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## **FRIENDS OF THE AMADOR COUNTY LIBRARY (FACL) BULLETIN MAY/JUNE 2008**

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

*The Board's attention is now being focused on our Spring Book Sale which is being held at the American Legion Hall on May 17 and 18 for the public with a "members only" sale from 4PM to 8PM on Friday May 16 giving members in good standing the first crack at the books we have accumulated. Just a reminder, if you haven't paid your 2008 dues now is a good time to do so or bring your dues to the "members only" book sale.*

*The Book Sale committee will be contacting members who have expressed an interest in helping at the sale and setting up a schedule. Any others who have an interest contact Patty Still at 267-5652.*

*We have totally moved out of our old book storage facility at the airport hangar and now have a nice clean book sorting building behind*

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### **NOMINATED 2008-2009 BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

#### **OFFICERS:**

**Kim Still, *President***  
**Earl Silliman, *Vice President & Past Pres.***  
**Janet Caccia, *Secretary***  
**Helen Bierce, *Treasurer***  
**Elisa O. Parker, *Bulletin Editor***  
**Wilma Yount, *Membership***

#### **DIRECTORS:**

**Bernice Honeychurch, Pat Houghton, Ruth M. Jackson, Kay Pulskamp, Patty Still**

#### **ADVISORY BOARD:**

**Jane Crawford, Fred Joyce, Charles & Betty Hunt, Lee Critchlow-Olds, Lee Travers**

**SEE YOU AT THE .....**  
**FACL BOOK SALE ON MAY 16-18,**  
**2008 AT THE AMERICAN LEGION,**  
**HWY. 49**

*the old courthouse on Court St. We will be having an open house at the new facility after our next board meeting on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. The doors should be open about 10:30. The facility is accessible from the courthouse parking lot and we will have balloons tied in front. Any member is welcome to come and see this facility and, possibly, volunteer to sort.*

*The Board Nominating Committee has picked a slate of potential officers for 2008/2009. These are Kim Still, President, Earl Silliman, VP and Immediate Past President, Helen Bierce, Treasurer, Janet Caccia, Secretary, Elisa Parker, Bulletin Editor, and Wilma Yount, Membership chair. Any member can nominate an officer and we encourage you to do so. Voting will occur at our May Board meeting. We also need additional directors if you would like to see how we operate. Please call Kim Still if you wish to make another nomination or would like to serve on the Board.*

*We welcome 2 new board members: Janet Caccia and Pat Houghton. We will miss Dessie Black, long time Board member and last year's board members: Sharon Burwell, and Dot Haislet.*

*~~Kim Still*

**MEMBERSHIP**

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

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- **MAY 1-15<sup>TH</sup> – Amador County Artists Association:Argonaut High exhibit of artwork ; MAY 16-30<sup>TH</sup> –Amador High exhibit of artwork**
- **MAY 11<sup>TH</sup> – MOTHER'S DAY**
- **MAY 16<sup>TH</sup> , 4-8 P.M. – FACL MEMBERS ONLY BOOK SALE; MAY 17<sup>TH</sup>, 10 A.M.-5:00 P.M. & MAY 18<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M-4:00 P.M. – BOOK SALE AT THE AMERICAN LEGION, HWY 49.**
- **MAY 25<sup>TH</sup> – MEMORIAL DAY**
- **JUNE 14<sup>TH</sup> – FLAG DAY**
- **JUNE 15<sup>TH</sup> – FATHER'S DAY**
- **Every third Thursday of the month, 9:00 a.m. – FACL BOARD MEETING at the Jackson Library.**
- **Every THURSDAY, 10:30 a.m. -11:00 a.m. – SCHOOL CHILDREN'S STORY TIME at the Jackson Library**
- **Every WEDNESDAY, 19:30 a.m. -11:00 a.m. – PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN'S STORY TIME at the Branches: Pioneer, Pine Grove, Sutter Creek, Ione and Plymouth.**

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**WELCOME NEW**  
**MEMBERS!!**

1. Rodd Loraine Davis of Sutter Creek,  
*life time membership*
2. Chris Ashworth of Sutter Creek

**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**

**FRIENDS' MEMBERSHIP**

*The Board of Directors of the Friends of Amador County Library regards each of our members as an important contributor. We never take them for granted. In fact, we count on them – just as our Libraries count on us.*

*You may have meant to but just didn't get around to it. We need you with us. Perhaps a little encouragement is all you need. Of course, there's no way to put a price tag on the satisfaction you'll derive from knowing you contribute to our library programs.*

*I can't emphasize enough how much we depend on our members for support. We rely on the good will of people like you to help keep our library. So please return your membership gift today.*

*~~Helen Bierce*

## News from the Librarian's Corner

New to the library selection of Electronic Resources is Biography Resource Center. The Biography Resource Center contains 435,000 full text biographies on more than 340,000 individuals from around the world, throughout history and across all disciplines and subject areas with magazines, photos, and links to web sites.

The library participated in its first Amador Chamber of Commerce Trade Show mixer at the Jackson Rancheria on April 9th. We displayed information about library services, literacy services as well as the friends' newsletter and applications for membership.

The library is one of 3,000 public libraries to receive a "We the People" book shelf through a grant from National Endowment for the Humanities and the American Library Association. The bookshelf is entitled "Created Equal" and contains 14 books in English 7 in Spanish and an extra 'history' box on Lincoln and the challenges that America faced. We hope to combine programming for this book shelf with our programming of One Book One Amador this fall.

We celebrated National Library Week, April 13-19 with a cornucopia of events to encourage people to use or varied resources, learn about the library catalog, how to place a hold, review your account and renew your books. Staff was available during the week to show the public how to access electronic resources, read a book online, and find out event and exhibit information on the library website.

April's library exhibit was put on by the American Sewing Guild. They displayed a beautiful assortment of hand made quilts, jackets, hats, blankets and other wonderfully sewed items.

The May exhibit will highlight high school student's art and is part of the annual art competition at the high schools.

Be sure and check out the library website for the latest in events and exhibits at your library. [www.co.amador.ca.us/depts/library](http://www.co.amador.ca.us/depts/library).

*~Laura Einstadter*

## LET'S TALK ABOUT ALICE IN WONDERLAND

*I was seven years old when I first read Alice in Wonderland (note "first"--because I've read it many times over the years).*

*I recall being seven at the time, because Alice was, too. It's still my favorite book in the whole world, because there are so many episodes which are relevant to what's happening today that I find myself quoting the Red Queen often, "In this country you have to run as fast as you can to stay in the same place"--or describing Alice's conversation with Humpty Dumpty in which he tells her about words coming around Saturday night to be paid--yes, since I work with words, that makes perfect sense.*

*Or when the White Queen offers Alice a job as a lady's maid, with "Two pence a week, and jam for tea every other day". When Alice says she doesn't care for jam, the White Queen says, "You couldn't have it if you DID want it. The rule is jam tomorrow and jam yesterday, but never jam TODAY."*

*Or the hypocrisy of the Walrus and the Carpenter who invite innocent oysters for a walk so that they could speak of many things...of shoes and ships and sealing wax...of cabbages and kings. But when the Carpenter asks the oysters, "Shall we be trotting home gain?"...answers came there none, because the Walrus and the Carpenter had eaten everyone.*

*And how about the Caterpillar, sitting on a mushroom, and smoking a hookah, and advising Alice to nibble on the mushroom in order to change size?*

*Anyway, whether you have ever read Alice, or know it practically by heart, how about a little gathering to share our favorite episodes, and discuss how relevant and timely so many of them are. Let your librarian know that you would like to be notified of an informal chat.*

*We could have tea. But no jam, since it's always every other day.*

*~~Ruth Gottstein*

## **AUTHORS: PHYLLIS A. WHITNEY and MARGARET TRUMAN**

*It's always sad to hear of the death of an author whose books have given hours of enjoyment. Recently two well-known authors have passed away, Phyllis A. Whitney and Margaret Truman. Our Library has 50 or so books by Whitney and approximately 40 by Margaret Truman.*

*Whitney was the more versatile writer as she published many juvenile mysteries. She was awarded the prestigious Edgar Allan Poe for five juvenile books: "Mystery of the Haunted Pool" and "Mystery of the Hidden Hand" to mention two titles.*

*By 1960 Whitney was the author of a great many adult mystery books and her popularity had reached international proportions. At this time the Time Magazine declared her to be one of the "best genre writers" and the only American in her field with a major reputation "equal to those of Britain's Mary Stewart and Victoria Holt." Her achievements in the field of mystery writers of America is very impressive and example: she held the prestigious "Grand Master Award" which was the pinnacle of achievement" for a mystery writer.*

*Phyllis A. Whitney had a long interesting life, full of adventures and happenings which span 103 years old, against a background of great national advancement and achievements. She had a wide source upon which she incorporated in her stories.*

*Born in Japan, part of her childhood also spent in China, and then to her native country, America, she traveled extensively to research the setting and culture for each book she wrote. Readers can give a loving salute to Phyllis's long and productive life and for the many, many hours of pleasurable reading she afforded her readers. It's nice to know many of her books may be found on our Library shelves.*

*Margaret Truman, the author of 40 or more mystery books recently passed away. Almost every reader remembers her as the daughter, as a child in the White House when her father was President. Also, many of us may remember her career as a singer. As a singer she performed in the Hollywood Bowl, Constitution Hall, Carnegie Hall, and with the National Symphony Orchestra in Washington.*

*After her marriage to Clifford Daniel in 1956, editor of the New York Times, she became the mother of four sons; her second career as an author begun. Her books were set in the Washington scene she knew so well. As an author she had enormous insight into that area and could write an intriguing mystery. Her books gave the reader a picture of the national capital and a look into the maze of Washington politics. In addition to a steady successful stream of novels, Margaret Truman also published seven books of non-fiction among which is one of First Ladies, the life of Harry Truman, and one on her mother, Bess Truman.*

*It's nice to know that many of her books maybe found on our Library shelves.*

*~~Ruth M. Jackson*

## OL'EARL'S DAUGHTER BOOK REVIEW

### WILL AND ME

By Dominic Dromgoole

*Greetings, one and all--I'm Lila, Ol' Earl's daughter who's been given the unenviable task of subbing for him this time around; here's hoping he recovers from the cataract surgery soon, otherwise all of you may well have to put up with my pseudo-intellectual nattering again in place of my dad's usual homespun Nevadan homilies!*

*The best book that I've read so far this year has unquestionably been Dominic Dromgoole's Will and Me, and I cannot begin to recommend it enough to others; in this memoir Dromgoole--current artistic director of the Globe Theatre--explores his lifelong relationship with Shakespeare and the never-ending ways in which the Bard's works have lent insight throughout his life. I completely related to this, because in the exact same way I fell in love with the Romantic poets one spring far too many years ago to mention (: meaningful cough:), spring '08 has unquestionably had the same effect on me, only with The Man From Stratford instead...and if I had never read this book, I'm not sure this would have happened (although admittedly, my favorite Doctor Who appearing as the Fool in King Lear was motivating co-factor, embarrassingly enough).*

*Apart from admiring his frank discussion of how the 400-year-old language trips up everyone, I also really liked the way in which Dromgoole cites sonnet 29, "When in disgrace with Fortune and men's eyes"--one of the ones most of us have heard at one time or another--and illustrates its timeless application via how it was quoted both on the eve of the Labour Party losing yet another election there in the U.K., and by Dromgoole Senior at his granddaughter's christening.*

*For myself, it was re-reading that sonnet last week, and especially, its concluding couplet--"For thy sweet love remember'd such wealth brings/That I scorn to change my state with kings"--that resonated so much for me, as the subtext essentially is, "Whenever I feel lousy and wish things were different, then I remember how lucky I am to have such an amazing person in my life"--such as being blessed with an especially awesome dad, for starters! Get well soon, Daddy-O!*

~~Lila Silliman

#### FROM THE EDITOR:

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DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF ARTICLES IS Saturday, JUNE 21<sup>ST</sup>.

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