My Larger Gift to the Friends Brings a 50-Year Return to my Community

By Tricia Wynne

Libraries have invested daily in my wellbeing. They’ve provided me with free resources and activities throughout my life — ensuring that my place in society is a good one!

When I was a little girl, I visited the library with my family. Later, I joined my friends at the library.

I spent my college years in the library — both to study and to earn wages as a student worker.

I raised my son in the library, and enjoyed many mornings selecting the perfect books for both of us.

YES! I’m a reader — with a long list of books reserved at any given time. I love the Lucky Day shelf - where I often find those same books I try to wait patiently for. I’m also happy that I can download audio books from the library to enjoy when I travel.

Now that I’m retired, I’ve found volunteer projects at my library, including Tales to Tails, contacting businesses for the Summer Reading Program, and participating with the Aptos Chapter of the Friends. Each activity is important and rewarding.

With all that libraries have given to me, I’m saying ‘Thank You’ by significantly increasing my annual donation this year and for the next several years. It’s my turn to give back by creating a 21st Century Library for my community.

This gift will be one of the most significant gifts I make in my life. It’s an investment: It creates a library that enriches my communities in Aptos and Santa Cruz County for the next 50 years.
Sewing, bookbinding, 3D printing are just a few of the projects you can work on at "The Lab."

Generous Friends Build The Lab for the Scotts Valley Branch

“I’m so happy that you have made this possible for our community. I am truly grateful and humbled,” says Jenn Hooker, Scotts Valley Librarian.

Several months ago, Jenn approached your Friends in Scotts Valley with the idea of creating a Makerspace program. Friends immediately got on board with building a 21st Century Makerspace!

Due to your generosity, The Lab opened in April and is a huge success! People of all ages are enjoying your gift to the Scotts Valley Branch. A woman brought her two sons in to learn to use one of the sewing machines, seniors are experiencing virtual reality for the first time, and adults are learning that you don’t need to be an artist to be creative.

The Lab is open every other Friday morning during the summer. Library staff and Friends volunteers are available to answer your questions and to train you on the use of the equipment.

Your donations to the Friends will keep all of the SCPL’s Makerspaces fully stocked this year. Thank you!

Exciting Progress for the Felton Branch Library and Park

A $395,000 grant from California State Parks gave the Felton Library and Nature Park Project a huge boost this month. Felton’s unique library/park combination will provide community members of all ages with free access to resources and opportunities for discovery and self-directed exploration, with an emphasis on environmental literacy.

Construction of the new library, near downtown Felton, is expected to begin this summer. And the adjoining park property, bisected by Bull Creek, is an integral element of the property. Both projects expect to open in the Fall of 2019.

Together, the new Felton Branch Library and Nature Discovery Park strengthen and celebrate the mountain community’s commitment to lifelong learning and environmental stewardship. The Friends and its Felton Chapter are currently fundraising to provide the additional needed support for the library including furniture in the Children’s Room, expanded collections, and new technology.

To learn how you can be a part of the new Felton Library, please visit www.FeltonLibraryFriends.org or contact Vivian@fscpl.org.

Look for your invite to the 5th Edition of the Relax at Home Gala Event. Nina Simon & Beau Barcus host this year’s popular event!
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To the very grateful words of encouragement from tired book sale volunteers, a group of UCSC students jumped in and cleared the books remaining at the end of the Capitola Closing Sale.

In what appeared to be minutes, over 30 students spanned the shelves, boxed remaining books, created an assembly line, and loaded up a Goodwill truck. All to the hoorays and cheers of the volunteers who had worked the full day of the Sale and were ready to go home.

The Friends are very appreciative of Alpha Phi Fraternity and Sigma Omicron Pi Sorority. These students truly made ‘cleaning up’ a light and easy task to handle . . . or if we’re being honest . . . a fun task to watch!

Please let your Friends know if you have a group of volunteers who would like to show off their talents! Email Mary@fscpl.org to hear about the next BIG volunteer project.

Your Friends were charmed by a group of UC students at the Capitola Closing Sale.