

The Focus

Calaveras County
FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY



New Year's Resolution

1. Save money
2. Exercise
3. Eat better
4. Learn a new skill
5. Recycle more
6. Visit new places
7. Organize my stuff
8. More time with family

Library Solution*

- ➔ Check out 330
- ➔ Check out 313
- ➔ Check out 613 & 640
- ➔ Browse 400-800's
- ➔ Check out 363
- ➔ Browse 900's
- ➔ Check out 640
- ➔ Read & visit the Library together!

*Your local branch librarian can help you find your way around the non-fiction stacks.

*Shannon Jewel,
Copperopolis Branch*



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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Trivia Bee Announcement
- Copper Run

Friends who read, are Friends indeed!



Jack Kuhn

From the Library Commission

2016 saw some significant changes for our libraries. First was the retirement of our long serving and greatly appreciated Head Librarian, **Maurie Hoekstra**. She saw us through some bleak times and kept the branches open with a lot of help from the Friends of the Library.

Second was the hiring of our new head Librarian, **Nancy Giddens**. She has brought with her some new talents and enthusiasm for the library.

Thirdly was the approval of Nancy's proposed budget, with the support of the Library Commission. In addition, we have returned to "49-99." (Read more about it on pg. 6.) This is a significant issue for the libraries with improved services for staff and patrons.

Lastly I would like to thank **Kate Garrahan** for collecting, painting and placing "Little Free Libraries" throughout the county. This has greatly increased access to books in areas that are underserved.

The Library Commission meetings are open to the public.

For the coming year the first order of business for the Commission will be the election of officers. After that we will work toward the full funding of our library system, as the County budget allows. That would allow the Friends to support those extras that would improve library services and access. We will continue to work with Nancy in the best interests of the library system.

The Library Commission meetings are open to the public and we welcome any public input. The Commission meets on the 4th Monday of each month at 9:00 am in the San Andreas Library.

Jack Kuhn, Commissioner

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From Your Public Awareness Campaign (PAC) Chair

Since our last newsletter, the PAC continues to build on our initial work. We are reviewing each branch FOTL make-up, numbers of participants, and structure in order to improve them. Additionally, we are reviewing fund raising activities with the focus on increasing fund raising by either having a countywide fund raising event or more local fund raising events.

The following items are our 2016 PAC accomplishments, this fall.

1. Completed reorganizing County FOTL member list.



Richard Raso

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From Your Librarian

Thanksgiving and Christmas are my two favorite holidays of the year. There is lots of good food, time with family, and gifts. This season gives us a chance to look at our lives and think about all the wonderful things we have. It causes us to think of what we can give others or how we can help them in this giving season.

In the Library, we have a lot to be thankful for because there are many things coming in 2017 which we hope will be a help to YOU, our patrons! Our gift to you...

- Three new people are working with us in San Andreas, Murphys, Angels Camp, Copperopolis and Valley Springs. **Savannah Mulderrig** of West Point and **Debbie Hesse** of Valley Springs are helping us at the Main Library and also in the branches mentioned. They bring energy and freshness to our library operation and services. **Kate McClure** has joined us as an extra-hire, helping with cataloging. With her help we will get new resources out to YOU more quickly. We are so happy to have these three great ladies working with us. They are a gift to us all and will help us help YOU!
- **Phil Gutierrez** is back in the Literacy office and getting our programs running again. He still needs volunteers who are interested in tutoring as well as students to fill our classes of GED, Computer Basics, Basic Adult Education and a new job readiness course. Can you give some time to this important work?
- We are adding **Little Free Libraries** to expand our services to outlying areas. These are boxes which contain books for you to borrow and return nearer to home. **First 5 Calaveras** is helping us with this project.



- First 5 is also helping us launch a new library card for our children ages 0-5. Come and register your child and get them started as library users now!
- Have you used **ZINIO**, our online magazine service? Sixty-four magazines (as well as back issues) are available to you. Log on to our website: calaveraslibrary.com and follow the link to ZINIO. Use your card to download or stream magazines. A free gift to you from the Calaveras County Library!
- **Teens for Tech are back!** Each Monday afternoon from 3:45-4:45 a young person will be in the library waiting for you to bring your tech questions. They can help you figure out how to use your device, open an email account, get an eBook, ZINIO and much more!
- An exciting new FREE interlibrary loan service called **Link+** is coming soon. You can borrow books from over 80 libraries in California and Nevada through a grant from the California State Library. More to come on this!



Nancy Giddens

As we look forward to a new year, we will continue to improve in every way we can! Thank you for your patronage and your gracious help and assistance. Happy New Year!

Nancy Giddens, Librarian

DID YOU KNOW?
The San Andreas Library has eight new Internet computers? Thanks to the Friends of the Library!



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
Thursday @ 3:00 pm

WEST POINT
 54 Bald Mountain Rd.
 293-7020
Call Library for times



SAVE THE DATE

Get Your Rock On at the
 Friends of the Library of
 Calaveras County

20th Annual

TRIVIA BEE

March 25, 2017

Get your team of three, bring your knowledge and rock out to the tunes of the 50s, 60s, 70s.

Further details will be provided by February 1.



From PAC, continued

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2. Created and mailed the first edition of our new FOCUS newsletter to our Library subscribers and other interested patrons who have signed-up for receipt in the branches.
3. Completed the reorganization and improvement of the County FOTL webpage (Calaverasreads.com)
4. Completed first draft of importance of the Library speech. We had a first test of the speech given to the PAC members.
5. We are now searching for groups within the county to present our speech.
6. We are planning for our second participation in the County Fair as Countywide Library system to increase awareness of the library system

Our goals for next year are to expand communication to the county members and to improve our local branch FOTL membership.

Richard Raso, PAC Chair

BRANCH HIGHLIGHTS

Copperopolis Branch

Rubber Ducky READING CLUB

National Rubber Ducky Day is **January 13th**, and the Copperopolis Library plans to kick-off a new preschool Story Time program that uses the iconic bright yellow rubber toy duck to promote reading.

Preschoolers will have a rubber ducky of their very own and, as they meet their reading goals, will receive more of the collectible characters. Stop by Copper Library for details.



The program is funded with a grant from First 5 of Calaveras County.



*Shannon Jewel,
Copper Library
Branch Assistant*

West Point Branch

February 11th, 2017

LOVE TO READ

2-4pm

***It's a party at
West Point!***

Refreshments will be provided, and there will be a Valentines crafting station for kids.



Murphys Branch

Beginning January 2017, Murphys Library will feature a 'Spotlight' on their website (www.murphyslibrary.org) to highlight local authors - a different one each month. Be sure to check out these profiles and learn about the talented writers in our Tri-counties (Calaveras/Tuolumne/Amador.) Many titles by local authors can be found in our library collection, and span a diverse range of interests: history, poetry, hiking guides, novels, and more...

Murphys Library would also like to thank **Manzanita Writers Press** for their help with this project.

Amber Rack



Participants gather together after Valley Springs Christmas Home Tours, and one of the decorated trees they viewed.

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.

**Make checks payable to Copperopolis Elementary School.
All proceeds go to the local fire department, school and library.**



*Starts at 9am
Blackcreek, Copperopolis*

Rain or shine

Borrowing Procedures for 49-99 Interlibrary

— Titles with six (6) or more copies in our catalog. **Go to www.calaverasreads.com/collections for a list of available titles.**

- Always submit your request at least **three (3) weeks** before the requested delivery date, to allow time for processing and shipping.
- Send your request to **4999bookclub@gmail.com** with the following information:
- Your name and contact information
- The name of your library branch
- The name of your book club
- The title of the book you want. *(Be sure to include two alternate titles, in case your first choice is unavailable.)*
- The number of copies needed, and any special formats (audio or large print, if available) included in the total.
- The date the book needs to arrive at your library for pick-up.
- The date your group will discuss the requested book.



Books will be due back a week after the discussion date.

The group requesting the title will be responsible for replacing any missing copies.

We cannot accept payment for lost books - we must have replacements: new, or used copies in very good condition.

From the Editor — Mary Cole

I am so pleased with your response to The Focus - *your news from the Friends of Library of Calaveras County* - and to my request for your email addresses, and renewing your “Friendship” with the Friends!

You have done a splendid job of communicating your wishes to me. If YOU haven’t yet sent me your email address, please do so now at **calaverasfotl@gmail.com**. Also send me email addresses of people you think would be interested in reading about our libraries.

I welcome your input; so please send articles and tell me your thoughts or suggestions about this publication.

Read The Focus in color by going to - <http://www.calaverasreads.com/newsletters.html>



Mary Cole

Happy reading!
Mary Cole

CALENDAR

Children’s Storytime	See schedule on page 4		All Branches
Moke Hill READS Book Club	First Tuesday each mo. 7:00 pm	Jan 4 - “The Oregon Trail: A New American Journey,” by Rinker Buck Feb 7 - “Enders Game,” by Orson Scott Card Mar 7 - “News of the World,” by Pauletter Jiles	Mokelumne Hill Branch
Book Club	Third Tuesday each mo. 3:30 pm	“A Long Way Home” by Saroo Brierley.	Valley Springs Branch
Between the Covers Book Club	Fourth Thursday each mo. 2:00–4:00 pm		Murphys Branch
Computer Literacy Classes	Tuesdays 2:00–4:00 pm		Murphys Branch
Teens for Tech	Mondays, 3:45-4:45 pm	A free service from The Calaveras County Adult Literacy Program Open to all adults on a first-come, first-served basis	San Andreas Library

* Dates & Times subject to change - check with your 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 modify all stories to fit.