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Did you know this about the Redwood City Library Foundation?

- Was established as a foundation 13 years ago
- Raised over \$2 million to support our libraries
- Launched the *Traveling Storytime* program
- Established a teen homework center
- Helped fund an interpretive center at a branch library
- Supported the *Dad and Me in the Library* program
- Purchased the entire collection for a new branch library
- Is raising funds to expand the collection at a branch library
- Is providing storytelling/literacy activities in all libraries
- Is supporting youth literacy activities in local schools

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**Redwood City
Library Foundation**

More than just books.

Hundreds of Kindergartners Get Library Cards

Kids and Parents Celebrate on Super Saturday



Happiness is having your own library card. At least that seemed to be the message on Super Saturday, March 12, when hundreds of five and six year olds descended on the Downtown Library with their adults to check out books and DVDs and participate in a myriad of literacy activities.

The children's room was fairly ringing with excited young voices.

More than 1,000 children and adults attended Super Saturday which marks the culmination of this year's KinderCard Campaign. During the year, children's librarians visited 19 Redwood City schools to talk up the library and to distribute library card applications, connecting with over 1600 kindergartners. During the visits, 441 children completed applications and were awarded library cards. Additional children received cards on Super Saturday.

Super Saturday activities included a puppet show and several storytelling stations. Forty-five children read to Ella and Annie, the trained dogs who sit quietly and listen to stories. Teen volunteers made balloon animals for the youngsters, while Boy Scouts in costume entertained as Clifford the Big Red Dog. Each child received a bag of giveaways that included a book.

"The KinderCard Campaign is an excellent way to generate excitement in young children for reading and learning," said children's librarian Cristina Thorson, "In most cases, a love of reading developed early will last a lifetime."

"We Love Children's Books" Event Scores Big

\$41,000 Raised for Books and Media

With "love" as the fundraising theme for the second year in a row, the Library Foundation staged a highly successful "We Love Children's Books" benefit for the Fair Oaks Library on February 24 at the Downtown Library. The event, attended by 125 guests, netted \$41,000 for the purchase of children's books and DVDs for the Fair Oaks Library.

Guests were treated to tasty tapas, good wine, an inspirational program, and the opportunity to bid on items in both silent and live auctions. Former Redwood City Mayor Jim Hartnett brought his oratory skills into play as the official auctioneer. Master storyteller Chuck Ashton performed for the guests, some of whom may have enjoyed his performances themselves when they were kids visiting the library.



Many families with children turn to their local library to access its services and useful materials. Last year's usage was up by 34% at the Fair Oaks Library, with children's materials being among the highest in demand.

"A major goal for the Foundation is to provide high quality materials that will enable all Redwood City children to become proficient readers by the end of the third grade," said Fran Eastman, chair of the event.

The lead sponsor for "We Love Children's Books" was the David B. and Edward C. Goodstein Foundation. Other major sponsors were the Danford Foundation, Provident Credit Union, San Mateo Credit Union, Stanford University, Kaiser Permanente, Signature Realty, Dennis and Lori McBride and Terri Lyngso.

Last year's love-themed fundraiser, "I Love Books," raised \$30,000 and was used to increase both the adult and children's collections at the Fair Oaks Library.

"Gran Kermes" Raises Funds for Children's Books

Families Flock to Outdoor Festival

An outdoor community festival on Saturday, April 9, at the Fair Oaks Library parking lot attracted many local families. The "Gran Kermes" Festival, hosted by the Library Foundation and the Latino Commu-