

# News & Notes...

## Ione Branch Reopens after Remodel Open House a Big Success



Take one old, down-at-the-heels building housing a much-used branch library, four dedicated community groups, a local philanthropist, and dedicated public officials; mix in generous vendors and contractors who donated labor and materials; spend two months and \$16,000 working 24/7 to demolish and rebuild, and what do you get? A brand new Ione branch library that will continue to serve the town and surrounding community for years to come.

In just two short months between May 5, when demolition began, until July 9 when the branch reopened, Ione's dedicated volunteers rebuilt the library from the floor boards to the ceiling. Donnell Junes, branch library assistant and her daughters Gabrielle and Brittania, and others stepped up to decorate the space in inviting colors, comfortable seating areas that invite patrons to sit down and browse, and an enticing children's section.

With the City's cooperation and their building inspector's oversight, 14 workers from Ione's service clubs volunteered over 1,250 hours completing the Library facelift. Short Circuit Electric provided all of the labor and most of the materials to completely rewire the facility, upgrading the service panel and adding a local area network for the computers.

The community gathered July 19 to watch Mayor Ron Smylie, County Supervisor Richard Forester (who made this remodel one of his priorities) and County Librarian Laura Einstadter cut the ribbon to the new space.

Thanks to the Ione Rotary, Native Sons of the Golden West Parlor 33, Friends of the Amador County Library, and many others who made this possible.

The Ione branch is open Monday (10-1), Tuesday (2-7), Wed (10-1), Thursday (1-5) and Friday 1-4.

# The Library Corner....

## Notes from Librarian Laura Einstadter

This year's Summer Reading Program, Dream Big Read, has come to an end. Children and their families who completed the six week program each read a total of 15 hours, or 2 ½ hours a week. A total of 295 reading logs were handed out; 68 children completed the program. This represents about an eight percent drop in participation over 2011. Some of this can be attributed to a reduction in open hours as well as other summer events that were also taking place.



The entertainment this year was provided through the generous donations of The Friends of the Amador County Library and the Kiwanis Club of Amador. Other sponsors included ACRA who provided staff for the weekly teen fun at the Scout Hut, Tri-County Wildlife who put together a program on wildlife in Amador County, and PAWS to READ dog Charlie and his owner Kathy who read to children and spoke about service dogs.

A special thank you also goes to the Sierra Gold Quilt Guild, and the staff and volunteers who helped make the Summer Reading Program a success.

The library will be welcoming wireless access at the branches beginning the week of August 6<sup>th</sup>. Due to the additional installation and possible wiring, the main library will take somewhat longer to come on board.

Wireless access will only be available during library open hours no special code or pin will be required for access.

How did the library score last FY? (July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012)

Take a look:

**Checkouts** = 95,220  
**Visits** = 85,713  
**Computer Use** = 66,440  
**Reference Questions answered** = 304  
**E-book patrons** = 256 **E-book checkouts** 1,865

**Programs Held:**  
**Children's Programs:** 46  
Attendance: Children: 529 Adults: 270  
**Adult Programs:** 43  
Attendance: Adults: 456

### SAVE THIS DATE!!

#### Boots 'n Books Coming to Town

Be sure to circle **Sunday, January 27, 2013** on your calendar for the third annual "Boots 'n Books" fundraiser sponsored by the Friends of the Amador County Library. This year's headliner is award-winning Western entertainer and songwriter Juni Fisher, considered one of the nation's top western music performers.

Tickets go on sale November 1 and 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 will be January 18. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door (IF available).

Previous "Boots 'n Books" performances sold out within weeks of the tickets going on sale, so get your tickets early.



# *A Message from the Board President..... Janie Brown*

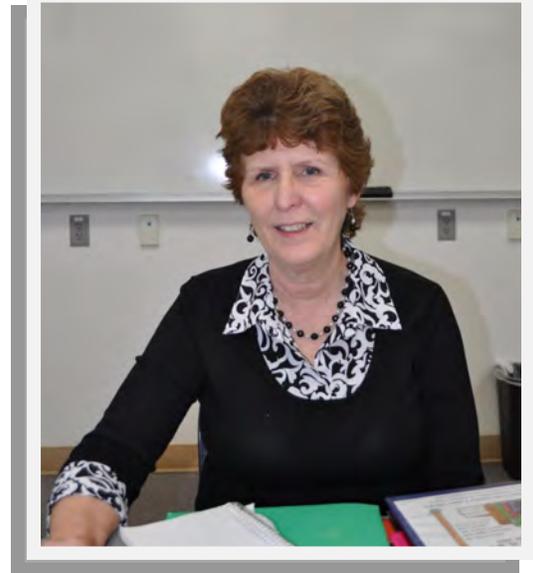
Things have been popping in Amador County since our last newsletter. As you probably are aware, the county has been struggling to balance a budget with reduced resources. The county has had to reduce both staff and materials at the county library, as well as in other departments. For the library, these reductions have meant the loss of the library assistants Jim Jacobs and Kari Carpenter in Pine Grove and Pioneer, respectively. These staffers will be greatly missed. Fortunately, both branches will remain open with reduced hours.

As decisions about the budget were being debated, many of you wrote letters to the supervisors and/or attended the Board of Supervisors' meetings to express your support for the Amador County Library. We were well represented and your participation was invaluable. I'm convinced that the county decision makers recognize how important the library is to the community; many of them have publicly expressed their support for the

library. Your past and future support is vital to the continued health of our excellent county library system.

This past year the Friends received many generous donations and held successful fundraisers, such as our two annual book sales and the popular Boots 'N Books cowboy entertainment. This success has enabled us to step up with much needed funds at the library's time of need. Without the additional funds for materials and supplies, the Library would have faced a serious budget shortfall and many of the valuable resources the library provides would have been at risk. We plan to continue these events and are hoping to launch others programs in the near future to continue our financial support for the library.

We will miss the many contributions of Elisa Parker, a long-time board member who resigned recently. On the other hand, we are happy to welcome Gail Smyth as our newest board member.



The bright light in the past few months was the re-opening of the new and vastly improved Ione branch library. Thanks largely to the Ione Rotary--and with the help of the Native Sons, the City of Ione, Donnell Junes, Friends of the Amador County Library, and numerous local craftsmen-- the newly re-modeled library is beautiful and inviting. If you haven't visited there in a while, you should go. It shows what amazing community spirit can accomplish. It will make you smile. (See story on page 1.)



*What is more important in a  
library than anything else is the  
fact that it exists.*

*Archibald MacLeish,  
Poet, Librarian of Congress*

## 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.

Sherry & Louie Bettencourt

Susan Bragstad

Edith & Joseph Calmes

Judy Castleton

Michael Daley

Michael Fulks and Mary DalPorto

Linda C Hansen

Mary O'Neal

Jim and Carol Darling Settlage

GL or Mary Thorpe

Sally Trestrail

Robert Williams

Inez Wright

Lee Vukovich



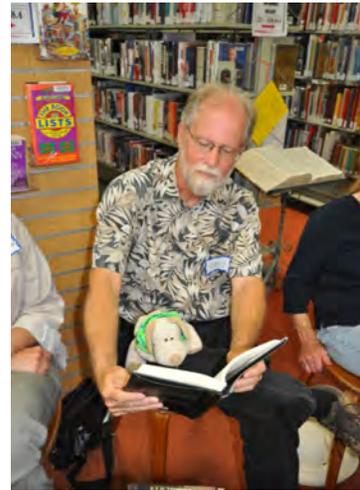
# Summer Fun at the Library

## Reading Program Draws a Crowd

Every year the Amador County Library hosts an exciting summer reading program, and this year's program was terrific. With support from the Friends of the Amador County Library, the Kiwanis Club of Amador, ACRA and the generous contributions of the program's headliners, more than 400 children came to see a variety of shows in June and July.

They even brought their stuffed animals to the Big Stuffed Animal Sleepover—and someone snuck in to take pictures while the animals frolicked throughout the night and sat in on the library's book club discussion on the latest fiction. Each child made a quilt for their animal with material donated by the Sierra Gold Quilt Guild.

Featured this year were Roy's Magic Art Show, TriCounty Wildlife, BZ Smith and Peg Reza, PAWS to Read dog Charlie and his owner Kathy and a host of cuddly creatures both big and small.



Special thanks to Bernie O'Reilly and Don Rosson for their fine photographs.



# Notes and Briefs.....

**Books and Bells.** Don't forget to drop by your local farmers' market and check out all the great produce. And while you're at it, look for the Friends of the Amador County Library book table. We select a variety of titles that we think will appeal to shoppers and sell them right there next to the tomatoes and cantaloupes. This summer we've scheduled tables for the following dates and locations:

Sutter Creek: August 11, 8 – 11 a.m.  
Pine Grove: August 15, 3 - 6 p.m.  
Plymouth: August 16, 4 – 7 p.m.  
September – TBD  
Jackson: August 19, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

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**Your FACL board of directors** spent a day in June reviewing its operations and planning for the future. We met with a facilitator who helped us discuss a variety of topics, including our fund raising, by-laws, recruitment of new members and member involvement.

Encouraged to “think outside the box” to improve our effectiveness, we came up with a long list of things we'd like to accomplish in the coming year:

- Enlist more volunteers from the general membership to help us with our book sales, book drives, and other fund raising events.
- Improve efforts to solicit charitable gifts and donations.
- Update our by-laws to facilitate meetings, recruit board members, and maintain transparency.
- Continue to expand, when possible, fund raising efforts.

Don't hesitate to let us know if you have ideas for other ways we can do things better. The board is committed to strengthening its support for the Amador County Library.

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**Welcome to our newest board member Gail Smyth**, a local attorney who joined the board in June. Gail graduated from California State University, Fullerton, and attended Western State University of Law Fullerton for a Juris Doctor degree. She served as Counsel to a number of southern California organizations and businesses and was a Section Chief/Counsel for the

FDIC. She is currently a member of the Amador County Bar and a trustee of the Amador County Law Library.

Gail moved from Orange County to Sutter Creek in 2007. In addition to spending time with her family (which includes seven grandchildren and a great-grandchild), her interests include reading, the arts and independent movies.

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**Got Books??** FACL is holding one more book drive before October book sale, so gather up those nice books you've been wanting to donate and bring them to our book storage facility on September 29 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. It's located at 42A Summit, behind the old courthouse in Jackson. This will be the last book drive before our Fall Book Sale slated for October 12-14.

The August book drive and other donations have brought FACL an outstanding collection of books for the Fall sale, but we can always use more. In particular, we need more volumes of non-fiction.

Don't forget, if you can't make the book drive on the 29<sup>th</sup>, we have drop boxes located around the county for your convenience:

- El Dorado Savings Bank, 460 Hwy 49, Sutter Creek
- Bank of Amador, 422 Sutter St., Jackson
- Bank of Amador, 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 book 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.

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Book seller extraordinaire Bud Berglund, shown here unloading books he's donating to FACL, helps us evaluate the thousands of books we receive before each book sale. He and booksellers Kirk and Karrie Lindsay donate many hours of their time evaluating the books we receive before they go on sale. Many thanks to them for all their dedication and expertise.

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## ***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 FINANCIAL DONATIONS**

Michael Fulks & Mary Dal Porto  
Margaret Crain  
Kiwanis Club of Amador County  
Mother Lode Printing  
Ione Rotary  
Mike Abdollahzadeh

### **LARGE BOOK DONATIONS**

Chris & Jenny Fuller  
Maureen O'Connell & Ric  
Carter  
Sue Uhlig  
Don Snell  
George Staby

The Friends of the Amador County Library (FACL) was formed in 1974 to support the Amador County Library. The Friends is a registered 501(c)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:

<b>Individual</b>	<b>\$10</b>
<b>Family</b>	<b>\$15</b>
<b>Sustaining</b>	<b>\$25</b>
<b>Life</b>	<b>\$200</b>
<b>Organization</b>	<b>\$50</b>

For more information about Friends of the Amador County Library, please go to [www.friendsoftheamadorcountylibrary.org](http://www.friendsoftheamadorcountylibrary.org) or inquire at any of the library's five branches.

*A book is like a garden  
carried in the pocket.*

*Chinese Proverb*

## Important Dates to Remember

### Friends of Amador County Library Board of Directors

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 Laura Einstadter, Librarian

Event	Date and Time	Location
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
Book Drive	September 29 10 a.m.—2 p.m.	Book Storage Facility 42A Summit St, Jackson (behind old courthouse)
Fall Book Sale	October 12-14, 2012	American Legion Hall



Yes, I/we want to support the Amador County Library with a gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ . Please direct these funds to general support or to the purchase of

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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.





The Amador County Library is more than a collection of books. The Summer Reading Program draws kids from around the county; adults find help to improve their language arts skills; job seekers fill out applications online on the computers available at every branch. Some come to read the daily newspapers, others to check out the latest best seller or a large-print volume. Some do genealogical research. And some find they enjoy the audio visual materials. There is something for everyone and a welcoming staff eager to assist. The Friends of the Amador County Library is dedicated to supporting the library system and its outstanding resources. Your membership makes that possible.

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