

# News & Notes...

## May Book Sale Breaks All Records

The Friends' May book sale broke all records, with sales more than double those of previous sales. Since FACL is a volunteer organization, all of the sale's profits go directly to support Amador's library; funds support computer resources, book purchases, summer reading programs, and equipment and furniture to make the Library more comfortable and efficient.

Thanks to everyone who donated books, DVDs and CDs, including some that commanded handsome prices in the specially-priced book section. Friends is currently seeking more donations for the next sale slated for October 15-17.

Thanks also to the hundreds of county residents and those from neighboring counties who added to their home libraries by patronizing our sale.

We'd like to give special thanks to the many people and businesses for their generous support. The book sale would be far less successful without their help and generous donations. So a big round of applause to the following folks:

- **Alteragold Real Estate and Susan Lesch** for their loan of a much-needed truck to haul books.
- **American Legion Post 108 and Al Lennox** for providing all their general support. We couldn't do it without them!
- **Pine Grove Youth Conservation Camp and Tom Menley** for its great crew of young men. They provided the much needed "muscle" to load, unload and set up the thousands of books featured at this year's sale.
- **Umpqua Bank and Jill Gilmore** for the delicious hot dogs and fixings that were enjoyed by many book buyers—and some of the volunteer workers.
- **City of Amador City and Joyce Davidson** for loaning us — free of charge — tables from the city's Community Center.
- **Internet Book Store, Bud Berglund**, for donating some exceedingly fine books for the sale.
- **Cathleen Berglund**, graphic artist, for designing the publicity posters and flyers free of charge.
- **Wolf Hein, Hein & Company Bookstore** in Jackson, for donating many, many books for the sale.
- **Anonymous donors** who contributed to the sale's success in other ways.



In addition to the books made available at the sale, Friends have donated some appropriate books to the American Legion Hall, Post 108 for their new library and museum, and to the Kit Carson Nursing & Rehabilitation Center for their library.





## *The Library Corner...*

### *Notes from Librarian Laura Einstader*

The library is the ‘happening’ place! We’ve continued to see use go up over the past few months with circulation totals at almost 82,000 for the Fiscal Year beginning in July 2009, and we aren’t done yet! Computer use has also soared with over 21,000 logins at the main library and 2100 at the branches. There are currently 23,500 library card holders. Requests for material outside the county have more than doubled.

A very big thank you to the Friends for funding the library’s 2-year subscription to Mango Languages. What is Mango? Mango Languages is an online language learning system teaching actual conversation skills for a wide variety of languages. It's the easiest way to learn to speak a foreign language. Since beginning the subscription in April, 86 people have taken advantage of the new learning resource. Languages selected have been French, German, Chinese, ESL German, ESL Spanish, Irish, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese and by far the highest number has been Spanish. And what’s exciting is that you can access Mango Languages from a home computer.

Thank you too to all of those Mango Language learners that have gotten the word out about this new interactive resource.

Be sure to check out the new Spanish Language section of the library. Thanks to the continued support of the Friends, this new collection is now available to anyone who speaks Spanish. Currently there are non-fiction, fiction, teen, and children’s materials. The books are located against the side wall where the teen collection is.

Don’t forget to visit your library online and join one of several online book clubs available for free. Check out the many research databases while you are there. To begin your search go to [www.co.amador.ca.us/index.aspx?page=270](http://www.co.amador.ca.us/index.aspx?page=270).



*Jackson Rancheria Vice President of Marketing Ron Olivero, center, presents a check for \$7,535.24 to the Friends of the Amador County Library Board of Directors for new shelving in the main library, Jackson.*



## ***A Message from the FACL Board President.....***

“If nothing ever changed, there’d be no butterflies!” I hope you like the exciting new look of our quarterly newsletter, now entitled “***News and Notes***”. Also debuting with this issue is a new logo that expresses the vitality and purpose of our organization. We thank Kati Corsaut, our new editor, for the redesign of the newsletter and welcome her to the FACL Board. We also thank Lucy Hackett, Public Relations Consultant, for designing our new logo. Elisa Parker, who faithfully served as our Bulletin editor for eight years, has retired from the job but remains on the board. Thank you, Elisa. Also joining the board is Elaine Sommer, who has done a marvelous job as publicity chair for the last two book sales.

Spring was an extraordinary time for the Friends. The board had just begun planning the campaign to raise funds for new shelving for the Children’s Section of the main library, Jackson, when suddenly we got lucky beyond our wildest dreams! We have already received enough money to purchase beautiful, multi-functional, slat-walled shelving for the Children’s Section. We cannot thank our generous donors enough:

- **Mother Lode Newcomers Club** (\$2,000).
- **Library Improvement & Funding Taskforce (LIFT)** (\$2,665).
- **Jackson Rancheria Casino & Hotel** (\$7,535).
- **Anonymous** donor (\$500).

As John Dewey said, “Arriving at one goal is the starting point to another.” The outstanding support from our donors has inspired us to expand the campaign for new shelving to cover the Teen and Adult Non-Fiction sections of the library.

In addition to applying for various grants, the board will reach out over the coming months to our wonderful Amador community, including members of FACL, for their support.

Have you noticed the two new, attractive brown armchairs over by the glass display case in the Jackson library? The Friends, together with a kind \$250 donation from the Sutter Creek Woman’s Club, purchased these comfortable chairs for the library. Try them out if they aren’t already occupied!

The Spring Book Sale was hugely successful. We raised a record \$3735 before expenses and gained 32 new members! We warmly welcome these new members to The Friends.

The board, with the newly elected officers, doesn’t meet in July and August, but we’ll be busy staffing our table at the Farmers Markets in Jackson, Pine Grove, Plymouth and Sutter Creek throughout the summer.

***Finally, do save the date for our Cowboy Poet fundraiser “Boots ‘N Books” on Sunday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011, 2:00 p.m., at the American Legion Hall.*** Larry Maurice, well-known “Cowboy Poet of the Year” in 2000, will entertain us with cowboy poetry, lore and song. More information will follow in our next ***News and Notes***.



Susan Staggs, President  
Friends of the Amador County Library

**Be sure to save these dates.....**

**Book Drive — July 17, 2010**

**October Book Sale—October 15-17, 2010**

**Cowboy Poet fundraiser “Boots ‘N Books”  
—January 16, 2011**



**Welcome to the following new Friends of the Amador County Library.....**

Mike Abdollahzadeh  
Aston Family  
Ethel Baird  
Sharyn Brown  
Kathlynn Angie-Buss  
Cindy Cass  
Phyllis Coring  
Nora Coryell  
N. Dahlborg  
Hugh & Eva Diltz  
Paul Dinyer  
Sue Duncan  
Doris Dunn  
Nancy Fischer  
Clay Francisco  
Hartford Gillaspie  
Janice Gillman  
Matt & Janice Gough  
Nicole Griggs  
Sarah Jane Hart  
Rosana Matonich & James Hilda  
Heidi & Greg Howard  
Ted & Ruby Huff  
John & Phyllis Ide  
Judy Kennedy  
Ben & Margaret Kopperl  
Bonnie & John Landis  
Zillie Lawrence  
Sharon Lewis  
Pat & Joan Lough  
Chris Metz  
Melissa Miller  
Richard Stevens  
William & Jackie Tarchala  
Jacquelyn Toton  
James & Hilda Villasenor  
Chris Volk  
Holly, Jennifer, & Teresa Wade  
Danielle Wander  
Barbara Wentzel  
Rus & Colleen Williams  
Al Willock  
Glenyce Wilson

**WANTED!  
GENTLY READ BOOKS  
FOR NEXT BOOK SALE**

We need books for the next benefit book sale! Your tax deductible donations of gently read books will benefit the Amador County Library at the next book sale slated for October. We've got two drop-off locations to make donating easy:

- Jackson Library, Saturday, July 17, from 10—3
- Clark's Corner in Ione, Saturday, July 17, from 10—2

If you have a large donation and cannot make it to the Book Drive, please call the Board Member closest to you:

Susan Staggs in Jackson, 296-0940

Helen Bierce in Sutter Creek, 267-0855

Kirk & Karrie Lindsay, Amador City, 267-5679.

The books you donate make possible the support we provide to the Amador County Library. We'll have our receipt book ready when you arrive. See you then.



**FACL Joins Farmers' Markets  
Come see us this summer.....**

Summer is coming-- slowly but surely-- which means it's time for the county's farmers' markets. You can count on lots of delicious homegrown produce, but don't miss all the great volumes at the Friends of Amador County Library book tables. Now's your chance to pick up some good summer reads, fiction and non-fiction, along with a variety of children's fare.

FACL hopes to have its book table set up for most of the markets starting with Pine Grove on June 30.

The markets are held as follows:

- Sutter Creek – Saturday mornings, 8-11 a.m.
- Pine Grove – Wednesday evening, 3-6 p.m.
- Jackson—Sunday mornings, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Plymouth—Wednesday afternoons, 4-7 p.m.



Along with books for sale, we'll have the flyers and brochures on the latest Library happenings.

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## Whatever Happened to *LIFT*?

FACL members have occasionally asked, “What is going on with LIFT?” You may remember that LIFT, the Library Improvement and Funding Taskforce, was very active a few years ago working towards its mission of getting a new library built in Amador County. LIFT has been inactive for the last couple of years, primarily because the voters of Amador County and the State of California voted down the Library Bond Act which would have been the primary source of funding for a new library.

According to Norene Williamson, LIFT Chairman, the organization did meet several important goals: It raised public consciousness regarding the need for a new library, conducted a community needs assessment, funded a consultant who developed a plan of service for the library, and convinced the county to hire a professional librarian. Additionally, LIFT received a commitment for a library site within the Gold Rush development.

Due to the current economy, it is unlikely that a new library will be built for Amador County any time soon, so LIFT has decided to transfer funds from its treasury (\$2,665) to FACL for our shelving campaign for the children’s section of the main library. The shelving can be transferred to a new library when the time comes.

### ***A Special Thanks to Special Donors***

FACL wants to thank all the many benefactors whose donations do much to further our work in support of the Library. We would like to give special thanks to the following donors who have gone “above and beyond” to help:

#### **Financial Gifts**

Sarah J. Hart  
Jackson Rancheria Casino & Hotel  
Library Improvement & Funding Taskforce  
(LIFT)  
Mother Lode Newcomers  
Sutter Creek Woman’s Club

#### **Donations In Kind**

Altera Gold Real Estate  
Amador City  
American Legion Post 108  
Gwen Christeson, Attorney at Law  
Lucy Hackett, Public Relations Consultant  
Pine Grove Youth Conservation Camp  
Umpqua Bank

#### **Large Donations of Books**

Bud Berglund  
Global Booksearch  
Hein & Co.  
Gerry Purse  
Larry Williams

The Friends of the Amador County Library (FACL) was formed in 1953 to support the goals and services of free libraries in the United States, and more specifically 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 through various fund-raising activities including bi-annual book sales. 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 twice-yearly book sales. Over the years, the organization has contributed many thousands of dollars worth of books and equipment to the Amador County Library.

For more information about Friends of the Amador County Library, please go to <http://www.co.amador.ca.us/index.aspx?page=270> or inquire at any of the Library’s four branches.



## **Trudy Vimini trades Amador for Arkansas**

Now that former library employee Trudy Vimini has retired, she and her husband are exchanging rural Amador County for the charms of rural Arkansas. They plan to refurbish their houseboat at Lake Comanche before they head east, but the natives of Amador County are excited about the move. They will leave with their two dogs, Midget, a miniature Schnauzer, and Buster, a Patterdale Terrier, to be close to family in Arkansas.

Trudy started with the Amador Library in Ione in 1992. Two years later she moved to the main library in Jackson where she spent the last ten years as inter-library technician. She was known for her ability to find the book you were looking for, even if it wasn't available locally. Trudy could find that elusive book and get it for you, as long as shipping costs were not excessive.

During her tenure at the main library, Jackson, Trudy became the "go to" person for microfilm machine repair, something she says she will miss. But her biggest regret is leaving her wonderful co-workers.

Thanks, Trudy, for all your hard work and dedication to the Amador County Library. You'll be missed.

