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Library Closure on August 3 and August 4

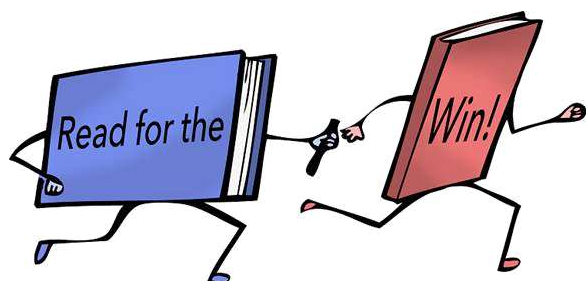
All SCCLD libraries will be closed on Wednesday, August 3 and Thursday, August 4, reopening on Friday, August 5. The closures are to allow staff to complete both technical and building upgrades.

Rosetta Stone online now available free to SCCLD members



Learn a new language, free, at the Santa Clara County Library District's website, www.sccl.org <<http://www.sccl.org>>.

Rosetta Stone is an online service available in the library and from home using one's free library card. Access Rosetta Stone at www.sccl.org <<http://www.sccl.org>>, in the Online Learning section. Lessons on thirty languages are offered. Languages include English, Chinese (Mandarin), French, Hindi, Japanese, and Spanish. Learn new languages for travel, business, school, or other purposes. Rosetta Stone Library Solution offers an interactive approach, using an immersion method. Courses are structured around core lessons that build reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills. Use a microphone to compare pronunciation with that of a native speaker. Learn proper word articulation and cadence. Refine grammar, vocabulary, and writing skills using illustrative images, quizzes, and challenges. Lessons progress from basic to complex. Added last month, Rosetta Stone is the newest addition to the Virtual Library.



Summer Reading Update

SCCLD increased Summer Reading participation by **25%** over 2015 with the Read for the Win program. Libraries provided creative programming, reading recommendations and enthusiastic support for continued learning for over **24,000** people of all ages with hundreds of programs throughout June and July.

Summer can often be a time that students lose important academic skills. *Read for the Win* offered opportunities for kids and teens to keep reading and learning over vacation. Research shows that reading over the summer prevents reading loss and, most importantly, voluntary reading helps students become better readers, writers and spellers. And this year's program also included free performances, games and chances to create. Families earned the chance to visit the Children's Discovery Museum and kids of all ages received free books. It truly was a winning summer in so many ways.