

## Special river programs in September

A celebration of rivers is planned for September by Santa Clara County Library in honor of the opening of Guadalupe River Park & Gardens and the other 249,999 rivers that flow through the U.S. Special programs are planned for several libraries and a book list of river-related books and films is available at the libraries and on the website. See inside.

Rivers come in many shapes and sizes, but they all start at an elevated area and flow down into an ocean, large lake or, as is the case for the Guadalupe River, a bay. There are more than 700 miles of creeks and rivers in the County, but one local body of water has “river” in its name.

Guadalupe River Park & Gardens is a regional public park that extends 2.6 miles along the banks of the Guadalupe River between Highway 280 and Interstate 880 in San Jose. The project is a unique combination

of flood protection, recreation open space, and preservation of a sensitive environmental area that is home to fish, birds and other wildlife.

“A Park For Many Reasons, A Park For All Seasons” is the theme of a celebration on Saturday, Sept. 10, which will feature free activities and entertainment

from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at multiple areas throughout the park and adjacent Guadalupe Gardens. The Santa Clara County Library Bookmobile will be there with river storytelling.

Celebration participants will receive free commemorative backpacks, a 2006 calendar showcasing the natural beauty of Guadalupe River Park, and other special souvenirs. Free shuttles will help to move visitors among activity areas in the park. More information is available at [www.grpg.org](http://www.grpg.org).



*Santa Clara Valley residents are invited to explore the 3 miles of paved trails in Guadalupe River Park & Gardens. A celebration of this new park is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 10.*

## Back-to-school riddle for parents

What is the cheapest and most important school supply your child needs before returning to the classroom?

Answer: a library card!

More than 45,000 children already have Santa Clara County Library cards – but there are thousands more who are not yet benefiting from the many resources available at the Library to help them learn and do well in school.

The cost can't be beat – it's free! And sign-up is quick and easy at any community library.

September is National Library Card Sign-Up Month, an appropriate time since studies show that children who are read to in the home and who use the library perform better in school and are more likely to use the library for lifelong learning.

## How students use their library cards

- Writing presentations and book reports
- Satisfying curiosity about something they learn about in school
- Researching term papers using databases and online reference books
- Practicing reading
- Asking questions and getting help from librarians
- Learning how to find and evaluate information
- Watching DVDs on science, math, history and more
- Listening to books on tape

# 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

Note: Cupertino Library will open  
on Sundays, 2-6 p.m., in November.  
Watch the Library web site for  
information.



## 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

## BOOKMOBILE

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



## MILPITAS

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

Mon-Thur 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.  
Fri-Sat 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.  
Sun 12 noon – 6 p.m.  
(effective 8/29/05)



## 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



# River Programs in September

**Thursday, Sept. 1  
4 p.m.**

Award-winning documentary  
"Rivers and Tides: Andy Goldsworthy,  
Working with Time"  
Gilroy Library

**Wednesday, Sept. 7  
10:30 a.m.**

Children ages 2-3 are invited to  
enjoy special stories about rivers  
and water and make a craft during  
Toddler Storytime.  
Campbell Library

**Wednesday, Sept. 7  
7:15 p.m.**

Make a rain gauge and a rainbow  
spinner, and learn how to put  
together a barometer during Family  
Storytime. Children are asked to  
bring a plastic water bottle for the  
craft.  
Campbell Library

**Wednesday, Sept. 7  
7 p.m.**

Family storytime featuring river  
stories and crafts  
Morgan Hill Library

**Thursday, Sept. 8  
10:30 a.m.**

The Santa Clara Valley Water  
District will present a Conservation  
Puppet Show about caring for water  
and the environment at Preschool  
Storytime  
Campbell Library

**Thursday, Sept. 8  
6:30 p.m.**

Family River Movies  
Milpitas Library

**Thursday, Sept. 8**

Toddler storytime at 10 a.m. and  
preschool storytime at 10:45 a.m.  
featuring river stories and crafts  
Morgan Hill Library

**Saturday, Sept. 10  
3 p.m.**

Armchair river rafting  
Milpitas Library

**Wednesday, Sept. 14  
3-5 p.m.**

School-age kids will create a river  
craft during this drop-in program  
sponsored by the Friends of the  
Cupertino Library.  
Cupertino Library

**Wednesday, Sept. 14  
7:30 p.m.**

Book group discussion of "A River  
Runs Through It" by Norman  
MacLean.  
Los Altos Library

**Thursday, Sept. 15  
4 p.m.**

ZunZun musical watershed show for  
children  
Saratoga Library

**Saturday, Sept. 17  
11 a.m.**

Award-winning documentary  
"Rivers and Tides: Andy Goldsworthy,  
Working with Time"  
Gilroy Library

## More Programs

Storytimes for all ages  
... book discussions ...  
book sales ...  
poetry and writing  
groups ... computer  
classes ...  
activities for children  
including puppet shows  
and after-school crafts

Events are held year-  
round at the Library on  
a wide variety of topics.  
Look for information  
at the Library, on the  
website, or on the  
Library Blog at [www.santaclaracountylib.org/scoop](http://www.santaclaracountylib.org/scoop)

**Tuesday, Sept. 20  
7:30 p.m.**

Family storytime about rivers and  
water  
Saratoga Library

**Wednesday, Sept. 21  
10:30 a.m.**

Storytime about rivers and water for  
ages 2-3  
Saratoga Library

**Wednesday, Sept. 21  
7 p.m.**

"A Journey into the Amazon Basin,"  
photographs and stories of many  
expeditions into the jungle by Ted  
Cheeseman.  
Saratoga Library

**Thursday, Sept. 22  
10:30 a.m.**

Storytime about rivers and water  
for ages 3-5  
Saratoga Library

**Thursday, Sept. 22  
6:30 p.m.**

Family River Movies  
Milpitas Library

**Tuesday, Sept. 27  
7 p.m.**

Zun Zun musical watershed show  
for children  
Milpitas Library

**Tuesday, Sept. 27  
7:30 p.m.**

"A Journey into the Amazon Basin,"  
photographs and stories of many  
expeditions into the jungle by Ted  
Cheeseman.  
Campbell Library

**Wednesday, Sept. 28  
7 p.m.**

Award-winning documentary  
"Rivers and Tides: Andy Goldsworthy,  
Working with Time"  
Gilroy Library

**Wednesday, Sept. 28  
7:30 p.m.**

Book group discussion of "Shooting  
the Boh: A woman's voyage down the  
Wildest River  
in Borneo" by Tracy Johnston  
Milpitas Library

**Wednesday, Sept. 28  
7:30 p.m.**

World Affairs Council presents a talk  
on "Water Resources' Role in Public  
Policy and National Security" by  
Peter Gleick of the Pacific Institute  
for Studies in Development,  
Environment and Security  
Los Altos Library

*"Rivers must have been the guides which conducted the footsteps of travelers.  
They are the constant lure ... to distant enterprise and adventure."*

— Henry David Thoreau

## And the most famous river book of them all...

### *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*

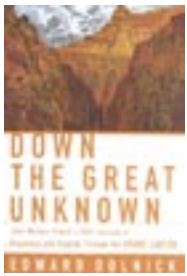
Originally published in 1884, *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain is the journey of a young boy down the Mississippi River and is considered one of the most important works in American literary history. Santa Clara County Library has numerous editions of this classic available including book, audio book on cassette and CD, DVD and videocassette of the movie version, and cassette and CD of the Broadway musical "Big River: The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn."



# River Rhapsody – a harmonious blend of good reading and appreciation for one of nature’s wonders, the river

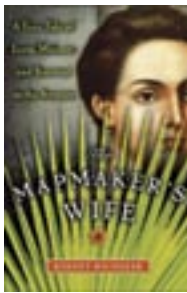
Here are a few suggestions of books about adventures on a river. For more, check the Library website at [www.santaclaracountylib.org/river](http://www.santaclaracountylib.org/river) or ask your Community Librarian

## Adult Non-fiction



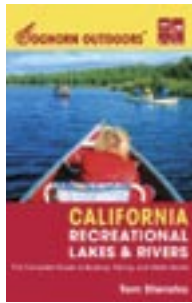
*Down the Great Unknown: John Wesley Powell's 1869 Journey of Discovery and Tragedy through the Grand Canyon* by Edward Dolnick.

The great explorer of the Grand Canyon speaks from the past in his journals, guiding readers on a detailed account of his meticulous, often perilous journey through the famous canyon.



*The Mapmaker's Wife: a True Tale of Love, Murder, and Survival in the Amazon* by Robert Whitaker

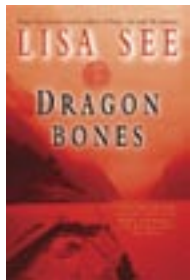
In 1769 Isabel Grameson Godin sets out across the Andes and down the Amazon to reunite with her husband who had been exiled from Spanish America 20 years earlier.



*California Recreational Lakes & Rivers: the Complete Guide to Boating, Fishing and Water Sports* by Stienstra

Twice named National Outdoor Writer of the Year, Stienstra shares his vast knowledge of California waterways.

## Adult Fiction



*Dragon Bones: A Novel* by Lisa See

Inspector Liu Hulan looks into murders and thefts among the archaeologists during construction of the Three Gorges Dam on the Yangtze River.

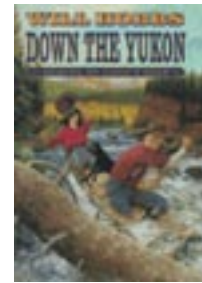
## Children's Picture Book



*Jean Laffite and the Big Ol' Whale* by Frank G. Fox

Along the banks of the Mississippi River, a larger-than-life Jean Laffite figures out how to save the day when the mighty river dries up.

## Children's & Young Adult Fiction



*Down the Yukon* by Will Hobbs

Jason and Jamie face the grueling test of canoeing the Yukon River.

## Children's Non-fiction



*Steamboat! The Story of Captain Blanche Leathers* by Judith Heide Gilliland

A young girl sets her dream on cultivating the daring and intelligence needed to become a steamboat pilot and navigate the Mississippi.

*“I have never seen a river that I could not love. Moving water...has a fascinating vitality. It has power and grace and associations. It has a thousand colors and a thousand shapes.”*

– Roderick Haig-Brown,  
author of *Fishing For A Living*

## When the deadline is tomorrow

Don't panic if an assignment is due tomorrow. Santa Clara County Library online subscriptions give 24/7 access to databases that include thousands of publications, full-text articles, reports, statistics, documents and other types of information. For example:

- America the Beautiful- U.S. states and territories
- Biography Resource Center- Biographies of 400,000+ people

- eLibrary Elementary – Magazine and newspaper articles, maps, pictures and more.
- Grolier Multimedia Encyclopedia- Interactive atlas, timelines, and encyclopedia articles
- Kid's InfoBits- Multimedia database for K-5 students
- Lands and Peoples – Cultural and geographical information on continents, countries, regions, states, provinces and more.

# Whiz bang technology expands Library collection

New state-of-the-art additions to the Library collection are expanding both the materials available and the options on how to access them.

## **Online Animated Picture Books**

Children and parents now have access to 150 animated, talking picture books through the Santa Clara County Library website that can be viewed from a home computer at any time, on any day.

Books are available in Spanish, French, Hebrew, and Chinese. Story books feature animation, sound, music and narration to help teach young children the joys of listening and reading. There are also readable classic books for older kids, interactive puzzles and games based on the animated books, and titles on health and social issues.



Look for “E-books for kids” on the Library’s website. A language drop down menu allows visitors to view the entire site in English, Spanish or Chinese.

## **Downloadable Audiobooks**

More than 800 downloadable audiobooks – with at least 30 new titles added every month – are available at the Santa Clara County Library.

Audiobooks are available for download 24 hours a day. Patrons simply download the book to their computer

and transfer it to a portable media device (Windows-based MP3 player required) for convenient listening. Books check themselves back in automatically after three weeks, so there are no overdue fines. If a longer time is desired, the audiobook can be renewed or downloaded again.

There is a limit of 10 books for every three-week period, but there is no limit on how many people can access downloadable audiobooks at any one time.

## **Computer, Technical and IT ebooks**

In August, the Library added access to more than 225 of the latest computer/technical and IT books in electronic format (or ebooks). The new materials were hand-picked by subject experts and all are current titles from major publishers.

Ebooks can be browsed online 24 hours a day, 7 days a week from a computer in the Library, at home or at work. Users do not have to check out materials to access them, but do need to log onto the Library website with a Library card and PIN.

“Print copies of computer books are very popular in Silicon Valley, but they are costly and go out of date quickly,” said County Librarian Melinda Cervantes. “The ebook collection is a way to keep materials current, increase convenient access and provide a broader range of subjects.”

## **Library computer for visually impaired**

Santa Clara County Library offers a computer in each library with special features for the visually impaired.

Adaptive software magnifies the screen, offers screen reading (voice) access to Microsoft Windows applications, and a Braille keyboard. The accessible computer may be used by people of all ages with special needs to search the Library catalog, databases and the Internet, to send and receive email, and for document and spreadsheet projects. Ask the Librarian at the Reference Desk for information.



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

*Top ranked library in the U.S. for 4 consecutive years!*

## News from **your** library

*Serving the cities of*  
Campbell  
Cupertino  
Gilroy  
Los Altos  
Los Altos Hills  
Milpitas  
Monte Sereno  
Morgan Hill  
Saratoga

*and unincorporated areas of Santa Clara County*

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## Enchanting mural for Morgan Hill storytimes

Artist Teresa Flynn has loaned a colorful mural for the storytime area to the Morgan Hill Library to create an enchanting space that will capture the imagination of children and inspire them to read. The artwork is made primarily from paper mache, the same material used by the artist to make pinatas as a child. It includes five storybooks and a large story mural. Flynn worked on



this project for almost four years.

“My vision and my interest is to express literacy through art that’s driven from your passions, dreams, reflections and inspirations,” said Flynn.

“My gift to children and society has manifested itself through these numerous tactile pieces of art. It is truly an honor when I witness their powerful impact, especially when hearts get touched with true joy.”

## Wishing you were back in the classroom?

*The Modern Scholar series offers easy-to-understand, college level lecture courses on a recorded CD. There are 45 courses available, ranging from natural science to religious studies, from politics to world history. Each course contains 14 lectures by world-known professors and scholars. An extensive course guide with added materials and exercises accompanies each CD set.*