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President's Letter

As the year comes to an end, it's a time for celebration and reflection. Celebrations look different at the end of this year, with most of us having smaller Thanksgivings and avoiding big New Year celebrations. Hopefully you still have the opportunity to meet up with family and friends, even if that means in smaller groups and having to maintain proper distancing.

Our Friends recently celebrated our volunteers and members during the National Friends of the Library week, see story page 2. This issue also has gift ideas that you may find helpful when searching for that perfect gift for that perfect friend.

In this year with muted celebrations, the library is still there to help out and provide support. Whether it be help with preparing holiday meals, or finding that new great series, or helping with kids' homework, or just destressing, our library has it all. And it is continuing to open more to its patrons, with new checkout stands and creative ways to provide more access. So take advantage of everything our library has to offer, either directly or via the Online Library 24/7 page.

This is also a time of reflection, thinking back on the joys and people who have been there in the past, as well as making plans for the future. This past Thanksgiving, I was particularly thankful to our volunteers and the great work that they have done through a tough year. I was also thankful for the strong support of you, our members who continue to give to our library even when you haven't had the access you had in the past. And I look forward to a new year where we will have that access again, along with much more to celebrate.

Thank you for your support!

David Guidry

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Renew for 2021 with the Friends of the Saratoga Libraries



Because government funding pays only a portion of the Saratoga Libraries operating expenses, our Library wouldn't exist as it is today without support from the Friends of the Saratoga Libraries, a donor membership group comprised of generous people from across Saratoga, the neighboring communities, and neighboring states.

Thanks to the generosity of our members, the Friends provide library patrons access to research materials, new additions to the adult, teen, and children's collections, programs for adult literacy, programs for teens and children, clubs, book talks, library personnel, and so much more.

Currently for our 2020-2021 fiscal year, the Friends of the Saratoga Libraries has 440 members, including Life Members. Our goal this fiscal year is to double our membership - and we need our past years' members' support as well as new members to accomplish this goal.

As the tax-year ends, we are again reaching out to ask our 2019-2020 and 2018-2019 members to please renew membership and continue support of our wonderful Saratoga Library, all while receiving a 2020 charitable donation tax deduction. Also, as a thank you for your member donation support, members receive a subscription to our FSL Newsletter and our 2020-2021 members (including Life Members) receive early entry to our Black Friday "Good As New" sale for first access to the very best finds.

To renew, please go to www.fslonline.org/membership. You may renew online via Paypal payment processing or by mail, downloading our membership form and mailing it along with your check to:

Friends of the Saratoga Libraries
P.O. Box 2642 • Saratoga, CA 95070

"Friends Week" a Big Success

The Friends of the Saratoga Libraries joined other Friends groups across the United States in celebrating the 15th annual National Friends of Libraries Week, October 18th through the 24th. "Friends week" gives FSL an opportunity to promote the organization, highlight the many ways it contributes to our library, and thank volunteers and library staff. This year was a little different because of safety precautions but it was a huge success and a lot of fun. We celebrated the week with a membership drive, a couple of virtual Friends Sharing Books events and the launching of our new website. FSL board members and volunteers engaged with library patrons at a table in front of the library (safely distanced) and offered information about membership, the new website and Book-Go-Round. We put up signs around the library to get folks' attention and when someone joined right on the spot, (s)he received a mystery book wrapped in brown paper with a couple of tantalizing clues about its identity.



It was very encouraging to hear patrons and librarians express appreciation for our financial support and advocacy. We were excited to enroll new members too! One new member told us, "We love the library. Every summer we look forward to attending the summer programs for kids. We hugely appreciate this program and it is what pushed me to want to join." If you haven't renewed your membership for 2020/21, or if you're curious to know more about the Friends, visit our new website at fslonline.org. There you can join/renew online or find a printable form to mail in with your check. You can also find information about upcoming events and the list of recommendations from our recent Friends Sharing Books meetings.

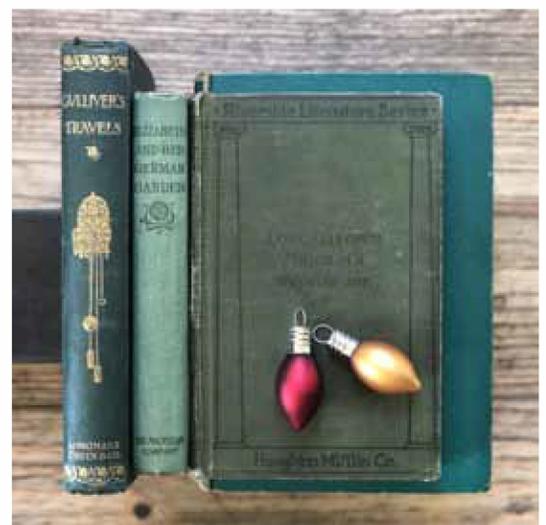
Shop With Us

Winter holidays are right around the corner, and this year, independent retailers across the nation are asking customers to start their shopping early. According to the American Booksellers Association, October and November were the new December!

Our Good as New Sale at the Book-Go-Round has been briefly postponed until Saturday, December 5. We will open our doors on the 5th from 10:00 am – 12:00 noon for members only (memberships can be purchased at the door), and from 12:00 – 7:00 pm to the public. Please stop by and shop our like-new gift titles in every category, along with our regular, ever-changing and eclectic inventory. Whether you are looking for gifts for friends and family, or something for yourself, we have lots of ideas. Our volunteers can make suggestions for you in the shop, and we have posted a list of reading recommendations from the October Friends Sharing Books Zoom events on our new website (fslonline.org). Please check out our newly designed website for all the information on who we are, future events, and what we do in support of the Library.

If you are looking for something especially unique, we encourage you to visit our eBay store (ebay.com/str/oakstbooks). We update the shop weekly, and oftentimes daily, so please check back frequently. If you would like to make a purchase on eBay and pick it up at the Book-Go-Round, message us on eBay, and we'll add free local pick up to the listing before you purchase. Please also be sure to follow us on Instagram [@oakstbooks](https://www.instagram.com/oakstbooks) for a preview of what is in the shop. Our eBay shopping link in the Instagram bio makes finding us easy.

We will be decking the halls of the Book-Go-Round with holiday inspiration, and so whatever you are reading, and however you shop this season, we hope you'll keep us in mind.



Saratoga Library Events, December 2020

Note: All of the programs are virtual and will be accessible via Facebook and/or Zoom.

For details on a specific program or to register for a program (if applicable), please go to www.sclcd.org/events.

Adults

Online English Conversation Club

Every Thursday, 11:00 am to 12:15pm Practice English at an online English Conversation Club session! Meet new friends and learn English together. Registration is required for each session. You will receive a Zoom link after registration and before each session. There will be no English Conversation Club on December 24 and 31. It will resume in the new year.

Beating the Blues

Tuesday, December 8, 2020, 7:00pm to 8:00pm The holidays can be stressful for most of us for a number of reasons: Expectations, history of difficult interactions with family and friends, and this year, the impact of Covid on get-togethers and planning. This webinar will focus on ways to anticipate and deal with likely problems surrounding holidays. Dolores Gallagher Thompson, Ph.D., will provide specific suggestions to manage Covid related holiday stress.

Online Chinese Book Club

Friday, December 11, 2020, 10:15am to 12:15pm This month the Club will discuss *The Spinoza Problem* by Irvin D. Yalom. The discussion will be in Mandarin.

Teens

SED Talks: Overcoming Obstacles

Saturday, December 5, 3pm Join Saratoga Library's Teen Advisory Board and Saratoga's Youth Commission for a panel discussion about overcoming obstacles. Listen to three short TED-style presentations followed by Q&A:

Nakul Desai, Senior at Saratoga High School: Fighting for Myself in an Unforgiving Environment

Jill Henderson, Founder of Life Launch: Get your Grab Bag Create a Foundation of Stability, Calm, and Control

Dr. Daniel Eisenberg, UCLA Fielding School of Public Health: Data and Research on Trends in Mental Health for Adolescents and College Students

Teen Crafternoon

Friday, December 18, 4pm Teens ages 13 - 17: join us for a virtual craft afternoon on Zoom and make some stars. If you are interested in participating in this event, email bspring@sclcd.org for a Zoom login.

Children

Holiday Puppet Show

Wednesday, December 2 at 4:00pm

Story of Ebenezer Scrooge

Monday, December 14 at 4:00pm A theatrical performance by Travelling Lantern. Zoom registration required.

Holiday Magic Show

Saturday, December 19 at 11:00am

Weekly Story-time program schedule (streamed via Facebook, no registration required):

Mondays: Family story-time 11:00 - 11:30am

Tuesdays: Family story-time 11:00 - 11:30am

Bedtime story-time 7:00 - 7:30pm

Wednesdays: Baby story-time 11:00 - 11:20am

Thursdays: Spanish/English story-time 11:00 - 11:30am

Fridays: Mandarin/English story-time 11:00 - 11:30am

Saturdays: Family story-time 11:00 - 11:30am

Art Programs for *school-age children* will be conducted on the first and third Tuesdays of each month from 4:00-4:45 pm. Zoom registration is required.

Science Programs for *school-age children* will be conducted on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month from 4:00 - 4:45 pm. Zoom registration is required.

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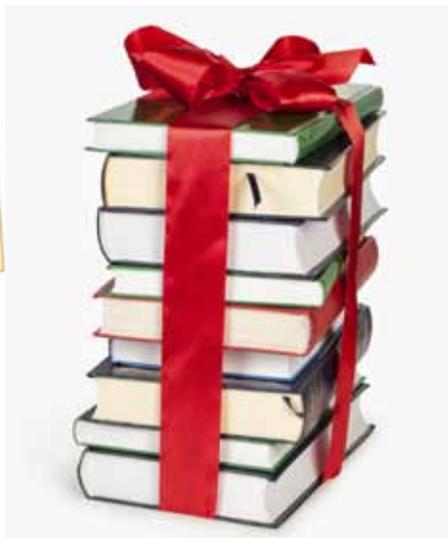


<p>14410 Oak Street @ Saratoga-Los Gatos Rd. (HWY 9) one block south of Big Basin Way, Saratoga Village (408) 867-5552 www.BookGoRound.com</p>	<p>Book-Go-Round NEWS OAK STREET USED BOOK STORE HOURS: Sunday - Friday (except Thursday): 12pm-5pm Thursday: 12pm-7:00pm Saturday: 10am-5pm <i>PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE SARATOGA LIBRARY</i></p>	<p>When in the Saratoga Library visit our Library Café Bookstore with Bargain Books section Open during library hours www.facebook.com/friendsaratogalibrary</p>
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