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## **E-filing Allows Santa Clara County Library District to Stop Distribution of Paper Tax Forms**

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY, CALIF.-** The increased use of e-filing has prompted Santa Clara County Library District to stop carrying paper tax forms in its libraries, beginning January, 2012. Library District administrators anticipate the action will bring savings and environmental benefits.

"With the overall decreasing use of paper forms, the reduction of paper tax forms in all of our libraries makes sense, environmentally and economically," said Dion Bracco, Chair of the County Library District Joint Powers Authority Board. "This will help us to focus our limited staff and physical space on core library services."

"Other libraries in Santa Clara County that are not part of the Library District stopped providing paper tax forms several years ago," said Derek Wolfgram, Deputy County Librarian responsible for public services delivered via Santa Clara County District libraries. "The environmental impacts will be tangible as we will no longer need to transport and organize more than half a million printed forms and booklets, many of which end up recycled at the end of tax season."

All libraries in the District will continue to have reproducible Federal tax forms that patrons can photocopy, as well as public computers from which Federal and State forms and instructions can be printed or downloaded. A valid Santa Clara County Library District card is required to use the computers, and printouts are available at a cost of \$.15 per page.

"We are pleased our libraries continue to find ways to provide services in the most cost-efficient and environmentally responsible ways," added County of Santa Clara Supervisor Liz Kniss, Delegate of the Santa Clara County Library District Joint Powers Authority. "Persons who are unable to pay for printing tax forms or get to a library can order forms through the Internal Revenue Service."

As in the past years, some library locations will host free tax assistance from the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. For information on tax resources available through the Santa Clara County Library District, visit [www.sccl.org/database/subjects/taxes.html](http://www.sccl.org/database/subjects/taxes.html).

### **About the Santa Clara County Library District**

Santa Clara County Library District is one of the top 100 libraries in the United States. For eleven years, it has ranked as one of the best in the nation for its size by *Hennen's American Public Library Ratings*, which uses 15 different benchmark measures such as collections, circulation, visits and customer service.

Established by the County Board of Supervisors in 1914, the Santa Clara County Library District serves residents of Campbell, Cupertino, Gilroy, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Milpitas, Monte Sereno, Morgan Hill, Saratoga and the unincorporated area of Santa Clara County. It also includes two bookmobiles and an online library. In 2010, the Library loaned over 12 million items to 3.8 million visitors. Santa Clara County Library District collection includes 1.8 million books, videos, CDs, DVDs, audiobooks, ebooks and extensive online resources that users can access from home or work.

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