



## Return on



## Investment Study

A new [independent study](#) recently revealed as much as a 400% return on taxpayers' investment for local Santa Clara County Library District (SCCLD) residents. Visit [our website](#) to learn more about the benefits of having a SCCLD card or to read the executive summary.

## Just For Teens

Hey teens, looking for a study spot? Check out the teen study areas at each of our libraries. Designed with you in mind, each library offers a place for teens to study, read, research or work on homework. Also – teen librarians are available to answer your questions or help with all your research needs.

### Schoolyard Rhymes



### Children's Pick

By: Rose Khoury, Children's Librarian, Saratoga Library

#### [Schoolyard Rhymes](#)

Selected by Judy Sierra  
Illustrated by Melissa Sweet

Looking for ways to get your children excited about school? Try Schoolyard Rhymes by Judy Sierra. A collection of classic children's rhymes that have survived the ages, you and your child will have fun reading and reciting these classics over and over. Who knows, it may bring back memories from your childhood as you build new memories with your own kids. Not only will your children enjoy listening and learning the rhymes, they will also learn a new skill: Phonological awareness. An early literacy skill, Phonological awareness helps children hear the rhythm of language through rhyming words and sounds and is an important skill for children as

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and words in the early reading stages.

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### [The Raven Boys](#)



### Teen Pick

By: Kelly McKean, Librarian,  
Gilroy Library

#### [The Raven Boys](#)

by Maggie Stiefvater

Grade 9+

Blue Sargent is an ordinary girl; well, she wants to be. Living in a house full of psychic people doesn't do much for a girl's reputation. Blue isn't psychic herself – but that kind of thing tends to make you stand out. Every year, on St Mark's Eve, Blue finds herself sitting with her mother outside an old church waiting to see 'dead people'. Not that Blue ever sees any, but her mother does. Blue's mother sees the ghosts of those who'll die in the next twelve months come marching up the road, and through the church yard. This year something is different.

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## Ready for school?

Visit [Brainfuse](#) a free, online academic tutoring service available with a SCCLD library card on the SCCLD website. Providing one-on-one homework assistance and skill building in a wide variety of subjects from 3rd grade to college, you can access Brainfuse from just about anywhere!



## Teens with Special Needs

[Life after High School](#)

By: Aleta Kerrick, PlaneTree Health Information Center @ the Cupertino Library



Parents of teenagers with special needs often wonder what the future may hold for their child, especially after high school. Your child may be yearning for more independence, yet both of you may be nervous about the challenges ahead: employment, college, managing money, living independently, dating.

Families with a teenager who has a physical, neurological, or psychiatric disability will find information and advice on how to best prepare for these changes in [Life after High School: A Guide for Students with Disabilities and Their Families](#).

Another excellent resource is: [The Guide to Good Health for Teens & Adults with Down Syndrome](#).

If your family includes a child or adult with special needs, you can find a wealth of support and information at the local nonprofit [Parents Helping Parents](#). For expert help finding information on this or any other medical or parenting topic, visit the [PlaneTree Health Information Center @ the Cupertino Library](#).

## The Reading Program

By: Lorena Cholula,  
Literacy Program  
Specialist



The new school year is about to begin! Our libraries will soon be filled with children completing homework assignments and researching future school projects. However, these students are not the only ones relying on our facilities for higher learning. Many adults in our communities are also returning to an educational setting. These adults read below a functional level and come to the library in search of help to improve their skills and better their lives. Luckily, SCCLD offers a free service to help adults with literacy goals called

This year Blue sees the ghost of a boy, a boy who wears the uniform of the local prep school – a Raven Boy.

“There are only two reasons a non-seer would see a spirit on St. Mark’s Eve,” Neeve said. “Either you’re his true love . . . or you killed him.”

When Blue meets Gansey and his three friends she’s determined to keep her distance. After all, she has nothing in common with rich, preppy Raven Boys; and what better warning than ghosts in a graveyard does a girl need? Despite her efforts, Blue finds herself being drawn closer and closer to the Raven Boys and their mysterious quest. Blue can’t help being haunted by the unanswered question - is Gansey the love of her life? Or is she destined to be his killer?

[The Diamond Age](#)



### Adult Pick

By: Klara Kim  
Campbell Library

[The Diamond Age](#)

by Neal Stephenson

If you’ve ever marveled at the sight of a toddler using a touchscreen, this coming of age story and science fiction novel will appeal to you. A futuristic story, the book centers around Nell, a young girl born into poverty in the 21st century. While advanced

[The Reading Program.](#)

Program participants meet with a volunteer tutor who helps them attain their goals. For every adult learner that comes to the program, a volunteer tutor is needed to help them with their skills. Someone like you is helping another person unlock the door to greater opportunity at your local library, and you can too! No previous experience is necessary. [The Reading Program](#) will provide you with training, materials, and support. If this program sounds interesting to you, please attend one of our [one-hour orientations](#).

Call (408) 262-1249 or [email](#) for more information.

technology is everywhere, society has an oppressive class divide and Nell is doomed to remain miserably poor and uneducated. When a scientist steals a copy of "A Young Lady's Illustrated Primer", a book built with bleeding edge nanotechnology, it ends up in Nell's hands. With this device she is taught to give herself a future and change the world.

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