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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- BIG BOOK SALES
in Arnold, Murphys
and San Andreas

Friends who read, are Friends indeed!

BRANCH REPORT - Angels Camp



Happy Summer to all- we've just wrapped up our Summer Reading program. We had over 30 kids sign up, and about half of those have actively participated. A prize was awarded for every 60 minutes read, recorded on our custom "Reading Takes You Everywhere" log. The child then got to see their name displayed in our window, on a plane taking them anywhere and everywhere.

We also offered Summer Reading Bingo, for all ages. It's a Bingo card with different reading tasks to complete. Finished cards were entered into a drawing for a "Reading Takes You Everywhere" bag. Fun!

As another fun activity, the branches were all given a world map with stickers to place on your favorite place you've been, or that reading has taken you. Luckily we had one place on one wall to display it.



A patron enjoying our reading area.

We will start trying to update the branch very soon. The AC Friends are anxious to pitch in and beautify our space and get started on our re-arrangements. Hopefully, the Fall will see a new and improved look for the Angels Branch Library.

We also will have a booth/space to sell used books at the upcoming **Crafty Chicks Craft Fair on August 4th at the Fair Grounds**. The event runs from 10-3, and are mostly craft vendors and food trucks. However, we did their event earlier this spring and made a lot of money selling used books. Stop by and see us.

by Patty Smalling
Angels Camp Library Branch Assistant



Window display of the Summer Reading participants.



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!

West Point Library Branch
is searching for a new
Library Branch Assistant.

For more information, contact
Nancy Giddens at 754-6510

BRANCH EVENTS



WHEN: **Friday and Saturday**
Aug. 31st - Sept. 1st, 2018

WHERE: **Murphys Volunteer Library**
480 Park Ln

WHO: **YOU!**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please sign up if you are able to help with any of the following:

Book Donations - we need books of all kinds, in good condition.

Book Sorting - we need help organizing books for the sale on August 27 & 28 (Mon & Tues).

Day of Sales - we need people to attend patrons and collect money. Training will be provided.

For more information, call 728-3036

FRIENDS OF THE ARNOLD LIBRARY

Big Book Sale

Saturday - Sunday
SEPTEMBER 1ST & 2ND

9 AM TO 4 PM



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

*FRIENDS OF THE SAN ANDREAS/
MOUNTAIN RANCH LIBRARY
WILL HOST THEIR ANNUAL*

SCARY STORY PARTY NIGHT

END OF OCTOBER - DATE TBD

Stay tuned for more details.

ANNUAL BOARD MEETING

2018

*The Friends of the Calaveras County Library will hold their ANNUAL MEETING Wednesday, October 10th 9 am - Main Library in San Andreas. **Everyone Welcome!** Come meet the 2019 officers, and hear about our accomplishments and future plans. Refreshments will be served.*

THE REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING WILL FOLLOW.

BRANCH REPORT - Copperopolis



A 5 year old came into the Copper Library with her Mom. She picked out a couple of books to read at home and to tally on her Summer Reading Passport.

Before leaving, she asked to play in the Puppet Theatre located in the children's area. I suggested she make up a story using the puppets and props and we would count the minutes as 'reading time' for her summer reading log.

With her Mom as the audience, she made up a story about an alligator and a bear who have to share their lunch with the other animals (I have limited puppet choices). There were some elaborate negotiations over who gets which food and why but, in the end, they all ate happily ever after. Her puppet performance included voice changes and a song at the ending.

I thought it appropriate to allow the activity to 'count' as reading, of course.

I love my job and can't take the credit for such a great experience. Isn't it really the combination of a whole buncha dedicated people associated with our Calaveras County Library System?

Mom said we could share the photo wherever appropriate on our websites.



Shannon Jewel
Copper Library Branch Assistant

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IMMIGRATION: Is the Topic Too Hot? Don't Understand its Semantics?



Me either. So I went to the library where the temperature is cool and semantics are simplified.

At the library, I was able to start the process of fact finding to bring clarity to an otherwise emotionally charged and politically tangled topic. I learned that humans have always been on the move, and the study of their movement is called 'human geography.' Where, when, how and why they move is a whole other study

that would require slow and thoughtful research. Using books and the Internet, I looked up unfamiliar words and phrases, listened to a TED Talk or two, pored over data, diagrams and charts and quickly gained some background knowledge about the legacy of immigration in the United States and the current state of U.S. immigration policy. I began to understand the differences between emigrant and immigrant, ex-pat and refugee, illegal and undocumented, DACA and DREAMers.

The library served me well. I had lots of questions and I left with some answers.

I also left with a book by Reyna Grande, *The Distance Between Us*, which shares the intimacy of the immigration experience. Grande's remarkable memoir has become required reading in many school districts across America. Watch for the sequel coming in October: *A Dream Called Home*.

Shannon Jewel
Copper Library Branch Assistant

BRANCH REPORT - Murphys

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



Summer Story Time at Murphys Library has been an exceptional success! Children and parents have enjoyed themselves while creating bug fossils, learning about fire prevention, hacking open frozen dinosaur eggs, stringing blueberries on a skewer topped with a watermelon star, exploring Murphys Park on a scavenger hunt, and sorting colored gold fish for Crazy Luau Day. Thank you to **Jeremiah Heath** for serenading us with ukulele songs!

*by Kristine Loving,
Murphys Library*



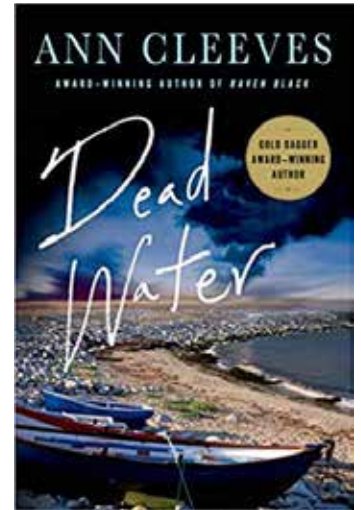
BOOK REVIEW BY SUZANNE MURPHY - Valley Springs Book Club

Dead Water by Ann Cleeves

Publish date: 2013 by Minotaur Books

Murder in a Cold Land

Summer reading recommendations always include a mystery or two, and booksellers, public radio, and newspapers go to town compiling lists of thrillers, detective novels, noir, and crime puzzlements to appeal to every taste and fancy. Mysteries have a wide range of characters, locations, and time periods, but they have in common an aspect that makes them so appealing to the reading public: Who dunnit? – who murdered Roger Ackroyd or made off with a Vermeer masterpiece in the biggest art heist in U.S. history? The mystery writer must be a master at hiding clues in plain sight (“purloining” as E.A. Poe might say), careful plotting, and encouraging readers to be suspicious of any character who comes onto the scene.



British crime writer Ann Cleeves, author of the “Shetland Mysteries” and winner of the Golden Dagger award, brings back character Jimmy Perez, Detective Inspector on the Shetland Islands police force in *Dead Water*. The reader learns that Perez has been on leave since his fiancé’s murder, is in a deep depression, and none of his fellow officers thinks he will recover or should come back to the office. His situation is further complicated with family entanglements. Perfect, a character who has trouble keeping his temper, in charge of a murder case. Any number of things can go woefully wrong. A female investigator from Inverness comes on board, preventing Perez from making a total mess of the case.

On a dark and foggy night, Jerry Markham meets his untimely end on a deserted roadside when he steps out of his fancy red sports car. He’s come up from London to visit his well-off parents, but is that the real reason he is there? It isn’t surprising that most people, except for his doting mother, do not mourn Jerry’s death; he caused trouble for many in earlier years. Is he back to expose a secret that is best left buried?

The setting has much to do with the story itself, creating a brooding atmosphere that plays on everyone’s nerves. At one point, the author remarks, “Shetland didn’t do pretty. It did wild, and bleak and dramatic, but pretty would have been out of place.”

Nobody is above suspicion in this tautly woven mystery, not even a member of the police force. It seems as if everyone has something to hide in a small community that greedily pounces on secrets and shortcomings of its citizens. Several times at the end of chapters, new developments (and a fresh murder) will change impressions. Cleeves puts together a satisfying read about an unforgiving terrain, its crimes and horrific legends murderously familiar. Who dunnit? You’ll never guess.

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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.



BOOK CLUB CALENDAR

Children's Storytime	See schedule on page 5		All Branches
Moke Hill READS Book Club	First Tuesday each month 7:00 pm	Aug 7 - <i>'Wolf: The Lives of Jack London'</i> by James Haley Sept 4 - Contact Library	Mokelumne Hill Branch
Valley Springs Book Club	Third Tuesday each month 3:30 pm	Contact the library branch for current information.	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 and 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

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