

The Focus

Calaveras County
FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Annual General MEETING

**RESERVE YOUR SEAT NOW FOR THE
ANNUAL DINNER & GENERAL MEETING
OF THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY FOR CALAVERAS COUNTY**

GUEST SPEAKER—Our County Librarian, Nancy Giddens will share her accomplishments and her goals for the new year!

Wednesday, October 18, 2017 ♦ Begins at 5 pm

Murphys Historic Hotel - Main St., Murphys \$35



♦ **Space is Limited** ♦

Reservations will be filled on a first-come, first-served, based on post-mark.

Reservation forms are available at all Calaveras library branches, or find a link to the application - <http://www.calaverasreads.com/home>.

Mail your form with check (made payable to **FOTL-CC**) to:

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Help Wanted
- Volunteer Opportunities

Friends who read, are Friends indeed!

BRANCH HIGHLIGHTS

Murphys News



Murphys Library's summer story time has been very well attended and enjoyed by many children and their families. At our luau **Jeremiah Heath** from Murphys Music store played several songs on his ukulele introducing everyone to this enjoyable instrument. Everyone delighted in the delicious flip flop cookies and received a shell lei to wear and take home. Cal Fire taught fire safety and we had a special visit from **Smokey Bear** and a fire truck! Thank you to the four fire fighters from Auburn, CA. We got to tryout our new musical instruments (*Thank you Resource*

Connection) on Music Makers Day and went on a scavenger hunt in our community park for Nature Explorers Day. Each child took home a magnifying glass to use for their outdoor nature studies. Our little paleontologists excavated a mini plastic dinosaur from its frozen ice cube during our Dinosaur Day. The Resource Connection staged a family Read and Share event complete with books, puppets, sing-a-longs, and a craft activity plus free handouts and prizes for all. At several of our events we have had 30+ attendees, children and their family members. Our last special event will be Zoo Explorers. We will be doing counting activities with animal crackers and reading books about zoo animals.



Kris Loving



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We are breathlessly waiting to see who will be our summer reading bingo winner of the Kindle and \$30 Sustenance Book Store gift certificate. Looking forward to October: we will be doing A-Z alphabet activities.

Mokelumne Hill News

Malila Szabados is a special person, and a long-time resident of Mokelumne Hill and Friend of the Library. For many years, every Friday she and **Sally Tuttle** would volunteer at the library cleaning and organizing the books. They were good friends and always made the porch and books-for-sale look nice, as those book sales are a major money-maker for the Friends.

Malila is always interesting to talk to. She speaks several languages and had a remarkable life before moving to the U.S. She was born in Romania, raised in Italy, and has first-hand memories of WWII in Italy, with a unique perspective on the world. Malila had to retire from the Friends recently due to illness and we sure miss her. She was a hardworking, dependable volunteer.

Thank you Malila!

California History Day, on September 12, is the brainchild of **Mary Ann Garamendi**. Every year the children dress as pioneers and participate in an activity like churning milk, and pan for gold. A member of the Historical Society will give a talk.

I received several large-print westerns that my readers have been looking for.

Judy Galli

Celebrate Friday the 13th by Seeing the movie

DAY OF THE ANIMALS (1977)

(filmed in beautiful Murphys)

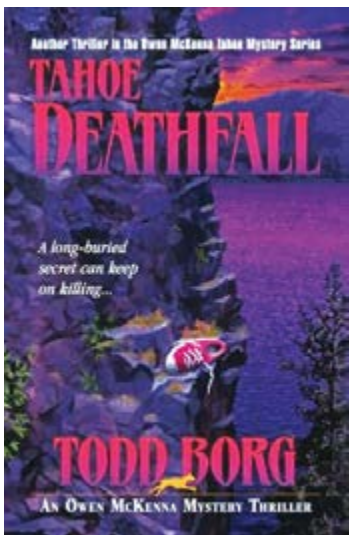
Upstairs in Murphys Library

October 13, 2017

Doors open at 6:30 pm

Begins promptly at 7:00 pm

Snacks and drinks provided!



Wednesday, October 18, 2017

1:00 pm

TODD BORG

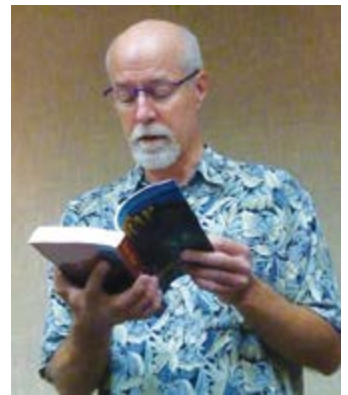
You are invited to attend a

Murphys Library Event with Todd Borg,
author of the Tahoe series of mystery books.

There is no cost to attend this free event but

seats are limited and you must have a ticket.

See or call Kris Loving (728-3036) to reserve your seat.



SCARY STORY PARTY NIGHT!

SAT., OCTOBER 28 5:30 TO 7:30 PM

SAN ANDREAS LIBRARY

Prizes for the Best Kid's Costumes, Cookie Walk, Games, Crafts

Goodies for Sale, Raffles, Book Give-away!

SPOOKY TALES TOLD BY MASTER STORYTELLER B. Z. SMITH

FREE! EVERYONE IS INVITED!

Brought to you by the Friends of the Library of SA/MTN Ranch

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

SCHOOL LIBRARIES



With so much technology in today's world, actual books and libraries are becoming a thing of the past. In my mind, a library can't be replaced with a tablet. There is just something different about holding an actual book in your hand. A library card is usually always free and opens up an entire building of books for people. Sure you can access millions of books on a tablet, but you have to pay for that.

School libraries are extremely important because they sometimes are a child's first introduction to books and reading. There is something entirely different about actually holding a book in your hand rather than on a device. Young readers find looking at picture books to be extremely enjoyable especially with the bright and vivid illustrations that are common in most children's books. Our older students use the Reading Counts program which has quizzes on books. Most of the books in our library have these quizzes and it covers a wide variety of genres so the students are being exposed to many different types of books, not just the current popular book.

As the school librarian I enjoy seeing children wanting to read. When they find a good series that interests them, it is amazing how excited they can get. I read aloud to the classes that visit the library and the students become so involved in the story they are completely entranced. I pick different books every week and try to find some that children haven't heard before. I also have a special shelf where I put out special books such as ones to do with the current season, or holidays, or topics like first day jitters at school. Picking out these books helps the younger readers find new books that maybe they wouldn't pull off the shelves themselves.

We would like to thank the Valley Springs Friends of the Library for their generous donation to our library. The students are very excited to see all these new titles enter our library and I can barely get the books into our library system before the kids check them out. This donation along with book fairs are the only source of money to purchase new books for the library. We don't have a budget set up in the district, so we rely on donations such as these to help keep our collection current!

Colleen Reyes
Media Specialist at Jenny
Lind Elementary School



BE PREPARED WITH HELP FROM THE LIBRARY

When we think of our local library, most of us think of a building full of books for reading enjoyment and learning. While that is certainly true, the main library and each of the seven branches located throughout Calaveras County have so much more to offer than just books.

Perhaps the most overlooked aspect of our libraries is their potential as resource centers before, during, and after a major emergency or natural disaster. Extensive power outages, flooding, earthquakes, and fires are all potential catastrophes our communities could be faced with at any time. Making use of our libraries can help minimize any of the problems that may occur.

Preparedness

Do you know what to do in case of an emergency? Do you know how to prepare for a fire in your area? What should you bring with you in case of an evacuation? The answers to these and many other emergency related questions can be found at your local library.

Our libraries have books and other reference materials on emergency preparedness. Each branch also has Internet connected computers to enable you to find information, such as a map of your local area that may not be contained in a book on a shelf.

Time spent preparing for an emergency can save lives and property as well as offer some peace of mind when something bad does happen.

During an Emergency

We are all painfully aware of the devastating impact the Butte Fire had on Calaveras County. Fire season is once again upon us and more fires, both small and large, are certainly in our future.

Libraries can be used as an initial meeting place for family, friends and neighbors in the event of an evacuation. Consider this when conducting your emergency planning.

As already mentioned, our libraries have Internet access which can be the source of accurate, up to the minute information on what is occurring. Information on areas under evacuation, the locations of evacuation centers (for people and animals), and where to obtain food, water, and clothing can all be found through emergency services and news websites.

The libraries can also be places to simply spend some time while waiting out a short term emergency. Reading

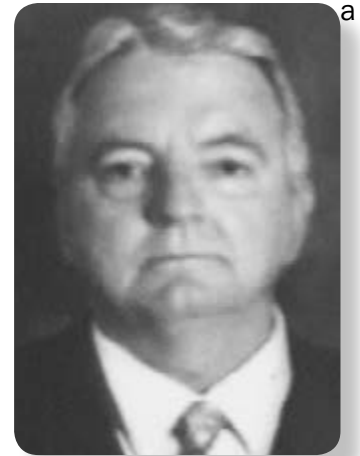
a book while waiting for a downed tree to be removed from the road to your home can help pass the time.

After an Emergency

A major event such as the Butte Fire unfortunately leaves many with no phones, computers, printers, or Internet access. People can utilize the technology available in our libraries to correspond with insurance companies, download and print out insurance forms or other necessary documents. Also, in the event it was overlooked as part of the preparation process, people can research what they will need to do in order to begin putting their lives back to as normal as possible.

These are just a few examples of what your libraries can do for you. Sure, each branch is loaded with books for us to enjoy, but your libraries have so much more to offer. Please take a few minutes sometime and stop in at your local branch to learn how we can help you be prepared!

Pat Garrahan



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.

BOOK REVIEW by Suzanne Murphy

Brooklyn by Colm Tóibín
Publish Date: 2009 by Scribner

Coming to America

It might be easy to peg this relatively slim novel as a coming of age story, as that is what it seems at first glance. Indeed, Eilis Lacey emigrates from her small Irish village to the big world of post-WWII Brooklyn for work, a recurring theme in Irish literature. The reader is treated to a horrific description of the third-class berth on the transatlantic passage, a cast of characters also transplanted from other European countries, and a window onto the New World's brash optimism, so unfamiliar to newcomers. The reader may see Tóibín's story as a cousin to Betty Smith's *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*, whose Francie Nolan bears some resemblance to Eilis Lacey.

There is, however, much more going on in this portrait the author paints of post-war Brooklyn. Eilis may be a

country girl naive to the fast-talkers who whirl around her, but she quickly "wises up" and proves capable of taking care of herself.

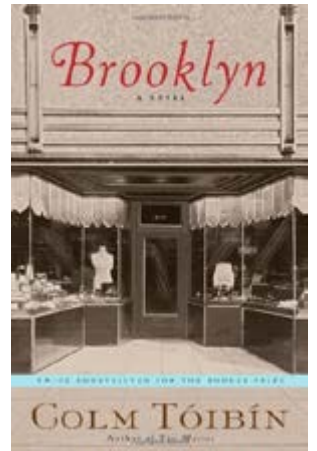
The reader watches Eilis encounter the same kinds of class and cultural discrimination she knew so well in her Irish homeland, only in different guises and languages of people who live so close to one another. The landlady, Mrs. Kehoe, has no trouble warning the young women who board with her against the dangers of behavior that is too free.

The plot contains startling events that create a tension lying just beneath characters' words and actions — worries that lurk below a wistful smile. Of course, there is a good share of lies and deceit that complicate lives so steeped in secrets and words unsaid. Even when Eilis falls in love, as she should, that relationship is fraught with peril. And Rose, the glamorous self-sacrificing older sister, is not above keeping her own secrets close.

Something needs to be said about Tóibín's writing style. He is a close observer of human nature and handles his characters with great care. The reader

feels as if he respects them and their decisions, no matter how comical they may appear. He uses words and language with grace and respect as well. This reader found the writing style refreshingly free of redundancy, so the plot moves ahead uncluttered by overblown descriptions.

Brooklyn is a book that should be taken out to the porch and read on a soft summer evening.



HELP WANTED AT YOUR LIBRARY

LIBRARY ASSISTANT II:

Through a grant funded by First Five for the Little Leapers Early Literacy Program, the County of Calaveras Library Department is looking for a person who will assist Calaveras County Library Branches in Storytime, develop themed curriculum for children's programs, making home visits to Calaveras Family Child Care Homes to deliver library books and help children complete the curriculum. The incumbent will also maintain the social media presence of this program and plan library events for children.

LIBRARY ASSISTANT II:

The County of Calaveras Library Department is seeking a part-time Library Branch Assistant. The incumbent will perform paraprofessional library work, general clerical work, and related duties as required.

The schedule for this position will be Mon. 8 am - 5 pm, with 3 hours being worked at the San Andreas Central Library and 5 hours at the Copperopolis branch. Fri. and Sat. hours are 11 am - 4 pm all of which are worked at the Murphys library branch - for a total of 18 hrs. weekly.

LITERACY COMMUNITY LIAISON

The Literacy Community Liaison will assist in the coordination and development of adult literacy outreach in the community as well as assist with clerical tasks as assigned.

Schedule: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 am - 4 pm.

This position is currently funded through November, 2018.

For application and all the details, visit <http://humanresources.co.calaveras.ca.us/Employment/Current-Openings>

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	Sept 5 - "At the Edge of the Orchard," by Tracy Chevalier	Mokelumne Hill Branch
Book Club	Third Tuesday each month 3:30 pm	Sept 19 - "Last Child in the Woods," by Richard Louv	Valley Springs Branch
Under the Covers Book Club	Fourth Thursday each month 2:00–4:00 pm	Sept 28 - "Pilate's Wife," by local au- thor Antoinette May	Murphys Branch
San Andreas Book Club	Fourth Thursday each month 10:30 am - noon 5:00–6:30 pm	Sept 28 - "Water for Elephants" by Sara Gruen	San Andreas Branch

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- TRIVIA BEE** is ready to form its Questions Committee for the next event! This is a very important part of the event and we really need some new members. If you would like to join us, or have any questions, please contact **Diane Jarvi** at: grnhrndi@att.net
- PAC** (Public Awareness Committee/Campaign) will be reorganizing back into its four committees - **Finance, Fundraising, Membership and Outreach**. These four groups provide a vital component to the success of the Friends of the Library for Calaveras County. If you would like to join one of our committees, please contact **Mary Cole** at calaverasfotl@gmail.com.



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