

Friends of the Turlock Public Library Newsletter

President's Message

by Carmen Ingols

I have been president for four months now. Much progress has been made.

The push for a renovated library has continued. The Board of Supervisors has approved the project. There is a lot of paperwork to be done, but it will happen!

We had our second successful Fashion Show and Tea fundraiser with \$2,600 going into the building fund.

The Measure S campaign has taken up many hours: canvassing, phone calls, lawn signs and talking to groups—anything to make people realize how important a YES vote mattered. By the time you read this you will know the future of our libraries.

Next is our annual book sale at the end of January. More details on this event are on page 5 of this newsletter. If you are interested in volunteering, please see contact information on page 2.

I hope all of you appreciate this hard-working group.

In Memorium Virginia L. Andleman

Virginia L. Andleman passed away on July 16, 2017 at age 89. Virginia loved reading and was passionate about cooking. She was a school teacher and enjoyed helping people learn. Amongst her many accomplishments, she was active in AAUW, Friends of the Turlock Library and the Modesto Garden Club.

She was preceded in death by her husband John B. Andleman and daughter Mary. She leaves behind children Kathleen, John (Joy), and Suzanne; grandchildren Cecily, Benjamin and Grace; and great-grandchild Florence.

The family wishes to express gratitude to the staff of Cypress Assisted Living, Samaritan Village and Community Hospice. At her request, no service will be held. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her name to Community Hospice, 4368 Spyres Way, Modesto, CA 95356.

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Editor's Note:

Virginia Andleman was one of several individuals instrumental in organizing the Friends of the Turlock Public Library. In recognition of those early Friends' founders, this issue of our newsletter contains an article by Pat Hickman on the history of our organization. This article begins on page 6.

Friends of the Turlock Public Library

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.

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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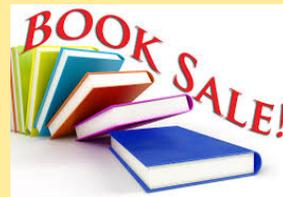
Youth Literacy Program

dd's Discounts collected donations during the month of August for the Friends of the Turlock Public Library.

This was the second year dd's has supported this effort to collect funds to benefit the Youth Literacy Program. This year was a success, generating more donations than last year.

A big thank-you to dd's and everyone who participated by making a donation!

dd's is located at 601 N. Golden State in Turlock.



Volunteers

It's that time of year once again. Our annual book sale is in a couple of months. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Jackie at:

crossoyer@aol.com

Your help will be appreciated!



Author's Gala

by Pat Portwood

The Stanislaus Library Foundation held its annual Author's Gala on September 23 at the home of Kent and Ginger Johnson. What a beautiful and successful event!

Our theme was "Young Minds + Libraries = Our Future" with all proceeds benefitting children's programs at the thirteen Stanislaus County libraries. Juliana Presto, a junior in high school, was our featured author. Juliana has published the third book in her trilogy.

Thank you to all the library supporters who helped us raise the funds for the 2018 Children's Summer Reading Programs.



Thank you to the donors, sponsors, volunteers, vendors, committee members and attendees for supporting our Fashion Show and Tea. Each of you helped make it a huge success!



Fashion Show and Tea

by Linda Davenport

On Saturday, October 7, the Friends of the Turlock Public Library presented its second annual Fashion Show and Tea at the First Presbyterian Church in Turlock.

The sold-out event included a savory lunch catered by Diana McDonald and fashion show presented by Elaine from Cindy's Doodads. The models allowed the guests to feel the quality clothing and see the details of the garments while modeling the selected clothing and accessories for the seated guests.

We would like to thank everyone who donated items for the silent auction and drawing. A special thank-you to Sandy Mann and Sharon Iyer for donating the beautiful handmade quilts!

This year a special recognition goes to Pilsner, the service dog who escorted Peggy Seifert while sporting his "YES on Measure S" button on his smart vest!

We are grateful to everyone who attended this fundraiser, and we are proud that the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors has approved the project to expand and renovate the existing Turlock Library.



Pilsner escorted model Peggy Seifert at this year's fashion show and tea.



Mad Hatter: Would you like a little more tea?

Alice: Well, I haven't had any yet, so I can't very well take more.

March Hare: Ah, you mean you can't very well take less.

Mad Hatter: Yes, you can always take more than nothing.

From the Librarian's Desk....

by *Diane Bartlett*

Dear Friends,

As we move into the season of thanks and celebration, allow me to express my thanks to the Friends of the Turlock Public Library for their support.

During the past year alone the Friends have raised funds for a variety of programs, promoted and raised funds for an expanded library building, volunteered to help at events such as our summer reading kickoff and Halloween programs, prepared craft materials for our children's programs, and attended City Council and community meetings.

The Friends have worked through challenges in order to continue the annual book sale in addition to the ongoing book sale inside the library. I know this takes hours of sorting and organizing, and I truly appreciate it.

Partnerships, such as the one with dd's Discounts, have enabled us to bring books to those who don't have books at home.

Finally, the Friends are in the community sharing information about library programs and services with friends and family. This is invaluable help to us in advocating for the library.

Looking forward, I simply want to remind you that in 2018 our current library celebrates its 50th anniversary, and the Friends celebrate their 25th anniversary. It will be a good year!

Diane

Friends of the Turlock Public Library Annual Book Sale

**First United Methodist Church
1660 Arbor Way
Turlock, CA 95380**



Members' Night
Thursday, January 25, 4 PM to 8 PM

Public Sale
Friday, January 26, 9 AM to 7 PM
and
Saturday, January 27, 9 AM to 5 PM

History of Friends of the Turlock Public Library by Patricia Hickman

It was 1993.

“From 1984 to 1995, the level of services offered to the community by the Stanislaus County Library was severely impacted by the adverse financial relationship between counties and the state.” (Christine Merritt, *Turlock Journal*. May 11, 1999).

The state of California had entered a serious recession. In 1992 local taxes were diverted to the state to increase their budget, and Proposition 13 had reduced the county's ability to increase local property taxes. Counties throughout California began reducing services to compensate for their lack operational funds.

The library services throughout the state were in jeopardy of being drastically reduced or closed entirely. Some county and city library systems in California considered operating with only volunteers rather than paid staff.

Some of the smaller libraries in Stanislaus County were reduced to being open only 10 hours per week.

The Turlock Public Library was reduced from being open six days a week for fifty-four hours per week to having very limited hours of service – twenty-nine hours per week. The number of employees at the Turlock Library was drastically reduced. Having a free public library in town was being greatly challenged due to the economic conditions throughout the state and nation.

Gertrude Plotkin, as a guest writer, for the *Turlock Journal* and a retired librarian, wrote an article expressing her concern about the reduced library services.

Virginia Andleman, another concerned Turlock resident, answered Gertrude's call of concern and decided to take action to restore library services. Virginia decided to establish a Friends of the Turlock Public Library.

She communicated with the national umbrella organization for Friends of the Library groups; she obtained video-tapes on how to organize; she attended a conference of North California Friends of the Library chapters and obtained brochures, posters, ideas, etc. Virginia and Gertrude then asked a small group of friends to meet and explore the idea of forming a Friends of the Turlock Public Library. The first organizational meeting was held at the home of Ann and Lin Griffith of Turlock and was attended by Virginia, Gertrude, Ann, Lin, Jim Griffin (Turlock Librarian) and Starrett Kreissman (Stanislaus County Librarian), and several others.

The meetings then moved into the library, and the group expanded to included Jayne Smith and Patricia Hickman.

Bylaws for the new group were adopted; officers were elected, and dues were established and collected. The group worked to be established as a non-profit organization with the state of California and obtained that status shortly thereafter. They also identified the areas of greatest concern and needs and the role the new FOTPL could play in off-setting the library crisis in our area.

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Friends' History

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The first officers and board members of the Friends of the Turlock Public Library were elected on June 1, 1993, for the 1993-94 term of office were:

Virginia Andleman, President
 Gertrude Plotkin, Vice President
 Rosannah Foster, Secretary
 Bill Reese, Treasurer
 Tom Howard, Board Member at Large
 Patricia Hickman, Board Member at Large
 Jayne Smith, Board Member at Large
 Wanda Harlan, Board Member at Large
 Jeanne Christofferson, Board Member at Large
 Jim Griffin, Turlock Branch Librarian

Committees were established:

Fund Raising – Hanna Renning and Mary Peterson, co-chairs
 Membership – Rita Twaddell
 Telephone Tree – Helen Baker
 Legislative Advocacy – Judy Ferreira
 Public Relations/Publicity – Gertrude Plotkin and Tom Howard
 Representative to County Friends – Rosannah Foster

The immediate goals established were to create a way to re-establish the children's librarian position in Turlock (at least part time) and to begin working on a way to return the library system to its previous economic status and hours.

From the very beginning the FOTPL agreed that having book sales was an appropriate way to raise money to support the library. This concept has grown, changed, and is now a successfully established annual event for FOTPL and the community.

The FOTPL quickly grew; by October 1993 there were 160 members.

Today, FOTPL, through its annual book sale and fashion show and tea, continues to support the Turlock Library with children's and adult programs, the expansion of the current facility and much,



Book Fair Held at Carnegie Arts Center

by Jackie Oyer



On Sunday, November 5, the Carnegie Art Center held its Second Annual Authors' Fair.

There were several authors and illustrators of children's books present. It was very nicely done, but unfortunately the Fair competed with a craft fair at the fairgrounds and the downtown shopping event that starts the Turlock holiday shopping season.

Carmen Ingols, the current Friends' President made and sold soft books that are perfect for very young children.

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