



The Roundup

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Will James, Cowboy Author Extraordinaire

Sharon Arpolka

“The West at its Best”! That’s Oakdale’s motto, but how many of us recall or know much about what “the west” was like during its formative years. On July 9th at 3:30 p.m. the Oakdale Library will accept a donation of seven books from the Will James Society which were written and illustrated by the Great Cowboy author. James was once a working cowboy himself and his books and stories illustrate the “real west” as he and others like him experienced it. Sharon Arpolka, President of the Friends of the Oakdale Library, and a retired librarian will talk about this cowboy turned author and read an excerpt from his best known story, Smoky the Cowhorse, which won the Newbery Award for the best children’s book in 1927 and was filmed three times. The public is invited to attend and be the first to check out these “new” books. The Modesto and Turlock libraries are also receiving collections of these books from the Will James Society Book Gifting Program, so if you can’t get the title you want the day of the program, it can be obtained for you from one of the other libraries.

Summer Reading Program

Rowan Hawthorn

The Summer Reading Program has begun! Saturday, May 25 through Saturday, August 3, the thirteen branches of the Stanislaus County Library are encouraging readers of all ages to participate. This year’s theme is “Activate Your Mind- READ!” An active mind is part of being healthy. It enables creativity and enhances memory. Participants can pick up reading logs and activity sheets at all branches.

Children newborn through age 8 are to read or be read to for 20 minutes a day for seven days, then bring back the sheet for a prize. Tweens ages 9 through 12 select from a list of activities, such as a scavenger hunt through the library, to win prizes. While the weekly prizes are a fun way to motivate young readers, the Friends of the Oakdale Library wanted to do more and so the organization invested in some extra snazzy prizes. At the Oakdale branch, children and tweens who log four complete weeks of reading activities will be entered into a special drawing for a chance to win a bicycle! A boy and a girl from each category (Children ages 5-8 and Tween ages 9-12) will win. The drawings will take place after the Summer Reading Program ends.

Teens ages 13 through 18 will fill out a BINGO card offering activities that emphasize exploring different genres of literature. In addition to the weekly prizes available, the Stanislaus Library Foundation will be providing extra incentives. Teens, who, fill up the whole BINGO sheet will be entered into a drawing to win a Nook. One teen from each branch will win.

Friends of the Oakdale Library wants to motivate all readers, young and old. Adult participants who turn in four completed book review sheets during the Summer Reading Program will be entered into a drawing for a gift basket and four gift cards. Five adults will win. Review forms can be downloaded or picked up from any branch of the Stanislaus County Library.

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E-books Now at the Library

Maria Loza

Oakdale Library has collaborated with 3M Cloud Library to allow readers the option of borrowing an e-book through a free downloadable app. It's a very easy process for PC, Mac, Apple IOS, and Android users. I have recently downloaded my PC app and I'm extremely excited to start reading books that are yet to arrive in a physical copy at the Stanislaus County Libraries.

If you wish to download a PC or Mac app, visit the Stanislaus County library website www.stanislauslibrary.org. 3M Cloud Library will be featured on the right side of the page. Take a few minutes and click on the link within the box. Under the "At Home" section, click on the appropriate application that fits your computer. This will send you to the last page where you can finally download the app. Once checking out a book from 3M Cloud Library, you can transfer it from your PC or Mac to your E-Reader.

If you're searching for the Apple IOS and Android app then you must visit the app store specifically used for only IOS and Android. It can also be searched through Barnes and Noble's NOOK app store. It should only take less than five minutes for the installation to be completed.

You must provide the library ID that is listed on the back of your library card and the password connected to it (the last four digits of your phone number on record at the library). Upon logging in, the library allows readers to check out only two e-books at a time. The reader may only have two e-books on hold. There are no renewals, but you have up to three weeks to finish reading. Thankfully these pesky devices can be taken anywhere allowing readers to tune into a new adventure. Allow yourself to merge into a new land away from the daily stress.



A **big** thank you is in order for the following Summer Reading prize contributors: Oakdale Bicycle Shop, Oakdale Cheese & Specialties (Lynn Robinson), The Barn at Bloomingcamps, El Jardin, Blondie's, Cafe Bliss, Cottonwood, Starbuck's (Colleen Cordano), Sconza (Pat Paul), Frank Clark and Rosalie Osman.



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Do you shop at Amazon or Barnes & Noble online? Visit stanislauslibraryfoundation.org, click on the links to Barnes & Noble or Amazon, and the Stanislaus Library Foundation will receive a referral commission on all of your qualified purchases. Revenue to the Stanislaus Library Foundation helps all branches of the Stanislaus County Library, including the Oakdale Library.

E-mail...A Faster Way to Communicate

Maria Loza

Don't have an e-mail? But you're debating about getting one? Or confused about the process of opening one? Don't fear! *The Roundup* is here to help! There are various e-mail providers with different benefits. However, they all share the main idea: a free and faster way of communication with many people anywhere in the world. It's quite simple. Upon selecting your preferred provider, click on create a new account. An application format will spring on your screen. I know what you're thinking. "Gosh, an application? It's going to have too many questions and I don't have the time." Well surprisingly, it only consists of about ten questions. Simply fill it out and in a few minutes your new account will be activated.

If you have any further questions, feel free to contact Oakdale Library. The staff there is more than happy to help with creating your new account.

The Library's Friends – A Short History

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The Oakdale Branch Library was established on December 5, 1912. However before the establishment, the Cultus Club circulated books for Oakdale to read. Soon word got out about the lending library that sparked an interest amongst the Women's Improvement Club. This club fell so in love with the idea of a lending library in Oakdale that they pushed themselves to raise the funds to move the original collection to the home of P.B and Dora Westerman.

Later another plan was formed to move the library into an official building that was constructed by the Carnegie Foundation with the help of new fundraisers. However, the City Council nixed this idea. Not to be deterred, Sadie E. Haslam, donated a lot to the County of Stanislaus. Construction began in 1917. After five years our library had its own home.

In the following 45 years, the community was not financially supportive of its library. It wasn't until October 1962 that about 20 – 80 citizens began evaluating the library. Their findings motivated them to improve their library and create a formal organization known as the "Friends of the Oakdale Library Society" in March 1963. Dr. F. John Hogg, first president of the Society, said its purpose was to promote, "the services of the Library and to expand them to meet the current needs of not only the adult citizenry of the area, but also of the students, both high school and grammar school."

The organization set up an additional fundraiser to improve library services and to pay high school students to help the librarians. "Friends of the Oakdale Library Society" also created memberships in 1964 to allow the community to become a Friend. Today as then memberships in the Friends of the Oakdale Library give the people an opportunity to purchase either a student plan, individual plan, family plan, organization and business plan, sustaining plan, and an individual life plan.

Beginning in 1966, the Friends of the Oakdale Library organized the used book sale which has become their major fundraising activity. Over 1000 books of different genres are sold annually to finance many library services. Please support your library by buying the books your heart desires during the annual used book sale.

Membership Application & Renewal Form

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____
E-mail _____

Type of Membership: (please check)

- Individual \$10.00
- Family \$15.00
- Student \$5.00
- Organization \$25.00
- Business \$25.00
- Sustaining \$100.00/year
- Life (individual) \$200.00
- Gift \$ _____

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Oakdale, CA 95361



Oakdale's Dusty the Squirrel
-Emily Slusher

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