



# Friends of the Turlock Public Library Newsletter

## **Fashion Tea** *by Jackie Oyer*

On October 13, 2018 the Friends of the Turlock Public Library held their third Annual Fashion Tea. This year it was held at Monte Vista Chapel. The room was spacious and decorated in fall colors with leaves, pumpkins and scarecrows.

The silent auction had a couple dozen lovely baskets, each with a different theme. There was also a six-for-\$25 table where you could purchase tickets and put them in the bag that corresponded with the item or items you were interested in. As in years past we had an opportunity drawing for a beautiful handmade quilt donated by Sandy Mann and also a United States Government Bankers Vault Portfolio of uncut \$5 bills donated by Ken Oyer.

More than a hundred guests enjoyed a delicious lunch prepared by caterer Diana McDonald. Following the lunch guests were treated to a fashion show with both women and girls modeling. The women's clothes were from Bella Forte, and the girls' from Shabby Addy. The outfits went from outdoorsy casual to black lace for evening. Those worn by the girls were adorable and coordinated with the adult each modeled with. Both stores are located at 200 W. Main Street, Suite C, in Turlock.

All proceeds from this fundraising event go the Turlock Library renovation fund.

## **President's Message** *by Carmen Ingols*

A lot has been happening: the fashion tea, the library progress meeting and our 25th anniversary celebration. It takes a lot of work to plan and execute these events. I want to thank all those involved.

Our upcoming book sale is fast approaching on January 24, 25 and 26, 2019, so mark your calendars now.

Friends celebrated our 25th anniversary this year, and the library celebrated its 50th anniversary. There are more photos from the dedication on page 3.



Turlock has the best friends group because our members accomplish our goals so well.

Happy Holidays to all!

## Friends of the Turlock Public Library

### Our Purpose

To support the Turlock Library by raising supplementary funds, by advocating for adequate public library funding and other concerns at the city, county and state levels and by sponsoring special library programs to benefit the Turlock community.

### Information

Meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM at the Turlock Library. Meetings are open to all members and the public.

Our newsletter is published quarterly (February, May, August and November).

Our mailing address is FOTPL, P.O. Box 1260, Turlock, CA 95381-1260.

Friends of the Turlock Public Library is a non-profit 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization.

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## 2018 Youth Literacy Fundraiser

*by Jackie Oyer*

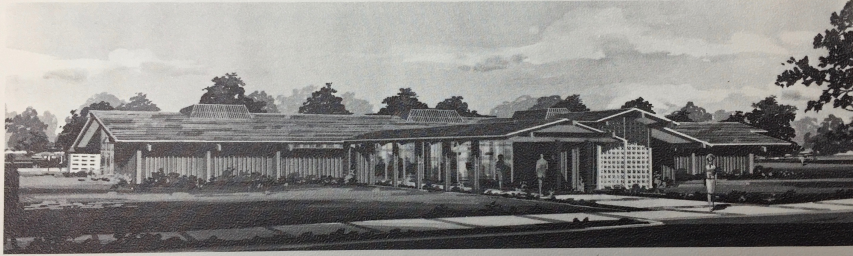
Representing the Friends of the Turlock Public Library, Jackie Oyer partnered with dd's DISCOUNTS again this year for the 2018 Youth Literacy Fundraiser. More than \$2,000 was raised through the generosity of Turlock shoppers.

The money was used to purchase over 600 new books from First Book. The books, including many bilingual titles, were distributed to Osborn, Wakefield and Cunningham schools, Jessica's House, the women's shelter, Creative Alternatives, Aspiranet, Verda House and the Salvation Army.

Thank you to everyone in our community for giving and to dd's DISCOUNTS for supporting the Youth Literacy Fundraiser! dd's Discounts is located at 601 N. Golden State Boulevard in Turlock.



# Dedication Turlock City Library



Sunday, November twenty-fourth      Nineteen hundred sixty-eight      at two o'clock



## Turlock Library Celebrations

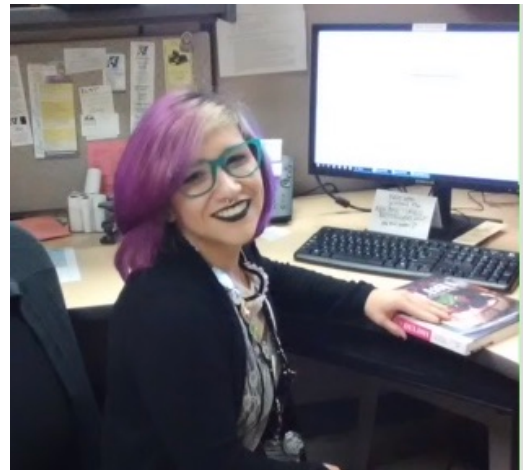
*by Jackie Oyer*

### September • Angelica

Angelica was born in Modesto and attended local schools. She graduated from Thomas Downey High School and later attended Modesto Junior College. She is one of three children.

Angelica has been an employee of the Stanislaus Libraries for six years. Her first three years were as a page at the Modesto Library. Then she became a library assistant substitute for six months. For the last two years she has been a part-time library assistant at the Turlock library.

Some of her job responsibilities include processing new books, DVDs and magazines; selecting, processing and maintaining the honor book collection; and posting current information to the library bulletin board. She also works at the circulation desk answering questions and helping patrons check out books or with other needs.



When not working Angelica loves to be out of doors hiking and camping. She also enjoys reading, crocheting and attending concerts and other events.

### October • Jim

Jim grew up in Modesto and attended local schools, including Modesto Junior College. He then went on to California State University Stanislaus as a computer science major. He eventually decided that sitting in front of a computer in a little cubical all day really didn't appeal to him.

Jim began working for the Stanislaus County Library in 1994 as a page. Then he was a part-time circulation clerk for three years. Jim has worked full-time as a library assistant for the past twenty years, with his last two years in Turlock. He really enjoys working in the Turlock Branch. An interesting bit of trivia is that Jim was born on November 29, 1968, just five days after the Turlock Library was dedicated.

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## Turlock Library Celebrations

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Jim is in charge of adult programming, creating adult flyers, working at the front desk helping people check out their items and answering reference questions. He is the go-to guy with the more difficult computer problems.

Jim loves to read, and his favorite book is *Robinson Crusoe* by Daniel Defoe. When he's not working or reading, he enjoys travel, with his favorite destination being Disneyland. He also makes weekend trips to San Francisco, Monterey and other areas on the coast. He is an amateur photographer, so these trips afford him the opportunity to take some interesting pictures. He also enjoys visiting art galleries and museums where he can appreciate the creativity of others.

### November • Leah

Leah was born in San Anselmo, California, where she attended area schools until she was sixteen. She then moved to Nevada City, living there for two years. This was followed by a move to Santa Cruz, where she went to the University of California, Santa Cruz, majoring in Environmental Studies and working in the natural foods industry.

In 2000, Leah moved to Modesto with her husband and young son. She was a stay-at-home mom until 2007, and during that time she had a second child, a daughter.

Leah eventually returned to work as an agricultural pest inspector. She worked as an inspector for nine years. In 2016 Leah joined the Stanislaus County Library system as a substitute library assistant. She was promoted to permanent staff at the Turlock Library in 2017. She enjoys her job at the Turlock Library.



Leah loves reading, keeping up with current events, volunteering in her community, and catching up on sleep. Her favorite pastime is going to local coffee houses and having interesting, thought-provoking conversations with friends or people she meets while having coffee.

## From the Librarian's Desk....

by *Diane Bartlett*

Dear Friends,

Reading Is the Key!

I was looking at pictures from the library dedication on November 24, 1968, and one picture shows a display case with books, a sign about the New Turlock Library on one side, and another sign opposite saying 'Reading Is the Key' (this photo is included in the dedication collage on page 3). This statement is just as true today as it was then, whether we are reading a book, some musical notes, a financial statement or computer code. Thank you for spreading the word that the library is more than just books and for providing funds for our programs and materials so that we can serve the needs of the Turlock Community.

Speaking of keys, many of you know how much I like developing the Escape Room events we've had at the library. We have two Escape Rooms planned: a Fairy Tale themed one for November 10 and a Harry Potter themed one in January. They are so fun, but what is amazing to me is how much they allow participants to develop their communication and cooperation skills in such a short time.

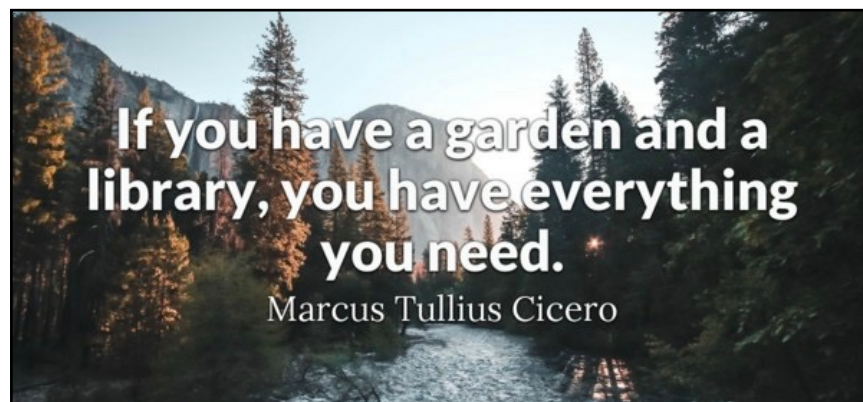
Thanks to your support, we are able to offer fantastic programs presented by the Great Valley Museum. We'll learn about owl pellets on November 13 at 4 pm. Reading *is* the key ... even when learning about 'reading' owl pellets to solve the puzzle of what they have been eating.

We continue to partner with Community Hospice every other month through their Community Connections (formerly Caregiver College) program. Experts present information on key topics; the November 15 seminar topic is "What is Palliative Care and How Can It Help Me?" New topics are being developed, so look for these events on our library calendar. The workshops begin at noon, and lunch is provided. You can register by calling 578-6300.

We've enjoyed working with volunteers from the Turlock Banjo Band and the Turlock Sunshine Strummers Ukulele Band. Preschoolers will have a chance to listen to and learn about ukuleles on December 12 at 10 AM. (hmm, I wonder what key they will play in.)

And on that note, let me say that we look forward to seeing *you* at the library,

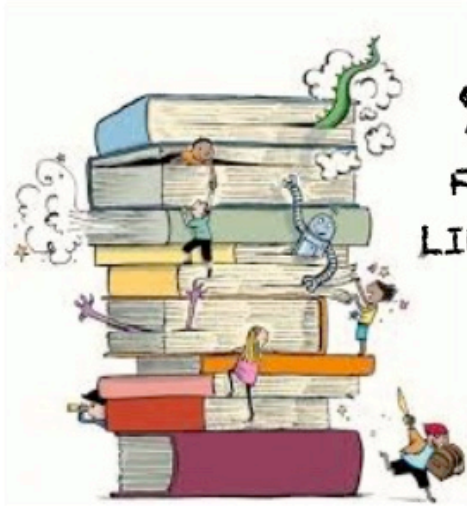
Diane



## Turlock Library 50th Anniversary is drawing to a close!



Staff has come and gone this year. We say goodbye to those who have moved on to other things and welcome those who have become part of the wonderful staff that makes Turlock Library such a special place!



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**FRIENDS OF THE TURLOCK**  
**LIBRARY WINTER BOOK SALE**

**1/24 MEMBERS ONLY**

**1/25 9-7 1/26 9-5**

United Methodist Church  
1660 Arbor Way, Turlock

**You can renew or join the Friends at the door.**

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