



Friends of the Turlock Public Library Newsletter

President's Message

by Pat Portwood

When you receive this August newsletter, the Turlock Library will have held its donor event, the county dedication and a Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting! I hope you were able to attend one of these events and had an opportunity to tour the library. If not, I will highlight features we don't want you to miss.

As you walk through, please note the furnishings, the technology, the signage telling you the family who donated, and the natural lighting that exists in each of the areas. The Friends of the Library Bookstore is so much larger, able to accommodate so many more books - it's amazing! The art honorees' paintings are on display and the donor wall is a testimony to the community's love of libraries. The vestibule display describes the journey of our Turlock Library through the years from the Carnegie to the present.

In March 2017 the community came together for a vision meeting to determine the needs and wants for the upcoming library - more bathrooms, a Makerspace, a teen room, a community room, and a larger children's room. As you visit you will see the needs were recognized and honored in our renovated library.

There are times when words are just not enough and this opening is definitely one of those times. We are thankful, appreciative, grateful, and excited. Thank you to the Board of Supervisors for approving this project, and to Patricia Hill Thomas, the Capital Projects Director, who listened to our every needs and concerns and to the contractor who kept this project going through a pandemic! And of course, thank you to our community, especially the fundraising committee led by Jeani and John Ferrari.

The next chapter includes meeting our new librarian, Karina Mendoza, looking forward to the the opening of the Friends Bookstore and of course, a return of our children's programs. So stay tuned.

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Diane Gray, our Membership Director, is encouraging folks to renew their FOTPL membership which supports programs and materials for the library.

Several groups have been asking about the use of the community room and this will be determined in the near future.

Changes! One of my favorite phrases is, "Nothing is constant but change". If the pandemic taught us anything it was how to adjust and be flexible. It has also brought about the need to change the service hours throughout the library system in order to align expenditures with revenues. The library system is primarily dependent upon the sales tax which decreased during the pandemic and caused a deficit in the library budget.

Beginning in August, all libraries except Modesto, will be closed on Fridays. The libraries will be open Monday thru Thursday and open on Saturdays. Check stanislauslibrary.org for more information on library hours. Although not great news, we are so grateful our library was completed and is now open!

Membership Update

By Diane Gray

As many of you know, annual memberships in the Friends of the Turlock Public Library run from July 1 to June 30. This means, of course, that this year's membership renewals are now due.

Not long ago, I reached out to you through our Friends' newsletter to ask you to join us again for another year of support for our library. We are deeply grateful for the generous responses we have seen so far.

This is an exciting time in the life of the Turlock library and of our Friends group and we need each and every one of our members to continue to help us support our librarians and, through them, our community. Especially our kids!

We need your dues, of course, but we also need your ideas, your suggestions and, if possible, your volunteer efforts. So, we ask that you please rejoin the Friends for the 2021 - 2022 fiscal year. Beginning September 1, and again the first Wednesday of each month thereafter, our Friends' board meetings will be held in the library's new Community Room at 6:30 PM. Please consider attending our meetings so that you may discover more about what your membership supports.

We hope to hear from you soon.

Letter from a Friend of the Library

August 3, 2021

Friends of the Turlock Library

I have no idea where my membership application is and am unable to download yours so hope a check and this note will suffice.

I first started visiting the Turlock Library with my mother over seventy years ago. The children's library was located in the basement and was a bit dark due to the huge trees surrounding the building, I wasn't at all sure I wanted to take home books I couldn't keep but mother assured me that when we returned them I could get more. This sealed the deal for me.

It was exciting to graduate upstairs to the adult library and find the book case for young adult readers. Each book had a white ink hand printed YA on the binding. I felt quite grownup to make selections while my mother nearby was searching through the historical biographies and novels set in places like South Africa and India.

During his high school senior year my big brother, Wayne Read, worked for the librarian, Mr. Thompson - checking out books and shelving returns. I was quite proud to have this further connection to a place I loved so dearly.

Mother and I continued to share authors and talk over books. While in her eighties her eyes still shown with excitement and there was a bit of a spring in her step as we visited the new library every three weeks, so close to where my parents lived and I had grown up.

Any child who is encouraged by family (however that looks today) to experience the joy and adventure found in books (in whatever form) is fortunate to visit the Turlock Public Library and the people who serve there.

Congratulations!

Joan M. Miller

Welcome to Our New Library!
Photos by Gity Miller, Brooks Judd, Pat Portwood



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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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Turlock Kids Can't Wait!

By Greg Rogers, MPH

Can you feel it? Can you smell it? The children of Turlock sure can! They are overjoyed at the prospect of the re-opening of their beloved Turlock Public Library on August 10th. So much so that they are willing to give up their dollars to support the library as this picture shows. What kind of kid does that?

I'll tell you what kind of kid. I had the pleasure of working at the Turlock Farmer's Market recently to promote the re-opening. We gave free books to kids and EVERY SINGLE ONE OF THEM asked "When will the library be open? Will it still have story time?" Yes, Virginia, it will have story time and lots more! The expanded Children's Room will have more room, more books, and more learning activities than the old one. Bright colors and a "Learning Tree" will welcome both children and parents to create a vibrant learning environment.



As cliché as it might sound, the future of Turlock rests with its children. Any child that can read, and read well, holds the universe in their hands. And libraries play a major role. To quote Pete Hamill: "*The road to the treasure house of the imagination begins at the public library.*" On August 10th the treasure house will open its arms to the children of Turlock. Let the magic begin!

Do you have books to donate to Friends?

Please contact Jackie at:

FriendsofTurlockLibrary2020@gmail.com.

Arrangements will be made for pickup of your donations.

Please do not take book donations to the library as the library staff and the bookstore volunteers are unable to accept book donations.

FOTPL Bookstore

At this time FOTPL has no plans for a book sale in 2021. Our new bookstore located in the Turlock Library has an excellent assortment of books.

The bookstore hours are:

Monday	10 am - 4 pm
Tuesday	10 am - 4 pm
Wednesday	12 pm - 4 pm
Thursday	10 am - 4 pm
Friday	Closed
Saturday	10 am - 4 pm
Sunday	Closed

See you at the library!

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