

## PTA leads the way

# Halloween activity, art shows, loom large on FOEL agenda

PTA and FOEL are working together planning a Harvest/Halloween event on Friday, October 30 from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the library. Costume judging, treats, and various activities are being planned.

The Stanislaus County Library Foundation is also contributing funds and supplies for the event. Watch for details from the school and in the library.

PTA is one of the community groups showing great support for the Friends of the Empire Library.

### **PTA offers opportunities**

The PTA of the Empire Elementary School has presented us with two opportunities for the library to provide service to the community and heighten its visibility. The Harvest/Halloween event is the first.

A second activity, also still in the planning stages, is a grade-level school art show, with winning creations exhibited at the library during the coming months.

In addition, Empire's Village Community Church has

distributed informational flyers to the community in food parcels they distribute on a monthly basis. (See page 2.)

Get involved! Mark your calendar now for Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2009, at 6 p.m. at the Empire Library. Come along and **bring a friend!**

## **October FOEL Agenda**

The October meeting of the Friends of the Empire Library is scheduled for Tuesday, October 13 at 6 p.m. at the library.

Agenda items will include: FOEL becoming a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit corporation, a Harvest/Halloween event (in conjunction with Empire PTA), and Art Show (with PTA), membership and local business sponsorship, and the image of the building and "grounds."

## **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.

## **FOEL Online**

Keep up with the latest information from Friends of the Empire Library at [http://www.stanislauslibrary.org/about\\_friends\\_empire.shtml](http://www.stanislauslibrary.org/about_friends_empire.shtml). You'll also find us on Facebook.

You can also find books and open links and gateways to almost unlimited resources and more at the Stanislaus County Library online at : <http://www.stanislauslibrary.org/>.

## **Board comprised of locals and teachers**

Retired teachers and Empire folks make up most of the board of the Friends of the Empire Library, elected at the general meeting September 4, 2009.

President Jim Sterling is a retired teacher whose sons both attended Empire USD schools.

Vice President Nathan Cary is an Empire resident with a son at Empire Elementary School.

Board member at large,

Marye Martinez had children go through the Empire USD and is also a retired teacher.

The Secretary-Treasurer's duties are split by retired teacher Susan Harmon and Crossroads School Librarian Rossilyn Starn.

Sterling, Martinez, and Harmon are all members of the Stanislaus Division of the California Retired Teachers Assn.

### **FOEL Bookmarks**

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## StoryTime!

# For our kids . . . and the future!

Reading to young children is the best way to develop a love of reading and to cultivate their desire to read.

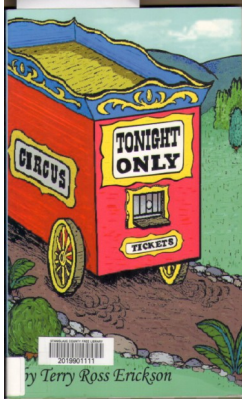
StoryTime is a weekly activity in the Empire Library. Staff are specially trained to both present the stories in an interesting way and to get children participating in way that keeps them listening and focused during the story.

### Book Review

## Tonight Only!

By Terry Ross Erickson

There are the feelings and emotions – and without trying too hard you can even get the smells and sounds – of life with the circus, in Terry Ross Erickson's book, *Tonight Only!*



Not the glitzy, larger than life circus seen in movies and on TV, but the real life of real people who are "circus!"

Terry and her husband, Curtis – now Empire residents – did something many of us only dream about. They "ran away and joined the circus." Then she captured their adventures across several western states in her 2003 book.

It is a complex story of the people, animals, relationships, joys, and sorrows that made her and her husband re-evaluate where they were going with their lives – and why. A book about real people and real life – it is not for the faint-hearted.

It's on the shelves of the Empire Library. Check it out!

Be sure you bring along your children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews – even the neighbor kids. You will be doing them a great favor – Fridays at 10:30.

**Oct 2th: (All Kinds of Cakes)–**  
*Yummy Yucky; Mr. Wolf's Pancakes; A Cake for Me; and more!*

**Oct 8th: (Special StoryTime)–**  
*"The Very Hungry Caterpillar"*  
by Eric Carle. *PLUS* craft time!

**Oct 9th: (Bugs and Spiders)–**  
*A Very Busy Spider; Guess What I'll Be; Gotcha!; and more*

## Reserve online and pick up in Empire!

Live on the east side of Modesto? You'll find it a pleasure having your books delivered to the Empire Library. It's an easy drive from anywhere east of Mitchell, El Vista, Oakdale Roads, with plenty of easy parking and helpful, friendly staff.



# Where can you get great FREE STUFF IN EMPIRE ?

## At the Library, of course!

- Use computers and the internet to do research and hunt for jobs
- DVDs, CDs, and Video Cassettes for the family to watch and listen to
- Books – *in English and Spanish* – magazines – *all kinds* – and more!
- StoryTime for all kids

### Coming Soon!

**Every Friday: StoryTime – 10:30 a.m.**

Your child will love being read to . . . stories that are fun, exciting, creative and educational. These can build a life-long love of reading!

**Oct 8th: Special StoryTime – 10:30 a.m.**

*"The Very Hungry Caterpillar"* by Eric Carle. Crafts time!

**Oct 30th: Harvest/Halloween Activity – 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.**

Costume judging, treats, and activities are planned with PTA and Stanislaus County Library Foundation.

Empire Library  
18 South Abbie Street  
Empire, CA 95319

Tel: 209 / 524-5505

#### Hours:

Tuesday through Thursday: Noon–6 p.m.

Fridays: 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. (*StoryTime* 10:30 a.m.)

Branch Manager – Martha Perales

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Village Community Church in Empire has helped FOEL distribute nearly 200 of these flyers to families around the Empire

area during August and September. FOEL appreciates their support. It shows how our community is working together.

## How Many Libraries?

September is National Library Card Sign-Up Month! Do you know about how many libraries there are around the country?

- a. 86,000      b. 53,000
- c. 123,000    d. 99,000

The answer is C – about 123,291 libraries. If you don't have a library card, stop in and get yours at the Empire branch today – it's **free!**