

News & Notes...

Got Books?

Next time you drop by one of the Friends' book sales, ask yourself where all the books came from. It's an interesting story, and one that takes place throughout the year.

Most of the books that end up on the sales table are there thanks to the generosity of folks who donate their used—and sometimes new—books. Some of the most successful avenues for accepting donated books are the well-publicized book drives the Friends hold prior to each sale. We put out notices urging folks to clear out their libraries and bring us what they no longer need.

July 23 saw the first book drive for the next big Friends' book sale, scheduled for October 14-16. Volunteers helped unload boxes and bags of books that will be sorted, categorized and boxed, ready to go on sale in October. Another drive will be held August 27 (see box below).

If you have books or audio-visual material you'd like to donate, but you can't make it on the 27th, we've got book drops placed around the county for your convenience.

Every donated book that we sell means more resources for our county library. Thanks to all of you who have gone to the trouble to bring us your gently-used volumes. Each one makes a difference.



Board members Elaine Sommers and Janie Brown sorting books at the FACL book storage facility in Jackson after the successful July 23 book drive.

Book Drive

Saturday, August 27, 10 am – 2 pm
FACL Book Storage Building,
42A Summit Street (behind old Court House). Jackson

We accept gently read books and audio-visual materials in good condition; please, no magazines, manuals or damaged materials.

Book Drops

Clark's Corner, 12 West Main St., Ione
El Dorado Savings Bank, 460 Hwy 49, Sutter Creek
Bank of Amador 422 Sutter St., Jackson

You can leave small donations at the branch libraries. Multiple boxes of books can go to book drive or book drops. If you're unable to deliver your books to a drop-off site, you can call 209-296-5541 or email friendsoftheaclibrary@gmail.com for someone to pick up your large donations. We plan to place additional book drops in the future.

The Library Corner...*Notes from Librarian Laura Einstadter*



The annual Summer Reading Program began with a story and puppet show by staff and volunteers. We took a trip back in time to listen to a Miwok story about the formation of Yosemite. Although attendance was light, staff and volunteers had a great time illustrating the story with the use of puppets.

We have also visited England, China, and Islands in the South Pacific. Storyteller BZ Smith wowed an audience of children and their parents with folktales and songs from around the world (see picture at bottom of page). A special performance by Uncle Jer's Travelling Bee Show provided a firsthand look at the life of a bee colony and the production of honey. The program will culminate in visits to Mexico and Australia and a grand prize drawing for those children that completed their reading logs.

Charlie, the PAWS to Read dog, visited the library each Friday from June 18 through July 15 to help children learning to read. He sat patiently listening to many different stories while his caretaker sat nearby.

Library use remained steady over the past fiscal year despite our reduced hours and two of the branches being closed during part of the year. How did we stack up?

More than 95,000 people visited our libraries.

We checked out 97,219 items of material.

Computers were used by 23,995 people.

We held 28 adult programs that 508 people attended and

326 children's programs that 619 children enjoyed.



Charlie, the PAWS to Read dog, sat patiently as children read to him.

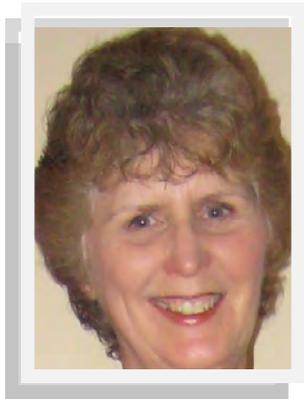
Programming was down over the previous year mainly due to a reduction in staffing and hours. We are facing another challenging year with a reduced budget and continued reductions in staffing and hours.

Remember to continue to support your local library by visiting or attending a special event or program.



A Message from the Board President.....

I am looking forward to an interesting year as president of FACL, working with the active, talented board. The Amador County Library needs help like never before. We are all aware of the devastating cuts that have been made to public entities in California. The budget cuts continue to adversely effect the library's ability to maintain services, move forward, and even to keep the doors open. Adding to cuts over the past few years, the library budget continues to shrink. The Friends of the Library is working to help the library maintain programs, e-resources, purchase of current materials, literacy education, and ever so much more.

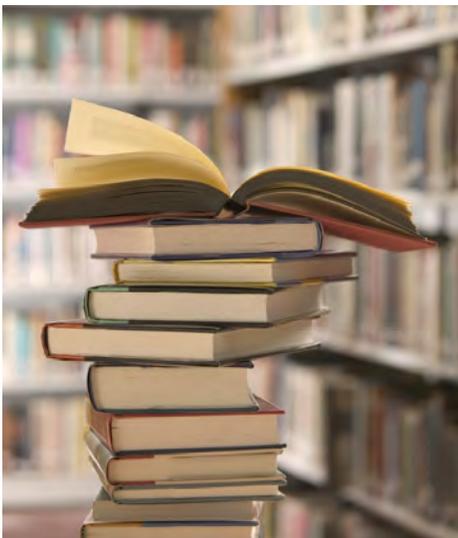


A number of our traditional fundraising activities are planned for the coming year - two book sales, an E-Waste event, presence at local farmer's markets, and the Boot 'n Books event in February where we will be treated to a renowned western storyteller/singer, Dave Stamey. Watch the newsletter and the local newspaper for dates and times for these events. We hope you will support and volunteer to help put on these interesting and vital events. We are making a concerted effort to include as many members as possible. If you are willing to work at any of the events or provide refreshments for same, and haven't been contacted in the past, please give me a call at 296-5541.

We are sorry to accept the resignations of board members Nancy and Kim Street. Both Nancy and Kim served as Secretary. They have both worked tirelessly for the Friends of the Library and will continue to do so for other local organizations.

A special thanks goes out to some generous donors. We were fortunate to receive some large donations of books from various members. We will also put to good use the generous financial donations that we received from people in the community.

***Janie Brown, President
Friends of the Amador County Library
July 2011***



Reading maketh a full man, conference a ready man, and writing an exact man.

Francis Bacon (1561–1626)

FACL is Going High Tech at Last

We're getting closer to having our own FACL website where you'll find good information about the Friends. We'll have the newsletter, calendars, announcements, and the latest news on book drives, sales and fund-raising events. We'll let you know as soon as it's up and running.

Speaking of high tech, we'd sure like to add you to the list of members who get their newsletter and important announcements electronically. It saves us time and money to communicate with you via the Internet, so please send your email address to

friendsoftheaclibrary@gmail.com.

Remember, printing and postage are expensive, and every penny saved is another penny to support the library.



FACL Book Table Offers “Food for the Mind” At Local Farmer’s Markets

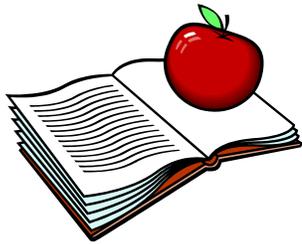
Amadorians visiting the county’s farmer’s markets this summer are going away with more than just yummy local produce. Many shoppers are adding books to their shopping bags, books they’ve purchased from FACL’s book sale tables.

In addition to offering a variety of gently-used books for sale (cookbooks included), FACL volunteers share information about the Friends and the support they provide to the county library.

“People really like having the books at the Farmer’s Markets,” according to Sarah Hart, FACL board member and volunteer. “Shoppers can find food for the mind as well as the body—they do seem glad to see us.”

If you’d like to check out a FACL book table at one of the upcoming farmer’s markets, circle the following dates on your calendar:

Pine Grove	Wednesdays, August 3 and September 7
Plymouth	Thursdays, August 11 and September 15
Sutter Creek	Saturdays, August 6 and September 10
Jackson	Sundays, August 21 and September 11



Some Good Summer Reads

If you’re looking for a good book or two for your summer vacation—or simply to relax on your deck—here are the August and September reading selections for the Amador County Library book clubs:

“Art of Racing in the Rain” by Garth Stein and
“Still Alice” by Lisa Genova – Plymouth

“Serendib” by Jim Toner and “Praisong for the
Widow” by Paule Marshall – Jackson

Books by Barbara Kingsolver and “The Virgin Sui-
cides” by Jeffrey Eugenides—Ione

The Pioneer Branch book club selection will be
announced later this month.

Nice Words for the Library

We thought the following note was worth sharing with FACL members. It reflects the good feelings so many people have for our library. Kudos to the library staff for all their good work.

After teaching genealogy for many years, I have only good thoughts and feelings of our library.

“Triny’ Vimini was so good. She spoke at our genealogy group meeting twice and we held a “work” and learn to use the genealogy section of the library at two other meetings.

The genealogy section of Amador County Library has a lot of information and the library is so good about ordering requested film. The library staff is most helpful in those I have found in my years of research.

Thank you to all of you,

Marian Randolph



FACL Board News

Welcome and Thanks

Welcome to new FACL board member **Sandra Sullivan**. Sandra brings to the board experience in the banking industry, with an emphasis on retirement plans and IRAs. She worked for several major banks, and saving and loans over the years where she specialized in all aspect of IRA compliance. A graduate of Cal Poly Pomona with a degree in business administration, Sandy enjoys cooking, scrapbooking and traveling around the US and world.

The board also wants to extend its grateful appreciation to former board members **Nancy and Kim Street**, who served the board for several years. Both Nancy and Kim pitched in to help on book sales, book drives, and special events, and shared duties as board secretary until their departure. Thanks from all of us for your dedication to the Amador County Library and FACL.

A Special Thanks to Special Donors

FACL could not do what it does without the incredible financial support from the community. In particular, the following donors have made a tremendous difference in our ability to support the Amador County Library and other regional efforts.

Large Donations of Books

Giddeon Wisdom
Joyce Holleman
Fay McDonald
Jon Baldwin
Deborah & Jerry Budrick
Joseph Lang
Estate of Bettie & Leo Schauer
Diana Gibson
Tina Lara
Sarah Hart
Richard Kennon

Financial Donations

V. Pickering
Rod and Loraine Davis
Anonymous
Jackson Rancheria Casino & Hotel

Shelving Fund

Chuck and Karin Lowrie

Welcome New FACL Members

Louie & Sherry Bettencourt
M. Corrine Cole
Martin & Teresa Ryan

Members are entitled to come to the book sales on members-only Friday night, receive the quarterly newsletter, "News & Notes" and receive notification about special FACL events. 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.

Dues are as follows:

Individual	\$10
Family	\$15
Sustaining	\$25
Life	\$200
Organization	\$50

If you'd like to join, mail your check to 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(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 more information about Friends of the Amador County Library, please go to <http://www.co.amador.ca.us/index.aspx?page=347> or inquire at any of the Library's five branches.



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Dates to Remember—and Things to Do

Event	Date and Time	Location
Story Time	Every Thursday 10:30-11 a.m.	Main Library (Jackson)
Pioneer Book Club	2nd Thursday 11:00 a.m.	Pioneer branch
Plymouth Book Club	2nd Tuesday 6:30 p.m.	Plymouth branch
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 9:00 a.m.	County GSA building Conference Room
Book Drive	Saturday, August 27 10 a.m.—2 p.m.	Book Storage Facility behind the old court- house in Jackson
Fall Book Sale	October 14-16	American Legion

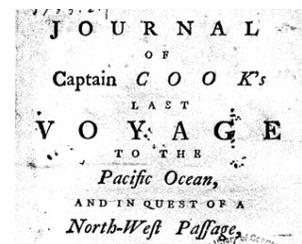
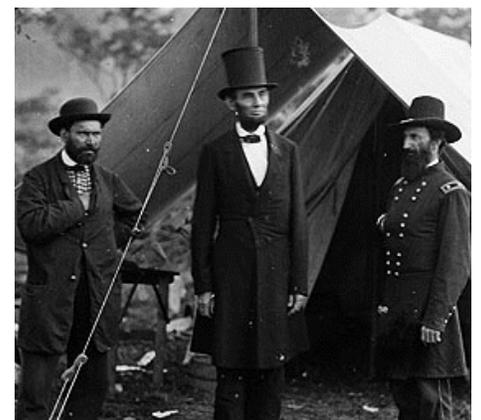
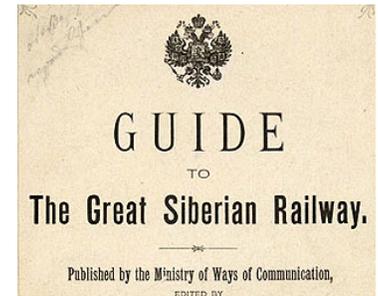
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- Promote international and intercultural understanding;
- Expand the volume and variety of cultural content on the Internet;
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- Build capacity in partner institutions to narrow the digital divide within and between countries.

The WDL makes it possible to discover, study, and enjoy cultural treasures from around the world on one site, in a variety of ways. These cultural treasures include, but are not limited to, manuscripts, maps, rare books, musical scores, recordings, films, prints, photographs, and architectural drawings.

To learn more about it, go to <http://www.wdl.org/en/>



Pictured at the right are examples of just a few of the thousands of images posted on the World Digital Library. From top clockwise, the Russian Ministry of Ways of Communication's illustrated guide to the Siberian Railway; photo of Lincoln at Antietam; the American sailor and explorer John Ledyard's account of his observations of Alaska, Kamchatka, southern China, and the islands of the South Pacific.

