

The Focus

Calaveras County
FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Happy Thanksgiving

There's a wonderful focus on thankfulness that occurs every November across our nation. On November 11, we show our gratitude by honoring and observing Veterans Day. Canned food drives and food collection stations are set up throughout the month to supply food banks and pantries with much needed resources for hunger relief across America. Compassionate volunteers prepare and serve sit-down turkey dinners at rescue missions and other nonprofit organizations in every major city in the US.



Thanksgiving meals are delivered to the home bound, warm winter coats are collected for the homeless, and the exchange of hugs and stories happen with those who may otherwise feel abandoned during this holiday. This 'people-helping-people' endeavor is mutually beneficial. Altruism has proven to increase happiness, relieve stress and improve mental health.

On my list of things to be thankful for in Calaveras County is our Library System which offers our citizenry eight separate places to go for enrichment. I am thankful for shelves filled with books, periodicals and DVD's. I am thankful for a comfortable place to read. I am thankful for free computer use and WiFi and instruction in how to use technology. I am thankful for the reference desk where I can ask questions and get help finding answers. I am thankful for a place to hold meetings and share with others. I am thankful for Story Time which promotes the habit of reading to young children. I am thankful for a place to use volunteers who love to give their time and talent. I am thankful for the county services listed in the brochures we keep on our library counters.

The list is long because our rural branch libraries serve as a public community clearinghouse for matching citizens with services on so many levels.

I AM
thankful

Stop by one of our library branches during the month of November and tell us what brings you thankfulness. We are thankful for our patrons!

*Shannon Jewel - Copperopolis Branch
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Friends who read, are Friends indeed!



Linda Toren
West Point Library Branch

BOOK REVIEW by Linda Toren

The Night Circus by Erin Morgenstern Anchor Books, Random House 2011

Although targeted for an adult audience, *The Night Circus* could be enjoyed by young adult readers as well. This is Erin Morgenstern's first novel.

Some books are very visual, they beg to be made into a movie. This is one of those stories; a combination of fantasy, magic and dreams fraught with a life and death dilemma. Morgenstern creates the illusion and magic of a circus and a love story that is at once sensory rich and sensual.

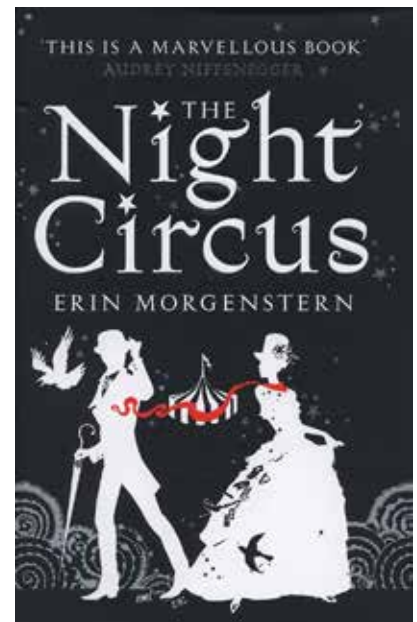
The main characters— Celia and Marco— have been unknowingly bound to a contract, a competition by their magic masters. The truth being that they pretend magic to hide the fact that they possess real magic. *The Night Circus* becomes the setting for their complex challenge. It unravels as a mystery for them to understand the import of the competition— only one will survive. The circus is a character of its own— the variety of tents each devoted to a different kind of magic. It is interesting to note that Morgenstern developed the setting first, the characters appeared, first Poppet and Widget and then she grappled with the plot line.

The circus and all the performers are dressed in black and white which act as a metaphor for how one might view life although this is rarely the case. Most people exist and make decisions in the gray areas of their lives.

When a friend gave me *The Night Circus* it felt heavy in my hand— five hundred and twelve pages! Yet the pages flew by and I forgot the length as the characters deepened and the plot thickened. Widget explains about magic in a story he tells his sister— "Secrets have power and that power diminishes when they are shared, so they are best kept and kept well."

There is one character, Bailey, a young man ready to make choices about launching his independence, who seems not to act within the confines of the circus as all the other characters must do. Even so, the circus draws him in and there is the inevitability of fate that guides his decision to save the circus. For unless the the circus is saved, all the performers, Celia and Marco will be lost as well.

In the end *The Night Circus* is enchanting since we would all like to be there from dusk to dawn to explore and experience real magic. As Kristin Hannah notes in her novel *The Nightingale* (another must read) — "Magic, to be its best, must be unexpected."



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BOOK REVIEW by Margo Mohn

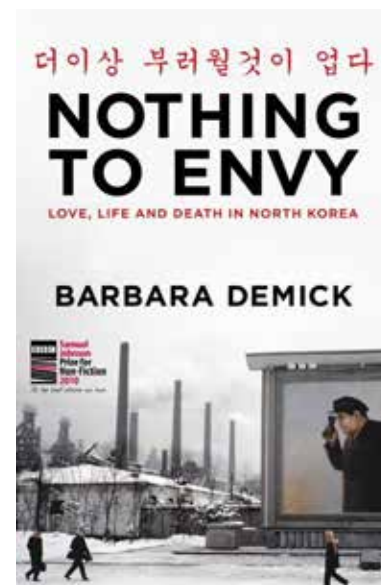
Nothing to Envy, by Barbara Demick. 2010

Written by a correspondent for the L.A. Times, the setting is North Korea. It covers the life of several ordinary citizens living in the Chongjin area, the 3rd largest city in the northernmost reaches of North Korea.....far from visitors' sites. It covers seven years of conversations in this area, including the extreme famine. The U.S., having fought on behalf of South Korea from 1950-53 had 40,000 troops there. North Korea acts as if the war is still on because there was no official peace treaty ever signed.

During those years, factories were run by women because over 20% of the eligible men were in the armed services. The 'family' status cannot be elevated...you were born into the hierarchy you will always be in and have to accept your 'lot in life' and stay there, no matter how hard you may want to work to elevate yourself and your descendants. They were banned from the best jobs and schools because of their status in society. Their leader was their God.

Interesting book depicting life in North Korea, despite their focus lately on building a Nuclear Bomb to retaliate on their enemies.

Margo Mohn
Murphys Book Club



25th Annual Copper Run

Ed Friel Memorial
January 28, 2017

*Come join
the fun!*



Registration forms available on Facebook (thecopperrun) and copper library. Must be Post marked by January 18th.

All proceeds go to local fire department, school and library



*Starts at 9am
Blackcreek, Copperopolis*

Rain or shine

See page 6 for the registration form.

Branch Locations & Storytime Schedule

ANGELS CAMP
426 N. Main Street
736-2198

Call Library for times

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

BRANCH HIGHLIGHTS

Copper Library celebrated Dia De Los Muertos by honoring **Anna Dewdney** who passed away in September 2016 after battling brain cancer at age 50. Dewdney requested that people read to a child in lieu of a funeral service for her. Story time on the first week of November at Copper Library was a celebration of Dewdney's "Llama Llama" series. Several preschoolers and their parents gathered to read ***Llama Llama Red Pajama***. I have included our craft project for you to share at your branch.

We will miss Anna Dewdney and look forward to reading a copy of her picture book *Little Excavator* scheduled for release by Viking in June 2017.

*Shannon Jewel,
 Branch Assistant, Copperopolis Library*

INSTRUCTIONS FOR BABY LLAMA STICK PUPPET

STEP 1. Sketch a template of Baby Llama. I made one on half sheet of copy paper.



STEP 2. Cut out pj top and bottom pattern. I used red felt, you could use red paper.



STEP 3. Attach a stick to the back side. I used paint stir sticks from True Value.



STEP 4. Have children 'dress' Baby Llama by gluing on his pj top and bottom.



NOTE: As you read the story, allow children to follow along and act out using their Baby Llama stick puppet. Baby Llama goes to bed, Baby Llama starts to whine, Baby Llama hums a tune, Baby Llama starts to fret, Baby Llama jumps out of bed, Baby Llama screams for Mama, etc.

Encourage the children to take Baby Llama home and re tell the story to a family member.

BRANCH EVENTS



HOLIDAY POINSETTIAS FOR SALE

It's that wonderful time of year to order your holiday poinsettias from The Friends of the Angels Camp Library.

Flowers will be picked up and delivered on **Tuesday, November 29th.**

Please contact **Diane Jarvi at 736-9430,**
or the **Angels Camp Library** to place your order.
Payment must be made in advance.

*All proceeds benefit the Angels Camp Library.
Thank you for your support, and Happy Holidays!*

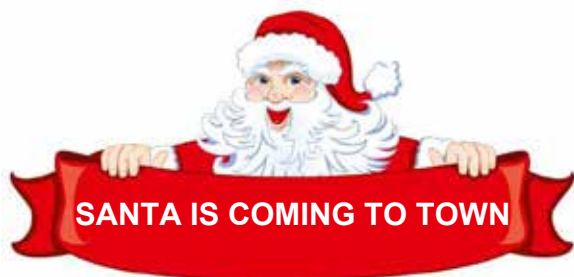
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VALLEY SPRINGS CHRISTMAS PARADE

Dec 3rd 10 am

Watch for your Friends of the Library handing out books for children during the parade. They will have a table set up after for older kids to choose chapter books.



Tuesday, December 20, 2016
2:00 pm

Arnold Library
1065 Blagen Rd., Arnold
795-1009

Snacks for Everyone!

Holiday Home Tour

December 4th * 12 - 4pm

*Featuring five beautifully decorated houses
throughout Valley Springs*

\$20

Purchase tickets at Valley Springs Library,
Fancy Things or call
(209) 772-2163 or 772-0591

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

December 13th
2-5pm

Mokelumne Hill Library
8328 Main Street

Deck the Halls!

25th Annual COPPER RUN

Ed Friel Memorial

All proceeds benefit:

Copperopolis Elementary School

Copperopolis Volunteer Firemen Association

Copperopolis Friends of the library

DATE: Saturday, January 28, 2017 - RAIN OR SHINE

TIME: 2 Mile Run 9:00 a.m.

½ Mile Run 9:45 a.m.

10K 10:15 a.m.

LOCATION: Blackcreek Park, Copperopolis

COST: \$ 25 2 mile and 10 K (must be postmarked by January 18, 2017)

\$20 ½ mile (registration anytime)

\$ 30 Run day registration One shirt is included in all registration fees -additional shirts \$ 20 each

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Marilyn Richardson (209) 785-2757 or Belva Bristol (209) 785-2373

AGE GROUPS:

10 K - Male and Female	½ Mile -- Male and Female	2 Mile -- Male and Female
5-12 50-59	5 and under	6-13 50-59
13-19 60-69	6-7	14-19 60-69
20-29 70-79	8-9	20-29 70-79
30-39 80-89	10-12	30-39 80-89
40-49		40-49

REGISTRATION FORM. Complete and mail (with payment) to:

COPPER RUN

Run (circle one) X Mile 1/2 2 Mile IOK

PO Box 135

Shirt size:(circle one) Adult S M L XL Child S M

Copperopolis, CA 95228

Name _____ Age _____ M F (circle one)

Address _____ Phone _____

City, State, Zip code _____

Waiver _____ Club Affiliation _____

In consideration of your acceptance of my entry, I hereby, for myself, my executors and administrators, waive any and all right and claims for damage I may have against the persons, sponsors and organizations affiliated with the race including the Rocky Rood District. I further attest that I am physically fit and by signing this form acknowledge I have read and fully understand my own liability and do accept the restriction.

Signature _____ Date _____

If the athlete is under age 18 years: This is to certify that my son/daughter/ward has my permission to compete in the Copper Run, is in good physical condition, and that race officials have my permission to authorize emergency treatment if necessary. All photos taken at the run will be used to promote future races.

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	<p>Nov 1 - "Whiskey, Tango, Foxtrot," by Kim Barker</p> <p>Dec 6 - "The Cuckoo's Calling," by Robert Galbraith</p> <p>Jan 4 - "The Oregon Trail: A New American Journey," by Rinker Buck</p>	Mokelumne Hill Branch
Book Club	Third Tuesday each month 3:30 pm	"A long Way Home" by Saroo Brierley.	Valley Springs Branch
Between the Covers Book Club	Fourth Thursday each month 2:00–4:00 pm		Murphys Branch

Your Membership as a "Friend"

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!

Mary Cole,
Membership & Promotions Staff

What's going on in your library?

Read a great book lately?

Share your stories here.

To contribute to The Focus, send your events, reviews, stories and photos with the subject line of FOCUS to **calaverasfotl@gmail.com**.

Editor reserves the right to decline or modify all stories to fit. And no guarantees are made.