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Winter 2006

Santa Clara County Library rated highly in national ranking and local survey

Santa Clara County Library is doing a great job in serving the community, according to both a national ranking of public libraries and research conducted locally.

For the 5th time, Santa Clara County Library was named best public library in the U.S. serving a population between 250,000 and 499,999 in Hennen's American Public Library Ratings which uses 25 different measures such as collections, circulation, visits and customer service.

Earlier in 2006, a survey found that residents believe local public libraries are an important service provided by local government. Survey participants also reported that the Library does a good job in meeting current technology needs and being responsive to the changing needs of users. Virtually everyone who had contact with a librarian or library staff person was satisfied with the service provided.

The top reasons people gave for using a public library were to borrow books for personal enjoyment, to conduct research, and for entertainment (videos, DVDs, CDs, etc.). The programs listed most frequently as being "very important to the community" were children's storytime, outreach services for seniors and homebound, and summer reading clubs.

Library is a "hot" spot

Library patrons can now log on to the Internet with their own laptop computers, PDAs and other mobile devices while in the library "Wi-Fi" zone.



"Wireless access is a convenience that our public has requested and we are thrilled we had funding available to add this feature at all of our libraries," said Santa Clara County Librarian Melinda Cervantes. "This is the type of enhanced customer service we seek to deliver to our communities."



Fran Theiss, a volunteer for Vision Literacy, the adult literacy program of Santa Clara County Library, has been awarded the Jefferson Award for outstanding community service. She spends five days a week at Elmwood Correctional Facility in Milpitas helping inmates improve their reading skills and rebuild their self-esteem. The Jefferson Awards are administered by the American Institute for Public Service and local media partners, CBS5-TV, KCBS-AM, and the San Francisco Chronicle.

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

Bus Routes: Route #82 stops on Hamilton Ave. Route #26 travels down Campbell Avenue. Route #60 stops at Campbell Ave., at Winchester Blvd.



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.
Sun 2 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Closed Mon

Bus Routes: Routes #23, #25, #54 and #55 all stop within reasonable distance from the library.



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

Bus Routes: Routes #17, #19 and #68 stop at 6th and Hanna Streets, 6th and Rosanna Streets near the Wheeler Auditorium and at Hanna near the Senior Center.



LOS ALTOS

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

Mon-Thur 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Fri-Sat 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Sun 12 noon - 6 p.m.

Bus Route: Route #23 stops at Hillview and San Antonio Road.

Saratoga Library Open on Mondays

Beginning in January, the Saratoga Library will be open 1-9 p.m. on Mondays for at least two years, thanks to funding from the Friends of the Saratoga Libraries. More than 1,000 residents are members of the Friends organization which raises money from the sale of used books.

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.

Bus Routes: Routes #47 and #77 stop in front of the library.



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

Bus Routes: Route #68 stops at the Park & Ride lot on Main Avenue two blocks east of the library. Routes #15 and #16 stop in front of the library.



SARATOGA

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

New hours starting in January 2007

Mon-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.

Bus Routes: Routes #27, #54, and #58 stop near the library.



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

Bus Routes: Routes #23 and #51 stop in front of the library.



BOOKMOBILE



Check the website www.santaclaracountylib.org for locations and schedule information

eAudiobooks for Kids and Teens

A wide selection of eAudiobooks for children and teens including classics, Newbery Medal winners, fantasy, mystery, biography, fiction and nonfiction can now be downloaded from the Santa Clara County Library website.

There are 250+ entertaining and educational titles available, with 10 new titles added every month.

The service is free for Santa Clara County Library cardholders and can be accessed from a home computer. Use is unlimited so the eAudiobooks are always available for families who have access to a Windows Media Player version 9 or 10. Macintosh computers and iPods are not system compatible.

To download an eAudiobook, visit www.santaclaracountylib.org/kids/ebooks.

Large Print book collections available to senior facilities



Facilities that serve seniors and those with limited mobility — such as nursing homes, convalescent hospitals, and senior day care programs -- may request a collection of large print books to keep on site.

Santa Clara County Library will loan the collection at no cost for three to six months, and then replace them with new titles. The facility must be located within the Santa Clara County Library service area.

For information contact Nancy Howe, Adult Services Manager, at 408-293-2326, x 3010.

A new way to let your fingers do the walking

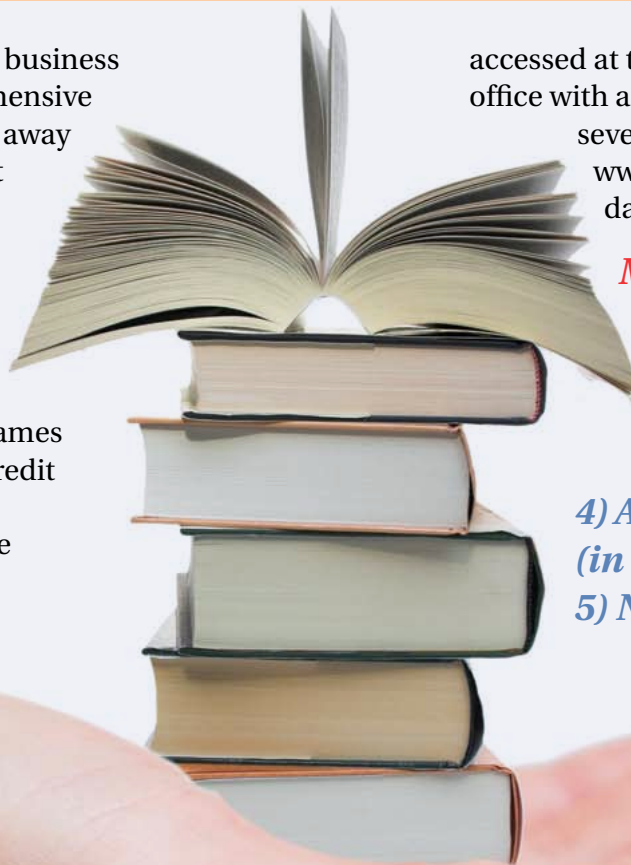
Looking for information on a business somewhere in the U.S.? Comprehensive data is just a few computer clicks away with "Reference USA," the newest addition to Santa Clara County Library's electronic library.

This database allows you to search using 27 different points of information. Company information includes a quick link to company headquarters, names of top personnel, news articles, credit rating, year established, number of employees, and more. It can be

accessed at the Library, or from a home or office with a Library card 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Look for it at www.santaclaracountylib.org/database.

Most Popular Databases

- 1) Safari Tech eBooks*
- 2) Serials Solutions*
- 3) Biography Resource Center*
- 4) Ancestry Library (in library use only)*
- 5) New York Times 1851-2001*



2007 off to a busy start with programs for everyone

Book Discussion Groups

Different books, different days and times at libraries in Campbell, Cupertino, Gilroy, Los Altos, Milpitas, Morgan Hill and Saratoga.

'Tween Book Group

Jan. 10

Letters from Wolfie discussed at 3:30 p.m. at the Milpitas Library.

Scrapbook Memories

Jan. 13

A how-to class for adults at 2 p.m. at the Cupertino Library. Limited space; sign up early.

Armchair Travel Slide Show

Jan. 16

7:15 p.m. at the Campbell Library.

Blogging Basics

Jan. 17

Learn how to start a blog in minutes, starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Los Altos Library. Laptops welcome.

Genealogy Program

Jan. 20

Limited space, so sign up early for this hands-on program 10:30 a.m. - 12 noon at the Cupertino Library.

Savvy Investing Seminar

Jan. 23

How to use online financial databases from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Campbell Library.

Mozart Mania

Jan. 23

Cake and conversation in honor of Mozart's 251st birthday at 7:30 p.m. at the Los Altos Library.

Book Sale

Jan. 26-28

Help the Friends of the Milpitas Library by buying a book.

Graphic Novel Book Discussion Group

January-March

Six popular graphic novels will be discussed by teens ages 13 and up on Saturday afternoons at the Morgan Hill Library.

This is a sampling of the wide variety of programs scheduled at the Library. For complete schedule information, visit the Library website www.santaclaracountylib.org.

Legal Help

January - March

CourtMobile will be at the Milpitas Library on various days and times to help with legal issues. Call 408-262-1171 for schedule.



Roses, Roses, Roses

Jan. 30

How to grow beautiful roses - varieties to pruning techniques at 7:30 p.m. at the Los Altos Library.

Income Tax Help

February-April

Volunteer assistance to prepare income tax forms, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Saturdays at the Milpitas Library.

Garlicky Group of Poets

Open poetry reading every few weeks at the Gilroy Library.

Crafts

Feb. 7

Learn stamp carving at 6:30 p.m. at the Campbell Library.

Fengshui for the Year of the Hog

Feb. 14

Learn from Mr. Y.C. Sun at 7 p.m. at the Cupertino Community Hall.

SAT Prep

Feb. 24 & March 3

Two-part class for high school students only at the Los Altos Library. Call library for details.

Video Games for Adults

March 7

Learn the latest games at your own pace, starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Los Altos Library.

Children's Crafts

March 8

Make a St. Patrick's Day craft at 4 p.m. at the Milpitas Library.

Celtic Performance

March 18

Enjoy Christopher Dean, Celtic guitarist and storyteller at 2 p.m. at the Saratoga Library.

California Young Reader Medal Read-a-Loud

March 21

Listen and vote for your favorite picture book at 3:30 p.m. at the Los Altos Library.

Internet Safety

March 21

Avoid common email scams, phishing websites, Internet viruses and worms and more at 7:30 p.m. at the Los Altos Library.

Poetry Slam

April 4

Practice at 4 p.m. and Slam at 5 p.m. at the Milpitas Library.



Fly A Kite

April 10-12

Hear stories and make a kite craft during children's story times at the Campbell Library.

Movie Special Effects

April 18

Learn the secrets at 3:30 p.m. at the Los Altos Library.

February is Library Lovers' Month - Celebrate with a visit to your community library!

Tech Challenge for Teens



LONG DAY'S
JOURNEY
INTO NIGHT
EUGENE O'NEILL

Behind-the-scenes discussion of *Long Day's Journey Into Night*

In collaboration with San Jose Repertory Theater and

its performance of the classic Eugene O'Neill play, "Long Day's Journey Into Night," Santa Clara County Library will host discussion programs with Kristen Brandt, resident director of San Jose Rep.

Considered to be the greatest American play from America's greatest playwright, "Long Day's Journey Into Night" was described by O'Neill as "a play of old sorrow, written in tears and blood." The autobiographical masterpiece has been presented on stages around the world. Brandt will discuss the work from page to stage – literature to a theatrical medium – and the director's challenges of character development and interpretation of the work.

Discussions are scheduled for:

- Tuesday, Jan. 9, 4-5 p.m. at Saratoga Library
- Wednesday, Jan. 10, 4-5 p.m. at Los Altos Library
- Wednesday, Jan. 17, 7-8 p.m. at Campbell Library
- Saturday, Jan. 27, 2-3 p.m. at Cupertino Library

A book discussion group at the Morgan Hill Library will also focus on the O'Neill play at its meeting on Thursday, Jan. 25, starting at 7:30 p.m.

Performances of "Long Day's Journey Into Night" are scheduled by San Jose Rep from Jan. 27-Feb. 25. For information, visit www.sjrep.com.

Students in 7th and 8th grades will be challenged with fun, real-world technology design problems using the physics of roller coasters, magnetism, buoyancy and electricity in Tech Challenge programs at various Santa Clara County Library sites this spring.



The fun, interactive sessions ask teams of students to tap into their knowledge, experiences, interests, creativity and talents to explore innovative solutions. The program is a collaboration between Santa Clara County Library and the

Tech Museum of Innovation to get teens excited about science and technology.

Tech Challenges at Santa Clara County Library are scheduled for:

- Jan. 20, 10:30 a.m. at Cupertino Library
- Jan. 31, 4 p.m. at Milpitas Library
- Feb. 10, 2 p.m. at Los Altos Library
- Feb. 14, 4 p.m. at Gilroy Library
- Feb. 27, 3:30 p.m. at Saratoga Library
- March 7, 4 p.m. at Milpitas Library
- March 17, 2 p.m. at Morgan Hill Library
- March 28, 3:30 p.m. at Campbell Library
- April 14, 2 p.m. at Morgan Hill Library
- April 24, 3:30 p.m. at Saratoga Library

Space is limited. Pre-register by contacting the library. Other parts of the "Get Tech @ the Library" program include interactive online scientific information scavenger hunts, career presentations by scientists and engineers, and new materials in the Library's collection.

Silicon Valley Reads 2007 Events

Video interview of author T.C. Boyle followed by discussion of *The Tortilla Curtain* led by Catherine Barrera, a professor of Latin American history

Friday, Feb. 2, 10:30 a.m.
Saratoga Library

Saturday, Feb. 3, 10:30 a.m.
Morgan Hill Playhouse

Saturday, Feb. 3, 2 p.m.
Gilroy Library

Films

Movie Marathon of films depicting the American immigrant experience
Saturday, Jan. 20, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Milpitas Library

American Dream Cinema: Ethnic Experiences on Film
Saturdays, Feb. 10, 17 and 24, 1 p.m.
Gilroy Library

Academy-Award winning film with themes about prejudice and racism
Wednesday, Feb. 14, 6:30 p.m.
Campbell Library

Author
T.C. Boyle
interviewed
by Mercury
News
columnist
Sal Pizarro



Drop-in Book Discussions about *The Tortilla Curtain*

Monday, Feb. 12, 7:30 p.m.
Saratoga Library

Thursday, Feb. 22, 7:30 p.m.
Morgan Hill Library

Wednesday, Feb. 28, 7:30 p.m.
Milpitas Library

Video interview of author T.C. Boyle followed by open discussion of *The Tortilla Curtain*

Tuesday, Feb. 20, 7:30 p.m.
Los Altos Library

Wednesday, Feb. 21, 6:30 p.m.
Campbell Library

Thursday, Feb. 22, 7 p.m.
Cupertino Community Hall



Santa Clara County Library
 14600 Winchester Blvd.
 Los Gatos, CA 95032
 TDD: (408) 364-1528

*Top ranked library in
 the U.S. for 5 years!*

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Residential Customer

Automated Materials Handling Systems being installed

An automated materials handling system is being installed to help staff check in and sort returned items. The new technology will help get materials back on shelves quicker and reduce the risk of repetitive stress injuries to employees. The new system checks in returned materials immediately and gives users the option of receiving a receipt.

Silicon Valley Reads 2007 selection is *The Tortilla Curtain*

A poignant and gripping novel about two couples on both sides of the illegal immigrant issue has been selected for Silicon Valley Reads 2007, the community reads program that asks everyone in Santa Clara County to read the same book and discuss it.

“The Tortilla Curtain” by T.C. Boyle tells the story of two couples in Southern California who live in close proximity geographically but are worlds apart in every other way. A chance encounter brings together the “haves” and “have nots” with dramatic consequences.

This is the fifth year of Silicon Valley Reads which is co-sponsored by Santa Clara County Library, the Santa Clara County Office of Education, and San Jose Public Library Foundation.

Boyle will make two live appearances locally as part of Silicon Valley Reads:



Author T.C. Boyle

- Thursday, Jan. 18, 7:30 p.m. at the Campbell Heritage Theatre, 1 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell
- Wednesday, Feb. 28, 7:30 p.m. at the Mexican Heritage Plaza, 1700 Alum Rock Ave., San Jose

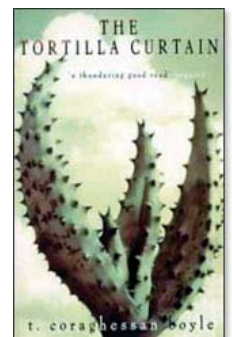
Both are free and seating is on a first-come, first-seated basis.

Other events during Silicon Valley Reads Month will include book discussion groups, films, speakers and

See inside for Silicon Valley Reads events at your library

panel discussions. For a complete schedule, visit www.siliconvalleyreads.org or pick up an event brochure in your local library.

“The Tortilla Curtain seems more relevant now even than when it was first published in 1995. It is a provocative, and, I hope, compassionate book that offers no easy solutions but rather asks the reader to enter into the minds of its characters and re-evaluate his or her feelings,” said author T.C. Boyle. “It should provide plenty of lively debate and broaden the discussion on the issue of illegal immigration in the Silicon Valley community--and I guarantee that it will offer a very compelling read.”



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