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Santa Clara County Library District



### Dig Into Reading Link



## Dig Into Reading!

by Jennifer Weeks, Campbell Library

What is your child doing this summer? Many students look forward to the lazy days of summer with no classwork but research shows that students can lose up to three months of reading skill during summer break. According to the [Summer Learning Organization](#), established by John Hopkins University, research spanning 100 years

shows that students typically score lower on standardized tests at the end of summer vacation than they do on the same tests at the beginning of the summer.

The Library can help! Being away from school doesn't have to equal "summer brain drain." Studies show that reading can help eliminate the summer setback for students and keep learning enjoyable. Every library offers a FREE summer reading program for kids — *Dig Into Reading!* Children up to age 13 can sign-up online to track their reading and win free books. Paper reading logs are also available at the library. Kids set their own reading goal for the summer, pick any books — including graphic novels or downloadable books — and READ. Check out the booklists of recommended titles and reviews online at [www.sccl.org/kids/books/booklists](http://www.sccl.org/kids/books/booklists) or visit with one of our children's librarians to help your child find the perfect book.

Parents know that summer can be a difficult time to ensure that their children have productive things to do. *Dig Into Reading* offers opportunities for educational fun as well. Learn about illusions from master magicians, uncover a fossil, meet a real reptilian hole-dweller or build a robot. All libraries have free weekly programs for kids.

Parents can help in other ways too. Remember that you are your child's first teacher. Look at picture books with your children who have not learned to read, and point out people, animals, and objects in the pictures. Read to your children



## Kids Pick of the Month

by Rose Khoury, Saratoga Library

We Both Read Series – Various Authors

Reading with your child can create wonderful memories and help promote life-long learning. The We Both Read Series are books that are designed to allow adults and children to read together. One side of the page has text for the adult to read and the other side has text for the child to read. These books are available in different reading levels with a variety of fiction and non-fiction titles that will appeal to all interests. Some of the books such as [About Dinosaurs](#) and [Animals Under Our Feet](#) are fun titles that fit perfectly with our

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*Dig Into Reading* begins June 1st! You don't even need a library card. Just visit the library in person or our website [www.sccl.org](http://www.sccl.org) to sign-up. There are free programs for all ages: kids, teens and adults. Don't miss out on all the ground-breaking fun at the library this summer...dig into reading.

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## Read Across America for Teens

by Matt Lorenzo,  
Cupertino Library



Forget about expensive plane tickets and schlepping through the airport with a ton of carry-on luggage; this summer you can explore America from

the comfort of your own home! As part of its annual Teen Summer Reading Program, Santa Clara County Library District announces Read Across America for Teens, an exciting new program which will run from June 1 to Aug. 15th at all of our libraries. If you are 12-18, just follow these simple rules:

- Read at least one book that takes place in any of the 50 states to be entered into our grand prize drawing. Lists of book suggestions are available at the library.
- Each book you read will give you one entry in the final prize drawing. The more you read, the better your chances of winning!
- Pick up a reading log at the library or download it from our website.
- Color in the states you visit and write down the name of the book and the state it takes place in on the back of this reading log.
- Return your log to your local Santa Clara County Library branch by August 15, 2013 and you'll be entered to win!

So cancel those Orbitz reservations, save some cash, and get ready to experience America through the eyes of your own generation. Don't miss out on this great opportunity to travel across the USA for free—all you need is an SCCLD library card. Now that is one sweet deal no travel agent can beat!

Check out our new [Teen Page](#) and get more information about Teen Summer Reading 2013.

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## Adult Summer Reading



Why should kids and teens have all the fun? Enjoy Santa Clara County Library District's Summer Reading Program by signing up between June 1st - August 31st and earn a chance to win a Google tablet or an iPad mini.

Adults can delve "Beneath the Surface" to examine the under layers of the physical world as well as the human

[Into Reading](#). You can check for other titles available at your local library [here](#) or visit your local library for more great recommendations from a librarian!



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## Teen Pick of the Month

by Matt Lorenzo, Cupertino Library

### [The Infects](#)

by Sean Beaudoin

346 p.

Grades: 10 +

Seventeen-year-old, slacker Nick "Nero" Sole leads a pretty lame life. He is a less than average student; his only home life consists of a mute sister and a paranoid, hippie father (AKA "The Dude"); and, even worse yet, he constantly smells like raw chicken from his part-time butchering job at the Rebozzo Processing Plant. But Nick's life quickly jumps from Bad to Totally Gnarley! after a botched poultry predicament ends with him being sentenced to Upward Bound, a motivational camp for juvenile delinquents.

While en route to the camp, Nick is shoved face-first into the maw of undead camp counselors, headless hunters and zombie cheerleaders who want nothing

psyche. By reading 5 books, adults can enter a drawing for a Nexus 7 Google Tablet or an iPad mini. Check our website for a variety of fascinating programs being held at our libraries throughout the summer.

Signing up for summer reading is easy, and can be done either online or on paper.

1. Sign up at any Santa Clara County Library or online at our website ([www.sccl.org](http://www.sccl.org)).
2. Record the titles of books that you read, including ebooks, graphic novels and audiobooks.
3. Log the books you've read on the Summer Reading page, or turn in your reading log. Once you've read 5 books, you're eligible to win a Google tablet or an iPad mini.

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## Bookmobiles on the Move This Summer

[Bookmobile image](#)

by Pat Lorenzo, Library Services Manager

The Santa Clara County Library District Bookmobiles will be on the road this summer driving our regular routes and participating in numerous outreach activities and special events in all our communities.

The Bookmobiles serve senior living facilities, schools, and neighborhood stops with a variety of library materials, including books, movies, talking books and music CDs for adults, teens and children. Our newest stops at Monte Sereno City Hall and Gardner Bullis School in Los Altos Hills will continue through the summer. [Click here for our summer schedule.](#)

In addition, the Bookmobile will be participating in the Los Altos Hills Picnic (June 2nd), 4th of July Parade in Morgan Hill, the Silicon Valley Fall Festival (on Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>), and many more events over the next few months.

Come check out our new Bookmobile this summer – our staff would love to welcome you aboard!

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## Discover & Go: Cartoon Art Museum, San Francisco

by Robyn McCreight, Campbell Library

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more than to pick his brain (literally!) and chew the fat (that is, his fat!) for a while. Spurred on by the voice in his head (WWF's "The Rock"), Nick leads a group of teenage reprobates through the California wilderness where they must fight for their lives against a rapidly growing population of zombies. Filled with horror and hilarity, this is one book you definitely don't want to miss!



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## Adult Pick of the Month

by Gail Mason, Library Service Manager

[The Orchardist](#)

A Novel  
Coplin, Amanda

Courage and compassion can redeem damaged souls and transform lives.

In *The Orchardist*, Amanda Coplin demonstrates this truth in a superb novel, set in the Pacific Northwest in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, about a reclusive, middle-aged fruit grower, whose insular and regimented life is disrupted by the inexplicable arrival of two pregnant girls in their early teens. The girls have been exploited and abused, and their story, along with the orchardist's, provides the framework for this beautifully written book. Despite following the

## Art from the Cartoon Art Museum

books for the summer reading program, don't forget to include graphic stories too! Picture books, comic books, graphic novels; these are all forms of story-telling with a visual focus. Celebrate visual storytelling at the Cartoon Art Museum with their special exhibit, including works by beloved children's illustrator Christian Robinson and a new picture book by Lemony Snicket himself. The whole family can explore the museum for free using the [Discover & Go](#) museum pass program.

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## Hoarding

by Aleta Kerrick, [PlaneTree Health Information Center](#)

Having "too much stuff" is a minor problem for many Americans. But if "having" evolves into hoarding, personal relationships, safety, and budgets can all suffer.

If your stuff is creating problems in your home, [The Hoarder in You: How to Have a Happier, Healthier, Uncluttered Life](#) may be helpful. (Jane Brody of the New York Times called it "the best self-help work I've read in my 46 years as a health and science writer.") Another good choice is [Overcoming Compulsive Hoarding: Why You Save and How You Can Stop](#).

If you want to learn how to help – or simply better understand – a loved one who hoards, we recommend [Digging Out: Helping Your Loved One Manage Clutter, Hoarding & Compulsive Acquiring](#).

Call, visit, or [email the PlaneTree Health Information Center](#) for more information about hoarding or any other health condition.

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## Your Local Library Needs

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characters through two decades of hardship and tragedy, we arrive at the end feeling awed by the intricacies of the human spirit, and hopeful about the power of compassion. Coplin evokes a powerful sense of place through her depictions of nature in all its magnificence, and wonder at the persistence of our essential goodness in the face of human frailty and darker impulses. I strongly recommend that you read or listen to ***The Orchardist*** by Amanda Coplin, as it sure to inspire and uplift.

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## Featured eResource of the Month

[Encyclopaedia Britannica Online](#)  
by Lora Cokolat, Virtual Library

Get access to the whole [Britannica collection](#) with the click of a button! Whether you're doing research, homework, or browsing topics of personal interest, you'll find a wealth of interesting and reliable information contained in this one authoritative resource. Find out more about people's lives, famous and infamous and historical events, plus world data, country comparisons, and timelines. Key features include: video clips and images, timelines, notable quotations, gateway to the classics, primary sources and even eBooks. For kids in elementary and middle school, check out [Britannica for Kids](#).

## Young girls reading

issue facing our libraries. As you may know, special taxpayer funding for local libraries has been in place for the past 20 years and helps our libraries to:



- Buy needed books and up-to-date research materials
- Maintain children's reading programs
- Maintain library hours and services
- Keep qualified librarians
- Provide an award-winning bookmobile program

However, this funding is due to expire. Continuing this funding at existing rates will help to maintain and protect these important library services, with no increase in taxes.

To learn more about these issues, please review our [Frequently Asked Questions](#).

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