



# Friends of the Turlock Public Library Newsletter

## Shining Star Awards

By Jackie Oyer

### President's Message

By Jeanne Endsley

As I begin my term as your president, I am excited about our board and the upcoming changes that we can look forward to in this coming year. We are in the process of creating social media avenues for our current members and potential new members. Our first rollout is the electronic newsletter, which allows us to allot the money previously spent on printing and postage to much needed items at the Turlock library. We also plan to continue our relationship with the Dolly Parton Foundation that was described in a previous newsletter.

I welcome your input and any new fundraising ideas that you may have. We always look for new volunteers to work at our bookstore in the library or annual book sale and to serve on any subcommittee. Please feel free to contact me at [jeanneendsley@gmail.com](mailto:jeanneendsley@gmail.com).

The annual Volunteer Appreciation & Shining Star Awards Event was held in the community room at the Salida Library on April 20<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. The event was well attended, and everyone enjoyed socializing and a delightful selection of desserts and beverages.

received the Shining Star Business Award given by the Library Foundation. HyPower was also presented with a City of Turlock Resolution for Community Service. The resolution was presented by Turlock City Councilman Bill DeHart.



From left to right, HyPower employees Toni Hensley, Deena Cuevas, Sonya Blair, Jose Mercado, Mario Mercado and Konrad Hack.

Several individuals were recognized for their outstanding volunteerism. Turlock's HyPower

Those attending were treated to the three reading-related videos produced by teens for a competition. The first finalist received \$200.00 for *Green Eggs and Ham*, 2<sup>nd</sup> place \$150.00 for *Tom Sawyer* and 3<sup>rd</sup> place for *Dream*.

Everyone was given the opportunity to share a little about themselves. The reasons for volunteering were as varied as the tasks that volunteers perform.



## ABC TEA

*By Donna Lolli*

On April 27<sup>th</sup>, the ABC Project held a Tea at a home in Denair to raise funds to provide books for pre-school children who have very few or no books at home. It was very well attended with tables by a number of organizations who support the project including the Friends of the Turlock Public Library who had two tables. Both of FOTPL tables were decorated with *Around the World in 80 Days* theme by Gity Miller. All tables were beautifully decorated by each organization, and the luncheon was excellent. The tea included sandwiches, fruit, desserts, iced tea and lemonade. We were entertained with a guitar solo and song. There was a silent auction and a drawing for prizes.

The ABC Project works in conjunction with the Dolly Parton Imagination Library to put books into the hands of preschool-aged children.

## The FOTPL Newsletter Is Going Electronic!

Please make sure we have your email address so you will continue to receive our newsletter. The newsletter is also available online at [www.stanislauslibrary.org](http://www.stanislauslibrary.org).

We are excited to be able to provide more pictures, graphics and important information about the Friends and our library!

If you'd like to view this issue in color, please visit the Turlock **Friends** link on the Stanislaus County website shown above.

## Stanislaus Library Foundation

*By Patricia Portwood*

The Stanislaus Library Foundation is dedicated to raising funds to supplement programs at the thirteen county libraries. Measure T was successful but it maintains only a minimum level of support. The Foundation wants to continue to offer exemplary programs for adults and children of Stanislaus County, and we do this through fundraising.

*A Night at the Ball Park*, featuring historian Dr. Samuel O. Regalado, will be held Sunday, August 18, 2013 at John Thurman Field. Tickets are \$65 per person and include the speaker, a gourmet BBQ, and box seats for the Nuts game. Tickets may be purchased online at [www.stanislauslibraryfoundation.org](http://www.stanislauslibraryfoundation.org).

## Thank You to the Greenery Nursery and Garden Shop

*By Patricia Portwood, FOTPL Board Member*

On April 26, 2013, the Greenery welcomed many women to their annual **Ladies Night Out**, providing a beautiful ambiance for their fundraising event. Every year, a different local organization is selected to receive the donation from the Greenery and this year, The Friends of the Turlock Public Library was a lucky recipient. It was a wonderful spring evening with many ladies attending and enjoying all types of presentations such as Jesse Layman, Head Chef for Sparrow Lane Vinegars, who talked about cooking with flavored vinegars. Cook and author Rima Barkett demonstrated her five minute focaccia bread mix, La Mo and Bliss Catering supplied delicious appetizers. The Spa provided information and samples regarding skin care.

I invited a friend and we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves, laughing and learning, knowing the event was going to benefit the children of Turlock by providing more programs to promote literacy. On behalf of the FOTPL, we appreciate the support !

### ***Needed!!***

***Volunteers to  
Help Keep  
The Friends' Bookstore Open***

One of our fundraisers is to operate a used book store within the Turlock Library. To do this we need volunteers to operate the store for two-hour shifts. The work is easy — just wait on customers when they come in and help them as needed. If you like to read, knit, etc., this is a great volunteer job for you.

If you are interested in helping out, please contact us at [friendsotpl@gmail.com](mailto:friendsotpl@gmail.com).

"I don't have to look far to find treasures. I discover them every time I visit a library."

*Michael Embry*  
Author

## At Your Library...

By Charles Teval

*Branch Operations Manager, Stanislaus County Library*

I was reading a new novel by Neil Gaiman, *The Ocean at the End of the Lane*, and was struck by a short passage: "Adults follow paths. Children explore. Adults are content to walk the same way, hundreds of times, or thousands; perhaps it never occurs to adults to step off the paths, to creep beneath the rhododendrons, to find the spaces between the fences." And for myself, that might be true. I am so often focused on getting things done, hurrying, while my daughter is wandering around, her attention caught by something different at the store, or a cat playing in a yard we pass while out walking, or some forgotten toy found while she is supposedly cleaning her room. Yes, I am often walking the same path, focused on getting somewhere, on a "mission" to complete. Except, at times, when I am looking for a new book to read. I will scan the New Book shelves until something jumps out at me; taken by the title or the cover art or the blurbs on the back of the book or the description on the inside cover. Or maybe while I am standing there looking, a customer will come up and suggest a title or ask a question which will lead me to a book I may have otherwise missed.

While perusing the New Book shelves at the Turlock library a few days ago, here are some of the books which "jumped out" at me.

*The Big Screen: The Story of the Movies*, by David Thomson. An authority on movies, Thomson in this book gives the reader not just a history of the movies but the role they have played in shaping modern life.

*Brothers Emanuel: A Memoir of an American Family*, by Ezekiel J. Emanuel. Rahm Emanuel, mayor of Chicago and former White House chief-of-staff; Ari Emanuel, Hollywood talent agent; and Ezekiel, professor at the University of Pennsylvania and a leading bioethicist and oncologist: how did three distinguished achievers come from the same family?

*The Sunshine When She's Gone* by Thea Goodman. A first novel of new parents Veronica and John and a "life-changing" weekend. Love, crisis, realism, and touches of humor.

*Hellbox*, by Bill Pronzini. The latest installment in the "Nameless Detective" series is set in a small town in the Sierra foothills where a woman has disappeared on a forest trail.

*The Drowning House*, by Elizabeth Black. Another first novel steeped in darkness and suspense. Clare, a photographer, goes to Galveston to submerge herself in running an exhibition in order to bring some distance and perspective to a heavily strained family relationship. But there, in Texas, she is drawn into a century-old disturbing story.

...and there are MANY, MANY more books which you can stumble on to and explore on the New Books shelves at the Turlock Library.

Our Summer Reading program is coming to an end. Thank you to the Friends of the Turlock Library for sponsoring the extra programs and some of the prizes which we will be giving out, and to those who have volunteered their time. And, remember, the Turlock Library's DAY OF PLAY is Saturday, August 10 from 10:30 a.m. to Noon. It will be a morning of sports, games and fun for children.

So, stop by the library. Bring your children to investigate the world through books and play and programs. And spend some time exploring our new book shelves!

## DAY OF PLAY

**Saturday, August 10**  
**10:30 AM – 12:00 PM**



**Join us on the lawn  
 next to the library for  
 a morning of sports,  
 games and fun!**

**Sponsored by the  
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**Turlock Library  
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## Magnet Making at the Turlock Library

Teens can participate in magnet making at the Turlock Library on Monday, August 19 at 3 p.m. During this activity, teens ages 13 through 18 can make unique magnets for their school lockers! Participating in this program provides teens with the opportunity to interact with their peers and be creative with crafts.

For more information, please call the Turlock Library at 664-8100 or visit the library's information desk.

## Friends of the Turlock Public Library

### Our Purpose:

To support the Turlock Public Library by raising supplementary funds, advocating for adequate public library funding and other concerns at the city, county and state level, and by sponsoring special library programs which benefit the Turlock community.

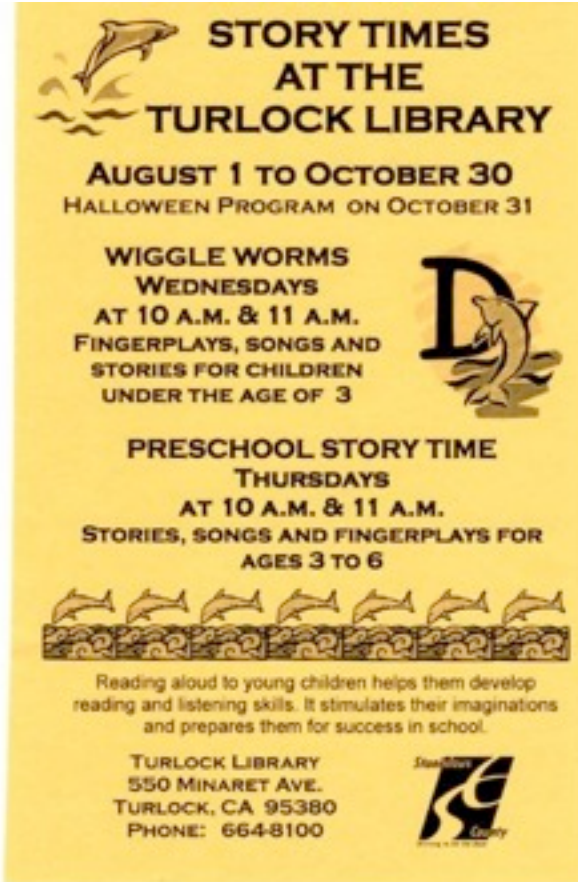
### Meeting Information:

The first Wednesday of each month, 7 pm at the Turlock Library.

Friends of the Turlock Public Library is a non-profit 501(c)3 tax-exempt organization.

### Contact Information:


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