

StoryTime!



Empire Branch Manager Martha Perales reads to Empire Elementary School students from the kindergarten classes of Mrs. Willoughby and Mrs. Fountain, who attended StoryTime March 12th. The classes of Mrs. Buer and Mrs.

Leib were there March 5th. StoryTime is a free activity, open to the general public, at 10:30 Fridays. Its focus is teaching kids to love reading. The activity will take a break during April, but will resume again Friday, May 7th.

DATES TO WATCH

March

6 - March to 17 April

Cover-To-Cover Club

(read to earn In-N-Out Burgers)

16 - 18 Parent-Teacher Conferences
Empire USD schools

19 - Friday - 10:30 a.m.

StoryTime

26 - Friday - 10:30 a.m.

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April

12 - Monday 7 p.m.

Municipal Advisory Council

13 - Tuesday 6 p.m.

FOEL

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.

Bargain book sale Friday April 30

Hundreds of books in good condition will be sold Friday, April 30, at the first annual Friends of the Empire Library used book sale.

There will be bargains galore with paperbacks going for 50¢, hard cover books selling for just \$1, and special reduced pricing on a wide selection of children's books.

FOEL Bookmarks

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

You can support our library by donating your used books.

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 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.

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 to be announced in April.

Jose Delgado claims 3rd grade honors in PTA-FOEL art contest



Jose Delgado, in Mrs. Rosette-Hall's 3rd grade class at Empire Elementary, claimed first place in last month's PTA / Friends of the

Library art contest. He is pictured with his mother, Denise and sister, Emily, who holds his prize, *The Lorax*, a Dr Seuss book.

Learn More About FOEL

Our goal is making knowledge available to all through our library.

If you'd like to work with us, or have an interest for any reason, contact us via Internet, telephone, e-mail, or US mail – this info is on the front page.

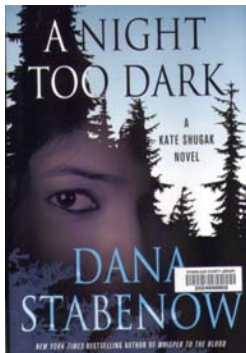
If you would like to receive Bookmarks on a regular basis, just let us know. We'd also be happy to talk with your service club, church, fraternal organization – you name it, we've got a program with an on-target message.

Book Note

A Night Too Dark

By Dana Stabenow

A Night Too Dark is New York Times bestselling author Dana Stabenow's latest, the seventeenth in a series chronicling life, death, love, tragedy, mischief, controversy, nature, and survival in Alaska, America's last real frontier.



In Alaska, people disappear every day. In Aleut detective Kate Shugak's Park, they've been disappearing a lot lately. Hikers head into the wild unprepared and get lost. Miners quit without notice at the busy Suulutaq mine. Suicides leave farewell notes and vanish.

Not only are Park rats disappearing at an alarming rate, but so is life in the Park as Kate knows it. Alaska State Trooper Jim Chopin's workload has increased, the controversial mine has seduced Kate's step-son Johnny and his classmates with summer jobs, and divided the Niniltna Native Association.

It's almost a relief when Kate finds a body. This she can handle – until the identify of the body disappears too!

Reserve your copy today!

Friends of the Empire Library



Mission Statement

The mission of the Friends of the Empire Library is to advocate for, publicize, and support the library and its programs for the benefit of the community and to support the library's efforts to foster the love of reading and the desire to open the door to knowledge.

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Martha Perales, Mgr

Support OUR library

The Friends of the Empire Library is an organization dedicated to making our library more useful to more people. A friend is someone like YOU . . . willing to support our library. You may use the application form below.

What does Friends of the Empire Library do?

Many things! In addition to the vital role of being community advocates for the library, other ways in which friends can serve include:

- ♦ assisting in the library
- ♦ increasing story times
- ♦ organizing and supporting new programs and events
- ♦ increasing Spanish language services
- ♦ expanding hours and equipment (including computers)
- ♦ providing some of the help that schools have been forced to cut due to the economy
- ♦ delivering materials to home-bound residents
- ♦ presenting programs to area schools that boost reading

Why should I join?

Your membership dues will provide for continuing and expanding these programs. You will receive a newsletter with advance notice of upcoming events and current activities.

How do I join?

Tear off the membership form below, enclose your annual dues, and mail it in now. Make out your check to *Friends of the Empire Library*.

What do I have to do after I become a member?

Your participation in activities is on a voluntary basis. You may be asked to participate in Friends' activities to help the library in various ways. Please indicate your area of interest on the membership form,

Friends of the Empire Library Membership Application

Name: _____	Membership Category	
Address: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Student Membership	\$ 1.00
City / Zip: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Individual Membership	\$2.00
Phone: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Family Membership	\$8.00
E-mail: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Club/Organization/Business Membership	\$20.00
	<input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining Membership ("sponsor")	\$100.00
	<input type="checkbox"/> Life Membership (Individual)	\$150.00
Return to: Friends of the Empire Library PO Box 822 Empire CA 95319 - 0822	I'm interested in helping with:	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter	<input type="checkbox"/> Webpage
	<input type="checkbox"/> Programs	<input type="checkbox"/> Membership
	<input type="checkbox"/> Fund raising	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____