



Friends of the Turlock Public Library Newsletter

President's Message

by Pat Portwood

Thank you for your ongoing support of the Friends of the Turlock Public Library.

As long time members and new ones, you have supported our organization ever since 1993 when the Friends group was created. Our purpose has always been to support the Turlock Public Library by raising supplemental funds, advocating for adequate public support at the city, county and state level and by sponsoring library events.

During 2019, the one hundred and fifty-six FOTPL members raised approximately \$7,600 from the book sale, the bookstore, membership dues and donations. These funds allowed for many children and adult programs as well as contributing toward the library renovation.

2020 has brought us a pandemic, and along with it, much uncertainty. The library has changed many of its points of service and we are so proud of the library staff . They are working as hard as ever to serve the community, although the methods have changed. Turlock faces an additional challenge with the library and the Senior Center being completely closed as well as having no book sale income.

So, with all these challenges, our mission has NOT changed and your continued support is more important than ever. Here are ways you can continue your support:

1. Renew your dues which will sustain the services throughout the year. Please refer to membership information and form on page 4.
2. Donate to the Library Building Fund. These dollars are used to augment the interior. Please refer to new opportunity for multi-year membership on the form.
3. Follow us on Facebook to stay informed. New and updated information will be posted weekly.
4. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please email us at FriendsofTurlockLibrary2020@gmail.com.

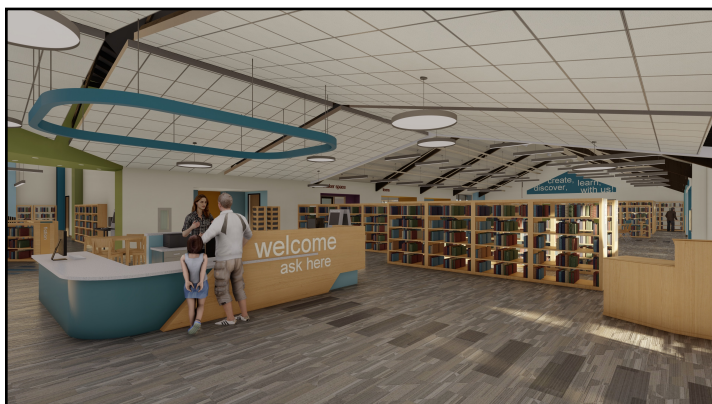
Thank you for all your support, especially during these chaotic times! Our renovated library certainly is a beacon of hope!

The Newly Renovated and Expanded Turlock Library Will Add a Teen Room, a Maker Space, Quiet Space, Children's Garden, Community Room and Book Store



The community's number one priority was a larger Children's Library. The immersive environment inspires kids of any age with playful design, bold colors and an interactive landscape of learning. The children's center will have its own restroom.

The Community Room will be a flexible space, to be used for adult, teen and children's programs including story time and special performers. The room will be available to the community to rent for educational purposes.



The entrance to the Adult Library is a service point for library activities, featuring a state of the art Reference Desk.

Maker Space is used to describe a dedicated space that is designed to support self-directed learning allowing users to discover, create and build things. A Maker Space supports learning new skills and technologies, and employ a variety of equipment and tools such as 3-D printers and sewing machines.

From the Librarian's Desk....

by Diane Bartlett

Greetings,

After forty-one years working in libraries and thirty-four years as a librarian, I'd like to take this time to reflect on what your FOTPL membership means for the library.

It's simple. Library Friends groups elevate the impact of their local libraries; they make a good thing even better. Here's how:

- Financial support for programs and materials. I don't have room to list all the financial support the Friends have given us over the years, but here are a few things we wouldn't have if not for the Friends:
 - * Weekly STEM and craft programs for the children
 - * Educational programs like the ones offered by the Great Valley Museum
 - * Special programs from professional performers
 - * Craft programs or escape rooms for the teens and
 - * Painting and crafting programs for the adults

We would have fewer books, magazines and DVDs, as the Friends have regularly augmented our book budget. We would have fewer seats inside and no benches outside. We would have fewer book drops, meaning return bins would be constantly overflowing.

- Advocacy support - Libraries are a valuable asset to the community, but how much the community realizes this depends on how much their friend or neighbor spreads the word. FOTPL members are those friends and neighbors. They spread the word that libraries are not just books; libraries are community hubs, a place for the entire community, no matter the age, income level, or physical ability, to find resources to meet their informational and recreational needs. Looking forward to the new Turlock Library? Thank the Friends of the Turlock Public Library. Their efforts drove the project forward.
- Partnerships - Any library that seeks grant funding will find themselves in a much more competitive position for those grants if they can show that they can form good partnerships. Not only are the Friends a supportive community partner, but that partnership leads to other collaborations.
- Giving back to the community - By supporting the library, the Friends give back to their community by making sure the library is strong, relevant, and well-funded.

Your investment? A few dollars a year or a couple of hours helping out at the annual fundraiser or even just a minute to tell the family next door about children's programs at the library.

We need you, it's that simple.

Diane



Dear Friend of the Turlock Public Library:

As most of you know, July is the beginning of a new fiscal year for us and is the month to renew your membership. The Friends’ strength lies in our membership so in this year of pandemic and a closed library, the Board is reaching out to you personally to let you know we still need your support!

We are writing to ask supporters like you to please renew your membership so that we may continue underwriting financial shortfalls and providing the extras for our library and its patrons as we have for more than twenty-five years.

Fiscal year 2020-2021 will be especially challenging due to the loss of our annual book sale dollars and, even with the library closed, we need your continued committed membership. The closure of the building does not negate the Friends’ much-needed annual monetary support for the Turlock library. With excellence in mind, our librarians, through constant planning and careful purchases, are still preparing for an exciting future.

In addition to your membership, we ask that this year you consider a donation to our Building Fund. Your contribution, of any amount, will enable us to provide upgrades in design and construction as work on the new library progresses. Please use the form below to choose your membership level and indicate the amount of your Building Fund gift. Then simply detach the form and use our envelope to return it with your cash or check.

Finally, for this year only, we will offer a Multi-Year Membership for a contribution of \$50. Choosing the Multi-Year option assures you **two years** of membership at your current level. The remainder of your \$50 dues will be directed to the Building Fund. Please indicate on the form below if you choose to take advantage of the Multi-Year option and remember that the entire \$50 remains a tax-deductible donation.

With questions or for more information please call (209) 634-3592. Thank you again and always for your generous support.

On behalf of the Friends of the Turlock Public Library,

Pat Portwood, President

Friends of the Turlock Public Library PO Box 1260 Turlock CA 95381-1260

Member Name _____ Date _____

Member Address: _____

Member Phone: _____ Email: _____

\$ _____ Renew Individual Membership (\$10) \$ _____ Building Fund Contribution (any amount)

\$ _____ Renew Family Membership (\$20) \$ _____ 2020-2021 Only Multi-Year membership (\$50)

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**Friends of the
Turlock Public Library**

Our Purpose

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

Information

Meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM at the Turlock Library. Meetings are open to all members and the public.

Our newsletter is published quarterly (February, May, August and November).

Our mailing address is FOTPL, P.O. Box 1260, Turlock, CA 95381-1260.

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Library Building Fund Update

As many of you may remember, the Friends group has been actively helping to sow the seeds for our new library. Over the past three years, through donations and fundraisers such as the book sales and very generous gifts, we have been able to raise thus far approximately \$175,000.

These dollars will help augment the furniture, fixtures and equipment for the interior of the library. We are continuing to fundraise through a special committee headed by Jeani and John Ferrari with a goal of \$1 million. Not only will these monies provide upgrades in the expanded Turlock Library, but will also provide long-term financial support .

How can you be involved? Look for the upcoming press release announcing our fundraising campaign. Or contact us at FriendsofTurlockLibrary2020@gmail.com if you want more information.

Follow us on Facebook. This is your library!



Stanislaus County Libraries Offer Modified Service Hours During COVID-19!

Even though our libraries are closed due to COVID-19 and the Turlock Library is closed for renovation and expansion, modified library services are available. This includes going online or calling to place holds as well as curbside pickup of holds and curbside returns.

Book drops/bins are closed at all county library locations. Book carts for returns are located outside libraries except Turlock (due to expansion) during modified service hours.

During the closure and renovation of the Turlock library, services are available at the other twelve branches, including the nearby branch libraries in Denair and Keyes. Their service hours are:

Monday - Thursday 12:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Friday 11:00 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday & Sunday Closed

For more information, including locations of the libraries (ie: Denair and Ceres), visit stanislauslibrary.org.

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