



# Friends of the Turlock Public Library Newsletter

## President's Message

*by Carmen Ingols*

I'm Carmen. I joined FOTPL in 1996 and became a member of the board in 2012. I served as treasurer for three years, vice president for two and was elected president at the Friends' June meeting.

The board is made up of people dedicated to making the library a better place. These individuals donate their time and energy to fundraisers like our annual book sale and fashion show/tea. They share their wisdom on how best to spend the Friends' fund. A list of officers for 2017 – 2018 is on page 7 of this newsletter. I am proud to be a part of this wonderful group and hope we continue to build on the strong foundation created by past president Jackie Oyer.

We always welcome people to our meetings on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM in the library. Join us and find out how *you* can support our local library.



*By Jackie Oyer*

On November 7 voters will once again be asked to get out and vote for the 1/8-cent sales tax renewal that has provided 88 percent of the funding for Stanislaus County Libraries. This time, if approved, it will be for twelve years instead of five.

The tax went into effect in 1995 when state and county funding changed and the libraries lost much of their revenue. At that time the small branches in the county were reduced to ten hours a week, and our main library in Modesto was open just five days a week. Today eight of the thirteen libraries are open six days a week, and the remaining five are open five days a week. If the tax measure fails to pass, library services will be severely cut. If it passes, it will provide stable funding for the library for twelve years and allow for badly needed improvements to some of the county libraries to move forward.

One of these projects is the Turlock Library expansion, which will double the size of the library. Anyone who uses the library knows how much Turlock is in need of this expansion. The current library, which has served the community well, is very outdated and much too small to serve our community.

Vote "Yes" on "S"!

## Visioning Meeting

Please join us for the Turlock Library Visioning Meeting

Thursday, August 17  
6:30 PM – 9:00 PM

Turlock Senior Center  
1191 Cahill Street, Turlock

Learn where we are in the process for getting a renovated library for the city of Turlock. Come share your thoughts and suggestions.

## Library Event Calendar

An Event Calendar for the entire Stanislaus County Library system can be found at [stanislauslibrary.org](http://stanislauslibrary.org).

Select (at center menu bar):

1. The appropriate category (age, children, Story Time, etc)
2. Scroll to “Library location” (Turlock)
3. The event type (adult/senior, children)

The click “go”.

The monthly calendar can be viewed as a list or you can print it out.

It's as easy as that!



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## Upcoming Events

*by Pat Portwood*

We are pleased to announce the kick-off celebration of the pop-up library at the Stanislaus County Juvenile Justice Center, July 31 at 10 AM. This library is made possible through the Love My Librarian Award presented to Olga Cardenas as well as generous donations from Modesto Toyota, Toyota Corporation, Friends of the Modesto Library, Stanislaus Library Foundation and the Omega Nu. It's amazing what partnerships can accomplish!

Friday, September 18 we are having our annual Party at the Library to thank our donors and supporters for all they do. The program begins at 6:00 PM at the Modesto Library. Come enjoy hors d'oeuvres and hear personal stories about our libraries as we celebrate you, our heroes. RSVP to Jane Manley via email or phone at [ricoyjane@gmail.com](mailto:ricoyjane@gmail.com) (209)-523- 9083.

September 23 is our Author's Gala. This event supports the Children's Summer Reading Program at all thirteen libraries in our county. Join us for a wonderful evening for a worthwhile cause. Please contact Pat Portwood via email at [patportwood@gmail.com](mailto:patportwood@gmail.com).

Most important, please support Measure S, the Save Stanislaus Libraries campaign by voting! Spread the word: we must pass this measure to keep our libraries open.

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### The Gallery Finesse

There are two more Art Walks remaining this year: August 10th and November 9th. Art Walks are free. There are six downtown sponsors including The Gallery Finesse, located at 28 North Center Street. Gallery Finesse is home of the Friends' Book Bin where you can find slightly used books donated by patrons of Friends of the Turlock Public Library. Book Bin sales help support our library. In addition to books, you will also see some wonderful art, art objects and vintage furniture.

This coupon entitles you to a **10% discount** on any book, furniture or art at Gallery Finesse!

Coupon good from August 10 through November 30, 2017.

New items are arriving from the East Coast at the end of August.



## Fashion Tea Announced

*by Linda Davenport*

The Friends of the Turlock Public Library will host their second annual Fashion Tea on Saturday, October 7, 2017 at the First Presbyterian Church in Turlock.

This event is an opportunity to raise money for the Turlock Library Building Fund. We are currently working with the county, city and the community for the expansion of our current library.

The donation for the Fashion Tea is \$25 per person.

The Friends of the Turlock Public Library is also accepting donation items for the silent auction as well as monetary donations. One hundred percent of the proceeds will also go to the Turlock Library Building Fund.

For more information about this event and future events, please contact Linda Davenport at [davenport4414@gmail.com](mailto:davenport4414@gmail.com) or leave a message at 209-613-4414.

**HELP US HIT OUR GOAL OF  
1 MILLION BOOKS!**

dd's is collecting donations for  
**Friends of the  
Turlock Public Library**

You can help out by making a donation at dd's located at

**601 N Golden State Blvd  
Turlock, CA 95380**

From 8/5 – 8/27, make a donation at one of our registers.



## Can I Keep This Book?

by Michelle Coxford, Turlock Regional Children's Librarian

"Can I keep this book?" said a young eight-year-old, clutching *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* paperback. "I don't have a book like this at home."

"Can I keep *this* book?" whispered another child, a young girl about seven years old, clutching a paperback. "My sister would like it, and she's not here."

"Do we have to return this?" yelled another, holding up a paperback copy of *Magic Tree House*.

This was my first summer visit to the Marty Yerby Summer Camp put on by the City of Turlock. The kids seemed starved for the written word, swarming my book bin filled with books donated by the Friends of the Turlock Library and dd's DISCOUNTS. Over and over again I reassured the children attending the camp program that, yes, they could keep the books if they really wanted to, and no, they didn't have to bring them back. "The children look forward to Library Day every week," one camp counselor told me. "They get so excited when we tell them today's the day the librarian comes to visit. They love the stories you read to them, and they love picking out books to read."

Chelsey and I handed out Summer Reading logs, talked about some of the donated books, and read them stories. We returned each week with more prizes, books and stories, and the kids greeted us enthusiastically each time.

The other day, as I was gathering up my things, one child ran up to me and asked, "Are you coming back and doing this next summer?" I certainly hope to do so. Thank you, Friends, for making this a special opportunity not only for the children who attended the camp, but also for me.

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## From the Librarian's Desk....

by *Diane Bartlett*

Dear Friends,

Changes, changes! If you have visited us recently, you know that we now have one public service desk, but staff will be helping folks throughout the library. You may see us at one of the four new catalog stations or at one of the two new self-service stations, but we certainly will be available to you at the main desk. The self-service stations now allow you to check out with your library card or card number (remember the PIN is the last four digits of the phone number you provided us). Simply place your stack of books down on the black 'table' and let the machine do the work. Just make sure the number of items checked out is the number of items you have in front of you. You can renew at these stations as well. You can use the self-service station to pay fines either in cash or with a credit card. If you would like staff to check out for you, you will notice that we are no longer using the scanners to check out. You may also have noticed 'gates' at the entrance points. This will help ensure that we have checked items out properly. The gates also help us look at the flow of foot traffic into the library. It's taking us a little while to get used to these changes, and we thank you for your patience during this transitional period.

Even while we've been learning new ways to work, we've continued our regular summer programming, with extra programs for children and multiple programs for adults. Our teens have been helping out at the children's programs, and we really appreciate their help.

It has been a very busy summer for us, and we look forward to starting our Fall programs. Look for our regular story time and Tuesday programs for children, our Teens Talk Books monthly discussion and special workshops on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and college planning for Dreamers, and a variety of craft and discussion groups for adults. We'll even have some programs for the whole family such as a family paint night. I am looking for individuals and groups to share their immigrant and cultural stories with the rest of us. Please contact me if you are interested in giving a presentation.

We look forward to seeing you at the library!

Check out your books using one of the new self-service stations at the Turlock Library.



## Stay Connected

Please keep us current with addresses and email changes. If you have an email and would prefer to receive newsletters online, please let us know.

Choosing the email option for newsletters saves the Friends \$5 a year per membership! Send changes to [pmfrasier@charter.net](mailto:pmfrasier@charter.net).

Your email is confidential and will not be shared.

### Friends of the Turlock Public Library

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### 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.

#### Meeting Information:

The first Wednesday of each month, 6:30 PM at the Turlock Library.

Friends of the Turlock Public Library is a non-profit 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization.



## Help Us Save Stanislaus Libraries...Without Raising Taxes

Some people question the relevance of the library in the age of the Internet, but nearly 415,000 Stanislaus County residents have library cards, and usage is up by every measure:

- Children are coming to participate in story times and learning the importance and joy of reading — perhaps the key building block to success in school.
- Teens use the library as a safe place to read and study.
- Seniors utilize services like computer training, large print books and book delivery to the homebound.
- Workers are accessing job applications, employment services and job training resources — more important than ever at this time.
- Businesses use the library as a resource for economic information and research.
- Adults and families are able to change their lives through literacy training the library offers.
- In tough economic times, free access to nearly 700,000 books and publications, DVDs, CDs and online databases is more valued than ever.
- The libraries' free computers and wi-fi access are in constant demand.

But to win at the ballot box in November 2017, we need your help!

For more information, go to [www.SaveStanislausLibraries.org](http://www.SaveStanislausLibraries.org).

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