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## FRIENDS OF THE AMADOR COUNTY LIBRARY (FACL) BULLETIN SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2007

**SEPT. 3<sup>RD</sup> MON. – LABOR DAY**

**OCTOBER 8<sup>TH</sup> COLUMBUS DAY**

### NEWLY ELECTED 2007-2008

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

#### OFFICERS:

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*The FACL Board held a short meeting to review the June book sale results and the status of our book storage facilities. The results of the sale were contained in the last newsletter.*

*It was reported that the County had offered us the use of a building behind the old courthouse and that a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was being prepared. The Board authorized the President to negotiate and sign the MOU when ready. The wheels of county government grind slowly so we are now looking to move out of the airport hangar when we transport books to the October book sale and move the books to our new facility at its conclusion. The board further authorized the president to spend up to \$1000 to purchase shelving for the new location. We don't plan to act on this until the MOU is signed.*

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**OCTOBER 31<sup>ST</sup> HALLOWEEN**

## President's Message...cont'd

*In the meantime Helen Bierce and Patty Still are sorting through the books to ensure that only the best are retained for our sale. Earl Silliman is doing the same at the Pine Acres storage facility and we hope in the not too distant future to consolidate both collections in our new facility.*

*In the last two months FACL has funded over \$5000 worth of books for the main and branch libraries including children's books and magazines. The monies for these purchases came from donations and from book sales.*

*Speaking of book sales please put the following dates on your calendars: SATURDAY/ SUNDAY OCTOBER 20/21 as the next book sale dates. As before, it will be held at the American Legion Hall at 11350 American Legion Drive off of HWY 49. A special sale for FACL members only will be held on FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19 between 4:00 and 8:00PM. The hours Saturday, October 20th will be 10AM to 5PM and on Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 11AM to 3 PM. We look forward to seeing you at this semiannual event.*

*~Kim Still*

## From the desk of the County Librarian

*Have you visited your library lately? If not, you have missed many of our changes and updates to the collection. Continuing with our goal of increasing our services and resources, the library has added two additional electronic databases: Testing and Educational Resource Center and Chilton Library. Both of these along with our other databases may be found on the library's website: [www.co.amador.ca.us/depts/library](http://www.co.amador.ca.us/depts/library).*

*So many books, so little time! For all those busy people, the Amador County Library has a new service: an Online Book Club that delivers books electronically. Each day, Monday through Friday, the library emails subscribers a portion of a book that takes about 5-minutes to read. You are able to read two or three chapters from a book during the week. If you like a book, you can check it out at the library. To sign up for this new service visit the library's website click on the Online Book Club icon. To subscribe you just need to have an email address and you are on your way to enjoying a fun read.*

*For those of you that wish to join a book club which meets at the library, you're in luck. Beginning Wednesday September 26th from 6:30-7:30 the Amador County Library book club, "Book Ends," will have its very first meeting. So turn off the TV and join your neighbors and friends for a stimulating series of facilitated discussions. Future titles include "The Namesake" by Jhumpa Lahiri and other literary selections reflecting the interest of the group.*

## MEMBERSHIP

*If you would like to attend FACL Board meetings, or be a member, please call Wilma Yount, Membership at 267-5461.*

### *Welcome new members!*

1. Ellen & Hanley Hickey of Jackson
2. Janet Barcoe of Ione

***INVITE YOUR FRIENDS/FAMILY TO  
BE MEMBERS OF FACL AND HELP  
YOUR LOCAL LIBRARIES ...***

### **MEMBERSHIP DUES:**

Student - \$1.00

Individual - \$7.00

Family - \$10.00

Sustaining - \$20.00

Life - \$100.00

Organization/Club - \$15.00

*For information about “Book Ends” call Gloria at 209-223-6400 or stop by the main library in Jackson.*

*September is Library Card sign up month. To encourage early reading, any child that signs up for a library card will receive a special prize, just for reading!!! Picture book time begins again September 6th from 10:30-11:00 at the main library in Jackson. This would be a great time to visit, listen to stories, and sign up for a library card.*

*The library is also celebrating Health Literacy on Wednesday September 12, 10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. the main library in Jackson will celebrate with information and promotional gifts in an effort to raise literacy awareness in the community. Health related books will be available for check out and the Amador County Public Health Department will be onsite with important health information on pandemic flu, ways to prevent illnesses, and more.*

*Upcoming programs and events at the library:*

*September 11<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 a.m.-12:00 noon Main Library, Jackson -- Representatives from the Franchise Tax board will be at the library for a discussion of the Homeowners/Renters Assistance Program. This FREE event will explain the program and who is qualified to apply. The program is geared to older adults over 62 or persons who are blind or disabled.*

*October 17<sup>th</sup>, 6:00-7:00 p.m Main Library, Jackson -- Join local author William Heinselman for a discussion of his book: “Old School Basic Fishing” This unique book covers a wealth of information to get you started enjoying fishing in the great outdoors. This event is FREE and open to all who are interested in learning more about fishing.*

*November 22-24 --- the library will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday Have a wonderful holiday!*

### **Children's events:**

*September 6 - We begin the season with Miss Cleo. Participating preschoolers will take part in a great new story and have an opportunity to work on a story related craft.*

*September 13 --- Our always popular Miss Tasha pays a visit to read one of her funny stories to her audience.*

*September 20 ---- Miss Cleo is back with stories and a craft.*

*September 27 ---- Special guest Anne Short will reveal the miracles of recycling with a story and a craft.*

*October 4th ---- Dr. Alison Pillsbury, local veterinarian, will be bringing her very own guide dog in-training to this story time. Dr. Alison will be talking about guide dog training and telling a story about dogs.*

*October 11 --- Storyteller in-residence Miss Cleo returns with another funny story and craft.*

*October 18th --- Our ever one of her very special stories.*

*October 25th --- Come dressed in your very best Halloween costume to hear Laurie Story present Book Boo’s: “Jelly Bean Halloween”. Everyone receives a trick or treat.*

*November 1st --- Susan Manning of Tri-County Wildlife will give a presentation on what to do if you find an injured wild animal. Please don’t miss this important presentation.*

*November 15th --- Thanksgiving is quickly approaching and Miss Tasha will read stories about this family holiday.*

*November 22nd --- the library will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday November 29th --- TBD.*

*Remember to visit the library's website for a full listing of all our events, exhibits, and resources.*

*~~ Laura Einstadter*

***Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, Patriot Day/Remembrance Day***

**SEPT. 23<sup>RD</sup> – FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- September 11<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 a.m. – 12 noon at the Jackson Library, Representatives of Franchise Tax Board Discussion of the Homeowners/Renters Assistance program.
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- September 12<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Jackson Library “Celebrating Health Literacy”
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- Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>, Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – FACL Board Meeting at Jackson Library. EVERY 3<sup>RD</sup> THURSDAY OF THE MONTH.
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- Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Jackson Library – First meeting of Amador County Library Book Club “Book Ends.”
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- October 17<sup>th</sup>, 6:00-7:00 p.m. at the Jackson Library –Author William Heinselman discussion of his book “Old School Basic Fishing”.
- October 19<sup>th</sup>, 4:00-8:00 p.m. at the American Legion Hall –SPECIAL BOOK SALE FOR MEMBERS ONLY. Non-members can come and sign up to be a member!
- October 20<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the American Legion Hall – FACL BOOK SALE.
- October 21<sup>st</sup>, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the American Legion Hall – FACL BOOK SALE.
- EVERY THURSDAY, 10:30 A.M.-11:00 A.M. at the Jackson Library - SCHOOL CHILDREN’S STORY TIME:
- Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>, 10:30-11:00 a.m. at the Jackson Library “Picture Book Time” begins with Miss Cleo
- Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> – with Miss Tasha
- Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> – Miss Cleo with stories and craft.
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- EVERY WEDNESDAY, 10:30 A.M. – PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN’S STORY TIME AT THE BRANCHES: PIONEER, PINE GROVE, SUTTER CREEK, IONE AND PLYMOUTH.

## **BOOK REVIEW**

*By Ruth Gottstein*

### **THE CALIFORNIA GOLD RUSH AND THE COMING OF THE CIVIL WAR**

**by Leonard L. Richards**

**This astonishing yet accurate description of the complexity and significance that California's Gold Rush played in the Civil War will literally take your breath away.**

**While we tend to think of the Gold Rush as depicted by that funny little miner with his pickaxe and gold pan (as in our recent Sesquicentennial celebration), the reality is far greater, more complex and astonishing. The 1848 discovery of gold in the Sierra Nevada influenced the battle to admit California to the Union. When the Civil War did break out, efforts were made to push California to secede--and indeed, many prominent Southerners left to join the Confederate Army, while others tried desperately to keep California gold from being shipped to the North and thereby supporting the Union. Even here in the town of Volcano where I live, we still have "Old Abe"--a cannon brought into town to protect outgoing gold shipments from being hijacked and taken to the South.**

**But--hold your hats. There is still more. The Gold Rush was perceived by Southerners whose lands were depleted by over planting, as a new market for slave labor, and saw themselves importing their own slaves to dig for gold with the long range plan of acquiring huge lands for further exploitation. They were defeated by California's passage of a state constitution that prohibited slavery. So then they schemed to tie California to the South by building a southern transcontinental railroad, and worked to split off the southern half as a separate slave state.**

**Further, the Gold Rush influenced the Gadsden Purchase, the Kansas-Nebraska Act, the Missouri Compromise, and various attempts to take Cuba and Nicaragua. How? Read this book! What's so remarkable is that while it is dense with information, for example, about our early Senators and their fiery political battles in Washington--often won by just a vote or two-- it reads so excitingly you can't put it down.**

**If I had my druthers, I would require all graduating high school students in Amador to read this book and successfully pass a test on the information. Why? The lesson--then, as now--is that freedom for everyone is an ongoing struggle. Perhaps learning about our illustrious, dynamic California history would enable them to carry that knowledge forward in their lives.**

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**I would like to thank the "Ladies of the Printed Word" who donated this copy in the memory of Bob Powell to our library. Hopefully, maybe other library users might want to donate an additional copy or two, so that the book would always be available for interested readers.**

Ruth Gottstein  
Publisher Emerita  
Volcano Press

### Share your memory...

*I read an article, perhaps you did also, which appeared in the “West Point Upcountry News”. It was an inspiring article about how the lumber camp community of Wilseyville’s small Library was reborn and re-opened after a long and dreary period of closure for three years. How could this happen on two facts? Closed for that length of time and then open? The news of its rebirth and how it happened is an inspiring story of what change can be brought about by the determination of one woman! I do not know her personally but I am deeply touched by what she did. Also grateful to her for awakening for me some wonderful childhood magical memories of how a small Library and another long ago lady made books accessible for me.*

*But first the story of the rebirth of Wilseyville Library whose founder, Dee Middletown, purchased the building, which now houses the reopened Library and with dedicated help re-installed the old bookshelves. Next, came stacking the 3,000 plus books on the selves. The last priority was to contact those persons who had held in trust the 3,000 Ann Gravitt Collection. This Collection had been left to the old Library in 2001 by her daughter. Isn’t it a joy to now picture children and adults coming for books and the story hour and other offerings of a “re-opened” Library? Also, what a wonderful opportunity such a brave and useful undertaking deserves for offers of support. The kind of help offered by an established organization, such as Friends of the Library or of a philanthropically social club steeped with the philosophy of service and support to all worthy projects. Just to play a little bit of the “Big Sister role” would play out well.*

*The second essential worth to me was the vivid way it stirred my memories of when I was given the privilege of free books to read. It, too is the story of just one lady who saw the need and against great odds made a small public service Library a reality. First, to really understand the background from which her idea sprung there must be a word description. It took place in the heart of a then rural community. Everyone was a rancher. It was the land of apricots, prunes, pears, and to serve this area with all its agricultural needs there was, of course, a very large general store built at the centuries beginning, at the crossroads, which was known as Cupertino, now Silicon Valley! This general store also held the Post Office, as well as a small section devoted to just basic food items.*

*In this large bustling general store worked a very special lady named Fanny Jollyman. She was a member of a prominent Santa Clara Valley family who, we all know, possessed the first and largest private home Library. She was the Secretary but more likely, in those days in that setting, had her hand in many functions of such a general store. I did not know, and still do not, the why and how or when she first determined to singly handed create a small facsimile, of what Andrew Carnegie envisioned as a free Library for all!*

*First, we saw shelves being erected on a wall in front of her office, 8 shelves in all, resulting in 4 for children’s books and 4 for adults. I can only surmise how this dear lady contributed of her time, of her expenses which she gave to bring us books. She not only gave us hours of reading pleasure, but she*

*taught us all we knew of Library skills, how to check in and check out our books, how to handle them with appreciation and care. I look back more than seven decades later and ponder: how did she organize and carry out this Library? What motivated her? Did it bring awarding personal satisfaction? Did our eager faces and everlasting questions bring her a surrogate family of children, did our ever “Thank you, Fanny” play music in her heart?*

*As the store owner, she not only erected the shelves, but to give her time to travel to the main San Jose Library to check out the books which filled the 8 shelves. I was only a child and just knew the great joy and the even greater anticipation for what was taking place. Those lower 4 shelves were the symbol of all that was exciting and inspiring, for they held books to check out, take home, read and re-read and check out again. The dear Fanny drove her old Ford car every two weeks, as if by magic, “new reads” were on the shelves! We did not realize the scope of work, of planning that all of this meant.*

*Ah, Fanny, now over the years I speak for all the children, you, and you alone, brought books to a whole community of children. As for me, dear Fanny, you dear and giving Lady, you have always been in the first five persons the most constant influence of my life.*

*Dear reader, if you are still with me what is your earliest remembrance of books in your life? Share your memory, please do!*

*~ Ruth Montgomery Jackson*

**Editor’s Note:** *Please write your article re: “Your memory” for the next FACL Bulletin November/December issue and email to me before the deadline on October 18<sup>th</sup>)*

**Editors Note:** *Regret that there was no title and name of the author of the book under “Ol Earl’s Book Review” in the last Bulletin July/August issue were not printed. Please note the title of the book is “Five People You Meet in Heaven” and the author is Mitch Albom.*

**FROM THE EDITOR:**

**FACL BULLETIN** issue is every 2 months, next issue is November/December 2007 .  
**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF ARTICLES IS THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18<sup>th</sup>.**

Please send articles to Jackson Library, or email *eparker@volcano.net*, or *parkerelisa@hotmail.com* ; or Fax: 295-2285.





## *Tips for Parents on Reading Aloud*

1. **Have FUN reading aloud!**
2. **Talk about the book and ask open-ended questions that do not have only right or wrong answers. This will encourage your child's verbal expression, critical thinking, and imagination. Some questions you can ask, at appropriate times during the story are:**
  - What would you do if you were the character in the book?**
  - What do you think might happen next?**
  - How would you add to the ending of the story?**
3. **Read aloud at least 20 minutes each day.**
4. **Extend the book with activities such as cooking and art.**
5. **Have books available in many rooms: bathroom, bedrooms, kitchen, living room, etc.**
6. **Use your library and buy books. Borrow and buy only the besting children's books. Ask your librarian for ideas.**
7. **Read more books by an author or illustrator you like.**
8. **Occasionally move your fingers with the words, across the page, from left to right to show your child the direction of print.**
9. **Let your child read books of her or his choice, but try to use your read aloud time for books of the highest quality that challenge your child and will increase her or his vocabulary knowledge.**