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FACL Brings California's Poet Laureate to Amador County

Dana Gioia, the California State Poet Laureate, is on a mission to visit all 58 California counties during his two-year term. Amador's turn was Thursday, June 15.

Gioia was appointed by the Governor in December 2015 for a two-year term as California's Poet Laureate. The Poet Laureate serves as the state advocate for poetry and literature in libraries, classrooms, and boardrooms across California. Born in Hawthorne, California, Dana Gioia was the first person in his family to attend college. As National Endowment of the Arts chair (2003-2009) he launched several nationwide programs, including Poetry Out Loud, a national competition for high school students to learn poetry, perform it, and win prizes. He is also a prolific essayist, reviewer, critic, and translator. (His books are available at the Jackson Library or through Link+.)

The day began with a public meet-and-greet at the Jackson Library, followed by a tour of Hein & Company's Baker Street West and a brief visit to the AmadorArts Third Thursday Open Mic Night at Rosebud's Café.

The "main event" was a gala community evening on the National Hotel's patio. The weather was warm, but not too, and the National staff went above and beyond to serve drinks and



Poet Laureate Dana Gioia (r) and Conor Broderick, Amador County Poetry Out Loud winner.

pass complimentary appetizers. Jan Hewitt, FACL board member, created two beautiful gift baskets and with members of the AmadorArts board sold tickets for the prize drawing.

Rick Sprenkel, FACL President, and Meghan O'Keefe, AmadorArts Program Coordinator, welcomed the more than 80 people in attendance. The "opening act" was Conor Broderick, winner of Amador County's first Poetry Out Loud competition. As the *Ledger Dispatch* said, "his recitation was clear, concise, evenly paced and was full of the perfect balance of sophistication and playfulness."

Scott Thomas Anderson, reporter for *Sacramento News and Review* and *Sierra Lodestar*, then stepped to the mic

to introduce Dana Gioia, who he called a "literary warrior."

Gioia read from his latest book, *99 Poems: New and Selected*, and talked about the pleasures and inspiration of poetry. The *Ledger Dispatch* put it best: "Gioia proved why he represents poetry and literature. The arithmetic ups and downs of his distinguished voice and the emotion he planted in each one of his words captivated the audience from the minute he began to the second he ended...his poems were full of laughter, sadness, sensation, nostalgia and an overall sense of us as genuine people being a part of the world we live in."

The gift baskets were won by Bronwyn Hogan (Conor Broderick's mother!) and Penny West.

FACL would like to thank several people for their generous assistance with this event: Stan Lukowicz for donating the use of the National and the appetizers; the National's Executive Chef Chuck Swisher and Event Planner Shannon Cornejo; Meghan O'Keefe of AmadorArts; Wolf and Linda Hein of Baker Street West; Scott Thomas Anderson; Conor Broderick; Rachel Norris of the *Ledger Dispatch*; Laura Einstadter, county librarian; Jan Hewitt; Nan Muzinich,

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President's Corner

by Rick Sprenkel, FACL President

The new board of the Friends of the Amador County Library has been installed and will continue the important work of raising funds and sponsoring community programs to support the Amador County Library. The officers for the coming year are Rick Sprenkel, President; Bonnie Toy, Vice President; Jim Powell, Treasurer; Elizabeth Rhein, Secretary.

Summer is here, and that means the Summer Reading Program at the library is under way, from June 12 through July 21. This is just one of many programs that the Friends help support.

Thank you to the Jackson Rancheria Band of Miwuk Indians and the *Ledger Dispatch* for hosting a grand celebration on April 2 of the Save Our History project, sponsored by the Friends, to create a searchable database for all Amador County newspapers published from 1855 through 2008. The celebration was well attended, with over 100 local residents and

supporters of the Friends on hand. Certificates of Appreciation were awarded to individuals who provided major support for the effort. Watch for announcements of the next phase in the near future.

The Spring Book Sale held April 21-23 was very successful. It will provide funding for additional projects in support of the Amador County Library. Mark your calendar for our Fall Book Sale: October 20-22.

On Thursday, June 15, we co-hosted a visit from California's Poet Laureate, consummate poet and arts advocate Dana Gioia. He brought his 58-county "On the Road" tour to Amador County for a very special free community performance at the National Hotel in Jackson. The event was co-sponsored by AmadorArts (see story, page 1).

We are looking forward to another great year supporting the library. Is this the year you become



more involved with the Friends? We are looking for additional board members. 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. For more information, call 209-217-1911 or email friendsoftheaclibrary@gmail.com.

And finally, a quick reminder – the Board meets on the third Tuesday of every month except December at the Amador County General Services Building on Airport Road. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Poet Laureate Visits Amador

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Joy Palmer, Jillian Ewalt, and Millie Butler from the AmadorArts Board of Directors; and of course, Dana and Mary Gioia. They were generous with their time, unfailingly cooperative and interested in what we planned for them, patient, and just great people to be around.

And you – whether you attended the event or not, as a member of the Friends, your support enables us to present events like this to the community. Thank you.

–Elizabeth Rhein



A visit to Baker Street West at Hein and Company was included in the day's itinerary (above). (L-r) Wolf Hein, Dana Gioia, Linda Hein, and Mary Gioia.



It was standing room only at the packed patio of the National Hotel (left).

Librarian's Corner

by Laura Einstadter, County Librarian

Summer has arrived and the weather has certainly warmed up. When you are looking for a place to cool off and enjoy a good read or visit with friends either on-line or in person, be sure to check out your library this summer.

Planning a trip? Check out the newest map resources funded by the Friends of the Library: <http://www.amadorgov.org/departments/library/research-tools>

If you are traveling to another country and aren't familiar with the language or culture be sure and visit Mango Languages also found on the same link listed above.

The annual summer reading program, "Reading by Design" is in full

swing. The program began June 12 and runs through July 21. The program is open to children in preschool-8th grade and their caregivers.

Thanks to the generous support of the Friends of the Library, we have several fun events this summer.

Ventriloquist and magician Tony Borders made a return appearance to the library on June 20, performing his "Happy Hobbies" program.

Lisa from Lavender Moon face painting entertained on June 29.

We also have weekly play days featuring Lego Fun Thursdays, 1 p.m.-3 p.m., on June 29 and July 6, 13, and 20. On Tuesdays, June 27 and July 11 and 18, 1 p.m.-3 p.m., we will be giv-



ing 3D printer demonstrations.

Saturday July 15th 10 a.m.-2 p.m. is the library's Maker Fair. The fair features local artists providing demonstrations in the following areas: watercolor painting, jewelry, photography, gourds, and woodworking. Registration is required for this event. This event is for anyone age 7 and up.

See you this summer!

Meet Library Technician Robin Ivanoff

Robin Ivanoff joined the Jackson library staff last December and among her many duties works on the very popular Link+ program.

- She was born and raised in Minnesota. She lives in Volcano with her husband Greg.
- She has degrees in Art and Biology.
- As a child, she wanted to grow up to be an Indian (Native American), to shoot arrows, ride horses, and wear a feather headdress (of course no longer PC).
- Her childhood heroes were Johnny Weissmuller as Tarzan and Mighty Mouse.
- She learned Spanish (speaking, reading, and writing) while working for the US Department of Agriculture. She was stationed for 11 years in San Juan, Puerto Rico; she traveled and sailed throughout the Caribbean during that time.
- Her hobbies include reading, cooking and baking, gardening, and bird watching. Robin has 25 feeders in her yard and two heated birdbaths. She is not afraid of hard work and

**Friends of the Amador County Library
Invite Your Donations for the Semi-Annual**



Book Drive

Two Saturdays, August 19 & September 16: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
at the FACL Book Storage Building
42A Summit Street, Jackson (behind the old Court House)

We accept gently read books and audio-visual materials in good condition. Please, no magazines, VHS or cassette tapes, or damaged materials.

For information, call (209) 217-1911.

The Friends of the Amador County Library is a 501(c)3 organization.
Donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

*Save the Dates for the next Book Sale:
October 20, 21, & 22!*

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getting dirty.

- Robin has two cats, GG and Guy.
- She loves horror movies, and Halloween is her favorite holiday. She still dresses up even at sixty years of age. She didn't mention if she still goes door-to-door for Trick or Treats!
- Robin has a "thing" about correct

spelling, punctuation, and grammar. Mistakes just jump out at her. She has been known to call the TV news about mistakes.

Robin is a great addition to our Library staff; stop by the library and say hello.

—Patt McHugh



Book Sales, Concerts Help Library Patch Shrinking Budget: Is the Effort Sustainable?

FACL relies on the proceeds of its semi-annual book sales, annual concert, and other income such as internet book sales and donations, for the funds necessary to help provide much-needed support to the Amador County Library. Given the reduced budget for materials and services from Amador County, this support is needed more than ever.

Traditionally, friends of the library organizations have provided funding for “extras” that might not be in a library’s budget. But, more and more, FACL is being asked to fund necessities such as books and online services.

So far this year, FACL has income of approximately \$18,800. Each semi-annual book sale nets approximately \$4,000. (The October 2016 sale brought in \$3,729 and the April 2017 added another \$3,946.) The annual concert this year netted an additional

\$3,600. Membership accounts for another \$3,400; gifts and miscellaneous income make up the balance.

Thus far in 2017, FACL has provided the Library with approximately \$12,900 for books and other necessities. Coupled with other expenses (concert, book sales, and operating costs including advertising, website, postage, etc.), FACL has spent \$17,500.

Although we have a small income surplus thus far, income in the second half of the year will be less and, based on past years, most expenses will remain the same or increase.

What does this mean in the long run? FACL will continue to support the library as best it can. But there may come a day when we are “tapped out” due to overwhelming requests to make up for a shrinking County commitment or a drop in community support of FACL, or both.

We look to our members and the community at large to make a commitment to support FACL and its mission. We encourage you to get involved; join the FACL Board and bring your energy and new ideas. Also, keep in mind that membership pays only part of our operating expenses. When you plan your annual charitable giving, please consider giving something extra along with your membership. It’s tax deductible, stays in the community, and is a benefit to everyone.

To donate, visit friendsoftheaclibrary.org/Donations and choose the type of donation you want to make. For more information, please call 209-217-1911 or email friendsoftheaclibrary@gmail.com.

Thank you for your continued support.
—Jim Powell
FACL Treasurer

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.

Special Thanks to Our Volunteers

Our book sale volunteers are key to the success of these events, which are bedrock of FACL income. Without volunteers, we would be unable to hold these important events.

We want to thank everyone who helped with the April sale (we apologized if we missed anyone):

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 209-217-1911 or send an email to friendsoftheaclibrary@gmail.com.

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Calendar

Summer Reading Program	June 12–July 21	Main Library
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
Book Drive	August 19 & September 16 10 a.m.–2 p.m.	42A Summit Street Jackson
Fall Book Sale	October 20–22	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) nonprofit group which means your donations are tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

A membership in the Friends provides financial support to the library. Fundraising 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*, for its members. Members of Friends get involved by organizing fundraising events and assisting with the book sales. As an added bonus, the first night of each book sale is reserved for members only. 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.com, 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 Jackson branch of the library, or buy one at the book sale October 20-22. They're just \$10 each, and your purchase helps FACL support the library.



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