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Business is Booming in Santa Rosa Libraries This Summer

Santa Rosa citizens are joining millions of people across the countries who are finding entertainment, personal consumer information, help with job seeking and e-government, while saving money by checking out library books and movies. In these tough economic times, library usage increases are being seen nationally. In Santa Rosa County, libraries have experienced a 17 percent increase in checkouts this year with similar increases in other services. The Summer Reading program boasts a record attendance and more kids than ever are reading throughout the summer. Public computer use continues to increase as people look for jobs and seek government services.

If you haven't checked out your library lately, why not visit and borrow instead of buy? The average cost of a hardback book today is \$20 – so check out your library for savings. Discount used books can also be purchased from the Friends of the Library groups found in Santa Rosa libraries and proceeds are used to support library collections and services.

Thousands of copies of bestsellers are added annually to the library collection. From the New York Times best seller list, recent additions include:

- "8th Confession" and "Swimsuit" by James Patterson
- "Angel's Game" by Carlos Ruiz Zafon
- "Black Hills" by Nora Roberts
- "Bourne Deception" by Eric van Lustbader
- "Dead and Gone" by Charlaine Harris
- "Finger Lickin' Fifteen" by Janet Evanovich
- "First Family" by David Baldacci
- "Gone Tomorrow" by Lee Child
- "Knockout" by Catherine Coulter
- "Medusa" by Clive Cussler
- "Relentless" by Dean Koontz
- "Shanghai Girls" by Lisa See
- "Skin Trade" by Laurell Hamilton
- "The Apostle" by Brad Thor
- "The Neighbor" by Lisa Gardner
- "The Scarecrow" by Michael Connelly

The Santa Rosa County Library System is a department of the Santa Rosa County Board of County Commissioners. Libraries are located in Gulf Breeze, Jay, Milton, Navarre, and Pace. Further information is available at <http://www.santarosa.fl.gov/libraries>.

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