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Library

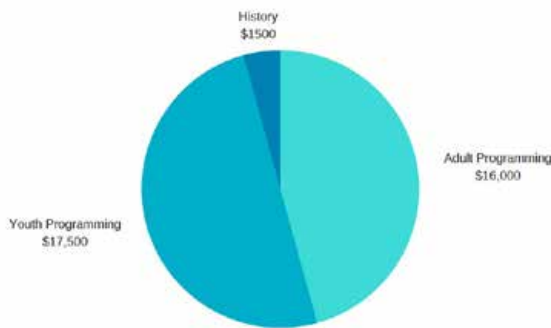
Off The Shelf

Friends Funds in Action!

Your donations paid for these library programs between July 2021 to June 2022:

Overview

- ~300 programs (in person, virtual, and hybrid)
- ~2,700 people attended programs
- More than 10,000 teen visits
- New partnerships with local organizations
- New outreach to local schools



Percentages Spent on...

- 40% Performers/Instructors
- 17% Programs supplies
- 15% Book club kits/Storytime titles/Storywalk books
- 11% Giveaways
- 8% Other
- 5% Kits
- 5% History

Performers and Instructors

- 23 performers and instructors for youth programs
- 21 performers and instructors for adult programs
- Programs offered both online and in person
- Cooking classes for kids and adults
- Storytelling with Asian Art Museum
- Birding, journaling, natural history with Santa Cruz Natural History Museum

Local History

- Supplies for organizing the collection, creating displays, and keeping archival materials protected
- Supplies for hands-on programming
- Subscriptions for researching patron questions and transcribing oral history interviews
- Shipping costs for digitizing over 50 years of funeral home records through the California Revealed grant

Program Supplies

- Supplies for craft programming in the Teen Room
- Kids' take-home craft kits
- Supplies for the children's garden
- Supplies for cooking classes (pretzel making, cake pop decorating)
- Supplies for art classes
- Seeds for Seed Library

Book Clubs, Storytimes & Storywalks

- Launched two new monthly book clubs (El Cafecito and Mystery Lovers) in addition to PM book clubs
- Hosted occasional bookclubs (Poetry Book Club, Middle Grade Book Club)
- Posted 12 new Storywalk books
- Storytime is BACK!

Kits, Puzzles & Games

- Currently have ~130 jigsaw puzzles and ~100 board games for circulation
- Art kits circulated almost 600 times!
- Naturalist Backpacks, Beach Backpacks, Writer's Satchels and Wellness Kits
- New Citizen Science Kits coming
- Ukeleles and sewing machines for the Library of Things; more instruments coming
- Donated 1619 Project Kits to any teacher or librarian in the district who wanted one.

Information courtesy of Los Gatos Library

Fall
2022



President's Letter

by Mary Brence Martin

Dear Friends,

Though summer is a traditional time for vacations, Los Gatos Library didn't take time off! It was as busy as ever, and its wonderful staff headed by Library Director Ryan Baker offered activities and presentations for all ages, including the popular Summer Reading Program. The majority of these programs were made possible by funding from the Friends.

The hardworking Friends board of directors and bookstore staff were also busy all summer, keeping the store open, receiving book donations and selling rarer items on Amazon. All books donated to the Friends go through the sorting room from which they're routed to the bookstore, the bookstore "annex" (the shelves just inside the library entrance) or Amazon. Some books—multiple copies of the same title, for example—are sent to Better World Books, and the Friends receives a percentage of the sale price.

It's always an exciting day in the sorting room when what at first appears to be an ordinary book is found to be a hot commodity on Amazon. Recently, a number of books have sold for more than \$100, every penny of which goes to fund library programs.

Patrons can donate up to 100 gently used books at a time on Tuesday and Thursday from 1-3 p.m. at the side door of the library (near the small parking lot to the left of the library).

We're fortunate to live in a community that is so generous in supporting the Friends—and, thus, the library—with contributions of money and books. Thank you! 🍀

Mary

Support the Friends!

As a nonprofit organization, the Friends of Los Gatos Library relies on revenue from its bookstore, membership dues and financial donations to provide funding for materials and a robust selection of library programs for people of all ages throughout the year. You can donate on our website: <https://friendsoflibrary.org>

The names of people who donate \$500 or more to the Friends of the Library are included on the permanent rolling screen on the lobby wall near the entrance to the children's room. The most recent donor whose name will be added to the screen is:

S. & J. McManis

Watch for news of our in-library Dipjar fundraiser on Giving Tuesday this Nov. 29.

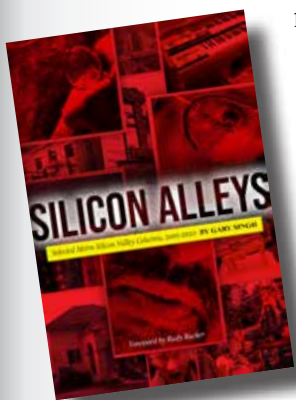


New Friends of the Library board members are (l. to r), Lisa Schirmer, Tricia Schaeffler, Vickie Wendell and Ana Sorooshian.

"Silicon Alleys" columnist Gary Singh talks about his latest book on Oct. 6

Mark your calendars for Oct. 6 at 5 p.m. when *San Jose Metro* columnist Gary Singh comes to the library for an eye-opening talk about his book *Silicon Alleys: Selected Metro Silicon Valley Columns, 2005-2020*. He'll be interviewed by professor and author Dr. Rudy Rucker, a Los Gatos, who taught Singh at San Jose State University (SJSU) and who wrote the book's foreword.

Since 2005, *Metro*, a San Jose alternative weekly newspaper, has featured "Silicon Alleys," which explores every aspect of America's 10th largest city "from punk rock to high art, from dive bars to luxury



digs, from literary vibes to forgotten history," as Singh's website puts it. The book contains more than 250 of the columns in chronological order.

"He is to San Jose what Herb Caen was to San Francisco—part of the city, part of its vibe" says Johnny Moore, former San Jose Earthquakes general manager.

Before becoming a writer, San Jose native Singh earned a bachelor's degree in music and a master's in interdisciplinary studies (a combination of music theory, new media art and creative writing) at SJSU and then worked in a wide variety of creative disciplines, including computer graphics, Dada performance and theater.

In addition to his column, Singh's published work includes more than 1,400 bylined pieces, including travel



essays, profiles, poetry, fiction, art and music criticism, plus another book, *The San Jose Earthquakes: A Seismic Soccer Legacy*. He has been a Steinbeck Fellow in Creative Writing at SJSU.

Dr. Rucker, a SJSU emeritus professor of computer science, is also a writer. His 40 published books include science fiction, novels, collections, and nonfiction books on the fourth dimension, infinity, and the meaning of computation. He received the Philip K. Dick award for his cyberpunk novel *Software*, and again for *Wetware*. His conversation with Singh promises to be a lively one, so don't miss it! 🌿



The Friends had a booth at each Wednesday-night Jazz in the Plazz concert this summer. Visitors to the booth were invited to spin a wheel to win prizes, which included books, stickers and T-shirts.

Friends of Los Gatos Library Bookstore

110 E. Main St., Los Gatos

Open: 1–5 p.m.

Wednesday through Sunday

Donations

Donate up to 100 lightly used books and DVDs at one time, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1-3 p.m. Bring them to the side door at the left of the library (*not* to the bookstore), 100 Villa Avenue, Los Gatos.

Volunteers

The bookstore is an all-volunteer effort. If you are interested in sorting books, doing Amazon sales or staffing the store, please complete an application form which you can pick up in the bookstore.



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OCT. 6 AT 5 P.M.
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NOV. 29

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