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Cupertino Library Foundation Announces Funding for Q2 Peaks with Grants and Donations
S^4- Science Contest and Fusion Series target teens and families

MAY 12, 2014 -- CUPERTINO, CA—The Cupertino Library Foundation (CLF) announced it has received close to \$20,000 in grants and donations in Q2 of this year to support its programs and initiatives which benefit the Cupertino Library and community.

The Peter Likhachev Foundation has granted CLF \$10,000 to support its third annual S^4-Super Summer Science Search Contest for any middle school student in the Cupertino community with focus on public schools in CUSD and private schools in the area. Students who will be out-going 6th through 8th graders this June are eligible.

Registration opens June 1 on the CLF website: www.cupertinoibraryfoundation.org.
Application entries are due no later than midnight PDT, August 1, 2014.

The Fusion: Art. Science. Technology series is focused on 3-D printing and manufacturing in this, its first year. The second program, 'Prototype Your Idea, Yourself!' is scheduled for June 21st, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Cupertino Community Hall. It is free and open to the public, but you must register on the website: www.cupertinoibraryfoundation.org.

In addition, on grand opening day, May 1st, of the new Cupertino Safeway store, Cupertino Library Foundation was presented with a \$2,500 check from Safeway management and the Safeway Foundation. The Cupertino Chamber of Commerce recommended CLF for this tribute "because of the many projects they fund for the benefit of Cupertino," said Chamber executive director, Anjali Kausar.

"The Library Foundation participated in SV Gives in a minor way this first year, but gifts still netted close to \$1,000," said Bev Lenihan, board member and S^4 project manager. "We have a volunteer board and no staff, so we found SV Gives a good way to raise awareness. We received several first-time donations."

In addition, another family foundation and several private donations, including pledges from CLF board members, brought total donations thus far in Q2 close to \$20,000. "This is an encouragement for the time and effort put in by our board and other volunteers," said Lenihan. "We are especially appreciative of the high-schoolers who help form our Task Force for the science contest." They, along with project manager, Pam Marino, held their first of six study sessions last Saturday with over three dozen middle-school attendees.

"Our aspirations are for this contest to be replicated under the S^4 banner throughout the other libraries in the district, and beyond in the next few years," said Eno Schmidt, president of the Cupertino



Library Foundation. “We envision a process for preparing middle schoolers for the rigor of high school, and the infusion of project-based learning at all levels.” Positioning students to feel confident entering other science contests such as the Synopsys, Intel, Tech Challenge, Science Olympiads is an additional objective of the S⁴ program.

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

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