

# FRIENDS OF THE Calaveras County LIBRARY

## The Focus

Bi-Annual Newsletter

It's not too late . . .  
Summer Reading 2019

# IT'S SHOWTIME AT YOUR LIBRARY!

June 10 – July 31



**Come Join the Fun!**

• Register at Your Local Branch Library

• Get a Reading Log

• Log Your Time



**Earn Prizes**

Movie Tickets, LEGOLAND,  
Pizza & More

Activities, Movie Night, Raffles



See page 3 for library branch hours and locations



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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Astronomy Event
- Book & Yard Sale

Friends who read, are Friends indeed!

## FROM YOUR PRESIDENT - PRU STARR



*Pru Starr*

Our eight volunteer Friends of the Calaveras County Library groups help support Calaveras County's branch library system. Our membership continues to grow and wonderful things are going on in each location.

Our system actively participates in a regional library system that delivers materials to patrons in all parts of the County. We provide access to online sources for thousands of

items. Free Broadband Internet technology is available at each branch. If you want an e-book or any type of research material, we are also part of a State network designed to share resources from all over California. Online newspaper and magazine applications are available for free, using your library card.

FOTCCL fundraises events such as the annual Trivia Bee to raise money to help for our County's collection and services.

In 2019, ongoing programs continue to be created and implemented for children ranging from preschool through grade 12 at most branches.

Each branch continues to collect books and supplemental learning sources beyond literature, such as musical instruments. FOTCCL helps fund StoryTime employees to provide children's programs, and many volunteers also work directly within the schools to bring literacy awareness, including STEAM creative activity kits to our youth.

Our parents would never have dreamed that we own a 3-D printer for everyone to use! Come and learn how to make something!

FOTCCL helps fund the County Literacy Program, available for adult Calaveras County residents who want to continue learning, and/or earn GED certificates. Several dedicated computers are at the main branch and community volunteer tutors help individuals reach their educational goals.

There currently is a small, comprehensive law library available in San Andreas Main Library with a volunteer to assist any legal interests you may have. The Genealogy section remains a strong topical aspect of our collection. Study rooms are available for groups who need space, so come over and work at the library.

FOTCCL needs volunteers to help us provide the services and resources we all enjoy. Please drop by your local branch to become a member and to check us out!

*Pru Starr  
President, Friends of the Calaveras County Library*

## OUTREACH COMMITTEE - RICHARD RASO

With the New Year upon us, we developed a set of new activities for the Outreach committee. The first project we reviewed and approved was that one member should attend the Nationwide Library convention in Washington D.C. This convention will be the last four days of June. From this convention, we plan to identify successful activities other libraries have sponsored for our consideration.

We had a booth at the Frog Jump Fair for our fourth year. Unfortunately, this year was the "days of rain" at the Fair. Each day had rain in large quantity so we are disappointed in the number of people who visited us and the number of children who we expected to Spin the Wheel for a giveaway prize.

In July, we plan to review our progress of the original plan for the Outreach Committee.

Coming in October, we'll be celebrating YOU during our National Friends of the Library event!



*Richard Raso, Chair,  
Outreach Committee*

# LIBRARIAN'S REPORT



Nancy Giddens

Thank you for the support you give us through the Friends of the Library. This year, we have benefited in these ways:

- Overdrive eBook subscription
- 18-hour support staff who has begun a club for children ages 6-14 called STEAM Pioneers – this has enabled us to offer science, technology, engineering, art and math support to children and families of home school children at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesdays and weekly after school programs in San Andreas and Valley Springs.
- Access to Calaveras Community Foundation grant funds to create learning kits for kids to check out to enhance learning. We have 25 to date with 25 more in process.
- Access to a donation from an anonymous donor in honor of **Sally Tuttle**. This enabled us to add over

500 children's books, pay an Extra-hire cataloguer to help us get these books ready for you to borrow and some new furniture for the children's area.

*The Friends of the Calaveras County Library enable us to offer much more to our patrons! We are very grateful.*

**New for you this year:**

- Sacramento Bee online
- New York Times online
- Travel apps and maps online
- Britannica School online
- Author information online

**And we are continuing to offer:**

- the online **RBDigital** app for free access to 70 magazines
- **LINK+** interlibrary loan service giving you access to over 12 million items from 68 library systems
- **ZIP book** for quick access to new books
- Thousands of books, DVDs, Audiobooks, and music CDs.

**Soon to come:**

- **Kanopy** – a free movie/documentary/Great Course online service for you

All of our online services are available on our website: **calaveraslibrary.com**

Check out our new look! Open **Catalog+** and you can link to our catalog for an online search as well as all the online services I mention above. We hope you will take advantage of all the great things we have for you at the library.

Visit your nearest branch, check out our website and take part in all our programs! We are here for YOU! Hope to see you here.

Nancy Giddens, Librarian

## Calaveras County Libraries Open Hours

<b>San Andreas Central</b> 1299 Gold Hunter Road San Andreas CA 95249 209-754-6510 <a href="mailto:publiclibrary@co.calaveras.ca.us">publiclibrary@co.calaveras.ca.us</a>	M T/W/F Th Sa Su	1-5 10-5:30 1-7 10-2 Closed
<b>Angels Camp Branch</b> PO BOX 456 426 N Main Street Angels Camp CA 95222 209-736-2198 (Patty Smalling) <a href="mailto:aclib@co.calaveras.ca.us">aclib@co.calaveras.ca.us</a>	M T-F Sa/Su	Closed 11-5 Closed
<b>Arnold Branch</b> PO BOX 788 1065 Blagen Road Arnold CA 95223 209-795-1009 (Fran Devlin) <a href="mailto:arlib@co.calaveras.ca.us">arlib@co.calaveras.ca.us</a>	M T-Sa Su	Closed 10-4 Closed
<b>Copperopolis Branch</b> 3505 Spangler Lane Suite 106 Lake Tulloch Plaza Copperopolis CA 95228-9424 209-785-0920 (Shannon Jewel) <a href="mailto:cplib@co.calaveras.ca.us">cplib@co.calaveras.ca.us</a>	M T/W/Th F Sa Su	12-4 10-4 Closed Closed Closed
<b>Mokelumne Hill Branch</b> PO BOX 282 8328 Main Street Mokelumne Hill CA 95245 209-286-0507 (Judy Galli) FAX available for public <a href="mailto:mhlib@co.calaveras.ca.us">mhlib@co.calaveras.ca.us</a>	M T/W Th F Sa Su	Closed 10-4 Closed 10-4 Closed Closed
<b>Murphys Branch</b> PO BOX 702 480 Park Lane Murphys CA 95247 209-728-3036 (Kris Loving) <a href="mailto:mrlib@co.calaveras.ca.us">mrlib@co.calaveras.ca.us</a>	M T-Sa Su	Closed 11-4 Closed
<b>Valley Springs Branch</b> 240 Pine Street Valley Springs CA 95252 209-772-1318 (Hayley Lawson) <a href="mailto:vslib@co.calaveras.ca.us">vslib@co.calaveras.ca.us</a>	M-F Sa Su	1-5 Closed Closed
<b>West Point Branch</b> PO BOX 195 54 Bald Mountain Road West Point CA 95255 209-293-7020 (Samantha Woolson) <a href="mailto:wplib@co.calaveras.ca.us">wplib@co.calaveras.ca.us</a>	M/W/F T/Th Sa Su	2-5 Closed Closed Closed



The annual American Library Association conference was held in Washington DC on June 20 - 25 with much success. Over 4000 attendees from around the world, and an exhibit floor of over 900 exhibitors.

I was fortunate to be sent by the Friends of the Calaveras County Library to this conference and exhibitions to network and attend informative sessions to share with the group.

The conference included:

- 100s of top authors and unforgettable speakers
- 900+ expert exhibitors, new products, services, and titles
- Libraries Transform® with focus on the future
- Learning that keeps on going
- Fun stuff that sparks innovation
- News You Can Use—updates, policy priorities, strategies for engaging decision-makers and influencers
- Quality and scope of programs, topics, and format

*It was an unforgettable experience with a wealth of information to share.*

A few of the key sessions I attended were: **Keep it LOCAL: Designing effective outreach for children and families in your communities:** Discussion on how libraries are increasingly focused on partnerships and outreach to children and families in underserved communities and support literacy, STEM, and family engagement. **Enriching Learning through Deep Collaboration - Public, School, and Nonprofit Library Partnerships:** Public and teacher librarians walked through their stories of sharing resources through deep collaboration and they highlighted the benefits for each partner. **Nourishing Literacy: Cooking with youth in your library:**

The Free Library of Philadelphia's Culinary Literacy Center shared how they opened in June of 2014, providing innovative and accessible public programming to children and adults throughout Philadelphia. The Culinary Literacy Center's mission is to advance literacy through food and cooking around a communal table. Lessons use cooking as the context for teaching literacy, nutrition, science, and more. Contact info is [Kitchen.freelibrary.org/cook@freelibrarycook](http://Kitchen.freelibrary.org/cook@freelibrarycook) Shayna Marmar:marmars@freelibrary **Friends & Foundations Discussion Group (Public Library Friends, Academic Library Friends, and Library):** A joint discussion group which featured open roundtable discussions about topics of interest to public and academic Friends groups and library Foundations. Some of the topics discussed were fundraising, membership recruitment, volunteer recruitment, and community engagement. **Feds and Friends Free Financial Education Resources:** Agencies and departments within the federal government have a wealth of free financial education resources for libraries of all types for all ages that cover the spectrum of financial education.

Some key auditorium speakers I attended were: **Hoda Kotb.** A Conversation with **U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor** and **George Takei**

This was an amazing, high energy, learning opportunity and I thank the FOTCCL for sending me as their representative. It was an unforgettable experience with a wealth of information to share with the group which includes outreach ideas, exploring food through music and senses, and membership incentives. Networking with the attendees also gave me the reassurance that our Friends group is doing a great job supporting our libraries and programs.

## EXECUTIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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*Kathi Copeland  
VP, FOTCCL Board*

## BRANCH NEWS: MURPHYS



Kris Loving

Thanks to the **First 5** Grant our library was able to add 10 thematic activity/book bags for our 0-5 year old patrons. The contents of the bags create opportunities for family-centered experiences that will enhance children's learning and readiness for school. Already a big hit the bags are being checked out daily and some of

them have waiting lists. Difficult to judge so far which one is the most popular but we think it might be the *Fire Trucks Bag*, *The Dinosaur Bag*, or perhaps the *Ukulele Bag*, complete with ukulele, tuner, and beginning *Ukulele* book. Stop in to the library to pick up the list of which kits are available.



Because of several dedicated volunteers our upstairs Book Sale Room is now beautifully arranged, not only by subject matter for nonfiction but also alphabetically for our donated fiction. This

organization plus the great prices has created an

upswing in the funds generated by selling our donated books. Several book cases were purchased recently adding more space for our overflowing books, CDs, and DVDs. We thank our generous patrons who donate their gently used books.



Storytime continues to be successful, especially on days when MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) is not in session. Our Storytime reader, **Richard King** has added a new Golden Retriever to his family and **Buddy** (6 months old) is in training to become a therapy dog. He exhibits great potential and we look forward to him being a regular part of our Storytime soon!



Our Summertime Storytime calendar is available so stop by for your copy and plan for our special activity days this summer!

Kristine Loving,  
Murphys Branch Assistant

## SAN ANDREAS - Upcoming Events

**BOOK & YARD**

**SALE**

**AUGUST 31<sup>st</sup>**  
San Andreas Library  
1299 GOLD HUNTER ROAD

**GET YOUR RED OF STUFF**

Contact the branch for details or to donate items for sale.  
754-6510

Come if you **DARE** to a **SPOOKY** Delight  
at the  
**HALLOWEEN PARTY STORY NIGHT**

**OCTOBER 25<sup>TH</sup> 5:30-7:30 PM**  
San Andreas Library  
754-6510

**GHASTLY GOODIES AND SECRET POTIONS FOR SALE**  
**HAUNTED HOT DOGS AND GHOSTLY CRAFTS**  
**PRIZES FOR BEST KID'S COSTUME**  
**FREE BOOKS FOR THE KIDS**  
**FREE FUN FOR EVERYONE**

## BRANCH NEWS: COPPEROPOLIS



*String Painting is FUN!*

**Story Time at Copper Library  
Thursdays @ 9am**



**Earth Day Learning About BEES!**



*Older siblings put on a puppet show for their little sister!*



*Watch for Star Gazing and Astronomy Events  
SUMMER/FALL 2019*



*Many THANKS to Alvin and the crew  
at  
Cal-Tel Community for COPPER  
LIBRARY Internet Support*

## BRANCH NEWS: ARNOLD

On April 27th, a fund raiser dinner and raffle was held by the Arnold Moose. Approximately 100 people attended. The meal consisted of a Philadelphia chili, salad, French bread, and cookies for dessert.

On Memorial weekend, May 25th and May 26th, we planned to hold our long running Arnold Book Sales. Saturday was a fine day with some cloudy weather. Because of the weather forecasts of rain and snow we canceled the Sunday sales.

On June 22nd, the Arnold Library held our second annual Senior Health Fair in the Library parking lot. We invited local health workers, local health companies, and the Veteran Administration.

*Richard Raso  
Friends of the Arnold Library*

## BRANCH NEWS: WEST POINT

THANK YOU to West Point residents for coming to our new location on Hwy. 26 and Bald Mt. Road, across from the Community Center. Opening day over 23 people stopped by to meet and greet **Samantha Woolston, our new branch assistant.**

Summer Hours are from June 10–July 26. Monday 10 am–3 pm, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 11am–3pm. The Book Drop is available 24/7. The Children’s Reading Program meets on Wednesdays. Please call the library 209-293-7020 for program details.

For a comfortable air conditioned library experience, please visit us and get to know more about what’s going on at the library besides books, DVDs, movies and STEAM children's program events.

~ Submitted by Pru Starr

## NEW STAFF - Christine Gill

*Introducing Christine Gill, who replaces Amber Rack as our Webmaster and Social Media reporter. We send best wishes to Amber on her new adventures. —*

I am from New York City. I came out to California to write my thesis for an Environmental Health Science masters. I got married and settled down. I went to Berkeley for a degree in Human Resources and worked in that field for semiconductor companies in Silicon Valley for over twenty years.

I volunteered for the Santa Clara Girl Scouts and Alameda County Suicide Prevention for three years while in the Valley.

I am excited to be a part of FOTCCL.

~ Christine

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ALSO FIND ONLINE at [calaverasreads.com](http://calaverasreads.com)

- MORE CURRENT EVENTS
- BOOK CLUB CALENDAR
- BOOK REVIEWS BY SUZANNE MURPHY

AND at [www.calaveraslibrary.com](http://www.calaveraslibrary.com) Click on 'Resources.'



## S.T.E.A.M. PROGRAMS!



**Visual Reality**  
Tuesdays 10 am-12 noon  
& 3-5 pm;  
Thursdays 4:30-6:30 pm

**STEAM Pioneers** (ages 6-12)  
Wednesdays 10:15-11:45 am;  
Thursdays 3-5 pm  
*both at San Andreas Library*