



Friends of the Turlock Public Library Newsletter

President's Message

by Jackie Oyer

This will be my last message as president of the Turlock Friends of the Library. I will be stepping down and making way for our incoming president, Carmen Ingols.

The last two years have been exciting in many ways. We have been busy with the library as well as community issues and events. It has been an education for me about the workings of city and county government, the county library and our own Friends group.

I would like to thank the board for all their support and willingness to step up whenever there was a need. I'd like to extend words of appreciation to the community for the donations and support we have received in our endeavor to have a new or renovated library for the city of Turlock.

Please see page 6
for the nominees for FOTPL
officers for 2017-2018.

A Message from the Stanislaus County Library Director

by Diane McDonnell

This has been a year of progress and growth in our libraries, and several highlights stand out. As interests continue to shift toward digital formats, the library has expanded your 24/7 access to innovative eResources, including eBooks, eMagazines, online language learning, and downloadable audiobooks, movies and music. We also offered expanded training opportunities to help our customers make the most of these resources with a series of online tutorials developed by our creative staff and funded by a grant received from the California State Library under the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA). For those who prefer traditional formats, our print collection continues to connect readers with the best in fiction and non-fiction selections.

Additional LSTA grants enabled the library to offer a series of citizenship/naturalization workshops, to digitize local memories of our region's cruising and car culture, and to expand children's programming in science, technology, engineering, arts and math (STEAM).

An important focus for the library is early literacy, and we continue to offer a variety of popular programming, including Story Time, designed to help children prepare for success in school while

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Library Visionary Meeting

by Jackie Oyer

On March 25, 2017, community members, library staff and county officials met with two Bay Area architects for a meeting to discuss the needs and wants for a new or renovated library for Turlock. The meeting was held at the Carnegie Arts Center.

Approximately fifty people were in attendance for what was considered to be the kickoff event for the project. Turlock is seriously in need of a larger, more modern library that is big enough to serve the more than 70,000 people in our community as well as the surrounding area. The timeframe for a new library to get underway will be roughly two years. The favorite choice of location is the current location on Minaret. It is a lovely spot with beautiful big trees, and it is centrally located.

The Friends are very excited to be a part of this process. We have been working towards this end for years, with the most recent attempt beginning about a year and a half ago. We will continue to raise funds and work to help make this dream become a reality for the City of Turlock.





Upcoming Events

by Pat Portwood

Please save the dates!

August 18, Party at the Library. This is our annual get-together to thank all of our supporters and to share what's new in the library world. You might even get to see the 3D printer!

September 23, Author's Gala. This annual fundraiser supports the Children's Summer Reading Programs. This year we will focus on our local young writers.

Shining Stars Awards were presented April 8 to mark the beginning of National Library Week. The awards were established in 2004 to honor individual, business or organization and Friends of the Library members for their support of the library. Support includes volunteer efforts, advocacy, a program or financial contributions. The Joan Patterson Stellar Achievement Award was created to recognize a volunteer who has fulfilled a long-term, ongoing commitment of service to the Stanislaus County Library. This year's recipient was Hanna Renning, who has given her heart and soul to the library in every way possible. Her greatest legacy will be the annual book sale which to date has raised thousands of dollars for the Friends of the Turlock Public Library.

SAve STanislaus Libraries Campaign. Get ready: as the summer heats up, so will the campaign. Here are five facts to help you be an advocate, making sure folks are aware:

1. It's a renewal tax (not new!),
2. It's been one-eighth of a cent sales tax since 1994,
3. It's for a twelve-year extension instead of for five years,
4. It's a dedicated tax that can be used only for libraries,
5. It will be voted on this November.

Joan Patterson Stellar Achievement Award

by Jackie Oyer

Hanna Renning was a part-time library clerk at the Turlock Library from 1975 to 1978. Proposition 13 passed, and the county eliminated all part-time jobs. She later went to work at the California State University, Stanislaus Library as periodicals assistant. After ten years she retired in 1994.

She and her husband, Dieter, joined the Friends of the Turlock Library shortly after it was formed in the early 1990s. She has been actively involved ever since. She has served two separate two-year terms as president of FOTPL.

She has been involved with the Book Bin since its beginnings. The Book Bin is another source of income for the Friends along with the Friends' Bookstore located in the library. Hanna has been a volunteer in the bookstore for many years as well.

Hanna and Mary Peterson headed up an annual book sale for several years for the American Association of University Women (AAUW). When the AAUW stopped having that event, it was decided that it would be a good fundraiser for the FOTPL. The FOTPL book sale began in the mid-1990s. The first year there were so few books that they were sorted on the bed in Gertrude Plotkin's guesthouse, and the boxes of books were stored in Rosannah Foster's garage. Sale sites the first few years were vacant stores, usually on Geer Road. In the early 2000s the Turlock Community Theatre allowed the FOTPL to use their auditorium for the sale. Since 2004 the First United Methodist Church has been providing its social hall for the book sale.

There have been many changes over the years, but there has been one constant: Hanna Renning. The sale has been a success because of Hanna's commitment, organizational skills and leadership. The annual book sale is the FOTPL's major fundraising event. The library has greatly benefited from the efforts of Hanna and other volunteers over the years.

She has made the decision to step down as co-chair of the book sale after all these years. She will be a hard act to follow. She will stay active at some level but feels its time to let some else take the reins.



Pictured left to right: Pat Portwood, Hanna Renning and Jane Manley.

From the Librarian's Desk...

by Diane Bartlett

Dear Friends,

Thanks to all who attended the Library Visionary Meeting on March 25. You are passionate about library services in your community, and we as library staff appreciate that so very much.

As we head into May and the summer months, I'd like to highlight some of the many programs we will be offering. First, our Summer Reading Challenge for 2017 will begin Tuesday, May 23, and the kickoff event will be on Saturday, May 27 from 10 AM to 12 noon on the lawn. All ages are invited to come by and sign up for the Reading Challenge. This year's theme is **Reading by Design**, so we will spend the morning building, rebuilding, and creating all sorts of wonderful things. We hope you can join us on June 19 at 6:30 PM, when we present a Pajama Story Time with our special guest reader, Mayor Gary Soiseth. On May 20 at 4 PM the Traveling Lantern troupe will perform "The Ribbles Build a Residence; The ABC's Art, Building, and Construction." Mark your calendars for July 5 at 3 PM for a musical trip to Australia with Didgeridoo Down Under, whose shows are a "fusion of music, culture, science, comedy, character building, anti-bullying, environmentalism and audience participation." Last year's Harry Potter party was so successful that we will celebrate this wonderful series once again on July 18 at 4 PM. In August, look for special projects to showcase the lunar and solar eclipses occurring that month. Of course, we will continue to offer programs for children each Tuesday and Wednesday at 4 PM during the summer in addition to our Wiggle Worms and Story Time programs on Wednesday and Thursday mornings.

We are developing a couple of activities for teens, including a summer book club and opportunities to volunteer as a summer reading program helper and as a computer docent.

For adults we will offer a book folding class (repurposing books into works of art by folding pages according to a design) on June 28 at 6 PM. In July, Community Hospice will offer a class in Senior Safety 101 at noon on July 13. Lunch is provided, so you must register by calling 578-6300. Also in July, we will offer a fun and casual painting class on the 22nd at 1 PM.



Some of our programs are still in development, so do look at the monthly calendar and take advantage of the free programs at your public library.



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Elections will be held at the Friends' Annual Meeting at 6:30 PM on June 7, 2017. The meeting will be held at the Turlock Library.

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having fun. We know some families can't get to the library due to transportation issues, so we created a new position dedicated to providing early literacy services out in the community. Among the many success stories associated with this new approach to outreach is a Pop-UpLibrary at the local WIC office (Women, Infants and Children nutrition program), and we anticipate the outreach program will continue to grow and reach more local families.

Growth and innovation at the library is made possible by the continued support of our Library Foundation, Friends of the Library and Library Advisory Board. The 1/8-cent sales tax has continued to provide a secure source of revenue, making up the vast majority of library funding.

The coming year is certain to bring more exciting opportunities!

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Outstanding Women of 2017

Every year the Stanislaus County Commission for Women honors outstanding women who have demonstrated exemplary service to the community.

This year, Pat Portwood was honored as one of the Outstanding Women of 2017. She was an educator for more than thirty years and retired from Modesto City Schools as Associate Superintendent. Since 2010, she has become immersed in everything library—from being a member of the FOTPL, to coordinating Measure T in 2012, serving more recently as chair of the Stanislaus Library Foundation and currently co-chairing the SAve STanislaus Library campaign.

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Our Purpose:

To support the Turlock Public 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.

Meeting Information:

The first Wednesday of each month, 6:30 PM at the Turlock Library.



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