



Friends of the Turlock Public Library Newsletter

President's Message

by Jackie Oyer

We had another successful book sale on January 26, 27 and 28. On Thursday we had members night. Members had the first opportunity to shop for books before the general public came on Friday. This is a nice benefit of membership in the Friends.

I am extending an invitation to all members to attend a board meeting to see what we are about. Those of you who are users and lovers of the library are invited to get involved. The Friends fund children's programs, supplies and other needs. We are currently working to build a new or renovated library for Turlock. As with all groups, it takes new blood and new ideas to keep moving forward. By attending meetings, you would be able to have input into the current issues and activities. You can choose your level of involvement. The next meeting is March 1, 2017, at 6:30 PM at the library. Meetings are monthly and last about an hour.

Thank you to all our volunteers
who made our book sale a success!

High Drama Book Sale a Success, Despite Challenges

by Hanna Renning

Our 2017 Book Sale, from January 26th through 28th, grossed almost \$4,700. One quarter of the net will be placed in the library building fund, the remainder going, as customary, to fill the library's current unmet needs.

The Friends of the Turlock Public Library continued to be unable to find an indoor location in which to store and sort our book donations. However, thanks to the generosity of Carmen Ingols, our FOTPL Vice President, we were able to continue storing them all through 2016 in her leak-proof barn. Sincere thanks to her for the many hours she devoted to transporting and packing the books for barn storage!

All of us were concerned the week before the sale, as the skies opened and stayed open. Although grateful for the wonderful gift of rain, we wondered whether the ground near the barn would hold the weight of the large U-Haul truck into which we needed to load 500 plus boxes of donated books. Our fears came true. Although the ground appeared solid, the truck began to sink into the underlying mud as our Teen Challenge workers loaded it. Eventually the truck appeared hopelessly mired in two feet of mud. After an hour of offloading, attempts to gain traction on wood and

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Open Letter of Thanks

February 5, 2017

Dear Members and Staff of the First United Methodist Church,

Since 2005, you have welcomed the Friends of the Turlock Public Library Book Sale to your Social Hall. Your congregation's remarkable commitment of a dozen years has been such a valued gift to the community and its library!

This year it was especially heart-warming to see a wide diversity of book lovers peacefully joined together in their celebration of books.

Since we are still looking for donated space in which to store book donations all year long and to allow us to do periodic sorting, you again granted us prolonged use of the facility from Tuesday, January 24, through Saturday, January 28.

The book sale grossed almost \$4,700 this year. One quarter of the proceeds of the sale will go into the Library Building Fund, which is gathering money to help Stanislaus County enlarge our present Turlock library or build a new and larger one. The Friends of the Turlock Public Library have already donated over \$25,000 to this cause.

Thanks to all of you for being such good friends to the Friends!

With sincere appreciation,

The Friends of the Turlock Public Library

P.S. You can find donated books for sale throughout the year at the Friends' Book Store in the Turlock Library and at the Book Bin, located in the Gallery Finesse, 128 N. Center Street.

“Reading
gives us some
place to go
when we have
to stay where
we are.”

Mason Cooley

Board Members Wanted

The nominating committee had been formed for our upcoming elections in June. We desperately need new board members.

We have a monthly meeting on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM in the study room at the library. It lasts about one hour.

We are working on ideas for fundraisers for the building fund and we have our annual book sale. If willing to help, please contact President Jackie at:

gingras5oyer8@gmail.com

or Vice President Carmen at 632-6497.



Welcome to 2017

by Pat Portwood

The SLF is starting its new fiscal year, and we are excited to share some BIG news. First, we completed the mail campaign and want to thank the hundreds of library patrons who contributed. We reached our goal, which was to provide funding for more e-books and teen programs for the thirteen libraries in our county.

Also, our community knows we have huge literacy issues in Stanislaus County, which is particularly evident at Juvenile Hall where incarcerated teens are discovering reading as a tool for self-exploration and as a way to become inspired to make better choices. The dream is to build an on-site library to provide access to reading materials, a library for incarcerated youth. The SLF is proud to announce a partnership with Toyota and the library, which will provide \$20,000 to purchase the books. Thank you, Toyota, for believing in the future of our youth!

Save the Dates

August 18
September 23

“Party at the Library” to honor our donors
Author’s Garden Gala

Book Sale

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carpet, and the application of winch towing by Carmen’s son and his Jeep, the truck was pulled out of the mud and driven to a safer, but more distant loading location.

Due to the lateness of the truck’s Tuesday arrival at the church, we relied on a small, but hardy crew of Friends to offload the boxes. Donna Oppelt, Sandy Mann and Joan Ahlstrand had planned the Wednesday morning sorting and placing of books on the tables so efficiently that the two dozen volunteers finished their job by noon.

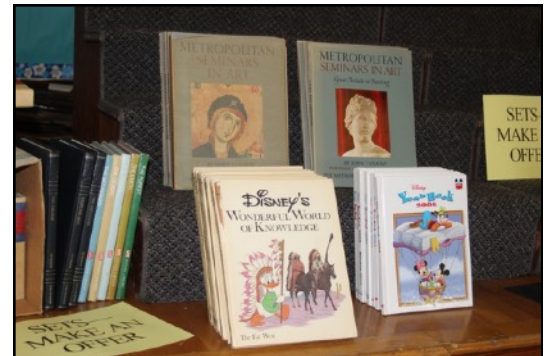
The sale itself proceeded smoothly, with a good flow of customers all day Friday and Saturday. We had a large and highly efficient cleanup crew, which finished its job in half an hour! Thanks, Donna Oppelt!

Disposing of the leftover books at the end of the sale was our final challenge this year, since we were unable to locate someone to take all of them. Hard work and serendipity enabled Jackie Oyer to find several Friends groups, Brooks Judd to notify educators, and Linda Davenport to locate a Livermore business to take away all the remaining books.

Without the work of literally dozens of volunteers, the book sale would have been impossible and our patrons would have been deprived of their yearly pleasure. Many sincere thanks to all!

A Look at Our 2017 Book Sale

Friday morning at our book sale



Saturday afternoon clean-up



From the Librarian's Desk...

by Diane Bartlett

Dear Friends,

We are already well into 2017, and library staff are working on our budgets for the 2017–2018 fiscal year. This process is yet another reminder of how much we rely on the Friends' financial support. We sincerely appreciate your help and the flexibility it allows us to take advantage of last-minute program opportunities that come up during the year.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the annual book sale. As you may know, this major fundraiser makes it possible for the library to offer weekly programs for children, monthly programs for adults, and branch prizes for our annual summer reading activities.

Some of the upcoming special programs include:

Anime Program with Simpsons' illustrator Carlos Nieto on Wednesday, February 15 at 4 PM.

Caregiver College: Planning Financially for the Future, on Thursday, March 9, from 12–1 PM.

Act!vated Story Theatre on Monday, April 17 at 4 PM.

DIA (Día de los Niños/Children's Day) on Tuesday, April 18 at 4 PM.

Caregiver College: When Energy and Exhaustion Collide: Ways to Help! on Thursday, May 11 from 12–1 PM.

Once again, thank you for helping us spread the good news about our library services and programs.

Friends of the Turlock Public Library

Our Purpose:

To support the Turlock Public Library by raising supplementary funds, by advocating for adequate public library funding and other concerns at the city, county and state levels, and by sponsoring special library programs to benefit the Turlock community.

Meeting Information:

The first Wednesday of each month, 6:30 PM at the Turlock Library.

Friends of the Turlock Public Library is a non-profit 501(c)3 tax-exempt organization.



Save Stanislaus Libraries Fundraising Event

by Jackie Oyer

Jeani and John Ferrari, along with the Save Stanislaus Libraries Committee, hosted a fundraising event on Saturday, January 7, 2017, at the Carnegie Art Center. Approximately twenty people attended. They listened as Pat Portwood, co-chair with Jane Manley on the Stanislaus Library Foundation, briefly talked about the 1/8-cent sales tax renewal that will be on the November ballot. She shared that we will be voting for a twelve-year renewal this time. Although we are confident it will pass, she warned that if it doesn't pass, the libraries would close their doors.

There was also a beautiful table of refreshments. Pat Portwood, Linda Jalich and Concetta's Restaurant in Modesto, donated the hors d'œuvres.

Carnegie Art Center's Curator, Lisa McDermott, gave an informational talk on the collection of Children's Book Illustrators original artwork on display in the gallery.



Photo left to right: Susan Lilli, Jane Manley, Pat Portwood and Jeani Ferrari.



Save Stanislaus Libraries: Tax Campaign Facts

Yes, we must vote to renew the 1/8th-of-a-cent sales tax!

When: This November, 2017, and we want to extend the tax for twelve years, not five.

Why: The tax provides **89 percent** of the libraries' funding.

How can you help? Endorse the campaign; volunteer to walk or call precincts.

Remember Measure T? We hope to have a letter for this tax initiative assigned by March.

We want to spread the word, so if you belong to an organization which might want a speaker to address the campaign, please call Pat Portwood at 634-3592.

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Upcoming Library Events

Great Valley Museum: Rocks & Minerals

4:00 PM, Tuesday, February 21

Teen Fan Fiction Club

4:00 PM, Monday, February 27

Turlock Library Book Club

10:30 AM, Wednesday, March 1

Lego Day

4:00 PM, Tuesday, February 28

St. Patrick's Day Craft

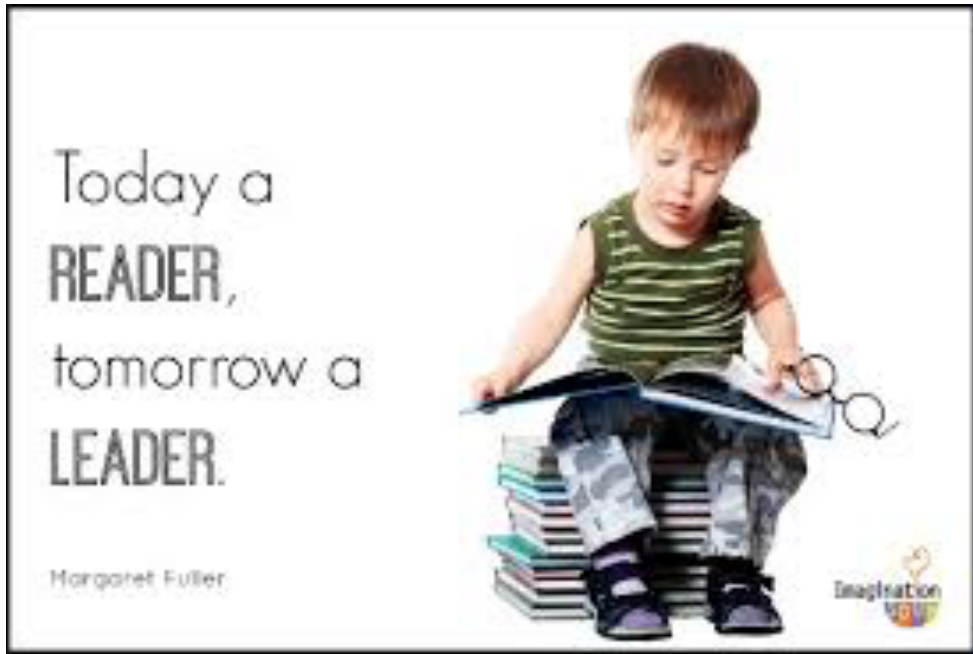
4:00 PM, Tuesday, March 14

Springtime Wind Chimes

4:00 PM, Tuesday, March 21

Mug It Up!

12:00 — 2:00 PM, Monday, March 27



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