

News & Notes...

Fall Book Sale Breaks All Records

The Friends' Fall book sale surpassed all our expectations, with income topping all previous records. The Friday night members-only event was particularly popular, where FACL members lined up hoping to get first dibs on the fabulous books inside. They were not disappointed. A long-time member called the sale's book selection one of the best ever.

At its October board meeting held a few days after the sale, FACL Directors congratulated Board member and book sale chairperson Helen Bierce on the sale's success and excellent quality of books. Helen, in turn, wrote the following thank you to all those who worked to make the sale so successful.

This year's Fall book sale, held Oct 14-16, turned out to be the most successful sale in the organization's 35-year history, and we owe that success to the wonderful people of Amador County. We want to thank everyone who made it possible:

- *Our sponsors, the American Legion Post 108 for donating the facility, Umpqua Bank for providing free ice cream to our members on Friday night, and the folks at the Pine Grove Youth Conservation Camp who helped haul and set up the thousands of books.*

- *Our volunteers who helped receive, sort, set up and take down the book tables; those who staffed the sale, cashiered, and welcomed the hundreds of Amadorians who came to replenish their libraries.*

- *The many, many folks who donated their gently used-books and audio material to the Friends. Without them, there would be no sale.*

- *All the businesses throughout the county who helped us publicize the sale by posting our flyers.*

- *And last, but not least, all the book lovers who supported our organization and the Amador County Library by coming to the sale and purchasing a good book or two.*

To all of you, many thanks for helping us support the Amador County Library. We couldn't have done it without you.

Make sure to save the dates for our Spring book sale, April 13-15. We'll look forward to seeing you then.

Helen Bierce,
Book Sale Chairperson
Board Member



The Library Corner...*Notes from Librarian Laura Einstadter*



As the days grow shorter and cooler, many people begin to cut back on their trips to the library. Changes in the delivery of library services make it possible for those of you who can't get to the library in person to still take advantage of library offerings. What does this mean? It means that the library has been developing a **Virtual Branch**.

Currently anyone with a library card is able to check their library account, place a hold, request a book from another library system, suggest a purchase, join an online book club, research a topic, learn a language, and check the library catalog, **all from the comfort of their home**. The next step in this evolution is to provide e-books and audiobooks online. Thanks to the very generous funding by the Friends of the Amador County Library, we will soon be offering downloadable e-books and audiobooks from Overdrive.

The library has joined the Northern California Digital Library Consortium. This membership will allow our card holders access to a variety of downloadable books as well as audiobooks and music. This new service supports the following devices:

Desktop / Laptop...Windows®

- Kindle Books
- Adobe® EPUB eBooks
- Adobe PDF eBooks
- Open EPUB eBooks
- Open PDF eBooks
- MP3 Audiobooks

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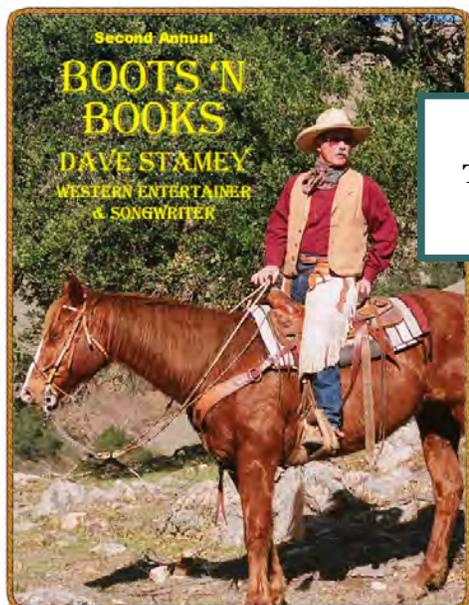
Mobile Devices

OverDrive Media Console™ is available for these popular devices, allowing you to download titles directly to your device:

- Android™
- BlackBerry®
- iPhone®/iPad®/iPodTouch®
- Windows Phone 7

Stay tuned. If all goes well you will see a link to this new service on the library homepage by the first of December. Although the library will be offering this new service, we will continue to purchase library material in a number of formats for your reading and listening pleasure. We also provide answers to your most vexing questions and information requests.

From all the staff of the Amador County Library, we wish you and yours a very Happy Holiday Season!



Save this Date!
Tickets Go On Sale
December 1st.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2012 – 2:00 p.m.
Doors open at 1:30 p.m.
AMERICAN LEGION HALL, SUTTER CREEK
Refreshments • No Host Bar • Silent Auction
TICKETS \$20 IN ADVANCE, \$25 AT THE DOOR (If available)
Tickets available at Hein & Co. Bookstore, Jackson
or by mail (until 2/3/12): 14000 Echo Drive, Sutter Creek, CA 95885
Sponsored by Jackson Rancheria Casino & Hotel and American Legion
Proceeds benefit Friends of the Amador County Library
Information: (209) 296-0940

FACL Directors Welcome Lacey Bartich to Board

The FACL Board of Directors is pleased to welcome Lacey Bartich as its newest Board member.

Lacey first moved to Jackson in 1971 as a teacher at the Jackson Senior Elementary. She went on to teach at the junior highs in Sutter Creek and Ione until 1999, when she retired to enjoy her many hobbies including pottery, antiques, handwork and reading.

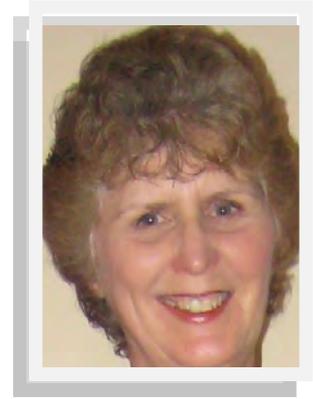
It is the last noted hobby that brings Lacey to the Friends and its governing board.

“I have been so impressed by the generosity and spirit of the board members of FACL who are passionate about literature and are investing their time and energy in our library,” Lacey said. “I like to spend time with the kind of people who love books.”



A Message from the Board President.....

Janie Brown



This is a busy and exciting time for the Friends of the Library. We have had a wonderful response to our book drives and requests for book donations. We have received quite a number of large donations of books as bequests or as people have thought of the Friends when they were ready to move. Therefore, the book sale had lots to offer, and the results are the proof of the pudding. That also allowed us to have a great selection of gently-used books which were met with real enthusiasm at the area farmer's markets this summer and fall. It is heartening to meet so many book lovers and people who treasure the local library. We have just completed our most successful book sale in history thanks to the many people who volunteered their time and talents as well as to those who donated such quality books and materials.

New things are happening at the library along with a continuation of all of the valuable programs. As we all know, reading a book doesn't necessarily involve paper and ink anymore. Soon you will be able to download e-books through the library. This is something that many patrons have requested; the library staff has been looking at the issue for some time. The Friends are happy to help provide this service.

We appreciate the generous donation to the Friends of the Library by Larry and Darlene Cenotto of a new collection - Library of America. The Cenottos donated this 200-volume set to the Friends, and it will appear in increments on library shelves in the near future. (You can read more about this donation on page 5.)

We are happy to welcome Lacey Bartich to the Friends board. As a longtime resident of Amador County and member of FACL, she has been an active member of the book sale committee, helping plan the successful sales. We continue to welcome new board members as this active organization has lots of work to do. If you are interested in working with us, give me a call at 296-5541.

The Friends is pledging money to obtain copies for all branches of Scott Thomas Anderson's forthcoming book, "Shadow People: How meth-driven crime is eating at the heart of rural America." He spent time imbedded with the Amador and Calaveras Sherriff's Departments experiencing first-hand the effects of meth use on crime, families, the community, and users. Since this continues to be a serious problem in our area, the book should be of special interest to local library patrons. It provides many interesting and sobering statistics on the effects of methamphetamine. We purchased the book in advance through the Kickstarter fund which helps keep the book affordable and assures that a large number of free copies will go to non-profit organizations and victims' advocacy groups.

The Friends of the Amador County Library is an active organization with over 300 members which continues to do a great deal to make the Amador County Library even better. We are fortunate to have a librarian with real vision, and we are happy to help her and the hard-working library assistants provide more varied and expanded services to the public. If you haven't been to the library for awhile, come visit. You will be amazed at the updated shelves, more computers, great children's programs, and lots of other services.

*I have always imagined that
Paradise will be a kind of library.*

.....Jorge Luis Borges

FACL Launches its own Website

Next time you go online, check out the Friends' very own website:

www.friendsoftheamadorcountylibrary.org

We hope you'll be as excited as we are about the possibilities now open to members of FACL.

Curious about our past? We've got a section on our 35-year history.

Want to know more about your benefits as a member of FACL? Just click on the "membership" tab. If you want to read some of the newsletter's back issues, they are there, too.

We're very excited about the ability to make donations through the site using PayPal. And now people can join FACL online!



FACL Board Member Ruth Jackson authors “A Bit of Magic”

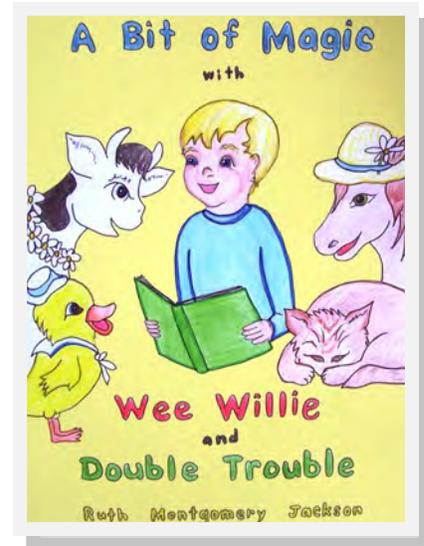
Not many Amadorians have reached 100. And it’s probably safe to say that only one of them has published a book this year.

That unique individual is Ruth Montgomery Jackson of Sutter Creek. Her three-part children’s book, “A Bit of Magic,” was published in February 2011. Proceeds from the book go to Amador County Children’s Education in the Fine Arts, one of her favorite programs.

A long-time board member of Friends of the Amador County Library, Ruth is not resting on her oars. A second book is in the works and may be out this year.

The stories in “A Bit of Magic” – the other titles are “Wee Willie” and “Double Trouble” – are tales with lessons for young people – preschool through primary grades – and a moral in each story.

“A Bit of Magic” is only the latest in a long list of her accomplishments. Ruth was director of Speech, Language and Hearing for the Palo Alto Unified School District, has lectured at college and professional workshops, wrote and conducted a program, “Say It Now,” for KQED in San Francisco, and has written many articles on speech and language.



It’s worth keeping an eye on her to see what she plans next.

The \$20 price of the book includes shipping and handling. To order, e-mail acf@amadorcountyfoundation.org, or write the Amador County Foundation at P.O. Box 1154, Jackson CA 95642, or call (209) 223-2148.

Shelving Fund Donors Honored at Library Reception

The Friends’ hosted a reception at the Jackson Library on September 9th for those who have donated generously to the Shelving Fund. The forty-five attendees had the opportunity to see the new shelving in the children, teen and adult non-fiction areas. Also on view was the new donor plaque which permanently honors those who have contributed \$1,000 or more to the Shelving Fund.

In her welcoming remarks, President Janie Brown announced that nearly \$40,000 was raised over the last year for new shelving for the Jackson library. County Librarian Laura Einstadter thanked the donors for their generosity and said that the new shelving has greatly improved the library: Books are easier to find, can be displayed attractively on end panels, and are at the age-appropriate height for library patrons.

If you haven’t had a chance to see these beautiful new shelves, make sure to drop by the library and check them out—along with some good books.



FACL Welcomes New Members

We are pleased to welcome the following individuals to membership in the Friends of the Amador County Library. We hope you will enjoy our work as we support one of the county's most important resources.

Ashton Family	Pamela Royce
Gail Creighton	Danna Saunders
Christine Dufour	Patty Sullivan
Wayne Garibaldi	Christina Weidinger
Avis Hacker	Lora Weir
Margaret & Ben Kopperl	Maggi Klement
C. Larson	Gail Smyth
Terry & Rosemary McDaniel	Mike & Amy McEnroe/ Turner
Doug & Sue McElwee	
Faith McGrede	
Helen Page	



A Special Thanks to Special Donors

FACL could not do what it does without the incredible financial and other support from the community.

We'd like to extend a special thanks to Larry and Darlene Cenotto for their generous donation of 200 volumes from the Library of American (<http://www.loa.org/>), a non-profit publisher dedicated to publishing, and keeping in print, authoritative editions of America's best and most significant writing.

And a big thanks to Wal-mart Corporation for its donation to our shelving fund. Our corporate partners have helped make the shelving campaign a success.

Award-winning Sutter Creek author JoAnn Levy spoke at the Library in September and donated the proceeds of her book sales that day to the Friends. She captured the audience with a reading from her latest book, "The Sutter Creek Chronicles."

The generosity of the following donors has made a tremendous difference in our ability to support the Amador County Library:

Large Donations of Books

Deborah & Jerry Budrick
Larry and Darlene Cenotto
Cora Hale
Carol & Jim Settlege
Emily McGill
Craig Shuemaker
Jacqueline Laird
Kati Corsaut and Alan Jones
Mel and Kathy Glun

Financial Donations

JoAnn Levy
Safeway
Raley's
El Dorado Savings Bank

Shelving Fund

Linda Raymond
Wal-mart Corporation

The Friends of the Amador County Library (FACL) was formed in 1974 to support the Amador County Library. The Friends is a registered 501©3 non-profit group which means your donations are tax-deductible.

A membership in the Friends provides financial support to the library. Fund-raising activities include book sales twice a year and other special events. The Friends also actively promote gift-giving such as memorials, estate sales, donations, and group contributions.

FACL publishes a quarterly newsletter, "News & Notes," for its members. And as an added bonus, the first night of each book sale is reserved for members only.

Members of Friends get involved by organizing fund-raising events and assisting with the book sales. Over the years, the organization has contributed many thousands of dollars worth of books and equipment to the Amador County Library.

For just a few dollars, you can enjoy member's privileges and know that you are helping to support one of the county's most valuable resources.

Annual dues are as follows:

Individual	\$10
Family	\$15
Sustaining	\$25
Life	\$200
Organization	\$50

For more information about Friends of the Amador County Library, please go to www.friendsoftheamadorcountylibrary.org or inquire at any of the Library's five branches.



Friends of the Amador County Library Annual Wish List

Did you know that last year more than 95,000 people visited the Amador County Library and checked out almost 100,000 books and other material? They came to find books, look up information, use one of the 21 public access computers available for patrons, take an online class, apply for a job, chat with friends, improve their writing skills, attend a library program, or simply sit and read. More than 300 children enjoyed the summer reading program designed to kindle their love of stories and books.

The library's excellent staff and visionary county librarian have made our small-county library a match for those in much larger communities, and we'd like to keep it that way. But to do that, ***we need your help***. And while the library is principally funded by the county, a small but dedicated organization has worked backstage for years to offer its supplemental support.

With the strain of today's recession upon us, the Friends of the Amador County Library are working to raise enough money to buy some of the items on the library's annual Wish List.

Here's the list we're working on this fall. It's a tall order, but we Amadorians like a challenge, and we believe this county service deserves our support.

- **Mango Languages.** This online language learning system has become one of the library's most popular and significant resources. Patrons can access the program from their home computer or in the library, using just their library card, to study Spanish, French, Japanese, Brazilian, Portuguese, German, Mandarin Chinese, Greek, Italian, Russian and more. During the last 12 months, more than 500 sessions were logged. What does this cost? Not much considering how important it is. FACL is trying to raise \$2,700 to renew the subscription for two-years.
- **Books.** As in the past, FACL donates funds for best sellers, children's and non-fiction books in both print and audio format. Cost: \$5,000
- **Microfilm Reader/Printer.** The library's elderly machine is no longer repairable and needs to be replaced. The machine is used extensively for genealogical and historical research, popular hobbies for many people in Amador County. Cost: \$5,000.

· **Downloadable E-Book Subscription.** This subscription would enable the library to provide virtual book and audio content for downloading to a patron's mobile device such as a PC, Mac, and hand-held devices. This capability is in high demand and will round out the library's resources. Cost: \$4,000 per year.

Want to know how you can help?

In just a few weeks, October 14-16, FACL will hold its Fall book sale at the American Legion Hall in Sutter Creek/Martell. Proceeds from this and last April's sale will be earmarked for the Wish List items noted above. As in the past, all the money raised through the book sale goes to the library for the Wish List. The books and audio material on sale have been donated by Amador residents who make this possible.

Come to the sale, buy some books, join FACL and help your local library. We'll look forward to seeing you there. And don't forget to call us when you decide to downsize your home library. We need those books for our sales.

We're also happy to accept monetary donations to FACL. We are a 503(c)(3) non-profit organization, tax ID #9412374918, so your donation is tax deductible to the extent provided by law. And if you'd like to earmark your donation for a particular item, let us know. We have provided a special donation form on the following page (7) for your convenience.

For more than 35 years, the Friends of the Amador County Library (FACL) has marched hand in hand with the library to insure that the library has what it needs to be current, comfortable, responsive and welcoming. Through a variety of fund raising activities, primarily its biennial book sales, FACL has lived up to its goals. Since its inception FACL has purchased books, audio books, easy chairs, shelving, and computer programs to supplement the library's increasingly in-demand online resources, and has helped pay for the annual children's summer reading program and more.

For more information about FACL, and to become a member, go to

<http://www.friendsoftheamadorcountylibrary.org/>.



Give a Book To the Library This Holiday Season

Children's Books Always the Perfect Gift

Would you like to purchase a book for a child this holiday season? The Amador County Library system serves many children from beginning readers to teens who would love to have the gift of new books.

Based on a list provided by our librarian, the Friends of the Amador County Library is encouraging members to donate new books for the library's children and teen sections.

Books on the current wish list are listed below:

- **I See** – See the seasons with the beloved author known as Father Goose (PreK reading level). \$64 set of four
- **My 1st Classic Story** – Introduces readers to the captivating world of folk and fairy tales (K – Grade 3 reading level). \$450 set of 28 or \$16 each
- **Kylie Jean** – A small town girl who believes in dreaming big (Grades 1 – 3). \$64 set of four
- **Manners Matter** – Discusses the importance of good manners (Grades 1 – 3) . \$68 set of four
- **World of Wonder** – Stunning illustrations enhance science learning (Grades 1 – 4). \$203 set of seven

- **Jason Strange** – For readers who want scary, but not too scary (Grades 3 – 6). \$144 set of eight
- **Real World Science** – Provides students with background on key concepts in science (Grades 4 – 5) . \$190 set of ten
- **Passport to World Sports** – Series highlights different skills essential for mastering the sport plus information on equipment, techniques and safety (Grades 3 – 9). \$200 set of ten
- **Teen Cookbooks** – Series teaches teens how to cook and how fun it is cooking (Grades 5 – 9). \$102 set of four
- **Instant Expert** – Series explains things like fixing your bike, protecting yourself, roughing it in the wilderness (Grades 5 – 9) \$92 set of four

Donations may be for all or part of the cost of a set. Donation checks should be made out to Friends of the Amador County Library with a notation regarding which book(s) to purchase.

Please consider including a special present for young readers as part of your holiday giving.



Yes, I/we want to support the library with a gift of \$ _____ to help purchase an item on the Library Wish List. Please direct these funds to the purchase of

Name(s) PLEASE PRINT _____

Street/City/State/Zip (required) _____

This gift is made in honor of in memory of: (Name) _____

We will inform the honoree of your gift, so please provide the following information:

Mailing Address of Honoree _____

Please print your name as you wish to be recognized in print (if different than above)

_____ I/we wish to remain anonymous.

Please mail your check to: Friends of the Amador County Library, P.O. Box 701, Jackson, CA,95642.

FACL is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, Tax ID #942374918; all donations are tax-deductible. Thank you for supporting our library.



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Dates to Remember—and Things to Do

Event	Date and Time	Location
Story Time	Every Thursday 10:30-11 a.m.	Main Library (Jackson)
Pioneer Book Club	2nd Thursday 11:00 a.m.	Pioneer branch
Plymouth Book Club	2nd Tuesday 6:30 p.m.	Plymouth branch
Jackson Book Club	4th Wednesday 5:30 p.m.	Main Library
Just Knits	2nd Monday 10:30 a.m.	Main Library
Friends of the Amador County Library Board	3rd Tuesday 9:00 a.m.	County GSA building Conference Room
Boots 'N Books	February 12, 2012 2:00 p.m.	American Legion Hall
Spring Book Sale	April 13-15, 2012	American Legion Hall

Following is an editorial that appeared in print on October 13, 2011, in The New York Times.

Curious Contents of the Digital Library

Perhaps you haven't read Mrs. Molesworth's "Uncanny Tales" or C. Schweigger's "Schweigger on Squint." Perhaps you missed "How to Be Happy Though Married" or the Farmers' Bulletin devoted to "House Rats and Mice." No worries. They are available in 24 digital formats, including versions to suit just about any e-book reader you own. These titles, and millions more, are all out of copyright and part of the accelerating effort to digitize the public domain contents of the world's libraries.

Every e-book reader seems to come preloaded with a few canonical titles — "Pride and Prejudice" or "Alice in Wonderland," for instance. But there has never been a better time to be a slightly faded writer just beyond the cusp of copyright, like Edgar Wallace or Hilaire Belloc. Their voluminous works — not easily found in your local library — are now copiously available to the digitally curious.

Many public domain books can be found in carefully curated digital apps like the superb British Library 19th Century Collection, the model of what e-book reading should look like. Yet as new old books become available — listed, for instance, on Manybooks.net — you get the puzzling sense that books are leaping almost randomly from their shelves into the digital realm. How "My Unknown Chum" by Charles Bullard Fairbanks was selected for digitizing is unclear.

The goal of digitizing everything in the public domain is a welcome one. And in this deluge there are wonderful surprises, like the World War I reporting of Philip Gibbs. "The History of a Lump of Chalk," by the author of "A Lump of Coal," is also remarkably good.

