

News & Notes...

Spring Book Sale Draws County's Book Lovers

Fiction. Non-fiction. Mysteries. Children's books. Cook books. Jigsaw puzzles, audio books and movies. And the list goes on. The spring book sale was a whopping success, with sales exceeding \$3,000 over the three-day event.

Held again at the American Legion Hall in Martell, the Friends' biennial sale has become a go-to event for Amador County's book lovers both young and old. Thanks to the generous donations of thousands of gently-used books from local readers, FACL is able to offer a wide variety of literature, history, biographies, and a selection of large picture and art books, all available at incredible bargain prices. The April sale also featured a large collection of jigsaw puzzles that patrons snapped right up.

The sale's success is a testament to the generosity and hard work of many wonderful people, and the FACL board of directors thanks the following:

- The American Legion Post #108 donates its spacious hall.
- Umpqua Bank serves hotdogs on opening night, when members come to preview the great selection and get first choice.
- The young men from the Pine Grove Conservation Camp do much of the heavy lifting, setting up tables and carrying all those boxes loaded with books.
- Altera Realty lends us their truck to haul the books from our storage facility to the hall.
- More than sixty FACL members volunteer their time to act as cashiers, talliers, fluffers, greeters and overall sales managers.
- And last but not least, the hundreds of Amadorians who donate their books and then come to restock their library shelves with a new reading supply.

If you've ever wondered what we do with book sale proceeds, make sure to read the article on pages 6 and 7 of this newsletter. You will be surprised at the many ways in which the Friends organization supports the library.

Once the sale is over, FACL starts working on the next one, scheduled for OctoberXXXX. So save your books to donate for the next sale. Your support is greatly appreciated.



Dates to Remember—and Things to Do

Friends of Amador County Library Board of Directors

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 Earl Silliman
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Ex-Officio Member
 Laura Einstadter, Librarian

Event	Date and Time	Location
Story Time	Every Thursday 10:30-11 a.m.	Main Library (Jackson)
Pioneer Book Club	2nd Thursday 11:00 a.m.	Pioneer branch
Plymouth Book Club	2nd Tuesday 6:30 p.m.	Plymouth branch
Jackson 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 9:00 a.m.	County GSA building Conference Room
E-Waste Collection	May 7, 2011 8 a.m.-5 p.m.	Kmart parking lot
Art Show for Amador County High School Stu- dents	Argonaut HS—April 30 to May 13 Amador HS—May 16- May 31	Main Library
Fall Book Sale	October 14-16	American Legion Hall

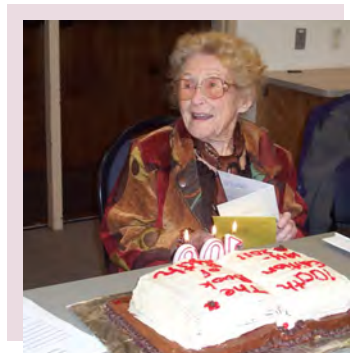
Local Rotary Adds Funds to Shelving Campaign

FACL President Susan Staggs recently accepted a check for \$4,000 from the Rotary Club of Jackson for the FACL shelving fund campaign. The grant was made possible by a matching \$2,000 grant from the Rotary Club District #5190.

This generous donation from a local service organization is earmarked for the new shelves in the main library in Jackson. President Staggs and other board members have spoken to numerous groups to explain the shelving campaign and the need for new safe, accessible and inviting shelves, and the community is responding. Names of major donors will be included on the donor plaque being designed to hang in the library foyer.



John Swift, President of the Rotary Club of Jackson, (left) and Ron Floyd, Grants Chairman, (right) present a \$4,000 check to FACL President Susan Staggs for the shelving fund."



Ruth Jackson Celebrates 100th Birthday

Ruth Jackson was pleasantly surprised when her fellow FACL board members presented her with a cake celebrating her 100th birthday at the March 15 board meeting. Ruth, who turned 100 on March 25, has played a major role in FACL activities, helping staff the biennial book sales, hosting teas, chairing the authors' forum and supporting the library in every possible way.

According to the Amador Ledger Dispatch, Ruth "has no intention of slowing down. Jackson and her "Baby" (her little Mini-Cooper convertible) will continue to cruise through life - and Sutter Creek - with a big smile on her face."

Thank you, Ruth, for everything you have done for the Amador County Library. And a belated Happy 100th Birthday!



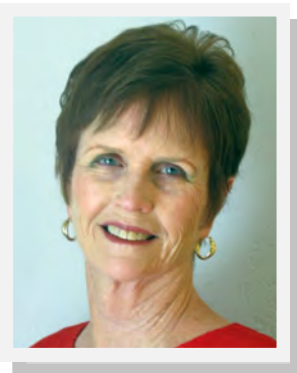
A Message from the FACL Board President.....

It's hard to believe that almost two years have passed since I became President of the Friends and this is my last President's Message for ***News & Notes***. I want to thank the board for their support and hard work these past two years. It has been a very enjoyable and rewarding experience to work with such dedicated people. I'm very excited that we have a slate of officers for 2011-2012 that is filled with new board members who will bring new ideas, new energy and renewed enthusiasm to the board. I want to thank Janie Brown, Larry Costick, and Bonnie Toy for "stepping up to the plate" when asked to serve as officers and I look forward to working with them.

The economic news from the State of California continues to be worrisome for libraries. It's clear that community support is needed more than ever and, fortunately, there are many who understand the value of the library in our community. I am very happy to report two welcome donations to our fund for new shelving for the Jackson Library: Jackson Rotary received a matching grant from their region and awarded us a \$4,000 grant; the Jackson Woman's Club donated \$500. These funds are much appreciated and will be used to purchase new shelving for the adult non-fiction section. To date, we have raised \$37,717 since the shelving campaign began. In a few months a new donor plaque permanently honoring donors of \$1,000 or more to the library since 2010, will be installed at the Jackson Library.

The Friends recently agreed to purchase \$5,400 of items on the 2011 Library Wish List. This includes branch ma-

terials, books for the Spanish collection, four family literacy kits, and new DVDs. We thank everyone who donated books and audiovisual materials for our book sales, who worked at the sales and/or purchased items at the sales, for making these purchases possible.



Please remember our upcoming Erase Ewaste fundraising event on Saturday, May 7 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Kmart parking lot. You can bring your obsolete electronics equipment (TVs, computers, printers, radios, etc., but not large appliances or batteries) to be safely and securely recycled. Argosy E-cycling assures every bit of information on any donated computer hard drive is overwritten and destroyed beyond recovery. We are requesting a \$5 donation per car --- so clear out your junk, help keep our planet green, and support the library at the same time!

In closing, I would like to thank Laura Einstadter and the library staff and volunteers for all they do at the library despite tight budgets and shortage of staff. We are very lucky to have the Amador County Library here for the benefit of our community.

Susan Staggs

Amador County Artists exhibits

Award-Winning High School Artists

Make sure to drop by the main library in Jackson in May to view the award winning artwork by students from Amador and Argonaut high schools.

Every year the Amador County Artists Association invites art students from the high schools to submit their work for judging and display. Ribbons and cash awards are given to students in three categories: drawing, painting and three-dimensional. The Best of Show awards for \$50 are sponsored by Ardyce and Cal Terhune.

The Argonaut students' artwork will be displayed from April 30 to May 13. Work by Amador students will be shown from May 16 to May 31.

FACL is Going High Tech at Last

Stay tuned.FACL is getting ready to launch its own website where you'll find good information about the Friends. We'll have the newsletter, calendars, announcements, and the latest news on book drives, sales and fund-raising events.

Speaking of high tech, we'd sure like to add you to the list of members who get their newsletter and important announcements electronically. It saves us time and money to communicate with you via the Internet, so please send your email address to

friendsoftheaclibrary@gmail.com.

Remember, printing and postage are expensive, and every penny saved is another penny to support the library.



FACL Election of 2011-2012 Officers

The following slate has been nominated for 2011-2012 officers of Friends of the Amador County Library (FACL). Members can vote on these nominees or offer write-in alternatives by completing the ballot below and mailing it to FACL, P.O. Box 701, Jackson, CA 95642, or by emailing their vote to friendsoftheaclibrary@gmail.com. Ballots must be received no later than **May 15**.

Ballot for 2011-2012 Election of FACL Officers

<u>Office</u>	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>Write-In</u>
President	Janie Brown	_____	_____	_____
Vice President	Larry Costick	_____	_____	_____
Secretary	Susan Staggs	_____	_____	_____
Treasurer	Bonnie Toy	_____	_____	_____

Teichert Foundation Awards \$5,000 Grant for Library Shelving

Emily Begay, program associate for the Teichert Foundation of Sacramento, visited the main library in Jackson on March 4 to view the new shelving for teen books. The new shelving was made possible by a \$5,000 grant from the Foundation to the Friends of the Amador County Library (FACL).

Begay met with Susan Staggs, president of FACL, and County Librarian Laura Einstadter, who conveyed the appreciation of Amador County residents, the Friends, and library patrons both young and old.

The Teichert Foundation, funded by Teichert Construction and Teichert Materials, supports the company's commitment to build and preserve a healthy and prosperous region.

The Friends are campaigning to raise \$50,000 by July to replace shelves in the teen and adult non-fiction sections of the main library in Jackson, making books more accessible and inviting. The group has already funded new shelves for the children's section, which were installed late last year.

The Friends have raised money from a variety of sources including January's Cowboy Poet event. Donations to the fund are tax deductible; contributions can be sent to

FACL, P.O. Box 701, Jackson CA 95642, or can be made online at www.amadorcommunityfoundation.org/donor.html.



County Librarian Laura Einstadter, FACL President Susan Staggs and Emily Begay of the Teichert Foundation viewing the new teen shelving made possible by the Teichert grant.

The success of the latest book sale is once again due to the dedication and hard work of so many wonderful volunteers. I want to thank you all for stepping up to support the Amador County library. We couldn't do what we do without you.

Helen Bierce, FACL board member, treasurer and book sale chairman



Have you paid your dues??

If you have not paid your membership dues for this year, NOW is your chance. Just send in your check and we'll renew your membership for another year. **If we don't hear from you before May 15, this will be your last newsletter.** We sincerely hope you'll continue your support for the Friends of the Amador County Library. Dues are as follows:

Individual	\$10
Family	\$15
Sustaining	\$25
Life	\$200
Organization	\$50

Remember, as a member you are entitled to come to the book sales on members-only Friday night, receive the quarterly newsletter, "News & Notes" and receive notification about special FACL events.

Mail dues to FACL, PO Box 701, Jackson, CA 95642.

Welcome New FACL Members

Sharon Adams	Barbara Gemmill
Mary Andrae	Anna Franey
Erica Bernet	Julie Griffin
Pat Creely	Jeannine Brown
Stephen Curtis	Bill & June Stone
Marian & Leonard Randolph	Betty Hoffman
John & Sandra Sullivan	Lara Bunting
Lyn Chandler	The Howe Family
Lori & Fred Knittel	Marcus Orosco
Rita Stimler	Dwight Wolf
Dr. Milton Bonzell	Sherrilly & Walter
Barbara Parker	Braunschweig

The only true equalisers in the world are books; the only treasure-house open to all comers is a library; the only wealth which will not decay is knowledge; the only jewel which you can carry beyond the grave is wisdom.

- J. A. Langford

A Special Thanks to Special Donors

FACL could not do what it does without the incredible financial support from the community. In particular, the following donors have made a tremendous difference in our ability to support the Amador County Library and other regional efforts.

Shelving Fund Donors

Virginia W. Berton
James W. Howard
Jackson Woman's Club
Linda C. Raymond
Rotary Club of Jackson

Financial Donations

Mary Foster
Michael W. Fulks & Mary Margaret Dal Porto
John & Sandy Sullivan
Nancy Street in memory of her mother, Katherine June Rowe
Sutter Creek Woman's Club in honor of Ruth Jackson's 100th Birthday

Large Book Donations

AAUW Book Group
Bud Berglund
Dick & Carol Bilheimer
Book Drive Donors
Global Booksearch
Ted & Hilde Langlet
Ione Elementary School Library
Tom & Debbie McClusky
Gene & Shirley Sproul
John & Sandy Sullivan
Pat Weatherly
Elizabeth Wilson

The Friends of the Amador County Library (FACL) was formed in 1974 to support 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. 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 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 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=347> or inquire at any of the Library's five branches.



Friends Celebrate More than 35 Years of Contributions

Friends of Amador County Library Work to Support Library in Many Ways

It's been more than 35 years since a group of Amador County residents got together to form the Friends of the Amador County Library. As the group's early by-laws state, the association's purpose was "to maintain an association of persons interested in books, and in libraries; to focus public attention on library services, programs, facilities and needs; and to stimulate gifts of book, magazines, desirable collections, endowments and bequests."

The organization's history underscores its success in achieving those goals. But the goals have evolved over the years, and today's FACL finds itself serving primarily a fund-raising function, brought about by the tight fiscal constraints at both the local and state levels. As the budgets have shrunk, the library's role has continued to expand and its reliance on the support of the Friends has increased.

Today the Amador County Library, with its five branches, works hand in hand with the Friends to serve library patrons throughout the county.

A recent article in American Libraries magazine* outlined a dozen ideals that all libraries strive to achieve. Since its inception in 1973, the Friends have played a significant role in helping the Amador County Library achieve those goals.

"Americans love their libraries, and advances in technology have multiplied the ways in which libraries enrich the quality of life in their communities," according to the American Libraries' article. "Whether they are in an elementary school or a university, a museum or a corporation, public or private, our nation's libraries offer a lifetime of learning.

"It will take all of us, in a spirit of pride and freedom, to maintain libraries as a living reality in a free nation through the 21st century."

FACL has helped its library achieve those twelve ideals in a variety of ways.

Libraries sustain democracy. *"Libraries provide access to information and multiple points of view so that people can make knowledgeable decisions on public policy throughout their lives."*

For over 35 years, the Friends has collected books from generous donors throughout the county and sold them at their biennial book sales. Proceeds from those sales have provided the library with funds for new books, audio books, DVDs, and a equipment on the library's "Wish List."

Libraries break down boundaries. *Libraries serve people "at all literacy levels, readers with little or no English skills, preschoolers, students, homebound senior citizens, prisoners, homeless or impoverished individuals, and persons with physical or*

learning disabilities. Libraries rid us of fences that obstruct our vision and our ability to communicate and to educate ourselves."

Various library programs serve all these communities, and FACL has helped in that capacity with its contributions that make the library more comfortable and inviting for everyone. The Friends and the Sutter Creek Woman's Club donated two comfy easy chairs where patrons can sit and read, as well as tables and chairs. FACL has hosted a variety of special events featuring well-known authors, storytellers, puppeteers, and the children's summer reading program. FACL's shelving campaign has already raised enough to purchase all new shelves for the children's and teen collections; the remaining shelves will be purchased as the campaign continues through July of this year.

Libraries level the playing field. *"By making access to information resources and technology available to all, regardless of income, class or background, a public library levels the playing field and helps close the gap between the rich and the poor."*

FACL has donated funds to help the library purchase computers for all the branches, making today's technology readily available to all patrons regardless of income. If you visit the main library or any of its branches you will always find folks on those computers, accessing the Internet, filling out job applications, writing resumes, job hunting, or looking up information they need to find work, pay taxes, register a car or locate a business.

FACL also purchased the AWE Early Literacy Station, with a children's computer and 38 programs covering reading, math, history, science, world exploration and writing for children in K-4th grade.

Libraries value the individual. *"Libraries offer choices between mainstream and alternative viewpoints.....and offer the historical global, cultural, and political perspective that is necessary to foster a spirit of exploration that challenges orthodoxy and conformity."*

FACL has funded a wide range of reading material, both fiction and non-fiction, to provide patrons with choices ranging from A to Z.

Libraries nourish creativity. *"Libraries offer access to the accumulated record of mankind with assistance from professional staff delivering these resources through the physical library, the web, and outreach services."*

The Amador County Library staff works diligently to work with all patrons, helping find books, using the



computer and accessing the library's own e-resources. The Friends support these activities by purchasing computers, the special Mango Languages—an online language learning resource—and the children's literacy computers and more.

Libraries open young minds. *“Story hours, book talks, summer reading activities, career planning, art projects, and other programs spark youthful imaginations...and transport them from the commonplace to the extraordinary.”*

In addition to the children's computer and summer reading program, FACL has purchased numerous books, video tapes and DVDs for children and young adults. The inviting children's area offers special tables and chairs for the library's younger patrons thanks to FACL's donations.

Libraries return high dividends. *“Libraries offer big returns to the communities they serve—anywhere from \$1.30 to \$10 in services for every \$1 invested in them. Strong public and school libraries make a city or town more desirable as a business location.”*

The additional funds that FACL is able to provide to Amador County's library system greatly enhances the library collection and all its resources. In addition to its book sales, FACL raises money through special events such as the successful Cowboy Poet affair hosted earlier this year and the FACL book table at the county's farmers markets.

Libraries build communities. *People gather at the library to find and share information, experience and experiment with the arts and media, and engage in community discussions and games. ...Libraries validate and unify; they save lives, literally and by preserving the record of those lives.*

In the last few years, FACL has established partnerships with many local organizations to make books available to the community. We have provided books to the American Legion Post 108 museum, Support our Soldiers, On A Mission Thrift Shop, the Food Bank, and the Kit Carson rest home, among others.

Libraries support families. *“Libraries offer an alternate venue for parents and their children...with homework centers, parenting collections, after-school programs, outreach, one-on-one reading and early literacy programs. Like the families they serve, libraries everywhere are adapting to meet the economic and social challenges of the 21st century.”*

The recent recession has made the library's many resources all the more valuable, particularly for families who value reading and learning. FACL has been able to contribute to this community resource by making the library the go-to spot for parents and kids who treasure the many books, the computers and the library's emphasis on learning.

Libraries build technology skills. *“Library services and programs foster critical-thinking skills and information literacy through internet access and assistance with problem-solving aptitude, scientific inquiry, cross-disciplinary thinking, media literacy, productivity and*

leadership skills” and more.

Over the years, FACL has contributed to the acquisition of computers which patrons use in a variety of ways. As the recent recession took hold, the number of job seekers using library computers grew significantly. This increased demand for computer time led to a sign-up protocol so everyone can have an equal amount of time at the keyboard. For those with a library card, the library's e-resources can be accessed from home at <http://www.co.amador.ca.us/index.aspx?page=344>.

Libraries offer sanctuary. *“By providing an atmosphere conducive to reflection, libraries induce a feeling of serenity and transcendence that opens the mind to new ideas and interpretations....and we are free to nourish what is most precious to us with the silent companionship of others who share our quest.”*

In an age of cellphones, Facebook, television, and non-stop sound, the quiet calm of a library is most welcome. Over the years FACL has contributed in ways that enhance this serenity.

Libraries preserve the past. *“Libraries are repositories of community history, oral narratives, and audiovisual records of events and culture....that when digitized and placed online (so that) communities and cultures thousands of miles away can share. Libraries preserve the record and help their patrons make sense of it in the Information Age.”*

Browse through the library's genealogy section and you will find a treasure trove of Amador history. Over the years, FACL has contributed books and resources so that local patrons can check out their family history or read about the county's exciting past.



***12 Ways Libraries Are Good for the Country**
By Leonard Kniffel, 12-21-10



The Library Corner...*Notes from Librarian Laura Einstadter*



Put your summer hats on, get out your shorts, walking shoes, and your imagination, the library is taking you on a travel adventure! “One World, Many Stories” is this year’s

Summer Reading Program theme. The object of the program is to encourage children and their families to continue reading and exploring while school is out. Studies have shown that those students that continue to read and stay engaged during the summer are more likely to succeed in school and less likely to lose interest or drop out.

The adventure begins June 13 and runs through July 18. Each week a different country will be featured

through stories and crafts. To kick off the program, a puppet story telling will take place June 13 at the main library in Jackson. Staff and volunteers will read a story and act out the parts using puppets and other props. Paws to Read Dog Charlie is returning to assist children with their reading. Charlie will be available to read to Fridays beginning June 17 through July 15, in 15-minute increments. Since Charlie is quite popular, children will need to register in advance at the main library in Jackson to ensure a reading spot.

The Friends of the Library will be sponsoring storyteller BZ Smith who is appearing Thursday June 23 at the main library in Jackson. This year the Jackson Kiwanis Club of Amador will be sponsoring an event. Uncle Jer’s Traveling Bee Show will be appearing at Detert Park Thursday July 7.

A complete travel itinerary is below. This year’s program should prove fun for all ages! Welcome Aboard!!!

ONE WORLD MANY STORIES Summer Reading Program 2011

June 13 – July 18

TRAVEL ITINERARY

June 13		Registration Begins
June 15	11 a.m.–12 noon	Kickoff with a special story told through puppets
June 17	10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Paws to Read with Charlie the reading dog**
June 20	11 a.m.–12 noon	Visit England through stories and crafts
June 23	2-3 p.m.	Storyteller BZ Smith
June 24	10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Paws to Read with Charlie the reading dog**
June 27	11 a.m. -12 noon	Visit China through stories and crafts
July 1	10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Paws to Read with Charlie the reading dog**
July 5	11 a.m. -12 noon	Visit the islands through stories and crafts
July 7	11 a.m. -12 noon	Uncle Jer’s Traveling Bee Show (Detert Park)*
July 8	10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Paws to Read with Charlie the reading dog**
July 11	11 a.m. -12 noon	Visit Mexico through stories and crafts
July 15	10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Paws to Read with Charlie the reading dog**
July 18	11 a.m. -12 noon	Visit Australia through stories and crafts

**Registration is required. Reading to Charlie is available in 15 min. time slots

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