

## FRIENDS OF THE Calaveras County LIBRARY

# The Focus



## *Reading Takes you Everywhere!* **SUMMER READING PROGRAM**

**FROM JUNE 1 - AUGUST 1**

**AT ALL OF THE LIBRARY BRANCHES**

Graphics and programs will focus on the excitement of exploration and new discoveries to be found in books, libraries, our communities, and beyond.

Pickup a reading log and check out some great books and track your reading hours to win fantastic prizes!

Read for six hours for a ticket to Legoland. Many other prizes are available at each reading benchmark. For ages 0-12.

*Reading adventures await!*



Chloe's getting a head start on summer reading promotion by organizing the reading rewards prize table in the Copper Library.



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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

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- Sock Hop
- Meet the Authors
- Health Fair
- Walk Wednesdays
- LOTS MORE

**Friends who read, are Friends indeed!**

## BRANCH REPORT - Angels Camp



As most everybody knows, the long-anticipated move of the Angels Camp Branch will not be happening. The county and the landlord couldn't come to an agreement on a few matters and they decided they didn't want to go through with it. We're pretty disappointed and have no other prospects, so for the time being we're working on ideas to get more out of our space.

Thanks to our Storytime leader, **Cora Broglio**, we have had such a large number of children for Storytime the last few months that we really need to come up with a way to make the kids area bigger. If we do some re-arranging, we should be able to move the large shelving unit and open up the area for more space for the kiddos. Thanks to Cora for attracting so many and running a great program every week (**Fridays at 10:30**). After school is out, we'll have even more Story Timers joining the preschoolers. We also have some usable space in our front area that we are

thinking of utilizing.

All of the branches are joining together with the Summer Reading theme "*Reading Takes You Everywhere.*" This is being coordinated by **Jenni Solbakken** from the Main Library. Reading logs will be handed out and prizes will be given for amount of time spent reading books.

We were hoping to be doing a lot more with all of our new space this summer, but we'll have to get creative and think of new ways to use our old small space.

by Patty Smalling  
Angels Camp Library Branch Assistant

### BOOK & YARD



#### LABOR DAY WEEKEND

San Andreas Library  
1299 GOLD HUNTER ROAD



Contact the branch for  
details or to donate  
items for sale.  
754-6510

### The Moke Hill Friends of the Library WELCOME all ages for these FREE Events!



Select Fridays **JUNE 15** 1 pm - 3 pm  
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 - 3:30 pm  
at Mokelumne Hill Library

## BRANCH EVENTS



### Saturday, June 2

**Dinner and entertainment**  
Tickets are \$30

Doors Open at 4 pm 🌺 Dinner at 5 pm  
Jenny Lind Vets Hall 🌺 300 Daphne St., Valley Springs

**CALL FOR TICKETS**  
Willene Seavey ~ 772-1000  
Jackie Wietrick ~ 772-0591  
Valley Springs Library ~ 772-1318



## Wake Up & Walk Wednesdays 7 am

### Copperopolis Friends of the Library

Meet every Wednesday at 7am under the Clock Tower at Copper Town Square

ALL are invited---babies in strollers, dogs on leashes, kids on bikes!

Some of us will speed walk and others will mosey.

Some will kick it for an hour and some will stop to chat sooner than that.

Wear comfy clothes and shoes and bring a water bottle.

See you Wednesday and bring your friends!

Let's get out and move together!



*Our first walking day had a freak thunderstorm... but a few turned out. Marilyn Richardson and Shirley Wunder are from our Copper FOTL Board*



***You are invited to attend a FREE Murphys Library Event***

**Saturday, June 16, 2018**

**@ 2:00 – 3:30 pm**

**with Terry Shames, author of the Samuel Craddock mystery series,  
and James Ziskin, author of the Ellie Stone mysteries.**



***NO cost to attend but seats are limited and  
you must have a ticket.***

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

***Snacks and raffle prizes.***

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**July 20 2018, 9:00pm**

**IGA Parking Lot**

## 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*

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**1299 Gold Hunter Road**  
**754-6510**  
*Wednesdays @ 10:30 am*

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**240 Pine Street**  
**772-1318**  
*Thursdays @ 3:00 pm*

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**54 Bald Mountain Rd.**  
**293-7020**  
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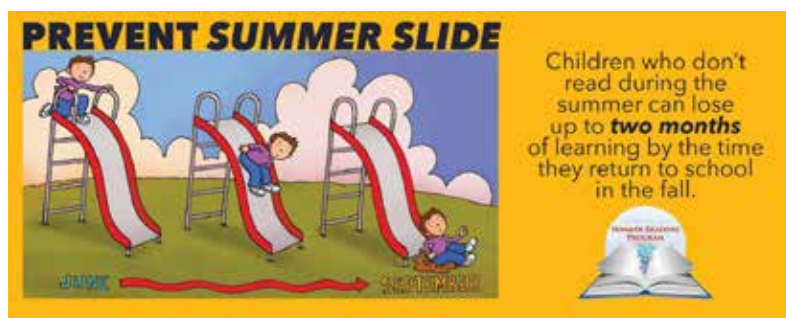
## PREVENT SUMMER SLIDE

### Summer Reading Facts

- **The benefits of summer reading are clear.** National research from Dominican University finds that students who participate in public library summer reading programs scored higher on reading achievement tests at the beginning of the next school year than those who did not participate.
- **Parents of children enrolled in the public library summer reading program** reported that their children spent more time reading over the summer, read more books, were well prepared for school in the fall, and read more confidently.
- **Young people experience learning losses when they don't engage** in educational activities during the summer. Research spanning 100 years shows that students typically score lower on standardized tests at the end of summer vacation than they do on the same tests at the beginning of the summer. Libraries are part of the solution.
- **To succeed in school and life, children and young adults need ongoing opportunities to learn and practice essential skills.** Summer Reading Club reminds kids that reading is for fun—as well as for learning.
- **There's so much to see, so much to do at your library!** There's no better place to take your kids. The library is a place to learn, read, and have fun...a place the whole family can enjoy. In fact, more than 82 million children attend library programs every year.
- **Studies show that children who are read to in the home and who use the library perform better in school and are more likely to continue to use the library as a source of lifetime learning.**
- **The amount of time children spend reading outside of school is linked to gains in reading achievement.** Numerous studies show that access to books and magazines is directly related to higher reading achievement.

Source: Dominican University IMLS-funded research: Public Library Summer Reading Programs Close the Reading Gap

<https://www.ireadprogram.org/resources/prevent-summer-slide>



# 1950's Summer Memories

Hop on down to  
**The Pickle Patch**



577 W. Saint Charles/Hwy. 49 in San Andreas

## Saturday June 16th

Social 5:00    Dinner 6:00    No Host Bar

Tickets \$25

Music by **The Rusty Rockers**



Tickets available at all  
county libraries and from  
members of the  
San Andreas/Mountain Ranch  
Friends of the Library

For more information  
call the Main Library at  
**754-6510**

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## BRANCH REPORT - Murphys



Utilizing a grant from **First 5 Calaveras**, Murphys Volunteer Library held its sixth annual Children's Event on April 21, 2018. Our Earth Day celebration was a huge success with over 41 children and their parents participating.

Children and their family members participated in games and activities, decorated a Color Your Own Earth Day pot, planted seeds with a volunteer, had their face painted, ate healthy snacks, interacted and joined in activities with

others, explored Earth Day and nature books, danced to the ukulele band, **Highway 4 Necktie** (thank you to **Jeremiah Heath** and the band members), and learned more about the library.

Students were excited about the variety of games. The favorite game was "Save the Fish" and children used a fishing pole with a magnet as a hook to remove trash and recyclables from a small wading pool. On our front porch a volunteer who is a Master Gardener helped them plant bean seeds to take home.

The face painter was also staged outside in front of the library and was kept quite busy! Earth Day goodie bags were handed out. Children came upstairs for games and food where the room was decorated with blowup globes and Earth Day posters. The interaction and involvement between children and adults was wonderful!



who helped the children throughout the event. The face painter was a wonderful addition and she and her family enjoyed the event as much as the participants. We were happy she didn't give birth to her third child which she expected any day! Earth Day was a perfect day to hold this event and we look forward to the event in 2019, hopefully with the support of First 5 Calaveras.

Be sure and stop by to check out some of the wonderful Earth Day/Nature books that were purchased.



Thank you to our three volunteers, **Karla McKahan**, **Paul Harpainter** and **Bonnie Frabasilio**. We also recruited an eleven year old volunteer, **Carnegie Hall**,



by Kristine Loving,  
Murphys Library

- \*Senior Health Services
- \*Ebbetts Pass Fire District
- \*Sheriff's Department
- \*Community Service Groups
- \*Personal Safety Vendor
- \*Nutrition and Fitness
- \*Financial Services
- \*Health Professionals
- \*Genealogy

## Door and Raffle Prizes

- \*2 Nights in Hawaii\*  
Donated by Above and Beyond Travel
- \*Ski Lift Tickets\*  
Bear Valley
- & MORE!

## Locations

Arnold Library  
1065 Blagen Road  
  
&  
Ebbetts Pass Fire Station  
1035 Blagen Road

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## BOOK REVIEW BY SUZANNE MURPHY - Valley Springs Book Club

**Exit West** by Mohsin Hamid

Publish date 2017 by Riverhead Press



Wrapped within this tale of two young people who fall in love lies a challenging perspective on the human drive to leave the place that is home and strike out for uncertain shores. In times past, this appetite propelled explorers and merchants toward geographic and economic conquest.

Modern migration has a radically different meaning—it is flight from the ravages of war and oppression.

Author Mohsin Hamid's opening words in *Exit West* introduce Saeed, the young man who falls in love with Nadia when they meet in a class. The city in which they live is not specifically mentioned, but Nadia chooses to dress in hijab, a puzzling contradiction when Saeed learns Nadia is fiercely independent and lives by herself in a small apartment. They are instantly attracted to one another. What should be the beginning of a charming story is immediately complicated with the realization that their city is teetering on the brink of destruction although the population prefers to ignore the coming cataclysm, until it is too late. Then begins panicked escape, a familiar story that plays out today before the world's eyes. The author asks the reader to consider disaster in the simple terms of two people.

What follows is the journey of Saeed and Nadia as they pass through doors into other countries and realities. Doors are metaphors for the passage into new places and the influence those places have on the lovers' relationship and decisions.

The story has an almost fairytale quality although it is easy to recognize the frustrations and disorienting conditions that are part of migration. In luminescent language, the story reveals itself to be an exploration of what it means to be human in relationship with those whom we love, the physical world, and other cultures. Questions surface about how our experiences affect our most personal beliefs, and is our care for one another an unbreakable commitment? Above all, the author offers a deeper meaning of "refugee" that transcends narrow definitions of geography, class, or economics. At one point in the narrative, a deceptively simple sentence reveals an essential truth, that "[we] are all migrants through time."

*Exit West* is a book well worth reading. Book clubs will find that its observations can provoke rich discussion; individual readers will think about the story's essence long after they read the last page.

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***What's going on in your library?***

***Read a great book lately?***

***Share your stories here.***

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## BOOK REVIEWS BY SUZANNE MURPHY - Valley Springs Book Club

***The Orchid Thief*** by Susan Orlean  
Publish Date: 1998, Ballantine Books



Opening this book is like stepping into a greenhouse bursting with color and fragrance, luring the reader with a riot of botanical history and tales of horticultural piracy. It is the account of a world that is fantastical and frightening by turn, seductive and a little rough around the edges. At the center of this tale is the orchid, especially a particular species named the ghost orchid, a plant legendary in its evolution and attraction.

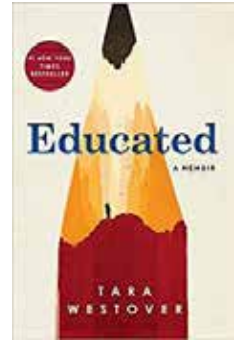
Author Susan Orlean has crafted a nonfiction that originates in the Fakahatchee Strand State Preserve in Florida where bounties of wild orchids flourish, then moves to a Florida courthouse where orchid smuggler John Laroche and a pair of Seminole associates are dodging criminal charges related to the theft of wild orchids. The author has read an article about Laroche and his shenanigans and cannot resist making the trip from New York City to learn his story. She informs the reader that she has no real desire to fall victim to the allure of the deceptively robust orchid plant, and then she does exactly that. Her descriptions of the thousands of different species are delicious and irresistible, even a little bawdy. She spends two years accompanying Laroche, this seedy, charismatic botanical genius as he traipses into the Big Cypress and other swamps, and to orchid shows – where experts trade clones and cuttings worth thousands of dollars and stories worth millions.

The author uses her considerable talent as a staff writer for *The New Yorker* to make this literary nonfiction a pleasure to read, keeping its myriad of time periods and locations organized for understanding the fascinating history of orchids. Aside from her skills at handling research to write a captivating tale, Orlean is unafraid to take risks in following some wily characters into places infested with alligators and hundreds of ways to disappear into a truly wild frontier.

Enjoy the journey, but remember to stop along the way to tend to the somewhat less exotic plants in the garden.

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***Educated*** by Tara Westover  
Publish date: 2008, Random House



Tara Westover opens her memoir with a beautiful description of her childhood home at the base of a mountain named Buck's Peak in rural Idaho. It is an idyllic depiction of a home that many people would long for, an undisturbed and peaceful forested landscape, the kitchen a scene of warm tranquility, loving parents and older brothers who protect and care for Tara, the youngest of seven siblings. From her porch, Tara looks up at the mountain called the "Indian Princess" whose strength she will rely on through her story, and then she looks down to the highway at the school bus that passes her home without stopping because the Westover children do not go to school.

The story told in the following pages is one of transformation, yet it is unlike any Cinderella fairytale. Tara's family lives by the survivalist creed, and every day is crowded with the work of preparing for the End of Days. Father runs a scrapping yard and buries tanks of gasoline on the farm property, and her mother, an accomplished herbalist and midwife, relentlessly cans food. Tara herself works with her brothers and father in the scrapping junkyard and on construction jobs, where the threat of severe injury is always present. Tara's life is planned in accordance with her father's zealous religious distrust of the mainstream world. When Tara makes the decision to go to school, it is the beginning of her self-creation, full of obstacles and losses that still haunt her today.

Westover walks into a classroom for the first time when she is seventeen years old, after having taught herself enough from textbooks to pass the ACT and win a scholarship to BYU. She has little social contact outside her extensive family and tightly knit church community, so she struggles with social norms her family condemns. She is convinced she does not belong in the alien world of learning, a belief stemming from the nightmare of a brother's abuse. She is an impostor, afraid of letting anyone become a friend; she is also a stranger to her family, betraying those who love her.

Westover's memoir is compelling and superb in its language and clarity. Although accounts of abuse may startle the reader, they provide understanding into the author's frame of mind and decisions. While her memoir may be complete, Westover's journey is not—it takes a lifetime to create oneself.

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## 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	<b>June 5</b> - <u><i>Iron Lake</i></u> by William Krueger <b>July 3</b> - <i>Contact Library</i>	Mokelumne Hill Branch
Valley Springs Book Club	Third Tuesday each month 3:30 pm	<b>June 19</b> - <u><i>Maisie Dobbs</i></u> by Jacqueline Winspear <b>July 17</b> - <u><i>The Great Gatsby</i></u> by F. Scott Fitzgerald	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	<i>Contact the library branch for current information.</i>	Bistro Espresso

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