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Commission Report
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Saratoga Library to Host Travelling Exhibit



"Thinking Money" on display from April 1 - May 1, 2017

Only 50 libraries nationwide were selected to host this travelling exhibit and Saratoga Library is one of them! Designed to teach tweens, teens and the adults in their lives about money management in a fun and engaging way, the exhibit, "Thinking Money," uses an adventure-themed storyline and interactive activities to explain important

money management practices while teaching essential money saving (and spending) skills. Visit the exhibit anytime during normal library hours from April 1 – May 1, 2017 in the Saratoga Library Community Room.



Developed by the American Library Association (ALA) Public Programs Office, in partnership with the FINRA Investor Education Foundation, the exhibit as well as its series of interactive "Thinking Money" programs are free and open to the public.

New Public Computers on the Way

Five hundred new computers will soon be installed for community members in the Library District's eight libraries, replacing existing full-service and catalog computers. Campbell Library will be the pilot site for new computers beginning on March 13. Saratoga, Morgan Hill, Gilroy, Milpitas, and Cupertino Libraries will offer the new computers in April. Los Altos and Woodland Libraries will offer new computers as of May 2. The new computers have solid state drives and the latest processors, resulting in faster-than-ever speeds. Screen sizes are four inches larger than current screens, at 27 inches. New computers will allow patrons to play Blu-ray discs, and all parts of the computers are built into their monitors. Privacy screens will be built into the full-service computer monitors, and catalog computers will offer touch screen options. Patrons will continue to enjoy access to the library's website and Virtual Library resources from both full-service and catalog computers. Full service computers will now offer three browsers

instead of one: Internet Explorer, Google Chrome, and Microsoft Edge. Patrons can continue to plug in headphones and use USB ports for flash drives. We are pleased to announce that in addition to Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Publisher, and Access), numerous new valued software programs will be offered. Patrons are invited to use Adobe Creative Suite, which includes eighteen unique programs empowering patrons to use robust software to accomplish basic to complex projects. Programs include: Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator, Adobe InDesign, Adobe Muse, Adobe Premier, Adobe Acrobat, Adobe Dreamweaver, and Adobe Animate. The new computers will also offer Microsoft Visual Studio (programming), WinWay Resume Deluxe (help with resume writing), Ultimate Phonics (adult literacy educational lessons), and Camtasia (create online tutorials and videos). The new popular software programs are often price-prohibitive for the individual. The Library District will now provide library card holders with free access to these professional tools, for personal or business projects including: photography projects, filmmaking, software programming, creating animations, designing websites (with or without coding knowledge), designing for online or print formats, and additional software tools empowering patrons to achieve their goals.