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Recent Donations Enhance Your Library Experience

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If you have been in the Library lately, you may have noticed some changes. While they are modest changes, limited by the space and funding available, we believe that the alterations have a positive impact on the look and feel of the Library. As a result of some strategic donations, the Library's dollars were stretched to achieve more than would have been possible otherwise.



Paul Pittenger, Susan Shankle, Sam and Tami Shankle at the unveiling of the display case they donated to the Library.

The Friends of the Sunnyvale Library donated the funds to purchase the Children's self checkout station and additional funding to help with the Marketplace project. The on-going generosity and support from the Friends of the Library is something for which we are truly grateful, not just for the Marketplace project and the Children's self checkout machine, but for the various other services they support as well. We count on the Friends in so many ways. We recognize that their help is important to achieving the best results for the community.

The Library also received a donation related to the Marketplace area from a family that grew up and was nurtured in Sunnyvale. Sam and Rose Marie Shankle were long-time Sunnyvale residents. Through their day-to-day lives and careers, the family members witnessed the changes in Sunnyvale from orchards to aerospace to the beginnings of high tech. Mr. Shankle worked at Philco Company and was involved in radio technology. Mrs. Shankle was a homemaker. Together they raised their two children, Susan and Sam, right here in Sunnyvale, taking them to the Sunnyvale Public

Library on a regular basis. Susan and Sam say that they "lived" in the Library because they were here so often. With warm and loving memories of the times the Shankle family spent together in the Library, Susan and Sam decided to make a donation to the Library in honor of their parents.

The donation from the Shankles is a beautiful, 6-foot tall, glass-enclosed Waddell Varsity Display case. Made with solid oak and veneer framing, the display case sits in the area centered by the Library's fireplace and is an integral part of the Marketplace area. At a small unveiling ceremony, the Shankles and family friends were delighted to see the display inside of the case, which was provided by the Sunnyvale Historical Society and Museum. The display chronicles the history of Sunnyvale, harkening back to the days of the Murphy family, up to the time of high tech. The memorabilia from the various eras are interesting to view, and they draw the attention of Library users passing by.

A bonus to the donation of the display case is a story told by Susan's husband Paul. Paul Pittenger and his brother Frank grew up in a small town in the Midwest. Frequent library users, Paul and Frank went into their local library one day to lodge a complaint. They told the librarian, "We're done!" When asked the meaning, Paul and Frank indicated that they had already read every book in the library and that they were ready for more. In disbelief, the librarian checked and found that indeed, every book she reviewed had one of the Pittenger's names on the card. As Paul said, "You can bet, if the card had my name on it, my brother read the book, too. And if his name was on it, I had read the book!"

These lovely examples of life-long library users and supporters are very rewarding for library staff, and we are thankful for them. We hope similar stories are created every day at the Sunnyvale Public Library. Our goal is to provide the materials and spaces that shelter and expand the mind and heart. We also hope that with the

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Stake Your Claim in Sunnyvale's Library of the Future

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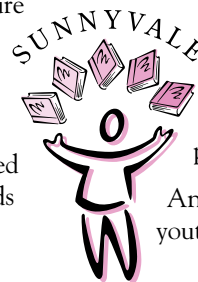
As library users and community members, everyone has a stake in what happens with the Sunnyvale Library of the Future. We are grateful for the participation of so many community members in the discussions so far about the future of the Sunnyvale Public Library. Our consultants, Anderson Brulé Architects, have completed their initial study. A report is being compiled and reviewed, including a Needs Assessment, Plan of Service, Building Program and Existing Facility Assessment. The study will be presented for comments to the Library Board of Trustees at their meeting on December 18, 2006. The Council will review the study at their meeting of January 23, 2007, and will give further direction about facility options to explore at that time.

The preliminary findings of the study are consistent with what many have said in the past: the community needs and wants library services now and into the future; books and services for children and teens are a priority, as is support for education and lifelong learning; quiet zones, group study areas and meeting room spaces are very important for the Library to function as a special place for intellectual endeavors and cultural exchange. The Library should be a center and "the Heart of the Community."

Information about community conditions such as population growth patterns, the future demographic makeup of the community, educational attainment and community goals all are factors in developing the parameters for future library facilities and services.

With all of the study of and talk about the Sunnyvale Library of the Future, some community members are getting very excited and taking action! The Homestead High School Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) have adopted the Sunnyvale Public Library for their community service

project this year. In a meeting with Library staff this summer, Homestead High School FBLA representatives, Rohit Ramchandani and Max Babicz said that the group wanted to help the Library because many of their fellow students need and use the Library. FBLA designated the Teen space and collections of the Sunnyvale Library of the Future as the recipient of any funds they raise this year. These are teens who want to help future teens, a very powerful concept.



Library of the Future

And speaking of power, these youths understand the power of commitment to the community! FBLA's first fundraising effort

in behalf of the Sunnyvale Library of the Future was a huge success, and we thank them for their hard work and generosity. Homestead High School's FBLA initiated the first annual Inter-District Teachers' Dodgeball Tournament for the Fremont Union High School District as a fundraising event. Under the guidance of their advisor Mr. Byron Lee, and the President of FBLA Charles Liu, Rohit and Max led a team of fellow students to organize a fun and memorable event. Every high school in the Fremont Union High School District participated. Teams of teachers and staff were there to play dodgeball and showoff their skills. Students and families were there to cheer. All who were there were communicating something very important. They were staking their claim for the teens of the future and supporting the Sunnyvale Library of the Future. It was a great community event for future teens, and for another great community asset, the Sunnyvale Library of the Future.

There's still time for you to participate, too, if you have not done so already. Please join us at a Library Board of Trustees meeting, a Council meeting, or keep up with information and events related to the Library of the Future by logging on to libraryofthefuture.inSunnyvale.com. Stake your claim in the Sunnyvale Library of the Future!



For complete information on the Sunnyvale Public Library, please call (408) 730-7300 or visit

www.sunnyvalelibrary.org

Monthly Book Group Open to All

By Mary Chartrain

Meet with fellow booklovers to talk about a variety of books! The Library has an active book discussion group which meets monthly on Thursday nights to discuss a selection of fiction and non-fiction titles. The new choices have just been made for the first half of 2007 and we hope you will join our lively conversation about these books:

January 18

When We Were Orphans

by Kazuo Ishiguro
During the Sino-Japanese War, a young man returns to Shanghai to solve the mystery of his parents' disappearance.



February 15

True Notebooks

by Mark Salzman
An inspiring account of the author's first years teaching writing at Los Angeles Central Juvenile Hall. A revealing portrait of the art of teaching and the craft of writing.



March 15

Glass Castle: A Memoir

by Jeannette Walls
The heroic memoir of a journalist who grew up in abject poverty with parents who were "excitement addicts." A stirring, distinctive, unusual story about how Walls and her siblings learned to fend for themselves.



April 19

The Devil in the White City

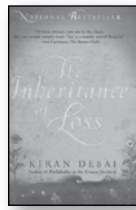
by Erik Larsen
A serial killer and a brilliant architect converge at the 1893 World's Fair in Chicago. Meticulous research combined with nail-biting storytelling.



May 17

Inheritance of Loss

by Kiran Desai
An ebullient novel about globalization and its impact on a small Himalayan village. This book ponders questions of nationhood, modernity, and class.



June 21

Snow Flower and the Secret Fan

by Lisa See
An engrossing novel set in remote 19th century China details the story of lifelong friends and their imprisonment by rigid codes of conduct.



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collective assistance of community members and supporters like the Shankles and the Friends of the Sunnyvale Library, opportunities will abound for library users to try to read every book in the Library. We also hope that with so much wonderful material available, no one ever has to say, "We're done!"

Books on Tape... CD... and Online!

By Garrett Kuramoto

Audiobooks are an increasingly popular media format that the Library is pleased to provide to patrons. People of all ages find audiobooks fun and useful in many situations. Many audiobooks are recorded by popular artists that lend their amazing vocal talents and fascinating interpretations to the written word. Some feature music or other dramatic sound effects. To put it simply: audiobooks are amazing!

Audiobooks used to be popularly known as "Books on Tape." But a quick spin through our catalog will reveal an ever-increasing selection of CD audiobooks as well as a collection of electronic audiobooks you can download and listen to at home, transfer to a portable music player, and in some cases, burn to CD. Plus, thanks to the new OverDrive Media Console 2.1, it's easier than ever before to manage all your digital media with just a few clicks.

OverDrive Media Console is a free application available through the Califa Digital Book Download Center. Navigate to this page through our Web site, on the eBooks page (<http://sunnyvale.ca.gov/Departments/Library/ebooks.htm>). The Download Center is your portal to all of the outstanding content we share with our partner libraries through Califa! You can browse by subject, see recently returned titles, and even download classical music selections, all for free with your Sunnyvale Library card.

Here are some of the features that OverDrive Media Console offers:

Multi-part download management

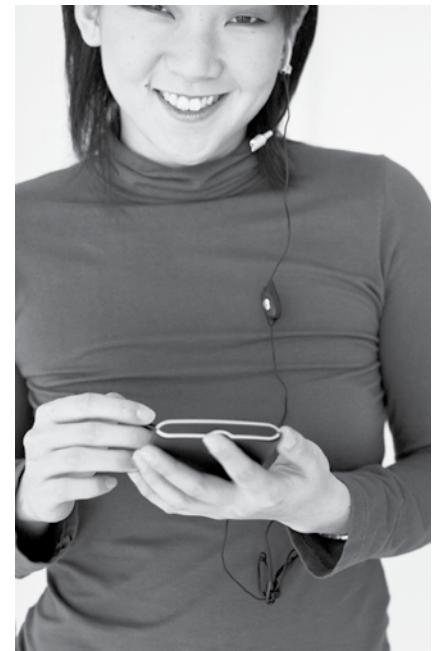
Many OverDrive media titles are broken into 'Parts' for easier downloading. This enables you to begin listening to your book as soon as the first part has downloaded and complete the other parts later. Or, you might be interested only in a specific chapter of a book; parts also allow you to download a portion of the book without forcing you to spend time downloading the entire work.

Navigation with MediaMarkers

MediaMarkers are navigation links placed at the beginnings of chapters or other logical breaks in a book. When you click on a 'Part' in the Media Console, the MediaMarkers for that part will appear in the Media Explorer window. Clicking on a link allows the listener to jump directly to and start playing at a desired point in the recording. Other navigation features are the ability to jump back 15 seconds to replay a portion you may have missed and to jump forward to the furthest point that has played.

Easy transfer to portable devices

Using the built-in Transfer Wizard makes transferring your files to a portable music player possible in just a few clicks. You can rename files and specify where on your player you want the files saved. The Wizard will also alert you if there is not enough space available and allow you to delete files to create room.



Support for burning to CD

OverDrive Media Console works with Windows Media Player (also a free download) to allow burning of your files to CD with no additional software. Please note that the capability to burn to CD depends on the licenses of the individual publishers. Not all titles are allowed to burn but this information will be clearly stated on the title's information page prior to download.

A very comprehensive Help page is available at the Download Center page which includes answers to many frequently asked questions such as which portable music players are supported. Please note that at this time, electronic audiobooks files are copyright-protected .wma and .wmv files and will not play on Apple iPods. OverDrive Media Console is also unfortunately not supported for Mac computers at this time, although Mac users can still download eBooks in the Adobe Reader format. Happy listening!



Sunnyvale Public Library

665 W. Olive Ave., Sunnyvale, CA 94086

Library Hours

Monday–Thursday	10am–9pm
Friday & Saturday	10am–6pm
Sunday	12pm–8pm

Book and media drops are located outside the Library for after-hours returns.

Telephone Numbers

Telephone Numbers	Area Code
Borrowers' Records	(408) 730-2748
Children's & Teen Services	(408) 730-7292
Deaf Access: TDD/TTY	(408) 730-7501
Dial-A-Story (English)	(408) 730-7333
Dial-A-Story (Spanish)	(408) 737-4907
Information & Reference	(408) 730-7300
Library Cards	(408) 730-2748
Library Administration	(408) 730-7316
Overdue Materials	(408) 730-7309
Renewals (Automated)	(408) 730-7310
Special Outreach Services	(408) 730-7306

Library Web Site

www.sunnyvalelibrary.org

Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Sunnyvale will make reasonable efforts to accommodate persons with disabilities. If you require special accommodation, please contact the library.

Silicon Valley Reads The Tortilla Curtain by T.C. Boyle

By Susan Dennison

T. Coraghessan Boyle's **The Tortilla Curtain** is the Silicon Valley Reads selection for February 2007. A poignant, mesmerizing novel about two couples on both sides of the illegal immigrant issue, **The Tortilla Curtain** tells the story of these two couples in Southern California who live in close proximity geographically but are worlds apart in every other way. A chance encounter brings together the "haves" and "have nots" with dramatic consequences.

This is the fifth year for the Silicon Valley Reads program (SVR), which encourages everyone in Santa Clara County to read and discuss a specific book or books each year. SVR was organized and is promoted by San Jose Public Library, Santa Clara County Library and the Santa Clara County Office of Education.

Silicon Valley Reads has an advisory board comprised of a diverse group of community leaders in the fields of business, media and education. As in previous years, book discussions and other events related to the chosen book and author will abound at local libraries, bookstores and community centers during the month of February.

Southern California author T.C. Boyle will kick off the programs with a presentation at the Campbell Heritage Theatre on Thursday, January 18, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. He will be back in the area near the end of Silicon Valley Reads Month at the Mexican Heritage Plaza on Wednesday, February 28, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. Both of these programs are free and open to the public.

Read **The Tortilla Curtain** and plan to attend one of many Silicon Valley Reads events! Watch for a schedule of community programs and read more about Silicon Valley Reads at www.siliconvalleyreads.org. Sunnyvale Public Library will be participating with a related Library event during February 2007. Check for details at the Library or by visiting the Library's Web site www.sunnyvalelibrary.org.

