



Friends to Friends

Newsletter of the Friends
of the Woodland Public
Library

March - April, 2017
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From the President's Desk... Retha Robertson

Welcome to spring. These sunny warm afternoons, interspersed with days of rain, give us a sense of renewal as we see the green fields and the flowers and trees starting to bloom.

The Friends Board has been busy planning activities for the upcoming months. You will want to add these dates to your calendars.

* **WORKSHOP FOR WRITERS** — Saturday, March 25th from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Leake Center. Handouts, refreshments and light lunch are included in the cost. Two successful authors from the Sacramento area will be the instructors. Registration is required as seating is limited. The speakers, Rae James and Susan Spann have conducted several workshops so you will leave with a lot of valuable information. Spread the word to friends and family. The cost is \$20.00 for Friends members and \$25.00 for nonmembers.

* **BUNCO AFTERNOON** — Saturday, April 1st (no fooling) starting at 1:30 p.m. in the Leake Center. Make plans to come and invite friends and family to a fun afternoon of bunco, refreshments, prizes, and visiting. Cost will be \$15.00.

* **NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK** — April 9-15. D. E. A. R. (Drop Everything And Read) is the whole month of April. An especially good time to visit the Library and discover new books to read.

* **BIG DAY OF GIVING (BDoG)** — Thursday, May 4th. This is a special, set aside time of 24 hours of giving to show support for nonprofits. There are new features this year including a new company to manage the giving platform. This year donations can be scheduled ahead of time and the transaction fee has been reduced. The Friends Board updated our profile and it is now in the review process. [Of course, the Friends welcome and can use donations any time through the year.]

* **ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING** — Saturday, June 17th 9:30 a.m. in the Leake Center. This is a different day and time we are trying, so please add this to your schedule. There will be a guest author. Election of new officers is this year. Please step forward and take your turn guiding the Friends.

Book sales have really taken a hit the past several months with holidays, flooding issues, and installation of new carpeting downstairs in the Library. We're hoping to be now be back on schedule of second Saturday morning and last Thursday evening of the month.

For all of these events, more details will be available elsewhere in this newsletter, on the FOL website and Facebook page. Remember the money FOL raises goes into providing enhanced programs for children, teens, and adults here in Woodland.

Laughter is the sun that drives winter from the human face.
--- Victor Hugo

FOL UPCOMING EVENTS

The Friends' schedule
of upcoming events.



Join the Friends for a
Writer's Workshop
Saturday, March 25th
8:00 am - 1:00 pm
Lunch and handout
materials included.
See page 5 for details.

Sign up at our website
www.woodlandfol.org

*Space is limited, so
reserve yours now.*



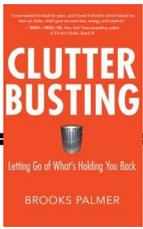
It's Bunco at the
library!
Saturday, April 1st
1:30 pm
Snacks and prizes!
\$15 each or 2 for \$25
See page 7 for more
details.



National Library Week
April 9 - 15th
"Libraries Transform"

April 12th
"DEAR" Day
Drop Everything And
Read" Day - celebrate
with a new book from
the Friends' book sale!

Book sales dates are on
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Post Event Perspective: Clutter Busting with Brooks Palmer

By: Bernadette Murray

Mindfulness practice does NOT always mean sitting cross-legged on a zazen pillow with eyes closed. And as I was delighted to learn, cultivating an attitude of non-attachment in a loving-kindness manner forms the core of Brooks Palmer approach to “clutter-busting.”

I joined a packed room to listen his interactive presentation on February 1, 2017.

Brooks, a former stand-up comedian in LA and Chicago, now lives in Sebastopol. Rather than present a scripted stilted “The 10 steps to getting organized and clutter-free FOREVER”, Brooks started off by by inviting us audience members to relinquish the notion that clutter is a fixed category that looks pretty much the same for everyone. Rather we are not static and unchanging and likewise neither are our relationships --whether those relationships are to objects or people in our lives. “Clutter” in this sense refers to whatever we are holding onto “that no longer useful to” us.

Brooks then (without using the term “mindfulness”) engaged folks with two seemingly simple questions that he asks his clients to guide them in recognizing clutter and letting it go.

(He encourages his clients to touch the item while answering these questions) “Do you **like** it and do you **use** it?”

One woman asked whether she liked the blouse she was wearing, responded “I LOVE IT!” Definitely not clutter Brooks noted. In contrast, if we hesitate rather than immediately responding “Yes” to the 2 questions above, the item is clutter.

So once we recognize clutter, the next step is letting go of it. Brooks, a master of storytelling, shared some poignant examples of supporting his clients as they began to recognize what they were really clinging to in holding onto stuff they no longer liked or used.

A big thanks to the Woodland Friends of the Library and the Woodland Public Library Commit2Fit Wellness program for hosting Brooks Palmer. More information about his books and services can be found on his website: <https://clutterbusting.com/>

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Read Across America Day Friday, March 3rd

Across the country, thousands of schools, libraries, and community centers will participate by bringing together kids, teens and books.

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Do you shop on line using Amazon? If you answered yes, you can help the Friends of the Woodland Public Library out by using the Amazon Smile portal. The Friends gets a donation from Amazon for each purchase you make through this portal - at no additional cost to you!! This is a free and easy way to give to the Friends, while doing something you are already doing!!





Teen Advisory Board - Update

Woodland Public Library's 3rd Annual Spring Teen Advisory Board Training was held on Saturday morning February 25.

We had 6 UC Davis's Early Academic Outreach Program's Student Outreach Assistants volunteer to teach Leadership, Public Speaking, Event Planning and Time Management skills so that our TAB teens can be effective leaders in their community and host awesome library programs and events!

This year, we had a total of 28 TAB members attend which included 15 new TAB members and 4 of our more experience TAB members assisted with the training.

This training prepares our teens to host events such as the Teen Halloween Party, Summer Reading Program, Teen Health Festival, and Yolo Youth Rally.

Check out what else the teens have been up to at www.woodlandlibraryteens.com.
Rhea Gardner <Rhea.Gardner@cityofwoodland.org>



Writers' Workshop at the Library March 25

The Friends of the Woodland Public Library (FOL) are pleased to offer a special workshop for aspiring writers on Saturday, March 25, 2017 from 8am to 1pm. Lunch and handout materials are included in the registration fee of \$20 (FOL members)/\$25 (non-members). Register for the Writers' Workshop on the FOL website (www.woodlandfol.org). Attendance is limited, so advanced registration is highly encouraged. If space permits, sign-ups will be taken on the day of the event for an additional \$5 fee.

Have you ever wanted to write and publish a book? This workshop will be a fantastic opportunity to find out how, from those who have done it: authors Rae James and Susan Spann. In addition to covering the nuts and bolts of writing and publishing, this workshop can provide answers to your technical and legal questions since Susan is a publishing attorney.

R. (Rae) Franklin James grew up in the San Francisco Bay Area and graduated from the University of California at Berkeley in Psychology. She went on to complete the master's program at Cal State Hayward where she studied Public Policy. After a career of public service, she retired to focus on her first love, writing, and in 2013 her debut novel in the five star Hollis Morgan Mystery Series, *The Fallen Angels Book Club*, was published by Camel Press. Four books later, her current book, *The Trade List*, was published in 2016. Her fifth book in the series, *The Bell Tolls* will be released in May 2017.

Susan Spann began reading precociously and voraciously from her preschool days in Santa Monica, California, and as a child read everything from National Geographic to Agatha Christie.

A yearning to experience different cultures sent Susan to Tufts University in Boston, where she immersed herself in the history and culture of China and Japan. After earning an undergraduate degree in Asian Studies, Susan diverted to law school. She returned to California to practice law, where her continuing love of books has led her to specialize in intellectual property, business and publishing contracts. Susan's first novel, *Claws of the Cat: A Shinobi Mystery* (Minotaur Books, 2013) was named a Library Journal mystery debut of the month and was a finalist for the Silver Falchion Award for Best First Novel. Susan is the 2015 Rocky Mountain Fiction Writers' Writer of the Year, a former president of the Northern California Chapter of Mystery Writers of America and a member of Mystery Writers of America, Sisters in Crime (National and Sacramento chapters), the Historical Novel Society, and the Rocky Mountain Fiction Writers.



You can register for this event on-line at the FOL website
www.woodlandfol.org

Also, please like our page on Facebook
(www.facebook.com/woodlandfol) for more information.

Susan Spann



R. (Rae) Franklin James

Woodland Public Library's facility master plan

Woodland Public Library is conducting a process to gather community input to shape a long-term master plan for its facility to guide how the library can best serve its community for future generations. The Library anticipates that the Facility Master Plan will form the foundation of a future building program for the expansion and/or renovation of the existing library to meet the community's learning needs, abilities, demographics, and changes in technology.

The facility master planning process will assess the current state of facilities; analyze community and library use demographics; create a common vision based on community input; and consider new library service possibilities.

Timeline:

- **Winter 2017:** Assess current facilities; gather feedback; analyze demographic and use data; develop use/need projections; hold Facility Master Plan Workshops with stakeholder and community input.
- **Winter 2017:** Analyze space needs and options; gather feedback; analyze feedback; define community need; create customer experience vision
- **Spring 2017:** Consider funding strategies; create master plan; present final document to Woodland Public Library Board of Trustees

How to provide input

- **Send your comments – library@cityofwoodland.org**
- **Attend a community meeting (held at the Woodland Public Library Leake Center)**
 - **1st General Meeting- Thursday, March 2nd 6:00 PM**
 - **Teen Meeting- Wednesday, April 5th 3:00 PM**
 - **2nd General Meeting- Date to be determined May 2017**

**For more information please contact:
Greta Galindo, Library Services Director at 530-661-5980
Or email at library@cityofwoodland.org**



Bunco in the Library – No Fooling!

The Friends of the Woodland Public Library (FOL) are hosting a Bunco event on Saturday, April 1 at 1:30pm in the Leake Center in the Library.

Cost is \$15 per person, or \$25 for two – so bring a friend and save! Check our Facebook or website (below) for payment information.

Everyone attending will be entered in a prize drawing, and of course there will be prizes for the Bunco winners. Refreshments will be served.

Bunco is an easy-to-learn game requiring no skill or strategy! All you need to do is roll the dice and keep score. Come join us for a fun afternoon with friends.

All proceeds benefit our library. Here are just some of the things the FOL help make happen: Commit2Fit speakers and activities; children's story times in English and Spanish; summer reading programs; author speakers; teen programming and the Teen Advisory Board; adult programming including adult literacy, reading initiatives, and educational lectures; and our town's Little Free Libraries.

The Friends also contribute to the library's biggest upcoming project, our new Makerspace, currently under construction. A 1600 square foot storage space has been cleared out and is now on its way to becoming a valuable community resource. Five maker areas are planned which will house a 3D printer and laser cutter, a woodshop with hand tools and router, a textile/arts area with sewing machines, screen printing, and vinyl cutter, and an electronic arts area equipped for robotics work and computer/digital/graphic arts.

Fundraisers like our Bunco event allow us to contribute financially to our library and to raise awareness of the many programs our library has to offer.

FOL membership is currently half off the regular price, for new members only. Membership will be valid through June 30, 2017 and will include all members-only activities, discounts, and freebies.



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- *Computer books/manuals*
- *Reader's Digest condensed books*
- *Old Textbooks/teacher's manuals*
- *Cassette/VHS tapes (music or books)*
 - *Magazines older than a year*

Please make sure that your books are not mildewed, smelly or damp. We can't sell them and have to pay to take them away. If you wouldn't want to buy it, chances are no one else will either.



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Happy Spring!
Hope to see you at
the Writer's
Workshop or Bunko!