

The Focus

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Valentine's Day is filled with thoughts of hearts, flowers, candy and romance. It's a time when we consider the people, places, foods and things we love.

Here's a list of what I love about the library:

1. Library cards are FREE;
2. Library space is peaceful and quiet;
3. Libraries provide access to FREE WI-FI and other technology;
4. It's a great place for kids' books, activities and programs;
5. It's a place to learn a new skill or language;
6. It can provide temporary "office" space;
7. You are amongst books written by some of the world's greatest scholars and creative thinkers;
8. I can explore different authors and genres by checking out, rather than purchasing, books.

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Love to Read programs
- DNA in Plain English



Visit the Library before February 14 and let us know what you love about the library!

Shannon Jewel, Copper Library



Friends who read, are Friends indeed!

LIBRARY YEAR IN REVIEW — MOKE HILL

Mokelumne Hill FOTL President **Janet Dock** reflected on their library branch accomplishments in 2017:

Children's programs focused on promoting literacy, with Story Hour, 240 books given to Mokelumne Hill Elementary students, Science Club twice a month on Tuesdays, Summer Reading and Art Camp. The Dollywood program also sent one book each month to about 28 families in the 95245 zip code with children 0-4 years old.

Adult programs focused on education, historical information, and literacy, with the Gold Rush Writers' Program and the Moke Hill Reads book club. Programs are funded by grants from First 5 Calaveras and the Arts Council, along with generous donations from the Lions Club, MHCH Trust, Zumba, James Aarons, and Moke Hill Main St. Business Association, and book sales from the front porch.

The branch participated in the FOTL - Calaveras County Trivia Bee, California History Day, and the Holiday Open House (with crafts, refreshments, and book give-aways.) They also completed a Front Porch Cleanup project with support from the Moke Hill Main St. Business Association and community volunteers.

For 2018, the FOTL will work on plans for the branch's 20th anniversary in June, 2019. They will also focus on programs for older adults and teens.

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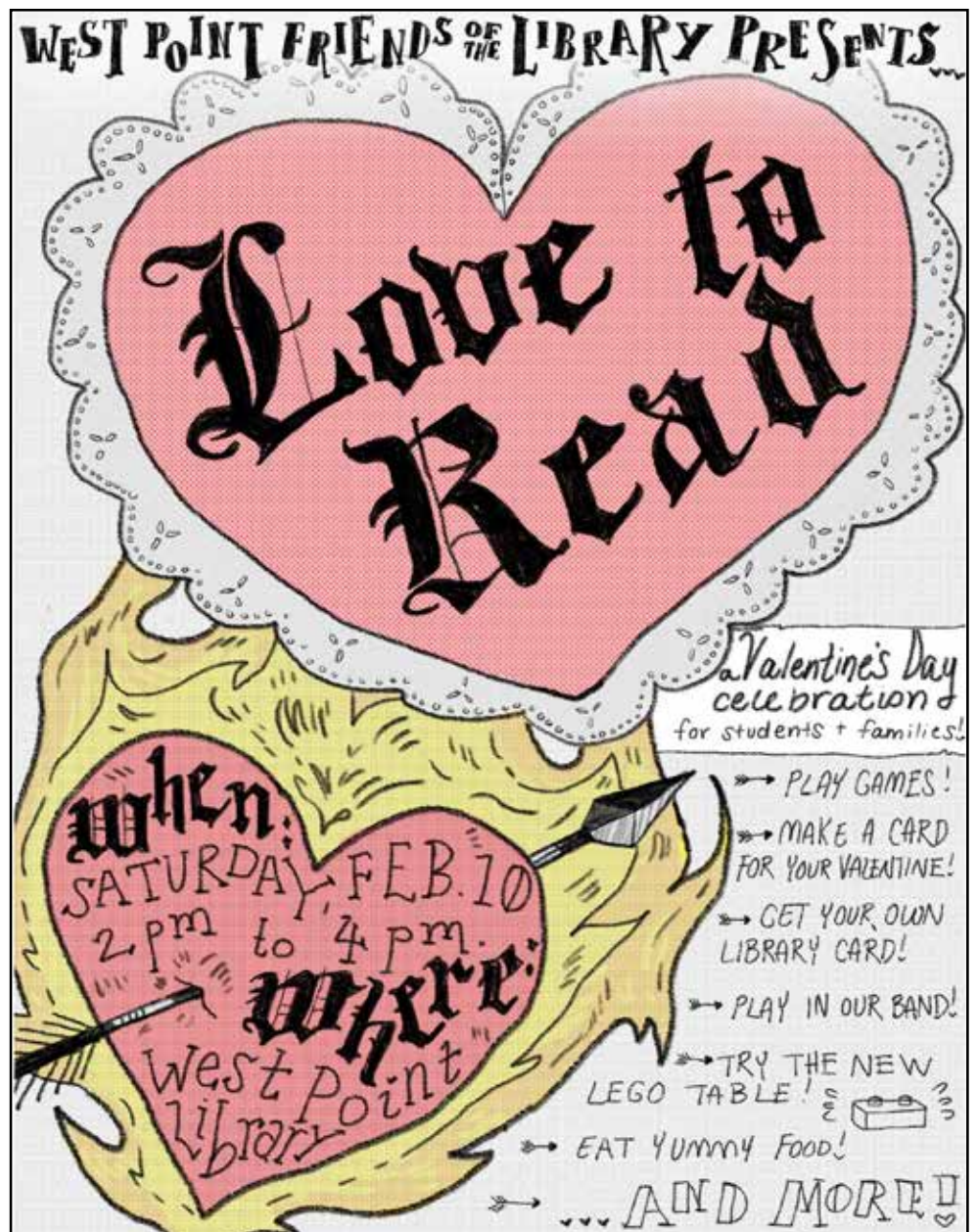
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Come spend a
crafty afternoon
AT THE COPPEROPOLIS LIBRARY!
Tuesday, February 13 12-1pm
Bring a rock and your library card.
Check out a book while the paint is drying.
See you there!!



Let's Make Valentines!

February is "Love to Read" Month

Murphys Library is inviting everyone to come make Valentines

Saturday, February 3rd ♥ 2 - 3 pm

All ages welcome, and all materials provided.



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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

OUTREACH - Libraries for Humanity

The primary goal of the Friends of the Library is to *support* our Librarian, **Nancy Giddens**. And one of her wishes is to increase attendance at the library branches. So, the Outreach Committee has been tasked with conducting a survey to determine what services or programs our community would most like to see available in our libraries. Keep watch here for your chance to tell us what you want.

For more information or comments, please feel free to contact any of our Committee members: **Richard Raso** - Chair, **Mary Cole**, **Kathi Copeland**, **Bob Dean**, **Vickey Mills**, **Marlene Settle**.

MEMBERSHIP

In our first Membership Committee meeting we set our goals for the year. Among them is to increase our membership count by 25%. Some of the ways we will accomplish this is to host a membership drive, increase methods of joining and renewing, and increase methods of communicating with potential new members.

We will be working closely with the Outreach Committee as there is some inevitable overlap between the two. To solve this, two of our members are also on the Outreach Committee.

For more information or comments, please feel free to contact any of our Committee members: **Mary Cole** - Chair, **Kathi Copeland**, **Kate Garrahan**, **Karen Eggleston**.

FUNDRAISING

Diane Jarvi, Chair of the Fundraising Committee has begun the plans for the Annual Trivia Bee. The theme is "Highway 49 - The Gold Rush Trail!." The date will be March 24th.

Start preparing your teams! You can download the Contestant Form at <http://www.calaverasreads.com/events.html>, or you can contact Diane at grnhrndi@att.net to sign-up.



MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR MEMBERSHIP
— JOIN A COMMITTEE —

BOOKS TO MOVIES in 2018

There's nothing better than to read the book before the movie adaptation hits the big screen! So looking forward to the New Year here is a list of books that are being made into movies. Items with an asterisk(*) are in the library system, and the others can be ordered by going to <https://library.calaverasgov.us/> and click on Link+.

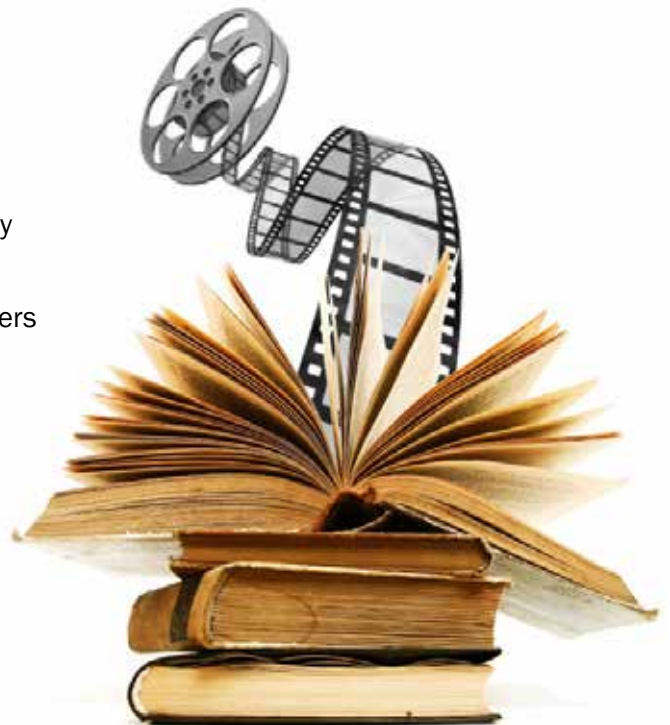
Enjoy! – Kris Loving



- * *Fifty Shades Freed* by E L James - opens at theaters on February 14
- Annihilation* by Jeff VanderMeer - releases on February 23
- Every Day* by David Levithan - opens on February 23
- * *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle - has a March 9 release date
- * *Maze Runner: The Death Cure* based on *The Death Cure* by James Dashner - opened on January 26

The following films to be released later in 2018:

- * *Peter Rabbit* based on *The Tale of Peter Rabbit* by Beatrix Potter
- 12 Strong* by Doug Stanton
- * *Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald* based on *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them* by J.K. Rowling
- * *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* by Annie Barrows and Mary Ann Shaffer
- The War with Grandpa* by Robert Kimmel Smith
- * *First Man* based on *First Man: A Life Of Neil A. Armstrong* by James Hansen
- * *Red Sparrow* by Jason Matthews
- * *Love, Simon* based on *Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens Agenda* by Becky Albertalli
- * *Ashes in the Snow* based on *Between Shades of Gray* by Ruta Sepetys
- * *Ready Player One* by Ernest Cline
- * *Where'd You Go Bernadette* by Maria Semple
- * *Crazy Rich Asians* by Kevin Kwan
- The Darkest Minds* by Alexandra Bracken
- Boy Erased* by Garrard Conley
- * *The Jungle Book* by Rudyard Kipling
- * *The Girl in the Spider's Web* by David Lagercrantz
- Mary, Queen of Scots* based on *Queen of Scots* by John Guy
- * *How the Grinch Stole Christmas!* by Dr. Seuss
- Mary Poppins Returns* based on *Mary Poppins* by P. L. Travers
- * *Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott
- * *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury
- The Long Home* by William Gay
- * *To All the Boys I've Loved Before* by Jenny Han
- Ophelia* by Lisa Klein
- * *Monster* by Walter Dean Myers
- * *Bel Canto* by Ann Patchett
- * *The Bell Jar* by Sylvia Plath



BOOK REVIEW by Suzanne Murphy

The Twelve Lives of Samuel Hawley

by Hannah Tinti

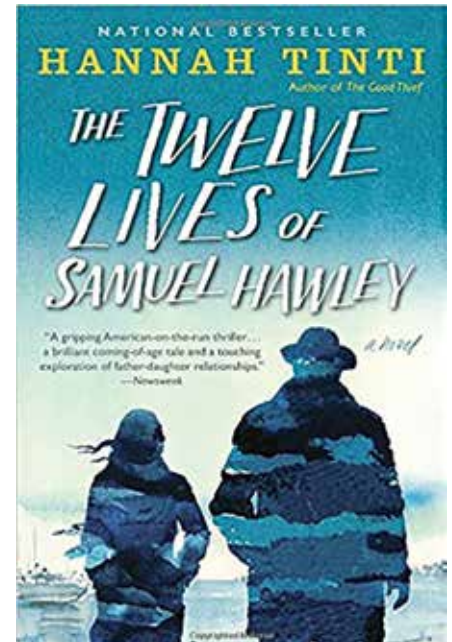
Publish date 2017 by The Dial Press

Putting Down Roots

Loo and her father, Hawley, have been on the move ever since she can remember. They are not exactly on the run, but Hawley's past criminal career is a constant threat to their stability. Hawley gets nervous when ghosts of burglaries and unfortunate choices of partners start following him around, so he packs up his guns (of which he has many) and his daughter to skedaddle out of town to another motel somewhere on the road. Loo has become quite expert in throwing everything she needs into a bag in a big hurry and, importantly, never asking out loud the questions that need to be answered—about her father and mother's relationship and the circumstances of her young mother's death. Loo's constant possession is a planisphere, her mother's star chart to track constellations, and Hawley carries a box containing mementos of his dead wife.

The story has been created on the framework of twelve bullet wounds that cover Hawley's body. Similar to the main character in Ray Bradbury's *The Illustrated Man* whose tattoos each tell a story, every wound is a chapter in Hawley's life. In this way, his life is interwoven with wife Lily's story and daughter Loo's discovery of her own life chapters. This is a thriller and moves at high speed until the very last page. At times, the reader wants to put the book aside and just take a breath to slow down, but not for long. The story's action can go in any direction, and the reader absolutely has to know what happens next.

Hawley and Loo finally quit moving from one town to another and have settled, in a way, in Olympus, Massachusetts, where Lily grew up. Hawley snags a job as a fisherman, and he buys a house. Lily's own mother Mabel still lives in town, and wouldn't it be lovely if Loo could develop a relationship with her grandmother? Well, there's bad blood between Mabel and Hawley, and that complicates everything.



Loo is in high school, there's a boy who gets her all flustered, and her immature social skills all conspire to make her life a disaster.

Although this story could be thought of as a coming of age tale, it may be less about the young girl and more about her father. The vivid writing startles and engages readers, pulling them along like a fish on the hook to an unusual ending.

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**

Still need to renew your membership, or would like to join?

**You can find an application at
<http://www.calaverasreads.com/membership.html>**

Mary Cole,
Membership & Promotions Staff

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	FEB 6 - <i>In The Woods</i> by Tana French	Mokelumne Hill Branch
Valley Springs Book Club	Third Tuesday each month 3:30 pm	<i>Contact the library branch for current information.</i>	Valley Springs Branch
Under the Covers Book Club	Fourth Thursday each month 2:00–4:00 pm	<i>Contact the library branch for current information.</i>	Murphys Branch
San Andreas Book Club	Fourth Thursday each month 10:30 am - noon 5:00–6:30 pm	<i>Contact the library branch for current information.</i>	San Andreas Branch
Arnold Mystery Book Club	Third Thursday each month 1 pm	FEB 15 - <i>Notorious</i> by Allison Brennan MAR 15 - <i>Red Sparrow</i> by Jason Matthews	Bistro Espresso

NEWS FROM ARNOLD FOTL

The Arnold library sponsors the Arnold Mystery Book Club. January's meeting discussed the book *Death at LaFenice*, by Donna Leon. February's meeting will discuss *Notorious* by Allison Brennan. The book club choice for October, *Red Sparrow*, comes out as a movie in the Spring of 2018. The group plans to see the movie, too. Please contact the Arnold library for further information.

In March, the library will sponsor a computer seminar on Microsoft Office program - Word. Date to be determined in February. Please contact the Arnold library for more details.

Richard Raso

GENEALOGY AT MURPHYS LIBRARY!

Linda Trudeau will give a presentation on genealogy
at Murphys Library on

Wednesday, February 21st @ 1:30 pm.

This is a **FREE** event, but please contact the branch to reserve your seat: 728-3036

The focus of this presentation will be **"DNA in Plain English"**:

You don't have to be a scientist to be fascinated by the twists & turns of family history, add some DNA and see what pops up!