May Book Sale Breaks All Records

The Friends’ May book sale broke all records, with sales more than double those of previous sales. Since FACL is a volunteer organization, all of the sale’s profits go directly to support Amador’s library; funds support computer resources, book purchases, summer reading programs, and equipment and furniture to make the Library more comfortable and efficient.

Thanks to everyone who donated books, DVDs and CDs, including some that commanded handsome prices in the specially-priced book section. Friends is currently seeking more donations for the next sale slated for October 15-17.

Thanks also to the hundreds of county residents and those from neighboring counties who added to their home libraries by patronizing our sale.

We’d like to give special thanks to the many people and businesses for their generous support. The book sale would be far less successful without their help and generous donations. So a big round of applause to the following folks:

- **Alteragold Real Estate and Susan Lesch** for their loan of a much-needed truck to haul books.
- **American Legion Post 108 and Al Lennox** for providing all their general support. We couldn’t do it without them!
- **Pine Grove Youth Conservation Camp and Tom Menley** for its great crew of young men. They provided the much needed “muscle” to load, unload and set up the thousands of books featured at this year’s sale.
- **Umpqua Bank and Jill Gilmore** for the delicious hot dogs and fixings that were enjoyed by many book buyers—and some of the volunteer workers.
- **City of Amador City and Joyce Davidson** for loaning us — free of charge — tables from the city’s Community Center.
- **Internet Book Store, Bud Berglund**, for donating some exceedingly fine books for the sale.
- **Cathleen Berglund**, graphic artist, for designing the publicity posters and flyers free of charge.
- **Wolf Hein, Hein & Company Bookstore** in Jackson, for donating many, many books for the sale.
- **Anonymous donors** who contributed to the sale’s success in other ways.

In addition to the books made available at the sale, Friends have donated some appropriate books to the American Legion Hall, Post 108 for their new library and museum, and to the Kit Carson Nursing & Rehabilitation Center for their library.
Notes from Librarian Laura Einstader

The library is the ‘happening’ place! We’ve continued to see use go up over the past few months with circulation totals at almost 82,000 for the Fiscal Year beginning in July 2009, and we aren’t done yet! Computer use has also soared with over 21,000 logins at the main library and 2100 at the branches. There are currently 23,500 library card holders. Requests for material outside the county have more than doubled.

A very big thank you to the Friends for funding the library’s 2-year subscription to Mango Languages. What is Mango? Mango Languages is an online language learning system teaching actual conversation skills for a wide variety of languages. It’s the easiest way to learn to speak a foreign language. Since beginning the subscription in April, 86 people have taken advantage of the new learning resource. Languages selected have been French, German, Chinese, ESL German, ESL Spanish, Irish, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese and by far the highest number has been Spanish. And what’s exciting is that you can access Mango Languages from a home computer.

Thank you too to all of those Mango Language learners that have gotten the word out about this new interactive resource.

Be sure to check out the new Spanish Language section of the library. Thanks to the continued support of the Friends, this new collection is now available to anyone who speaks Spanish. Currently there are non-fiction, fiction, teen, and children’s materials. The books are located against the side wall where the teen collection is.

Don’t forget to visit your library online and join one of several online book clubs available for free. Check out the many research databases while you are there. To begin your search go to www.co.amador.ca.us/index.aspx?page=270.

Jackson Rancheria Vice President of Marketing Ron Olivero, center, presents a check for $7,535.24 to the Friends of the Amador County Library Board of Directors for new shelving in the main library, Jackson.
A Message from the FACL
Board President......

“If nothing ever changed, there’d be no butter-
flies!” I hope you like the exciting new look of our
quarterly newsletter, now entitled “News and
Notes”. Also debuting with this issue is a new logo
that expresses the vitality and purpose of our organi-
zation. We thank Kati Corsaut, our new editor, for the
redesign of the newsletter and welcome her to the
FACL Board. We also thank Lucy Hackett, Public Re-
lations Consultant, for designing our new logo. Elisa
Parker, who faithfully served as our Bulletin editor for
eight years, has retired from the job but remains on
the board. Thank you, Elisa. Also joining the board is
Elaine Sommer, who has done a marvelous job as pub-
licity chair for the last two book sales.

Spring was an extraordinary time for the Friends.
The board had just begun planning the campaign to
raise funds for new shelving for the Children’s Section
of the main library, Jackson, when suddenly we got
lucky beyond our wildest dreams! We have already
received enough money to purchase beautiful, multi-
functional, slat-walled shelving for the Children’s Sec-
tion. We cannot thank our generous donors enough:

●Mother Lode Newcomers Club ($2,000).
●Library Improvement & Funding Task-
force (LIFT) ($2,665).
●Jackson Rancheria Casino & Hotel ($7,535).
●Anonymous donor ($500).

As John Dewey said, “Arriving at one goal is the
starting point to another.” The outstanding support
from our donors has inspired us to expand the cam-
paign for new shelving to cover the Teen and Adult
Non-Fiction sections of the library.

In addition to applying for various grants, the
board will reach out over the coming months to our
wonderful Amador community, including members of
FACL, for their support.

Have you noticed the two new, attractive brown
armchairs over by the glass display case in the Jack-
son library? The Friends, together with a kind $250
donation from the Sutter Creek Woman’s Club, pur-
chased these comfortable chairs for the library. Try
them out if they aren’t already occupied!

The Spring Book Sale was hugely successful. We
raised a record $3735 before expenses and gained
32 new members! We warmly welcome these new
members to The Friends.

The board, with the newly elected officers,
doesn’t meet in July and August, but we’ll be busy
staffing our table at the Farmers Markets in Jack-
son, Pine Grove, Plymouth and Sutter Creek through-
out the summer.

Finally, do save the
date for our Cowboy
Poet fundraiser “Boots ‘N Books” on Sun-
day, January 16th, 2011, 2:00 p.m., at the
American Legion Hall. Larry Maurice, well-
known “Cowboy Poet of the Year” in 2000, will en-
tertain us with cowboy poetry, lore and song. More
information will follow in our next News and
Notes.

Susan Staggs, President
Friends of the Amador County Library

Be sure to save these dates......
Book Drive — July 17, 2010
October Book Sale—October 15-17, 2010
Cowboy Poet fundraiser “Boots ‘N Books”
—January 16, 2011
Welcome to the following new Friends of the Amador County Library...:

- Mike Abdollahzadeh
- Aston Family
- Ethel Baird
- Sharyn Brown
- Kathleen Anglie-Buss
- Cindy Cass
- Phyllis Coring
- Nora Coryell
- N. Dahlborg
- Hugh & Eva Diltz
- Paul Dinyer
- Sue Duncan
- Doris Dunn
- Nancy Fischer
- Clay Francisco
- Hartford Gillaspie
- Janice Gillman
- Matt & Janice Gough
- Nicole Griggs
- Sarah Jane Hart
- Rosana Matonich & James Hilda
- Heidi & Greg Howard
- Ted & Ruby Huff
- John & Phyllis Ide
- Judy Kennedy
- Ben & Margaret Kopperl
- Bonnie & John Landis
- Zillie Lawrence
- Sharon Lewis
- Pat & Joan Lough
- Chris Metz
- Melissa Miller
- Richard Stevens
- William & Jackie Tarchala
- Jacquelyn Toton
- James & Hilda Villasenor
- Chris Volk
- Holly, Jennifer, & Teresa Wade
- Danielle Wander
- Barbara Wentzel
- Rus & Colleen Williams
- Al Willock
- Glenyce Wilson

WANTED!
GENTLY READ BOOKS FOR NEXT BOOK SALE

We need books for the next benefit book sale! Your tax deductible donations of gently read books will benefit the Amador County Library at the next book sale slated for October. We’ve got two drop-off locations to make donating easy:

- Jackson Library, Saturday, July 17, from 10—3
- Clark’s Corner in Ione, Saturday, July 17, from 10—2

If you have a large donation and cannot make it to the Book Drive, please call the Board Member closest to you:

- Susan Staggs in Jackson, 296-0940
- Helen Bierce in Sutter Creek, 267-0855
- Kirk & Karrie Lindsay, Amador City, 267-5679.

The books you donate make possible the support we provide to the Amador County Library. We’ll have our receipt book ready when you arrive. See you then.

FACL Joins Farmers’ Markets
Come see us this summer.....

Summer is coming-- slowly but surely-- which means it’s time for the county’s farmers’ markets. You can count of lots of delicious homegrown produce, but don’t miss all the great volumes at the Friends of Amador County Library book tables. Now’s your chance to pick up some good summer reads, fiction and non-fiction, along with a variety of children’s fare.

FACL hopes to have its book table set up for most of the markets starting with Pine Grove on June 30.

The markets are held as follows:

- Sutter Creek – Saturday mornings, 8-11 a.m.
- Pine Grove – Wednesday evening, 3-6 p.m.
- Jackson—Sunday mornings, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Plymouth—Wednesday afternoons, 4-7 p.m.

Along with books for sale, we’ll have the flyers and brochures on the latest Library happenings.

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Whatever Happened to LIFT?

FACL members have occasionally asked, “What is going on with LIFT?” You may remember that LIFT, the Library Improvement and Funding Taskforce, was very active a few years ago working towards its mission of getting a new library built in Amador County. LIFT has been inactive for the last couple of years, primarily because the voters of Amador County and the State of California voted down the Library Bond Act which would have been the primary source of funding for a new library.

According to Norene Williamson, LIFT Chairman, the organization did meet several important goals: It raised public consciousness regarding the need for a new library, conducted a community needs assessment, funded a consultant who developed a plan of service for the library, and convinced the county to hire a professional librarian. Additionally, LIFT received a commitment for a library site within the Gold Rush development.

Due to the current economy, it is unlikely that a new library will be built for Amador County any time soon, so LIFT has decided to transfer funds from its treasury ($2,665) to FACL for our shelving campaign for the children’s section of the main library. The shelving can be transferred to a new library when the time comes.

A Special Thanks to Special Donors

FACL wants to thank all the many benefactors whose donations do much to further our work in support of the Library. We would like to give special thanks to the following donors who have gone “above and beyond” to help:

Financial Gifts
Sarah J. Hart
Jackson Rancheria Casino & Hotel
Library Improvement & Funding Taskforce (LIFT)
Mother Lode Newcomers
Sutter Creek Woman’s Club

Donations In Kind
Altera Gold Real Estate
Amador City
American Legion Post 108
Gwen Christeson, Attorney at Law
Lucy Hackett, Public Relations Consultant
Pine Grove Youth Conservation Camp
Umpqua Bank

Large Donations of Books
Bud Berglund
Global Booksearch
Hein & Co.
Gerry Purse
Larry Williams

The Friends of the Amador County Library (FACL) was formed in 1953 to support the goals and services of free libraries in the United States, and more specifically the Amador County Library. The Friends is a registered 501©3 non-profit group which means your donations are tax-deductible.

A membership in the Friends provides financial support to the library through various fund-raising activities including bi-annual book sales. The Friends also actively promote gift-giving such as memorials, estate sales, donations, and group contributions.

FACL publishes a quarterly newsletter, “News & Notes” for its members. And 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 twice-yearly book sales. Over the years, the organization has contributed many thousands of dollars worth of books and equipment to the Amador County Library.

For more information about Friends of the Amador County Library, please go to http://www.co.amador.ca.us/index.aspx?page=270 or inquire at any of the Library’s four branches.
Trudy Vimini trades Amador for Arkansas

Now that former library employee Trudy Vimini has retired, she and her husband are exchanging rural Amador County for the charms of rural Arkansas. They plan to refurbish their houseboat at Lake Comanche before they head east, but the natives of Amador County are excited about the move. They will leave with their two dogs, Midget, a miniature Schnauzer, and Buster, a Patterdale Terrier, to be close to family in Arkansas.

Trudy started with the Amador Library in Ione in 1992. Two years later she moved to the main library in Jackson where she spent the last ten years as inter-library technician. She was known for her ability to find the book you were looking for, even if it wasn't available locally. Trudy could find that elusive book and get it for you, as long as shipping costs were not excessive.

During her tenure at the main library, Jackson, Trudy became the “go to” person for microfilm machine repair, something she says she will miss. But her biggest regret is leaving her wonderful co-workers.

Thanks, Trudy, for all your hard work and dedication to the Amador County Library. You’ll be missed.