



Friends of the Turlock Public Library Newsletter

Turlock Renovation Project

President's Message

by Carmen Ingols

Welcome to FOTPL's new fiscal year. Last year will be hard to beat but we will try.

I want to thank all of you who have supported us with memberships and volunteering. We will need you again this year. If you have not paid your dues, please do so. Dues can be mailed to FOTPL, P.O. Box 1260, Turlock, CA 95381-1260.

The big thing happening is the progress of the renovated library. Watch for an announcement of time and place for a public meeting.

Have a safe and healthy summer.

We are moving forward with the Turlock Library Expansion project! Thanks to the invaluable collection of input and ideas provided by the Friends of the Turlock Library and the community, combined with county staff experience and expertise, the architects at WRNS Studio have been busy developing creative layouts and designs that respond to the interests and needs expressed by all. The team is currently coordinating the development of a schematic design within the available funding resources.

The Project Team has been meeting regularly to fine-tune the layout of program spaces and discuss optimal service adjacencies that will meet the information needs of residents now and into the future, and to develop an overall building configuration that best suits the present site, all with a focus on functionality and aesthetics.

Outside courtyards, lots of natural light, an expanded children's area, a teen makerspace, a spacious Friends Bookstore, and an inviting new entry are all being woven into a design proposal, which will be shared in the next few months. Once the final draft design is ready, it will go before the Board of Supervisors for review and approval. Next step; finishing the design and moving the project forward. Let the construction begin!

Diane McDonnell
Library Director
Stanislaus County Library

**Friends of the
Turlock Public Library**

Our Purpose

To support the Turlock 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.

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.

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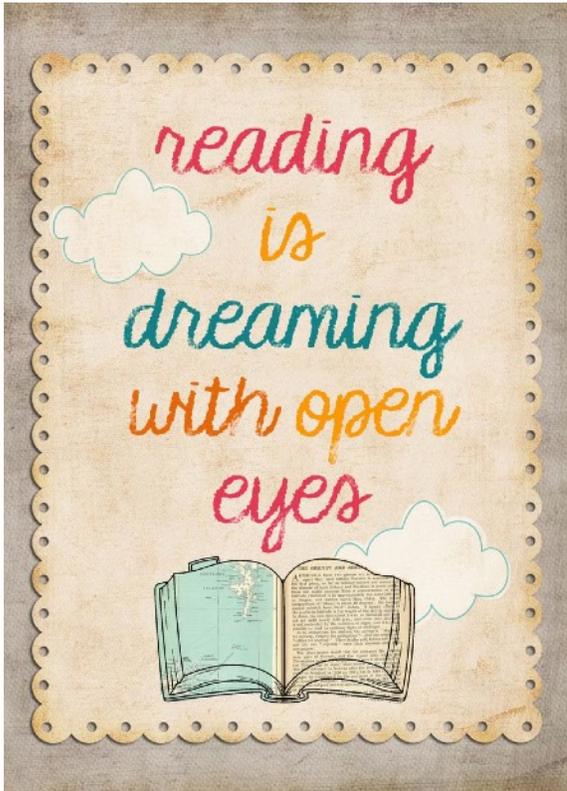
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Save the Date

We will be celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the Friends with an open house reception.

Saturday, October 27, 2018
time TBD (but sometime in the morning)





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Upcoming Events

by Pat Portwood

Save the dates for these upcoming Library Foundation events!

August 24 — Party at the Library, 5:30 PM — 7:30 PM at the Modesto Library. Enjoy appetizers and hear personal stories about our libraries as we celebrate you, our heroes.

September 22 — Authors' Gala at the home of Kent and Ginger Johnson. We will feature three local authors and have a wonderful dinner followed by an auction to support the Children's Summer Reading Programs.

Invitations are being mailed in early August or contact Pat Portwood at 634-3592 for ticket information.



Save the Date!

**Friends of the Turlock Library
Fashion Tea**

October 13, 2018

12:00 PM — 2:00 PM

Auction Preview 11:00 AM



\$25 per person includes luncheon and fashion show
For tickets 209-613-4414 Linda

**Proceeds to go to the
Turlock Library Building Fund**

New Location!

Monte Vista Chapel
1619 E. Monte Vista Avenue
Turlock, CA 95382

Fashions provided by:

Bella Forte (Adults)
Shabby Addy (Children)

Turlock Library Celebrations

by Jackie Oyer

June • Michael

Michael was born in Hollywood, California, but grew up in Burbank. He attended John Burroughs High School and later San Fernando Valley State College. Michael has two brothers, and at one time all three worked at libraries.

In 1971 Michael moved back to Hollywood and went to work for the Pickwick Bookstore for four years. He then moved to Boston, where he worked for the historic Brentano's Bookstore for four years. He eventually left Boston and moved to Modesto in 1978 where he and his partner opened the BOOKSTORE Ltd. They owned and operated the store for twenty years until Barnes and Noble came to Modesto and made it difficult for a smaller independent store to remain competitive. The store closed in 1999 and Michael went to work for Scenic Nursery.



In 2004 Michael took his love of books to the Stanislaus County Library, where he has been a library assistant for fourteen years with a little over six years being in Turlock. He has a variety of duties such as being the page supervisor, adding adult fiction to the library collection, and weeding out the adult fiction collection. He also spends much of his time working at the front desk answering reference questions and helping patrons.

In his free time Michael enjoys reading, gardening, watching movies and going for walks.

July • Michelle

In July we are highlighting Turlock Library's Children's Librarian Michelle.

Michelle was born in Modesto and attended area schools. She attended Stanislaus State University and earned a BA in English. She later attended San Jose State University where she earned an MLIS in Library Science.

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Before being hired by the Stanislaus Library, Michelle worked at Mountain Mike's Pizza, B Dalton's Bookstore and as a library assistant at a middle school for three years. She started in 2002 as a substitute for the library and was hired full-time in 2004. She has been at the Turlock Library for five years.

As Children's Librarian, Michelle has varied duties. She does story times as well as other children's programs. She is involved in community outreach, school visits, collection development, readers' advisory as well as working in the library's public area assisting patrons with reference questions, checking out books and other materials. She started the "1000 Books Before Kindergarten" program. Forty-three gold stars have been awarded to graduates from this program.

Michelle is married with two young boys. Music is something the family enjoys together. They like attending concerts, listening to music at home and playing music as a little family band.

Michelle also enjoys hiking, reading and being at the beach. She is a lover of baseball, especially the Giants.

August • Alfonso

Alfonso was born in Oakland. One of three children, his family moved to Modesto when he was twelve years old. He attended area schools and graduated from Johansen High School. Alfonso attended Modesto Junior College and Abrams College, where he earned his certificate as an orthopedic technician.

Alfonso has been employed by the Stanislaus Library for about three years as a library assistant substitute, primarily in Turlock. He was recently promoted to full-time library assistant in Turlock. His duties include reconciling the cash drawer and processing new books, DVDs and magazines. Alfonso does the interesting book displays we have been seeing in the adult area of the library. He is in charge of the Spanish collection. He also works the circulation desk helping patrons with reference questions, checking out materials and helping with any other assistance they may need.



Alfonso is married and lives in Modesto. In his free time he enjoys photography, creating short films, going to the beach, reading, watching and collecting movies.

From the Librarian's Desk....

by Michelle Oxford

Dear Friends,

I would like to give one big thank-you to all of the Friends who have helped us with some of our big programs this summer: ice cream, slime and our upcoming Harry Potter party. There was absolutely no way I could have pulled off these programs without you.

Our ice cream event on July 3 was part of our monthly STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) Works program. As usual, I started the STEAM program with a story I read inside the library. Afterward, we directed the crowd outside where Jackie, Hal, Diane, and Carmen were waiting patiently under the trees at their stations with the sugar, cream, vanilla, rock salt and ice. We had a large turnout with about eighty-eight or so folks enjoying a cool treat on a mildly warm July afternoon. We will definitely do this program again next summer!

The following program was our slime program. This time, Carmen, Hal, Diane, and Jane's daughter, Eva, all helped out. I have to admit, this program about did me in. We had over one hundred and twenty people in our cramped indoor space (the temperature reaching about 100 degrees that day), and chaos was at a maximum. We tried so hard to keep some control over the mayhem, and some *might* even say we succeeded, but I'm not entirely convinced. Having said that, there is absolutely no way I could have pulled it off without our Friends. They remained cool under pressure, helping all of the kids with their glue and liquid starch concoction, as other staff and I ran about trying to grab hand wipes, paper towels and trash bags to try our best at limiting the mess. Bravo Friends!

Our next big event is Harry Potter on July 31st. Again, Carmen and Hal are expected to return, this time as professors, along with more of our Friends members. I am really excited about this event! We have three classes planned for the kids: Herbology, Transfiguration and Potions. We will also have some Prefects on hand to help out with shuffling the kids around the room as well as helping out with some of the other activities we have planned. This will be our third Harry Potter event in as many years, and each year I have parents say, "I just can't wait to see what you guys are doing next year!" Well, thanks to the FOTPL, I certainly hope it's our best year yet.

Thank you, Friends.

Michelle Coxford, Regional Children's Librarian

Chapter Member Susan Neufeld Awarded State Public Service Award

Susan Neufeld, member of Delta Kappa Gamma, Eta Mu chapter, since September 2005, was recognized by DKG California State for the 2017 Distinguished Public Service Award. This recognition is for an outstanding contribution in public service. Since 2004, Susan has been director of the Abundant Books for Children (ABC) Project, the Turlock affiliate of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. The ABC project provides individual children with a book each month from birth to age five. Susan makes presentations to local Head Start programs, MOMs groups and other service organizations. Once each month, she presides at an information booth at the Turlock Famers' Market. Each fall, Susan coordinates a reading event for area teachers to encourage their students to read; in October 2015, students in 41 participating classrooms read more than 623,000 minutes in one month. Susan's colleagues selected her as the 2015 Outstanding Community Service Professor. Susan is a full professor at CSU Stanislaus in the Department of Advanced Studies, working with graduate students. She coordinates both the Reading Specialist Credential Program and the Masters of Arts in Education, Curriculum and Instruction Programs. Susan teaches graduate courses and educational research. Susan was initiated in the Gamma Chapter in Delta, Missouri December 1997. Eta Mu chapter appreciates Susan's enthusiasm for reading and sharing her enthusiasm with current and future teachers, children, colleagues and families.

Susan was honored at the 2018 California State DKG Convention in Irvine.



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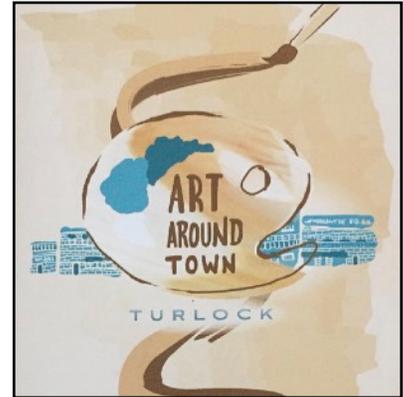
Art Around Town

The last two *Art Around Town* evenings for 2018 are on August 9 and November 8 from 5 to 8 PM.

This is a great way to spend an evening exploring downtown Turlock while checking out the events at various venues and businesses around Turlock.

Art Around Town is sponsored by:

The Carnegie Arts Center
Inspirations Salon
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