Your Next Great Read Awaits

Start your new year off with a great reading list! Join us at the next “Friends Sharing Books” to trade book recommendations and enjoy conversation with other avid readers.

When: Thursday, February 6th, 10:00 - 11:30 am
Where: Book-Go-Round (our used bookstore), 14410 Oak Street in downtown Saratoga

Friends Sharing Books is an opportunity to meet other book lovers and share recommendations. Enjoy coffee and light snacks in the delightful Book-Go-Round, engage in scintillating conversation and come away with a list of great books. Check out the store while you’re there - there are hundreds of books as well as CDs and DVDs at bargain prices. Your purchases support the library and you’ll leave with a mystery book, wrapped in brown paper for maximum intrigue.

Year of the Rat Chinese brush painting workshop

Date: Friday, February 21, 2020
Time: 10AM-12PM
Location: Saratoga Library Community Room
13650 Saratoga Ave, Saratoga, CA 95070

In honor of Chinese New Year, we are pleased to offer again this year art teacher Karen Tseng who will lead a lesson on basic Chinese brush painting and seal (stamp) making techniques. Students may make cards, bookmarks, and stamps. All materials will be provided. Please contact a librarian to register or go on-line to the sccl.org website. The class is called Chinese New Year Arts. Space is limited.

Betsy White - Enjoy Retirement!

Congratulations to Betsy White, our adult services librarian, on her upcoming retirement following twenty-five years of service at the Saratoga Library. Betsy has been responsible for ordering the Best Sellers and runs the Saratoga Library Book Discussion group.

Betsy grew up in Illinois where she spent most of her time at the Dundee library, which was located in an old Victorian overlooking the Fox River. Her mother founded the Friends of the local library and Betsy delighted in picking through the books on her front porch which doubled as the Friends’ book donation center. Favorites included the Betsy-Tacy series by Maud Hart Lovelace.
Betsy White Retirement  Continued

Betsy went to college in Vermont and spent her junior year in Rome, Italy. Her romance with Italy started then and she says it is one of the best things to ever happen to her. Upon moving to California in 1976 Betsy took an aptitude test at a Women’s Career Center which pointed her to library science, and she started herMLS at San Jose State University when her youngest one was in kindergarten. Betsy completed her Masters, then waited for a half-time job opening at the Saratoga Library.

Betsy is married to an excellent chef, so no cooking in her future. She plans to garden a little, travel a lot, go hiking, read The New Yorker from cover to cover, and spend a lot of time with her first grandchild who was born last November.

Betsy says working at the beautiful Saratoga Library with its large windows overlooking the orchards is “like Christmas every day, and this is the part I will miss.” She thanks the Friends of the Saratoga Libraries for all their support, and says she will miss all the community members and the interactions she is used to having with each one of you.

March 6th is Betsy’s last day at work; feel free to stop by her desk and wish her all the best in her retirement.

Silicon Valley Reads 2020 Celebrates Women Trailblazers

Each year our Santa Clara County Library District partners with the San Jose Public Library and the Santa Clara County Office of Education to present Silicon Valley Reads. SVR is a literary event that engages residents of all ages in an exploration of a theme relevant to the Bay Area. This year’s theme is “Women: Making It Happen”. It marks the centennial of women’s suffrage in the United States and celebrates women who have pushed beyond gender boundaries and achieved excellence in male-dominated fields. This year’s featured titles for adults are Alpha Girls by Julian Guthrie, and The Tenth Muse by Catherine Chung.

Alpha Girls tells the stories of four pioneering women who persevered to thrive in the high-stakes, male-dominated world of venture capital and helped build some of Silicon Valley’s biggest companies. The Tenth Muse is a novel about a trailblazing mathematician whose research unearths her own extraordinary family story.

There are many events and author talks scheduled throughout February and March, and SVR concludes on April 9th with an opportunity to hear the women of Alpha Girls in conversation at the Tech Museum. To see the full calendar of events, go to sccld.org/svr/. Saratoga Friends of the Libraries is a proud sponsor of SVR.

Shout Out to Nancy Howe, County Librarian and all at the District HQ!

Nancy Howe, County Librarian, will be retiring on March 27 after 25 years with the District, so we felt it time to acknowledge the wonderful work that she and her team do, day-in, day-out. Some of the ways that District staff support Saratoga include coordinating the selection and acquisition of materials; processing incoming shipments; cataloging items; transporting items to and from the library; and maintaining the website, eBooks, online databases, and other technology offerings. Here’s a small glimpse at the size of their workload!

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**February 1 and 2 - Teen All Day Hackathon (Teen)**
February 1 at 11:30 a.m. - Calypso Concert (All Ages)
February 3 at 7:30 p.m. - Saratoga Library Book Club (Adult)
February 6, 13, 20, 27 at 11:00 a.m. - Calypso Concert (All Ages)
February 7 at 4:00 p.m. - Teen Crafternoon (Teen)
February 8 at 10:00 a.m. - Introduction to Photoshop for Teens (Teen)
February 8 at 3:00 p.m. - Black Cedar Trio live music (Adult)
February 12 at 4:00 p.m. - Magnetic Slime (Childrens)
February 13 at 10:15 a.m. - Chinese Book Club (Adult, Chinese speakers)
February 13 at 4:00 p.m. - Kids Craft: Sparkle Shine (Childrens)
February 14 at 10:30 a.m. - SVR Movie: Raging Grannies (Adult)
February 15 at 2:00 p.m. - Saturday Screenings - Teen Movie Club (Teen)
February 16 at 1:30 p.m. - Coder Dojo Coding Club (Teens)
February 18 at 4:00 p.m. - SVR Bingo (Childrens)
February 18 at 7:00 p.m. - Master Gardeners: Growing Potatos (Adult)
February 19 at 4:00 p.m. - STEAM: Science of Hydro Lifts (Childrens)
February 22 at 10:30 a.m. - How to Become a U.S. Citizen (Adult)
February 24 at 7:00 p.m. - SVR Movie: Hidden Figures (Adult)
February 25 at 4:00 p.m. - Paws to Read (Childrens)
February 27 at 4:00 p.m. - Book Club: The Witches Grades 3 - 5 (Childrens)
February 28 at 10:00 a.m. - Android Basics for Adults; at 12:00 p.m. - iPhone Basics for Adults (Adult)
February 28 at 10:30 a.m. - Icelandic Adventure Travel Photography (Adult)
February 29 at 10:30 a.m. - SVR Author Talk: Kathy Chung - The Tenth Muse (Adult)
February 29 at 4:00 p.m. - Brian Weisfeld: Reach Your Potential Like Bill Gates & Steve Jobs (All Ages)

*Note: Please check www.sccl.org/saratoga for more details.*
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