



THE SANTA CLARA CITY LIBRARY FOUNDATION AND FRIENDS

SPRING NEWSLETTER

2026

Year of Impact at the Santa Clara City Library

The Santa Clara City Library continues to thrive as a cornerstone of lifelong learning in Santa Clara and Silicon Valley, bringing people together through books, programs, and shared experiences. Your support has shown what our library can be when it's embraced by its community and supported by the Santa Clara City Library Foundation and Friends.

You have used the library in so many ways, from browsing the shelves to attending programs like **26 in 2026**, **The Big Read**, and **Summer Adventure**. And the results speak for themselves. Last year, there were:

- Over **750,000 visits** to the library
- More than **1.8 million items checked out**
- Nearly **1,500 classes and events hosted**
- And **71,000 attendees** across programs

These numbers represent curiosity, creativity, and connection in our community. Thank you for showing up by attending programs, buying books from the Friends of the Library, donating books, volunteering, and more!

More Than Books

Santa Clara City Library remains one of the few places where everything is free and accessible to all. It's a space for early literacy and lifelong learning, a hub for cultural celebration, and a safe, welcoming environment for people of all ages, backgrounds, and creeds.

Tax dollars enable the very existence of the library. Still, philanthropic support from donors allows the library to take its services further. Our funds help the library explore, change, and innovate to best meet the needs of our community.



Celebrating 25 Years of Support

This year marks the **25th anniversary of the Santa Clara City Library Foundation and Friends**. Since 2001, the organization has raised over \$5 million to support the library and its programs. We have played a vital role in enhancing library services, supporting everything from innovative classes and resources to community-centered events.

That support can be seen in programs throughout the year, including:

- Cultural celebrations such as Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month, Pride, and Día de los Muertos
- STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) learning opportunities
- Teen programs that offer safe, engaging after-school spaces
- Storytimes that help build early literacy skills

Each of these programs helps ensure the library remains a place where everyone feels they belong.

Looking Ahead

April 1, 2026, is Library Giving Day: a moment to celebrate libraries everywhere and the role they play in strengthening communities. We ask that you donate whatever amount you are able so we can continue to help make the Santa Clara City Library one of the best libraries in California.

Thank you for being part of the Santa Clara City Library Foundation and Friends community!

Book Sale &

Trivia Night on Wednesday, April 1, starting at 7 PM at Taplands Brewery

Book Sale on Friday, April 10, from 10 AM to 12 PM at Northside Library

Book Sale on Monday, April 13, from 10 AM to 12 PM at Mission Branch Library

Book Sale on Friday, April 17, from 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM at Central Park Library

Book Sale on Saturday, April 18, from 10 AM to 2 PM at Central Park Library



Event Dates

STEM Zone on Sunday, April 19, from 10 AM to 4 PM at the Santa Clara Convention Center

Book Sale on Sunday, April 19, from 1 PM to 3 PM at Central Park Library

Book Sale on Friday, April 24, from 10 AM to 12 PM at Northside Library

Book Sale on Friday, May 8, from 10 AM to 12 PM at Northside Library

Book Sale on Monday, May 11, from 10 AM to 12 PM at Mission Branch Library

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Book Sale & Event Dates Continued

25th Anniversary Gala on Saturday, May 16, from 6 PM to 9 PM at the Triton Museum of Art

Book Sale on Friday, May 22, from 10 AM to 12 PM at Northside Library

Summer Adventure Begins, Monday, June 1

Book Sale on Monday, June 8, from 10 AM to 12 PM at Mission Branch Library

Book Sale on Friday, June 12, from 10 AM to 12 PM at Northside Library

Book Sale on Friday, June 19, from 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM at Central Park Library

Book Sale on Saturday, June 20, from 10 AM to 2 PM at Central Park Library

Book Sale on Sunday, June 21, from 1 PM to 3 PM at Central Park Library

Book Sale on Friday, June 26, from 10 AM to 12 PM at Northside Library

Book Sale on Friday, July 10, from 10 AM to 12 PM at Northside Library

Book Sale on Monday, July 13, from 10 AM to 12 PM at Mission Branch Library

Book Sale on Friday, July 17, from 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM at Central Park Library

Book Sale on Saturday, July 18, from 10 AM to 2 PM at Central Park Library

Book Sale on Sunday, July 19, from 1 PM to 3 PM at Central Park Library

Book Sale on Friday, July 24, from 10 AM to 12 PM at Northside Library

Book Sale on Friday, August 7, from 10 AM to 12 PM at Northside Library

Book Sale on Monday, August 10, from 10 AM to 12 PM at Mission Branch Library

Book Sale on Friday, August 14, from 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM at Central Park Library

Book Sale on Saturday, August 15, from 10 AM to 2 PM at Central Park Library

Book Sale on Sunday, August 16, from 1 PM to 3 PM at Central Park Library

Book Sale on Friday, August 21, from 10 AM to 12 PM at Northside Library

Summer Adventure Ends on Monday, August 31

Book Sale on Friday, September 11, from 10 AM to 12 PM at Northside Library

Book Sale on Monday, September 14, from 10 AM to 12 PM at Mission Branch Library

Book Sale on Friday, September 18, from 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM at Central Park Library

Book Sale on Saturday, September 19, from 10 AM to 2 PM at Central Park Library

Book Sale on Sunday, September 20, from 1 PM to 3 PM at Central Park Library

Book Sale on Friday, September 25, from 10 AM to 12 PM at Northside Library

Santa Clara City Library Comic Con on Saturday, October 10 at Central Park Library

Book Sale on Friday, October 16, from 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM at Central Park Library

Book Sale on Saturday, October 17, from 10 AM to 2 PM at Central Park Library

Book Sale on Sunday, October 18, from 1 PM to 3 PM at Central Park Library

Book Sale on Friday, November 20, from 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM at Central Park Library

Book Sale on Saturday, November 21, from 10 AM to 2 PM at Central Park Library

Book Sale on Sunday, November 22, from 1 PM to 3 PM at Central Park Library



THANK YOU!

to Our Long-Time Board Members!

We would like to thank **Kathy Betts**, **Steve Ricossa**, and **Ken Young** for their long-time board service. They have been instrumental in leading the Santa Clara City Library Foundation and Friends over the last few years, and we genuinely appreciate their skills, guidance, and support. We will miss them!

If you would like to serve on the Board of the Santa Clara City Library Foundation and Friends, please reach out to JoAnn Davis, jdavis@scclff.org.



Kathy

Ken

Steve

Volunteer Spotlight: Kathy Hausler

Kathy is one of our volunteer leaders! She makes the book sales at Northside Library happen, is a former Friends President, and tables with us at many of our community events. She is one of our many volunteers who make our organization possible!

How long have you been volunteering at the Santa Clara City Library Foundation and Friends? More than three years.

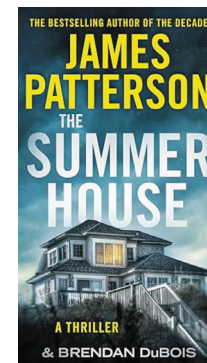
Why did you decide to volunteer with us? I was impressed by the business model. People donate their books, others buy them for a very good price, and the money funds Library programs. Everyone wins!

What's the best part about volunteering? I enjoy helping people find books they will enjoy - either for themselves or their family members/ friends.

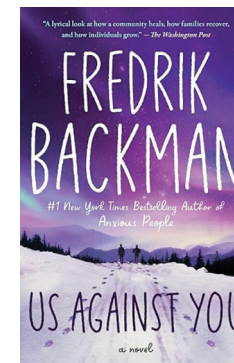


Kathy Hausler as she shops at our Book Nook at Northside Library.

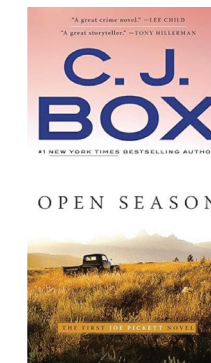
Read along with our volunteers! Here are some of their current favorite books



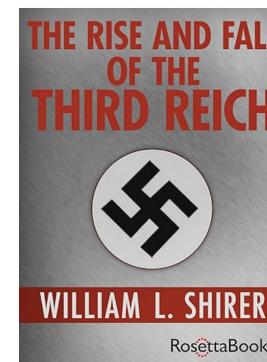
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by James Patterson



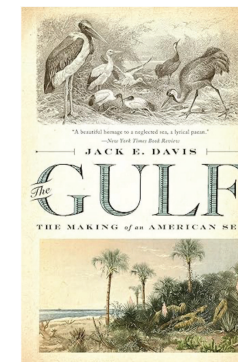
Us Against You
by Fredrick Beckman



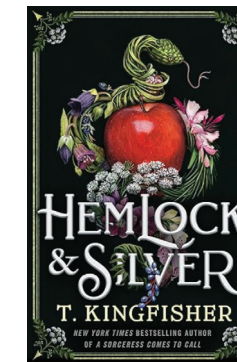
Open Season
by C.J.Box



Rise and Fall of the
Third Reich
by William L. Shirer



The Gulf: The Making
of an American Sea
by Jack E. Davis



Hemlock & Silver
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BEFORE MAY 2, 2026

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