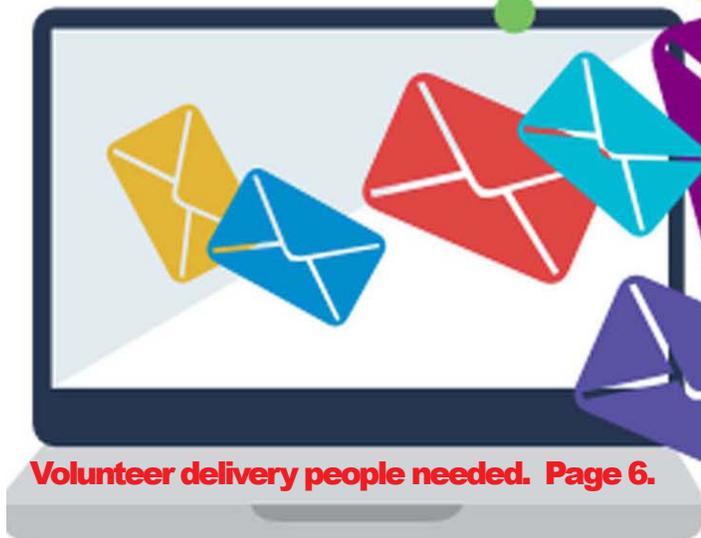


# Library Friends OF THE MODESTO **N**ewsletter

August 2016

## You've Got V-Mail!

V for volunteer



**Volunteer delivery people needed. Page 6.**

**Keeping informed on volunteer opportunities**

**F**OML volunteers make a difference. Many times, we know well in advance when volunteers will be needed, but sometimes opportunities arise with short notice.

A recent example involved five of us -- on short notice -- putting stickers into the 1,000 books that were to be handed out to youngsters at the Stanislaus County Fair on Kids Day. Helpers were Carmen Pedrioli, Anne Britton, Kathy Holmberg, Maree Hawkins and Denise Nordell. The "Sticker Party" was a blast, and the job was

completed in less than two hours!

To get the word out on volunteer possibilities like the stickers, we're creating an email list to make your planning -- and ours -- easier. Call it V-mail for Volunteer.

If you want to be informed of volunteer opportunities and included in the list, email [mareehawkins@comcast.net](mailto:mareehawkins@comcast.net). Note "FOML VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES" in the subject line.

We realize no one needs or wants lots of emails so we'll keep them short, sweet and as infrequent as possible.

*By Maree Hawkins and Denise Nordell, co-presidents, Friends of the Modesto Library*

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The Friends promotes goodwill and community support for the Modesto Library, stimulates public awareness of Modesto Library needs, and seeks sources of cultural and educational programs for the Modesto Library. Meetings are held the first Wednesday of March, June, September and December at 6:30 p.m. in the Library Conference Room and are open to all members or interested individuals.

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## FROM OUR NEW CO-PRESIDENTS

Maree Hawkins & Denise Nordell

# Help us help our library

**A**s incoming co-presidents of the Friends of the Modesto Library, we realize we have some big shoes to fill. Who could ask for better “Friends” than these three women who have contributed so much to the Library?



Learn more about Maree and Denise. Page 6.

Our heartfelt and sincere thanks for jobs well done:

- **Anne Britton:** In addition to her regular volunteer shifts in the Children’s Department and ongoing role with the Friends Board, for the past 11 years Anne has coordinated two annual Scholastic book sales, which have earned thousands of dollars’ worth of books for the Library. Anne will continue coordinating the Spring Sale; we’re hoping someone will step forward to co-chair the Fall event.

- **Clare Noonan:** The Friends’ annual Used Book Sale has been in Clare’s capable hands for seven years. Now, Clare and her husband are spending more time in the Bay Area to be near their grandchildren. Who will fill Clare’s shoes?

- **Chris Brereton:** After two years as President of the Friends of the Modesto Library, Chris will remain on the board and plans to focus on fundraising. Thank you for your excellent leadership, Chris!

The faithful efforts of these three, along with each Friends member who contributes in his or her own way, have resulted in the Friends of the Modesto Library donating much needed materials and resources for Modesto Library programs. This year, Library Manager Michael Leamy’s annual “Wish List” for the Modesto Library includes benches or stools for the children’s area, funding for children’s events, and support for Library outreach programs — an ambitious and very worthwhile list that is in our 2016-17 budget for \$16,400.

The Friends raise money in a variety of

ways: through Friends membership dues (and yes, we can always use more Friends!), cash donations, grocery store affinity programs like Save Mart’s *Shares*, the Friends’ Little Shop, and appeals to local foundations and

businesses for grants and donations.

There is plenty for everyone to do in order for us to reach our goal. We need YOU to step forward and volunteer. We need people to help at events, and to take leadership roles within the Friends organization.

We need YOU to take a giant step (even a small one will do) now. Take a close look at this To-Do list, then ask yourself how you can help. Your Friends will be right there beside you. Working together we will be successful.

### Here are some areas of need. Which ones can YOU help with?

- Co-chair the Fall Scholastic Book Fair
- Chair (or co-chair) the annual Friends Used Book Sale
- Represent the Friends at community events
- Help out at a book sale
- Coordinate Friends volunteers for special events
- Lead publicity efforts to spread the word about Friends’ activities
- Coordinate the quarterly Friends newsletter
- Help monitor and update the Friends website
- Act as liaison with the other Stanislaus Library Friends groups

Please consider stepping forward to help this year. Call Maree (209) 529-1517 or Denise (209) 527-1867 if you’d like to know more. Our emails are: [mareehawkins@comcast.net](mailto:mareehawkins@comcast.net) and [dnordell@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dnordell@sbcglobal.net). Thank you!

## AROUND THE LIBRARY

# We're back in business Fridays!



Thanks to a gradually improving economy and prudent scheduling, the Modesto Library has added an extra day of business — Friday — and moved closing times to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Friday and Saturday hours in Modesto are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Check out the library's web site, [stanislauslibrary.org](http://stanislauslibrary.org), for hours of operation at all branches.

### Book club secrets...revealed!

Do you belong to a book club? Or perhaps you're thinking of joining or starting one. Ever wonder what makes the best book clubs "click?" On Wednesday, Oct. 19, the Modesto Library will host the second "Book Club Secrets...Revealed", a free program bursting with information and ideas to get your book club going and growing. You'll hear from members of some of the county's oldest clubs, get tips from librarians on how to inspire a lively — yet civil! — book discussion, learn about the library's Book Club in a Box, swap book ideas and more. Refreshments will be served and library tours will be available. The program begins at 6:30 and will end promptly at 8. So watch for more information and plan to attend — we hope to see you there!

### "Behind the Scenes" — Public library tours

The dog days of summer will soon be upon us, but we know of a very cool place to spend an hour or so on a hot summer's day. Learn more about the Modesto library with a docent-led tour that takes you behind the scenes. Be the first to see new books



as they are opened and unpacked in the Acquisitions area. Find out how and where those little stickers get put on book spines. See where injured books go to get mended. Go behind locked doors into the Special Collections area. Tours are customized for your group; suggested minimum age is 7. Schools, service clubs and family groups are encouraged. Schedule a personalized tour today by calling Laura Ferrell at the Library, (209) 558-7817.

— Denise Nordell, co-president, Friends of the Modesto Library

### Modesto Friends budget approved

At the June Board meeting, the proposed 2016-17 Friends of the Modesto Library budget was approved unanimously by Board members. You'll be pleased to know that, by far, the largest part of our budget, 87%, is earmarked for library programs and materials. These include bench seating for the Children's Library, adult and children's programs like Harry Potter events and summer reading, and children's books for free distribution at the Día de los Niños/Libros event and the Stanislaus County Fair. The Board also voted to support the 2017 Save Stanislaus Libraries with a \$3,000 donation. Funds for all of these projects will come from book sales, donations, corporate contributions, membership dues and other sources.



## MEMBERSHIP

# Shopping with eScrip, affinity programs

**D**o you do a lot of your shopping online? If so, you can earn money for Friends of the Modesto Library—at no cost to you—almost every time you shop. You just need to sign up with eScrip.

If the name eScrip sounds familiar to you, it may be because it is the company that offers affinity programs through Save Mart, FoodMaxx and O'Brien's that we've been promoting recently. Even if you do not participate in the grocery store programs, you can still earn money for the Friends when you shop online.

eScrip's Online Mall is your way to make a difference every time you shop online—you shop, and more than 800 participating online retailers generously

give savings for you, plus a percentage back to Friends of the Modesto Library. Whether you want to shop the latest fashions from Bloomingdales or Nordstrom, buy the latest gadgets from the Apple Store or Best Buy, or hunt for bargains on eBay, your shopping will make a difference for the Friends. You can find a list of participating stores at [shopping.escrip.com/allstores/5400/alpha](http://shopping.escrip.com/allstores/5400/alpha).

Once you have signed up with eScrip you can shop multiple ways:

1. Sign in to the eScrip site; click on a store name; shop for your product at that store.
2. Sign in to the eScrip site; enter the product you want to buy in the search

box; select from the results in a variety of stores.

3. Go to [ModestoLibraryFriends.org](http://ModestoLibraryFriends.org) and click on the eScrip Online Mall button on the home page.

If you don't want to visit the eScrip Online Mall before you shop, you can download ForgetMeNot, an app that allows you to instantly earn and get offers without having to visit the eScrip Online Mall before you shop.

As you plan your holiday shopping in the coming months, remember you'll be giving the Friends a gift at the same time that you purchase gifts for your friends and family—just remember to make your first stop the eScrip Online Mall!

— Ellen Dambrosio, membership director

## Help us grow FOML membership

**T**he Friends of the Modesto Library could not exist without the continued membership of Friends like you — and a continual influx of new members as well. A large portion of our budget comes from our modest annual dues and the additional donations so many of you make each year.

So how are we doing this year? Well, we've always been a pretty small organization, never more than 160 strong. But, regrettably, our membership roster has shrunk in recent years, not grown. We have just 128 paid members for the 2016 calendar year. We are grateful for every single member, both personal and business, but would like our organization to grow. The more members we have, the more money we can raise for the Modesto Library. Here's how you can help:

- If you used to be a dues-paying Friend of the Modesto Library, I hope you will consider showing your support of the library and its literacy efforts by rejoining.
- If you have never officially been a Friend, I hope you will consider making 2016 the year you join.
- And if you know any people who use and love the library but have never joined our organization, I hope you will encourage them to do so.

— Ellen Dambrosio, membership director

## Be our Friend

Sign up here or go to [ModestoLibraryFriends.org](http://ModestoLibraryFriends.org) to sign up online and pay with PayPal.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Today's date: \_\_\_\_\_

Join FOML: I am a  
\_\_\_ new member  
\_\_\_ renewing member  
\_\_\_ returning member

Method of payment:

cash \_\_\_\_\_

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Make checks payable to FOML.

Sign me up for:

- Student membership \$5
- Individual membership \$15
- Family membership \$25
- Business membership \$100
- Patron membership \$200

Additional donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for giving us your email! It reduces our postage cost and lets us keep in touch.

Mail this form and your check to:

Friends of the Modesto Library  
PO Box 4565  
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# Save Stanislaus Libraries in June 2017



The one-eighth of a cent Library Sales Tax that funds our libraries is expiring and will be on the ballot next year for renewal. Without this money – which provides 88% of the library’s funding - the impact on every one of the 13 libraries in the county will be devastating. Many branches will close.

A committee has formed to assure continuation of this existing tax, which requires a 2/3 super-majority of “yes” votes from county voters in next June’s election. For more information and to see what you can do to get involved and help continue this essential support for our libraries, go to [www.savestanislauslibraries.org](http://www.savestanislauslibraries.org)

— Denise Nordell, co-president, Friends of Modesto Library

## A who’s who of library supporters



**A**s a Friend of the Modesto Library, you are often considered an expert on the county’s library system. If you are asked about one

of the support groups with “Library” in its name, here’s information on the unique support role of each:

- Appointed by the Board of Supervisors, the Library Advisory Board meets with the Library Director to advocate for the interests of each of the County supervisorial districts.
- Each of the 13 branches has its own Friends of the Library group, which raises funds for special projects ranging from reading benches to special programs at their local branch.
- The Stanislaus Library Foundation provides an

umbrella of support, to ensure that all 13 branches are funded for programs like Summer

Reading. The Foundation’s annual fundraising Gala takes place Sept. 24 with special guest Gillian Wegener, Modesto’s poet laureate.

• You’ll soon be hearing more from Save Stanislaus Libraries, the citizens group that is leading the effort to pass the renewal of the Library tax in 2017. You might be aware that 88% of the library’s operating fund for the 13-branch system comes from the dedicated, one-eighth cent sales tax which has received continual and renewed approval each and every time it has come before voters. The tax costs voters about \$20 per household per year.

— Maree Hawkins, co-president, Friends of the Modesto Library

We'd like you to know us and we'd like to know about you, too

# LET'S TALK



**H**ello! We are Maree Hawkins (I'm on the right) and Denise Nordell (I'm on the left), Friends of the Modesto Library co-presidents for 2016-17. We are new to the Friends, but we both have a deep love for libraries and are delighted to be on board. We thought you might like to know a bit about us.

We met while serving on the board of directors for the Stanislaus Library Foundation which raises funds and friends for all 13 of the county's branch libraries. Now we're taking our love of libraries and especially the Modesto Library down to the grassroots level.

Both of us were born in Sacramento and moved to Modesto as children—Maree moved here in the summer of 1958 just before entering fourth grade and Denise began to call Modesto home in 1960 at age four.

Denise graduated from Davis High School and attended MJC, then entered the work world. She returned to college at the age of 50, earning her BA in liberal studies from California State University, Stanislaus. Most of her career was

spent in the newspaper business, in both marketing and advertising roles in Modesto, Reno and Sacramento. You might remember her from The Modesto Bee's Book Club.

Maree graduated from Downey High School and MJC, and earned a journalism degree from California State University, Fresno. After college it was four years as a newspaper reporter, then 32 years in public information, retiring in 2007 from Modesto Irrigation District.

Now let's talk libraries! Maree's earliest library memory is the children's room at the old Modesto library (now the McHenry Museum). It was during weekly visits on the way home from St. Stanislaus School that her love of reading emerged.

Denise remembers riding her bike to the branch library in Roseburg Square (known as Ulrich Shopping Center back then) and checking out armloads of books to read on long summer days. She would even stop at Roosevelt Park to sit under a tree to read a book.

We both count Library Page as one of our first jobs, shelving books at the Modesto Library. Maree's pay was \$1.05

an hour in 1965 and Denise pulled in a whopping \$1.40.

Nancy Drew gets a "yes" from both as a favorite childhood read. Denise has loved "Gone with The Wind" since seventh grade; today, Stephen King is her favorite author. Maree loves mysteries and wherever her library wanderings take her.

Although reading does take up a good deal of our time, we realize there is a world beyond. Denise enjoys RV travels with her husband, Dave, spends lots of time with their two granddaughters, knits and is a LearningQuest tutor. Maree enjoys the mountains with her husband, Jerry, and visits to DC where their daughter is a librarian at the Library of Congress. Maree also is on the Modesto Symphony Orchestra Board of Directors and active in Modesto Garden Club.

Now that you know a little about us, we'd like to get to know YOU better! Drop us a line anytime ([info@modestolibraryfriends.org](mailto:info@modestolibraryfriends.org)) and let us know what you think about the Friends of the Library and share your ideas for how we can all work together to make our library even better.

## Volunteer Opportunities: **OUR LIBRARY DELIVERS**

**T**here are currently 16 people on the waiting list to receive Home Delivery Service from the Stanislaus County Library. This rewarding volunteer experience involves monthly delivering library materials to people in Stanislaus County who are unable to visit the library due to injury, advanced age, or disability. All you need is your own vehicle and just a few hours a month to provide comfort and

entertainment to library customers who would otherwise be unable to experience all that the library can offer. Volunteers must be at least 18 years of age, and will be fingerprinted for a background check. Every volunteer makes a difference. For more information on this volunteer opportunity, please call the Home Delivery Service's Volunteer Coordinator, Laura Ferrell, at (209) 558-7817.



## EVENTS

### AUGUST

**Friday, Aug. 5 12-4 p.m.**

**Summer Reading All Ages Coloring Day.** Relax this summer and spend some time coloring. Bring your friends and family. All ages are welcome. We will provide sports themed coloring pages, crayons, and color pencils. Drop in when available.

**Saturday, Aug. 6 1 p.m.**

**Summer Reading Family Movie.** The Summer Olympics are here and the heat is on! Too hot for you? Imagine training for the Winter Games and get a “jump” on this new movie. This film about Michael “Eddie” Edwards, the British ski-jumper who competed in the 1988 Calgary Winter Olympics, is rated PG-13. Popcorn and other refreshments will be served during the film. No registration required.

**Tuesday, Aug. 9**

Last day to pick up Summer Reading prizes from the Children’s Room.

**Tuesday, Aug. 16 3:30 p.m.**

Craft-a-Palooza! Children, come craft with us!

**Saturday, Aug. 20 12:30 - 4p.m.**

**Scrapbooking Fun.** This program is open to scrapbookers of all levels. Participants will learn techniques with free time afterwards to work on their own scrapbook. Some materials will be provided but you are encouraged to bring your own. This program occurs regularly. Prizes are given out at every meeting. Drop-in, no sign up required.

**Saturday, Aug. 27 10:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.**

**Bilingual Storytime & Yoga Play.** Join us for yoga play after bilingual storytime! This is a playful introduction to simple yoga poses for children.

**Saturday, Aug. 27 1 p.m.**

**MoSt Poetry Workshop: Ekphrastic Poetry (Poetry Inspired by Art).** Join local poet Gary Thomas, Modesto-Stanislaus Poetry Center (MoSt), and the Modesto Library for the third in a series of poetry workshops. Attendees will create poetry that reflects, interprets,

or “dialogues” with a painting, photograph, sculpture, or other artistic creation. This free workshop is open to the public. Light refreshments will be provided. For more information contact the Modesto Library at (209) 558-7814.

**Aug. 29-Sept. 10**

**STORY TIMES.** Sessions at Modesto Library **ON BREAK.**

**Tuesday, Aug. 30 6:30 p.m.**

**Tasty Tips for Cake Decorating.** Want to try your hand at decorating cakes and cupcakes like a professional chef? Come to this fun and easy class to learn the basics, plus a few tricks. The class is free and all materials will be supplied. Teens and adults only please.

### SEPTEMBER

**Sept. 1-30.**

**All Kids’ Craft Fair.** Sign up Sept. 1-30 in the Children’s Room. Event is Oct. 8.

**Monday, Sept. 5**

**LIBRARY CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY**

**Tuesday, Sept. 6 10:15 a.m.**

**Toddler Dance Party!**

**Sept. 19 – 24**

**Pirate Week** in the Children’s Room.

**Sept. 12**

**STORY TIMES.** Sessions at Modesto Library **RESUME.**

**Saturday, Sept. 10 1-4 p.m.**

**Tech Connect: Tech Saturday.** Drop in to learn about the many e-resources available through the Stanislaus County Library. Volunteers will help participants download our free apps and walk you through the e-resource of your choosing. From eBooks to eAudio, digital movies, and databases, there is something great that everyone will want to learn. Don’t forget to bring your device, your library card, and any device passwords you may need. Call Vicki Salinas at the Modesto Library Reference Desk at (209)558-7814 for more information.

**Saturday, Sept. 24 1 p.m.**

**MoSt Poetry Workshop: Formal Poetry.** Modesto poet Sal Salerno will be holding a poetry workshop for older teens and adults surrounding the theme of Formal Poetry. Attendees will be reading works, then writing and sharing their own. Drop-in, no registration required.

**Saturday, Sept. 24**

**Author’s Garden Gala.** Stanislaus Library Foundation holds a night of poetry and a dessert auction in a beautiful garden setting to raise funds for Summer Reading at all of the 13 county libraries. Tickets and information available at [www.stanislauslibraryfoundation.org](http://www.stanislauslibraryfoundation.org).

**Saturday, Oct. 8**

**All Kids’ Craft Fair.** Sign up Sept. 1-30 in the Children’s Room.

### OCTOBER

**Oct. 9-15**

**Teen Read Week.** Check out the county-wide Anime Art Bookmark Contest rules in August with winners to be announced on Anime Day, Oct. 15 at Salida Library, 12-4 p.m.

**Oct. 19 5:30 p.m.**

**Book Club Secrets ... Revealed.!** Program Designed for groups and individuals at any stage of Book Club organization: long established, newbie, struggling, or ready to brag. Contact Laura at (209) 558-7817 for more information.

**Saturday, Oct. 22**

**Victorian Halloween Customs and Costumes.** Learn about Victorian traditions this Halloween. Enjoy a presentation about Victorian Halloween with Elizabeth Layton followed by a craft making project. Call the Modesto Library Reference Desk at (209) 558-7814 for more information.

**Wednesday, October 26 10:15 a.m.**

**Halloween Storytime and Costume Parade** Sponsored by Friends of the Modesto Library.

### BOOK SALE

**Nov. 9, 10, 12**

Scholastic Book Fair annual fundraiser in support of the library and literacy in Stanislaus County. Save the date!



### MATTER OF BALANCE

**Fridays, Aug. 12 – Sept. 30**

**10 a.m.-noon** Healthy Aging Association: Modesto Library Auditorium. Join the Modesto Library and the Healthy Aging Association for an 8-week award winning program designed to reduce the fear of falling and increase the activity levels of older adults. Registration required. Call Healthy Aging Association at (209) 523-2800.

### LEGOS

**Wednesdays, Aug. - Oct. 3:30**

**p.m.** LEGO Play. Children ages 4-18 can build LEGO displays for the library. LEGO play helps children develop fine motor skills. Children under 4 welcome, but must have direct adult supervision.



**Dates subject to change. More programs to be announced. Please check [www.stanislauslibrary.org](http://www.stanislauslibrary.org) and click on events.**

# QUICK STARTS

First sentences from selections in the New Book area

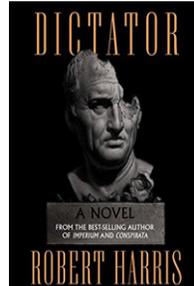
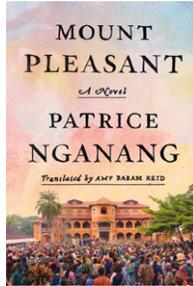
*“This is how it begins. A woman stands on a station platform, a suitcase in her right hand, in her left a yellow*



*handkerchief, with which she is dabbing at her face.”*

From “*Versions of Us*”  
— by Aura Barnett

*“She was already a boy, Sara was, when she arrived at Mount Pleasant, the royal residence in exile.”*  
From “*Mount Pleasant*”  
— by Patrice Nganang



*“I remember the cries of Caesar’s war-horns chasing us over the darkened fields of Latium—their yearning, keening howls, like animals in heat...”*

From “*Dictator*”  
— by Robert Harris

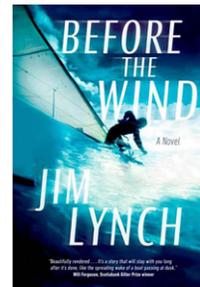
*“Don’t use clean water to wash your hands!”*  
From “*The Mandibles*”  
— by Lionel Shriver



*“Somewhere in the dark, jackals are howling.”*  
From “*Before We Visit the Goddess*”  
— by Chitra Banerjee



*“Einstein wasn’t a great sailor, probably not even a mediocre one.”*  
From “*Before the Wind*”  
— by Jim Lynch



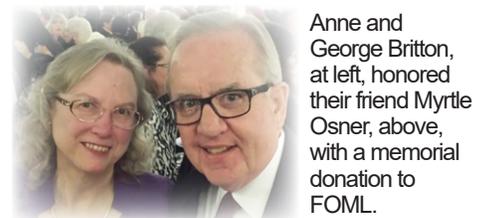
## Honor a loved one with a memorial gift

When Myrtle Osner, longtime Modestan and mother of Friends of the Library member Julie Saugstad, passed away in June at the age of 96, family friends Anne and George Britton didn’t have to think long before they decided on the most appropriate way to honor Myrtle’s memory and give some comfort to the family.

They chose to make a donation to the Modesto Friends of the Library in Myrtle’s name. To many, Myrtle’s name has become synonymous with Modesto. “Her tireless commitment to community causes, from Girl Scouts to feminism to the Peace Life Center made her well-known to many,” says Friends board member and library volunteer, Anne Britton. “And Julie has been a loyal member of the friends for many years, so we knew she and the family would appreciate a gift to the Library in Myrtle’s name.”

It’s easy to give a gift and make a lasting contribution that honors friends and loved ones. Donations may be made to Friends of the Modesto Library. Memorial gifts will be listed in upcoming issues of the Friends newsletter.

— By Denise Nordell, co-president, Friends of the Modesto Library



Anne and George Britton, at left, honored their friend Myrtle Osner, above, with a memorial donation to FOML.