

News & Notes...

New Venue Draws Sell-Out Crowd to 2014 Boots 'n Books

Dave Stamey a Big Hit



On a rainy Sunday afternoon, a record crowd gathered at Calvary Chapel of Amador to listen to the unique Western music of Dave Stamey. This was a new venue for the Friends of the Amador County Library for their 4th annual concert. All were delighted by the lovely room, great sound system, comfortable chairs, and generally lovely ambiance. Dave certainly didn't disappoint with his original lyrics and stories and resonant singing voice. He even yodeled for us – quite magnificently.

A young fan, a new troubadour in the making, came with his guitar to be signed by Dave Stamey. All were amazed at the number of people who had traveled from out of the county to enjoy the concert.

The guests enjoyed the raffle with everything from nights in Tahoe at a hotel on the lake, to dinner and theater tickets, to beautiful original artworks. They were also treated to the ever-popular Split-the-Deck where there were two winners this year. Two lucky people also won door prizes with Dave Stamey CDs and Friends of the Library book bags.

Great refreshments were available including home-baked cookies from a variety of local book clubs and groups. The Boots 'n Books committee had worked hard since August to make the day perfect, and they accomplished their mission.

Last but not least the Friends were able to raise a considerable amount of money for the Amador County Library. Events like this and our semi-annual book sales have made it possible for the Amador County Library to continue to offer new and improved services to the community.

—Janie Brown, Chairman, Boots 'n Books



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A Message from the Board President Sandra Sullivan



This year's Spring book sale has been cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. But this means that our Fall book sale in October will be filled with even more exciting offerings. The dates for the October book sale are the 17th to the 19th. Stay tuned for further information on other possibilities to pick up some great summer reading matters as the Friends look at some alternatives for sharing books we have. We anticipate being at more of the various Farmer's Markets throughout the summer.

In February we held our annual concert featuring Dave Stamey and it was a huge success. Dave provided us with two hours of great country music, poetry and thoughts. To all of our volunteers who helped make this such a success I send out a big thank you.

The Friends are going through some changes this spring and with that brings the opportunity for members to consider joining the board and/or becoming more active with our various events. By the end of April we will have lost three long-time board members—Elaine Sommer, Kati Corsaut and Helen Bierce. They have been a key piece of the success of the Friends and the board members all miss them. Fortunately, we have had three people join our board and I want to welcome them to the Friends. I know we will be putting them to work very quickly. Joining in January was Lynne Norris and in March, Jim and Michele Powell.

As we move into spring the Friends are working with the Librarian to determine how the Friends can help support the needs of the library as budgets continue to remain tight for next year.

Remember—whether you have books you no longer need and you want to donate them or you have some time to volunteer, we need your support to ensure that our local library continues to offer the best services available to our county. Just email us, call us or let one of our board members know you would like to help. It's that simple!!

A Special Thanks to Special Donors

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

The past few months we've welcomed large donations of books from literally dozens of supporters. Our recent book drives witnessed truck after car after van pull up to the book storage facility to unload box after box of gently used books, filling our shelves as they await the next book sale.

Stephen and Bernice Honey-
church
Lynne Brumit
Audrey & Carl Down
and Sharon Reed
Carl Emerson

Fred Glassley
April Hughes
Frances M. McGinnis
Mary O'Neal
Stephanie Sherman
Sierra Gold Quilters Guild

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.

Laura Carpender
Linda Lacey
Greta Mcelroy and Mike White
Alicia Giurlani Miller
Elizabeth Rhein
Lila Silliman
Terry & Jeanne Toepfer



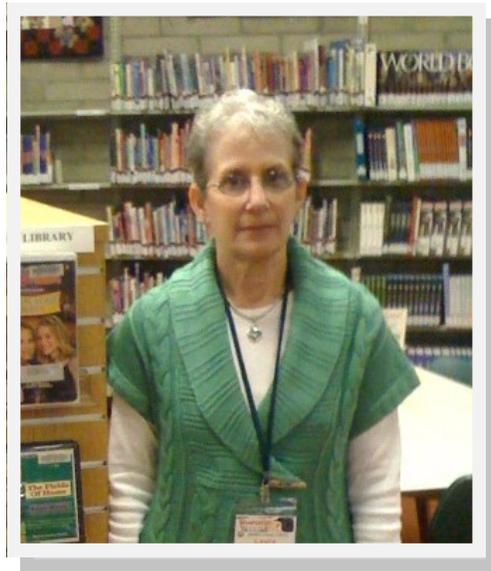
The Library Corner....

Notes from Librarian Laura Einstadter

Imagine being the first person in the county to read a book even before it reaches the library shelves. If that seems impossible, read on...

The library has been participating in a unique book delivery program for the past six months. ZIP Books is an inter-library loan program that delivers books to the requestor in their home. It's easy to participate in this unique program. If you would like to request a particular title and it is something the library doesn't own, you fill out an ILL request form either in person or online and the library will determine if your request fits the criteria for a ZIP delivery. You will be contacted by library staff who will explain the program to you and verify your address. The library then orders the book from Amazon, and the book is sent directly to you at the address you provide. Once you have read the book, you return it to the main library in Jackson and then we add it to the collection. Most of the titles that the library has purchased for patrons participating in this program have been newer titles, and many have been best sellers.

[ZIP Books is a statewide project of the California State Library and Califa. The project is funded in whole or in part by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered in California by the State Librarian].



Summer Reading is just around the corner. This year's theme is "Paws to Read" and will run from June 16-July 19. Since the theme is animals we have been planning many animal-related programs. The kick-off will be held Saturday, June 21 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the main library in Jackson. It will feature a dachshund parade, information about animal adoption, ice cream, fun animal related games and other activities for children and their families. The library is again partnering with the Inter-Faith Food Bank and will be collecting cat and dog food donations during the summer reading program.

Be sure to visit your library often either in person or online.

If we encounter a man of rare intellect, we should ask him what books he reads.

— Ralph Waldo Emerson —



The Board Recommends.....



Like most FACL members, board members are “book people.” We all read a lot and have more books than we can ever find time to read. So we’ve asked the board to share their latest books, with a few words of review.

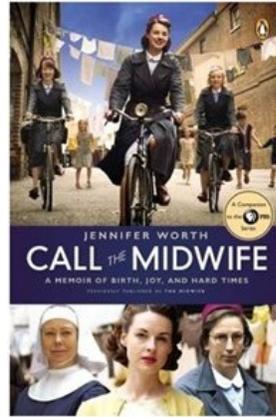
“**And The Mountains Echoed**” by Khaled Hosseini, Riverhead Books, 2013. The father of an impoverished family in Afghanistan recounts a parable to his son. The story is of a monster, a div, who comes to a village and demands that he be given the father's most beloved son. Although his heart breaks, the father gives the child to the div in order to save the rest of the village. After many years and many hardships, he travels to the div's fort, determined to rescue his son. He discovers that the son is living a wonderful, happy life. The div allows the father to choose whether to take back his son to poverty and distress, or to leave him where is is. The father sadly decides to leave his son, and the div gives the father the gift of forgetfulness, but ever after he has "a hole in his heart".

The rest of the book is a series of intertwined stories about similar relationships - connections lost, forgotten, unknown and later rediscovered. It is not about the war in Afghanistan, but it is about living in Afghanistan as the war is ending, then moving to Paris, Greece, and eventually to the US - following the threads of relationships between very sympathetically drawn characters through the years and across the world.

Hosseini is a wonderful storyteller. This is a beautifully written book that tells stories that seem to be sad, but still have a kernel of love and devotion and, in a way, redemption.

I highly recommend this book, and having read it, I will go back and reread Hosseini's earlier books - I don't recall them affecting me as this book did, and I want to see if I missed something.

— Board Member Bonnie Toy



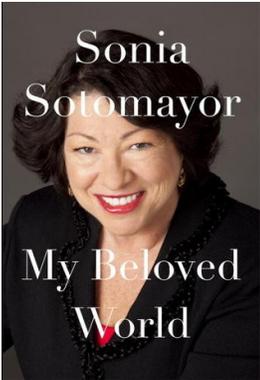
“**Call the Midwife: A Memoir of Birth, Joy and Hard Times, Volume 1**” by Jennifer Worth. This is a memoir of a young woman working as midwife in London's East End, the Docklands, in the 1950's. After being a devoted fan of the TV show on PBS, I was thrilled to

learn that there are books, in three volumes, of this memoir. The book doesn't deal as much with the personalities of the midwives as the show, but it provides much greater depth into the history and cultural conditions of the time. The author is generous in sharing her insights and the often painful growth that she makes. She lives in a convent which provides added opportunities for growth.

The midwife, Jenny Lee, works in an area in post-war London where not only is poverty and squalor in abundance, but these are complicated by bombed out structures and the inability of the government to provide a timely way out of horrible conditions for many of the residents. The reader will learn, perhaps more than she/he wanted, about the difficulties of childbirth, prostitution and living in poverty. The stories of struggle and heroism on the part of midwives and mothers is compelling. The book is not for the squeamish, but reading all of the details is worth what is learned about the human condition and people's ability to triumph over adversity, or at least survive. — Board Member Janie Brown



Recommendations continued.....



“**My Beloved World**,” a Memoir by Sonia Sotomayor. What a delight it was to read Sonia Sotomayor’s biography. Sotomayor reaches back into her early childhood to show the reader her humble beginnings, family tragedies, her childhood diabetes, and her relationship with her grandmother, Abuelita.

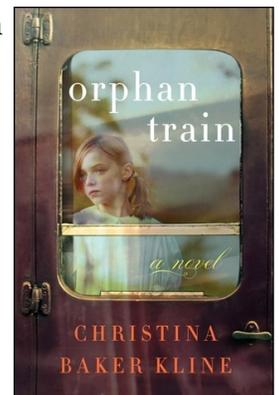
She shows how these things helped shape the person she has become. She does not stint on her introspection, even into a failed marriage.

She gives full credit to affirmative action for providing her the advantage a bright, self-disciplined Puerto Rican girl would have missed otherwise. She speaks of the tight-knit, albeit poor, community where she lived until she left for the Ivy League milieu so foreign to a young Puerto Rican. You can see the self-discipline she exhibits throughout the tale of her life, even as early as her grammar school days.

You watch this young girl flower into an excellent law student, a brilliant prosecutor, and a highly successful civil attorney. At each step of her development she gives credit to family, colleagues, peers and mentors who guided her while she manned the laboring oar. You appreciate her humility. She never forgets, or wants to forget, her humble beginnings. While the book ends before she takes her place as a Supreme Court Justice, you realize she brings a different perspective to a powerful and complex position. — *Board Member Gail Smyth*

“**The Orphan Train**” by Kristina Baker Cline. I found this story to be exciting on many levels, from superb writing to a complex plot, interesting characters, and some little-known American history. Let’s start with that: From 1853 until 1929, the Children’s Aid Society in New York City transported tens of thousands of neglected and orphaned children from the city to farming communities in the Midwest to start new lives with new families. Cline’s story involves one of those children and the troubled teenager she meets decades later. As lives intertwine, readers learn how society dealt with problem children at different times and how the children responded. The story is compelling, the history fascinating but troubling. Definitely a good read.

— *Kati Corsaut*



FACL Hosts Tourism Council

The Friends hosted a meeting on Thursday, March 13 at 5:30 pm for the Amador Council of Tourism (ACT). The group met in the main library and the Friends provided refreshments. ACT asked Laura Einstadter to be its guest speaker. In her usual thorough manner she described the many resources available at or through the Amador County Library. Several attendees expressed surprise at the wide range of services and three members signed up for library cards that evening. Andrae's Bakery supplied the "sweetest" part of the evening by donating a platter of its delicious cookies.



Notes and Briefs.....

A Note from Your Newsletter Editor: This Winter News & Notes will be my 11th and final newsletter as I pass the pen to Lynne Norris and Jim Powell, newly-appointed board members who will collaborate on the job. I have enjoyed writing and producing what I hope was an informative and readable newsletter. I'm sure Lynne and Jim will build on what I've done and continue to provide members of FACL with all the latest and greatest news about the organization's activities.

My departure follows my recent move — along with my husband Alan Jones — to Oak Harbor, Washington, on beautiful Whidbey Island. I've already got my new library card and patronized the lovely two-county library branch in my new town. However, I think I'll wait a bit before I volunteer for anything.....it's time for a reading break.

The Friends of the Amador County Library is an exceptional group of readers whose support for the local library is extraordinary. I'm thankful for my time with you all. *Kati Corsaut*

A fond farewell to board members Helen Bierce and Elaine Sommer, who have both resigned from the board. Elaine, who served as publicity chair, is moving to Sonoma, while Helen will remain as FACL's book sorter extraordinaire. Many thanks to both of you.

A warm welcome to Lynne Norris, a new member of the FACL board. Lynne is a six-year resident of the county who has graciously agreed to write for FACL's newsletter. Lynne has a background in writing, (she's written a couple of books), book publishing (she and husband Jim started a small publishing company while living in the Santa Ynez Valley), newspaper columns and newsletters.

Lynne and her husband have four children and eight grandchildren, two of whom live in Amador County.

An equally warm welcome to our newest board members, Jim and Michele Powell. Jim will take over newsletter responsibilities. Stay tuned for more about them in the next issue of News & Notes.

If you have an item of interest for members of the Friends of the Amador County Library that you'd like included in the next Notes and Briefs..., please send it to friendsoftheaclibrary@gmail.com, News & Notes, or write FACL, PO Box 701, Jackson CA 95642.



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.

Dues are Due!

An Important Reminder for Members.....

If you haven't paid your dues for 2014, now's the time to send in your check, or pay online. We value your support as your dues help FACL provide continuous support to our county library. Being a paid member also gives you some special benefits:

- ◆ Access to the book sales on "members only" Friday nights.
- ◆ Advance notice about special events like Boots 'n Books and other FACL activities.
- ◆ Knowledge that you are contributing to the continued support of our local library.

Go ahead and send your check to FACL, PO Box 701, Jackson, CA 95642. You can send in your marked ballot (see below) in the same envelope and save a few cents.

*The library is the
temple of learning,
and learning has
liberated more people
than all the wars in
history.*

Carl T. Rowan

FACL Election of 2014-2015 Officers

The following slate has been nominated for 2014-2015 officers of Friends of the Amador County Library (FACL). Members can vote on these nominees or offer write-in alternatives by completing the ballot below and mailing it to FACL, P.O. Box 701, Jackson, CA 95642, or by emailing their vote to friendsoftheaclibrary@gmail.com. Ballots must be received no later than May 15.

Ballot for 2014-2015 Election of FACL Officers

| Office | Nominee | YES | NO | Write-In |
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| President | Sandy Sullivan | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Vice President | Janie Brown | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Secretary | Gail Smyth | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Treasurer | Bonnie Toy | _____ | _____ | _____ |



Important Dates to Remember

| Event | Date and Time | Location |
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| Story time | Thursday, Sept.-May 10:30-11 a.m. | Main Library (Jackson) |
| Ione Storytime | Every Monday, 10 –10:30 a.m. | Ione branch |
| Pioneer Book Club | 2nd Thursday 11 a.m. | Pioneer branch |
| Plymouth Book Club | 1st Thursday, 6:30–7:30 p.m. | Plymouth branch |
| BookEnds 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 |
| Annual Fall Book Sale | October 17-19, 2014 | American Legion Hall, Sutter Creek |

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