

# News & Notes...

## Spring Book Sale Tops Previous Record *More Books + More Sales = More Funds for Library*

Despite the gentle rain on members' night, the Friends' spring book sale broke all previous records. We want to thank everyone who helped make the sale so successful. We apologize to those who had to wait in the rain while we checked membership; we have made provisions to eliminate that bottleneck in the future.

As always, the sale's success is due to great public support and a dynamic group of volunteers and board members whose years of experience make the sale run smoothly.

We wish to acknowledge and thank each member for their time and dedication to our fund raisers. And we owe a huge debt of gratitude to the following:

- American Legion Post 108 for donating their facility, for the sales and for the popular Boots 'N Books concert. We couldn't do it without their generosity.
- The officers and men of the Pine Grove Youth Conservation Camp, who move, set up, break down, repack and return hundreds of boxes of books for every sale.
- Umpqua Bank, always a supporter of the Friends, which passed out sturdy book bags, most appreciated by all on the rainy Friday night.
- Businesses throughout the county who have long supported the Friends by posting our sale flyers.
- Our volunteers who sort, cull, classify, box and move the books from storage to the sale and back again.

Early on the Thursday morning before the sale, trucks and volunteers began rolling to move and set up tables and signs to organize the collection. This continued until 5:00 in the afternoon. An hour before the Friday night opening, volunteer greeters, cashiers, fluffers, talliers, membership checkers and the book sale committee meet to review last minute details and prepare for the crowd.



This routine is repeated each day until Sunday at 3:00 when the sale ends. That does not conclude the work, however, as volunteers cull the remaining volumes to remove books that have not been purchased in previous sales or that are otherwise damaged. Early Monday morning more volunteers arrive to repack the boxes alphabetically by genre and, with the help of the Pine Grove men, move and restack them at the

storage facility.

Chilly, drizzly weather may put us all in the mood for an overstuffed chair, a crackling fire and a good book. This is what I pictured as I watched families and individuals take seats on the Legion's comfortable furniture, relaxing and perusing their new finds. Scenes like that will continue to make our sales popular as long as books are bound. Please circle October 12-14 on your calendars for the fall book sale.

Larry Costick and Janie Brown,  
Book Sale Co-Chairpersons

### Book Sale Donors Honor Roll

American Legion Post Nr. 108, Martell—Hall  
Pine Grove Youth Conservation Camp—Manpower  
Barry and Susan Duncan—Printing  
Cathleen Berglund, Amador City—Art Work  
Magnus Berglund, Amador City—Books  
Global Booksearch, Amador City—Books  
Bill Gordon, Oakland—Book Buyer  
Umpqua Bank, Sutter Hill—Book Bags  
Safeway Stores, Martell—Food  
Raley's, Jackson -- Food

## The Library Corner....Notes from Librarian Laura Einstadter



The annual Summer Reading Program is just around the corner. If your children or grandchildren are looking for fun, free entertainment this summer, the library is the place to be. Studies have shown that children who continue their reading throughout the summer are more likely to remain in school and succeed.

This year's theme is "Dream Big Read." The program will run from

June 18 – July 28 and is open to children and their families in pre-school through high school. Registration begins June 18.

Highlights of the program include: Storytellers, music, magician, teen activities, Paws to Read dog, and much more. Sponsors this year include Friends of the Amador County Library, Kiwanis Club of Amador, ACRA and the Sierra Quilt Guild.

Be sure to watch for a detailed announcement on the library website <http://www.amadorgov.org/index.aspx?page=270> as well as in the local newspaper.

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The library is facing a very difficult budget year coming up in July. As many of you may know, the governor pulled his "trigger" bill in January. What does that mean to libraries?

In fiscal year 2010/2011, public library funding by the state was \$30.4 million. In FY 11/12, the governor recommended no funding, but the legislature restored funding to \$15.2 million. However, the budget trigger eliminated all funding for public libraries this current fiscal year. This cut in funding eliminated programs for equitable access to library resources for all California residents, resource sharing among public libraries, and adult literacy. The funding cuts eliminated the following programs:

- Amador County Library received funding for basic library services through the Public Library Foundation (PLF). This funding usually was slated for technology projects, material, online resources and special programs.
- In the past we also received funding for the Library Literacy Program. Funding for the Literacy program went to materials and program expenses. More than 50 people a month take advantage of this excellent program to improve their literacy skills.

- The California Library Services Act has also been eliminated. This program made it possible for public libraries to share resources and open their collections to residents of other communities that cannot meet their information needs. Through this program every Californian has access to the resources of all the state's public libraries. The library received funding for lending to other libraries and/or patrons in counties outside of Amador County. Libraries were given Transaction Based Reimbursements if they lent more than they borrowed.

What does this mean to Amador County Library? It means we will need to look for creative ways to provide services without this funding. It means we will need to rely more than ever before on the generous donations of individuals like you –members of the Friends of the Amador County library--to help purchase best sellers, online resources, how-to books, etc. It means we need your help in advocating for libraries and their continued importance as a vital resource in the community.

A heartfelt thank you goes to all of the Friends who continue to support the library through their donations, time and dedication.

***The reflections and histories of men and women throughout the world are contained in books.... America's greatness is not only recorded in books, but it is also dependent upon each and every citizen being able to utilize public libraries.***

Terence COOKE (1921-1983)



# A Message from the Board President..... Janie Brown

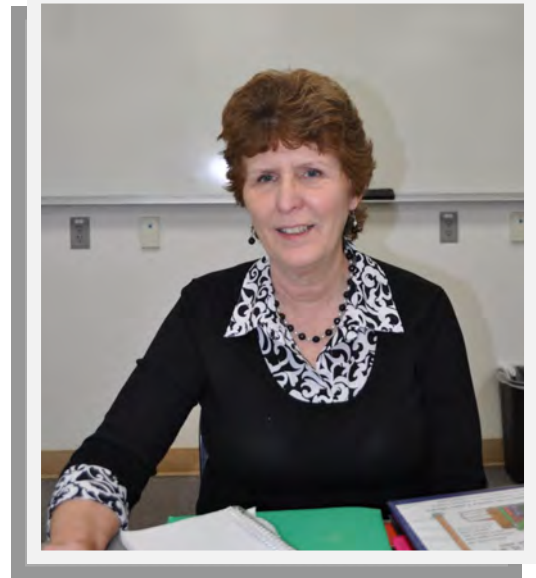
Lots has happened since the last newsletter, mainly due to the effort of the many members of the Friends of the Amador County Library who have stepped forward with their time and donations. For example:

- Every spring and fall we have over 70 members who come and perform the numerous tasks that make the book sale possible.
- A large group of community members showed how they value the library by organizing and communicating in an effort to get the county to re-open the library in Pine Grove.
- Countless people have donated thousands of books, tapes and movies for our semi-annual book sales.
- The library now has a set of Library of America books thanks to generous donors.
- In a recent volunteer recognition luncheon hosted by Amador County, volunteers for the library were commended for working over 2800 hours on library projects.

In Amador County we are truly fortunate to have such an army of volunteers.

The Friends of the Library has also been blessed with many generous cash donations. We have been the recipient of donations to pay for specific items, such as a micro-film reader and books for the branches, as well as donations for the myriad services that the Amador County Library provides. We have also received generous bequests from the wills of library supporters. We hope that people will continue to remember the library when they are ready to make charitable contributions.

In this newsletter you will find an article calling for volunteers to do some of the jobs previously done by Board members. As we continue to expand our fund-raising efforts in order to help the library, we find that it takes ever more time and energy, sometimes straining what 14 board members can accomplish. We are also aware that there are people who have volunteered to help but have never been called. Our hope is that these members and others will find the time



to help out in new ways. Terri Works will be awaiting your call (see page 7).

The library is facing drastic reductions to its budget, which has already been cut deeply over the past four years. As you have probably read in the local paper, the county is struggling with an especially difficult budget for the coming year. I don't know just how deep the library cuts will be, but I am sure that the library will need our support as never before. As you contemplate how you will spend your time and charitable donations, please keep the Amador County Library in mind.



*FACL board members and volunteers work hard to prepare for the book sale, but the results make it all worthwhile.*



# FACL Helps Library Obtain Communications Discount

## *Federal E-Rate Saves Thousands of Dollars*

In a rather obscure but critical form of assistance, a FACL volunteer spends hours every month to insure that the Amador County Library receives a 70 percent discount in its costs to connect to the Internet—a discount that adds up to thousands of dollars every year. In fact, filing the application does NOT guarantee the discount, and it must be refilled every year.

FACL board member Ruth Miller gathers the required statistics from the local school district and then fills out forms to obtain funding under the E-Rate Program, a federal discount program authorized by Congress in 1996 known as the Universal Service Schools and Libraries Discount Mechanism. The E-Rate discount is based on the number of students receiving reduced and free lunches, an indicator of the poverty level in a given district. That number is used to calculate the rate for both libraries and schools in the district.

Ruth reviews the library's communications bills (phone and circuits for Internet connections), works with vendors and the relevant phone companies to obtain needed information and then enters the discounted amounts onto the appropriate forms.

This is NOT an easy task.

Calculating the discount is a complicated, complex and time-consuming effort that would take away from the library's staff time without Ruth's help and expertise. Yet it results in a significant saving to the library and the county.

"Ruth approached me about applying for E-Rate several years ago," said Laura Einstadter, county librarian. "She told me that she had retired from the Calaveras County Office of Education as the tech person and she used to apply for their E-Rate. So began our work together on applying for E-Rate for the Amador County Library."

"Ruth has been invaluable; without her assistance I would never have been able to navigate the intricacy of E-Rate and the endless amount of information necessary to apply for funding," Laura added. "Thank you so very much, Ruth, for all your help!"

More than 1,500 people use the library's computers every month, and most of them go onto the Internet. That aspect of library use is growing every month, so the E-Rate discount will continue to be a great benefit. Officials anticipate that the funding may also be available to purchase Wi-Fi for the main library and all the branches as well as a server and routers, important equipment to keep the system going.

## FACL Election of 2012-2013 Officers

The following slate has been nominated for 2012-2013 officers of Friends of the Amador County Library (FACL). Members can vote on these nominees or offer write-in alternatives by completing the ballot below and mailing it to FACL, P.O. Box 701, Jackson, CA 95642, or by emailing their vote to [friendsoftheaclibrary@gmail.com](mailto:friendsoftheaclibrary@gmail.com). Ballots must be received no later than **May 15**.

### Ballot for 2012-2013 Election of FACL Officers

<u>Office</u>	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>Write-In</u>
<b>President</b>	<b>Janie Brown</b>	_____	_____	_____
<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Sandy Sullivan</b>	_____	_____	_____
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Sarah Hart</b>	_____	_____	_____
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Bonnie Toy</b>	_____	_____	_____



# Ione Branch Gets a Remodel

As far as anyone can remember, the Ione branch of the Amador County Library has been in the same place and hasn't changed in at least 40 years. It has grown dark and cluttered and lacks small intimate spaces where people can work together or have quiet conversations. With space at a premium, the walls were not being used optimally because of the lack of proper shelving.



The Rotary Club of Ione and Friends of the Amador County Library, with the blessing of Ione's Native Sons, have teamed up to remodel the facility. Plans call for stripping down to bare studs and ceiling joists so that adequate wiring, lighting and insulation can precede the installation of drywall, paint and carpeting. The current children's area will be separated from the clerical area and moved to a quiet corner in the rear.

The new layout will take advantage of the room's configuration, moving much of the collection to the outer walls and making room for working spaces in the center.

The configuration allows for more discrete areas and a more open environment. The beautiful solid oak shelves removed from the Sutter Creek branch will be installed and supplemented by new oak shelves placed around the outer perimeter of the room.

So far \$8,000 has been pledged by Rotary, FACL, and other local organizations. Local contractors Dave Gilmore of Short Circuit Electric and Bill Heissenbittel of Heissenbittel Construction have pledged both labor and some materials to this project.

## Renovated Pine Grove Branch Open for Business

In February the Pine Grove Library reopened after a hiatus of more than a year. During that time, the library was updated to meet ADA standards. The county renovated the building so that visitors now have the option of entering the Town Center via an elevator.

That reopening is a tribute to a very supportive community. At a Pine Grove Town Council meeting in February, attendees were appalled to discover that the county's budget might prevent staffing the library. A fact-finding committee—the librarian and three community members (all FACL members)—explored options for maintaining some library presence in Pine Grove, laid out various options and met with the county administrative officer.



Concurrently, community members formed a committee to publicize the potential closing and to garner public support for reopening the Pine Grove branch. Through emails, newspaper articles and rallies, the group demonstrated strong support for the branch. As a result of those spirited efforts, and the cooperation of the county's board of supervisors, the library opened again for business in late February.

The branch is now open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 1 to 5 p.m. Drop by and check out the new space.



# A Special Thanks to Special Donors

FACL could not do what it does without the incredible financial and other support from the community. The generosity of the following donors has made a tremendous difference in our ability to support the Amador County Library:

## Large Donations of Books

Rita Stimler  
Jenny & Chris Fuller  
Dick and Dot Haislet  
Georgia Fox  
Donna Euel  
Kathy and Mel Glunt  
Claudia & Don Timm

## Financial Donations

Sierra Gold Quilt Guild  
Bill and Judy Rutherford  
Alan & Helen Bierce (in memoriam)  
Kirk & Karrie Lindsay  
Larry E. Fryman Living Trust (in memoriam)  
Patricia Still (in memoriam)  
Kati Corsaut & Alan Jones  
Ann Flier

My father gave me free run of his library. When I think of my boyhood, I think in terms of the books I read.

— Jorge Luis BORGES (1899-1986)

## FACL Welcomes New Members

We are pleased to welcome the following individuals to membership in the Friends of the Amador County Library. We hope you will enjoy our work as we support one of the county's most important resources.

Lyn Almgren  
Matt & Kimberly Andrae  
Judith Baker  
Kathryn Brown  
Sharon Burwell  
Glenn & Marie Carter  
William Colliflower  
Kathy Coy  
Cindy Egloff  
Harry & Katie Farmer  
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Jeris Strain  
Marilee Tench  
Doug & Leah Turner  
Kyaw Soe Tzin  
Anita Voytko  
Philip Wade  
Jane Weidhofer  
Norene Williamson  
Janet & Gary Wilson  
Lori Wolin

**The Friends of the Amador County Library (FACL) was formed in 1974 to support the Amador County Library. The Friends is a registered 501©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 quarterly newsletter, "News & Notes," for its members. And 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:**

<b>Individual</b>	<b>\$10</b>
<b>Family</b>	<b>\$15</b>
<b>Sustaining</b>	<b>\$25</b>
<b>Life</b>	<b>\$200</b>
<b>Organization</b>	<b>\$50</b>

**For more information about Friends of the Amador County Library, please go to [www.friendsoftheamadorcountylibrary.org](http://www.friendsoftheamadorcountylibrary.org) or inquire at any of the library's five branches.**



## Notes and Briefs.....

**Welcome to our new FACL board member Terri Works**, a Jackson native and longtime library supporter.

After graduating from Jackson High School (and enjoying “study dates” at the then-new library), Terri studied at UC Berkeley where she earned her BA and a masters in library science. She worked in the Oakland, Sacramento and Stockton libraries in a variety of positions and retired from Stockton a few years ago.

Since returning to Jackson in 1990, Terri has been active in community affairs including Little League, the Jackson Planning Commission and the Food Bank. She is currently slated to become a literacy tutor through the library’s outstanding literacy program.

Terri comes by her interest in the library naturally: both her parents were active in the early days of the Friends’ group. FACL is lucky to have someone with Terri’s experience on the board.

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**Come to the Art Show.** Make sure to drop by the main library in Jackson in May to view the **award winning artwork** by students from **Argonaut and Independence high schools**.

Every year the Amador County Artists Association invites art students from the high schools to submit their work for judging and display. Ribbons and cash awards are given to students in three categories: drawing, painting and three-dimensional.

The Argonaut and Independence students’ artwork will be displayed from May 1 to May 25. **Work by Amador high school students** will be shown at the Hanford Gallery in Sutter Creek from April 28 to May 25.

**Calling all Volunteers!** Are you looking for a way to get more involved with the Friends? Do you have time to volunteer? Our fundraisers take many hands to be successful. Could you make a few phone calls or put up some publicity posters? Please call Terri Works, 223-3390 or email her at [theresaworks412@comcast](mailto:theresaworks412@comcast), after May 18.

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**Got some books** you’ve read and would like to pass on to an eager reader? Save them for the next Friends’ book sale scheduled for this coming October. You can drop them off at the next book drive (stay tuned for more information on this) and we’ll take it from there.

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If you **subscribe to the Ledger Dispatch**—or if you want to renew or start a new subscription—make sure to tell them you’d like to donate part of your subscription to the Friends of the Amador County Library. They will then donate \$25 of the annual subscription price to FACL. Here’s a quick link to make it easy.:

<http://www.friendsoftheamadorcountylibrary.org/donations.php>.



Yes, I/we want to support the Amador County Library with a gift of \$\_\_\_\_\_ . Please direct these funds to general support or to the purchase of

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Please print your name as you wish to be recognized in print (if different than above)

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I/we wish to remain anonymous.

Please mail your check to: Friends of the Amador County Library, P.O. Box 701, Jackson, CA,95642.

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## Dates to Remember—and Things to Do

Event	Date and Time	Location
Story Time	Every Thursday 10:30-11 a.m.	Main Library (Jackson)
Pioneer Book Club	2nd Thursday 11 a.m.	Pioneer branch
Plymouth Book Club	2nd Tuesday 6:30 p.m.	Plymouth branch
Jackson 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
Summer Reading Program	June 18-July 28 Registration opens June 18	Main Library
Fall Book Sale	October 12-14, 2012	American Legion Hall



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## Looking for Volunteers to Help with Publicity and Newsletter

We're looking for members with marketing and PR experience who would like to help us publicize our book sales and various other fund raising activities and to assist with our quarterly newsletter, "News & Notes." Computer skills are a must; desktop publishing, writing and computer graphics are necessary for the newsletter.

If you are interested, please drop a note to [friendsoftheaclibrary@gmail.com](mailto:friendsoftheaclibrary@gmail.com).

