



# The Roundup



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## Frank Clark – A Shining Star

No one deserves a shining star more than Frank Clark. That's what he received on April 18<sup>th</sup> at the Stanislaus County Library's Volunteer Appreciation Event and Shining Star Awards presentation. Since 2004 the Stanislaus Library Foundation has been honoring individuals, businesses, organizations and Friends of the Library members for their volunteer efforts supporting the library. We on the Friends of the Oakdale Library Board of Directors call him "our hero" and "Mr. Awesome." His work on Measure T to keep the library funded and his



constant efforts to keep the Oakdale Library vibrant more than qualify him for this award. Congratulations Frank!

-Sharon Arpoika

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## Membership Renewal Date Has Changed

Being a Friend is rewarding, knowing that your gift makes a real difference to our wonderful library. **JULY 1** is now the due date for renewal of your annual membership, since FOL's By-Laws were amended last November.

Your membership helps us promote the welfare and growth of the Oakdale Library through fundraising, advocacy, volunteering, and programming. Fill out the enclosed/attached renewal form and mail it with your check or drop it

by the Oakdale Library. We know you value and support the library and don't want your membership to lapse. Renew today!

-Sharon Arpoika

## 2015 Book Sale – A Smashing Success

Friends of the Library book sale, what a smashing success! Almost 8,000 books donated by members of our community, to be resold and circulated within the community and to the pleasure and entertainment of hundreds of people both young and old.

What an opportunity for people who probably, normally, could not afford to purchase a hard cover book for \$15 to \$18 dollars, paperbacks for 50 cents, or pick up some old classics that are still out there. Many of our customers, I am sure, cannot afford an E-reader like a Kindle for example, so our sale provides a great service to those customers.

The money

generated by the sale, donations from organizations like Oakdale Rotary and Oakdale Irrigation District, Oakdale Lions Club, and membership dues, will allow our local Library to continue to grow its customer base and provide entertainment and educational opportunities for our community.

Go to our Library, it is exploding with excitement, enthusiasm and participation. I encourage you to bring your children, your grandchildren and observe and participate in such programs as Crazy 8s math, Lego Days, 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten, Read Across America, Adult Book Club,

Introduction to Mathematics and beginning soon, summer reading programs. The Library is fired up and you can be too.

Thanks to the City of Oakdale and Mayor Pat Paul for their co-operation and participation. Thanks to Friends of the Library, its Board of Directors, and all those people who supported this worthwhile project.

-Frank Clark

Book Sale  
Chairperson,  
2015

*"We're looking forward to a heroic summer!"*

*-Olga Cardenas*

## Love Your Library Contest

What do you love about the library? How has it made a difference in your life? This nationwide contest is a chance to share, either in writing or via a video, what you love about the library. All who enter will be entered to win a \$100 Visa gift card and up to \$2,000 in library software and services for your favorite library. The contest ends on June 12, 2015. Details at <http://librarylove.sirsidynix.com>. Enter today. You and the Oakdale Library could be a winner!

-Sharon Arpoika



*Love your library!*

## Oakdale’s Book Clubs Topic of Annual Meeting

Friends of the Oakdale Library

Annual Meeting

**Tuesday, May 19, 2015, 6:30 p.m.**

Oakdale Library Community Room

What’s that you say? The annual meeting is in May? I thought one was just held in November? Yes you are right on both counts. As a result of the By-Laws change the annual meeting will now be held in May. At our first Annual May meeting we will highlight Oakdale’s Book Clubs. We’ll find out who they are, how they are organized, and what the benefits are of being in

a book club. So join in the discussion – especially if you belong to or want to join a book club.

We will also be electing the Board of Directors for the 2015 – 2016 year, which begins July 1<sup>st</sup>. Your voice and your vote are important. Plan to attend.

-Sharon Arpoika

## Every Hero Has a Story, 2015 Summer Reading Challenge

**May 19 - August 4**

Readers of all ages will explore all things underground this summer as the Stanislaus County Library presents "Every Hero Has a Story" during the Summer Reading Challenge. Activities will include 3 Superhero Training Academies, art projects, science and

engineering experiments, special professional performances and more! The 2015 Summer Reading Challenge will consist of three age categories, 0-8, 8-18 and 18+. In addition to regular prizes provided by the library and thanks to your generous donation, children up to 14 years of age may enter into a special drawing for one of four bikes. Oakdale Bike Shop will donate a

fitted helmet and free bike service for a year. Also, thanks to your generosity, adults may submit book reviews for a chance to win an amazing basket worth \$200 or 4- \$25 gift certificates to local businesses. Everyone is encouraged to meet the challenge... be a hero...read!

-Olga Cardenas

## Special Performers – Free Tickets

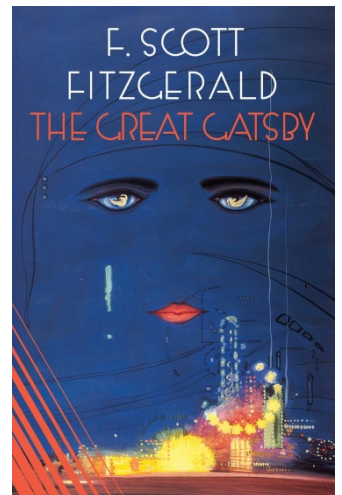
The Library Foundation and the Friends of the Oakdale Library will be presenting two very special performers.

Magician Shawn Durham – **Wednesday, June 3;** shows times at **1:00 & 2:00 p.m.**

**FREE TICKETS AVAILABLE 1 HOUR BEFORE THE PERFORMANCE, SPACE IS LIMITED.**

Dijeridoo Down Under - **Monday, July 13;** show times **10:30 & 11:30 a.m.**

-Olga Cardenas



*“He had an extraordinary sense of hope, but I had the uneasy feeling that he was guarding secrets.”  
-F. Scott Fitzgerald*

## May & June Programs/Events

May 5, 2015 – July 29, 2015 Spring/Summer Story Time Session:

Wiggle Worms **Tuesdays @ 10:30 a.m.** Enjoy storybooks, lap bounces, music, dancing, rhythm activities, fingerplays and more at this special program for babies, active toddlers, and adult caregivers. (20 minutes)

Preschool Story Time **Wednesdays @ 10:30 a.m.** New and classic picture books, flannelboard and puppet stories, fingerplays, music and dancing, all for preschoolers aged 3-6 and their caregivers. (30 minutes)

May 19 – August 4 "Every Hero Has a Story" Summer Reading Challenge

Every member of the community is encouraged to participate! Pick up your reading log, record your reading time and return your reading log for regular and grand prizes! Grand prizes include four new bicycles for children up to 15 years of age. The Friends of the Oakdale Library has donated the bicycles and Oakdale Bike Shop will generously donate a free new fitted helmet and free service for a year! Children ages 8 and up and young adults will be entering into drawings for cool prizes on a monthly basis and adults will be entered into drawings for gift certificates.

Tuesdays in May 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Computer Basics –The class is a basic introduction to computers, including an explanation of the parts of the computer, a tour of Windows, and other simple tasks. Signups required and limited to 4 students.

05/11/2015 @ 3:30 p.m. Teen/Adult Craft: Create a gorgeous rose using old book pages.

05/14/2015 @ 3:30 p.m. LEGO Day: Join us for creative fun! Children and family members can create masterpieces that will be displayed in the library. LEGOs are provided. Younger children must have direct adult supervision. Program sponsored by Rotary of Oakdale and Friends of the Oakdale Library.

05/19/2015 @ 3:30 p.m. WEE Move & Play: Welcome to our new program for Toddler and Preschool-age children featuring an hour of music, movement and sensory play. Kids can enjoy unstructured play while they socialize with children their own age.

05/19/2015 @ 6:30 p.m. Annual Friends of the Oakdale Library Meeting.

05/21/2015 @ 3:30 p.m. Building STEAM with Día: Germination experiment and the benefits of earthworms.

Join us for the reading and discussion of "The Tree Lady: the Story of How One Tree-Loving Woman Changed a City Forever" by J. Hopkins. Then, learn about the benefits of garden worms and germination, and plant your own seeds. This program is geared to students in Kindergarten - 3rd grade and their families. Refreshments will be served. Building STEAM With Día is sponsored by Friends of the Oakdale Library.

05/26/2015 @ 11:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Oakdale Library Book Club. Join the discussion of *Pride and Prejudice* by J. Austen. Light refreshments will be served. Sponsored by the Friends of the Oakdale Library.

05/28/2015 @ 3:30 p.m. Superhero Training Academy – receive an official Superhero Checklist and complete the five challenges on your list to earn a Superhero Certificate! The challenges include making a superhero mask and cuffs, reading to develop brain power, projectile target practice to develop eye-hand coordination, using your senses to develop X-Ray vision and disposing of kryptonite in order to decontaminate our library! Once you have earned your special certificate pose for a picture in front of a superhero backdrop.

Tuesdays in June. "Science Superheroes from Popular Science." Superman and flight. Magneto and magnets. Storm and lightning. Among many others.

Thursday, June 25. Superhero Training Academy

Thursday, June 11. LEGO Day



**Membership Application or Renewal Form**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for giving us your email! It reduces our postage cost and lets us keep in touch.

I am a \_\_\_\_\_ new member  
\_\_\_\_\_ renewing member  
\_\_\_\_\_ returning member

Type of Membership: (please check)

- Individual \$10.00
- Family \$15.00
- Student \$5.00
- Organization \$25.00
- Business \$25.00
- Sustaining \$100.00/year
- Life (individual) \$200.00
- Additional Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Send Application & Check to:

Friends of the Oakdale Library  
P.O. Box 230  
Oakdale, CA 95361

## May & June Programs/Events cont'd

Thursday, June 18. Dia Book Club - Reading and discussion of "Rosie Revere, Engineer" by A. Beaty.

Thursday, June 18. Building STEAM. Kids will be building a structure using gumdrops and toothpicks. Teens/Adults craft will be transforming peg people into superheroes.

-Olga Cardenas

## Friends of the Oakdale Library Facebook Page

May 2015 will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the Facebook page of our beloved Oakdale's library. We want to thank all of you for making the page a success. We couldn't be here without you and the bond you have with the local library.

We bring you news about the local activities and events. The page also includes posts about books and authors.

Here's the link of the page if you haven't already liked it.

<https://www.facebook.com/FriendsOfTheOakdaleLibrary>

-Maria Loza

## Election of FOL 2015-2016 Board of Directors

The following slate of directors will be voted on at the May 19th FOL Annual Meeting:

One year term:  
Rosalie Osman  
Colleen Cordano  
Sofia Hudson

Two year term:  
Nancy Pew  
Linda Morris  
Tricia Turner  
Frank Clark

2015-2016



## Get to Know Your Library Staff!

### Gloria Contreras-Houston

- I have 5 cats, 2 dogs and a parrot that has "owned" me for 30 years.
- I have a book obsession and as a result have a TBR list that I will NEVER finish.
- I have been a sci-fi geek all of my life and have raised two daughters that are also geeky/nerdy- My proudest accomplishment.

Currently Reading: "Fall with me" by Jennifer Armentrout  
Listening to: "Locked In" by John Scalzi

### Jana Ciccarelli

- I am so very happy to be working in Oakdale where I grew up.
- The library is very close to where my Dad and Grandfather had a small clothing and shoe store for many years. It was called "Bianchi's" and there is a little plaque in the sidewalk in front of 219 F St. where it was.
- I'm excited to be doing Wiggleworms/Story Time for my little friends in Oakdale because I need all this great practice for my new little granddaughter, Olivia, who was just born in April!

Currently reading a book by my 14-year-old niece, Juliana Presto, called the Fire and Ice Trilogy—"The Awakening"

### LeeAnn Miller

- I used to work in banking (20+ years) but prefer my new library job.
- I live on a ranch with my husband, 2 sons, 2 rabbits and many cats.
- I have a daughter & 3 grandkids but not at home. I love to read and listen to music and be outdoors.

Currently Reading: "Hollow City" by Ransome Riggs

### Olga Cardenas

- I love to go on long hikes – I have hiked the Half Dome Trail in Yosemite National Park 6 times. Last year, my 16- year-old daughter joined the group for the first time!
- The first paid job I held was at the age of 16 at a pizza parlor where my job title was "Dishwasher".
- I earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from California State University, Stanislaus in 1995.
- I have a Masters in Library and Information Technology from San Jose State University.

Currently reading: "Sweet Tooth: a Novel" by Ian McEwan  
Listening to: "A Tale for the Time Being" by Ruth Ozeki

### Phillip Johnson

- I celebrated my 18th birthday on the Rhine River.
- I assemble and paint miniature figurines for a hobby.
- My favorite author is Jim Butcher.

Currently reading: "The Rule of Thought" by James Dashner and "Captain's Fury" by Jim Butcher.

### Susan Sawyer

- I speak moderately fluent, although rusty Italian. I haven't needed to use it yet for work in my 7 years at the library, but I expect it to come in handy any day now.
- I spend a lot of my time on Ancestry.com and other genealogy websites because I love family history.
- When I was 13, I won a rotisserie in a department store raffle.

Currently reading: "The Book of Strange New Things" by Michel Faber

Listening to: "The Silent Sister" by Diane Chamberlain

### Veronica Walker

- Proud mother
- Loves to stay active
- Sunday School teacher

Currently Reading: "Redeeming Love" by Francine Rivers

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Oakdale Library's Dusty the Squirrel  
-Emily Slusher