



Friends of the Turlock Public Library Newsletter

President's Message

by Pat Portwood

Here we are, a new year, and yet, somehow it feels like "Ground Hog Day all over again". But we must focus on what we hope will be better times, especially at the library. So here are the "hopes for 2022!"

We are hoping to launch the *Library Presents!* Programs, perhaps in March with a special program for children which we think will coincide with the return of Storytime.

Another hope for 2022 is to increase our membership and most importantly to offer more opportunities to be involved. Helping at the Farmer's Market, greeting library patrons as they arrive, working at the Friends' Bookstore or helping host future programs are some of the opportunities Friends' offers. You can find out more by attending our once a month board meetings held the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM at the library. This February's meeting will be available via Zoom.

We also will be approaching the time to elect new officers for the Friends and I would like to encourage any folks who are interested to attend a board meeting, ask questions, and help be a part of the future. It is not an exorbitant amount of your time but is a way to be involved and pay it forward. We need to continue to grow the leadership. All organizations depend on a group of committed volunteers to sustain their mission.

There is other business you should know about. First, we are in the midst of reviewing our bylaws and you will receive the proposed changes in our May newsletter. Next, the FOTPL board has approved investing with Morgan Stanley, a very important move for the future sustainability and maintenance of your library.

The *Library Presents!* donation made by Priscilla Peters and John Miles has given the Friends an extraordinary opportunity to bring well known authors and programs to our patrons. We are in the midst of negotiating with a very well known author for a possible presentation to celebrate the one year of our reopening. Stay tuned for more!

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Speaking of authors, what are we reading? Our board members love to read and I thought I would share some of their current titles: *Four Winds* by Kristen Hannah, *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles, *Matrix* by Lauren Groff, *Bag Man* by Rachel Maddow, *Premonition: A Pandemic Story* by Michael Lewis, *Running on Red Dog Road* by Drama Hall Berkheimer, *Coton de Tulear Complete Dog Manual* by Matthew Burston, *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind* by William Kamwamba and Bryan Meater. Such a variety of genres and all are available at the library!

February is Library Lovers Month! It is very appropriate to celebrate libraries in this day and age when so many are closing due to lack of funds. So please visit, tell the staff how much you appreciate them and let's continue to support the future of all libraries.

From the Librarian's Desk

by Karina Mendoza

Hello Friends!

Did you know that with your Stanislaus County Library card you have access to all of our databases from the comfort of your own home? The library has databases on a variety of topics for customers of all ages. There are several that are geared toward helping students with research, exam prep and college admission essays. The *Auto Repair Source* is a how to manual for repairing and servicing vehicles. My personal favorite is *Novelist Plus*. It is a reading recommendation database for fiction and nonfiction books. If you are unsure what to read next, that is the database for you! We recently added four databases. *Northstar Digital Literacy* and *LinkedIn Learning* are both excellent if you are looking for job training or to further your professional development. *Coursera* has amazing online courses taught by leading college and university professors. If you are a creative person or just want to learn how to take better photos with your cell phone check out *Skill Share Premium*.

The most common question since we have reopened is, "when are you going to have programs again?" In person programs are coming back this year. The Turlock Library staff has been very busy planning and preparing programs for kids, teens and adults. If you are a fan of mysteries you have to come to the Mystery Lover's Book Club meeting. They are currently meeting the first Monday of every month at 10:30 AM in our community room or via Zoom. For other events and programs please visit our website at www.stanislauslibrary.org to view our events calendar, or stop by the library and pick one up. We could not have brought back the number of programs without your support. Your membership makes our programs possible.

**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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Posts include photos and information on the Turlock Friends, and our library. Simply look for Friends of the Turlock Library and follow our page on either platform.

Nonfiction Books Wanted!

We are looking for nonfiction books to immediately stock our bookstore located in the Turlock Library!

Fiction, young adult and children's book donations are also appreciated.

If you have good, clean books to donate, please contact Jackie at FriendsofTurlockLibrary2020@gmail.com.

See you at the library!



The Friends' Bookstore. Larger and better than ever!

Opportunities

By Diane Gray

With the advent of warmer weather and longer days, some of you may be beginning to look for ways to get out of the house and find a new or renewed purposeful activity. As a member and supporter of the Friends of the Turlock Public Library, helping our organization continue its missions may be just what you are searching for.

Do you enjoy talking to people of all ages, including children? Do you find being outdoors at the downtown Farmer's Market a pleasant activity? Once each month during the Turlock Farmer's Market season we set up an informational table. Working two-hour shifts, we hand out membership applications and other informational material as well as "freebies" such as books and small keepsakes for our community's children. Our Farmer's Market volunteers work in pairs so it's an excellent opportunity to get to know a fellow Friend and we always need enthusiastic people to help us man our booth.

Are you interested in helping our librarians with special children's programming? The children's librarian sometimes requests our members' help when she needs willing assistants. Usually, these opportunities involve fun times like Easter or Halloween parties or Harry Potter events. Lots of crafts and happy noise are involved. As a Friends volunteer, sometimes you might be asked if you would come in early and help prepare materials. Sometimes your help during the event itself might be needed. I have been a part of these activities and I've had almost as much fun as the kids.

This year will see the beginning of our new and exciting "*Library Presents*" programs. Please see the *President's Message* on page one of this newsletter for more information. Since this is a new effort, much has yet to be determined in what directions this exciting opportunity will lead us but one thing is sure; we could use your help. Depending on the particular type of event being offered, we may need ticket collectors, question answerers or help to hand out programs. One of the perks of this volunteer time is that you get to attend the event!

Perhaps the best way to find out about all kinds of volunteer opportunities is to attend our board meetings in the library's new Community Room. You are invited to come and hear all the discussion and provide your input and your ideas. Please join us the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM.

If any of these opportunities appeal to you, or if you have questions, please let me know at the following email address: addgray@bellsouth.net. I'll be more than glad to point you in the right direction.



Friends of the Turlock Public Library

WHO WE ARE:

In 1993, when the County had cut library funding most severely, a group of people came together to form Friends of the Turlock Library. The purpose of the volunteer organization is 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 special library programs to benefit the Turlock community.

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IN SUPPORT OF THE LIBRARY:

During the year we provide funds to the Turlock Public Library in support of Children's and Adult Programs and Materials as well as library equipment.

LIBRARY PRESENTS:

Introduced in 2022, this is our own donor-specific initiative designed to bring to the community quality programs for adults and children.

ADVOCACY/PUBLIC INFORMATION:

An important function of Friends of the library is to explain the needs of the library to the public and to decision makers at all levels of government.

HOW WE DO IT:

We raise money for the library through fundraising efforts. We also receive donations from members and businesses. Administrative Expenses are normally funded through membership dues.

WHY YOU SHOULD JOIN:

We need more members for at least three reasons:

- *Additional Members will mean more volunteer hours available
- *Additional Members will mean more Dues Income to help with expenses
- *Additional Members will mean a broader representation of voices to speak out on behalf of our

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____

E-Mail _____

ANNUAL DUES: Please circle the Membership of your choice: (Fiscal year July 1 through June 30)
 Individual \$10 Family \$20 Lifetime \$150

My Interests:

Book Store _____ Public Information _____ Fundraising _____ Board Service _____

Event volunteer (e.g., children's programs at the library, Library Presents programs, Farmer's Market)

Please mail this form with your check to:
 Friends of the Turlock Public Library, P.O. Box 1260, Turlock, CA 95381-1260

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Just for Teens

In our newly renovated library there is a special place just for our teens!

There is a great selection of books just for teens, an area with comfortable chairs made for reading a favorite book and area for studying! It's a quiet area away from the main library made just for teens. It's a great place to meet others, share favorite books and collaborate on special projects.

Stop by and check it out next time you visit the library!



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