



# Friends of the Turlock Public Library Newsletter

## President's Message

by Mary Ward

Hello, Friends! My name is Mary Ward and I am the new President of the Friends of the Turlock Library. I am looking forward to this next year and all that the Friends have planned. The Board and its committees have been working hard on a variety of events and projects.

A little bit about me – I was born and raised in Turlock. I have been a member of the Friends board since 2019. I've been an avid reader since childhood devouring Little Sister and Babysitter's Club books and then the New Nancy Drew Case File series. I vividly recall checking out these books from the spinning paperback racks in the children's section of the old library. I am excited to take on the challenge of being President of the Friends.

I hope everyone has had a great summer. The Friends have been active around Turlock at a variety of events: the Farmer's Market, the Carnegie Block Party, and the Stanislaus County Fair. You may have seen them in their new beige polo shirts with the green Friend's logo. A big thank you to all our volunteers who have helped with these events and especially the committee that designed our new shirts.

Speaking of events, Library Presents! will be holding its inaugural author event in October featuring Jamie Ford. We are planning for this to be the first of many author events for Library Presents!

This month we are celebrating the one-year anniversary since the reopening of our new library facility. Every time I walk into the new space, I am amazed at how it has all come together. If you haven't seen it yet, consider making the time to stop by.

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Don't forget to renew your Friends' membership if you haven't done so already. The new membership year started on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Also have you considered gifting a Friends' membership to a reader or library fan in your life?

Finally, we still have a few open Board positions. If you are interested in the roles of Membership Director, Public Advocate, or Communications Director, please consider attending one of our monthly Board meetings to learn more about the Board and what we do. The meetings are open to everyone and are held the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 in the community room.

I am looking forward to all that the Friends' have planned this year. I hope to meet many of you this year at our events and meetings.

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### **From the Librarian's Desk**

by Karina Mendoza

I cannot believe it has been a year since our grand reopening! The excitement of the new library has not worn off. Every week we have people who are visiting us for the first time since the remodel; their awe and amazement of the improvements that were made never gets old. We have had people who haven't been to a public library in over 10 years come in because a friend or a neighbor told them to check out the new library. They all leave with a new card and a small stack of books.

One thing I always like to tell our new customers is that we are more than just books. As a library system, we realize that not everyone has access to a computer, the internet, or a printer. We are striving to bridge the digital divide. All 12 of our public internet computers are being upgraded along with our staff computers. We currently have four Chromebooks for in library use that can be checked out for three hours a day. We also now offer Home Connectivity Kits that you can take home. Each kit contains a Chromebook, a hotspot, a computer mouse and headset. Each kit checks out for 21 days just like a book! If you just need Wi-Fi, you can reserve a hotspot to check out. Don't have a printer at home? That's ok! We have wireless printing. You can send prints from home and pick them up at the library. There is more information on our website, [Stanlibrary.org](http://Stanlibrary.org).

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The website is also a great resource for staying informed of all of the events and programs happening at the Turlock Library. We have partnered with NASA to help promote the first images from the James Webb Space Telescope. There will be an in person program at the Salida Library and here in Turlock on October 11 at 4:00 p.m. Kids will take a look at the first images from the James Webb Space Telescope, learn what they mean, and learn more about the life cycle of a star. We have also partnered with the UCCE Master Gardeners of Stanislaus County. There is a gardening workshop on the fourth Wednesday of every month at 6 p.m. in the community room.

During the pandemic we discovered that some people really like virtual programming. They like to be able to attend a program from the comfort of their living room. One of the new services we are offering county-wide is Author Talks. Author Talks is a virtual speaker series featuring renowned authors, including New York Times' best-selling authors and Pulitzer Prize winners. One of my favorite things about this series is that you can submit a question to the author when you register for the event. If you are unable to attend the event during the livestream you can watch it at a later time.

I just want to say thank you! Without your support and advocacy all this would not have been possible.

## **HELP WANTED!**

### **Membership Director Needed**

We are actively seeking a new Membership Director for our Board of Directors. The membership director keeps an active roster of members, collects applications and fees, sends receipts and renewal notices, and reports on these activities at our monthly board meeting. This volunteer position is for two years. Our interim membership director will work with you to learn the position. A full job description is available. Please email [friendsofturlocklibrary2020@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofturlocklibrary2020@gmail.com) for more information if you are interested. Thank you!

**SAVE THE DATE-** Saturday, October 8, 2022 , 1-3 pm

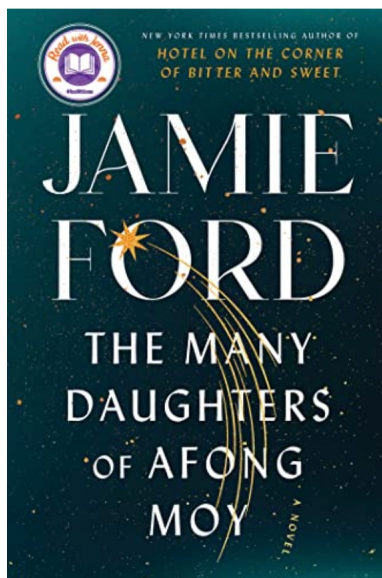
The Friends of the Turlock Library are excited to announce an award-winning author coming to the Carnegie!

The Friends received a generous gift to establish the Library Presents! Program which will bring local, as well as more known authors to speak.

Jamie Ford, our first author, is the author of the best selling *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* which was on the New York Times best seller list for over two years. His latest novel, *The Many Daughters of Afong Moy*, will be released this month. If you haven't read any of his books, they are available through the library.

Look for more information as the date gets closer. Information will be displayed in the library and at the Friends' Bookstore. We will have limited seating (up to 200), so the early bird catches the worm!!

We are so grateful for such a wonderful present.



Aug. 2021 Putting the store together.



Our beautiful store today Aug. 2022



### The Friend's Bookstore's First Anniversary by Jackie Oyer

The Friend's Bookstore has been very successful since it opened in August of 2021. We have a wonderful group of volunteers that have been working faithfully. The store is the friendly, welcoming place that it is because of them.

I would like to thank everyone who has donated books the last 12 months. We would not have a store without you. We continue to need donations in order to offer the great selection of books that we have offered thus far.

Our bookstore customers enjoy browsing the shelves, chatting with the volunteers and finding that little treasure that they have been looking for. If you haven't been to the Friend's Bookstore located in the library, stop by and take a look around. You just might find something good to read.



## Have You Remembered To Renew Your Membership For This Year?

## Friends of the Turlock Public Library

**Our Purpose** To support the Turlock Library by raising supplementary funds, 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.

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

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