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Anatomy of a Book Sale

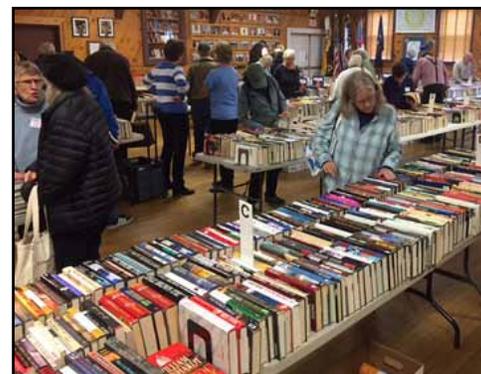
The Friends of the Amador County Library just completed another successful book sale. This wonderful event is only possible because of the labors and generous donations of many people and organizations in the community.

The process begins with all of the book donations that come to the book room, library and various delivery points in the County including El Dorado Savings Bank at Sutter Hill, American River Bank branches in Jackson and Pioneer, Pokerville Market in Plymouth and Clark's Corner in Ione.

Next, in the months preceding the sale, book drives are hosted by members of the Book Sale Committee and the FACL Board. (Upcoming drives are set for August 20 and October 8. Watch for notices in the form of book-marks available at the library, as well as ads in the *Buy and Sell* and *Ledger Dispatch*.)

The book drives are great opportunities to drop off that small bag or pick-up load of books you have been wanting to donate. We also have faithful, hard-working volunteers selecting valuable books to be sold on the internet, making signs, providing extra dollies, and doing a myriad of behind-the-scenes jobs. (You could be one of them! Watch your email for more information.)

Finally, an army of volunteers comes together over five days and makes the book sale possible. This year the number included more than sixty individuals arranging, "fluffing," cashiering, unpacking and packing and generally working to make the sale possible. Not included in this number are the two crews of young men from Pine Grove Conservation Camp. They carry in a big U-Haul truck's worth of books, and then carry the remainder back out on Monday. The crews are always courteous and



Members' night is always busy!

hard-working. We couldn't do it without them.

Since our set-up crew works from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the day the book sale starts, we provide lunch. The food is donated by generous grocery stores in our area. This year Safeway, Cost Less, Grocery Outlet, and Save Mart provided the food. Also, as a thank-you to the CYA crew, we treat them to pizza when they are finished taking down the sale and returning it to the book room. Round Table Pizza generously provided pizza, twists and drinks for the hard-working crew. Perhaps the most generous donor is the American Legion Post 108. They allow us the use of the hall for five days, twice a year at no charge. We are very fortunate to have this fine space.

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Book Sale Committee members (standing, back row) Jim Powell, Helen Bierce, Michele Powell and Janie Brown pose with members of the CYA crew who helped pack up the remaining books on Monday morning.

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President's Corner

by Rick Sprenkel, *FACL President*

Spring is half-way over as I write this, but it still feels a bit like Fall or Winter with all the strange weather.

FACL Events

The Friends have been busy since the last newsletter. We had the Appreciation Event at the Library, with an additional donation for the *Ledger Dispatch* digitization effort, along with an encouraging talk from the State Librarian, Greg Lucas. He seems to understand the challenges that rural libraries are facing.

We had our Annual Boots 'n' Books Concert with Dave Stamey and our April Book Sale. Both events were very successful in raising funds for the Friends projects in support of the library, in part due to the efforts of all the volunteers.

Election of Officers

I am happy to report that following the election of officers for the Board of Directors, the slate of candidates that the board proposed will be installed at

the May meeting. I am returning as President, Bonnie Toy as Vice President, Elizabeth Rhein as Secretary, and Jim Powell as Treasurer.

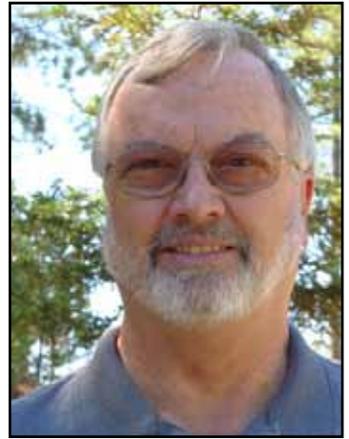
We are pleased to welcome new board member Claire Wait who brings an enthusiastic love of libraries. On a sad note, we bid farewell to Janie Brown, who is leaving the board after many years of valued service. We will miss her.

Projects

One of our current projects is moving along. Work continues on the project to digitize the *Ledger Dispatch*. We are on track to launch a web site that will allow key word searches of all of the back issues of the newspaper – back to the very beginning – later this year! Stay tuned for progress reports. And thank you to the *Ledger Dispatch*, Stan Lukowicz, Native Sons, and others for their financial support of this very important project.

Join Us

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 and take on a role in support of the Board of Directors.

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

2016 Boots 'n' Books Concert Welcomes Dave Stamey

Dave Stamey, one of our region's most talented Western singers, yodelers and storytellers treated us to a wonderful show on Sunday, March 13. Dave shared old favorites and a few new songs as well. I hope you were able to attend this concert and if you did you already know how much fun it was. Spirits were high and there was even a sing-along! Dave is so personable and friendly that many fans chatted with him at the break.

The concert was held at The Call Church in Pine Grove for the third year in a row and it is perfect venue for our concerts. The acoustics and the sound system are at a professional level. I want especially thank Jeff Duncan, Worship Arts Pastor at The Call and sound engineer extraordinaire.

This year's silent auction offered three wonderful opportunities: four tickets to Disneyland, two nights at The Hyatt regency in Lake Tahoe and two nights at a privately owned condo in Lake Tahoe. The raffle had



prizes ranging from dinners to theatre tickets to house cleaning services to many gift certificates from local retail stores.

As always, the refreshment committee provided delicious refreshments at the break.

The concert, in combination with the semiannual book sales, provides significant and badly needed monetary support for our library. We want to acknowledge the Jackson Rancheria Casino Resort for their continuing support of this event. This concert would not happen if it were not for all the time and energy put in by all our volunteers—committee members Bonnie Toy, Jan Hewitt, Sharon Alexander, Barbara Baechle, Michele and Jim Powell, and JoAnn Sprenkel, with help from Mary Foster.

Watch for news about next year's concert. We're already making plans, and it promises to be a good one.

—Michele Powell



Librarian's Corner

by Laura Einstadter, County Librarian



We said farewell and best wishes to two long time employees who retired March 31st. Lynda Laolagi, who worked at the main library as the Inter-Library Loan library technician, and Rae LeGrande, who was the Branch Library Assistant at the Plymouth branch. Both will be missed by staff and patrons alike.

Although we will miss both Lynda and Rae, I'd like to welcome Michelle and Joanne. Michelle is the new Inter-Library Loan library technician and Joanne is the new Branch Library Assistant at the Plymouth Branch. Michelle had been working at the Plymouth branch but has been transferred to the main library and currently is filling in at both the main library and branch during the transition.

Summer is almost upon us and that means it is time for the annual summer reading program. This year the theme is "Read for the Win" and will run June 13-July 22. The Friends of the Library are sponsoring several Summer Reading events at the main library in Jackson:

- **Magician and ventriloquist Tony Borders** will perform on June 16 at 11 a.m.
- **Storyteller BZ Smith and ukele player Peg Reza** perform on June 30 at 11 a.m.
- **Ranger Kevin** from New Hogan Lake Reservoir, will speak on July 7 at 11 a.m.
- **Other events**, crafts, treasure hunts, and reading fun are planned throughout the summer.

Did you know that the library has Facebook and Pinterest pages? Friend the library on Facebook to keep up with the latest events and programs. Join the library on Pinterest to see great pictures of library happenings.

Looking for the latest book, a favorite author, or want to see new books? The library offers several services on the library webpage for you to check out: www.amadorgov.org/library.



Follow your favorite authors, join in the conversations and be the first person to read the newest book.



View new books that have been added to the library collection.



Follow your favorite author, see their latest books.

Have a wonderful summer and remember to visit your library!

Meet New Library Technician Michelle Gallaher

Looking for a book that's not in the Amador catalog? Look no further than our new Library Technician, Michelle Gallaher. Michelle is responsible for the interlibrary loan (ILL) and Zip Books programs, and of course you'll also find her at the desk in Jackson serving library patrons.

Michelle came to Amador from the San Diego area and resides in Pine Grove. "I'm used to more convenience but I don't miss the traffic," she laughs. She most recently worked in code enforcement, where she gained extensive computer experience, and she's taken computer maintenance courses. "I'm really good on the computer," she says. "I picked up the ILL and Zip Books programs in a day." Earlier she managed San Diego after-school activities, and started her career as a San Diego Zoo costume character. She received a B.S. in



criminal justice administration from San Diego State.

While she enjoys horror and suspense fiction, especially James Patterson, she mostly reads how-to in order to get ideas for the Halloween haunted houses she builds. "I have a lot of cool stuff," she whispers. She'll do one last haunted house at her parents' home down south ("we get 600 kids a year!") and then put her scary skills to work locally, possibly with the library.

On a completely different note, Michelle is also a master composter, and hopes to get involved in the local recycling, gardening, and composting community.

"I'm a Jane of all trades," she says.

Find Michelle at mgallaher@amadorgov.org or 209-223-6405.

-Elizabeth Rhein

Book Sale

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The book sale in April netted approximately \$4,100 that will help support the library with needed supplies and materials. To put that number in perspective, however, FACL Treasurer Jim Powell reports that FACL has already purchased nearly \$5,000 in supplies and materials so far in 2016.

The Friends of the Library takes great pride in providing the community a wide array of gently used books at great prices. This event provides much-needed funds to maintain the quality of the Amador County Library. Thank you one and all for your support.

—Janie Brown

Spring 2016 Book Sale Volunteers and Sponsors: Thank You!

Sponsors

AAUW
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City of Plymouth
Cost Less
Grocery Outlet
Pine Grove Youth Conservation Camp
Round Table Pizza
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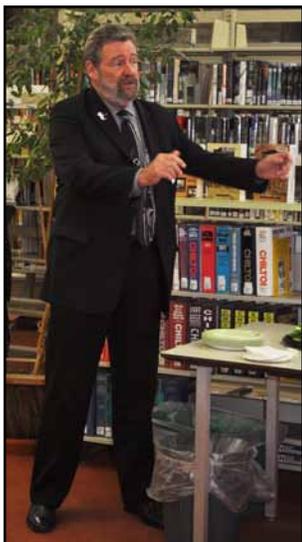
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State Librarian Speaks at Member Appreciation Event



State Librarian Greg Lucas was the special guest who addressed FACL members at the Member Appreciation Night held at the main library, Jackson on February 25. Lucas, an engaging and animated speaker, spoke on a variety of topics ranging from the challenges facing rural libraries, to the future of libraries in the internet age. On the latter point, he is optimistic, noting that libraries have evolved over the years to meet the changing needs of their patrons.



State Librarian Greg Lucas (pictured at left) addresses FACL members. Attendees enjoyed hors d'oeuvres provided by Mother Lode Catering.



Calendar

FACL at Trash to Treasures	May 28 8 a.m.–3p.m.	Eureka Street Sutter Creek
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
Book Drives	August 20 & October 8 10 a.m.–2 p.m.	43A Summit Street
Annual Fall Book Sale	October 21-23	American Legion Hall Sutter Creek
Annual Concert (Date tentative)	February 12, 2017 3 p.m.	The Call Church Pine Grove



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
- Business/Organization \$50

For more information about Friends of the Amador County Library, please go to www.friendsoftheamadorcountylibrary.org, email friendsoftheaclibrary@gmail.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 our table at Sutter Creek's



Trash to Treasures, May 28. They're just \$10 each, and your purchase helps FACL support the library.

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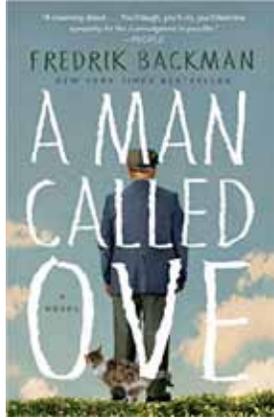
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Laura Einstadter, County Librarian



Book Review

A Man Called Ove by Fredrik Backman

In this Swedish bestseller, the main character, Ove, is a curmudgeon—"the kind of man who points at people he dislikes as if they were burglars caught outside his bedroom window." He has staunch principles, strict routines, and a short fuse. Anyone who doesn't drive a Saab is of questionable character. People call him the "bitter neighbor from hell." But as the story progresses, the reader finds that this misanthrope is an



honorable, hardworking man with a heart of gold. As Ove's history trickles out we learn the bleak set out circumstances of his childhood and the fact that he comes by his grumpy nature honestly.

Shortly after we meet Ove, he is making his first attempt at leaving this world behind after the death of his beloved wife has made his life intolerable. Fortunately, every time he tries to end it all he is interrupted: first by his new neighbor, the pregnant Parvaneh, then by Parvaneh's clumsy husband, Anita, the wife of Ove's former best friend, next by Ove's overweight neighbor, then the neighborhood mailman, and finally a mangy feline Ove calls "Cat Annoyance." These neighbors provide a quirky and interesting group of character with problems which somehow Ove needs to help solve. Much to his annoyance, Ove is a man who people come to rely on, though

he makes it clear he is not in the least bit interested in making friends!

This debut novel from journalist Backman is a crowd pleaser that serves up laughs to accompany a thoughtful reflection on loss and love.

Backman, a well-known blogger and columnist in Sweden, launched the character of Ove in a blog post, and his readers demanded more. Each chapter could stand alone as a well-crafted short story, but when the chapters are brought together, the reader is treated to a life-affirming and very funny tale of how kindness, love and happiness can be found in the most unlikely places. It is an unlikely feel-good story in the spirit of *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* and *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand*, a couple of my personal favorites of the last few years. I can't wait to read his second novel!

—Janie Brown

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.

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.

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- Support FACL by starting your shopping at smile.amazon.com by following this link: <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/94-2374918>