



Friends of the Turlock Public Library Newsletter

President's Message by Pat Portwood

What a difference a day makes and this case, a year! Last February 22nd we gathered for the library renovation groundbreaking ceremony and little did we know that a pandemic would cause the libraries to be shut down one month later.

So much has happened in this past year, but if you go by the library, I know you must feel as excited as I am at the progress in spite of all the challenges. We are now looking at a spring completion date!

In this newsletter, we are including a note from Jeani and John Ferrari, our fundraising chairs, to remind folks that the donor wall possibilities are ending on February 14. This is an opportunity to leave a family legacy. Can you imagine your family twenty years from now visiting the library and seeing your family name?

We are so grateful for the community support. "A library is not a luxury, but one of the necessities of life" and Turlock certainly agrees with Henry Ward Beecher.

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Opening Doors *An Art Competition*

Opening Doors is a juried exhibition sponsored jointly by the Friends of the Turlock Public Library and Turlock's Carnegie Arts Center, celebrating the grand opening of the newly renovated Turlock Public Library. Artists from throughout the Central Valley are invited to submit work that is influenced or inspired by the many ways that libraries "open doors" and as a result, enrich lives.

Media Accepted: Oils and Acrylics, Photography and Digital Media, Prints, Drawings, Watercolors, Collage and Mixed Media, Textiles, Ceramics and Sculpture

Awards: Grand Prize \$1000; Two Awards of Merit \$500; Four Honorable Mentions \$250; Top award winning pieces will also be displayed at the grand opening of the Turlock Public Library.

Dates of Entry Submission: April 4th, 2021 at 5:00 pm.

Dates of Carnegie Arts Center Exhibition: May 5th - August 1st, 2021

For more information on submission, deadlines, judging, and general rules of the competition, go to the Carnegie Arts Center's website: carnegieartsturlock.org.

President's Message (*Cont'd from page 1*)...

February 14th is, of course, Valentine's Day but a lesser known fact is that it is also Library Lovers Day! Also, February 1st - 7th we celebrate children's authors and illustrators. Did you listen to Amanda Gorman's beautiful poem, "The Hill We Climb", read at the inauguration? Did you know she is publishing children's books?

In this newsletter, Jane Cluff, board member, will share about the wonderful art competition the Friends are sponsoring with Carnegie Arts Center to celebrate the grand opening of the Turlock Library.

And, don't forget we are still collecting used books to stock our new FOTPL Book Store.

Stay informed, follow us on Facebook and Instagram.

**A Special Place
by Jackie Oyer**

The Friend's Book Store has been a special place for library patrons for many years. It's been a place for people who enjoy volunteering a couple of hours a week and chatting with customers. It was a place where you can get a great buy on a large selection of books for all ages and a place to come and socialize. When the library closed for construction, people were concerned about losing their book store.

We will have a new and larger place for our bookstore in the new building. We will have more room for books and a comfortable place to browse. We will be looking for volunteers to work the store once it is open. What we are needing at this time are donations of good, clean books to stock the store. We accept books for all ages and are willing to pick them up. I would like to thank those who have donated already.

You can reach me at:

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A Message from John and Jeani Ferrari

February 14th is the deadline for participating in the Turlock Library fundraising campaign. Be a supporter and add your name to the Community Wall in the vestibule of the “new” library!

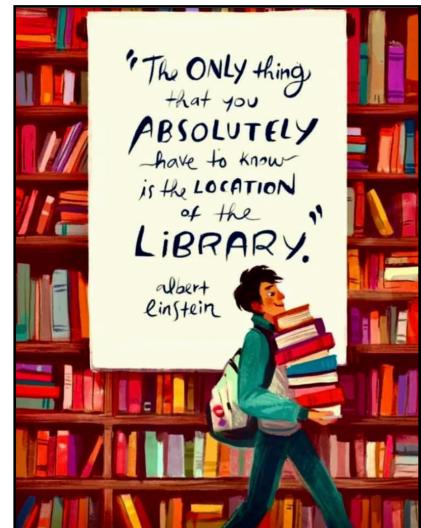
The fundraising campaign to provide financial support for the renovation and expansion of the Turlock Library is coming to an end! The goal was \$1M to be used for technology upgrades, architectural embellishments and furniture. That was half the story – half of the funds will be used to support and sustain our community library, which serves not only Turlock but also surrounding communities.

Built in 1968 for a population of 15,000 and projected to serve a population of 35,000, Turlock’s population has grown to 75,000. The Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors approved the \$12.7M construction project in November 2018. The project will be completed in spring 2021.

John and I believe our children learned the love of books and a curiosity about the world at the Turlock Library. From Story Time to checking out books for school assignments, to pleasure reading and meeting friends to work on homework assignments, the library was essential to our family.

The “new” library will nearly double in size, adding a Quiet Reading Room, Maker Space, Imagination Station, Teen Room and Community Room with a kitchenette and restrooms that opens to a spacious enclosed courtyard, both available for rental.

For more information or donor paperwork contact: FriendsofTurlockLibrary2020@gmail.com



From the Librarian's Desk....

by Diane Bartlett

Dear Friends,

I recently came across an email to my brother from early last March saying how busy we were getting the Turlock Library ready for the remodel. Spring 2021 seemed a long time away, and now it is almost here. I know we've had much to deal with during this time, but there have been bright spots along the way. One bright spot has been the continuing progress in the library renovation project. It's been really exciting to watch the progress develop. I've enjoyed seeing the pictures posted on the Friends' Facebook page.

Another bright spot has been the support and appreciation we've received from you. Many have expressed gratitude that the library has offered (and continues to offer) curbside pickup and telephone reference. Thank you for that. We look forward to the day when there will be fewer restrictions and we can get back to more normal operations.

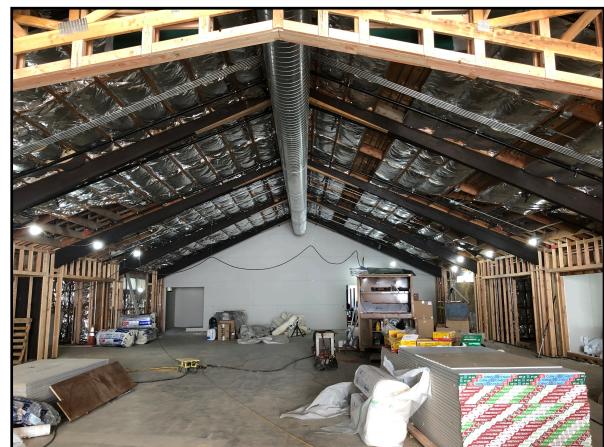
Another bright spot is that the library has continued to offer programs, such as Story Time, coding classes, Escape Rooms and Trivia Nights, all online. We've adapted our craft programs to take and make kits, and found a new way to offer [Reading Recommendations](#). If you participated in our Winter Reading Challenge through the Beanstack platform, you've had a preview of what our Summer Reading Challenge will look like.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We are here to serve our community, and we welcome any suggestions you may have.

Diane



The new entrance to the Turlock Library.



The Adult Collection.

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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"Harry — I think I've just understood something! I've got to go to the library!"

And she sprinted away, up the stairs.

"What does she understand?" said Harry distractedly, still looking around, trying to tell where the voice had come from.

"Loads more than I do," said Ron, shaking his head.

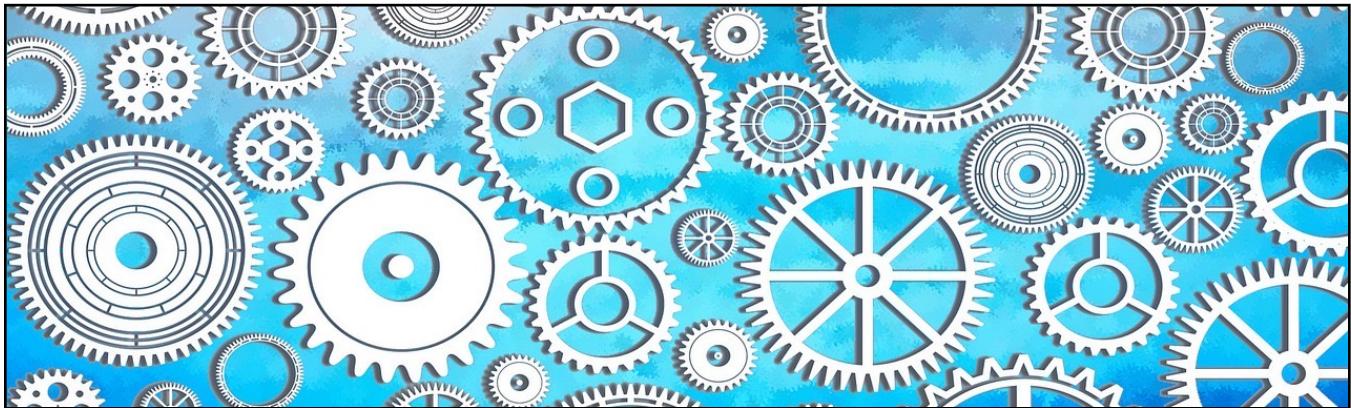
"But why's she got to go to the library?"

"Because that's what Hermione does," said Ron, shrugging. "When in doubt, go to the library."

— J.K. Rowling, [Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets](#)

Maker Space

An exciting feature in the renovated Turlock Library is a maker space. Maker space is used to describe a dedicated space that is designed to support self-directed learning, allowing users to discover, create and build things. A Maker Space supports learning new skills and technologies and employs a variety of equipment and tools such as 3-D printers and sewing machines.



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