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Summer/Fall 2014

Friends of the Amador County Library Fall Book Sale Set for October

The Fall Book Sale is coming! Save these dates:

- Oct. 17** **4-7 pm**
- Oct. 18** **10 am-5 pm**
- Oct. 19** **11 am-3 pm**

We're back with a book sale that will be bigger and better than ever. Since we have had longer to collect and select the very best books, this sale will provide even more, fine quality choices than ever before. We have been very fortunate to receive a wide assortment of like-new books, CDs, and DVDs.

No book sale could get off the ground without our army of volunteers. FACL is fortunate to have so many loyal volunteers. Our wonderful volunteers will notice another change at this sale. Janet Caccia, who has done such a marvelous job of recruiting and organizing volunteers for the book sale for many years, has passed that task on to someone else. We will miss her cheery, exemplary efforts. Not to worry though, because this job will now be done by Jim Powell, a relatively new board member with an impressive resume. You will enjoy getting to know

Jim as he contacts you to arrange for your spot in the book sale.

Jim will make initial contact by email and calling those who do not have email.

On Friday all volunteers will work a slightly longer shift, but they will also enjoy lunch provided by the Friends of the Library. We are able to do this with generous donations from Raley's and Safeway.

Friday night will once again be Members' Night where our members have first choice of all of the books. If you have missed out on this night, you should make a point to become a member and come. There is always excitement in the air as so many book lovers meet in one place to get first pick at the low-priced books (except for special books, nothing is more than \$2.00). There is an air of a carnival as friends meet and people fill bags almost too heavy to carry. If you're not a member, there will be people at the door happy to sign you up-\$10 or \$15 for a family membership.

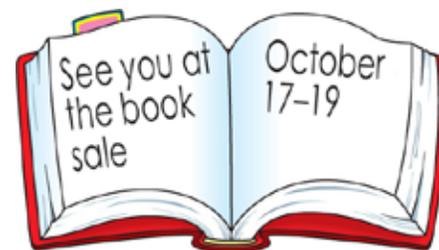
Sunday is always a big hit as well-with everything in the room at half-price. Many people make a second trip

to the book sale for some last minute specials.

A special thank you to the following Donors & Helpers:

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-Janie Brown



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President's Corner

by Sandra Sullivan
FACL Board President

Can fall really be just around the corner? That must mean it's time for our Fall Book Sale. This sale will be bigger and better than ever. Will we see you there in October? For all the details see the article on the first page of this newsletter.

Over the last year we have had many of our board members leave us as they moved on to new adventures. At the end of last year we saw Kati Corsaut and Elaine Sommer move out of the area followed by Helen Bierce, Janet Caccia, Terri Works, Lynne Norris, Ruth Miller and Lacey Bartich leaving us for other adventures in their lives. To all of them the Friends send a giant thank you and wish all

of them well and years of great reading. Their help has been so great that there is not a 'thank you' big enough to cover what they have done. Helen, Terri, Janet and Lynne will continue to support the Friends from behind the scenes by helping at the book sales, taking books to the County Jail and writing for this newsletter. Helen is still running our book room ensuring great books for the book sales.

While we have lost many valuable board members we have also gain some great folks to continue the work of the Friends. Jim and Michele Powell joined in March and Rick Sprenkel joined in May. 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. We do meet monthly and our main goal is supporting projects benefitting our local library.

Finally, mark your calendar for our next concert presented by the Friends of the Amador County Library. The date is March 22, 2015 and it will be a great concert you will not want to miss. More information is on page 5 of this newsletter.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at the Fall Book Sale in October!

FACL Adopts Amador County Jail Library

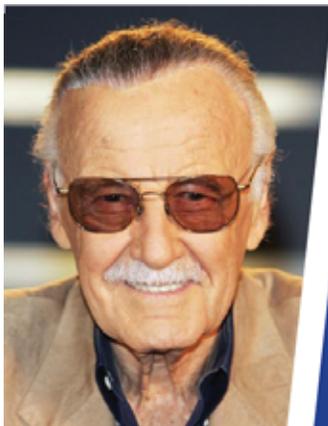


Terri Works packs books for the jail library.

The Friends have recently adopted the library at the Amador County Jail. The board learned that the jail has only a small budget for new books and the library is heavily used. Due to generous Friends and other members of the community, the Friends usually have a large selection of mass market paperback books of all genres. Janet Caccia and Terri Works, both of whose terms on the board ended

recently, will select and deliver books on a monthly basis.

This is a great opportunity for the Friends to reach out to an under served segment of the community. If you know of another group in Amador County that the Friends should reach out to, please send your suggestion to the board at friendsofaclibrary@gmail.com



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BOOK GROUP

Librarian's Corner

by Laura Einstadter

The library said best wishes to two long time employees who retired on July 15th. Connie and Lin had worked a combined 37 years for the library; Connie at 20 years and Lin at 17. (See related article on page 4) For those of you who were unfamiliar with either Connie or Lin, Connie had been the Library Literacy Coordinator and Lin was the adult and teen cataloger and she also worked the front desk.

Since they both retired, the library has promoted the Upcountry Branch library assistant to Literacy Coordinator. That position, however, is now part time and Lin's position was not funded. Therefore, we have been unable to cover the number of open hours we had previously had. As a result, on August 1 the main library hours changed to:

- Monday and Tuesday: 10 am to 6 pm;
 - Wednesday: 10 am to 7 pm;
 - Thursday and Friday: 10 am to 5 pm
- We are closed Saturday and Sunday.

On a more positive note, the library's summer reading program which ran from June 16 - July 19 was successful. We had 353 children sign up for the program and 90 completed the 5 weeks of reading and events. The library held 33 programs with 683 children, teens and adults attending. There were eight grand prize winners.

The library also continued to be a busy place last fiscal year with 88,682 checkouts, 82,890 visits, 16,972 in-library computer users, and 5,599 e-book checkouts. We lent 583 books to other libraries and borrowed 1,355 books from libraries outside of Amador



County Library system.

The library held 94 children's programs with 1,176 children and 500 adults attending and held 46 adult programs with 461 people attending. Not bad for a small rural library.

Have a very nice rest of your summer and we hope to see you soon at your library.

Summer Reading Program Kick-Off



The Summer Reading Program kicked off with a festive event at the library in June. (Clockwise, from upper left) Janie Brown, Janet Caccia, and Michele Powell of the Friends of the Amador County Library were on hand selling a selection of children's books. Attendees enjoyed face painting and a variety of craft activities. Others were happy to read their newly acquired books. And everybody enjoyed the many well-dressed dachshunds who turned out in their finest for the dachshund parade.

Library Bids Farewell to Two Veteran Employees

Early in July two long-time members of the Amador County Library staff retired: Connie Murdock who, for the last 20 years, has been Literary Coordinator and Lin Teagle who will be retiring after 17 years working at the front desk and serving as Library Technician. Both plan to remain in the community.

Lin, as a minister's wife, plans to continue with the things she has enjoyed for the 43 years she and Chuck have been married while Connie plans to raise organic tomatoes on her 220-acre portion of the 1400-acre family farm Connie's grandfather, John Tonzi, purchased in 1903. Connie's roots go back to the early 1900s when her grandfather drove a freight wagon to the depot in Ione where he picked

up supplies and delivered them to Jackson and the mines.

When Lin first met Chuck, she was employed as a secretary and he had just completed his studies at the Calvary Bible College in Akron Ohio. Over the years he has served at churches in several states including

New York, Colorado, Minnesota, and Florida. For the past 17 years, he has been ministering in Pine Grove at the church now known as Church of the Cross. With retirement, Lin plans to become more involved in the church, working with children and overseeing the music program where she is pianist.

Connie plans to remain as a volunteer at the library where she enjoyed mentoring adults (16 and older) who need tutoring in basic life skills – read-



(l-r) Connie Murdock, Laura Einstadter, and Lin Teagle



Friends and family attended the retirement reception.

ing, writing, applying for jobs, G.E.D. testing, etc. "The library is the hub of the community," Connie tells us. "People come here for the simplest things: to learn about trade schools, how to take college tests, how to use communicate with their families by email." She reminds us the "the library is not just about books."

Both Connie and Lin are fortunate in that all their children and grandchildren live nearby. Connie and her husband, Charlie, have two sons and three grandchildren; Lin has three children and seven grandchildren and is awaiting the arrival of a five-year-old boy from the Congo whom her son, Christopher, and his wife have adopted.

What are Connie and Lin's reading habits? Connie prefers audio books and particularly enjoys Ralph Moody's *Little Britches* series. Lin, does not care for fiction and enjoys reading biographies. Her all-time favorite book continues to be *The Bible* while Connie's favorite is John Steinbeck's *Cannery Row*.

This leads us to an interesting coincidence. Before moving to Amador County, Lin was employed at the Steinbeck Library in Salinas.

—Lynne Norris

Zip Books

Zip Books is a statewide project of the California State Library and the Califa Library Group, a non-profit cooperative serving libraries and information organizations in California. The project is funded in whole or in part by the U.S. Institute of Museums and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered in California by the State Librarian.

Zip Books allows our library to buy books directly from Amazon and the book is then sent to the patron who requested. He or she is the first to read the book and there is no time limit before the book must be returned to the library. There is one stipulation, however; upon returning the book the librarian must be told whether it is a Zip Book or a regular library book. It will be catalogued later and put into the library collection.

According to Amador librarian Lynda Laolagi who is in charge of Zip Books, "We have ordered 287 books to date. It is an amazing program and people love it."

—Lynne Norris

FACL at the Farmers Markets

This summer nestled among the peaches and tomatoes have been a nice selection of books sold by the Friends of the Amador County Library. The children's books have been an especially popular draw. It has been fun to talk to people about the library and the Friends as they browsed through the books. If you haven't caught us at a market yet, it's not too late. We will be at markets through September. We will be there on the following dates:

- Pine Grove September 10, 3-6 pm
- Sutter Creek September 20, 9 am-Noon
- Jackson September 28, 9 am-12:pm



SAVE THE DATE for the 5th Annual FACL concert featuring Tom Rigney and Flambeau. They'll raise the roof at The Call Church in Pine Grove with "fiery Cajun and zydeco, low-down blues, funky New Orleans grooves and beautiful ballads and waltzes" on Sunday, March 22, 2015, at 3 pm. You won't want to miss it! Visit the group's website at <http://www.rigomania.com> to learn more about these fabulous artists and their music.

FACL Board Welcomes New Members

Rick Sprengel is retired and has been a resident of Pine Grove for 8 years.



He is married to JoAnn, and they have three grown children – Kristina (Kress), Paul, and Alan. Kristina and Paul are married and each has two children. Alan lives locally and works for the Jackson Rancheria. JoAnn is the Director/Teacher for the Amador Cooperative Preschool in Jackson.

He worked in high tech companies after his discharge from the Air Force in 1978. While in the Air Force, he was a computer specialist. Rick retired from Lucent Technologies in 2006, where he was director of a group of systems engineers that supported AT&T.

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Calendar

Story time	Thursday, Sept.-May 10:30-11 a.m.	Main Library (Jackson)
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
Just Knits	2nd Monday 10:30 a.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 17-19, 2014	American Legion Hall, Sutter Creek
Annual Concert	March 22, 2015	The Call Church Pine Grove
Annual Spring Book Sale	April 10-12	American Legion Hall, Sutter Creek



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 non-profit 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 a semi-annual 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 fund-raising 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
- Organization \$50

For more information about Friends of the Amador County Library, please go to www.friendsoftheamadorcountylibrary.org or inquire at any of the library’s five branches.

New Board Members

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where he is the District Coordinator, responsible for the program in Amador County. He is also a member of the Rotary Club of Jackson, where he is currently the chairman for the club’s wine and margarita booths at the county fair. He is also a member of Native Sons of the Golden West, and Sons In Retirement (SIR), branch #15.



Michele and Jim Powell are retired and have been residents of Pine Grove for four years.

Michele was raised in New York. She has a bachelor’s degree from Queens College and a master’s from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana. Michele spent most of her career working in the Career Center at California State University, Fullerton, where she retired as the center’s

associate director. She is active in the Amador Branch of AAUW where she just completed a two-year term as treasurer, and is just beginning a stint as the group’s president. Michele enjoys reading, travel, and music.

Jim is a fifth-generation Californian from a family with roots in the Mother Lode. Raised in San Andreas where his father was a manager for Calaveras Cement, Jim moved to southern California to attend UC Irvine, where he graduated with a degree in history. Jim’s career took him to California State

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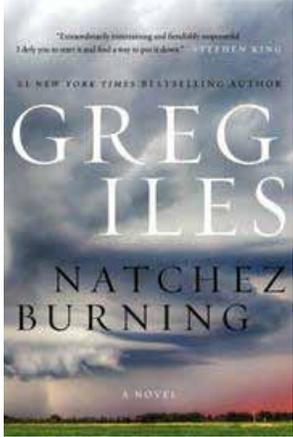
Book Review

Natchez Burning

by Greg Iles

Audio Unabridged

This is a long, long book to read but a wonderful companion for 36 hours of listening if you travel often in your car. Iles brings back Penn Cage as the protagonist in the first book of his new planned trilogy.



In *Natchez Burning*, Iles introduces us to a dogged reporter, Henry Sexton, who has never stopped investigating several unsolved crimes that occurred during the civil rights unrest that plagued the South. Sexton is determined to prove the culpability of a splinter group of the Ku Klux Klan known as the Double Eagles. In his quest to reveal the truth and obtain justice Sexton makes enemies with

the prejudiced and powerful white men involved in the earlier hate crimes. He does so at his peril and the peril of anyone with whom he shares his research including Penn Cage and Penn Cage's ambitious finance Caitlin Masters.

Masters, a Pulitzer Prize winning journalist for her father's paper senses the importance of Sexton's work. She desperately wants access to Sexton's research and to print the story in her father's paper. Sexton, who never gave up the investigation, feels it's his right to expose the criminals.

As the story opens we learn about Viola who moved to Detroit after she suffered an assault on her person by the Double Eagles in 1968. She returns to Natchez to die when she realizes she is terminally ill. When her death

occurs under questionable circumstances, suspicion falls on Tom Cage, Penn's father and a revered local doctor. Iles describes Tom Cage as "Atticus Finch with a stethoscope." Viola served as Tom Cage's head nurse and a rumor abounds they were lovers. When Tom Cage, ridden with his own private guilt, refuses to defend himself, Penn Cage begins to investigate the circumstances of Viola's death and discovers the dark and dangerous buried secrets of 40 years earlier.

The book weaves history with fiction in a seamless way. What price are Tom Cage's family and friends willing to pay to serve the ends of truth and justice? Is there a point where ethics weaken to serve family loyalty and protect loved ones? The 30 compact discs will pull you into the story and hold your interest to the end. You want to make the "bad" guys lose this one.

—Gail Smyth

Notes and Briefs

A Note From Your Newsletter Editor

This is my first edition of the FACL newsletter, which we have decided to rename the Biblio-File. We feel this play on words is fitting as we continue reinforce the image of the Friends as a supporter of the Amador County Library. As a part of this effort, we have added the Friends' mission statement to the masthead.

I hope you enjoy this first effort. 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.

Little Free Libraries

There are several Little Free Libraries in Amador County. We came across an interesting article online on *The Atlantic's* website about Little Free Libraries and how they are gaining worldwide popularity:

<http://tinyurl.com/qyapdp6>

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University, Fullerton where he worked in public affairs and information technology. He is a member of the Native Sons of the Golden West and SIR Upcountry Branch 15. Jim enjoys reading, travel, music, photography and is currently thinking about returning to model railroading.

Michele and Jim have a blended family of five adult children and three grandchildren.