

The Focus

Calaveras County
FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY



Celebrate National Library Week
April 8-14, 2018



*The Calaveras County Library
will be celebrating in a BIG way this year.*

SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 2018

OPEN HOUSE 10 am - 4 pm

The San Andreas Central Library (1299 Gold Hunter Road, San Andreas)

We will be open to our patrons, as usual

Special Activities, Displays and Demonstrations

(including our 3-D printer and Visual Reality system)

Refreshments provided by San Andreas/Mtn Ranch Friends of the Library

NAMING CEREMONY - 4 pm

We will enjoy a short ceremony to honor two women who have played a special role in our library, **Shirley Huberty** and **Sally Tuttle** who worked to build and beautify our library.

We hope you will come and visit us on this special day!

*Enjoy seeing all the exciting things
YOUR library has to offer, and
celebrate these lovely women with us.*



Shirley Huberty

Please join us!

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- National Library Week

Friends who read, are Friends indeed!

FROM YOUR BOARD PRESIDENT



Pru Starr

Each branch offers resources unique to their communities.

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Greetings,

My name is Pru Starr, and I am delighted to be Friends of the Library of Calaveras County (FOTL-CC) President for 2018 and 2019. Our membership is growing and wonderful things are going on at every one of our eight County libraries.

Within the past ten years FOTL-CC has grown, and continues to support and develop programs. Through the purchase of computers, technology is available to all of us for free at each of our branches.

Children and adults have immediate access to resources in modern libraries that our

parents would never have dreamed about. The library helps you connect with the whole world. It provides access to online sources for millions of items, actively participating in a regional library system that delivers the materials you want. If you want an e-book or any type of research material, there is a free resource service to provide your request.

Children play an important role in every branch, with books and supplemental learning sources beyond liter-

ature, such as musical instruments and crafts. Three storytime employees provide children's programs, and many volunteers work directly within the schools to bring literacy awareness to our youth. There is a fabulous children's interactive mural at our main branch for anyone who stops by to admire one of the ever expanding children's areas.

The library's Literacy program is available for Calaveras County residents who want to continue learning. There are several dedicated computers at the main branch and many volunteer tutors to help individuals complete their GED certificate.

While constantly updating the book collections, a small, comprehensive law library has been added. The genealogy section remains a strong topical aspect of the collections, and is still growing. Study rooms are available for groups who need space, so come over and work at the library.

Each branch offers resources unique to their communities, because they are part of a system that provides you with much more than you can believe.

✓ ***Please come to the library and check us out!!***

Pru Starr, FOTL Board President



Front Row: Nancy Giddens - Librarian, Mary Hultgren, Shirley Huberty, Karen Eggleston. Back Row: Jackie Wietrick, Bob Dean, Diane Jarvi, Pru Starr, Kate Garrahan, Richard Raso, Kathi Copeland

FROM YOUR LIBRARIAN

CENIC broadband is coming!

The County IT department is working closely with the Library and others to bring 1 gigabyte of bandwidth to the Central Library and to the Angels Camp, Arnold, Murphys and Valley Springs branches. This wonderful opportunity was made possible through a grant from the California State Library. The Board of Supervisors approved payment for the provider costs for year one of this project until we can qualify for some assistance from the federal government. The Calaveras County Friends of the Library and the local Friends groups of Angels Camp, Arnold, and Valley Springs and the Murphys Volunteer Library have also contributed, helping with the preparatory work which needs to be done. This is a wonderful partnership between State Library, County of Calaveras and Friends of the Library to make this wonderful service available to our citizens. No firm time-line for final installation is known, but look for the special banner which will announce it for your branch.



Nancy Giddens



S.T.E.A.M learning at the Library!

First 5 Calaveras has made possible the addition of a staff person for the Library who is working at helping parents and families of children ages 0-5 get ready for our technological world! **Jenni Solbakken** joined us in January and has been hard at work creating learning kits for parents to use at home to help their children with *Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math*. Children 0-5 are invited to join Little Leapers, a special Library club which will give them the opportunity to check out STEAM kits, each complete with a book and an activity they can do at home. Jenni is also planning some special instruction for parents by hosting workshops. The first one takes place on Saturday, March 24th. Hope you got to participate.

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK!

Calaveras County Library has a Facebook page where you can find out what is happening at the Library in San Andreas. Don't forget the Friends of the Library facebook, too, where you can get more information about branch events and activities.

Nancy Giddens, Librarian

FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE



Mary Hultgren

The Finance Committee consisting of **Kathi Copeland** from Copperopolis, **Shirley Huberty** from San Andreas and **Mary Hultgren** from Murphys had a busy first quarter. Here are some of our accomplishments:

- We started by putting together a comprehensive charter which received board approval in January.
- We moved from a Wells Fargo managed investment model to Fidelity's advisor model. This will save us over \$6,000 per year. A broadly diversified investment mix was selected to balance risk and returns.
- We received board approval for a disciplined 4% annual draw from our investment account. This allows us to protect the bequests that were put in our charge and to allow those funds to work for us to support future generations of library users in our communities.
- We consolidated our financial accounts with clearly defined short-term liquid assets available to fund 12-18 months of operating expenses. This allowed us to move funds from a lower paying CD and a savings account into the investment account.

I had no idea how privileged I would be to spend time with Shirley.

generous, kind and cherished member of the community. The number of individuals and organizations that Shirley has positively impacted is beyond measure. Wherever we go in town, she knows everyone we encounter by name. As she introduces me to her many friends, the depth of their relationships is obvious, as many of them call her "Ma". We are fortunate to have Shirley in our lives and as a key contributor to The Friends of the Library. I look forward to continuing to learn from Shirley for many years to come!

Mary Hultgren,
Treasurer in Training

The transition of the Treasurer role is also underway. I have been working very closely with Shirley Huberty to assume the responsibility for the bookkeeping, payroll and financial reporting. It has been an eye-opening experience in ways I didn't expect. I had no idea how privileged I would be to spend time with Shirley. Not only is she a great teacher and mentor, but she is an incredibly

For up-to-the-minute news about all of our library branch events, 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!



Kate Garrahan, Library Commissioner, is awarded Citizen of the Year by the Calaveras County Chamber of Commerce at their Annual Dinner in February.

SHIRLEY HUBERTY IS A TREASURE

On Saturday, April 14th **Shirley Huberty** will be honored at the dedication and renaming of the San Andreas Main Library Branch - The Huberty/Tuttle Building. Festivities will begin at 10 am. See front cover for the details.

As a freshman in San Andreas High School in 1945, Shirley became aware of the Library when she fell in love with Zane Grey Western novels. During her lunch break, she walked through Pixley Avenue across Main Street to the stone building called Fricot Building, or “the Library”. She was greeted inside the entry door by a stuffed two-headed calf on display in a glass case, which has since disappeared.

Shirley got involved with raising money for the new library when **Sally Tuttle** approached her to join the effort. Both Sally and Shirley’s husbands were Superior Court Judges; Judge Tuttle in Sacramento, and Judge Joseph Huberty in Calaveras County. She picked up her volunteer efforts with the library after Judge Huberty’s death, taking the role of Treasurer on the Board of Calaveras County Friends of the Library (FOTL-CC) in 1992, and has kept track of the group’s finances through 2017.

A corporation called the Friends of the Calaveras County Library was formed and was off and running. In 1993, FOTL-CC turned over \$475,000 to the County as part of the County’s matching funds, as was required under the terms of the grant with the California State Library to build a new library. An additional \$10,399 was given to the County building fund in September 1993. The Library operating budget was \$8,347 in 1992, and with the award of the **Isabel Neilsen** Estate, its operating fund and investment account now stand at over \$728,000. Shirley had researched and located people to help with FOTL-CC’s increasing investments.

Because of her long term friendship with the family, Shirley was instrumental in receiving a portion of the Neilsen estate as a County Friends benefactor. She tells the story of how they met:

“I first met the Neilsen family in 1941 when a fire was burning at the top of the hill on Ealey property. They had driven from San Andreas to Glencoe to offer their help. Later that week they returned with a dump truck load of gravel for the ¼ mile road that led to the Children’s Home at which I lived. During my growing up years I worked a short time at the Neilsen Gravel Plant outside of San Andreas. The family consisted of

Mr. and Mrs. Neilsen, sons Charles, Lawrence, Clinton and Raymond, and a daughter named Doris. None of them finished high school. Ray was the one that held the family together.

Ray married Isabel when they were both in their 40’s. Isabel, a former school teacher, became the office manager of the Neilsen Gravel Plant, which not only produced gravel and concrete, they also collected gold. At the time of Ray’s death he left 6.5 lbs. of gold nuggets and gold dust in the safe at the bank.

Ultimately their estate rose to \$5,000,000. Isabel, with Ray’s input at the time the will was written, left our Library one-fifth of their estate.”

Shirley loves nature, and works with her hands. She cares about the Library’s grounds - planting, raking, weeding and its irrigation system. She has put her attention to the important jobs of upkeep, and has urged County Friends group to fund the ongoing landscaping services. Shirley has contracted the workforce, and still continues to follow up with projects, reporting difficulties such as leaky pipes, etc. Shirley’s contributions stand out in the main branch’s surrounding landscape.

And her commitment to her town is clearly evident as she held The Secret Garden event at her home for ten years. The event provided substantial funds for the San Andreas Friends group, as well as enriching cultural experiences of our patrons.

You are most cordially invited to the building dedication to honor our County’s treasure, Shirley Huberty! Please drop by the library on Saturday, April 14th at 10 am. And visit all week of April 8-14th to celebrate National Library Week.

Interview
by Pru
Starr



MESSAGE FROM OUTREACH CHAIR

It is April already? WOW, time is flying for the County Friends of the Library. Our Outreach committee has two projects in the works that will begin this month. They are a County-wide survey about the Library system, and a Mixer with the County Chamber of Commerce and the San Andreas business community at the San Andreas main library.

We have created a survey for both patrons and non-library users. We want to find out information like where, when, and how many times a month a patron visits a library. For non-users, we ask for reasons why you have not visited a library. Additionally, we ask for suggestions about

new programs which we should help start or restart. There are many other questions we will ask you to answer. The survey will be available in each branch library, at the upcoming Library dedication, at the Chamber of Commerce Mixer and the County Fair to list a few places.

We will be hosting the Chamber Mixer on **Thursday, April 19th** at the San Andreas library so we can meet the business community and they us. We hope to begin a partnership with them to improve the Calaveras business and library community.

*Richard Raso,
Outreach Committee Chair*



Richard Raso

NEWS FROM MURPHYS LIBRARY

Storytime continues to be well attended on Tuesdays at 10:30 am, especially when MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) is not in session. We've had as many as 26 adults and children. We are still working on the alphabet and are up to the letter P (is for Pig) and the children create a craft that goes along with that letter. We did take a break for Valentine's Day and made a Valentine monster which was quite a hit. St. Patrick's Day was also celebrated and we have upcoming Easter crafts and books.

On Saturday, February 3 a Valentine Making Workshop was held and was very popular with young and not so young! We had lots of materials and families enjoyed putting their creativity to work.

SMUG (Sierra Macintosh User's Group) has been meeting in the upstairs community room. The meetings are valuable and very well attended.

Our computer assistance classes continue to be held each Tuesday at 2:00 until 4:00 and are run by one of our board members, **Karen Gilmore**. Our Book Club is held the 4th Thursday of each



month and membership continues to grow. Call 728-3036 for more information.

Linda Trudeau, a member of the Calaveras Genealogical Society, presented a workshop on February 21, entitled DNA in Plain English. Approximately 17 people attended and furthered their knowledge about genealogy.

*Kristine Loving
Murphy Branch Assistant*



Branch Locations & Storytime Schedule

ANGELS CAMP
426 N. Main Street
736-2198
Fridays @ 10:30 am

ARNOLD
1065 Blagen Road
795-1009
Call Library for times

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

WHY WORKING IN A LIBRARY IS LIKE WORKING IN A BAR

I love my job. For me it's not just a job because being a librarian is more than an avocation. Foremost, if you work with people all day you should like people of all ages, trust me, it helps immensely. A librarian should enjoy talking to people, assisting them with technology and choices of materials. A small town library becomes a community center where people like to visit. Yep, it's kind of like a neighborhood bar.

Remember the theme song from the 1980s television show Cheers? (Song by Gary Portnoy).

*"Sometimes you want to go
 Where everybody knows your name
 And they're always glad you came
 You wanna be where you can see
 Our troubles are all the same
 You wanna be where everybody knows your name"*



Kris Loving

Our branch library has its regulars, and yes, I know their names (well, most of them). I know their likes and dislikes and can recommend books and movies. When they miss their regular visit I am concerned. Many of our patrons have become great long lasting friends. I have unfortunately mourned the loss of several in recent years.

Librarians are good listeners and sometimes we hear life stories and vignettes. We help to create resumes and fill out difficult forms. It's therapeutic to talk to someone who cares about you. We share in our patron's joys and sorrows; I've cried with patrons and shared laughter as well.

Fortunately, I don't have too many difficult customers and don't have to "bounce" anyone because they've reached their limit. Although every now and then someone doesn't know their limit and wants to check out too many new items or over 15!

Our library strives to be a warm and comforting place where everyone is welcome. And I'll try to remember your name!

Also, as a little aside, there are many library themed bars in the world. Check out <https://www.townandcountrymag.com/leisure/travel-guide/g9627094/library-themed-bars/>

*Kristine Loving
 Murphys Branch Assistant*

FROM ABC'S TO SAT'S



They grow up so fast! It seems like yesterday you were singing along.

“...now I know my ABC's, next time won't you sing with me?”

Now they're teens and it may be time to get serious about taking the ACT (American College Test) and SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test). Most students will start preparing to take one of these tests in the summer before their Junior year.

If your child has a dream that includes college admission, let your local library help make that dream come true.



SAT®

Our Calaveras County Libraries have access to over nine million books through the Link+ system. You can use your library card to request books that will help students brush up and build critical reading, writing, math and science skills. You can also browse for books on how to help your child choose a career path that will match individual strengths and passions.

It's easy and quick and convenient!

Step 1: Use the Internet (free at your local library) and go to www.library.calaverasgov.us,

Step 2: Click on the Link+ box,

Step 3: Type 'act sat' in the search box and click 'Search,'

Step 4: Select a book title and click on 'Request It,'

Step 5: Choose library affiliation as 'Calaveras County Library,'

Step 6: Click 'Submit' then use your library card to complete the request form. Be sure to pull down the tab to indicate where you want to pick up the book. You will be notified when your book arrives.

Please be aware of borrowing rules and renewal instructions.


Call San Andreas Central Library for details or assistance (209)754-6510. Pick up a LINK+ brochure at any branch.

*by Shannon Jewel
Copperopolis Library Branch Assistant*

ARNOLD LIBRARY PRESENTS

ROBIN BURCELL

SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 2018



Novelist

&

Clive Cussler
co-author

1-3 pm

Ebbetts Pass Fire District Meeting Room

1037 Blagen Rd, Arnold

FREE Tickets available at
Arnold Library NOW!

**Books available for sale
at event**

BRANCH EVENTS

Back From the Brink of Extinction

Sierra Nevada Bighorn Sheep Restored to Yosemite Ancestral Home Saturday, April 14th, 2:00 – 3:00 pm Murphys Library

Please join Bonnie Cassel as she shares the heartwarming and inspiring photo story of scientists and citizens working together to restore Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep back to the Yosemite National Park wilderness after an absence of nearly 100 years. This is a story with a happy ending!



Bonnie Cassel is a Calaveras Big Trees Association California Naturalist and a National Park Seasonal Interpretive Ranger.



Celebrate Earth Day

at the Murphys Volunteer Library's
Children's Event

Sponsored by 

Saturday April 21, 2018
1:00 – 3:00 pm

Face Painter! Games, Activities, Arts and Crafts, Food, Fun, and Prizes!
All ages welcome!

BOOK REVIEWS BY SUZANNE MURPHY - Valley Springs Book Club

A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles

Publish date: 2016 by Viking Press

A Man Whose Heart Is As Big As The World

Just as Rapunzel was trapped in a tower in the famous fairy tale, so is Count Alexander Ilyich Rostov imprisoned in Moscow's Hotel Metropol during the grim days of the Stalinist era in Russia. Declared a Former Person by a Bolshevik tribunal, he by great good luck is not put before a firing squad (the unfortunate fate of many aristocrats in the years after the Russian Revolution). He is, however, confined for the rest of his life to the Hotel Metropol, which commands an impressive view of both Red Square and the Kremlin.

Thus begins the tale of a man who creates a life brimming with purpose and beauty. Though he is forced to live in an impossibly small space, he bravely rearranges his opinions and furniture to make a home. He forms lasting relationships with the whole parade of characters who come to occupy rooms and those who work in the two sophisticated restaurants and refined bar that cater to the desires of the clientele. And no matter the political storms that batter Russia outside the classic Metropol, the Count continues to be addressed by his now-illegal title.

Author Towles adeptly weaves the history of the era with a fiction that is delightful, a delicious morsel tempting to the imagination. He draws on Russian history and literature, the life of the privileged classes and the magic of the countryside (think of the Varykino estate in Dr. Zhivago) for a tale well worth a reader's time. More than an entertainment, the story contains observations of the human condition and what an honorable life looks like. Although Count Rostov appears to be an unproductive member of the dismantled Russian titled class at the opening, the reader will soon realize there is something much to be admired about this man.

The protagonist develops deep connections with the women Nina, young Sofia, the willowy actress Anna, and Marina that span the story, and all have a profound effect on his understandings and wisdom.

Although the Count is forbidden to ever walk out to the streets visible from the Metropol's doors, the world tumbles through the elegant lobby right into the Count's arms, and he embraces it with love and humor. Even those ham-fisted bureaucratic functionaries who yap periodically around his heels cannot diminish him. This gentleman has no use for the term "comrade."

Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and Birth of the FBI by David Grann

Publish date: 2017 by Doubleday

It is a treat to find a historical account that is so captivating, a reader cannot put it down and must keep turning the pages until the story is fully told, even when that story is up to its neck in murder and despicable people. Author David Grann, staff writer for The New Yorker, has written such a book, a compelling history that reads as a crime thriller and mystery. It tells the complicated story of J. Edgar Hoover's early career and the rise of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in its first case, one of the most shocking crimes in the annals of U.S. history. While the murders of Osage Indians on their reservation in Oklahoma to gain ownership of their wealth is the core event, the story is rich in historical context.

The Osage, like other native peoples, were systematically forced from their original homelands during the 1870s. Driven from Kansas, they settled on a truly god-forsaken reservation in the northeastern Oklahoma Territory. While the land was worthless prairie, what bubbled up decades later from below its surface—oil, the black gold—made millionaires of the Osage people. They owned it all, legally, and no government could cheat them of their wealth.

Then, in 1921, several of Molly Burkhart's family members are murdered under strange circumstances, and their oil rights inherited by non-Indian spouses and guardians. After several bungled attempts by local law enforcement, the fledgling F.B.I., under its young director, takes on the case, its first homicide investigation.

What follows is a fascinating account that reveals a whole host of events and personalities (Texas Rangers, gangsters, G-men, and tribal families) that weave together in unexpected ways. The culture of the Old West, the appalling greed that turns people into monsters, the ideas of who deserves to be wealthy, the infancy of forensic investigative tools (including fingerprints), and the change the F.B.I. underwent in its focus and authority, all come together in a story that reads like a who-done-it. Who committed the murders, and the motive, is a shocking revelation.

To say anything more about this tantalizing non-fiction would be unfair to readers. So throw the cellphone into a closet, don't answer the door, then open to the first page and get set for a breathtaking journey.

BRANCH HIGHLIGHTS

ARNOLD

Senior Expo and Health Fair

Saturday, June 23
Time: TBD

*Sponsored by Arnold Branch Library
and Arnold Lions Club*

Summer reading dates are TBD

Arnold Book Sales

Memorial Day Weekend
and Labor Day weekend

SAN ANDREAS

Summer Memories

Saturday, June 16
at Pickle Patch

Sponsored by San Andreas/Mtn Ranch FOTL
Includes dinner and entertainment. Music of the
50s will be performed by the Rusty Rockers.

Tickets are \$25

MOKE HILL

Oodles of Doodles!

Select Fridays 1pm - 4pm
at Mokelumne Hill Library

Drop in to the library for this fun, FREE, art event.
Thanks to Acme Art Moke Hill for donating supplies.

Science Club

Select Tuesdays 2:15 - 3:30pm
at Mokelumne Hill Library

Grades K-3 - April 17; May 15, 2018
Grades 4-6 - April 10 & 24; May 8 & 22

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	April 3 - <i>Bear Town</i> by Fredrik Backman May 1 - <i>Killers of the Flower Moon</i> by David Grann (see review opposite pg.)	Mokelumne Hill Branch
Valley Springs Book Club	Third Tuesday each month 3:30 pm	April 17 - <i>The Particular Sadness of Lemon Cake</i> by Aimee Bender	Valley Springs Branch
Under the Covers Book Club	Fourth Thursday each month 2:00–4:00 pm	Contact the library branch for current information.	Murphys Branch
San Andreas Book Club	Fourth Thursday each month 10:30 am - noon 5:00–6:30 pm	Contact the library branch for current information.	San Andreas Branch
Arnold Mystery Book Club	Third Thursday each month 1 pm	Contact the library branch for current information.	Bistro Espresso