

Starting June 26

Open Saturdays!

Saturdays at the library are becoming a reality for Empire starting in late June.

It seems a "win-win" situation for the library and community.

Fridays are usually the slowest day at libraries throughout the county – Empire was no exception.

With budget watching a vital issue these days, having all branches closed on the same day

means the greatest savings.

So, beginning June 26 the Empire branch – and most other branches – will be closed Fridays and open Saturdays.

Empire's Saturday hours will be 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. All regular library services will be available.

Empire's StoryTime will likely be changed to Wednesdays. More information will be available soon.

DATES TO WATCH

June

1 - Tuesday through August 15
Summer Reading 2010

1 - Tuesday 6 p.m.
FOEL Meeting

7 - Monday 7 p.m.
Municipal Advisory Council

25 - Friday - Library closed.

26 - Saturday - Library **OPEN!**

*All activities are at the library or meeting room
18 South Abbie St., unless otherwise stated.*

Friends' 1st book sale very successful event

The first annual used book sale was a financial success for Friends of the Empire Library, according to event chairperson, Mayre Martinez.

The event netted \$550 that FOEL can use to enhance services and materials offered at the library.

Nearly 250 persons came through the two-day sale.

Thousands of books – including some special large type

editions as well as selected Spanish language items – were sold.

Many FOEL volunteers and library staff worked hard for weeks ahead of the sale and during the two-day event to make it a success.

Tentative dates for the next book sale are April 14 - 16, 2011.



Tuesday June 1st

Planning tops meeting agenda

The June general meeting of FOEL will focus on planning and budgeting for the 2010/2011 year, developing a membership drive strategy, and preparing for the final Empire Elementary School Art Competition reception

-- tentatively set for June 10. There will also be a report from the county-wide Friends of the Library Conference held May 15. **NOTE:** *This date diverges from the usual "2nd Tuesday of the month" meetings.*

Learn More About FOEL

Our goal is making knowledge available to all through our library.

If you'd like to work with us, or have an interest for any reason, contact us via Internet, telephone, e-mail, or US mail – this info is on the front page.

If you would like to receive Bookmarks on a regular basis, just let us know. We'd also be happy to talk with your service club, church, fraternal organization – you name it, we've got a program with an on-target message.

FOEL Bookmarks

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We need YOU to move our community efforts forward

Friends of the Empire Library is excited about what we've accomplished with support from other community groups since we came into being in August last year.

More than 130 Empire area children and parents turned out at the library for a Halloween event that was strongly supported by the Empire Elementary School PTA.

We've purchased and installed changing tables in both restrooms, making it more convenient for young

families to visit and use the library.

With the help of teachers, librarians, and administrators, as well as school PTAs and booster clubs, and we've spread the word through Empire USD's schools about one of the best kept secrets around – our Empire branch library.

YOU can help us keep moving forward. Fill in and turn in the form below to become a Friend of the Empire Library!

Planning for tax vote

June 2012 may seem a long way off, but not for folks who are working to ensure continued funding of Stanislaus County Library services through the county-wide sales tax measure.

Work has already begun and committees are forming up to carry the message to voters for the June 2012 election.

This is vital to the future of our county library system.

Contact Jim Sterling for details at 578-3577 or at jwsterling@comcast.net.

Book Note

Hamlet

By John Marsden

Something is rotten in the state of Denmark, but Hamlet can't be sure what's causing the stench. It emanates from Elsinore, the royal palace.

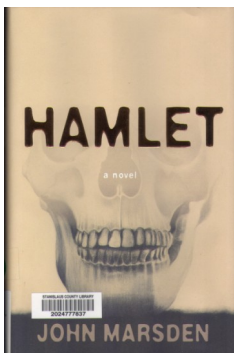
Horatio thinks his friend is acting stranger than usual, but on the other hand, Hamlet's uncle has become his stepfather. The prince's rage at his mother's infidelities – together with his greed for the beautiful Ophelia and the call of his dead father to revenge a "murder most foul" – have his mind in chaos.

He wants to be the size of a king, man enough for anything, but can Hamlet believe his own eyes? Was it *really* his father's ghost that night on the castle ramparts – or a hell-fiend sent to trick him? In this tale, Marsden brings one of Shakespeare's most famous and intriguing character to full-blooded life in a narrative of intense psychological complexity.

About Hamlet, he says, "What a guy! What a plot! Hamlet's father makes a mean enough ghost, but Hamlet's done a good job of haunting my life. I read the play when I was 16, saw a film of it when I was 17, and haven't been able to shake the story since. I loved writing this novel as a way of getting to know the mysterious Hamlet just a little better."

Marsden lives in Australia and is the author of more than 30 popular and acclaimed novels, including the classic Tomorrow series and the Ellie Chronicles.

Reserve your copy today!



Friends of the Empire Library



Mission Statement

The mission of the Friends of the Empire Library is to advocate for, publicize, and support the library and its programs for the benefit of the community and to support the library's efforts to foster the love of reading and the desire to open the door to knowledge.

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Martha Perales, Mgr

Support OUR library

The Friends of the Empire Library is an organization dedicated to making our library more useful to more people. A friend is someone like YOU . . . willing to support our library. You may use the application form below.

What does Friends of the Empire Library do?

Many things! In addition to the vital role of being community advocates for the library, other ways in which friends can serve include:

- ♦ assisting in the library
- ♦ increasing story times
- ♦ organizing and supporting new programs and events
- ♦ increasing Spanish language services
- ♦ expanding hours and equipment (including computers)
- ♦ providing some of the help that schools have been forced to cut due to the economy
- ♦ delivering materials to home-bound residents
- ♦ presenting programs to area schools that boost reading

Why should I join?

Your membership dues will provide for continuing and expanding these programs. You will receive a newsletter with advance notice of upcoming events and current activities.

How do I join?

Tear off the membership form below, enclose your annual dues, and mail it in now. Make out your check to *Friends of the Empire Library*.

What do I have to do after I become a member?

Your participation in activities is on a voluntary basis. You may be asked to participate in Friends' activities to help the library in various ways. Please indicate your area of interest on the membership form,

Friends of the Empire Library Membership Application

Name: _____	Membership Category	
Address: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Student Membership	\$ 1.00
City / Zip: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Individual Membership	\$2.00
Phone: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Family Membership	\$8.00
E-mail: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Club/Organization/Business Membership	\$20.00
	<input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining Membership ("sponsor")	\$100.00
	<input type="checkbox"/> Life Membership (Individual)	\$150.00
Return to:	I'm interested in helping with:	
Friends of the Empire Library	<input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter	<input type="checkbox"/> Webpage
PO Box 822	<input type="checkbox"/> Programs	<input type="checkbox"/> Membership
Empire CA 95319 - 0822	<input type="checkbox"/> Fund raising	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____