

The Focus

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Friends of the Library of San Andreas / Mountain Ranch

presents

The Secret Garden

Tea Cups & Top Hats at *Tessa Bella Gardens*

Saturday, June 17, 2017

Gates open 4 pm 🌿 Dinner is at 5 pm 🌿 Concert starts at 6 pm
No host bar

374 E St Charles St/Hwy 49 in San Andreas CA

Raffle & Silent Auction

Dinner Reservations are required - Tickets \$25

Tickets
Available

- ♦ At all Calaveras County Library Branches
- ♦ Call Charnette 736.4059
- ♦ Contact Shirley 754.5816 or shuberty@sbcglobal.net
- ♦ By mail to: FOTL PO Box 1552, San Andreas, CA 95249

Musical Entertainment by

OVER THE EDGE

Fundraiser for
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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- 50th Anniversary
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Friends who read, are Friends indeed!

WEBSITES TO ENHANCE YOUR READING PLEASURE

We know there is a lot out there on the Internet but the websites below can actually make your library/reading experience more enjoyable and rewarding.



Kris Loving

www.goodreads.com

Set up a free account, link to other reading friends, keep lists of books you've read and want to read, find recommendations based on books you've rated, and more!

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- Talk about what you love with other committed bibliophiles
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- Enter 200 items for free, as many as you like for \$10/yr or \$25/life

<http://stopyourekillingme.com>

Great resource for mystery lovers. Over 4,900 authors with chronological lists of their books, series and non-series. Use the alphabetical author and character links or the special indexes. Print author pages especially for a trip to your local library and find the next book in a series.

*Kristine Loving
Murphys Branch Assistant*

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PRESENTING:



ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Visit your library for Fun Family Events, Raffles, Giant Book Sale and More!

TUESDAY, MAY 23RD

Patron Appreciation Day

THURSDAY, MAY 25TH

Children's Authors School Visits

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24TH

Children's Day

FRIDAY, MAY 26TH

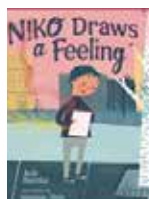
2PM - 4PM Mystery Adult Authors Panel
and book signing at the Fire Station

2:30PM

Special Storytime
with a Firefighter
at the Arnold Fire Station

SATURDAY, MAY 27TH - SUNDAY, MAY 28TH

Giant Book Sale



CHILDREN'S AUTHORS:

Simone Shin | Linda Joy Singleton | Beth McMullen

ADULT AUTHORS:

Robin Burcell | Catriona McPherson | Allison Brennan | Eileen Rendahl | Cindy Sample

TO RESERVE YOUR FREE SEAT

CALL 209-795-1009

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

ANGELS CAMP BRANCH REPORT

We finally got Story Time back in the first week of April. Fridays at 10:30 with **Cora Broglio**. Cora is an experienced teacher and mother of two little ones. She's already put in a lot of time planning her stories and crafts to match. Each month will be a different theme and April is Dinosaurs.

We also got our new "Read-a-Round" couch in the children's area, and it's been a big hit. It holds books and toys, and is a welcoming spot for the little ones to sit and read. One mother said that her daughter really likes to pick one of the books from it, where before she was hesitant to grab one. Great success!



Patty Smalling



On April 13, the AC Friends held an Open House to honor the library volunteers. This is something they do every year and goes along with National Library Week. It was well attended.

With Summer Reading this year, we're going to try something called **Library Bingo**. This can be played both with children and adults, and in English and Español. On the Bingo cards are various activities to do, and when you do five in a row you get a prize. It sounds like fun! It will start the week after school gets out.

We're happy here at our branch to offer more new books than we used to, because of the increased cataloging staff at the main library. Onward and upward...

Patty Smalling,
Angels Camp Library Branch

BOOK REVIEW by Suzanne Murphys

Closed Casket by Sophie Hannah
Publish Date: 2016 by Harper Collins

Professor Plum in the Study with a Candlestick?

I knew better when a friend handed this book to me with assurance it was a “light read.” Since when is a murder mystery light — the reader has to pay close attention to clues that litter the background, either hidden beneath the victim’s body or scrawled across a mirror in shockingly scarlet lipstick. After all, the reader really wants to single out the murderer before the detective assembles all parties in the library to identify motive.

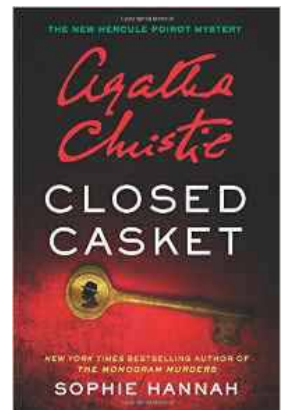
In *Closed Casket*, author Sophie Hannah has conjured the spirit of Dame Agatha Christie, arguably the most prolific mystery writer of all time. Taking on Christie’s fussy detective Hercule Poirot, Hannah has placed him smack dab in the middle of a murder-about-to-happen at a country estate (where else?) amid a mob of spoiled aristocrats (Christie’s favorite villains) with improbable names and no lack of murky backgrounds.

Lady Athelinda Playford, a spritely old gal, makes a new will and throws a dinner party to unveil the new beneficiary of her considerable wealth in property and coin, not to mention royalties from the wildly popular children’s books she has penned over the years. It goes without saying that her two children are not happy with the new will, in fact

nobody is, but the stage is set for a murder most cruel. It would not do to reveal here who the victim is, the reader will know soon enough.

Author Hannah follows the Christie formula for writing a murder mystery, including characters noticing something odd, in this case a puzzling statement, and concealed identities. Nothing and nobody is as they appear. She has written in the family butler as a painfully close-lipped servant who might know more than he should, but wild horses couldn’t drag it from him. And look out for Lady Athelinda’s daughter and daughter-in-law. They are self-centered, greedy, rude, and venom-tongued — delightful young ladies, indeed.

The lack of a definite time period to anchor the story may be the author’s way of making it a timeless piece, and readers can set it in a vague period anywhere from the ‘40s to the near present. *Closed Casket* is a pleasant diversion that engages the reader to the very last page, a clever tribute to one of Dame Agatha’s most eccentric detectives.



MY FIRST LIBRARY CARD!

It's a great day at the Library when an early reader comes in for their first library card. This 4-year-old patron at the Copper Library hasn't quite learned to read or write her name, but she knows the card gives her access to books she can choose and bring home “all on her own.” She left with a dinosaur book held close in her arms and promised to “read the pictures” to her Mom. It's the first step in a lifetime of literacy and proves that rural libraries are a necessary part of growing up.

*Submitted by Shannon Jewel,
Copperopolis Library Assistant*

SAN ANDREAS MAIN LIBRARY HIGHLIGHTS



Three little bunnies all ready for Easter!

During Story Time at the San Andreas Library, the kids made bunny ear masks to wear.



The Spring Storytime Celebration at San Andreas Library marked the unveiling of a spectacular new mural in the children's area. Local artist Lori Kelly composed a beautiful story-book themed display, full of 3-dimensional interactive features for kids to touch and play.

Storytime leader Jenni Rowerdink read 'Up, Down and Around,' - a book about how different garden vegetables grow. Kids also enjoyed music and crafts. Sponsored by First 5 Calaveras.

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	May 2 - "America's First Daughter," by Stephanie Dray & Laura Kamoie	Mokelumne Hill Branch
Book Club	Third Tuesday each month 3:30 pm	May 16 - "Out Stealing Horses," by Per Petterson	Valley Springs Branch
Under the Covers Book Club	Fourth Thursday each month 2:00–4:00 pm	May 25 - "The Aviator's Wife," by Melanie Benjamin	Murphys Branch

COMING SOON! Book Club in San Andreas Library. Details to follow on calaveraslibrary.com, calaverasreads.com and Facebook.

VISIT OUR BOOTH AT THE FAIR

May 18 - 21, 2017
Calaveras County Fair!
11 am - 5 pm at Frogtown



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