

Biblio File

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Fall 2016

Fall Book Sale Is Almost Here!

Is it October already? That means Halloween and, more importantly, FACL's semiannual book sale. Mark your calendars!

The sale kicks off on Friday, October 21 with Members' Night from 4-7 p.m. FACL members get first pick of the thousands of quality books, audio books, CDs and DVDs we have collected over the past several months. Non-members are welcome to join at the door—if you have friends and neighbors who would like to come on Friday, encourage them to come and join. Memberships start at just \$10 per year.

The sale continues on Saturday, October 22 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Sunday, October 23 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Everything on Sunday is half off the marked price.

We cannot have a successful book sale without the help of our volunteers. If you would like to help, send an email to friendsoftheaclibrary@gmail.com.

Faced with difficult budget decisions, county government support of the

Get Your Winter Reading at Friends of the Amador County Library's



Book Sale

- **Friday, October 21, 4 - 7 pm**
(Friday: Members only-or Come Join!)
- **Saturday, October 22, 10 am - 4 pm**
- **Sunday, October 23, 11 am - 3 pm** (50% off-Sunday Only)

American Legion Hall | 12134 Airport Road, Sutter Creek

(At Hwy 49, across from the Italian Picnic Grounds)

Sponsors: American Legion Post 108, Pine Grove Youth

Conservation Camp, Round Table Pizza, Safeway, Umpqua Bank, Save Mart, Grocery Outlet & Cost Less

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library has declined over the years, making the support of the Friends of the Amador County Library more and more important. FACL's two annual

book sales and the Boots 'n' Books Concert are key fundraisers that enable the Friends to provide important financial support to the Library.

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President's Corner

by Rick Sprenkel, FACL President

Summer is gone, and fall is here. School is back in session and we are still hoping for rain.

The Friends had a successful Summer book drive and many book donations that continue year round. This is leading up to our second book sale of the year on October 21st through the 23rd. Our book sales are an important part of our fundraising activities in support of the library. You will find more details about the sale in this newsletter on page 1.

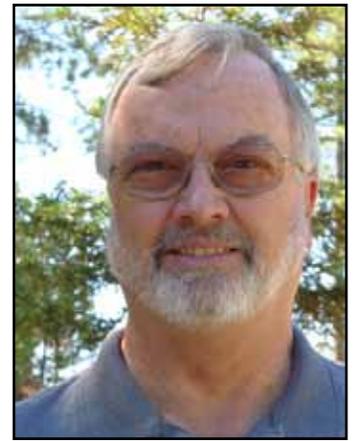
I also want to welcome to the board two new Directors. Patt McHugh and Don Meadows have joined the Friends as Directors At Large and are already helping out with the upcoming fundraising efforts.

The date has been set and the entertainer selected for our annual Boots 'n' Books concert, coming early next year on the 12th of February. See page 4 for more information and a bio of the exciting performer that will be featured.

One of our current projects is moving along, even if a bit slower than we had hoped. Work continues on the

project to digitize the *Ledger Dispatch*. The company that is doing the work has all the microfilm for the back issues of the *Ledger Dispatch* and had started the digitization process. We are still on track to launch a web site that will allow key word searches of all of the back issues of the newspaper – back to the very beginning – later this year! And thank you again to the *Ledger Dispatch*, Stan Lukowicz, Native Sons, and others for their financial support of this very important project.

Another effort that the Friends are supporting is Read Across Amador's project of placing Little Free Libraries around the county. Read Across Amador, a literacy coalition of which the Friends is a member, is working with the Gold Country Woodworkers are building small outdoor structures where anyone may stop by and borrow a book. The idea is to "Take a book, Leave a book". A steward (you can become one!) keeps the Little Library filled with books. The Friends is helping with funding to register the libraries with the international Little Free Library organization, which shows the



location for libraries around the world on its website (littlefreelibrary.org).

We are still looking forward to a great year supporting the library. Have you ever considered becoming more involved with the Friends? If so, we are looking for additional board members. Just drop us an email at friendsoftheaclibrary@gmail.com and we will contact you with more information. Your involvement would be as much as your schedule allows; we do, however, ask that Board members attend the monthly meeting and take on a role in support of the Board of Directors.

Just a quick reminder – the Board meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 9 a.m. at the Amador County General Services Building on Airport Road. Feel free to attend.

Introducing Plymouth's New Branch Librarian

Ten facts to know about Joanne Barros . . .

10: Joanne lived in Rancho Cordova from six months of age until 2014 when she moved to Amador County.

9: Before heading out for a Saturday drive to Amador County Joanne, on a whim, printed out listings of a few houses for sale in the area. In the Volcano area she and her husband pulled up to a house and went WOW this is the one! Within six weeks they sold their house in Rancho, bought and moved into the house in Volcano. "One of the best moves of our life," she said.

8: For eighteen years, Joanne worked in Human Resources for a wealth management company. Working with legal, compliance, and technology teams to develop, administer, and track regulatory training for over nine thousand employees globally, Joanne worked fifty to sixty hours a week—six a.m. meetings with London or Edinburgh and eleven p.m. meetings with India and Singapore. Joanne really enjoyed the work and all of her colleagues.

7: In April 2016 Joanne accepted an early retirement offer. Three weeks into early retirement she was offered the Library Assistant position at the Plymouth Branch and jumped at a

chance to work there.

6: Joanne is an avid reader having a good book going at all times. Some of her favorite authors are Michelle Moran, Sara Donati, Philippa Gregory and Diana Gabaldon.

5: Joanne and her husband, John, just celebrated their twenty-eighth wedding anniversary on September twelfth of this year. John proposed on their second date and Joanne said, yes! The couple were married three months later and have stood strong for twenty-eight years.

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Librarian's Corner

by Laura Einstadter, County Librarian

The year has been racing by and here we are already on our way to October. The library has been a busy place for the past several months. The annual Summer Reading Program held 21 programs with a total of 483 people attending programs offered at the main library and Ione branch.



Overall our annual statistics (see below) are down slightly over the previous year however the library continues to provide an invaluable service to the community.

Coming in October is Zinio, an e-magazine service. This special resource is funded by the Friends of the Library and will provide 61 simultaneous use magazine titles for your reading pleasure. What does that mean?

You will be able to access Zinio in the library or remotely from home with your library card and view it on your computer, phone, tablet or other reading device. Download a magazine to your device and keep it as long as

you like. Since it is simultaneous use, multiple patrons also check the same magazine out at the same time. Once borrowed the magazine remains on your device until you remove it. Back issues are also available for viewing.

Watch the library website for a link to this great new service!

Library staff celebrated "Talk Like a Pirate Day" with fun stories about pirates September 15, 2016. The actual day was September 19, 2016.

You, too, can learn to speak Pirate with Mango Languages!



Annual Statistics:

Checkouts	78,982
Library Visits	71,613
Computer Use	15,566
Reference questions answered	1,679
E-book patrons	1,210
E-book checkouts	6,581
Books lent to other libraries	640
Books borrowed from other libraries	916
Zip books purchased for patrons	352
Children's Programs held	227
<i>Attendance:</i>	
Children	2,234
Adults	928
Teens	70
Adult programs held	36
<i>Attendance</i>	361

Have a wonderful Fall season and be sure to visit your library.

4: Joanne reports she has loved and taken care of animals her whole life. Currently the family has a dog, Penny, a breed from Africa known not to shed nor bark; a feral cat named Emma who decided to stay after John fed her some tri-tip steak; and another cat called Binks, who was found by Joanne's daughter and raised by the family since he was two weeks of age, when he could fit in



Joanne Barros

the palm of their hands. He turned out to be a twenty-one pound Maine Coon.

3: Joanne and John have two children: Maryanne, a sixth grade teacher in the Sacramento area and Charley, an Assistant Vet Technician at Blue Oak Veterinary Hospital in Jackson.

2: Joanne enjoys

hiking in the Sierras, wine/beer tasting, and eating out (breakfast, lunch or dinner will suffice).

1: Joanne loves working at the Plymouth Library. A warm and welcoming community as well as being surrounded by books and people who like to read. Joanne feels very fortunate!

If you find yourself in the Plymouth area, stop by and meet and chat with Joanne Barros.

(The Plymouth library is at 9375 Main Street in Plymouth, 209-245-6476, and the hours are Tuesday 1:30-5, Wednesday 10-12 and 1-5, Thursday and Friday, 1:30-5.)

-Patt McHugh

“Force of Nature” Adrian Buckarogirl Set for 7th Annual Boots ’n’ Books Concert

FACL is pleased to announce the 7th Annual Boots ’n’ Books Concert will feature Adrian Buckarogirl on Sunday, February 12, 2017 at 3 p.m. at the Community Church in Pine Grove.

Adrian—aka the Buckarogirl—is a force of nature! She’s an exuberant, dynamic, talented, singer/songwriter with an infectious, positive attitude and a powerful voice. Adrian is equally at home in the branding pen roping calves or on stage in front of thousands of fans. Adrian takes her listeners deep into the lives and challenges faced by cowboys and ranchers through songs that reflect her experiences growing up on ranches throughout the west.

Western Horseman Magazine has called her the “buckaroo’s Taylor Swift” and have chosen her song, *The Will James Days*, from her first CD, *Highway 80*, as one of the 13 Best Western Songs of All Times. Also from *Highway 80*, her songs *Old Time Vaquero* and *Praise Him for the Pequaps* have found their way into western videos.

In an interview with the *San Diego Troubador*, Dave Stamey, a past Boots ’n’ Books performer, said of Adrian, “She writes all of her own music. It’s very centered on the buckaroo lifestyle. She’s the real deal.”

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Adrian’s second CD, *Boots and Pearls*, was produced by noted singer/songwriter Tom Russell who said in *The Cowboy Way Magazine*, “I heard the clear potential. I was impressed that she has such a great voice and was so at ease on stage . . . Adrian is the breath of strong



fresh air that the cowboy music scene needs. I was honored to have worked with her.” The title cut from *Boots and Pearls* has spawned a nationwide tide of theme weddings from women who identify with Adrian’s ability to be a feminine, yet working cowgirl.

Adrian’s third CD, *Buckarogirl!* was released in February 2012. *Ranch and Reata Magazine* says that, “Adrian’s new CD, *Buckarogirl*, is a gift to all of us who enjoy real western music. She is in fact the real deal.” She says that her new songs “. . . reflect my experiences and those of the cowboys I work with and live around.” The January 2012 issue of *Cowboys and Indians Magazine*

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listed Adrian in their Next West highlights as one of the “. . . 20 bright young stars of the Western world . . .”

Without losing her passion for the ranching west—Adrian takes her fans to new heights through her emotion filled lyrics and music. Both critically and popularly acclaimed, Adrian has reached into our soul and helped us see the truth of musical commitment, which transcends traditional genres. Is it Folk, Country, Rock, Western, Cowboy? No, it’s all of these and much more. It’s music people love and feel deeply—making it their own as soon as they hear it.

Concert tickets will go on sale in late November or early December. Watch our website www.friendsacl.org for details.



Calendar

Jackson Story Time	Thursdays 10:30–11 a.m.	Main Library
Ione Story Time	Every Monday 10 –10:30 a.m.	Ione Branch
Pioneer Book Club	2nd Thursday 11 a.m.	Pioneer Branch
Plymouth Book Club	1st Thursday 6:30—7:30 p.m.	Plymouth Branch
BookEnds Book Club	4th Wednesday 5:30 p.m.	Main Library
Friends of the Amador County Library Board	3rd Tuesday 9 a.m.	County GSA building Conference Room
Annual Fall Book Sale	October 21-23	American Legion Hall Sutter Creek
Annual Concert	February 12, 2017 3 p.m.	Community Church 14045 Ponderosa Way, Pine Grove



The Friends of the Amador County Library (FACL) was formed in 1974 to support the Amador County Library. The Friends is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit group which means your donations are tax-deductible.

A membership in the Friends provides financial support to the library. Fund-raising activities include book sales twice a year and other special events. The Friends also actively promote gift-giving such as memorials, estate sales, donations, and group contributions.

FACL publishes this newsletter, *Biblio-File*, (formerly *News & Notes*) for its members. As an added bonus, the first night of each book sale is reserved for members only. Members of Friends get involved by organizing fundraising events and assisting with the book sales. Over the years, the organization has contributed many thousands of dollars worth of books and equipment to the Amador County Library.

For just a few dollars, you can enjoy member's privileges and know that you are helping to support one of the county's most valuable resources.

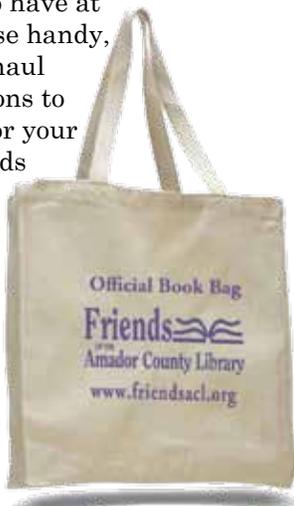
Annual dues are as follows:

- Individual \$10
- Family \$15
- Sustaining \$25
- Life \$200
- Business/Organization \$50

For more information about Friends of the Amador County Library, please go to www.friendsacl.org, email friendsoftheaclibrary@gmail.org, or inquire at any of the library's five branches.

FACL Has a Brand New Bag

You'll want to have at least one of these handy, sturdy bags to haul your contributions to the book drive or your new reading finds home from the next book sale. Pick yours up at the Jackson branch of the library, or buy one at the next book sale October 21-23. They're just \$10 each, and your purchase helps FACL support the library.



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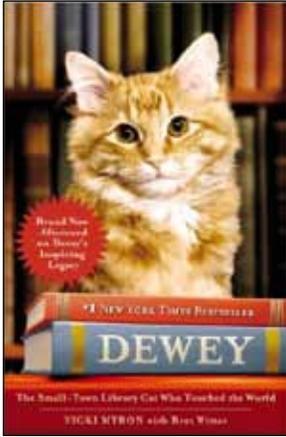
Laura Einstadter,
County Librarian



Book Review

Dewey *The Small-Town Library Cat Who Touched the World*

by Vicki Myron with Bret Witter



This heartwarming book tells the story of an abandoned kitten who touched the lives of an entire community and became famous world wide.

Written by his librarian

“Mom” Vicki Myron, the book traces Dewey’s story following his rescue from a freezing cold book drop at the Spencer, Iowa Public Library to his

rise to stardom.

It is also the story of the author’s own personal struggles with an abusive, alcoholic husband, breast cancer, and being a single mother going to college while rising to the challenges of learning the ropes of being a librarian—with Dewey serving an inspirational role.

With the approval of the Spencer Library board, Dewey was adopted as the official library cat. The library was his home (except for long holidays) for the rest of his long life.

Dewey got his first name in a contest of Spencer townspeople, and the library staff gave him a last name of “Readmorebooks.” Dewey Readmorebooks grew into a strutting, affable library cat whose antics kept patrons in stitches and whose sixth sense about those in need created hundreds of deep and loving friendships. As his fame grew, people drove hundreds

of miles just to meet him. He had a knack for knowing who needed a furry friend to pet and who was fine with a big cat sleeping in his open briefcase.

Dewey’s one experiment with the outside world was perilous and harrowing for both cat and reader alike, and made it clear to him that the library was his home.

There are many humorous episodes—this cat had a real personality. But this story is really about how this nearly frozen cat was a friend and inspiration to an entire community and beyond. It is also the story of the role and importance of libraries in a community.

Dewey finally checked out at age 19; his obituary was carried in 250 newspapers across country, including the *New York Times*, and announced on the evening news. And not a dry eye for this reviewer, either.

—Jim Powell

Notes and Briefs

A Note From Your Newsletter Editor

We hope you enjoy the *Biblio-File*. If you would like to contribute a book review or have a pertinent item of interest for members of the Friends of the Amador County Library that you’d like included in the next issue of *Biblio-File*, send it to friendsoftheaclibrary@gmail.com with a subject line of *Biblio-File*, or write to FACL, PO Box 701, Jackson, CA 95642.

Volunteer Opportunity

If you’re interested in becoming more involved with FACL activities, we invite you to consider joining the **Board of Directors**. We are looking for new board members who want to help support the Amador County Library through fundraising and advocacy.

If you’re interested in joining the board, or have other ideas for volunteering, please call 209-296-2771 or send an email to friendsoftheaclibrary@gmail.com.

Help FACL: Shop Online With AmazonSmile

The Friends of the Amador County Library has joined forces with AmazonSmile to take advantage of its program to benefit nonprofit organizations. We hope you will shop with AmazonSmile and designate FACL as your charity of choice.



Here are the highlights of the AmazonSmile program:

- Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the Friends of the Amador County Library.
- AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know. Same products, same prices, same service.
- Support FACL by starting your shopping at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com/ch/94-2374918) by following this link: <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/94-2374918>