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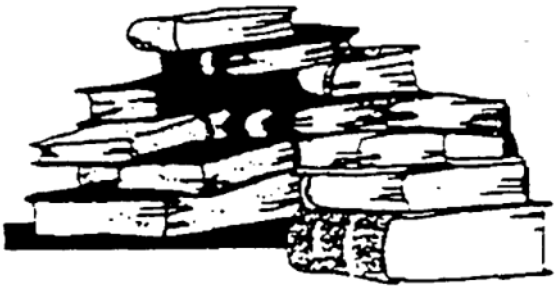

# FRIENDS OF THE AMADOR COUNTY LIBRARY (FACL) BULLETIN NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2009

## *PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE*

***The last two months have been an exciting and productive period for FACL. I am thrilled to inform you that FACL was designated by the Mother Lode Newcomers Club as one of two recipients for their annual philanthropy award. It is quite an honor given the large number of worthy non-profit organizations in Amador County. The amount of the award depends upon the result of Newcomers' fundraising during the year. The donation, to be awarded in May 2010, will enable us to make a significant purchase for the benefit of the library (see the "Library Wish List" in the Librarian's Corner). Heartfelt thanks to Mother Lode Newcomers Club for supporting the library!***

***Our Fall Used Book Sale was a success, yielding a profit of $1784.10 and 26 new FACL members. We were very fortunate to have the sponsorship of***

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## ELECTED 2009-2010 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### *OFFICERS:*

**Susan Staggs,** ***President***
**Janet Caccia,** ***Vice President***
**Kim Still,** ***Immediate Past President***
**Ruth Miller,** ***Secretary***
**Helen Bierce,** ***Treasurer***
**Elisa O. Parker,** ***Bulletin Editor***
**Wilma Yount,** ***Membership***
**Bernice Honeychurch,** ***Co-Chair, Membership***

### DIRECTORS:

**Ruth M. Jackson, Kirk & Karrie Lindsay, Earl Silliman, Patty Still, Nancy & Kim Street**

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***Umpqua Bank who donated, prepared and served hot dogs for FACL members who attended the Friday members-only sale. Thanks to Kirk Lindsay for securing this sponsorship for us. Thanks also to American Legion for use of their Hall, the young men from the California Youth Authority Camp for loading and unloading books, Altera Realty for donating their truck, and last, but certainly not least, all FACL members who helped with the sale and attended. We are very grateful to all of our supporters for making this event possible. The spring used book sale is scheduled for May 14-16, 2010, so mark your calendars. We very much need your donation of books for the next sale. To make a large donation of books, call me at 296-0940 or Helen Bierce at 267-0855 to arrange for pick-up, otherwise a bag of books can be dropped off at the Jackson library.***

***At the October FACL board meeting, a number of important decisions were reached.***

- ***The board decided to issue the FACL Bulletin quarterly rather than bi-monthly to reduce costs and to deliver a more informational newsletter. This change will save about $600 annually and is effective January 2010.***

- ***The board approved the purchase of several items on the "Library Wish List": The World Book Encyclopedia ($850), one early literacy station with software for children K-4 ($2,790), and one regular computer for the children's section ($1,500).***

- ***The board approved a proposal to increase income from book sales by selling books worth $12 or more on-line. Magnus Berglund, a local professional book seller and FACL member, will handle this for us.***

***Because the board would like to increase our financial support for the library, we participated in a brainstorming session on additional avenues for fundraising. Thank you to non-board members Kathy Glunt, Mary Foster, and Pat Houghton who helped facilitate the session and to Susan Robles, Elaine Sommer, and Norene Williamson who joined us in brainstorming. I will be forming a fundraising committee to explore the most promising ideas that were generated at the session.***

***If you would like to play a larger role in supporting the library, please call me at 296-0940. We would love to have your help!***

***~~Susan Staggs***

***Spring Used Book Sale***
***at American Legion, Hwy 49***
***May 14—16, 2010***

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Sat., Nov. 21, 11 am—2 pm at the Main Library, Jackson. *"Tellabration"*-A Worldwide Storytelling Event. Storytellers: BZ Smith, Cynthia Restivo, Joan McCammon, and Linda Kennedy.**

**Monthly:**

- **Every 3rd Tuesday, 9 a.m. at the General Services Adm. Bldg., 1200 "B" Airport Rd., Martell—*FACL Board* Meeting**

- **Every 4th Wednesday, 6:30-7:30 pm at Main Library, Jackson —*BookEnds* Meeting**

- **Every 1st Thursday, 6-7 pm at Plymouth Library Branch —*Plymouth Library Book Club***

- **Every 2nd Thursday, 11-12 am at Pioneer Branch Library—*Pioneer Library Book Club***

- **Every 2nd Monday, Main Library, Jackson — *Just Knits Club***

***For your large book donations:***
Ed and Francine Pogue
Sandy Johnson

1. Rob Duke, Sutter Creek
2. Francesca Garibaldi, Sutter Creek
3. Mark & Lynette Gerlach, Sutter Creek
4. Lita & Irv Gidding, Sutter Creek
5. Mary Kuntz, Sutter Creek
6. Lacey Bartich, Sutter Creek
7. Linda Pianda, Sutter Creek
8. Liz Tone, Sutter Creek
9. Melissa H. Schmidt, Vallejo

## MEMBERSHIP

*If you would like to attend FACL Board meetings, or be a member, please call Wilma Yount, Membership at 267-5461.*

# Invite *a* Friend

***INVITE YOUR FRIENDS/FAMILY TO BE MEMBERS OF FACL AND HELP YOUR LOCAL LIBRARIES ...***

## MEMBERSHIP DUES

**Student - $1.00**
**Individual - $7.00**
**Family - $10.00**
**Sustaining - $20.00**
**Life - $100.00**
**Organization/Club—$15.00**

*Annual Dues are payable every January 1st.*

## Help Us!

*Volunteer during our Book Sales*

## FROM THE EDITOR

**FACL Bulletin is every 4 months, next issue is JAN/APR. 2010. DEADLINE for submission of articles is Tuesday, DECEMBER 15, 2009. Please send articles to Jackson Library, or email parkerelisa@hotmail.com.**

## News from the Librarian's Corner

**The library now has a new look, that is our online presence has a new look. If you haven't been online recently please visit the library at our new address:http://www.co.amador.ca.us/index.aspx?page=270**

**The county IT department recently contracted with Vision Internet to provide all departments with this new look. Part of the reason for the change was to update the look and feel of the county online. Additionally this new site allows staff the ability to add content to their individual pages. Please visit the Friends of the library page to see a picture of the Friends storage facility. http://www.co.amador.ca.us/index.aspx?page=347**

**There are still a few bugs that need to be worked out but all in all the site is a big improvement.**

**If you are visiting the library from Amador County website, you will find the library under a new heading, Services, instead of the former Departments.**

**Each year the library is asked to provide a list of material or items for the Friends to consider for purchase. Some of the material purchased in the past have been books for the branches, books for the children's section of the main library, computer for genealogy research, summer reading programs such as story tellers, puppeteers, magicians, jugglers, etc.**

**This year we were asked to come up with a wish list of 'big ticket' items for purchase.**

## LIBRARY WISH LIST 2009

1. **WORLD BOOK ENCYCLOPEDIA—Ordered, but it would be great if the Friends funded this purchase ($850).**

2. **EARLY LITERACY STATION—This would be a children's computer that comes with 38 programs covering reading, math, history, science, world exploration, writing, etc. for children I n K-4th Grade. (www.awe-net.com) ($2790 per work station; we'd like 2 workstations)**

3. **ONE REGULAR COMPUTER FOR THE CHILDREN'S SECTION—this would be dedicated to children's programs ($1500).**

4. **NEW SHELVING—for the Adult Non-Fiction Area as well as the Children's Section ($50,000).**

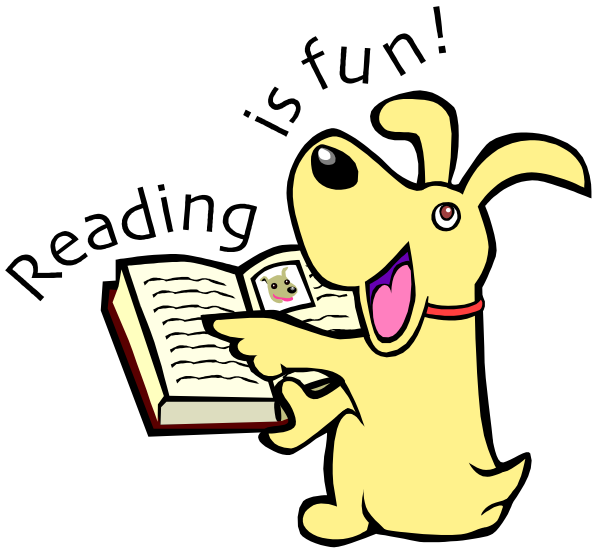
5. **ACCESS TO AN ON-LINE LANGUAGE RESOURCE CALLED 'MANGO LANGUAGES.' ($2,371 for one year).**

**A special thank you to the Friends for your continued support and funding over the years. This support enables the library to provide unique services and programs that benefit the community.**

*~~Laura Einstadter*

# Volunteers at the Library

website link: Get Involved: Powered by Your Library --
http://californialibraries.volunteermatch.org




**Below is Laura's description of the amazing "reading dog" and his library volunteer mistress! It's great to hear that wonderful things like this are taking place in our library. (*Susan Staggs*)**

**Charlie's mom is Kathy she started out as a Literacy Volunteer and then decided she would like to become a Library Volunteer. She has been volunteering as a Story Time Reader Volunteer for the past 6 months. She selects and reads stories once a week for our Pre-School Story times as well as puts together a craft to go along with a story.**

**Kathy had originally approached us with the idea of having Charlie come to the library to read. Charlie is a special Reading Education Assistance Dog and has won an award for his excellent reading skills. Reading Education Assistance Dogs (R.E.A.D.) are registered therapy animals who volunteer with their owner/handlers as a team, going to schools, libraries and many other settings as reading companions for children.**

**Charlie is one of those dogs. Kathy his owner is a former elementary school teacher who wanted to bring the excitement of reading to more children through the use of her dog.**

**As a Summer Reading Program Volunteer, Charlie and his owner Kathy have been visiting the library each Friday in July from 10:30-12:00. Children that wish to read to Charlie sign up ahead of time in increments of 15 min., they select a story to read to the dog and Charlie will listen attentively to each story.**

**Charlie has worked out very well here at the library and we've had some very shy children truly open up by reading to our special volunteer.**

**We received permission from Kathy, each child and each child's parent/grandparent to post the pictures. (We have signed release forms if you need copies of these let me know). Of course Charlie loves having his picture taken.**

***~~Laura Einstadter***

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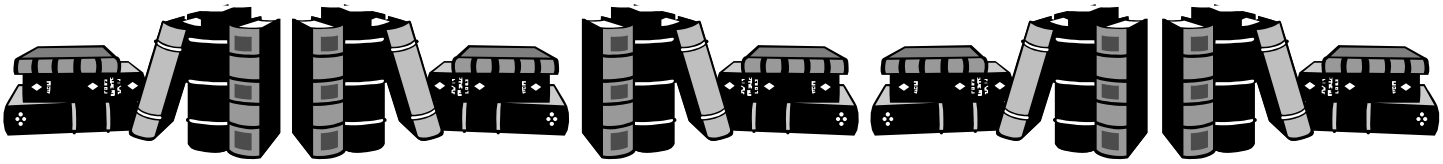
## *BOOKS AT HOME (B.A.H.)*

*This free home library outreach service pairs a library volunteer with a home-confined individual wishing to receive library material delivery at their home.*

*Available to Amador County residents who are unable to get to the library due to illness, age, infirmity or disability.*

*To find out more about this program, contact the Amador County Library at 209-223-6400 (M,T,W—10 am to 7 pm, Th & F—10 am to 5 pm, Sat 10 am—4 pm).*



## *NOBEL PRIZE FOR LITERATURE*

*An article in this month's Sacramento Bee about the Nobel prize winners in relationship to specific areas raised a question. The question proposed was this: In America the prize was more often given in the fields of Science and Mathematics than in the field of Literature! How surprising! All we hear is the low level of educational achievement by American students in these two areas! And as for authors!*

*The Libraries and Publishing Houses are turning out publications by the thousands. The output of remarkable publications and many critically acclaimed, seems without number. So it seemed wise to turn to a source for information. This is not a deep study into the area of Pulitzer Prize vs. Literature awards in America. But the facts are interesting, and I think surprising. So here is how we stand by year of authors.*

*In the ten years from '80 to '89 American recipient of Nobel prize was granted to a Polish/American writer: Czessario Milosz. For the '90's decade again just one author's work was recognized. Toni Morrison, beloved author received the Prize in 1993. In review then—from '78 thru the '90's the Nobel prize for Literature was selected only twice. To date in the 21st century a US author has been nominated. This is a time span of thirteen years.*

*Looking back over the past thirty-two years, 1930 to 1962 six well-known and illustrious authors are Nobel Prize winners: They are Saul Bellow, John Steinbeck, Ernest Hemingway, William Faulkner and Eugene O'Neil. The place these authors hold in our American Literary world makes us proud. The next author selected for a Nobel prize in Literature, whatever year, will be a voice speaking of our values, heritage, humanity, politics, culture and principles as have those so elegantly and truthfully before them.*

***~~Ruth M. Jackson***

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**Email from Kathleen Harmon, Executive Director, Interfaith Council of Amador:**

***"My volunteers, Kirk and Karrie Lindsay, said they picked up 35 boxes of books this weekend for the food bank. Thank you!! We give books away here and this is just wonderful for us to have this resource. It is truly appreciated."***

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**Seeking historic information about VOLCANO**

**Volcano Press is preparing to publish the history of our town. If you would like to contribute stories, photos, journals, or diaries about Volcano, please contact Ruth Gottstein: phone 209-296-7989 or ruth@volcanopress.com**