

Sweeeeeeeet!

Library fan claims candy prize



Empire resident and library fan Loretta Pena, right, receives the huge jar of candy from Library manager, Martha Perales. Pena has children in Head Start and Pre-School, where she volunteers. She brings her children to StoryTime as often as possible. Pena's guess of 250 pieces was closest to the actual 252 pieces in the jar. The jar will be back in March. Visit the library with a friend and make a guess. You could win!

DATES TO WATCH

February

- 17 - Wednesday 3:30 p.m.
Chinese New Year Crafts
- 19 - Friday - 10:30 a.m.
StoryTime
- 26 - Friday - 10:30 a.m.
StoryTime

March

- 5 - Friday - 10:30 a.m.
StoryTime
- 8 - Monday 7 p.m.
Municipal Advisory Council
- 9 - Tuesday - 6 p.m.
Friends of the Library AGM
- 12 - Friday - 10:30 a.m.
StoryTime
- 16 - 18 Parent-Teacher Conferences
Empire USD schools
- 19 - Friday - 10:30 a.m.
StoryTime
- 26 - Friday - 10:30 a.m.
StoryTime

April

- 12 - Monday 7 p.m.
Municipal Advisory Council
- 30 - Friday - 11 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Used Book Sale

All activities at the library or the meeting room
18 South Abbie St., unless otherwise stated.

Book sale set; donate used books

The first annual Friends of the Empire Library used books sale has been tentatively scheduled for Friday, April 30.

Funds raised will be used to enhance services and materials offered at the library.

Books sold must be in good readable condition. You can support our library by donating

your used books. Drop them in at the library.

A "preview sale" will be held for FOEL members late Thursday afternoon, April 29.

(See donation guidelines page 2.)

HELP! Got Boxes? How about bags?

Strong, **small** cardboard boxes – something like apple boxes – are needed by Friends of the Library for storing and sorting books for the pending Used Book Sale. Strong paper supermarket bags are also needed – **NOW!**

If you have some you to donate, you can drop them at the library for the Friends to collect.

FOEL Bookmarks

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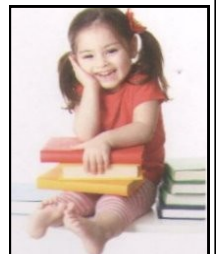
Online: < http://www.stanislauslibrary.org/about_friends_empire.shtml >

For more information contact us at
209 578-3577 / jwsterling@comcast.net

StoryTime

StoryTime is a free activity at 10:30 every Friday. Bring your children, grandchildren, nieces,

nephews – even the neighbor kids. You will do them a great favor!



**Young
Empire
artists
vie for
honors
in joint
PTA-
FOEL
contest**



Winning Empire Elementary second grade projects, with book prizes, shown here, from left: 1st place – Luis Naranjo (Mrs. Fromm's class); 2nd place – Kirsana Soriano (Mrs. Cantu's class); 3rd place – Dalia Maravilla (Mrs. Mendoza's class). Third grade projects are now on display in the library. Winners will be announced at a reception at the library on Thursday, February 25th.

Looking for a Program?

Speakers and programs with local messages are sometimes hard to find.

However, Friends of the Empire Library has a message about our community and education – of both children and adults.

We'd be happy to talk with your service club, church, fraternal organization – you name it, we've got a program with an on-target message.

Contact Jim Sterling for details at 578-3577 or at jwsterling@comcast.net.

Book Review

Trial by Fire

By J A Jance

In the heat of the Arizona summer, a raging fire pushes temperatures to a deadly degree, and one woman is left to burn.

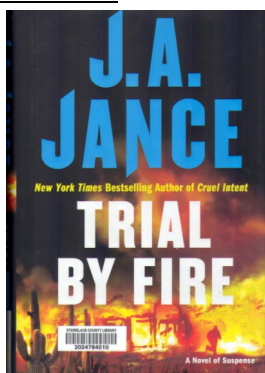
Pulled naked and barely breathing from the fire, the victim has no idea who she is, let alone who would do this to her – or why.

In her hospital bed she drifts in and out of consciousness, her only means of communicating a blink of the eye. And then an angel appears. Misguidedly known around town as the "Angel of Death," – Sister Anselm. But to Jane Doe's would-be killer, the Sister poses a serious threat.

Ali Reynolds is on the scene as the new media relations consultant for the Yavapai County Police Department, keeping reporters at bay and fending off questions about domestic terrorism linked to a groups called the Earth Liberation Front.

With unerring skill, J.A. Jance again delivers relentless suspense in what is surely her finest novel yet in this riveting and addictive series.

Reserve your copy today!



**Librarian Czopek
cites Empire's
library love, use**

Empire loves its library. County Librarian Vanessa Czopek told a recent meeting of the Municipal Advisory Council that while county-wide some 60 percent of people hold library cards, the number in Empire is almost 80percent.

Though the Empire library was open 20percent fewer days last year, due to budget cuts, use dropped only 8 percent.

Last year, more than 7,000 computer sessions were used. The value of the 12,000 books in the library is about \$280,000.

The county library is funded primarily through a 1/8 -cent sales tax. An average county household contributed about \$1.66 a month through taxable purchases.

Guidelines for book donations

We know people want to help, but simply can't use all things.

What can be donated?: Most gently used books and media.

What cannot be used?: Magazines (including National Geographic), patterns and puzzles, Readers' Digest condensed books, most textbooks, encyclopedias, or

**Check candy out
again in March!**



Check this out! Stop by the Empire library and guess how much candy is in this gallon jar and you could win it all! It will be displayed during March. The winner will be announced in April.

reference books over three years old, anything previously owned by other libraries, empty CD/DVD cases.

Experience shows these don't sell and we must pay for recycling or to dispose of them. That doesn't seem a good use of our limited funds.