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Library

Off The Shelf

Treat Yourself at Willow Street, Los Gatos, on Monday, December 9!



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FUNDRAISING NEVER TASTED SO GOOD!
Our "Giving Back Fundraising Program" for local organizations welcomes the friends and family of:

FRIENDS OF THE LOS GATOS LIBRARY

"Be a part of what we do"

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9th, 2024

WILLOW STREET PIZZA
DOWNTOWN LOS GATOS

December can get hectic, so take a break from cooking—and support the Friends of the Library—by eating at Willow Street Pizza in Los Gatos all day on December 9. Whether you're eating in the restaurant or picking up takeout, present this coupon and Willow Street will donate 20 percent of your purchase of food and drink to the Friends.

Why not get some of your friends together to help the Friends by taking part in this fun fundraiser!

To participate, present this flyer electronically or on paper when you order. Willow Street will donate 20% of your Dine-In or Take-Out food and beverage purchases to your organization. Not valid with delivery orders.

Applicable at the above date and location only. Not valid with other Willow Street promotions or discounts. Please do not solicit other guests on the premises.

What the Friends Fund

All the funds the friends raise—from donations, grants, and bookstore and Amazon sales—support the wonderful programming for all ages that our library offers. Here are just a few of the things the Friends organization does with your support:

Storytimes • Book Clubs • Performers • Instructors in various skills • Local history • Puzzles • Kits • Board games • Seed Library • Online author talks • Crafts • Therapy dogs for teens during finals • Tech Tutoring ... and much, much more!



This Diwali dance performance by the Pagrav Dance Studio is just one of the many presentations made possible by the Friends.



A young library patron enjoys the play table paid for by the Friends.

Fall
2024



President's Letter

by Celia Bakke

Dear Friends,

The Friends board of directors and I are so appreciative of your being part of the Friends as volunteers and donors. Your enthusiastic support is helping the Friends develop into a strong and evolving organization. We always welcome new volunteers so please contact us through our website <https://friendsofglibrary.org/contact-us/> or fill out a form which is available in the bookstore.

The bookstore is our primary means of generating funds for the Los Gatos Library. These funds support the many programs that the library presents to the community each year. All of the slightly used books, puzzles and other items that are available for sale—at extremely reasonable prices—are generously donated to the Friends. We accept donations on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1-3 p.m. Volunteers are available to facilitate the process from the doors on the east side of the library at 100 Villa Ave. These doors face the back parking lot.

The displays and materials in the store change frequently, so there will always be something new to discover no matter how frequently you visit. And I'm pleased to announce that the store has a new supply of T-shirts in several styles and a range of sizes as well as tote bags. Now is a perfect time to visit the store to purchase holiday gifts for family and friends.

I particularly want to thank local businesses that have supported the Friends recently by scheduling Shop for a Cause days—Kismet Boutique and J. McLaughlin. And coming up on Monday, Dec. 9, Willow Street Wood-Fired Pizza which will be hosting a fundraiser for the Friends. Read more about the Willow Street event in this newsletter. I encourage you to support these businesses and to thank them on behalf of the Friends.

My best wishes for the upcoming holidays. And speaking of the holidays—if you're going to the 68th Annual Children's Christmas/Holidays Parade on Saturday, December 7, watch for the Friends of the Library entry!

Please contact me at celia.bakke@sjsu.edu if you have questions or would like to be involved in the Friends. 🍀



Generous Donors

Financial contributions of any amount are appreciated by the Friends. Every penny is used to support the many programs and speakers at our wonderful library.

The Friends are grateful to the following people who have donated \$500 or more since January. Their names will be listed on the scrolling screen near the Children's Room.

- Marie Arao for J. McLaughlin
- Renae de Santis
- Kathrine Edwards
- Carol Ann Giannandrea
- Catherine Grabinskii
- Edward & Phoebe Morimoto
- Dennis McEvoy & Kim Worsencroft
- Brian Outland
- John & Jean Richardson
- Charles Wade in memory of Kim Wade



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As in past summers, the Friends hosted a booth at the summer concert series Jazz on the Plazz. Visitors to the booth could spin the wheel to win prizes, including books from the Little Free Library. Mary Martin and Sue Tuttle were the staffers on August 14.

Bookstore Now Open on Tuesdays!

With the introduction of Tuesday open hours (1 to 5 p.m.), the Friends of the Library Bookstore is now open six days a week—just in time for your holiday shopping! The store is the perfect place to find like-new books to suit every age and interest. In November we will be featuring a half-off sale on books about crafts and entertaining and cookbooks, In December, customers will receive a free puzzle or game with their purchase, while supplies last. You can also purchase bookstore gift certificates, which make perfect stocking-stuffers or gifts for a teacher.

And speaking of shopping—why not pick up a Friends T-shirt or sturdy tote bag when you're in the store? These attractive items have been flying off the shelves and make great gifts. (All the sweatshirts have already been sold, but may reappear in the coming months.)

Don't forget about the lobby bookstore that's just inside the library doors. Most of the books are only \$1, so you can find some fantastic bargains. Large coffee-table books, which can be quite pricy when purchased new, will be featured after Thanksgiving until the holiday books appear in November and December.

For the second year, National Charity League (NCL), a mother-and-daughter service organization, chose our bookstore as the recipient of their philanthropic work. Not only do NCL mother/daughter teams staff some bookstore shifts, the group donated a sizable number of books to the bookstore. You'll find these "Peer to Peer Reads" books displayed just inside the main door to the bookstore. NCL volunteers also set up and staffed the first End of Summer Blowout Book Sale in September. If you know a NCL member, please thank them for their support and generosity. 🌿



Evelyn, a seasoned bookstore volunteer, is working with Vana, a newish volunteer.

Want to Volunteer?

The Friends of the Library Bookstore is an all-volunteer effort. If you are interested in staffing the store, please complete an application form which you can pick up in the bookstore. Retail experience is a plus, but not a prerequisite. Questions? Email Sue Tuttle, volunteer coordinator, at 2subtle@comcast.net

Friends of Los Gatos Library Bookstore

110 E. Main St., Los Gatos

All money made in the bookstore, which is an all-volunteer effort, goes to support the library's many programs for community members of all ages. The bookstore is located near the fountain on the plaza up the stairs to the right of the library.

Tuesday	1-5 p.m.
Wednesday	1-5 p.m.
Thursday	1-5 p.m.
Friday	1-5 p.m.
Saturday	10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sunday	10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Donations

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

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SAVE THE DATE!
**Dec. 6 – Los Gatos Children’s
Christmas/Holidays Parade**
**Dec. 9 –
Willow Street Fundraiser**

Friends on Parade!

Watch for the Friends marching in the 68th Annual Children’s Christmas/Holidays Parade on Saturday, December 7. We will be accompanied by The Grinch!



After many years of serving on the Friends of the Library board as treasurer, Tom Atkinson retired from that job, but he still heads up the bookstore sorting room crew.

Donate to Friends of Los Gatos Library

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To make a tax-deductible gift and become a Friend of Los Gatos Library, please complete the form below and mail to: Friends of Los Gatos Library, 100 Villa Ave., Los Gatos, CA 95030. You can also donate on the Friends website: <https://friendsoflibrary.org>

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