

# Friends of the Redwood City Public Library Newsletter

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## Downtown Library's Teen Center



By Sarah LaTorra, Librarian

### Global Game Jam

On the second floor of the Downtown Library, behind a glass wall, lies the **Teen Center**—a warm, welcoming and safe environment for all teens grades 6 through 12.

In the center, staff members help students with homework, talk about what is important to the teens and involve them in planning monthly computer coding, art and technology activities. The teens also love using Brainfuse, the online homework-help program for all Redwood City library cardholders.

The goal of the library's Teen Center is to develop mentor relationships with the youth. The staff encourage them to succeed in school and want them to understand a responsible adult is available in times of need.

The youth assist the staff in selecting, organizing and running programs for the group or help by shelving books and participating in other volunteer activities.

Throughout the month, fun events such as Candy Sushi, Coding Game Jams and Cooking Classes occur, all sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Teens engage in skill-building activities, discover hidden talents and socialize with their peers through team-building activities. The Teen Center succeeds by creating a positive community for teens and fostering an atmosphere that is accepting and welcoming to all.

Thank you, Friends of the Library, for making this possible for our youth!

*Brainfuse and Teen programs are funded by Friends of the Redwood City Public Library.*

## Summer Learning Challenge

For its 2015 Summer Learning Challenge, the Redwood City libraries set a goal of 10,000 registrants. That goal was eclipsed, with 11,225 registrants and with 5,107 participants finishing the challenge!

Attendance exceeded 3,500 children at the many programs held at the four libraries throughout the summer.

Congratulations to the **librarians and staff** for a very successful summer of reading and learning.

## Fair Oaks Branch Patron Perla Acosta

By Mary Scavarda, Friends of the Library



**"Awesome"** is the word selected by Perla Acosta, age 9, to describe the Fair Oaks Library. Perla frequents the library to attend its homework club, play on the computers and tablets, participate in the fun programs, visit with the nice counter ladies and read books.

Perla attends Clifford School and really appreciates the library's quiet and the three helpers who run the homework club each weekday afternoon. (Perla already had her homework done the afternoon we visited with her.)

She proudly showed us her artwork hanging on the wall and pointed out the sugar skeletons made for Halloween, both created at library activities held at Fair Oaks. She talked about the little-kid computers that her siblings use. She and her friend Vivvianne use the big-kid computers and tablets to play games at [girlgames.com](http://girlgames.com).

Perla clearly loves her library and the help and fun it provides to her!

Now Perla will enjoy the **Fair Oaks Library even more, as its schedule has been extended to include Saturday hours from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

Also, **Schaberg's hours have been expanded to Monday–Thursday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

## Bookstore Holiday Sale



The **Friends' Bookstore** is located in the lobby of the **Downtown Library at 1044 Middlefield Road**. The store is the major source of funding for Redwood City libraries' programs, so every purchase is most appreciated. We offer a terrific selection of books, in lovely condition, at very low prices.

Starting in November, the Friends' Bookstore features our **annual, large holiday sale**. We store books for the holidays throughout the year. For the holidays, there are Thanksgiving, Christmas and Chanukah books, movies and music. Also, we have many new or like-new items suitable for gifting.

Visit the holiday sale early, as it is very popular, with many wonderful items at extremely reasonable prices.



## Santa at the Libraries

In December, Santa will be landing his sled at all four of the Redwood City libraries:

- Redwood Shores, Sunday, December 13, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
- Schaberg, Tuesday, December 15, 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- Downtown, Wednesday, December 16, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- Fair Oaks, Thursday, December 17, 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

The **Friends will be selling children's books at each Santa visit**. Chat with Santa, and buy a few books for all the very good (and the naughty) children you know!

## Join the Friends of the Redwood City Public Library

- Junior member, under 18 years old \$10
- Friends \$15
- Patrons \$25
- Librarian's Circle \$50
- Benefactors \$100 or more

If you wish to make the gift in remembrance of a friend or loved one:

We will acknowledge 2015 Librarian's Circle and Benefactor levels in our Spring 2016 newsletter.

Please check the box if you prefer your name listed as Anonymous.

- I wish to remain anonymous.

Please make checks payable to Friends of the Redwood City Public Library, or **donate at our website:** [www.friendsofrwclibrary.org](http://www.friendsofrwclibrary.org)

A Membership Card will be sent.

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## Book Recommendations

***Sunny Side Up*** by Jennifer L. Holm and Matthew Holm. This illustrated book starts off normal, gets sad and ends happy. It's my favorite book, and I reread it often.

~Perla Acosta, age 9

***The Cuckoo's Calling*** and ***The Silkworm*** by Robert Galbraith.

Written under a pseudonym by J. K. Rowling, her Cormoran Strike books are London-set, modern noir, clever and entertaining even with no magic.

~Mary Scavarda, Friends' Chair

## Winter Reading Club



Beginning Saturday, November 28, children through the age of 12 can register for the **Winter Reading Club!** While the emphasis is on having fun, the main goal is to promote reading over the winter break to maintain skill levels. Younger children will benefit from the time spent sharing and enjoying books.

*Winter Reading Club is funded by Friends.*



**Halloween Event at Marlin Park on October 24, 2015**

~The Friends' book sales booth~