Dear Friends,

We have replaced the Friends of the Saratoga Libraries April newsletter with this letter. The library is closed as is Book-Go-Round, and all programming has been suspended. In the meantime, the board has met and we continue to conduct business as necessary, including beginning the nomination process for next year’s board.

Even though the library building is closed, our library still offers an amazing array of online resources which can be accessed as we shelter in place. The library has committed additional resources to meet the demand for online services. You can explore them at sccld.org. Some popular options are: Overdrive, a service that allows you to download e-books and audio books from the comfort of your home; Press-reader and Flipster, two online newsstands offering newspapers and magazines from around the world; and Creative Bug, online art and craft video classes including classes for kids. Movies and music are available as well as support for students doing school from home. The children’s librarians are offering story times, both live and recorded. And on the webpage under services, “Ask a Librarian” allows you to get answers from an actual librarian! WOW! Our library is AMAZING.

Many of the Friends’ events, such as “Friends Sharing Books” and the BIG spring Paperback Sale have been postponed, with new dates to be determined. When it’s safe to do so, we will reopen the bookstore and resume the volunteer activities that allow us to raise the money we give the library each year. Due to the unexpected closure of the store, our revenues will be affected just like every small business, so please consider making a special donation to the Friends to help us bridge the gap. You can mail a tax-deductible gift to Friends of the Saratoga Libraries, PO Box 2642, Saratoga, CA 95070, or give online at www.FSLonline.org. Please also consider browsing our eBay shop, which we update regularly. You can find us at: www.ebay.com/usr/oakstbooks. Please hold all book donations until the library reopens (date TBD) and our sorting room is back in business.

We are grateful for your membership and support.

Friends of the Saratoga Libraries Board.