



THE SANTA CLARA CITY LIBRARY FOUNDATION AND FRIENDS

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Spreading Literacy Throughout Santa Clara

“The primary goal of our book sales is to raise money for the Santa Clara City Library,” says executive director JoAnn Davis, “but we ultimately want to get the donated books into the hands of children, families, and the people who want them.” A study published in Social Science Research in January 2019 found a correlation between the number of books in a home library



and higher levels of both literacy and numeracy in adulthood. It also leads to a lifetime of knowledge seeking. The benefits increase at 80 books at home, and seem to level off at around 350.

This issue of our newsletter shows what happens to your book, movie, and music donations after you bring them to the library (see graphic inside). And indeed, we sell books for only a couple of dollars apiece. That is a bargain for anyone looking to expand their home library. It also allows us to raise tens of thousands of dollars for the library. But not all donated books are sold. Additionally, not everyone

in the community can make it to our book sales.

We partner with other community organizations to get books to readers of all ages, including:

- The Rotary Club of Santa Clara hosts an annual Christmas for Kids program, which we are delighted to donate books to. The children can select the books they want to read.

- Readers of all ages can find books at Free Little Libraries located at fire stations throughout Santa Clara.
- The Santa Clara Schools Foundation, the Rotary Club of Santa Clara, and the SCUSD's Family Resource Center partner to host Steps for Success.

Steps for Success is a program that helps students get new shoes as well as take home as many donated books as they want.

These partnering organizations, as well as others, allow us to get books into the hands of people who need them. All of this work, including supporting our world class public library, supports our mission of enriching life-long learning in Silicon Valley.



Santa Clara City Library Hours

	Central Park Library 2635 Homestead Rd	Mission Branch Library 1098 Lexington St	Northside Library 695 Moreland Way
Monday	10 AM - 6 PM	9 AM - 5 PM	10 AM - 6 PM
Tuesday	10 AM - 7 PM	11 AM - 7 PM	10 AM - 7 PM
Wednesday	10 AM - 7 PM	9 AM - 5 PM	10 AM - 6 PM
Thursday	10 AM - 7 PM	9 AM - 5 PM	10 AM - 7 PM
Friday	10 AM - 6 PM	9 AM - 5 PM	10 AM - 6 PM
Saturday	10 AM - 4 PM	9 AM - 4 PM	10 AM - 4 PM
Sunday	1 PM - 5 PM	closed	closed

Thanking our Fabulous Volunteers

The Santa Clara City Library Foundation and Friends wouldn't be able to support the library, sell books, and support high literacy levels throughout Silicon Valley without our volunteers! Over 100 volunteers donate their time across our organization.

Please join us in thanking them for all of the ways we all come together to spread a love of reading, books, and literacy in Santa Clara!



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What happens to the donated books?

60,000+ books are donated to the Santa Clara City Library Foundation and Friends every year. It takes over 100 volunteers to sort and sell them, to raise money for the Santa Clara City Library.

Books come in from the library and from our community

The librarians take some for the collection, and we sell the rest to raise money for library programs



Books, movies, and music are sorted by sales channel

- 5 teams per week
- 2 to 4 volunteers in each team

Some books go to our online store

- List new books 3 days a week
- 3 volunteers
- Ship sold books 3 days per week
- 3 volunteers



Some books go to the Friends of the Library Bookstore at Central Park Library

- 2 volunteers dedicated just to restocking
- 2 days per week
- 18 weekly sales shifts



Some books go to Northside

- Book Nook is restocked 3 times every week
- One volunteer
- Friday Patio sales are 2-3 volunteers
- Saturday Patio sales take 8 total volunteers



The rest of the books go to our big monthly sales at Central Park Library

- Sales are the third weekend of every month, except December
- Set up happens on Friday morning
- Around 5-10 volunteers
- Sell on Friday afternoons from 12-1 (for friends members)
- 4 volunteers
- Sell on Friday afternoons from 3:30 - 5:30 (for all)
- 4 volunteers
- Sell on Saturdays
- 7 volunteers in two shifts = 14 volunteers



During non monthly book sale weeks, over 50 volunteers donate their time to the Foundation and Friends



During monthly book sale weeks? It's over 90.

Thank you to all our volunteers! If you want to join our team, let us know at: lovethelibrary.org/volunteer

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Library Giving Day



Get a free ticket to Librarypalooza by donating on Library Giving Day!

Get a free ticket to Librarypalooza when you donate \$500 or more on Library Giving Day, Tuesday April 1. Join your community and support literacy and education in Santa Clara and Silicon Valley.

Your tax dollars support the Santa Clara City Library, but your donations to the Foundation and Friends allow the library to take its services further - to explore, change, and innovate to meet the needs of our

community. You can donate many ways:

- With your credit card on our website
- Set up a monthly donation online
- By writing a check
- Via stock
- By donating your vehicle

All are welcome! And, if you donate \$500 or more, you'll get a free ticket to Librarypalooza to celebrate with your fellow library lovers!

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Librarypalooza

Unlocking future stories

Support Literacy at Librarypalooza

You can help the Santa Clara City Library Foundation and Friends support literacy and the Santa Clara City Library by joining us at Librarypalooza, our annual fundraising gala. Meet other library lovers as we all raise money together to support programs like Summer Adventure, Comic Con, and more in Santa Clara.

Join us on April 5, starting at 5pm at the Triton Museum of Art, as we fundraise for and celebrate literacy, education, and the Santa Clara City Library! Tickets are on sale now, please visit lovethelibrary.org/librarypalooza.



2025 Book Sales
 Subject to change, visit lovethelibrary.org for the most up to date information

Central Park Library
 March 14+15
 May 16+17
 June 20+21
 July 18+19
 August 15+16
 September 19+20
 October 17+18
 November 14+15
 Please note there will be no book sale in April

Northside Library
 April 12+25
 May 9+23
 June 13+27
 July 11+25
 August 8+22
 September 12+26

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