

The Focus

Calaveras County
FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

What does food and the library have in common?

It's fun to enjoy traditional foods as part of our holiday celebrations and St. Patrick's Day gives us some hearty choices that are simple to prepare. Serving up Shepherd's Pie, Irish Stew or Corned Beef and Cabbage with Irish Soda Bread will help you pay homage to the Emerald Isle.

For help with menu planning and locating recipes, browse the international cooking section in the non-fiction stacks at your local library (641.5).



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ABOVE: Visit the Library to find a great recipe



ABOVE: Share the results



LEFT: Gather the ingredients

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Friends who read, are Friends indeed!

MURPHYS BRANCH REPORT



Be sure and have a look at our wonderful website: <http://www.murphyslibrary.org/> - one of our board members **Amber Rack** keeps it updated and looking very snazzy.

Each month a local author/poet is featured. Also, we have paired up with Main Street Gallery to spotlight one of their artist's works each month. **Susan King**, a watercolorist, is featured this month and some of her work is exhibited in our display cabinet. Susan and her husband Richard are also the owners of our Storytime dog, Copper.

Our Storytime had its most attendees last month; MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) brought over 15 children. We read picture books about libraries/reading and promoted the new library cards for 0-5 years of age. Storytime is every Tuesday at 10:30 am.

We are busily planning our volunteer brunch which will be held April 3 and our **5th annual Dressup Day**. This year we will have a face painter thanks to our successful First Five Grant.

Computer classes on Tuesday afternoons are held upstairs in the community room from 2:00 pm until 4:00 pm; SMUG (Sierra Macintosh Users Group) will meet on March 14 from 2:00 pm until 4:00 pm. MVL's Book Club meets the 4th Thursday of the month; contact **Margo Mohn** at 728-0118 for more information.

*Kristine Loving,
Murphys Library Branch*

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American Bandstand Era

Rock out to the Sights and Sounds of 50's—80's

at the
Friends of the Library of Calaveras County

20th Annual Trivia Bee

Saturday, March 25, 2017

San Andreas Town Hall ● 24 Church Hill St.

Social 5:30 ● Dinner 6:30 ● Trivia Bee 7:30

\$30 ● Tickets available at all County Libraries
and from members of FOTL

For more information, call 754-6510



Branch Locations & Storytime Schedule

ANGELS CAMP
426 N. Main Street
736-2198

Call Library for times

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

Save the Dates

Secret Garden

June 17, 2017

The San Andreas FOTL will once again put on this annual event to raise money for the library. *Over the Edge*, a musical quartet from Amador County will entertain us as we enjoy dinner.

The quartet provides an exciting and eclectic style of music. They employ amplified acoustic guitar, electric violin and mandolin, electric bass and strong vocals to deliver original and traditional songs with an emphasis on Latin rhythms. They have performed at Ironstone Vineyards, and opened with the National Anthem in San Francisco for a 49er's game last year. They also performed in the Central Coast region, the Bay Area, and at many local wineries.

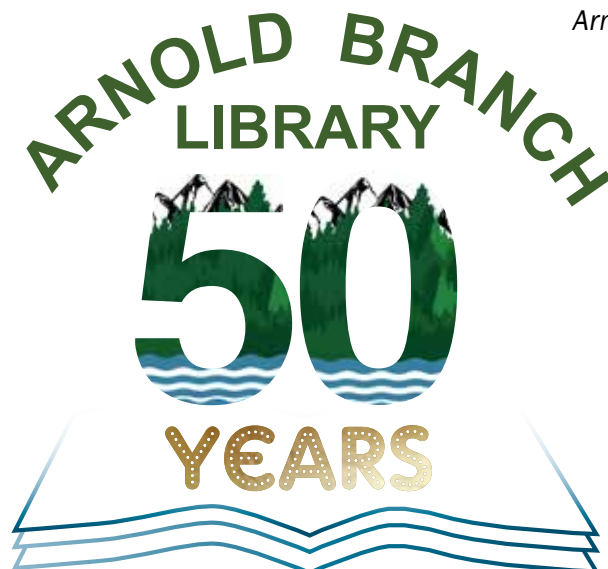
Shirley Huberty
San Andreas Branch

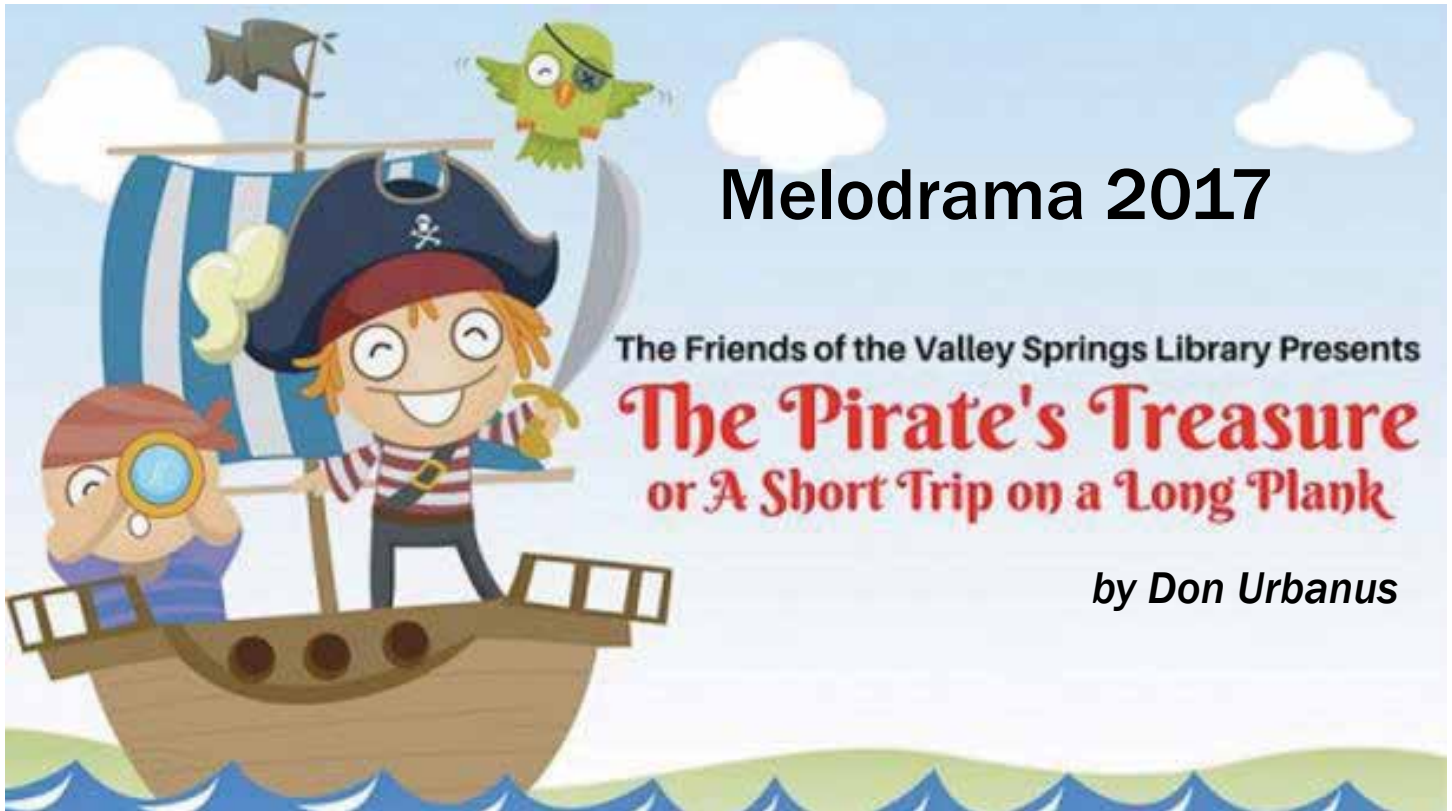
50th Anniversary

May 20-28, 2017

Week-long celebration: Patron Appreciation Days, Children's Day including Storytime with Fire Chief **Mike Johnson**, Author Panel and book signing with **Robin Burcell** (co-author of Clive Cussler), VIP Reception, and annual giant booksale.

Fran Devlin
Arnold Branch





Melodrama 2017

The Friends of the Valley Springs Library Presents

The Pirate's Treasure or A Short Trip on a Long Plank

by Don Urbanus

DINNER SHOW DATES — Doors open at 6:00

Friday, March 3rd - Saturday, March 4th

Friday, March 10th - Saturday March 11th

Tickets \$25

Available at the Health Habit in Valley Springs 772-1318,
Valley Springs Library, or by calling 772-1000 or 772-0591.

Tables can be reserved.

Saturday, March 11th Matinée (beverages only) - **\$12** (buy 2, get third free)

Doors open at 1:00, Show at 2:00

at

Veterans Hall, Pine and Daphne Streets in Valley Springs

ANGELS CAMP BRANCH REPORT

Angels Camp Library Hours Expanded

We're thrilled to report that the Angels Camp Library hours have been expanded. Effective now, the library is open **Tuesdays through Fridays from 11 am to 5 pm**. This has been a long-term goal of the Friends & we thank our Calaveras County Friends & County Librarian, **Nancy Giddens**, for making this happen.

Library Scholarship Announced

In May 2017, a graduating Bret Harte senior who lives in the 95222 or 95221 zip code will win the first Angels Camp Friends of the Library scholarship. Applications are available at the Bret Harte High School administration office. Scholarship flyers are also available at the Angels Camp Library. In addition to the standard BHUHSD procedures, scholarship requires 2.5 GPA & a short essay on "Why I Love My Local Library." Oh, and a valid Calaveras County Library card!

Story Time Returning

Sadly, Story Time at the Angels Camp Library was disrupted this fall by staff changes. Glad to report that a permanent hire has been made, and that our very popular Story Time will soon resume. Countless studies have shown that early exposure to books & stories are beneficial to early readers. Parents, grandparents or caretakers are invited to bring the very young to Story Time.

Inviting others to join him in tutoring (as printed in the Feb 2, 2017 Calaveras Enterprise)

This letter is offered in the spirit of a public service announcement. A significant portion of you, simply by virtue of being subscribers to, or readers of, the Calaveras Enterprise, will be qualified to join me as volunteer members of the Calaveras Adult Tutoring program. My hope is that some of you will take that action soon, unlike myself, who waited over two years after becoming aware of the opportunity.

I waited that long because I wanted to get caught up with all my projects at home first (cue bemused laughter). When I finally realized that was a quixotic fantasy that would conveniently excuse me from ever volunteering, I signed up. I believe it is in our collective, enlightened self-interest to encourage and enable a literate citizenry. Critical thinking, with all the consequent socio-political benefits for a democratic republic, depends on it.

Here are some direct quotes and paraphrasing from the C.A.T. promotional material:

"Eight percent of Calaveras County adults have fifth-grade or below literacy skills, and 9 percent can neither read nor write. (These percentages are approximations, and may vary from year to year.) The causes of this most likely stem from childhood disruptions and family crises. The end result is often low self-esteem, frustration and anger, leading to substance abuse, violence and criminal behavior."

"When only four people expand their literacy skills and return to work, it creates a minimum of an additional \$52,400 difference in our tax base, not including the cessation of federal unemployment insurance benefits (again, a variable estimate)."

The Calaveras Adult Literacy Program benefits everyone. It offers free, confidential tutoring in reading, writing, spelling, math, science, social studies, GED preparation, basic computer skills, TABE (an online, self-directed learning tool), and work essentials, which offers training in how to find and keep a job. Tutoring is done at the county libraries, the jail (where I volunteer), CalWorks, and the probation department's Day Reporting Center.

The amount of time one volunteers to tutor, and the scheduled days are usually flexible. For more information and to volunteer, call the program coordinator, Phil Guttierrez, at 754-6006, or email pguttierrez@co.calaveras.ca.us

*Bruce Dunwell
San Andreas*

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	Mar 7 - “News of the World,” by Paulette Jiles Apr 4 - “The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks,” by Rebecca Skloot	Mokelumne Hill Branch
Book Club	Third Tuesday each month 3:30 pm	Mar 21 - “Shanghai Girls,” by Lisa See.	Valley Springs Branch
Under the Covers Book Club	Fourth Thursday each month 2:00–4:00 pm	“The Boys in the Boat,” by Daniel James Brown.	Murphys Branch
<p>COMING SOON! Book Club in San Andreas Library. Details to follow on calaveraslibrary.com, calaverasreads.com and Facebook.</p>			

Your Membership as a “Friend”

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

RAFFLE PRIZES NEEDED!!

for the

20th Annual TRIVIA BEE

JUST A FEW GREAT IDEAS . . .

Vacation Condo

Piece of Art

Great Wine

Gift Certificates to Museums/Attractions

Money

Your Time - chores, repairs, cleaning

Firewood

For donations, contact Diane at 736-9430 or grnhrndi@att.net