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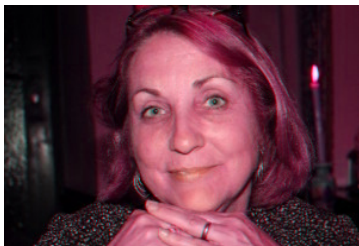
# Friends of the Calaveras County Library

## Newsletter

## Fall 2011

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Our Annual meeting this year will be held on October 17<sup>th</sup>  
at the Copper Grille in Saddle Creek, Copperopolis



### Guest Speaker

Our guest speaker this year is **Monika Rose**, a local author from the Mountain Ranch area. She edits “Manzanita: Poetry and Prose of the Mother Lode and Sierra,” and she is the founding editor of Manzanita Writers Press, an affiliate of the Calaveras County Arts Council based in San Andreas. Manzanita Writers Press is a non-profit literary press.

Monika has been published in many publications in print and online. She is working on a DVD production of her poetry set to her own music, with photography and film clips, projected for Fall 2011 release. She is currently writing a humorous thriller, a novel about surveillance and voyeurism, and a book based on her parents’ WWII war stories in Europe. Her bread-and-butter vocation is English teacher full time and freelance manuscript editor for fellow writers.

**Our Annual Meeting program** includes voting for our annual slate of the Board of Directors and for our revised bylaws. The plated \$20 luncheon includes Freshly Baked Bread, Small House Salad with Sherry Vinaigrette, Chicken Cordon Bleu with Dijon Sauce, Yukon Gold Mashed Potatoes, Sauteed Vegetable, Petite Slice of Cheesecake with Fresh Fruit Drizzle, and Coffee, Decaf or Iced Tea. Bar is available. Sign in is at 11:30 and luncheon is at 12:00.

**Directions** to Saddle Creek Resort, 1001 Saddle Creek, Copperopolis: Drive west on Highway 4. When you get down the hill to Copperopolis, pass the first exit onto Main Street, and continue to the Little John Road exit, where there is a new left-turn lane. Turn left, go to stop and yield signs, and turn right onto Little John Road. It’s approximately 4.5 miles to the flags and entrance on your right into Saddle Creek. Follow their entry road to the second left. The Lodge is the large building on your left. There is ample parking.

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### Reservation slip for 2011 Annual Meeting Luncheon

Please cut and mail this response slip so we have a count for the caterer.

**PLEASE NOTE: WE MUST RECEIVE YOUR RESERVATION BY OCTOBER 10th AT THE LATEST.** ~ ~ ~ Luncheon may not be purchased at the door. ~ ~ ~

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Check enclosed for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ people at \$20 per person.

Please make your check payable to FOTL, P. O. B. 1552, San Andreas, CA 95249-1552.

## News from Maurie Hoekstra, County

### Librarian

Special thanks to the Friends of the Library for your continued support during these challenging budget times.

The Friends Chapters have pledged a total of over \$40,000 in financial support for this fiscal year. All of our libraries will remain open with no reduction in hours.

We are also dependent on the Friends for funds to purchase new books, since there is NO funding in the current county budget for this. Your new and gently used books are very welcome.

Volunteers continue to play a crucial role in enhancing the level of service we offer. Our volunteer program offers experiences in many areas including: literacy services, fund raising, materials management, improved ambiance, specialized activities and customer and program services. To learn more, contact Maurie at 754-6701.

We are seeing more customers who depend on us for GED training, Internet connections, information on jobs and resumes, filling out unemployment forms, starting a garden, raising chickens or just enjoying a DVD.

Happy Reading!

Check out the increased selection of titles available for your book groups. Go to the Friends webpage at [www.calaverasreads.com](http://www.calaverasreads.com) to make a selection.

Dogs in the library? Yes! Some of our libraries are participating in the "Tail Waggin' Tutors" program. Children sign up to read to a dog that has been trained and certified through Therapy Dogs International. The dogs sit patiently as a child has the opportunity to read in a relaxing environment.

BookFlix is now available through our library website at [www.calaveraslibrary.com](http://www.calaveraslibrary.com). This engaging resource is the perfect support for pre-schoolers, beginning readers and reluctant readers. This service was provided under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered by the California State Librarian.

*Maurie Hoekstra, County Librarian*

## President's Message

Dear Members,

This has been a busy year for the Friends. The Chapters donated \$20,000 last year, and have pledged to support the library system to an amount over \$40,000 this fiscal year. A group rewrote the bylaws, which are included in this newsletter. You will vote on them at the Annual Meeting. Also, we have been approached to be included in the tourist tax (my name for the transient occupancy tax) which will be put on the ballot next year. Steve Wilensky may speak at our Annual Meeting to tell us about the process.

Next year is our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! We need to plan now for special events at every chapter. This is a

very special anniversary because it shows the dedication of the Calaveras citizens and their support of their libraries.

I am very proud of all the members, so many of whom have worked very hard not only for the libraries but also for their communities. Please come to the Annual Meeting if you can. The luncheon is always good and it will be at Saddle Creek Resort in Copperopolis on October 17. Reservations form is included on the front page. The slate of directors will be presented for the Board plus the new bylaws. If you want to compare the new bylaws to the old, go to our website, [calaverasreads.org](http://calaverasreads.org), where both will be posted.

Thank you for a great year!

*Janet Dock  
President, County FOTL*

**Calaveras Adult Tutoring (CAT)**

I wanted to give you an update on activity in the Adult Literacy Program. Things have been moving quickly and I'm excited to be involved in offering our services to more people and expanding our reach with new methods.

Below is a brief summary of the year 7-1-10 to 6-30-11 adult tutoring services:

- 88 learners who received instruction
- 69 learners remaining at the end of the period
- 383 books given to learners
- 8 new volunteer tutors
- 39 total number of volunteer tutors
- 2402 total hours by volunteers

I think that the figures show important statistics but don't begin to reveal the work, effort and devotion that have been poured into both the instruction and the learning aspects of this equation called "improving adult literacy."

Our tutors and our learners dedicated themselves to improving lives — their own, their families' and others in their communities. Let me tell you, it's hard work. And week after week they continue to strive toward the goals they have set.

To the tutors, with their concern for others and desire to share knowledge, who guide and give selflessly of their own time ... and the students, with their determination to learn and their hope and for doors that will open to new information and opportunity, I have tremendous admiration and respect for each and every one of them. Congratulations on all that each of you has accomplished this past year!

There are exciting changes in the planning stages that I hope will allow us to serve even more learners in the not too distant future. It involves a partnership with other agencies here in the county. We are anticipating that by pooling our resources in a collaborative effort, we may be able to assist as many as 50 people at any given time to study in preparation for the GED Examination. More on that exciting concept as it's developed.

In the meantime, I want to thank all those who give so freely of their time, effort, encouragement and, of course, monetary support to the forward movement of the Adult Literacy Program.

*Pat Ross, Literacy Coordinator, 754-6006*

The FOTL Board meets at 9:30 a.m. on the **FIRST WEDNESDAY** of each month at the Central Library. All interested members and visitors are cordially welcome.

We need more attendees and support for all our activities. Please join us in supporting our valued County Library System. For more information, call Janet Dock at 286-1790.



**Book Sale Room**

Just a reminder there's a well-stocked FOTL book sale room at Central Library. It's open Tuesday and Thursday for your browsing and purchasing. If you need to go in another day, just pay at the front desk. Welcome to our two new Co-Chairs, Debbie Hill and Brenda Foster! We're grateful for your participation.

**"Tis the good reader that makes the good book."**

Ralph Waldo

Emerson

**"ALL THINGS GOLDEN"**

Dust off your thinking caps, and prepare for trivia questions, good food, smart teams and uproarious fun at the 2012 Trivia Bee.

This is our annual fund raiser, and our only fund raiser, so we're counting on support from everyone.

The theme is "All Things Golden," in recognition of our County Friends of the Library's Golden (50<sup>th</sup>) Anniversary next year!

It will be held on Saturday, March 24, 2012 at the San Andreas Town Hall.

## ~ ~ ~ Updates from our Branch Libraries ,

### FOTL Chapters and Support Groups ~ ~ ~

#### **ANGELS CAMP:**

We've had a busy summer in the Angels Camp library. Our summer reading club was very well received by over 60 children. Money for prizes was donated by the Angels Camp FOTL, and the kids were pleased to see some fresh goodies in the prize box this year. Also, three generous members of the community - Jeff Olson of the Angels Theater, Lauren of the Bret Harte Aquatic Center and Greg Scott of Scott's Yogurt - were very forthcoming with the Grand Prizes. Next year, I'd really like to have a party for these eager young readers.

We've gotten a lot more organized around here. Boxes of books for sales have been labeled and rotated out to the various sales and our ongoing book cart out in front of the library. The back room is no longer overflowing with donations and you can get around quite safely now! As for the excess books that will probably never sell, Cindy Lavagetto, one of our volunteers, has a connection at the Sierra Conservation Center who will come and pick them up.

I am just completing my first year here, and I'm very happy to be aboard. I find that I really enjoy helping people of all ages who love to read! Thanks to all for their kind donations of time, dollars and support and don't forget to check out the Friends Harvest Party on October 29.

*Patty Smalling, Angels Camp Branch Attendant*

Saturday, October 29, 2011 — Harvest Party 1 to 5 pm  
Sponsored by the Angels Camp Friends of the Library

Six lovely venues in the Angels Camp area will be open for your enjoyment. Each home/venue will be decorated for the Fall Harvest Season. Local handcrafted items will be on display and available for sale at each home. Great opportunity to start your holiday shopping. Refreshments will be served. Tickets are \$25 each. All proceeds will benefit the Angels Camp Library. For more information, contact Betty Sawyer at 209-736-6729 or [sawyer55@comcast.net](mailto:sawyer55@comcast.net).

*Betty Sawyer, Angels Camp FOTL*

#### **COPPEROPOLIS:**

Summer at the Copperopolis Branch Library has been fun and productive. Copperopolis Library's Summer Reading Program, "One World, Many Stories," logged in 600 hours of reading! The program wasn't just about reading, it was about crafts, exploration of other countries and sharing stories. Volunteers Aurora Qualls and Carla Lucas arranged free weekly craft classes for children. Each craft correlated to a story from "around the world". The children logged their reading time and earned tickets that could be used to shop at the prize store located in the library. Congratulations to our GREAT summer readers!

We also held Skill Builder Workshops for children in grades K through 8. Maggie Rollings spearheaded the eight events with the help of several volunteers. The children played games with an emphasis on poetry, math facts, reading and comprehension, art and more. It was busy and the children had a great time while learning.

Monthly movies are shown at the library for children 8 and older. The movies shown are based on books. It's fun for the children and the volunteers to compare the similarities and differences, i.e., book /movie.

For more information based on the library's programs, give us a call at 209-785-0920.

*Valerie Dean, Copperopolis Branch Attendant*



## **MOKELUMNE HILL:**

This summer was probably the best Summer Reading Program the Mokelumne Hill Branch has had, thanks to the hard work and efforts of Sharon Venezia, one of our long-time volunteers. The theme was "I Scream for Books," which enticed the nearly 40 participants with the promise of an ice cream party to celebrate the end of summer. For every book read, the child got to place a different colored ice cream scoop atop a giant cone. As the scoops mounted higher and higher, the child who read the most books got to place a big cherry on the top scoop during the ice cream party. Prizes were also awarded along the way for meeting various goals.

The Third Annual Summer Arts Program was once again sponsored by the Mokelumne Hill Community Historical Trust and from generous donations by the Calaveras County Arts Council and members of the community. With 70 children signed up for six weeks of free art classes, library events and musical concerts, a memorable time was had by all. This was the brain child three years ago by another one of our incredible volunteers, Ed Cline. Together with Lexie Cowgill, they transformed a lazy hot summer into the coolest thing going for kids and their families.

We were equally thrilled to welcome our newest volunteer, Maggi Blood, a Moke Hill resident, to the list of wonderful library volunteers. Thanks to all who volunteer to make our library such a huge community asset.

*Brenda Nasser, Mokelumne Hill Branch Attendant*

## **SAN ANDREAS:**

Wow! It's September already, another year has gone by, and what a year it was. The San Andreas Friends had another successful Secret Garden Gala and now have some money in our treasury to begin to do something wonderful for the library system and the community. Plans are not finalized as to what that 'something wonderful' will be, but we'll let you all know when the time comes.

For the time being we are preparing a Raffle Basket each month to be displayed at the Central Library in San Andreas. The money from these raffles (tickets are \$1.00 or 6 for \$5.00) will benefit the Central Library, so do stop by and pick up a ticket or six. You might just be lucky enough to win something special.

We do have a date for the 2012 Secret Garden Gala and hope you will all circle Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012 on your calendars. We're gearing up for an evening of spectacular entertainment after a gourmetlicious dinner.

In the meantime (and in-between-time) we will be looking forward to working with all of you on the TOT initiative and the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary plans.

We thank all who helped make this past year such a success and look forward to 2012 with anticipation.

*Ani Heck, San Andreas FOTL President*

## **VALLEY SPRINGS:**

The Valley Springs FOTL partnered with the Valley Springs Elementary School, Mark Twain Hospital and Calaveras First 5 to hold the first three-day Literacy Summer Camp to help children learn how to use the library. Dora Robinson, FOTL Director, led the children through a very creative and fun Library Scavenger Hunt. She provided a map, instructions and clues on how to find a favorite book. She also demonstrated the use of our online catalog system.

Seventy-five children and their parents attended Camp Read A Lot, which was spearheaded this year by Janis McAdon. Volunteers for the FOTL, the Resource Center, Mark Twain Hospital, Rising Sun Nursery and Calaveras First 5 made this one day event fun and educational. The library was set up to look like a campsite with a tent to read in. Children listened to stories, planted flowers, observed a worm farm, made flower bracelets and decorated book bags. Face painting was another fun activity done by artist Erin Urbanus.

Our Summer Reading Club is to motivate children to read for pleasure and to help children maintain and improve their reading skills during the summer vacation. The FOTL provided small prizes to give to the children for every 5 books they read, and held a drawing for five \$5 certificates from Scott's Yogurt.

Our most popular year 'round activity is Story Time Hour. Preschool children are invited to come and listen to stories, sing songs and make a simple craft. Each child is given a colorful book to take home and keep. These books and our Story Time Program are sponsored by the FOTL and Calaveras First 5.

The Valley Springs Library Book club meets the third Tuesday of each month at 3:00 pm. Adults are welcome to join and enjoy sharing your thoughts on the latest book choice. If you are interested, please contact Helanna Andres at 772-9598.

The FOTL recently donated 50 new Eyewitness Books for the children's collection. These beautiful nonfiction books have detailed information on subjects such as the earth, animals, history and the solar system.

If you have questions or would like to be involved, please call our branch library at 772-1318, or Jackie Wietrick at 772-0591.

*Ailene Garrido, Valley Springs Branch Attendant*

**WEST POINT:**

We got a facelift! Thanks to West Point Friends of the Library volunteers, West Point Lumber's paint donation and a donated shelf from Valley Springs FOTL, the West Point Library is spruced up.

A new part-time librarian will start in September. *Pru Starr, West Point FOTL*

**The Calaveras County Friends of the Library extends an enthusiastic welcome to the rejuvenated West Point Friends of the Library Chapter and its President, Pru Starr! Welcome back, everyone!**

**NOTES:****GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY:**

Next year will be the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Friends of the Calaveras County Library!

Special celebratory events will be held by the Countywide Friends to commemorate our golden anniversary.

Watch for more information in the next Newsletter

**CONTRIBUTIONS:**

Due to severe budget cutbacks monetary contributions and donations of new and gently used books and DVDs are much appreciated. There is NO money in the budget for purchasing them this year.

**MEMBERSHIP:**

In our Winter Newsletter which will come out in January or February you will find the reminder to renew your membership.

**Libraries always need Friends!**

Many of our members are volunteering, but we always need more. Volunteering at the library or for the "Friends" is fun and challenging. If you have questions, please call 754-6567 at Central Library.

Contact your local branch library if you can help there.

If you fill out and mail this form someone will contact you.

NEW VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to volunteer for:

Fund Raising:

- Trivia Bee Committee
- Trivia Bee - bake cookies for dessert

Literacy Program:

- Tutor

Children and Youth Programs:

- Summer Reading Club
- Story telling

Please complete and return this form to us.  
Someone will get in touch with you.  
Thanks to all our wonderful volunteers!

Organizational Work:

- Serve on committees
- Clerical assistance
- Computer help with membership records
- Design posters, flyers & advertising
- Assemble Newsletters for mailing
- Help with the Volunteer Lunch in April

Book Sales:

- Work in the Book Sale Room
- Assist with Internet book sales

Library Volunteer:

- Assist patrons
- Shelve books
- Prepare or mend library materials
- Vacuum
- Landscaping and gardening
- Light maintenance
- Help at the Central Library
- Help at \_\_\_\_\_ Branch Library

# Friends of the Calaveras County Library

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*Libraries always need friends!*

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## FRIENDS OF THE CALAVERAS COUNTY LIBRARY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBERSHIP: New \_\_\_\_\_ or Renewal \_\_\_\_\_ CONTRIBUTION: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership includes membership in your local chapter.  
(please circle one amount)

\$25 Individual Annual Membership Please make checks payable to:

\$35 Family Annual Membership

\$50 Business/Organization Membership P. O. B. 1552

I wish to join at \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Contributions are tax deductible and much appreciated.