

The Focus

Calaveras County
FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Get ready for **SUMMER READING**
Programs for the whole family
at a library branch near you!

Angels Camp - READING BY DESIGN

June 7 — 2nd week of August See flyer pg. 3

Arnold - READING BY DESIGN

June 13 — July 25 See flyer pg. 3

Copperopolis - FAMILY SUMMER READING

June 27 — August 21 See flyer pg. 3

Mokelumne Hill

June 13— 16 with prizes and a fixed up porch

Kids will participate in the July 4 parade.

For more information, call Judi Galli at 286-0507

Murphys - SUMMER READING BINGO

June 14 — September 1

Instructions & Bingo cards are available online attached to the

June FOCUS at www.calaverasreads.com/newsletters.html

For more information, call 728-3036

San Andreas Main Library - SUMMER READING CAMP

June 27— 30 2:30 - 4:30 pm

For more information, call 754-6510

West Point - KIDS DAY AT THE LIBRARY

July 15 2 - 4 pm

Games ~ Crafts ~ Food ~ Fun

For more information, call 293-7020



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Friends who read, are Friends indeed!

DRESS-UP DAY COMBINED WELL WITH EARTH DAY!



Kris Loving

Murphys Volunteer Library's fifth annual Children's Dress-up Earth Day Event (it began five years ago as a Pirate Day event) was held in front of our library and in our upstairs Community Room on April 22, 2017 from 1:00 pm until 3:00 pm. The funds from a First Five mini-grant were used to purchase food, prizes, poster board, planting materials and the services of a face painter. Children and adults participated in the event. Our event was a wonderful success. Approximately 30 children attended the event with their families – including moms, dads, grandparents, older siblings and friends of the families.

In the allotted two hours children and their family members participated in games and activities, planted seeds with a volunteer, had their face painted, ate healthy snacks, interacted with others, and learned more about the library. Students were excited about the variety of games and received a small prize after playing each game.

The favorite game was "Save the Fish" and children using a fishing pole with a magnet as a hook removed trash and recyclables from a small wading pool.



Children began outside with a Master Gardener volunteer (new activity this year) helping them plant bean seeds to take home.

The face painter was also staged outside in front of the library



and was kept quite busy! Goodie bags were handed out so that children could collect their prizes easily. Then children came upstairs for games and food where the room was decorated with blowup globes and Earth Day posters. At our arts and crafts table a volunteer assisted children in creating decorated pirate swords and hats plus princess tiaras and wands. Children also bejeweled simple masks to take home. This table was very popular and all children took home their project(s). We actually ran out of supplies shortly before the end of the event.

The interaction and involvement between children and adults was wonderful to observe. Earth Day was a perfect day to hold this event and we will consider holding it again on this weekend (day).

Kristine Loving,
Murphys Branch
Assistant



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COPPER LIBRARY
Family Summer Reading

JUNE 27 - AUGUST 21

Cool Prizes Every Week!

Adults & Teens
Bookshelf Bingo
Ages 6-12
Take Home Creativity Kits
Ages 2-5
Talk, Sing, Read, Play, Craft

Visit Copper Library to pick up
your registration form and
build a SUMMER of FUN!

Copper Library
(209)785-0920
Lake Tulloch Plaza
Next to TRUE VALUE

READING BY DESIGN

Summer Reading Program

JUNE 7 — 2ND WEEK OF AUGUST

To participate, kids just come in to the library and sign up and receive “Reading by Design” handouts and bags.

After that, when they’ve read five books, they will receive a prize and their name in the window.

At a date in mid-summer (TBD), we’ll have a **Reader’s party** at Utica Park, with snacks, treats, games, and music. More prizes will be given, including for the top Readers.

“Library Bingo” for the adults. We have the Bingo cards at the front desk and will be giving them out with check-outs. When a row is completed and the card is brought back in, the person’s name will go in a drawing for a nice grand prize.

ANGELS CAMP BRANCH LIBRARY

426 N. Main Street Angels Camp ~ 736-2198

READING BY DESIGN

READ * IMAGINE * CREATE

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

(KIDS, TEENS, ADULTS)

JUNE 13 – JULY 25, 2017



Summer Reading 2017, Reading by Design, is inspired by the creativity of authors, illustrators, builders, inventors, artists, architects, and everyone who makes our world a more interesting, livable, accessible, and beautiful place.

Summer readers, this year’s theme introduces big ideas and invites creative responses.

Ready, set, go.....READ!

Kiddos - Prizes for every 5 books read!

ARNOLD BRANCH LIBRARY

1065 Blagen Rd, Arnold ~ 209-795-1009

Branch Locations & Storytime Schedule

ANGELS CAMP

426 N. Main Street
736-2198

Fridays @ 10:30 am

ARNOLD

1065 Blagen Road
795-1009

Fridays @ 10:30 am

COPPEROPOLIS

Lake Tulloch Plaza #106
785-0920

Thursdays @ 1:00 pm

MOKELUMNE HILL

8328 Main Street
286-0507

Fridays @ 10:00 am

MURPHYS

480 Park Lane
728-3036

Tuesdays @ 10:30 am

SAN ANDREAS

1299 Gold Hunter Road
754-6510

Wednesdays @ 10:30 am

VALLEY SPRINGS

240 Pine Street
772-1318

Thursdays @ 3:00 pm

WEST POINT

54 Bald Mountain Rd.
293-7020

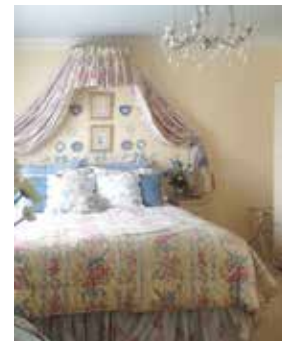
Call Library for times

SILENT AUCTION TO BID ON

The Secret Garden event on Saturday, June 17th

at Tessa Bella Gardens in San Andreas will delight with supper, musical entertainment by Over The Edge, and lots of gift baskets to be raffled and silent auction items to be bid on.

One such item is a **one-week stay in a Celtic Cottage in Ireland. The whole house is yours for one whole week!** There are four bedrooms, each with attached bathrooms with showers. Three have queen beds, one has a set of twin beds. Downstairs includes a sitting room, dining room, kitchen, powder room, and two bedrooms. Upstairs is a sitting room, laundry room and two bedrooms. The house is not furnished for young children, but that doesn't mean they are not welcome.



This event is a fundraiser for the Friends of the Library of San Andreas/ Mountain Ranch. The evening (gates open at 4 pm with a no host bar) costs only \$25. **Reservations are a must!** For tickets or more information, call Shirley at 754-5816 or Charnette at 736-4059 Tickets are also available for purchase at any library branch.

MUSIC AT THE LIBRARIES

Have you switched your music files to online streaming? Do you have music CDs that you no longer play? Would you donate these items to the library for general patron use?

As many of you know, Calaveras libraries have small collections of music CDs for patrons to borrow. The staff and volunteers are now starting to reorganize the CDs by genre – Country, Folk/World, Holiday, Jazz, New Age, Relaxation, Pop, Rock, etc. to make browsing more convenient. We would also like to update and expand the compilation, and we

were thinking that our “Friends” of the Library could help us out by donating your gently used CDs.



All genres are needed, but we would especially like Country music, 60's and 70's Rock and albums produced after 2004. Just drop them off at your nearest library.

Your contributions would be tremendously appreciated!

Thank you!

BOOK REVIEW by Suzanne Murphy

The Perfect Horse by Elizabeth Letts

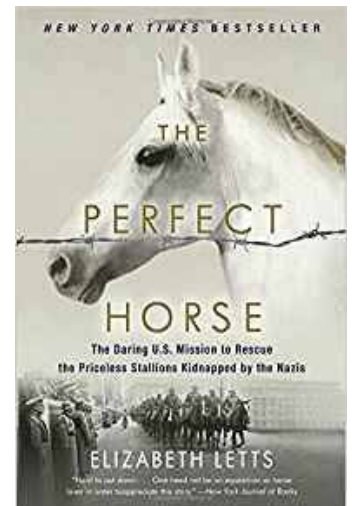
Publish Date: 2017, Ballantine Books

Equine Theft in World War II Europe

World War II history buffs and horse enthusiasts will find this story a fascinating read. During the last chaotic days of the war, the landscape of Europe was a wasteland of ruin and starving refugees. The Russians, marching from the east, threatened to brutally destroy any surviving signs of the Old World, and it was clear that the famed Arabian Thoroughbreds and Lipizzaner of Europe faced certain death. The equestrians who had kept these horses safe during the Nazi nightmare with their wit and determination, as well as a bit of trickery, feared that they could not prevent what seemed inevitable. At the last possible moment, American, Austrian and Polish horse lovers banded together to spirit the animals across Allied lines, escaping the gnashing jaws of the Russian Army. The rescue is a real nail-biter.

The Perfect Horse opens a window onto the last days of the war and the miraculous recovery of horses that the Nazis had stolen to use for breeding a master war house for the German Reich. Spies, turncoats, and General George Patton himself, all play a part in putting together a U.S. mission to rescue the remnants of the magnificent

breeds. The author has done a credible job in handling the many strands of the story, and her extensive research on topics as wide-ranging as the Spanish Riding School of Vienna, Polish stud farms, and U.S. horse racing provide heft to her writing. The author invites even casual readers to visit a world of horses that enchanted royalty and commoners alike and very nearly disappeared in the turmoil of World War II.



Letts can be forgiven for her somewhat overblown language when she writes about the beautiful beasts. She is, after all, a life-long devotee of all things equine, inspired during childhood by Marguerite Henry's books, especially White Stallions of Lipizza. Her book stands as a testament to heroes who undertake, at great risk, missions to save lives and ideas, and treasures that represent human civilizations.

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED



Sue Rivera, Friends of the Library of Angels Camp board member, presented their first scholarship to **Hannah Ellsworth** of Bret Harte High School.

Librarian, **Nancy Giddens** presents Friends of the Library of Calaveras County scholarship to **Natalie Huddy** of Bret Harte High School.

On another night, a scholarship was presented by **Bob Dean**, President of FOTL- CC to **Violeta Contrera** from Calaveras High School.



MANY OF YOU VISITED OUR BOOTH AT THE FAIR



THANK YOU to all the wonderful volunteers and library staff who hung out at the FOTL booth at the fair!

It was a great success, thanks to all of you, and especially to **Richard Raso** for leading the way. We signed up **80** new people with library cards - even Smokey Bear! And lots of prizes from the popular prize wheel were handed out.

Dana Gioia, California's Poet Laureate makes Calaveras and Amador County appearances. He will read and talk about his latest collection of poems, **99 Poems: New and Selected**, and about his experiences traveling throughout California to engage people of all ages in the pleasures and inspiration of poetry.

Saturday, June 17

Manzanita Writers Press hosts at the **Angels Camp Museum Carriage House** from **12-4 pm**. Reception at noon.

The event is **FREE**, but donations will be accepted at the door to support Butte Fire publications and website, and other MAE projects. Everyone is welcome.

The new print anthology, **Out of the Fire**, launches that day and books will be available for purchase. Contributors will be there to read and share their work. Photographers and artists who are featured in the publication will have photo prints available for sale.



Thursday, June 15

Amador County Library in Jackson from **3-4 pm**. (no reservation required for this location)

AND

The National Hotel in Jackson 6-9 pm

Cash bar and appetizers. No admission charge, but space is limited and reservations are required. Call 209-217-1911 or 209-267-9038, or email friend-softheaclibrary@gmail.com to reserve.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Amador County Library and AmadorArts

BOOK CLUB CALENDAR

Children's Storytime	See schedule on page 4		All Branches
Moke Hill READS Book Club	First Tuesday each month 7:00 pm	June 6 - <i>"The Wright Brothers,"</i> by David McCullough July 4 - <i>"Hillbilly Elegy,"</i> by J. D. Vance	Mokelumne Hill Branch
Book Club	Third Tuesday each month 3:30 pm	June 20 - <i>"Suite Francaise,"</i> by Irene Nemirovsky	Valley Springs Branch
Under the Covers Book Club	Fourth Thursday each month 2:00–4:00 pm	June 22 - <i>"The Pilot's Wife,"</i> by Anita Shreve.	Murphys Branch
NEW San Andreas Book Club	Fourth Thursday each month 10:30 am - noon 5:00–6:30 pm	June 22 - <i>"Light Between Oceans"</i> by M. L. Stedman	San Andreas Branch



State Librarian, Greg Lucas, visits Calaveras Library Branches

Thank You for being a Member of Friends of the Library of Calaveras County

For up-to-the-minute news about all of our library branches, be sure to:

- check out our website **calaverasreads.com**
- and like us on facebook at **Calaveras County Friends of the Library**

Not a member yet? You can find an application under the Membership tab so you can join today!

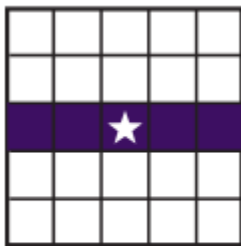
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MURPHYS LIBRARY presents SUMMER READING BINGO

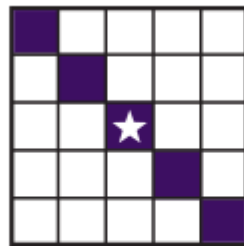


Play Summer Bingo and enter to win a Kindle ereader! Fill in the Bingo Card with the titles and authors of the books you've read (or other information as required) from June 14, 2017 through September 1, 2017. Drop it off at the Murphys Library before 4:00 pm on September 1, 2017. We can make a copy of your entry if you would like to keep the original. Book titles may be used only once per card, and only one entry per person, please. All ages may participate. Parents may work together with a child (children).

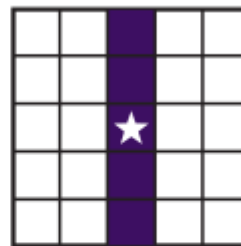
BINGO: Complete a horizontal, vertical, or diagonal line and you will be entered into a drawing for a \$30.00 gift certificate to Sustenance Bookstore in Murphys.



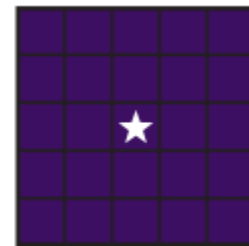
Row Example



Diagonal Example



Column Example



Blackout Example

BLACKOUT: Complete all 24 squares and you will be entered into a drawing for the grand prize—a Kindle e-reader.

What if you need some ideas to complete the card: library personnel will be happy to assist you with recommendations.

Name: _____ Email _____

Address: _____ Phone #: _____

Please tell us in 40 words or less about your favorite reading experience as a result of playing Summer Reading Bingo:

MURPHYS LIBRARY presents SUMMER READING BINGO



Read a book recommended by a friend	Listen to an audio book of your choice	Visit a place that you've never been to before	Choose and read a book because you like the cover	Read a book that became a movie
Read a book that has a color or number in the title	Read a book that a friend loves	Contribute a food item for the Resource Connection	Read to someone or have someone read to you	Read a book that's more than 10 years old
Read at a park or under a tree	Read a book that you already own but haven't read yet	FREE		Visit a museum and read about the exhibits
Do something nice for someone	Read 8-10 poems or a poetry book	Visit Sustenance Bookstore What's their dog's name?	Re-read a book you loved	Write a short book review (attach to your bingo card)
Read a biography or a memoir	Read a magazine or a newspaper	Read and try a recipe from a cookbook or learn something new from a DIY	Turn off and don't watch television for a day	Read information about a country you'd like to visit

