Join the Conversation to Strengthen Your Community!

The next step for Measure S begins with your hopes and dreams.

This June, you approved Measure S to modernize and repair the 10 branches in your library system. And over 70% of county voters agreed with you!

Friends of the Libraries participated in the campaign by volunteering, spreading the word, and funding campaign projects. In a two year period, your donations totaled over $55,000 for the future of your libraries.

Early polling showed that the community supported their libraries but were unaware of the need for updated facilities or how Measure S would help. You made it possible for the campaign to reach voters through mailers explaining what Measure S would achieve.

S.C. Public Libraries is now planning a three year strategic plan to determine how to implement Measure S funding. The goal is to continue transforming lives and strengthening communities in Santa Cruz County.

“The first step is to learn from community members the strengths and challenges of each of our neighborhoods,” says Janis O’Driscoll, Manager of System Services for the Library. “The future path for library programs and buildings will follow the direction determined by these discussions.”
Friends hope to finish planting the Water-Wise Garden by year’s end with your help!

Friends win a Water-Wise Garden Mini Grant for the Aptos Library!

Friends from the Aptos Chapter thank the Soquel District Water Board for supporting their new landscape garden to replace the grass area in front of the Aptos Branch. This showcase project will provide water-saving and budget benefits to the Library, while offering landscape learning opportunities to the public.

Cammie Brown of Serenity by Dezign, and the Cabrillo College Horticulture Department will work with Friends from the Aptos Chapter to hopefully complete the garden project by the end of this year. **But donations are still needed for plantings supplies, gopher baskets and plants for the Water-Wise Garden.**

You can donate to the garden project or volunteer at the garden, contact FriendsOfTheAptosLibrary@fscpl.org

Important Features for Capitola’s New Library Discovered on Friends’ Tour

Friends from the Capitola Chapter recently toured four newly built libraries, including Scotts Valley Branch Library, Santa Clara Northside Branch, San Jose’s Pearl Avenue Branch and the Los Gatos Library. Their purpose was to learn about modern library design features, as well as lessons learned from architects and library staff.

“The highlights were the public art, plentiful natural light, multipurpose indoor and outdoor areas and the creative children’s and teen areas,” commented Barbara Gorson, President of the Friends of Capitola Branch Library Chapter. “The need for flexible, multipurpose space was a theme that came out loud and clear at each of our stops.”

Join the conversation about the future Capitola branch, become a Friend today!

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.
A GREAT BIG THANK YOU to these Friends for their recent donations!
Gifts from May through early September 2016

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Look for your MEMBERS ONLY postcard in the mail!

And shop at the Big Book Sale on Friday October 21st!

• $50+ member entry at 5 pm.
• $35+ member entry at 6 pm.

You can become a member at fscpl.org or at the Civic, Friday Oct. 21st!

Do you dream of RUNNING A SMALL BOOKSTORE?

Contact Roxanne today and volunteer at your downtown branch!!

Shifts available at the bookstore.
Roxanne@fscpl.org or 621-0800 to sign up.

Drive your truck for the Friends!

We need help about once a month to move boxes of donated books to the Friends Storage site.
Please contact Roxanne at Roxanne@fscpl.org or 621-0800 to offer your services.

And if your truck comes with a couple of strong friends, ALL THE BETTER!

Thank you for donating today! You bring popular programs, such as the Youth Chess Club, to your library.
Please Say "Farewell, Ron!" and "Welcome, Roxanne!"

Ron D'Alessandro, your Volunteer Coordinator since 2009, moved with his wife Judy to Santa Rosa this summer. They’re looking forward to spending more time with their son, daughter-in-law and granddaughter who live there. Ron “thanks everyone who dedicates their time and phenomenal hard work helping with the big book sales, running the library bookstore and sorting the tens of thousands of books donated every year. We can’t do it without you!"

Roxanne Carlson is your new Volunteer Coordinator. She’s an Aptos native who recently graduated from UC Berkeley. She lives in La Selva Beach and enjoys her LSB branch tremendously, but credits her enthusiasm for libraries to the many hours spent in the children’s room of the Aptos Branch.

If you’re looking for a fun volunteer project, please contact Roxanne@fscpl.org or call her at 831-621-0800.

**Please send your farewell thoughts to Ron on our Facebook page: @FriendsSCPL!**