

# ***Friends of the Santa Cruz Public Libraries (Friends)***

support the City–County Library System through advocacy, volunteer services and fundraising.

Our goal is to create stronger neighborhoods and a culturally-enriched county through accessible and diverse library programs.

Friends consist of a volunteer Board that works on behalf of the entire library system, and individual Chapters where volunteers work on behalf of their local branch.

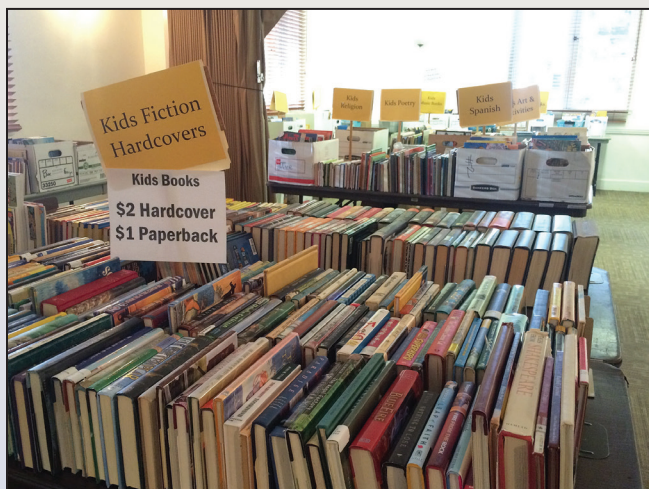


*Festival of the Book*

*Annually, Friends provide nearly 8,000 volunteers hours for the benefit of the City-County library system.*

***Friends History:*** *When bond measures for the construction of a new Downtown Santa Cruz Public Library repeatedly failed in the 1960s, citizens joined together to educate their communities on the benefits of a new building. Their efforts led to a successful vote for construction of a new Downtown Branch, and the formation of the Friends of the Santa Cruz Public Libraries.*

*The Friends have continued through the decades as the driving force behind several library revenue measures including Measure S, which passed in 2016 and will provide \$67 million for library construction and renovations.*



*Holiday BookSale*

Today, Friends volunteer in a variety of ways for their favorite library, including at one of our many Book Sales, author talks, tabling events, and meetings with local officials, or by writing articles about the collections and programs found at the Santa Cruz Public Libraries.

*If you would like to be a Friend of the Santa Cruz Public Libraries, visit [FSCPL.org](http://FSCPL.org) or email: [friends@FSCPL.org](mailto:friends@FSCPL.org)*