Library Patrons thank you for turning Books into Candy!

I t’s that time of year again! Time for the public to head over the Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium and find great deals on books. You provide funds to the library when you donate books and media throughout the year. Those donations allow us to fill the Civic with goodies. AND allow you to purchase books for yourself while benefitting the library once again! THANK YOU!

We also couldn’t host these large book sales without the help of volunteers. They sort books, and find those treasures that you donated, carefully packing them for our large sales.

Kathy Normadin is one such volunteer. She works both to sort and prepare books, and at the sale. She enjoys volunteering at these sales because they, “are a real ‘happening.’ So many people in our community come out and it is inspiring to see how many people still love to read and are excited by books.”

This upcoming sale will be even more of a happening. On Saturday from 11–2 you can enjoy food from Penny Ice Creamery and Ate3One. They’ll be parked just outside the Civic! AND if your child comes in costume to the sale, they’ll get a free book. Most books and media will be $1–3.

Why is Kathy a Friend to the Library? “Libraries are like a big candy store, but everything is free. What could be better to a book lover?”

“You bring over $21,000 in funds to the library when you donate books and media year round.”
Two Summer Reading Program participants pause while making maracas to go along with this year’s theme, “Read to the Rhythm.”

Over 1,200 People Made it the Largest Festival of the Book This Last Summer!

Janis O’Driscoll, Interim Director of Libraries

Although the weather in Santa Cruz County wavers between summer and fall, autumn has begun in earnest in all the branch libraries after a very successful summer. The extraordinary efforts of the Program Team resulted in 3432 young readers tracking their summer reading. A record 33,726 book bucks were earned over the summer averaging 18 books per reader. 273 programs attracted 9772 children; the largest Festival of the Book ever welcomed 1200 people.

Now the fall calendar beckons: Journaling workshops with Patrice Vecchione, Homework Help, Willing Suspension Armchair Theater, Ancestry.com workshops. Our Citizen Science monthly series is supported by UCSC, the Santa Cruz Museum of Natural History, and the Discovery Museum for Children. All Library programs are listed at www.santacruzpl.org/events

The Reference Team is answering questions, branch and Bookmobile staff are ready to make your next visit a great experience, storytimes and toddler times have begun, and teachers are calling to arrange class visits. The Selection Team is ordering new materials for you to choose and the IT staff is making sure technology is supporting all Library functions. Celebrate Fall at your Library.

Your Neighborhood Library Can Now Purchase Those Needed Items Thanks to You!

In August the Friends gave the library the accumulated donations you have given for the individual branches. These funds will be used to purchase needed materials, such as shelves and materials. You’ve also helped purchase books, and CDs, and other media for your branches. The whole amount was over $11,000! Each branch received:

- Aptos: $810
- Boulder Creek: $239
- Branciforte: $647
- Capitola: $1,685
- Downtown: $645
- Felton: $495
- Garfield Park: $1,423
- La Selva Beach: $3,737
- Scotts Valley: $1,355
- Live Oak: $607

Our Mission  The Friends of the Santa Cruz Public Libraries, Inc., is a non-profit organization whose members support the Santa Cruz city-county library system through fundraising, volunteer services and advocacy.
The Friends Bookworm happily poses with Festival of the Book participants. You can support the Festival by donating today!

"We LOVE the library!
My son and I (age 6) have gone to a different branch of the Santa Cruz Libraries nearly every day this summer. The Summer Reading Program is sensational. It has absolutely provided motivation in our house to continue reading over the summer. AND, we've gone to all of the FREE summer programs that have been put on this summer...Reptiles? Magic? Puppet Shows? Really? Wow! So, what can we say? WE LOVE THE LIBRARY! Thank you so much for making our lives happier!"

–Zoë and Rocklin

The Friends Bookworm
Carolyn and Arthur Nathan’s Grandson is Why They Make the Libraries Wonderful!

Carolyn, one of our fabulous donors, has always been involved with her local libraries, so when she and her husband moved here three years ago, going to the library and getting their cards was one of the first things they did upon arriving.

Carolyn is a grandmother passionate about literacy. “My favorite memory is reading to my grandson when he came to visit. He wanted to go to the library, and we went to the Downtown Library, upstairs to the children’s area, and we went and read a book together in the library. That is a very special memory for me.”

The Summer Reading Program is her favorite program because it promotes reading for kids of all ages… Her grandson participated for the first time this year.

Carolyn also loves the Friends book sales! “I immediately go to the kid’s room and pick out books for my grandson,” she says.

Join Carolyn in creating exceptional local libraries! Donate today. And don’t forget to come to the Fall Book Sale on October 23rd (members only) and 24th (open for all)!