

Everyone invited!
Reading, farming, fun event
at Empire Library Sat. June 25

Fun activities – with lots of learning about animals, plants, farming – and, of course, reading – will be happening Saturday, June 25 from 11 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the library.

It is Empire's part of the Stanislaus Reads project sponsored by the county library system.

Activities will include many that help children understand how important farming is to our



area. Tentative plans call for a visit by Splasher, MID's "spokes-frog" as well as several hands-on activities involving water, plants, animals, and even bugs!

Reading corners will also share the stories "Apples to Oregon" and many other books on farming will be highlighted throughout the library.

The event is free.
Come find out why it is so important that Stanislaus Reads!

Stanislaus Reads

Read, Eat, Celebrate!

Our entire community is invited to join Stanislaus Reads, a county-wide library program with a three-fold purpose:

Stanislaus Reads aims to increase access to knowledge via our library, with special emphasis on children's reading programs. It also aims to draw increased awareness to combat-

ting illiteracy in our county. Finally, it seeks to reinforce our ties to our area's primary industry – agriculture.

Join the county-wide effort to have everyone read the same book.

Wisdom of the Last Farmer, by David Mas Masumoto, is based on his family's struggle to develop and maintain their farm near Fresno. This book is aimed at adults. Learn more at: < www.masumoto.com >.

For younger readers there are two books: *Esperanza Rising* and *Apples to Oregon*.

All these may be checked out from the library. Reserve your copy today!



There's fun galore at the library this summer.

Lots of new books as well as CDs and DVDs – and keep your eyes peeled for other special summer activities.

Two events that should be fun for all include a puppet show and a outstanding magician presenting his special brand of entertainment.

Cool Crazy Critters with ventriloquist Tony Borders will be presented *Saturday July 30th at 3:30 p.m.*

Magic Finale – a summer show wrap up, features the magic of Shawn Durham, *Thursday, August 11th at 1:30 p.m.*

Both shows are free – sponsored by the Stanislaus Library Foundation.

Book Sale Success!

Empire readers turned out to help raise more than \$300 for the library during the recent used book sale.

A wide range of donated used book was sold for prices ranging from 50¢ to \$1.

Funds raised by the FOEL have supplemented many local library programs.

FOEL Bookmarks

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Empire School 1st Grade Art Contest Winners



First grade winners of the FOEL/PTA art contest, seated, from left: **Joseph Luna** with Barbara Luna; **Angelica Aguirre** with Maria Garcia; **Alejandra Topete** with

Antonio Topete; **Justin Dutton** with Tammy Dutton; and **Aliansa Voravong** with Iris and Scottie Voravong. Their art was displayed in the library all month.

2011-1012 FOEL board

New 2011-2012 officers for the Friends of the Empire are: *Co-presidents* - Marye Martinez and Erin Knight-Cary; *Vice president* - Nathan Cary; *Secretary* - Carolyn DiPiero; *Treasurer* - Roz Starn; *Board member-at-large* - Susan Dorville; *Past president* - Jim Sterling.

Sterling commended outgoing secretary, Susan Harmon for her dedicated service to FOEL over the past two years.

Summer Reading Book Note

Among the Hidden

By Margaret Haddix

Luke has never been to school, had a birthday party, or gone to a friend's. In fact, Luke has never had a friend.



Luke is one of the shadow children, a third child forbidden by the Population Police. He's lived his entire life in hiding, and now, with a new housing development replacing the woods next to his family's farm, he is no longer even allowed to go outside.

Then, one day Luke sees a girl's face in the window of a house where he knows two other children already live. Finally, he's met a shadow child like himself. Jen is willing to risk everything to come out of the shadows— does Luke dare to become involved in her dangerous plan? Can he afford not to?

Most of the Shadow Children series are available at the Empire Library. Check one out 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 _____