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# FRIENDS OF THE SANTA CRUZ PUBLIC LIBRARIES

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Hello from the Friends of the Santa Cruz Public Libraries!

August has been an unbelievable month for everyone. Staffing at the Library, the Friends office, and for several Board members has been directly impacted by the wildfires. We offer our best wishes to everyone. Please be advised that if you contact us about donating books to the Friends, we have severely limited ability to accept donations at this time due to the pandemic. Please send an email to - [books@fscpl.org](mailto:books@fscpl.org) and leave a message describing your book donation and your location and we will try (but can't promise) that we will try to make alternative arrangements for receiving your donation. We will respond as soon as possible. Thank you.

*-Martín Gomez, Interim Executive Director*

## **Ebooks for Students, Families and Teachers Campaign**

Everyone's routines have been affected by the current pandemic, but few things have changed more than the "back to school" process for 40,000 Santa Cruz County students, their families and their teachers. Because the county's 10 school districts are operating remotely this fall, the Santa Cruz Public Library's online resources are more important than ever.

While Equal Access Santa Cruz is working to make sure each student has an internet connection, we are working to ensure that teachers and students have access to materials. We are pleased to announce that we have partnered Santa Cruz County schools for a new campaign to put electronic resources in the hands of our teachers and students. This year, we anticipate much greater need for these digitally accessed materials.

The Santa Cruz Public Libraries need at least \$25,000 to add to their current collection. Can you help us in making this school year one of accomplishment?

**Donate to the Ebooks For Students, Families, and Teachers Campaign**

*"The Santa Cruz Libraries' digital resources are fundamental to the distance learning we are providing in the Santa Cruz schools. As this process continues, we will be relying on them more and more" – Kris Munro, Superintendent, Santa Cruz City Schools*



We are offering donors to this campaign the following thank you gifts:

The first 30 donors at \$50 - Santa Cruz Warriors Stemless Wine Glasses and Corkscrew



Donors at \$500 or more will receive a handmade facemask designed by Santa Cruz artist Susan Skirvin



Donors at \$100 or more will receive an invitation to a live web interview on October 1st with **Susan Orlean**, author of *The Library Book*. She is most recently the author of *The Library Book*. Ms. Orlean will be interviewed by **Nikki Silva** of the Kitchen Sisters, as heard on NPR.



Susan Orlean has been a staff writer for *The New Yorker* since 1992. Her work also has appeared in *Vogue*, *Rolling Stone*, *Esquire*, and *Outside*. She is best known as the bestselling author of *The Orchid Thief* and *The Library Book*.

Nikki Silva is one half of the Santa Cruz-based, Peabody-award winning duo The Kitchen Sisters. The pair is best known for their shows such as *Hidden Kitchens* and *The Hidden World of Girls* on NPR.



## **Chapter Updates**



**Felton** - The San Lorenzo Valley and Bonny Doon have endured raging fires and subsequent evacuations for the past few weeks. Many folks in Bonny Doon and Boulder Creek have lost their homes, the water system has been severely damaged, and many fire weakened trees continue to fall, damaging and blocking roads.

It's going to take a long time and a lot of work to return to some kind of normal. We look forward to the return of curbside services at the Felton Branch. When the new library can reopen at some point in the future, its resources and gathering spaces will surely be a vital part of our community's recovery. Felton Library Friends will meet in October to discuss how our organization can support our community during this recovery. Stay tuned.



**Aptos**- Plans for the new Aptos library, scheduled to open in 2022, have been finalized by architects. Aptos Friends were happy to be included on the team which included Santa Cruz County representatives as well as SCPL and Aptos Library

representatives. Feedback from three community member meetings were incorporated into the design. There will be a zoom meeting in late September to share the final plans with the community. [Check out the Aptos Friends website later this month for the meeting date and time.](#)

OCR 2021: The OCR team will host a zoom meeting this month to present four books selected as finalists. There will be an on-line vote immediately following the meeting to select the winner! [Check out the Aptos Friends website for more details.](#)

## **Library Updates**

A quick guide to what's happening in the SCPL.

[Service Disruptions for Technology](#) - On September 13th, the Santa Cruz Public Libraries will be undergoing a major technology infrastructure upgrade. While this is great news, it does mean that on that day from 3am to 9Pm, all pieces of electronic infrastructure for the libraries will be unavailable. This includes the website, online catalog, digital collections, WiFi access spots, and the SCPL app. Plan accordingly!

[September Tech Talks](#) - Feel that technology is sometimes confusing? This month, SCPL has put together a round of short, free, Zoom classes available to the general public on how to get the most out of your phones as a piece of utility. [Find out more information and register here.](#)

Dewey Decibel Interview - SCPL director Susan Nemitz was recently interviewed by American Libraries about the Santa Cruz Library response to COVID. [Take a listen here!](#)

## **Be counted**

In what is an important facet of our society, we urge everyone to take part in the 2020 census if they haven't done so already. It's important, safe, and easy! [Complete the census here.](#)

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