

Friday April 30, Saturday May 1

Historic two-day library book sale !

Thousands of books – including some special large type editions as well as selected Spanish language items – will be sold Friday, April 30 and Saturday, May 1, at the first annual Friends of the Empire Library used book sale, 18 South Abbie Street.

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. Some DVDs, CDs, and videos will also be available.

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

Volunteers honored

Empire's community sees results of working together

By Jim Sterling

Student art competitions, school library tours, community children's activities (like Halloween parties), improvements in library restrooms, increased attendance at library StoryTime, and overall increased working together between many of Empire's community groups – those are just a few of good things have been going on in Empire lately.

And, for the record – that list of accomplishments wasn't cited by me, or anybody else directly involved with FOEL, but by the president of the

Stanislaus County Library Foundation.

These accomplishments came about by the work of many volunteers in any number of community groups. The Friends of the Empire Library is proud to have been one of the groups involved.

The vital role of volunteers in our community was brought home to some 100 folks gathered recently for the Stanislaus County Library's Volunteer appreciation event.

Volunteer hours value

Volunteer hours given to the Stanislaus County Library last year were valued at \$140,000, according to County Librarian Vanessa Czopek.

Those kinds of number are important to an organization that's unplugging drinking fountains and turning down water heaters to save money – not to mention having to cut branch hours and trim staff.

Beyond that, volunteering can give a person a sense of belonging. That sense of belonging is definitely alive and well in Empire today!

DATES TO WATCH

April

30 - Friday - 10:30 a.m.

StoryTime (In the library)

30 - Friday - 11 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Used Book Sale

May

1 - Saturday - 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Used Book Sale

10 - Monday 7 p.m.

Municipal Advisory Council

11 - Tuesday 6 p.m.

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There couldn't be a better time than National Volunteer Week to thank those who have worked so hard to help us.

- ♥ **Empire PTA - Empire Elementary School**
- ♥ **Stanislaus County Library staff**
- ♥ **Friends of the Empire Pool**
- ♥ **Village Christian Fellowship**
- ♥ **Anonymous**
- ♥ **Stanislaus Library Foundation**
- ♥ **Empire Elementary School**
- ♥ **Empire Union School District**
- ♥ **Friends of Red Cloud Library**
- ♥ **Friends of Salida Library**
- ♥ **Friends of Patterson Library**
- ♥ **Friends of Waterford Library**
- ♥ **Friends of Hughson Library**
- ♥ **Cost Less Food Company**
- ♥ **Sipherd Elementary School**
- ♥ **Stanislaus Div. - California Retired Teachers Association**

If you know of anyone who has been missed, let us know and we'll make sure they get credit.

FOEL Bookmarks

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Empire Library

18 South Abbie St

Bargain Books!

Friday April 30

11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



Saturday May 1

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Huge Selection!

Clean used books

**Mysteries, Romances,
Adventures, Biographies,
“How to Do Its”**

Children’s Stories ... and *MORE!*

Paperbacks 50¢ Hardcover \$1

Kids books “Special Pricing”

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Help the Library! Donate books

Drop your clean used books off at the library before the 29th. Friends of the Empire Library will sell them to raise money for enhanced services at the Empire library. **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.



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