Thank You for Guiding Santa Cruz Libraries into the 21st Century!

“The results of your efforts will be felt by our community for decades to come.” Janis O’Driscoll, Libraries’ Deputy Director

Your engagement with libraries resulted in positive plans for three NEW branches!

**Capitola Branch:** Even with unexpected construction bids of over $1,000 a sq. ft., your constant support of this branch guarantees a teen space and community meeting room for the future library! Keep on the lookout for a groundbreaking date before the year ends.

> “The ability for libraries to remain relevant to my changing life is just one of the many reasons I love them. Capitola’s library is still, at its heart, a community center.” Gayle Ortiz, owner of Gayle’s Bakery.

**Downtown S.C. Branch:** The Santa Cruz City Council heard your enthusiasm for a new library on Cedar Street! They voted to move the plans forward for a 44,000 sq. ft. library!

> I support a library on Cedar Street because I want a new library that is:
>  - A family friendly place to read, connect, and be inspired
>  - A safe after school space for children and teens
>  - A library that Santa Cruz can be proud of!
> —Sent to the Council from scores of library patrons

**Felton Branch:** Your vocal support for the library/park combo ensured a one-time state funding of $1 million, allowing groundbreaking to be AHEAD of schedule!

> “This project is an innovative model for engaging communities in environmental literacy through their library services,” says California State Librarian Greg Lucas.

Because of your generosity, every Santa Cruz Public Library enjoys innovation inside its building and an engaged community throughout. Thank you.

Please contact your Friends@FSCPL.org if you would like to get involved in the remodel or design planning of your library.
A team of UCSC students bring Romeo & Juliet to life for Boulder Creek residents.

You Brought Great Summer Events to the Library’s Amphitheater

Dyane Harwood, local author and Boulder Creek library patron, writes to thank you.

The library’s outdoor stage has the feel of a typical town square in Boulder Creek, and attracts residents who normally wouldn’t be able to afford these unique events.

Shakespeare to Go’s team of UCSC students kicked off the Boulder Creek Library Amphitheater’s summer season with a spirited production of Romeo and Juliet. We had a great audience turnout!

Theatergoers enjoyed the exciting, rough-and-tumble fight scenes between the Montagues and Capulets. The lead characters’ timeless declarations of love were beautifully acted. (“O Romeo, Romeo! Wherefore art thou Romeo?) At the close of the 50-minute-long version of the play, there were many raised hands for the Q&A session with the actors.

It was a wonderful afternoon! —Dyane

Visit FSCPL.org to fund another wonderful summer season at the Boulder Creek Library!

Where Did my Dial-A-Story Go?

Library volunteers enjoyed reading short stories into a voice mail system for children to call in and listen to at any time. But they didn’t know if anyone actually listened, so last month they came to the hard decision to stop the program.

“I was kinda sad when I called in and got the disconnected tone,” Says Rick, a Plantronics employee.

WOW, we didn’t know!

Plantronics’ engineers had discovered Dial-a-Story awhile back and enjoyed using the long phone call for their casual testing of their headphones. “It was great! So relaxing listening to a wonderful story while conducting these tests,” Says Rick

Are you missing Dial-A-Story too? Please email Friends@fscpl.org, if you or your children enjoyed listening to the stories either in the English or Spanish version. We don’t want to deprive Santa Cruz County of any story time.

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• Stephanie Kimball

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My Wonderful Mommy, Audrey Mendoza
• Laura Mendoza
Volunteering at my Library Keeps Me Engaged With my Community

My experiences with libraries were very ordinary. I used them for pleasure reading and school research projects. So, when I decided to volunteer with the Friends, I assumed I’d be helping out with book sales.

Instead, my eyes were opened to the multitude of programs and events offered year round! Author talks, tutoring, maker’s labs, concerts, summer reading programs… and it’s all for FREE. It’s inspiring to see the positive value libraries bring to so many people.

I’ve been a board member of the Friends now for over four years. Not only have I made new friends and been able to give back to our community, I’ve gained a new perspective on the value libraries provide. It gives me a greater sense of purpose and satisfaction while keeping me engage with my community.

Thanks to Measure S, our libraries, updated and remodeled, will continue to provide services and more for generations of citizens. Being a part of this process is incredibly rewarding and I encourage everyone to volunteer… because it’s fun! —Aaron Brandt

Aaron Brandt hosts a Peter and the Wolf concert at your library.