

# Biblio File

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

Fall 2015

## Fall Book Sale Set for Oct. 23, 24, & 25

The Fall Book Sale is coming! Save these dates:

**Oct. 23**      **4-7 pm**  
**Oct. 24**      **10 am-4 pm**  
**Oct. 25**      **11 am-3 pm**

We're back with a book sale that promises to be another really good one. We've received many donations and our book drives have garnered so many books that we've almost run out of room! This sale will provide many more fine quality choices than ever before. We have also been very fortunate to receive a wide assortment of like-new books, CDs, and DVDs.

No book sale could get off the ground without our army of volunteers. FACL is fortunate to have so many loyal volunteers. Board member Jim Powell is contacting and scheduling volunteers for the book sale. (If you'd like to volunteer, please contact Jim at [friendsoftheaclibrary@gmail.com](mailto:friendsoftheaclibrary@gmail.com).)

On Friday, all volunteers on the morning set-up crew will work a slightly longer shift, but they will also enjoy lunch provided by the Friends of the Library. We are able to do this with generous donations from Safe-

way and Cost Less.

Friday night will once again be Members' Night where our members have first choice of all of the books. If you have missed out on this night, you should make a point to come. There is always excitement in the air as so many book lovers meet in one place to get first pick at the low-priced books (except for special books, nothing is more than \$2.00). There is an air of a carnival as friends meet and people fill bags almost too heavy to carry. But you can buy one of our new canvas bags to hold your treasures! More info on page 4. For those who are not members, there will be people at the door happy to sign you up—\$10, or \$15 for a family membership.

Sunday is always a big hit as well—with everything in the room at half-price. Many people make a second trip to the book sale for some last minute specials.

A special thank you to the following Donors & Helpers:

- Umpqua Bank



Friends of the Amador County Library  
Invite You to the Fall

# Book Sale

**Friday, October 23, 4 – 7 pm**  
(Friday: Members only—or Come Join!)

**Saturday, October 24, 10 am – 4 pm**

**Sunday, October 25, 11 am – 3 pm**  
(50% off—Sunday Only)

**American Legion Hall—12134 Airport Road, Sutter Creek**  
At Hwy 49, across from the Italian Picnic Grounds

*Sponsors:* American Legion Post 108, Umpqua Bank, Starbucks, Safeway, Cost Less, Pine Grove Youth Conservation Camp

[www.friendsacl.org](http://www.friendsacl.org)



- American Legion Post 108—Hall
- Officers & members of Pine Grove Youth Conservation Camp—Loading
- Local Businesses—Posting sale posters, etc.
- Volunteers—Setting up, Managing, Taking Down, Sale
- Magnus Berglund—Books
- Global Research—Books
- Cost Less—Food
- Safeway, Martell—Food
- Bill Gordon—Books

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# President's Corner

by Rick Sprenkel, FACL President

The colors are starting to change, the leaves are starting to fall, and the fire seems to be under control. It has been a very eventful start to this September, but Amador County seems to be OK. Our thanks to the firefighters, law enforcement, PG&E, the Jackson Rancheria, KVGC, and the many other Hometown Heroes!

We did have to postpone the Friends Appreciation Event, but stay tuned – we will schedule it again, most likely after the holiday season.

We have had a board member leave, due to other commitments, so we are again asking for your help. 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](mailto: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.

Our next big event is the Fall Book Sale! The dates are October 23 – 25 and the sale will again be at the American Legion Hall in Martell. Friends are welcome on Friday evening for the first crack at the best books.

As I reported in the last newsletter, the Friends continues to provide financial assistance to the library, but this year, we plan to also be a vocal advocate for the library, focusing on the value to our community, and the need for appropriate funding for critical services. The Friends are working with the County Librarian to help create a strategic vision for the future of the Amador County Library. We will be reviewing the "Power Guide to Library Advocacy"

to develop a focused approach to improving library services in our county.

We are undertaking a major new project this year. We are raising money to digitize the Amador Ledger Dispatch. We will create a searchable database from the existing microfilm and archives, capturing and saving all of the county's history that the newspaper has reported since the mid- 1800s. You may have seen articles in the Amador Ledger Dispatch about this project, under the headline "Save Our History". (That article is reprinted in this issue on page 4) We are trying to raise \$30,000 to complete the initial phase of the project and to continue to maintain and expand the database with future editions of the newspaper. To date, we are at nearly 75% of the total, with major contributions from the Amador Ledger Dispatch, Stan Lukowicz, the three Parlors of the Native Sons of the Golden West, a member of the Friends, and the Friends

of the Amador County Library. We have also received donations from generous county citizens like yourself. To add your own contribution, please visit [www.friendsacl.org](http://www.friendsacl.org) for more information. We will also be accepting donations at the Book Sale. We are hoping to be able to start the digitization of the newspaper in the next few



months, and make it available early next year.

You should also start to look for additional Little Free Libraries around the county. These are small freestanding "buildings" (about the size of a large bird house) where anyone can take a book or leave a book for free. The Upcountry Community Centers and Pine Grove Elementary students will be assembling and decorating 12 Little Free Libraries at the beginning of this school year. The Gold Country Woodworkers & Crafters are creating the kits that the students will assemble. Upcountry Rotary has provided a portion of the funding, and Read Across Amador – a county-wide coalition promoting literacy in the county – is driving all the efforts. Next time you are heading up Ridge Road, look to the right at Mike Clark Field, and you will see the most recent addition to the Little Free Libraries here in Amador County!

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



## 10<sup>th</sup> Annual National Friends of Libraries Week

October 18-24, 2015

Come to the Book Sale and encourage a friend to join FACL.



# Librarian's Corner

by Laura Einstadter, County Librarian

## Summer Reading Wrap Up:

The library had 219 children who signed up for the program this year. We held 34 programs with a total of 662 children, 138 adults, and 70 teens attending. There were four grand prize winners this year. The winners' names were randomly drawn from the pool of 49 children who completed the program. Each winner read a minimum of 15 hours, attended two events and participated in at least one craft.

Although overall numbers were down this year, those who did participate in the annual summer reading program enjoyed the programs, events and reading.

A special thank you goes to our sponsors; Friends of the Amador County Library, First5 Amador, and Raley's Nickelaid for their donations and support of the "Read to the Rhythm" Summer Reading Program. Next year's theme will be sports.

State Librarian Greg Lucas visited the library July 16<sup>th</sup>. He toured the main library and spoke with staff about the role of the state library and his mission as the state librarian.

This is the first time the State Librarian has visited Amador County Library and spent time with the staff. One of the many projects he is focusing on this year is the return of possible grant funding for library facilities. Each library has been asked to fill out a Library Facility Needs Assessment Survey. I am in the process of putting together information for the survey which is due in the first part of November.

The library is much more than a place to store books—it is a vital part of the community. This was especially true during the Butte Fire when the library became a cooling station providing water and a comfortable place to go during the extreme heat, and served as a 'way station' for evacuees



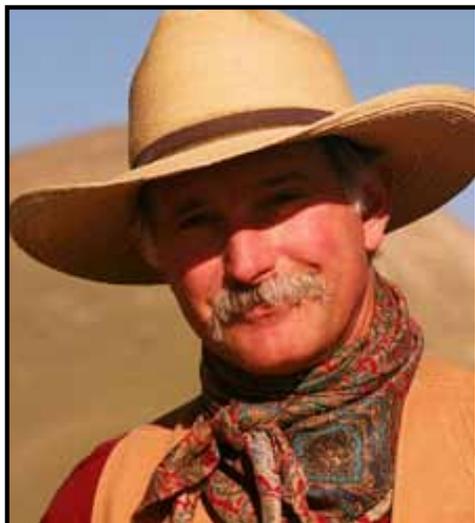
from the Butte fire providing masks, a place to come for Wi-Fi, public computers, meet friends and family, and check up on the latest information from Cal Fire.

## Upcoming Event:

Tahoe mystery author Todd Borg will be returning to the library for an evening book discussion and author signing Wednesday October 28, 2015, 5:30-7:00 pm. Todd will be discussing his latest book, *Tahoe Blue Fire*. The library has 5 copies of Todd's latest book as well as copies of his previous books for check out.

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# Boots 'n Books Returns March 13 with Popular Cowboy Singer Dave Stamey



Dave Stamey

Cowboy singer Dave Stamey is set to return to the Boots 'n' Books program on March 13, 2016.

Stamey, who played to a sold-out crowd in 2014, will be back with his popular singing and yodeling.

*Cowboys and Indians* magazine has called him "the Charley Russell of Western Music." Dave Stamey 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 been twice voted Entertainer of the Year, three times Male Performer of the Year, and twice Songwriter of the Year by

the Western Music Association, and received the Will Rogers Award from the Academy of Western Artists. He's delighted audiences in fourteen states, and finds that he prefers this to being stomped by angry horses.

Tickets will go on sale to FACL members in mid-January, and to the general public on February 1.

If you're not familiar with Stamey's music, you can check him out on YouTube. Here's a link to one of the many videos available: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F8drltu-Pk0>

Save the date now!



# Save Our History

By Jack Mitchell, Publisher, Amador Ledger-Dispatch

(This article originally appeared in the *Amador Ledger-Dispatch*)

We are in danger of losing our history. Newspapers have been published since 1855 under different mastheads. And for years, folks looking to dig into history have ventured to the Amador County Public Library to seek information on microfilm.

The problem – microfilm has a life cycle.

In fact, one of the machines used to search past publications is one that no longer has parts made for it or can be serviced. Thankfully, a second machine was graciously donated to assist the public. But even with that amazing gift, the microfilm continues to erode. In short, when it goes, all our history goes with it.

As publisher of the Amador Ledger Dispatch for over the past decade, it is my responsibility to see that these publications, and our history, do not disappear. In fact, it is my hope that with your help we can not only save our printed history, but also expand access to these documents to the public so that current residents and future generations can see and read all that has been published in Amador County. Imagine being able to access every publication since 1855.

The catch, as is often the case, is funding. We need to raise \$30,000 to digitize our entire printed history. And, we're going to need your help. The Amador Ledger Dispatch has agreed to make a huge dent in the cost of this mission. In fact, in working with the Friends of the

Amador County Library and the Amador County Library, we have agreed to not only raise all the funds required to see that our history is saved, but also share the rights to the publications. In short, Amador County will own Amador County's printed past.

The Amador Ledger Dispatch will not be using this digital history to make money. It is our hope that folks that who use the site will get library cards and make donations generating revenue for our library system as well as upkeep and additions to the historical site as it grows. For example, adding historical photos and scrapbooks that have been collected over our history.

So, if you are a business, a club or organization, a family that has lived here for generations, or you just want to see Amador County's entire published history on the internet, I am asking you to join me in making a donation to: Friends of the Amador County Library, c/o Save our History, P.O. Box 701, Jackson, CA 95642 ([friendsoftheamadorcountylibrary.org](http://friendsoftheamadorcountylibrary.org)).

All donations are tax deductible, with the tax identification number, 94-2374918. One hundred percent of donations received will go toward helping the library preserve Amador County's history. Together, we can save history and provide the world, and each other, with an amazing gift — the stories of our lives, an easily accessible history of the amazing people who were here before us and our stories. Our complete printed history all easily accessible and available for research, entertainment and education.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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
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](http://www.friendsoftheamadorcountylibrary.org) or inquire at any of the library's five branches.

## FACL Has a Brand New Bag

Just in time for the fall book sale. You'll want to have at least one of these to take your new reading finds home with you. Pick yours up at the Jackson branch of the library, or buy one at the book sale in October. They're just \$10 each, and your purchase helps FACL support the library.



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