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Saratoga and unincorporated areas of Santa Clara County

Summer 2005

Library Measure A approval means no further cuts in service

Voters served by Santa Clara County Library enthusiastically approved Measure A in May, the continuation of an annual assessment to fund Library operations and services. A second ballot item, Measure B, that asked voters if they wanted to increase funding was narrowly defeated.

The approval of Measure A by 72% of the voters will maintain \$5.4 million a year in revenue for the Library and ensure that Library programs and services continue at the same level as today. Measure B, which would have generated an additional \$1.9 million a year, received 64% voter approval – not enough to meet the two-thirds vote requirement.

“We are thrilled the community voted to continue its funding of the Library so that we can maintain the level of service we now provide without further cuts in hours of operation,” said County Librarian Melinda Cervantes. “We appreciate the voters and volunteers who worked so hard to support the Library. On behalf of the thousands of people [3 million visitors a year] who count on their community library ... thank you!”

The approved assessment of \$33.66 per year for each parcel located in the cities and unincorporated County areas served by Santa Clara County Library accounts for about 20% of the



Library’s annual operating budget. Other funding comes from property tax, a small per capita subsidy from the State Library, and fines and fees. Corporate and State grants support the adult literacy program, and two cities pay for enhanced services in their community libraries. The Library receives more than \$200,000 a year in contributions from Friends of the Library groups, individuals and trusts.

“In summer, the song sings itself”

William Carlos Williams

A new way to take your turn

A new time management system for Internet computers at the libraries will be introduced by the end of June to help ensure everyone has fair access.

Each patron will receive a set amount of time that can be used each day on the library’s Internet computers. It does not have to be used

all at one session, and the system will automatically keep track of when you sign on and sign off. More time on the computer will be automatically allowed if no one is waiting in line.



Access to an Internet computer will require a Santa Clara County Library card and a 4-digit PIN to log on. Specific times cannot be reserved, but you can request a specific terminal. If all stations are in use when you sign in, you will be assigned to the next available station. The person using that station will automatically be logged out when their time is up, and you will be the only one who can log in.

The system will alert patrons when their time is almost up so that work can be saved. No records are kept of what websites are visited or what information is accessed with the library’s free public access Internet computers.

Santa Clara County Library in the community



CAMPBELL

77 Harrison Ave., Campbell
(408) 866-1991

Tue 12 noon – 9 p.m.
Wed-Thur 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Fri-Sat 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Closed Mon and Sun



CUPERTINO

10800 Torre Ave., Cupertino
(408) 446-1677

Tue 12 noon – 9 p.m.
Wed-Thur 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Fri-Sat 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Closed Mon and Sun



GILROY

7387 Rosanna St., Gilroy
(408) 842-8207

Tue 1-9 p.m.
Wed-Thur 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Fri-Sat 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Closed Mon and Sun



LOS ALTOS

13 S. San Antonio Rd.,
Los Altos
(650) 948-7683

Tue-Fri 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Sat 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Sun 12 noon – 6 p.m.
Closed Mon

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BOOKMOBILE

Check the website
www.santaclaracountylib.org
for location of stop and
schedule information



MILPITAS

40 N. Milpitas Blvd., Milpitas
(408) 262-1171

Tue 12 noon – 9 p.m.
Wed-Thur 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Fri-Sat 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Sun 12 noon – 6 p.m.
Closed Mon

MORGAN HILL

17575 Peak Ave., Morgan Hill
(408) 779-3196

Tue 1-9 p.m.
Wed-Thur 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Fri-Sat 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Closed Mon and Sun



SARATOGA

13650 Saratoga Ave.,
Saratoga
(408) 867-6126

Tue 1-9 p.m.
Wed-Thur 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Fri-Sat 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Sun 1-5 p.m.
Closed Mon



WOODLAND

1975 Grant Rd., Los Altos
(650) 969-6030

Tue-Wed 1-8 p.m.
Thur-Sat 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Closed Mon and Sun





Summer Reading

Clubs are underway

For Kids ...

More than 7,000 youngsters are expected to participate in the annual Summer Reading Club for children entering grades K-8 in the fall. This year's theme is "Dragons, Dreams & Daring Deeds."



Dreams & Daring Deeds." Children can sign up

for the club at any Santa Clara County Library, beginning in mid June. They will receive a Reading Log to keep track of books they read by August. They may read any type or size of book they want, and most have a goal of eight books. At the end of the summer, participants who finish will receive a prize and Reading Certificate. Special programs are also planned throughout the

summer to engage children in the delights of reading and visiting the Library. These include free performances by storytellers, magicians, puppeteers, and musicians as well as craft projects and animal visits. The activities are open to everyone, not just those enrolled in the Summer Reading Club.

Librarians have compiled several booklists - available both at the Library and on the Library website -- to help readers at each grade level find new books to read and enjoy. Ask at the Children's Desk if you would like personal assistance in selecting great books or



finding a special topic.

Research has shown that children who read during summer vacation are more likely to retain the skills learned during the school year.



For Teens ...

Teens entering grades 7 and up in the fall are invited to "Go For It!" this summer in a Teen Summer Reading Program. They can sign up at any Santa Clara County Library, and all have a special Teen Area with a wide selection of fun reading including the popular graphic novels.

Readers will be invited to share their thoughts about the books they read

in reviews that will be posted in the Library and posted on the Santa Clara County Library Teen Summer Reading Blog. Like the Children's Summer Reading Club, the Teen Reading Program will also include special activities.



For Adults ...

Adults are not overlooked when it comes to summer reading. All of the Libraries have booklists, reading groups and/or special Adult Summer Reading Clubs available. Check the website for more information or ask a librarian about summer reading opportunities.

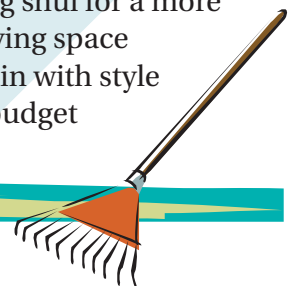


It's D-I-Y time

Santa Clara County Library has many resources to help the do-it-yourselfers enjoy the summer months with projects around the home and yard. There are books, magazines, videos, DVDs, and other information easily available that will provide helpful tips on such topics as:

- How to install or build patios, gazebos, ponds, water fountains, irrigation systems, and more

- How to design a landscape appropriate for your yard
- How to plant a vegetable garden
- How to grow herbs in the kitchen
- How to garden in containers on your deck or patio
- How to use feng shui for a more harmonious living space
- How to entertain with style and a limited budget



Managing your requests

Santa Clara County Library has received national recognition for four consecutive years for its outstanding customer service. The ability of patrons to request specific items and be notified by email or U.S. mail when the material is ready for pick-up is one example of this commitment to customer service excellence.

You can help the Library serve everyone better by following these guidelines to manage your requests:

If you no longer want an item you have requested,

please cancel your request using the online catalog or by asking a librarian so that the material will be more quickly available to others.

If you can't make it into the library by the request pick-up date, call the Library. When possible, staff will extend the pick-up date to allow you more time to get in.

If you are going out of town or have too much to read and don't want your requested item to arrive now, you can suspend a request to a more convenient date using the online catalog.

Don't forget the My List feature of the Library's online catalog. You can use it to create personal lists of titles of interest and then selectively request titles from your list when you're ready for them.

outstanding customer service

Travel the world from home with international music

If a trip abroad is not in your travel plans this year, you can still experience the sounds of far away places by checking out international music CDs from the Library.

Have you ever listened to fado music from Portugal, Celtic folk bands from Ireland or Latin rhythms like tango, cumbia, son, corridos, salsa and reggaeton? They are all available at the Library and the price is right: free.

Do you long to visit a specific country? Give a listen to a series of global music CDs issued by Rough Guide, the publisher of alternative travel guides. Each CD focuses on the music of one country such as Greece, India, Pakistan, Kenya, Italy or Ethiopia. With an illustrated travel book in front of your eyes, and the sounds of the country delighting your

ears, it's almost like being there – without the jet lag.

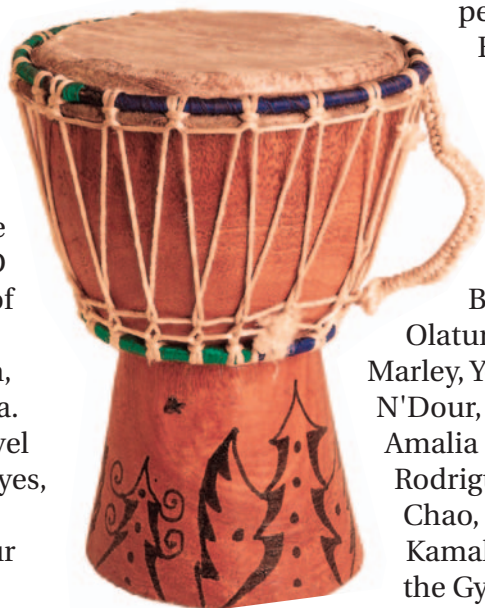
For a whirlwind tour of the best new music around the globe, check out the annual BBC Awards for World Music collections. Or try the Putumayo Company CD compilations of many international styles of music.

And if you want to increase your knowledge of world music classics, take home some of the

recordings of these performers:

Edith Piaf,
Miriam
Makeba,
Django
Reinhardt,
Trio
Matamoros,
Babatunde

Olatunji, Bob
Marley, Youssou
N'Dour, Gilberto Gil,
Amalia
Rodrigues, Manu
Chao, Israel
Kamakawiwo'ole or
the Gyutu Monks.



Practice, practice, practice

If the student in your family wants to use this summer to prepare for a big test such as the GED, SAT, GRE, TOEFL, or Citizenship exam, Santa Clara County Library has hundreds of practice tests available online and at the Library.

They feature immediate scoring and detailed explanations of answers to all questions. Also available are online academic skills improvement programs and courses in Spanish.

For more information, visit the website at www.santacountylib.org/database and select LearningExpress or ask a Librarian.

How popular are public libraries? Very!

- Libraries issue more cards than VISA
- More children enroll in summer library programs than Little League
- Libraries have more visitors each week than all museums and zoos combined

Every Week

Storytimes for different age groups
All Libraries, various times

Every Tuesday

Knit-In for experienced and
beginning knitters
Morgan Hill Library, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 28

Book Club discussion of *The Sunflower*
by Simon Wiesenthal
Gilroy Library, 7 p.m.

P & T Puppet Theatre presents
"Dragoon!"
Saratoga Library, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 29

Magician Timothy James
Los Altos Library, 3 p.m.

Thursday, June 30

Happy Birds performing bird show
Milpitas Library, 3 p.m.

Tuesday, July 5

Knitting at the Library
Knitters of all skill levels (ages 10 to 99)
are invited to learn from
knitting expert Lakshmi Moorty every
Tuesday afternoon.
Cupertino Library, 3-5 p.m.

Wednesday, July 6

Whodunit Mystery Readers Group
discusses *The Third Man* by
Graham Greene
Los Altos Library, 10:15 a.m.

Family Fun Film Night
Campbell Library, 7:15 p.m.

Tuesday, July 12

Computer Class: Introduction to
Microsoft Office XP Pro, the Internet,
Library Databases, and the
Library Catalog
Gilroy Library, 3:30 p.m.

*It wouldn't be summer without a picnic!
If you need ideas for new picnic
perfect meals, pick up a picnic booklist
at the Library or look at it online at
www.santaclaracountylib.org/services/lists/picnics.html.*

Summer fun at your library June-July-August

Here is a sampling of the many
activities scheduled at your local
community library this summer.

For a complete list, visit the
Santa Clara County Library
website

www.santaclaracountylib.org/sccoop/
or visit your local library.

Tuesday, July 19

Workshop for teens on how to
draw comics
Saratoga Library, 2 p.m.

Wednesday, July 20

Swazzle Puppets present
"Hazel and Dragon"
Los Altos Library, 3 p.m.

Japanese folk tales with
storyteller Megumi
Morgan Hill Library, 2 p.m.

Thursday, July 21

Children's Delight presents
"Runaway Caboose"
Milpitas Library, 3 p.m.

Saturday, July 23

Cowboy Jazz featuring Don Burnham
and the Lost Weekend
Bring a picnic and a blanket and get
ready for some great music!
Milpitas Library grassy knoll, 5-7 p.m.

*"The summer
night is like a
perfection of
thought"*

Wallace Stevens



Tuesday, July 26

"Just Kidding" – Down Home
American Music
Saratoga Library, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, August 3

Family Fun Film Night
Campbell Library, 7:15 p.m.

Thursday, August 4

Read-to-Me-Bee Party with musical
performance by Sandie & Stevie
Los Altos Library, 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, August 10

Book Club discussion of *Optimist's
Daughter* by Eudora Welty
Los Altos Library, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, August 13

Open Poetry Reading with Garlicky
Group of Poets
Gilroy Library, 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, August 17

Workshop on basics of digital
photography
Saratoga Library, 4 p.m.

Saturday, August 20

Jeanmarie Derry will discuss the writing
life with the Gilroy Writing Project
Gilroy Library, 2:30 p.m.

Thursday, August 25

Book group discussion of *Reading Lolita
in Tehran* by Azar Nafisi.
Morgan Hill Library, 7:30 p.m.



Santa Clara County Library
14600 Winchester Blvd.
Los Gatos, CA 95032

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*“Summer afternoon – the two most beautiful words in the English language”
Henry James*

**Looking for summer fun?
First stop: your library**

Summer is a time to try new things or do favorite activities in a different way. Here are a few ideas of how your community library can help your family enjoy the summer season:

Going on a road trip? Whether it's just to the beach for the afternoon, or a drive across country, travel time goes faster if you're listening to a book on tape. Santa Clara County Library has a large selection of audio books including bestsellers, mysteries, science fiction, biographies and more.

Need to find a new place to explore? Check out the list of fun museums, parks and zoos in the Bay Area that is posted on the Library website at: www.santaclaracountylib.org

lib.org/reference/bmk_fun.html

Tired of reruns on TV? Have a family movie night and pick from the thousands of videos and DVDs available free at the Library. Set up the TV on a deck or patio to enjoy a movie under the stars on a warm summer night.



Kids already out of ideas on what to do? The Library has many books and videos filled with creative ideas for craft projects, games, puzzles, nature activities, and more.

Don't feel like cooking?

Check out the Library's collection of cookbooks for new recipes that don't require a lot of preparation. Summer is also a good time to teach the kids to plan and cook a meal. Cookbooks for youngsters are available in the Children's Room of your Library.