

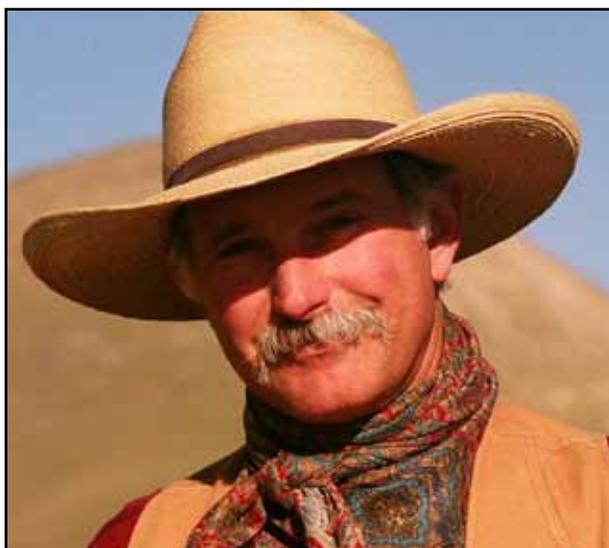
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Furthering library excellence to enrich our community by bringing people and resources together

Winter 2016

Dave Stamey Returns to Boots 'n' Books

Dave Stamey, award-winning Western singer and songwriter is returning to Amador County to perform at the Friends of the Amador County Library annual fundraiser concert: "Boots 'n' Books," on Sunday March 13th at 3:00 pm at The Call Church, located at 18400 Ridge Road, in Pine Grove. When Stamey performed at Boots 'n' Books in 2012 and 2014, tickets sold out for this popular entertainer.



Dave Stamey is a thoroughly engaging performer who has been a cowboy, a mule packer, and a dude wrangler, and is now one of the most popular Western entertainers working today. He has a devoted following among aficionados of Western ballads and cowboy poetry. His performances feature original and classic Western songs, great cowboy stories and some of the best yodeling you will ever hear! The Western Music Association has voted him Entertainer of the year six times, Male Performer of the Year six times and Songwriter of the Year five times. In 2010, 2011 and 2013 True West Magazine named him Best Living Western Solo Musician. Stamey also received the Will Rogers Award from the Academy of Western

Artists. You can hear a sample of his music on the Friends of the Amador County Library website at <http://friendsacl.org>, or davestamey.com.

The Call Church is fantastic location for a concert with a spacious performance space and a professional sound system. Emceeding the event will be our local KVGC radio host Jim Guidi. The concert will also feature door prizes, a silent auction including travel packages to Disneyland and Lake Tahoe, and a raffle with donations from many local businesses. Light refreshments will be served.

Tickets are \$22 in advance and \$25

at the door (if available). New this year, tickets are available online for a modest fee at <http://stamey-facl.brownpapertickets.com>. Tickets can be purchased in person at Hein & Company, 204 Main Street, Jackson, Mother Lode Music, 11310 Prospect Dr. Ste. 80, Jackson, or Brent & Jeff's Upcountry Hardware, 19689 Hwy 88 # A, Pine Grove. Tickets can also be ordered by mail at FACL Boots 'n' Books, 13910 Rose Quartz Court, Pine Grove, CA 95665 (make checks payable to FACL).

"Boots 'n' Books" is sponsored by the Jackson Rancheria Casino Resort and benefits the Friends of the Amador County Library, a non-profit organization supporting the Amador County Library. Past FACL projects include purchasing new library shelving, an innovative DVD storage and retrieval system, and a children's early literacy workstation with educational software programs. FACL is currently raising funds to digitize the Amador Ledger Dispatch back to the mid-1800's. Visit <http://friendsacl.org> or call 209-296-1267 for more information about the concert.

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President's Corner

by Rick Sprenkel, FACL President

It is a new year, with plenty of promise.

Many of our friends are still trying to recover from the Butte fire last Fall, but perhaps the new year will bring with it a sense of renewal.

The fire interrupted our plans for a Friends Appreciation Event, with the State Librarian coming to talk about the future of libraries in the internet age. But I am happy to report that we are going to try again. We are having a Friends Appreciation Event at the library on February 25th. See my letter of invitation below for details.

We are still looking forward to a great year supporting the library. Have you ever considered becoming more involved with the Friends? If so, we are looking for additional board

members. Just drop us an email at friendsoftheaclibrary@gmail.com and we will contact you with more information. Your involvement would be as much as your schedule allows; we do, however, ask that Board members attend the monthly meeting.

One of our major fundraising projects is coming soon. Dave Stamey will return to entertain the community on Sunday, March 13th. See the article on Page 1 for details.

One of our current projects is moving along with renewed focus. We have signed a contract to start digitizing all of the Amador Ledger Dispatch! Later this year, we will launch a web site that will allow key word searches



of all of the back issues of the newspaper – back to the very beginning! Stay tuned for progress reports. And thank you to the Ledger Dispatch, Stan Lukowicz, Native Sons, and many others for their financial support of this very important project.

Just a quick reminder – the Board meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 9 a.m. in the Amador County General Services Building on Airport Road. Feel free to attend.



FACL Members Invited to Appreciation Event

Dear Friend of the Amador County Library,

hold a drawing to give away a pair of tickets to the upcoming Dave Stamey Concert.

The FACL Board is hosting a reception to show our appreciation for you, our members. It is my pleasure to extend an invitation to you to attend this special evening.

The event is Thursday, February 25, 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., at the Library. Appetizers and beverages will be served.

Our very special guest will be California State Librarian Greg Lucas, who will discuss the future of libraries in the digital age and the important role libraries play. We will also update everyone on our largest project to date – the “Save Our History” campaign. The kick-off project is to digitize the library’s fragile storehouse of 160 years of The Amador Ledger Dispatch.



State Librarian Greg Lucas is our special guest.

I hope you will be able to join us for this very special evening. It’s an ideal opportunity to meet and mingle with library staff, fellow Friends, and FACL Board members in a casual setting.

Please RSVP by e-mail friendsoftheaclibrary@gmail.com, or by calling 209-296-2771. I will be happy to answer any questions you might have about the event.

We look forward to seeing you on February 25.

Sincerely,
Rick Sprenkel
President,
Friends of the Amador County Library

We will also provide information on how your support has contributed to projects that support the library. In addition, we



Librarian's Corner

by Laura Einstadter, County Librarian

The library received a surprise grant from the State Library in December. Some of you may have seen an article in the Ledger Dispatch announcing the grant of \$10,000 for collection development. The grant funds are being given to libraries that were affected by the devastating wild fires and Amador is one of the recipients. The funds will be available to the library through the end of June 2016. We using the funds to purchase material with a focus on disaster preparedness, rebuilding after a disaster, small business development, wild fire prevention, fire fighters, animal rescue, and related topics.

The Library Literacy program is participating in the Career Online High School Pilot project. Adults aged 19 years and older who are Amador County residents can earn their ac-

credited high school diploma and a career certificate online through this program. Limited scholarships are available through the library. The program offers adults the opportunity to complete their high school education and gain career training through a self-paced, supportive, and accredited online education program. The program is being funded 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.

The library will be saying goodbye to two long-time employees at the end of March. Lynda and Rae will be retiring. Both have worked for the Amador County Library for over ten years. Rae has been the Branch Library As-



sistant at the Plymouth library and Lynda has been the Inter-Library Loan Library Technician at the main library in Jackson. Although both will be sorely missed, we wish them all the best in their respective retirements.

The main library Wednesday hours will be returning to 10 a.m.-6 p.m. beginning March 1st. We have found that being open the extra hour from 6-7 p.m. has not been popular and very few people have been taking advantage of this time.

Fall Book Sale A Success; Book Drive and Spring Sale Dates Set

Thanks to those who attended the fall book sale—it was a great success. We raised just over \$4,000, which helps with the many ways FACL supports the Amador County Library.

As always, we are grateful to the nearly 70 FACL volunteers who make this huge undertaking possible. We are also very thankful that the American Legion donates the use of the hall for our sales and the city of Plymouth loans us additional tables. The California Youth Authority provides great support by bringing young men to help with the set-up and tear-down.

Round Table Pizza generously provided pizza for the CYA helpers at the end of the sale. We also received donations from Safeway, Grocery Outlet, Cost Less, and Starbucks to provide food and coffee, and some local book club members provided cookies. Kudos to all!

Book drives are scheduled on upcoming Saturdays, February 27 and April 2, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 42A Summit Street in Jackson.

The annual FACL spring book sale will be held on April 22 - 24 at the American Legion Hall. Save the date!

Friends of the Amador County Library
Invite Your Donations for the Semi-Annual



Book Drive

**Saturday, February 27, 10 am – 2 pm; and
Saturday, April 2, 10 am – 2 pm**

at the FACL Book Storage Building
42A Summit Street, Jackson (behind the old Court House)

We accept gently read books and audio-visual materials in good condition. Please, no magazines, VHS or cassette tapes, or damaged materials.

For information, call (209) 267-0855.

The Friends of the Amador County Library is a 501(c)3 organization. Donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

Save the Dates for the April Book Sale:
April 22-24!

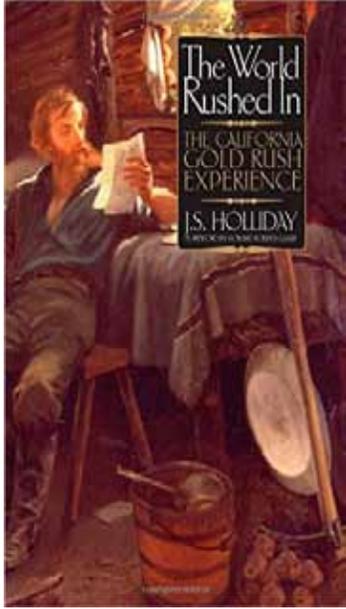
www.friendsacl.org



Book Review

The World Rushed In: The California Gold Rush Experience
by J.S. Holliday

In 1981 the Washington Post predicted, "It seems unlikely that anyone will write a more comprehensive book about the Gold Rush." In the years since, critics agree that no work has emerged to contradict that prediction. This book is based on the diary and letters of William Swain and his family—augmented by the writing of more than five hundred other gold seekers as well as the letters sent to Swain from his wife and brother back home. The reader gets a day-by-day view of the pain, joys, struggles, sickness, sheer beauty and incredible hardship involved in traversing the continent in 1849. The travelers battled rugged terrain, cholera, lack of water and the many ills of making such a desolate, strenuous journey. This is a very human story



as well as an important historical document.

From Swain's diary and letters home, the reader gets to see the splendor of the West and the hardships of wagon-

train travel. I was amazed at the large numbers of people strung across the prairies and mountains. There were almost always wagon trains just ahead and behind. Within a few years thirty thousand men, and some women, made this incredible journey. There is little glory to be found in this story although there is a great deal of bravery, kindness and character exhibited among the hordes traveling west. Although most 49ers did not succeed in returning home wealthy, they did return with a new vision of life and of the country. Their endeavor changed our country forever.

Each chapter consists of countless diary entries by Swain, and some others traveling nearby, as well as letters home and from family which took an excruciatingly long time to arrive at either end. In our era of immediate communication, it is hard to imagine waiting months for a letter to arrive. Each chapter also contains a synthesis and historical overview provided by Holliday. This combination makes this at once a personal story and a vivid depiction of an important event in American history.

The book also includes the arduous journey that most people took to return to their home in 1850-51. Few ventured back across the plains and mountains. Most traveled by ship through the Isthmus of Panama. This was certainly no Carnival Cruise home. Once again they experienced great danger and hardship. The maps throughout the book also help to show the path traveled and to show how much our country has changed in the last 160-odd years.

I highly recommend this book to anyone interested in the history of California or the Gold Rush or of the United States at large.

Reviewed by Janie Brown

Volunteer Opportunity

If you're interested in becoming more involved with FACL activities, we invite you to consider joining the **Board of Directors**. We are looking for new board members who want to help support the Amador County Library through fundraising and advocacy.

If you're interested in joining the board, or have other ideas for volunteering, please call 209-296-2771 or send an email to friendsoftheaclibrary@gmail.com.

Notes and Briefs

A Note From Your Newsletter Editor

We hope you enjoy the *Biblio-File*. If you would like to contribute a book review or have a pertinent item of interest for members of the Friends of the Amador County Library that you'd like included in the next issue of *Biblio-File*, send it to friendsoftheaclibrary@gmail.com with a subject line of *Biblio-File*, or write to FACL, PO Box 701, Jackson, CA 95642.



Calendar

Jackson Story Time	10:30-11 a.m.	Main Library
Ione Story Time	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
Member Appreciation Event	February 25 5:30 p.m.	Main Library
Book Drives	Feb. 27 & April 2 10 a.m.–2 p.m.	43A Summit Street
Annual Concert	March 13, 2016 3 p.m.	The Call Church Pine Grove
Annual Spring Book Sale	April 22-24	American Legion Hall Sutter Creek



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 nonprofit 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 this newsletter, *Biblio-File*, (formerly *News & Notes*) for its members. 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.

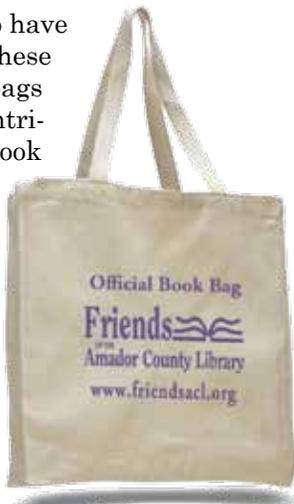
Annual dues are as follows:

- 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.

FACL Has a Brand New Bag

You'll want to have at least one of these handy, sturdy bags to haul your contributions to the book drive or your new reading finds home from the next book sale. Pick yours up at the Jackson branch of the library, or buy one at one of the book drives, or at the book sale in April. They're just \$10 each, and your purchase helps FACL support the library.



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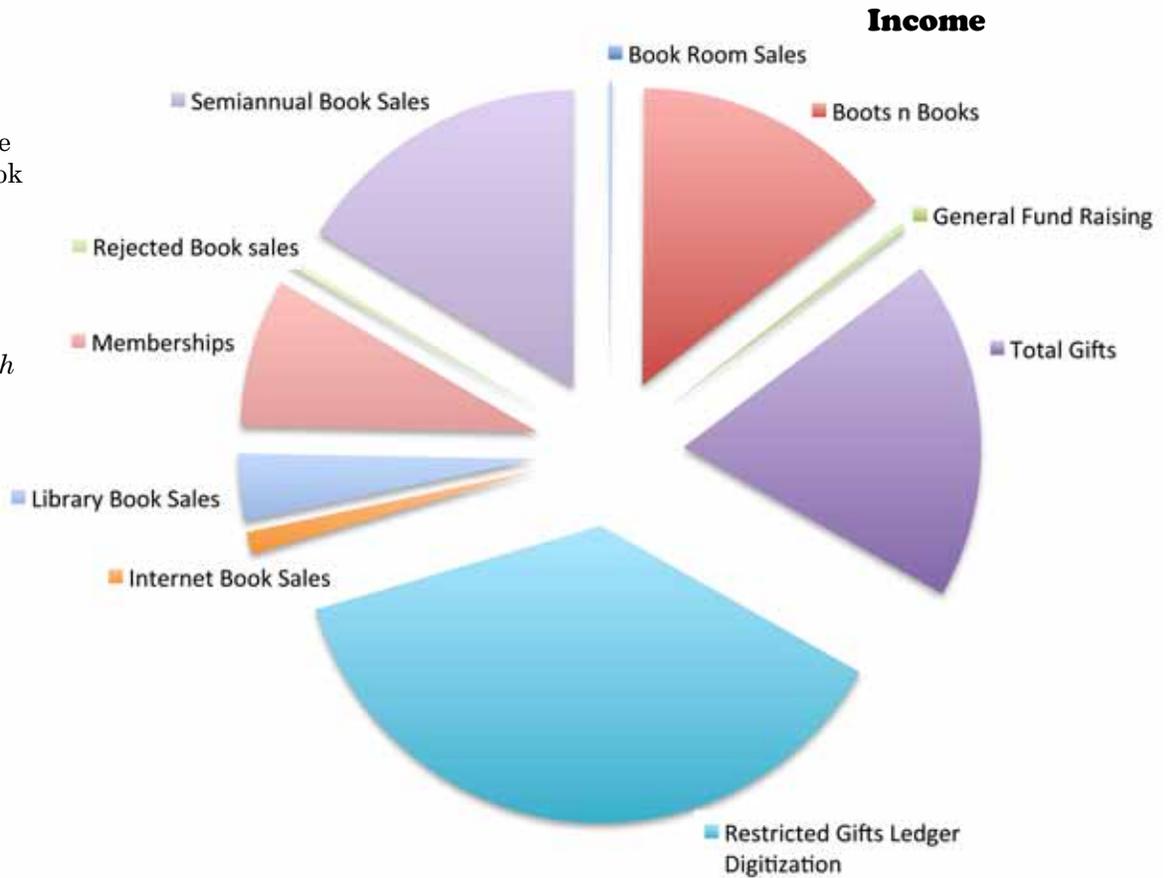


2015 Financial Summary

In 2015, the Friends of the Amador County Library took in approximately \$32,000 from various sources (see chart at right) plus nearly \$20,000 in restricted gifts for the special project to digitize the *Ledger-Dispatch* from 1855 to present.

In addition to the *Ledger Dispatch* project, we received:

- Gifts totalling nearly \$9,000;
- Income from the annual concert—\$7,663;
- Membership dues—\$4,345;
- Miscellaneous book sales—\$2,800;
- Income from the two semi-annual book sales of \$8,750.



On the expense side, we spent more than \$29,500 in support of the library and maintaining the FACL organization.

Expenses included:

- Library hardware and software—\$7,400;
- Library books and materials—\$14,700;
- Miscellaneous (cost of book bags*)—\$1,077; and
- FACL operating expenses—\$6,270

*The book bag expense will be recovered, with a profit, through their sale at the Library and various FACL events.

With some \$52,000 in total donations in 2015, FACL's overall operating expenses are just 12% of income.

