

The BOOKMARK

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You Make a Big Difference! Warm & Heartfelt Thanks to All Our Donors

We'd like to express our sincere gratitude to our generous donors and volunteers for helping make our Library a very welcoming and inclusive place for people of all cultures, ages, and income levels.

When we are asked what difference a donation can make, we reply that gifts to the Library Foundation transform lives by providing early learning support for children, iPads for the Coding Club, technology to families without internet access or computers at home, and the opportunity to receive High School Diplomas and Career Certificates for those who need it most.

Behind every family we help, there are compassionate people like you. Your time and financial contributions are very much appreciated. We couldn't do it without you. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!



"Amici's supports the Redwood City Library Foundation because libraries promote learning, enjoyment, and cultural enrichment for people of all ages."

~ Peter Cooperstein
President, Amici's East Coast Pizzeria



"Ever since they were babies, my kids have been enjoying the various fun and educational programs that the Redwood City Library Foundation supports and implements. Some of the library activities have now become a routine in my family's weekly schedule. It is always satisfying when you see and experience the impact of your donation. We are thankful for the opportunity to give back to the community

through the Library Foundation, and contribute to purchasing iPads for the Coding Club. It's great to see that other families like mine experience and enjoy what our library has to offer."

~ Hamsa Rajaraman
Volunteer & Founder of Math Club for Kids in the Library

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Redwood City Library Foundation is to increase financial support for the library's services, collections and programs.



"Studies show that up to 90% of a child's brain develops in the first three years of life. Kaiser Permanente was very pleased to provide a \$20,000 grant to support the Early Childhood Learning Center at the Fair Oaks Library—to not only address the literacy gap, but to also encourage healthy eating habits for low-income families. The bilingual farmers market-themed interactive and educational play structure, complete with fruit and vegetable shaped toys and books, is designed

to engage parents in teaching essential pre-reading skills and healthy eating habits to their children ages 0-4."

~ Stacey Wagner
Public Affairs Director, Kaiser Permanente Redwood City Medical Center

BOTHIN FOUNDATION

"The Bothin Foundation supports the Redwood City Library Foundation because we believe in programs that enhance the academic

achievement of children in our community. The Digital Divide project helps to level the playing field by providing access to the technology that all children and families need in order to succeed," said Judi Powell, Ph.D., Senior Program Officer at the Bothin Foundation.



"We supported the Writing Cats & Dogs Program, which allows children the opportunity to create beautiful stories about their own pets or animals from Pets in Need. It is so important to give children the space to express themselves in a relaxing, fun and unchallenging environment."

~ The Paredes Family