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San Andreas Library
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754-6510

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Friends who read, are Friends indeed!

BRANCH HIGHLIGHTS



SAVE THE DATE for FOTL of Calaveras County

2017 ANNUAL MEETING

Reserve your seat NOW for the FOTL of Calaveras County Annual Meeting, including dinner at Historic Murphys Hotel:
Wednesday, October 18th, 2017, starting at 5 pm.

\$35 per person Space is limited!

Reservation forms are available at Calaveras library branches. Make checks payable to FOTL-CC and mail with your form to:

Mary Hultgren - PO Box 702 - Murphys, CA 95247

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Valley Springs News

FOTL of VS has hired Dale Lorzo to present his program, *Reading is Magic*, to the Valley Springs Elementary school kindergarten classes. Approximately 100 children attended the presentation on June 5, 2017. We will be doing additional grade levels at the start of the 2017/2018 school year. The Board is also working with Jenny Lind Elementary school to bring this program to their students.

Two bicycles were donated to the VS Library. We are selling 6 tickets for \$5 to raise funds to purchase books to give away this year at the Valley Springs Christmas Parade in December.

The Board will not meet again until September. Have a fun and safe summer.

Mokelumne Hill News

Our members have completed over 100 hours of collecting books and giving our porch a needed face lift. During the work in the hot weather volunteers were helped by friends who supplied us with refreshing watermelon and cool drinks. Job well done! Thank you to all who helped with the project.

THERE'S STILL TIME TO GET IN ON SUMMER READING PROGRAMS FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

Angels Camp - *READING BY DESIGN*

JUNE 7 – 2ND WEEK OF AUGUST

To participate, kids just come in to the library to 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.

426 N. Main Street Angels Camp ~ For more information, call 736-2198

Arnold - *READING BY DESIGN*

JUNE 13 – JULY 25, 2017

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. Kiddos - Prizes for every 5 books read! Summer readers, this year’s theme introduces big ideas and invites creative responses.

1065 Blagen Rd, Arnold ~ For more information, call 209-795-1009

Copperopolis - *BUILD A BETTER WORLD*

June 27 – August 21

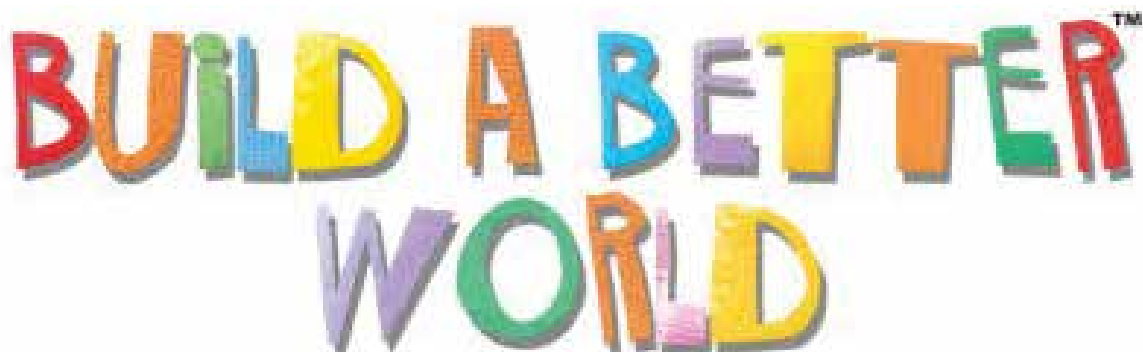
Cool prizes every week! Adults and Teens play bookshelf bingo; Ages 6-12 - take home creativity kits; Ages 2-5 - Talk, Sing, Read, Play, Craft. Pick up your registration form at the library. For more information, call 785-0920

Murphys - *SUMMER READING BINGO*

June 14 – September 1

For kids, teens, and adults - play Summer Reading BINGO and enter to win! BINGO cards will be available at the branch, or download a copy online attached to the June FOCUS at www.calaverasreads.com/newsletters - instructions, too; Turn in your completed card during library hours (Tues - Sat, 11am - 4pm) between June 14th and Sept 1st. Cards with a complete BINGO (horizontal, vertical, or diagonal line) will be entered to win a \$30 gift certificate to Sustenance Books; and cards with all 24 squares completed (BLACKOUT) will be entered to win a brand new Kindle e-reader!

For more information, call 728-3036



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WORLD™**

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




at the

WEST POINT LIBRARY
Saturday, July 15 @ 2 - 4 pm
 Games ~ Crafts ~ Food ~ Fun
Party theme is Pirates and Princesses
 For more information, call 293-7020

Mark Your Calendar!

Total Solar Eclipse


For the first time in 38 years
TOTAL ECLIPSE OF THE SUN
 is coming to the continental United States
 and the **SHOW** from Copperopolis will look something like this:



Copperopolis Friends of the Library will host a
SOLAR ECLIPSE VIEWING PARTY
 Monday, August 21st, 8:45am - 11:45am
COPPEROPOLIS LIBRARY
 Lake Tulloch Plaza next to True Value Hardware
 3505 Spangler Lane, Copperopolis, CA

"Eye on the Sky" Presentation • Learning activities for the kids • Refreshments
 Free solar eclipse viewing safety glasses to the first 100 participants.
Come & be amazed!

Additional information:
<https://eclipse.aas.org/> • <https://eclipse2017.nasa.gov/>



Eye Protection is a Must!

CALAVERAS ADULT TUTORING (CAT) by Phil Guttierrez



Phil Guttierrez with students in a tutorial session.

The Calaveras Adult Tutoring has completed a highly successful Fiscal Year 16-17. Phil Guttierrez, Literacy Coordinator, began his tenure with the Calaveras Adult Tutoring (CAT) in May 2016. Phil Guttierrez comes to Calaveras County after 24 years of distinguished federal government service, with the Federal Bureau of Prisons (FBOP). Phil, a certified teacher, began his career with the prison system as a Spanish Literacy Instructor. Most notably, he worked exclusively with the Muriel Cuban inmates at the Federal Correctional Institution in Tucson. After a highly successful career with the FBOP, Phil retired as a Warden at the Federal Correctional Complex in Victorville California. He and his wife relocated to Northern California to be near their children and grandchildren. Phil has had extensive experience in correctional and adult community education.

Adapting to the Calaveras Adult Tutoring (CAT) has been a challenge. Phil often compares the CAT budget with shopping at Walmart but paying the bill at Costco. Fund raising has been a key to the success of the CAT program. Grants from the California Library Literacy Service, charge-back services for instructional services provided by CAT to county entities (the Sheriffs Department, the Probation Department and newly re-established Department of Social Services or CalWorks), donation through tax inserts, and financial assistance from the Friends of the Library have

been critical in sustaining CAT. The computerized network instructional format is currently available at the County Jail, Day Reporting Center (Probation), CalWorks (Health and Human Services), and at the San Andreas Central Library. In addition, individualized tutor sessions are held at various branch library sites. The computerized networking instructional system is comprised of four active programs, the GED Academy, TABE or Test of Adult Basic Education (new program), Computer Essentials, and Work Essentials (new program). The four programs provide the learner in Calaveras County with effective preparation for the General Education Development (GED) test assisting the low skilled reader with tools and learning methodology to improve their reading capacity (TABE), computer skills development with the Computer Essentials, and job skills development with the Work Essentials Program.

CAT is extremely fortunate to have a dedicated pool of tutors to provide unselfish and structured services to the participating learner. A big shout out to some of the active tutors,



Bruce Dunwell (Jail), **David Johnson** (Central and individual Algebra tutoring), **Patricia Gillin-Fur** (DRC and individual non-reader tutoring), **Josie Washington** (Central), **Marie Schafle** (CalWorks and individual tutoring), **Nancy Stehura** (individual Algebra tutoring), **Rebecca Turner** (individual tutoring), **George Paul** (Jail), and others tutors who continue to volunteer their time to assist the learners of Calaveras County. In addition, **Ann Seeley**, part-time employee, has provided invaluable contributions as a tutor (Jail) and a trouble shooting Essentials computer network guru and administrative support.

The FY 2016-17 preliminary data (FY ends on June 30, 2017), list of accomplishments include the following: 85 learners serviced, 2,285 instructional hours provided, with a tutorial pool of 20. CAT has thirteen active tutors providing in excess of 500 hours of tutorial instructional hours. Examples of learning activities include a college student from Angels Camp, who was struggling with her college Algebra class. She was tutored by a tutor with a Chemical Engineer background, and resulted in her passing the Algebra class, with an A grade, and completing the requirements for her Associate of Arts!

Read more about the program on page 6.

ADULT LITERACY PROGRAM OF CALAVERAS COUNTY

The Adult Literacy Program of Calaveras County is part of a statewide program. With your support, Calaveras Friends of the Library has been an advocate and financial contributor to Calaveras Adult Tutoring - the only adult literacy program in Calaveras County.

Services are confidential and free of charge. These services are goal-oriented and individually tailored to personal needs; they also recognize and actively support the role a parent may play as a child's most important teacher. The program is designed to improve overall well-being through life-enriching topics:

- EDUCATION – *Improve reading, writing, spelling, and math with personal tutoring. You can also get help with studying for a GED.*
- EMPLOYMENT – *Learn job search skills, including building a resume and writing cover letters, interviewing skills, and computer basics.*
- FINANCIAL AWARENESS – *Learn about personal banking, budgeting, managing credit, and saving or investing your money.*
- NUTRITION – *Explore how eating habits affect our lives, and how they can support a healthy mind & body.*
- FITNESS – *Discover current fitness information and where to find fitness programs for all ages.*
- HEALTHCARE – *Get help with reading and understanding medical terms and labels on medicines and supplements.*

Since 1998, hundreds of adults have enrolled in Calaveras Adult Tutoring to improve their literacy skills. For more information, or to meet with a personal tutor, call the Literacy Program for Calaveras County at 209-754-6006.

“Literacy is...the road to human progress and the means through which every man, woman and child can realize his or her full potential.”

- Kofi Annan



The Secret Garden had a great turnout for Friends of the Library of San Andreas/Mtn. Ranch Library Branch.

Held at the beautiful home of Shirley Huberty, known as Tessa Bella Gardens, was the perfect setting for a warm evening of dinner by Pickle Patch, music by Over the Edge, and lots of wonderful raffle prizes and silent auction items to win.



Thank you to all who attended and helped with this fundraiser. ❤️



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	July 11 - "Hillbilly Elegy," by J. D. Vance August 1 - "Born a Crime," by Trevor Noah	Mokelumne Hill Branch
Book Club	Third Tuesday each month 3:30 pm	July 18 - "The Emperor's Children," by Claire Messud	Valley Springs Branch
Under the Covers Book Club	Fourth Thursday each month 2:00–4:00 pm	July 27 - "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings," by Maya Angelou	Murphys Branch
NEW San Andreas Book Club	Fourth Thursday each month 10:30 am - noon 5:00–6:30 pm	July 27 - "Go Set a Watchman" by Harper Lee August 24 - "Story of Edgar Sawtelle" by David Wroblewski	San Andreas Branch



Arnold Library Branch 50th Anniversary Celebration

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!

Mary Cole,
Membership & Promotions Staff