

News & Notes...

County Librarian Einstadter Honored by Staff, Volunteers and FACL

It's not often that someone is so highly respected that their staff, colleagues and friends honor them with a reception and words of thanks. But that's exactly what happened November 11 when Amador County Librarian Laura Einstadter was the guest of honor at an afternoon gathering held by the Friends of the Amador County Library, Einstadter's library staff, and volunteers. They joined Laura and her family at the Sutter Creek Community Center to recognize her many contributions to the library, its patrons and the community.

FACL President Janie Brown called Einstadter "a great steward who has transformed the library to the 21st century." She noted her community involvement in book clubs, the children's programs, and author lectures, all accomplished despite severe budget cuts that reduced her staff and operating expenses.

Library staff member Don Rosson expressed the staff's great appreciation for Einstadter's amazing contributions to the library and praised her vision and leadership.

"While losing staff and operating funds, somehow Laura has been able to keep the library running," Rosson noted. "She's lost four staff she was not allowed to replace, had her budget cut, and yet managed to expand some programs, add e-books, make numerous improvements, add the Spanish language section, weed out old books, and bring the library into the digital age."

Staff noted that Einstadter is an "intelligent, professional, supportive and perceptive supervisor" who encourages her staff to seek out continuing education and provides a flexible and supportive workplace.

"She has diligently served Amador County citizens by improving and maintaining their libraries to the best of her considerable ability, and they have benefitted greatly from her labors. She is authentic, hardworking, ethical and direct." *Kari Carpenter, Pioneer Branch*



"On a daily basis she is looking for ways to improve the library and its program, and her attitude toward her staff is fair and trusting." *Connie Murdock, Literacy Program Coordinator*

"None of the new programs and services would be available without Laura's perseverance. She keeps the library in the news." *Rae LeGrande, Plymouth*

"Laura is the spark plug this library needed to move into the 21st century. She never stops trying to improve the library and she has taught me how to deal with upset patrons." *Linda Laolagi, Main Library*

"We are so impressed with Laura's support for the successful remodel of the Ione branch, her open communications, and receptivity to new ideas." *Donnell Kimbel-Junes, Ione Branch*

"She has created a library environment for staff and patrons that far surpasses anything we had in the past. She has worked with tenacity to provide a book haven for avid readers, a computer center for the general public, and encouraged reading for patrons who prefer to read electronically." *Becky Roach, Main Library*

The Library Corner....

Notes from Librarian Laura Einstadter



Have you noticed how bright and sunny the front entrance of the main library looks? Over the past month the library has been getting a much needed face-lift as part of a community restoration project funded by the Margaret Dalton Family. Rancheria crews have been clearing overgrown weeds and tree debris, trimming trees, painting the metal fencing light posts, library sign and trim around the building.

The result is absolutely amazing. The library can now be seen from the highway and is much more welcoming and inviting. Still to come are new outside light fixtures, flags and additional cleanup of overgrown plants.

We are so very thankful for being included in the restoration project and to all of the members of the Rancheria crews for the wonderful work they have done.

We held a very successful workshop on October 13th that covered e-readers. Twelve people attended

and were given information about the different types of e-readers available, how to download an e-book to their devices, and the steps they need to take to prepare their devices for e-books or audiobooks. A couple of the attendees have also come back after the workshop for additional assistance with their devices. We hope to hold another workshop after the first of the year.

Thank you to the members of the library's knitting club, Just Knits, who have donated knitted hats to give to seniors in need. A representative will be at the November meeting to receive the hats. The group is also making a knitted afghan for the annual Boots 'n Books raffle.

Library stats for the month of September:

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| Checkouts: | 6,933 |
| Computer Use: | 1,547 |
| Library Visits: | 6,655 |

The library will be closed November 22, 23, 24 for the Thanksgiving holiday and December 22–25 for the Christmas holiday.

The library staff wishes all of you a very joyous holiday season.

As I look back over the past five years that I have been the county librarian, I can't believe how far the library has come in such a short time. The library would not be where it is today if it weren't for all of the hard work of the staff, volunteers, Friends, and community. I wish to thank all of you so very much for the wonderful recognition party which was put together for me. We have a great library team and together we can continue to ensure the library remains a vital integral part of Amador County.



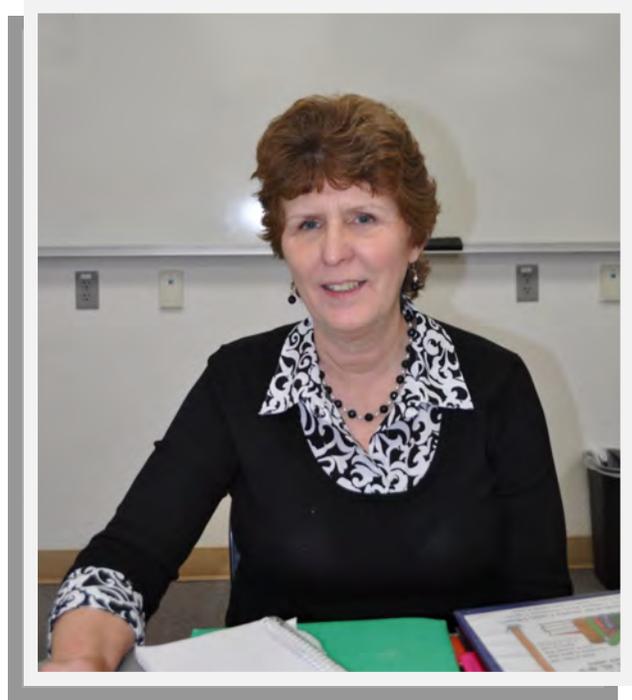
A Message from the Board President.....

As we get ready to wrap up a successful year for the Friends, I wanted to take this opportunity to recognize the Amador County Library's outstanding staff and the many volunteers who work so hard to assist them in providing the excellent services and expertise we have come to take for granted. The small staff, which has seen its numbers diminish due to budget cuts, has been augmented by a small army of people out there volunteering their time and energy. This cadre of volunteers includes more than 80 members of Friends of the Library who are involved in the semi-annual book sales and Boots 'N Books fundraisers. These dedicated Friends have helped the library stay up-to-date and improve services during a time of drastically reduced funding.

As in libraries around the country, Amador's library has drawn an invaluable group of volunteers who do everything from material processing and mending to preparing and presenting story times for preschoolers. In addition, volunteer efforts include helping with the following:

- Library shelving, stack maintenance, book maintenance and mending
- Searching for lost material
- Audio-visual repair, typing spine labels and assisting patrons find materials
- Distributing books among branches
- Updating the filing of the law library

One of the little-known aspects of the library is its outstanding literacy program. Volunteers serve as tutors for adults who need to improve their reading, writing, and command of English. This program in-



cludes a small group of volunteers who work closely with clients at the ARC of Amador.

As you can see, the library staff, the Friends and a host of volunteers work together to serve the Amador community. Most of us don't realize how many people are working behind the scenes to support the library. We are all fortunate to live in a community where folks share so freely of their time and talents. I hope you join me in thanking this amazing group of people.

*Janie Brown, President
Friends of the Amador County Library*



Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in.

Author Unknown



Fall Book Sale Draws a Crowd

Buyers Flock to Sale for Great Bargains

Thousands of books, extraordinary team work and the dedication of many FACL members and others made the Fall book sale a remarkable success. Earnings were up, book donations exceeded previous years, and attendance at the 3-day event kept things hopping.

“Member’s Night (Friday) was a frenzy of excited people and hard-working volunteers appreciating the wonderful array of books and the companionship of fellow book lovers,” according to FACL President Janie Brown. “The choices were truly amazing.”

The book sale, which culminates months of collecting, sorting, and categorizing thousands of donated volumes, has become one of Amador County’s go-to events. Many buyers claim they come to stock up their six-month supply of books, enough to last them until the next sale.

Over the years, the sale has grown from one day to three, and the incredible number of quality books has skyrocketed.

Board member and book sale co-chair Lacey Bartich credits the sale’s success to the many volunteers who help sort, set-up, fluff (keep the displayed books neat and accessible), tally and cashier.

“I went away with the feeling that this sale is a group effort of our experienced board members, eager new book sale chairpersons, and the very capable and seasoned volunteers,” Bartich said. “It is truly a team effort, and that’s why it’s a success.”

“The book sale gives the board members a chance to work with our membership,” noted board member Gail Smyth. “And I always enjoy seeing the youngsters and teenagers buying books. It means we are raising readers.”

Book dealer Kirk Lindsay, who helps evaluate the thousands of donated books, cheered the growing success of the sale.

“The donations from library supporters were enormous,” Lindsay said. “Not only was there a steady stream of donations, but several executors gave large libraries to FACL. The huge selection allowed us to select the widest variety of subjects and titles for a sale. “

And the work doesn’t stop when the sale concludes. It’s time to start looking ahead to the Spring sale, so save those books you’ve read and donate them to the Friends. The sales’ revenue lets us provide major support to our county’s library.

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.

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| Bedard, Marie | Hickey, Ellen |
| Helen Bonner | Lange, Leslie |
| Bonzell, Milton | Maldonado, Katie |
| Burr, Catherine | Murphy, Tim & Jill |
| Calvin, Carol | Price, Nancy |
| Campo, Patrick & Joanne | Nieland, Ken & Nancy |
| Chambers, Gloria | Norris, James & Lynne |
| D’Agostini, Mary Lou | O’Keefe, Liz |
| Dacey, Joan | Payne, Steve |
| Devlin, Kathryn | Rhett, Chrystal |
| Erickson, Ginny | Schifsky, Gail |
| Ferrill, Mary | Schumacher, John |
| Heidecker, Mary | Williams, Laurie |
| Hewitt, Jan | |



Notes and Briefs.....

If your printed version of this News & Notes contains a return envelope and an asterisk on the mailing label, it's our way of reminding you that your **annual membership dues are payable in January**. We know how busy everyone is, and it's easy to overlook the small membership fee, but we hope you'll find time to think about FACL. Your membership means a lot to the organization, and it does convey the privilege of shopping the first night of the book sale. Thank you for your support. If you'd like, you can go to the Friends' website and pay your dues with PayPal.

We may have just held an over-the-top book sale, but now we need your **book donations for the Spring sale**. Look out for announcements about book drives after the first of the year. In the meantime, if you have books you'd like to donate, we have **drop boxes located around the county** for your convenience:

- El Dorado Savings Bank, 460 Hwy 49, Sutter Creek
- American River Bank, 422 Sutter St., Jackson
- American River Bank, 26395 Buckhorn Ridge Road, Pioneer
- Clark's Corner, 12 West Main, Ione
- Pokerville Market, 18170 State Highway 49, Plymouth

If you have a large number of books that you can't drop off yourself, give us a call at 209-296-5541 and we'll send someone to pick them up.

We need your gently-read books and lightly used audio/visual material. We cannot accept donations of books in poor condition, manuals or magazines. Remember, your donation is tax-deductible: FACL is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization, Tax ID #942374918. We're happy to give you a receipt for your donation.

If you would like to donate a very nice new item or a service for the **Boots 'n Books silent auction**, please contact Susan Staggs at 296-0940 or staggs@volcano.net. All donations are tax deductible and benefit the library.

Trying to think of a **unique gift idea** for that special person? How about a membership in the Friends of the Library or a donation of a book or several books to the library in his or her name. Just let us know what you'd like to do and we'll handle it for you.



Volunteers spend many hours collecting, sorting and preparing donated books for upcoming book sales.

A Special Thanks to Special Donors

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

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

LARGE BOOK DONATIONS

Michael Abdollahzadeh
 John Adair & Ann Roeth
 Chelle Baugh
 Janie & Larry Brown
 Kate Dowden
 Michael Fulks & Mary Dal Porto
 Jenny & Chris Fuller
 Kathy Glunt
 Emi Johnson
 T Mothy & Lynne Jelsch
 Maureen O'Connell & Ric Carter
 Mary & Jerry Pruett
 Don Snell
 George Staby
 Claudia & Don Timm
 Sue Uhlig
 Carol Weaver-Madsen

LARGE FINANCIAL DONATIONS

Amador Gourd Artists
 Patsy Cotterel
 William Dalton, Jackson Rancheria
 Dutschke Family in Memory of Nancy Dutschke
 Kiwanis Club of Amador
 Mother Lode Printing
 Uncle Jer's Traveling Bee



FACL President Janie Brown is just one of many who volunteer their time to read to children during Story Time.

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:

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| 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.



Important Dates to Remember

Friends of Amador County Library Board of Directors

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 Ex-Officio Member
 Laura Einstadter, Librarian

| Event | Date and Time | Location |
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| Story Time | Every Thursday 10:30-11 a.m. | Main Library (Jackson) |
| Pioneer Book Club | 2nd Thursday 11 a.m. | Pioneer branch |
| Plymouth Book Club | 1st Thursday, 6:30—7:30 p.m. | Plymouth branch |
| Ione Book Club | 3rd Tuesday 5:30—6:30 p.m. | |
| 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 a.m. | County GSA building Conference Room |
| Boots 'n Books | Sunday, January 17 , 2—4 p.m. Doors open at 1:15 | American Legion Hall, Sutter Creek |
| Spring Book Sale | April 19-21, 2013 | American Legion Hall, Sutter Creek |

Gourd Workshop Benefits FACL

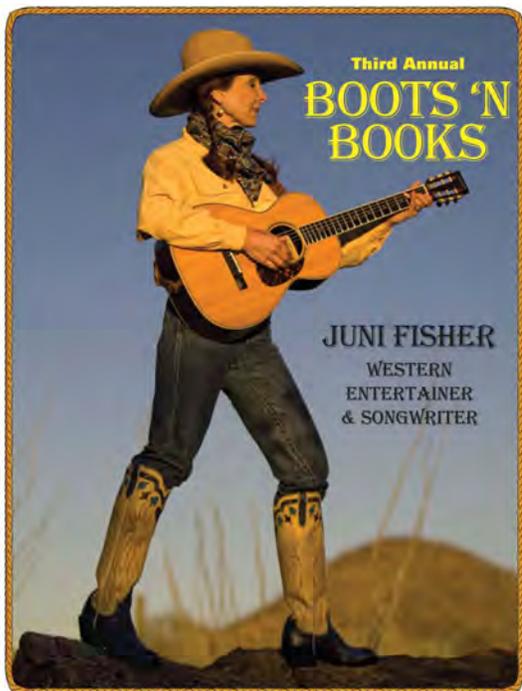
Many thanks to the Amador Gourd Artists who donated their fees, time, materials and artist leaders for their terrific October workshop to benefit the Friends.

Carol Cherry taught her group how to make a miniature gourd birdhouse and faces on wall hangings. Marion Beckley wowed her group by teaching them how to use patterns to create ornaments, while Aaron and Sharolyn Bullock inspired their group to create their own mini gourds using their own designs. Don Rideau cut the gourds and Laura Carpendar served as greeter and facilitator.

Anyone in interested in learning more about gourd art can contact the group's incoming coordinator, Aaron Bullock, at 209-274-6565



There is no end to the amazing shapes and designs that artists can create with gourds.



SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, 2013 – 2:00 p.m.
Doors open at 1:15 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 1/18/13): 14000 Echo Drive, Sutter Creek, CA 95685
Sponsored by Jackson Rancheria Casino & Hotel and American Legion
Proceeds benefit Friends of the Amador County Library
Information: (209) 267-0580

SAVE THIS DATE!!

BOOTS 'N BOOKS is Coming to Town

Tickets are now on sale for the popular Boots 'n Books concert to be held **Sunday, January 27, 2013**. This year's concert will feature award-winning Western entertainer and songwriter Juni Fisher, considered one of the nation's top western music performers.

Since its first year, Boots 'n Books has sold out quickly, so don't delay. Tickets can be purchased at Hein & Company Bookstore, 204 Main Street, Jackson, or by mail at 14000 Echo Drive, Sutter Creek, 95685. Cutoff date for buying tickets in advance is January 18. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door (IF available).

Previous concerts have proven to be a successful fund-raiser for the Friends. In addition to enjoyable music and tales, a silent auction offers attendees a chance to bid on some enticing items, including wine, restaurant gift certificates, lift tickets, time share rentals, and some beautiful artwork.

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