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**Cupertino Library Foundation Invites Middle schoolers to May 10th Training
*Fundraising May 6th-SV Gives Day- to support S^4-Super Summer Science Search Contest™***

APRIL 20, 2014 -- CUPERTINO, CA—The Cupertino Library Foundation (CLF) announced its kickoff study session for newcomers to their S^4-Super Summer Science Search Contest for Cupertino Union School District (CUSD) middle school students. Students from any of the five Cupertino middle schools who will be out-going 6th through 8th graders this June are eligible to enter the contest. A series of study sessions will be held, the first being a contest overview Saturday, May 10th from 2:30-4pm at St. Jude’s Episcopal Church, 20920 McClellan Road, Cupertino. There is no fee for the study sessions or to enter the contest.

All first-time entrants are strongly encouraged to come and learn how to put together a team, and details of the elements of the science contest. The sessions will be student and adult led. Registration for the workshops may be made on the CLF website: www.cupertinolibraryfoundation.org.

“This year we are offering six study sessions,” said Bev Lenihan, Cupertino Library Foundation board member, and project director. “We have a goal of 1,000 entries this year, and this means making sure the students and parents know what is expected of them to be successful.

“The Cupertino Library Foundation has also joined the Silicon Valley Gives fundraising day on Tuesday, May 6th, to raise the monies for the study sessions. Our goal is \$2,000. This is an ideal way to encourage community participation in supporting our youth, regardless of whether the donor has a middle-school student or not,” explained Lenihan. The link to the Library Foundation SV Gives donation site is www.xxxxxxxx

The CLF and Cupertino Library Teen Advisory Board, plus past winners, have teamed up to provide the study sessions. Each session will be staffed by high school and adult volunteers to answer questions and provide guidance. The first session is open to anyone interested in the science contest. Subsequent sessions will require advance registration.

Study Session #1 - General Overview and Rules

Time and Date - 2:30 to 4:00 p.m., Saturday, May 10

Location - St. Jude’s Episcopal Church, 20920 McClellan Road, Cupertino

Study Session #2 - Databases Overview

Time and Date – 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 18

Location – Story Room, Cupertino Library



Study Session #3 – Picking Your Topic and Starting Your Research

Time and Date – 2:30 to 4:00 p.m., Sunday, June 22

Location – Community Hall (next to Library)

Study Session #4 – Meet Previous Contest Winners/Problem Solving

Time and Date – 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., Tuesday, July 8

Location – Cupertino Room in the Quinlan Community Center, 10185 N. Stelling Rd., Cupertino

Study Session #5 – Formatting, Citations and More

Time and Date – 2:30 to 4:00 p.m., Sunday, July 20

Location – Community Hall (next to Library)

Study Session #6 – How to Submit Your Entry/Presentation Tips and Coaching

Time and Date - 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., Friday, July 25

Location – Story Room, Cupertino Library

Signing up online requires parental consent, and will allow participants to not only register for study sessions, but also register for the contest between June 1 and July 1, and submit their final contest entry between July 1 and Midnight PDT, August 1. The prizes are consistent with last year's: Each member of the winning team (up to three participants) will receive an iPad mini. Each member of the second place team (up to three members) receives \$100 each, and each member of the third place team (up to three members) receives \$50 each. All participants will receive a recognition letter, and the top 25 teams will receive a certificate, and invitation to the celebration event in August.

The Cupertino Library Foundation is a 501(c)3 Public Benefit Corporation with the purpose to raise money to continue programs encouraging life-long learning and self-improvement through the Cupertino Library. The Foundation has the Non-Profit Seal of Approval by Guidestar demonstrating satisfaction of transparency requirements and is a member of the Google for Nonprofits program receiving tools to work efficiently. It seeks major donations from corporations and the business community and from other foundations as well as individual donations and planned gifts and bequests. For further information visit: www.cupertino.libraryfoundation.org

The Cupertino Library operates Monday through Thursday 10AM-9PM; Friday and Saturday, 10AM-6PM; and Sunday, noon-6PM. www.sccl.org

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