



# Friends to Friends

Newsletter of the Friends  
of the Woodland Public  
Library

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## From the Acting President's Desk

**Happy 2018.** The start of a new year is a time of renewal, refocusing on priorities, and contemplating what's truly important in our lives. It is also a time to reflect on how one wants to use their time. The Friends Board would so appreciate greater participation from the membership in this coming new year.

Calling all Volunteers: Murder Mystery Night is only weeks away—Saturday, March 24th, 2018. The setting will again be in the main library. Presenting this major fundraising event relies on volunteers to assist with obtaining silent and live auction donations, setting up in the afternoon, decorating, writing the script, and various other components.

An organizational meeting is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, January 20th in the Leake Conference Room. Please come and select how you would like to assist. You'll have fun and enjoy the company of others. If you're unable to attend this meeting but are willing to help, please call and leave a message on the FOL voice-mail, 530-666-0545 or e-mail us at woodlandfol@yahoo.com and let us know your preferences.

Book sales return to the usual two book sales each month; second Saturday morning and the last Thursday evening of the month. Come find out what specials are available for FOL members.

Thank you for supporting and telling others about the great bargains which can be found. Thank you to the volunteers who maintain the book room and work the sales. We appreciate you very much.

May 3, 2018 is the date for the next Big Day of Giving (BDoG). The Friends plan to participate again this year. More information will be supplied as the time gets closer. Your donations enables FOL to continue supporting the library's highly successful programming.

Brown Bag Book Club invited the FOL to co-host author Patricia V. Davis in an entertaining and informative noon-time presentation on Wednesday, Dec. 6.

The next FOL author presentation will probably be in April in celebration of National Library Week and D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything and Read) month. Be watching for more details.

Board meetings are held on the second Monday of the month, starting at 5:30 p.m. in the Leake Conference Room. Members are welcome to attend.

## FOL UPCOMING EVENTS HIGHLIGHTS

### January Events:

📅-January 8, Regular Board Meeting (Monday, 5:30 pm)  
Leake Conference Room

📅-January 13, Second Saturday Book Sale (Saturday, 9 am - 12 pm)

📅-January 20, Mystery Night planning meeting for volunteers (Saturday, 9:30 am - 12 pm)  
Leake Conference Room

📅-January 25, Last Thursday of the Month Book Sale (Thursday, 4 - 6:30 pm)

### February Events:

📅-February 10, Second Saturday Book Sale, (Saturday, 9 am - 12 pm). Lots of "love-ly" specials for Friends' members including Valentine themed pop-up raffles

📅-February 12, Regular Board Meeting (Monday, 5:45 pm) Leake Conference Room

📅-February 16, Newsletter articles due (Friday)

📅-February 22, Last Thursday of the Month Book Sale (Thursday, 4 - 6:30 pm)



Check Out a Library Book



## The Woodland Public Library Board of Trustees Notes

This year has been an exciting and productive year for the Woodland Public Library. Hopefully, many of you have visited the new 745.1 Square One Makerspace and Learning Lab which opened July 1st. The Board of Trustees (BOT) was pleased to see this technology and learning center come to fruition after much hard work and vision on the part of Library Service Director, Greta Galindo and her staff.

Then, without taking a pause to catch its collective breath, the BOT launched into a search to identify an architectural firm to develop a Facility Master Plan (FMP) for the library. Noll & Tam Architects was chosen in a competitive proposal process and this excerpt from their final report explains their directive: "Today, the needs of the community have far outpaced the capacity of the current facility to meet those needs. In 2016, the Library issued a Request for Proposals for a Facility Master Plan in order to identify and plan for the needs of a changing community."

Much data was gathered in formulating the Plan, which included input from Library stakeholders including Woodland Public Library staff, the BOT, Friends of the Library, volunteers, Library patrons, including teens, city residents, city staff, educators, business owners, non-profits and other community groups. The final report was presented to the Woodland City Council on November 7th. The next step will be to identify funding for both long- and short-term goals detailed in the report. Copies of the FMP are available from Library Services Director (LSD), Greta Galindo or can be viewed on the Library's website.

The BOT's final action of 2018 was to complete its annual performance evaluation of LSD, Greta Galindo. Each year, the BOT distributes surveys to Library staff, patrons, and partners to assist with its evaluation which also includes salary and benefits considerations. Without exception, all surveys were returned with positive, glowing reports about our LSD. The Woodland community is fortunate to have such a creative visionary leader and staff mentor overseeing the beautiful Carnegie Library operations. Greta works mainly behind the scenes at the Library, but please make a 2018 resolution to meet her when you are next there. You will surely see a twinkle in her eye as she talks about the many programs the Library offers to the community.

The BOT, composed of five trustees from Woodland, meets twice monthly on Wednesdays in the Library Conference Room at 4:00 P.M. Meetings are open to the public and visitors are welcome.

**Happy Holidays from the Woodland Public Library Board of Trustees!**

## Save the Date... for Murder in the Library!

Mark your calendars for the Friends of the Library's 18<sup>th</sup> annual Mystery Night on Saturday, March 24. Doors open at 6pm for games, wine, and refreshments. Win prizes as you stroll through the library and check out some awesome items available in our silent auction and bid on your favorites. At 7pm, our locally themed play will be presented dinner-theater style in our library's gorgeous rotunda, as guests enjoy a full dinner and dessert. Keep your eyes and ears open for clues to help you solve the mystery and win a prize!

This year's theme is Let's Make a Deal. Join host Woodland C. "Woody" Hall in this fun audience-participation evening, and see if you can figure out just who the wheelers and dealers are in this mystery. Tickets and more information will be available soon on our website, [www.woodlandfol.org](http://www.woodlandfol.org). Like and follow our Facebook page for more details as the date gets closer: [www.facebook.com/woodlandfol](http://www.facebook.com/woodlandfol).

We need volunteers to help make this event possible. Any amount of time you can share is so helpful. There are tons of ways you can contribute, including decorations, set-up & take-down, auction, working games the night of the event, help with playwriting and sets, and many more. Please talk to a FOL board member or email us and let us know your ideas: [woodlandfol@yahoo.com](mailto:woodlandfol@yahoo.com).

We'd love to see you at our next mystery night planning meeting on **Saturday, January 20, at 9:30am in the Leake Community Room** of the library. Come help the Friends support our library and plan our biggest fundraiser of the year!



## Holiday Children's Book Giveaway

Friends of the Library volunteers Joannie Tolla and Lillian Toyoma had a great book giveaway at the Woodland Holiday Parade on Saturday, December 9. Lillian and Joannie cleaned and tagged 641 children's books before the parade. During the parade the two volunteers gave away 620 books to children attending. The remaining books were given to the downtown free little library.

According to Joannie, "All the kids continually thanked the library."



FOL volunteer, Lillian Toyoma, at the holiday book giveaway



The end of the giveaway



Marian enjoying her "new" book

## Author Patricia V. Davis Visits the Brown Bag Book Club



The Brown Bag Book Club and the FOL co-hosted author, Patricia V. Davis, in an entertaining and informative noon time presentation on Wednesday, Dec. 6. Patricia's novels, COOKING FOR GHOSTS: Book I in The Secret Spice Cafe Trilogy and Book II, SPELLS AND OREGANO were made available for purchase by attendees thanks to the Avid Reader Bookstore of Davis. Patricia lives with her poker player husband, and divides her time between southern Nevada and Northern California. Prior to starting a full time writing career, she taught English in Athens, Greece, and Queens, New York.



## Upcoming Book Sales

January 13th

Saturday, 9 am - 12 noon

January 25th

Thursday, 4 pm - 6:30 pm

February 10th

Saturday, 9 am - 2 pm

February 22nd

Thursday, 4 pm - 6:30 pm

## New Membership Sale

New Membership has been reduced to half price through June 2018. New members don't miss out on Member Only specials at the book sales, author events, mystery night and other FOL activities.

## Winter Reading Challenge coming to the Library in January!

January 1 - January 31, 2018

Billionaire investor and Shark Tank personality Mark Cuban has announced his sponsorship of the inaugural Beanstack Winter Reading Challenge in support of local libraries including the Woodland Public Library. Cuban has challenged close to 100 libraries all over the country and South Korea, to meet a collective goal of reading at least 1.3 million minutes and 55,000 books during the month of January. If achieved, Cuban pledges to donate \$25,000 to First Book, a nonprofit social enterprise that provides new books, learning materials, and other essentials to children in need. **He will also give \$10,000 for top-performing libraries to use for their community programs or donate to nonprofit organizations in their area.**

In setting up the Winter Reading Challenge, participating libraries were asked what to do with the prize money. First Book was the nonprofit they selected. Through a sustainable, market-driven model, First Book is creating equal access to quality education — making everything from brand-new, high-quality books and educational resources, to sports equipment and snacks, affordable to its member network of more than 350,000 educators who exclusively serve kids in need.

The Woodland Public Library will use Beanstack, to track the amount of time and books read by participants. "After doing a storytime for my local library, Dallas Public Library, I became increasingly inspired by the work libraries do for their communities," says Cuban. "Growing up, my mom used to give me a quarter for every book I read. Through reading programs libraries run with Beanstack, they are providing these kinds of incentives for readers throughout the community. I love the idea that we will encourage readers through a shared, ambitious goal, and that the prize for everyone will be to pay it forward to an awesome organization focused on literacy and access to books.

You can register for the Winter Reading Challenge through the Woodland Public Library Website <http://www.cityofwoodland.org/gov/depts/library/>.

## Scenes from 2017



Author Kris Calvin of One Murder More



Friends of the Library board members Retha Robertson, Diana Dearmore and Christy Barton



Writer's Workshop with Rae James and Susan Spann



Ann M. Evans, author of The Davis Farmers Market Cookbook

HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM YOUR FRIENDS OF THE WOODLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY!

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**OPPORTUNITIES BELOW**

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**BOOK SORTING VOLUNTEERS**

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*If you know of anyone who wants to get involved with a fun bunch of people AND support a worthwhile cause, direct them to the Friends! There are one time and on-going opportunities available.*

**THERE ARE LOTS OF OPPORTUNITIES WITH SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!**

*We're looking for new board members! Here's your chance to make a difference in our community. Email [woodlandfol@yahoo.com](mailto:woodlandfol@yahoo.com) if you're interested in learning more.*

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