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## Partnership of schools & library help students achieve success



Increasingly, schools and libraries are working together to ensure students have access to research materials and homework assistance. This spirited cooperation comes at a time when both schools and libraries are facing smaller budgets that impact their hours of operation, new acquisitions, and staffing.

It's no surprise that students make up a big percentage of the 3,333,606 visitors who come to the Santa Clara

County Library each year. Some come every day and use the library as a safe haven to do homework. Others count on the public library and librarians to help them find appropriate and accurate information on the Internet or to search massive databases for school assignments.

"I spend a lot of time at the library after school and I find it to be a great resource for me as a student," said

*"A library is not a luxury  
but one of the necessities of life"*

- Henry Ward Beecher

Vivek Mohan, a high school senior. "It's quiet and calm and has all the books and information I need, including the Internet. It's a good place to work either alone or with my friends."

The collaboration between schools and libraries also extends to teachers who count on the public library for curriculum resources that are unavailable from the school library. Moling Daniels, a second grade teacher at Antonio Del Buono Elementary School in Gilroy, says she goes to the public library frequently to obtain books, videos and music to use in her classroom teaching.

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## Librarian, retired teacher honored

Gilroy Librarian Lani Yoshimura and Cecilia Weymouth, a retired teacher in the Gilroy Unified School District and library volunteer, were honored by the Mexican American Community Services Agency, Inc. for their "long-time dedication to supporting the education of low-income students and their families and collaborative work with schools and social service agencies." In



January, Cecilia became a Gilroy Library Commissioner.

## The blog is on!

The Santa Clara County Library Blog – an online collection of articles and news organized by date, topic and location – went live in January. Called "The Latest SCCoop," the Blog is accessed through the library's website at:

[www.santaclaracountylib.org/sccoop/](http://www.santaclaracountylib.org/sccoop/)

Topics range from reading lists and book reviews to program and event information, resources for kids, investment tools, health tips, and genealogical resources.

# Santa Clara County Library in the community



## ALUM ROCK

75 S. White Rd., San Jose  
(408) 251-1280

Tue-Wed 12:30-8:30 p.m.  
Thur-Sat 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Closed Mon and Sun

## 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

Photographer David Paul Morris

A \$1.1 million budget shortfall forced the Santa Clara County Library to close on Mondays, effective October, 2004.

## BOOKMOBILE

Check the website  
[www.santaclaracountylib.org](http://www.santaclaracountylib.org)  
for location of stop and  
schedule information



## 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

## 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



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"I do this to enhance the learning experience of my students whether they are studying the alphabet or learning about animals. I can motivate them with songs found on library CDs or demonstrate how animals use camouflage to survive by showing videos in the classroom," she explained.

While students may opt for campus libraries during the school day, they turn to the public library during the evening and on weekends when schools are closed.



*The Bookmobile stops at distant schools, such as the school atop Mt. Hamilton, and other locations like migrant camps to serve schoolchildren who are located far away from a public library.*

Santa Clara County Library also makes available to students an extensive array of research material that can be accessed 24 hours a day, seven days a week through the library website. Another round-the-clock service is the AskNow link which provides live online help from professional librarians through a consortium of participating libraries.

## New year means new materials for the library

*Where does the acquisition budget go?*

Just like magazine and newspaper subscriptions delivered to the home, many of the materials found in the library must be renewed each year.

For example, Santa Clara County Library has invested \$350,000 annually in databases that are constantly updated so that library users have access to the very latest editions of the *Encyclopaedia Britannica*, *World Book Encyclopedia*, scientific encyclopedias, newspaper and magazine articles, business and investment information.

In March, the SAT exam is changing which means the library must examine its collection of 50 different SAT prep materials and replace them to help students do well on their college entrance exams.

Another popular section of the library contains car repair manuals that must be updated every year when the new models come out. Classic novels that are read and re-read by every generation must be continually reordered because the books become too worn and dirty.

Finally, there are the new bestsellers that everyone wants to read as soon as possible, including the much-anticipated new Harry Potter book, due out in July. Young readers are already trying to reserve one of the first copies.

"Libraries are not something you can stock once and be done," explained County Librarian Melinda Cervantes. "There is an ongoing need to update and replace materials."

## NEW LIBRARIAN for Morgan Hill

Rosanne Macek has been named the new Morgan Hill Community Librarian. In addition to managing the operation of the Morgan Hill Library that annually serves 288,000 visitors and circulates 612,000 materials each year, she will lead the effort to build a new library to replace the current outdated, too small facility.

As the Children's Librarian in Morgan Hill, Macek obtained a grant from Mervyn's to conduct a library card sign-up campaign. More than 400 children in grades K-3 participated in signing up for new library cards and attending programs at the library and at their schools.

## Storytime



*Storytimes are scheduled at all community libraries. Check the web site for dates and times.*

## Silicon Valley Reads Events

All events listed below are held at the library unless otherwise noted. Other events as part of Silicon Valley Reads Month are listed on the website [www.siliconvalleyreads.org](http://www.siliconvalleyreads.org).



### Campbell

**Wed., Feb. 2 12:30-1:30 p.m.**

Lunch with David Mas Masumoto. Bring a bag lunch and we'll provide a peach dessert. Co-sponsored by Friends of the Campbell Library.

**Sat., Feb. 5 10:30 a.m.**

Jeannette Watson, Campbell historian and author of "Campbell: The Orchard City," will share her experiences about growing up on a farm in the Santa Clara Valley and discuss the similarities and differences to the family farm life described in "Epitaph for a Peach."

### Cupertino

**Wed., Feb. 23 7 p.m.**

Reading by David Mas Masumoto at the Cupertino Community Center, 10800 Torre Ave. Co-sponsored by Distinguished Citizens Society International of Silicon Valley.

### Gilroy

**Tue., Jan 25 7 p.m.**

Book group discussion of "Epitaph for a Peach."

**Thur., Feb. 3 4 p.m.**

Tea with David Mas Masumoto. Enjoy a cup of Japanese Green Tea and listen to readings from his book and insights in writing memories. Co-sponsored by Gilroy Writing Project, Vision Literacy, and Gilroy Barnes & Noble.

### Los Altos

**Wed., Feb. 2 7:30 p.m.**

Reading by David Mas Masumoto. Books available for purchase and signing.

### Milpitas

**Sat., Feb. 26 4 p.m.**

"Memoir Sharing" Milpitas High School students who attended a creative writing workshop with author David Masumoto will read their essays.

### Morgan Hill

**Thur., Feb. 3 7 p.m.**

An Evening with David Mas Masumoto at the Morgan Hill Community Center, 17000 Monterey Rd. Co-sponsored by Friends of the Morgan Hill Library, BookSmart, Morgan Hill chapter of AAUW, and the City of Morgan Hill.

**Thur., Feb. 24 7:30 p.m.**

Book group discussion of "Epitaph for a Peach."

*"In the fog I can hear the voices of farmers before me. Once I believed their old stubborn ways had no place in the progressive world of modern farming. But now they sing of traditions that have a place in my winter season more than ever..."*

*Even in winter there is life on the farm. I feel something sacred, a meaning added to my work and my peaches and grapes. I feel connected with the universe. The world of nature and human nature are my teachers, sowing and not telling me the secrets of the wild and sacred. From my porch deck I sail into a new world. Discoveries loom in the fog, opportunities inhabit this wilderness. It is a sacred place for myself and my family because I can call this farm home."*

### Saratoga

**Tue., Feb. 8 7:30 p.m.**

Book group discussion of "Epitaph for a Peach."

**Thur., Feb. 24 9 a.m.**

Breakfast in the Orchard with Mas. Co-sponsored by Friends of the Saratoga Libraries.

*"Masumoto's style is lyrical... Epitaph for a Peach is an important book. It is not resignation but stoicism that tinges this text, eliciting sympathy and admiration."*

*New York Times Book Review*

## Books that talk to you

Santa Clara County Library owns about 34,000 "talking books" which are popular among commuters who pop in a CD or cassette tape to listen to a mystery, thriller, romance, science fiction, self help or other book on the way to work and home again. Children's audio books are also popular to keep kids entertained in the car. Others enjoy listening to a book while they exercise or do housework.



## Celebrate St. Patrick's Day

Christopher Dean, Celtic guitarist and storyteller, will appear at five community libraries.

Saratoga Library - Tuesday, March 1, 7 p.m.

Los Altos Library - Wednesday, March 2, 7:30 p.m.

Campbell Library - Thursday, March 3, 7:30 p.m.

Alum Rock Library - Saturday, March 5, 2 p.m.

Milpitas Library - Sunday, March 6, 2 p.m.

## Happy 20th Birthday, Vision Literacy

Santa Clara County Library was one of the first in the state to launch a community literacy program in 1985. Now Vision Literacy serves up to 800 learners a year with a cadre of 250 well-trained volunteer tutors. Over half of the adults in the literacy program read below a 5th grade level and almost a third fall below 2nd grade in their reading skills.

## Book sales build personal libraries, support public library

Periodic book sales held by the Friends of the Library groups provide an inexpensive way to build a personal library of favorite novels, reference books, and nonfiction classics.

The Friends groups are independent nonprofit organizations that use volunteers to collect, sort and sell books and other materials to raise funds for their local community library. Financial support from the Friends allows libraries to purchase additional copies of bestsellers, schedule more programs, and update furniture and equipment.

Membership information on the local Friends organization is available in each community library and through the library website.

*“The only book purchases I ever regretted are those I didn't make.”*

*- Harold Hugo*



*Thousands of paperback and hardbound books of all types are available for purchase at book sales held by the Friends of the Library groups. The Friends of the Saratoga Libraries even operate a used bookstore, the Book-Go-Round, that is open 37 hours a week, staffed by volunteers and stocked with donations.*



*Throughout February and March  
Tax preparation for low-income  
taxpayers*

*Milpitas Library, various times*

**Wednesday, Feb. 9**

*Feng Shui for the Year of the  
Rooster with Y.C. Sun*

*Cupertino Community Hall,  
7 p.m.*

## February – March Events

### at Santa Clara County Library

*Here are just a few of the events scheduled at your local library.  
More events and detailed information are listed on the library  
website at [www.santaclaracountylib.org](http://www.santaclaracountylib.org).*

**Thursday, Feb. 10**

*“Celebrating Friendship” stories  
and Valentine card making for  
school age children.*

*Saratoga Library, 3:45 p.m.*

**Tuesday, Feb. 15**

*“India by Train” travel slide show*

*Campbell Library, 7:15 p.m.*

**Thursdays, March 3-24**

*Great Decisions, group discussion  
of recent foreign policy decisions.*

*Los Altos Library, 1 p.m.*

**Wednesday, March 9**

*Discussion of “All the Little Live  
Things” by Wallace Stegner in  
conjunction with the Los Altos  
History Museum exhibit on  
the author*

*Los Altos Library, 7:30 p.m.*

**Saturday, March 19**

*Gilroy Writing Project for aspiring  
writers*

*Gilroy Library, 2-4 p.m.*

**Thursday, March 25**

*Book club discussion of “Time  
Traveler’s Wife” by Audrey  
Niffenegger*

*Morgan Hill Library, 7:30 p.m.*





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**Santa Clara County Library presents  
Silicon Valley Reads**



The third annual Silicon Valley Reads program, presented by Santa Clara County Library along with the Santa Clara County Office of Education and the San Jose Public Library Foundation, invites everyone in the community to read the same book, at the same time, and talk about it.

The 2005 selection is *Epitaph for a Peach: Four Seasons On My Family Farm* by David Mas Masumoto, a third generation Japanese American peach and grape farmer who was called by the New York Times “a poet of farming and peaches.”

“Talking about *Epitaph for a Peach* is going to get people thinking about our environment, our agricultural heritage, and our dependency on nature. These are universal themes that will appeal to readers no matter their age or life experience,” said Melinda Cervantes, Santa Clara County Librarian.

**See inside for Silicon Valley Reads  
events at the library!**

