This Spring, we were delighted to welcome Alfred Matthews on board as a sponsor of Friends of the Modesto Library. The generosity of the dealership and its owners, Holly and Paul Caron, will make it possible for the Friends to host the upcoming Summer Reading Challenge Movie Night at The State Theatre as well as other future events and programs that benefit the Modesto Library.

Q: Holly, what prompted you and Paul to support Friends of the Modesto Library?
A: Having a local library for our kids is a necessity for children’s education and growth. Paul and I wanted to help with funding for the programs. It’s so important for your community to give youth a place to dream and create. Visiting the library and taking books home helps develop a child’s imagination and teaches them that they can discover new worlds and dream of what they will be in the future.

Q: Why is philanthropy and charitable giving important to you?
A: There are, unfortunately, so many children right here in our own town that need our help. These kids that we see every day at school have tremendous need. Some need food, some need clothing, some need educational supplies. We want to help so that our kids, right here in our own backyard, can see that there is a great big world out there. They can be and do anything they set their minds to. We just need to show them their options and give them some tools to guide them.

Q: What other organizations or causes do you support or feel strongly about?
A: We support as many as we can, including Making Strides of Modesto Breast Cancer Foundation, Blessings in a Backpack, Cricket House/Cricket Hope, Operation Backpack, Gallo Center for the Arts and Stanislaus Education Foundation.

Q: What would you say to other business owners who might be considering a donation to the library or other community group?
A: Paul and I both believe that you can’t help too much. It’s so special when local businesses join together to help great causes. The more funding for children in our community, the better. These children will one day be opening their own businesses. We all need to help invest in the future of our youth.

Q: Tell us a little more about you and your family.
A: We have two amazing and beautiful daughters. Ashley and Meghan grew up reading and going to the library. We have great memories from their childhood at the library. I started reading to both girls while they were still in the womb! So, when they came out into the world, they already had the love of books and stories.

Call Alfred Matthews (209) 577-0140 to learn more about Operation Backpack.

“Our local libraries are a place to let children’s imaginations soar! They find out that they can be ANYTHING they want to be.” – Holly Caron

Q: What brought you to Modesto?
A: When Paul came to Alfred Matthews, he knew he had found his forever job. He eventually purchased the store from Elvio and Susan Phillipi. Our children are now grown, so I am now able to help with charity organizations, which is our love. Giving back to our community means a lot to both Paul and me.
FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

Reflecting on all we have accomplished in the last few months, I am remembering Paul McCartney’s observation that we “get by with a little help from (our) friends.” Indeed, so many Friends of the Modesto Library have helped out in so many ways recently: labeling new books for distribution at the Stanislaus County Fair; staffing the Summer Reading registration table in the Children’s Department, volunteering at two successful book sales, and more.

We accomplish so much when we work together as friends, and it feels great to know that all our efforts benefit our beloved library.

There are so many ways to get involved and we invite all our members to join us.

Throughout this newsletter, look for the helping hand icon. Each one offers a way YOU CAN HELP. And please visit our new website for even more ways to help your Modesto Library.

In friendship,
Denise Nordell, President

Friends earn money for library books at semiannual Scholastic Sale

Over 20 of our members earned books, as well as items like journals, STEM kits and book bags, for the library and its programs by volunteering to staff our discount Scholastic sale in May. Their 100+ hours of volunteer help bought nearly $1,000 worth of products at the discounted prices. Thank you, Volunteers!

May Scholastic Sale volunteers:

Christine Brereton  
Cande Brody  
Sue Conner  
Ellen Dambrosio  
Marilyn Drew  
Cathie Peck  
Carmen Pedrioli  
Barbara Quinn  
Beverly Schlegel

Eve Ringhoff  
Barbara Quinn  
Julie Saugstad  
Beverly Schlegel

Want to meet some new “friends?” Volunteer at the next Scholastic Book Sale in November. Call Anne Britton at (209) 996-1531.
New Friends website keeps members informed and engaged

Our new website is live! Here's some of what you'll find at www.modestolibraryfriends.org:

- The **HOME** page features the latest news about our organization; our mission and the business partners who help us accomplish that mission; and information about what the Friends do for the library and the community.
- The **SUPPORT US** menu offers information about joining the Friends, making additional donations, and fundraising programs such as eScrip, iGive, and AmazonSmile.
- The **EVENTS** menu provides access to information about individual Friends events as well as access to the Modesto Library’s online calendar of events.
- The **GALLERY**, which is small but growing, features photos and other media from Friends events.
- **ABOUT US** profiles our Board of Directors and provides a link to archived minutes from past board meetings and to our archived newsletters. Here you will find a page linking to our most recent newsletter and a Contact Us page where anyone can send a message or question to us quickly and easily.

Kudos to Ellen Dambrosio, who took the lead in developing the new site with the help of library staffer and FOML volunteer Sheri Darrough.

Summer Reading Challenge Movie Night

Big news! Thanks to the generosity of Alfred Matthews, readers who complete the Summer Reading Challenge at the Modesto Library will earn two free tickets to see the film, “Wonder” at the State Theatre on Aug. 6. The Summer Reading Challenge is in full swing, with thousands of youngsters—and adults too!—reading during the summer months.

Thanks to Friends volunteers who helped at the Summer Reading Challenge desk in the Children’s Room this summer. There is nothing more fun than seeing eager faces line up to register or turn in their reading logs.

Earn money for the Friends when you shop online

Are you a frequent online shopper? If so, you can earn money for the Friends at no cost to you.

As of July 1, eScrip’s Online Mall has been replaced with iGive.com so you can continue to support Friends of the Modesto Library when you shop at over 1,800 online stores. iGive will make a $5 bonus contribution to Friends of the Modesto Library when you make your first online purchase.

Note: We will still participate with local grocery stores through eScrip.

Set up your iGive account today.
Join the Friends Today!

Friends of the Modesto Library provides funds to enhance the programs and services at the Modesto Library.

Dues are paid on a calendar-year basis (Jan. 1 – Dec. 31). Please select a membership level and indicate the amount of your donation.

Name(s) _________________________________
Address __________________________________
City/ZIP __________________________________
Phone ____________________________
Email: ____________________________
Today’s date: ____________________________

Thank you for giving us your email! It reduces our postage cost and lets us keep in touch.

Join FOML:
I am a ___new member ___ renewing member ___ returning member

Sign me up for
☐ Reader ($25 - $49) $______
☐ Storyteller ($50 - $99) $______
☐ Novelist ($100 - $249) $______
☐ Bestseller ($250 - $499) $______
☐ Classic ($500-$999) $______
☐ Epic ($1,000 and above) $______

Method of payment: ___ cash ___ check #______

If paying by check, make payable to FOML. Provide information on form, then mail to:
Friends of the Modesto Library
PO Box 4565
Modesto, CA 95352-4565

You can also go to modestolibraryfriends.org and use the Donate button to pay with PayPal or credit card.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Membership dues reset in January, but it’s never too late in the year to renew your Friends membership. Seventy of our 2017 members have not yet made a donation to renew their membership for this calendar year. If you are one of those people, won’t you please help us increase our membership by renewing today? Every dollar you donate helps us fund special requests from the library. What’s more, your donation is tax deductible.

It takes just $25 to officially become a Friend at the Reader level. You can join by:
• completing and mailing a check with the membership form above
• completing the membership form and dropping it off, with a check, at the library’s administrative office
• going to our new and improved website at http://modestolibraryfriends.org and clicking the JOIN US tab at the top right of the page to renew or join online

Welcome to our newest member, Megan Gowans.
And a big “Welcome and Thank You!” to our newest business member,
Winton-Ireland, Strom & Green Insurance Agency (Jeff Quinn)

Discover & Go is a partnership between libraries and cultural institutions. With a Stanislaus County Library card, you can reserve FREE and discounted passes to local museums and cultural attractions through the Discover & Go online portal.

• Adults residing in Stanislaus County and ages 18 and over with a library card in good standing can reserve Discover & Go passes.
• You can have up to 2 active reservations at a time.
• You can make reservations up to 3 months in advance.
• All free tickets are first come, first served, until all tickets are exhausted for the month. New passes are released at the beginning of the month.
• Some venues have placed a 1-pass-per-year restriction and you will only be able to reserve those passes once per calendar year.
• Read all the details on each venue before making a reservation.
• The pass is only valid for the name and date on the pass. Valid photo ID is required.

How to Reserve a Museum Pass
1. Visit Discover & Go and log in using your library card number and PIN
2. Browse by museum or date
3. Make a reservation by selecting a date and venue
4. Shortly before your visit, print out your pass.

Discover & Go tutorial http://ccclib.org/tutorials/DiscoverGo/
Have questions about Discover and Go? Contact your local library for help.
Thanks to everyone who contributed to the success of this year’s Used Book Sale. It was obviously a labor of love for all volunteers. An especially loud “shout out” to Cathie Peck, Marilyn and Tom Drew, and others who were on hand for many of the “sorting parties” prior to the sale. Michael Leamy selected high-value books and listed them online for sale (see related article).

On sale day, Library Branch Supervisor Chris Moreno and his helpers were hard at work by 6:30 a.m., setting up tables and getting the portico ready for all volunteers. Chris even arranged to have the portico power washed prior to our sale. McGrath Moving and Storage brought a large moving van to the warehouse on Friday, loaded the van and took it to the Library Loading Dock. On Saturday morning, they helped the volunteers get the books from the dock to the portico and at the end of the day they took the leftovers back to the warehouse.

This year, we raised in excess of $4,300 in book sales and donations. WOW!

Good publicity and delightful weather also contributed to the success of the sale. Beard Land Development, who donated warehouse space and set up book cases along one wall to aid us in sorting, is also allowing us to use the space to store approximately 100 boxes of leftover books for the remainder of the year! Their patience as they opened the door for us on many occasions for sorting was appreciated.

We need someone to serve as co-chair for next year’s sale. This would involve assisting in picking up books and scheduling sorting sessions as needed. (209) 985-7156

Pat Glattke, Used Book Sale Coordinator

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This year, in addition to the Used Book Sale at the Modesto Library Portico, we were fortunate to have Michael Leamy, former Modesto Library Manager and current Friends volunteer, help us venture into the world of online sales. As the donated books were sorted, volunteers set aside some that appeared to be more valuable and Michael chose some of those to list online. So far, online sales have brought in about $750! Michael, like many Friends, has found his own unique way to contribute and we are very thankful to him.

We can use more help collecting high-value used books and selling them online. Call (209) 985-7156 for more information.
By Ellen Dambrosio

Do you have an interest in the history of Modesto Junior College? Maybe a family member graduated from this institution 60 or 70 years ago—or longer—and you’d like to see if the school newspaper or yearbook mentioned her or perhaps published a photograph of her. In the past, this task required a visit to the East Campus Library & Learning Center where one could spend hours, maybe even days, thumbing through sometimes fragile pages in the archives to search for information. Now it’s much easier.

The library, with help from the MJC Foundation, allocated funds in late 2016 to digitize both the yearbook and newspaper collections. The annual yearbook began publication at the end of the first school year—1921/1922; the final edition was published in 1963. The newspapers were published regularly from 1926 through 2010. These student publications provide an interesting look at the history of MJC and the surrounding communities. As you read, you’ll find names you recognize from street signs in town and from local businesses. Many of Modesto’s prominent citizens were once students of Modesto Junior College.

The yearbook collection contains 4,976 scanned and searchable pages. The newspaper collection contains 15,592. To view the MJC Library Digital Collections, go to https://cdm17235.contentdm.oclc.org. Visitors to the site can browse one or both collections by date. If looking for specific information, they can do a basic search of the collections or an advanced search to narrow a large result set.

Viewing on a large monitor may be desirable to more easily see large newspaper pages. But the website, hosted by OCLC’s CONTENTdm, is responsive, meaning it is designed to work on screens of all sizes. So don’t worry if you’re not at your computer workstation, just grab your phone, tablet, or laptop and take a peek into MJC’s past.

About the author: Friends of the Modesto Library Membership Director Ellen Dambrosio retired from MJC’s library in 2017.

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**MJC Library Digital Collections website houses historical student-created publications**

Do you belong to a book club? Are you looking for titles to read? Did you know you can borrow a box of books, complete with discussion questions, free, from the library? This service, provided by the 49-99 Library Consortium of which Stanislaus County Library is a part, makes it easy to check out enough copies for your club members without them having to purchase or borrow the books individually. Some titles also have a large print copy or audio copies included.

Library Volunteer Carol Blomquist helps coordinate the program and prepare books for checkout. Blomquist, who started at the Salida Library in 2004 as Salida Regional Children’s Librarian, served in Turlock and Ceres as regional librarian then returned to Salida as Regional Librarian and branch manager in November 2015. “Currently I work on selecting titles, finding annotations and discussion questions for the titles and help with checking in boxes that have been returned and preparing boxes to go out to book clubs,” she says.

Book Club in a Box is one of the Library’s most popular programs. “People like the fact that a set of books arrives for the book club to use so copies of the title don’t have to be purchased or requested from different libraries. They also like that discussion questions are provided,” says Blomquist.

Each branch has a person who deals with Book Club in a Box and can answer questions. A book club may request a title to use for a book club meeting. The number of copies available is listed on the bibliography that is available on the library website.

Something to consider if your book club is thinking of checking out a Book Club in a Box title: many book clubs use the service so flexibility in requesting titles is important. “Since this is a 49-99 program, book clubs in San Joaquin County, Lodi, Calaveras County, Amador County, and Tuolumne County have access to Book Club in a Box services,” says Blomquist. “Therefore, it is a good idea to have a first, second, and third choice for a book club discussion date so the library staff person booking titles for the club has some ‘wiggle room’!”

Blomquist is constantly working on building new sets of titles to add to the bibliography. “Customers can help with this when they donate copies in good condition of titles for sets we are building,” she says. Some titles currently being collected for sets include,

- *Circling the Sun* by Paula McLain
- *Euphoria* by Lily King
- *Nightingale* by Kristin Hanna
- *Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead
- *The Dressmaker of Khair Kana* by Gayle Tzemach Lemmon
- *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson
- *Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Can’t Stop Talking* by Susan Cain

Some of the more popular Book Club in a Box titles include:

**FICTION**
- *Beautiful Ruins*
- *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet*
- *Snowflower and the Secret Fan*
- *Atonement*
- *Language of Flowers*
- *A Man Called Ove*
- *Housekeeping*
- *Jodi Picoult titles*
- *Blue Heaven*

**NONFICTION**
- *Tolstoy and the Purple Chair*
- *The Big Burn*
- *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind*
- *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*
- *The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down*
Ongoing Events

Aug. 6 - Sept. 1
All Story Times on a Break

Tuesday, Sept. 4
Story Times resume

Mondays & Tuesdays @ 10:15 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.
Wiggle Worms Story Time

Tuesdays @ 6:15 pm & Wednesdays @ 10:15 a.m.
Preschool Story Time

(please check with the Modesto library children’s department for information about cuentos and bilingual story times, 209-558-7810.)

Wednesdays, 3:30 p.m.
LEGO Play
Children will have the opportunity to build LEGO® displays for the library. Children under 4 are welcome but must have direct adult supervision.

Thursday, Aug. 2, 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 6, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 4, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Game Day
Get your game on! Bring the family and play Jenga, dominos, and more!

Friday, Aug. 10 (Open Hours)
Friday, Sept. 14 (Open Hours)
Friday, Oct. 12 (Open Hours)

Coloring Day
All ages can join us in the Children’s Room to unwind and have fun in a comfortable environment. Colored pencils, crayons, and a variety of artistic designs will be available!

Friday, Aug. 24, 3-4 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 21, 3-4 p.m.

Craft-a-Palooza
Create one of kind projects using a variety of craft supplies. The only limit is your imagination! In the Children’s Room.

Thursday, Aug. 30, 4 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 27, 4 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 25, 4 p.m.

Comix Club
Come hang out on the last Thursday of every month for discussions, games and activities featuring our comic of the month. Suggested for ages 8 and up.

Monday, Aug. 6, 5 p.m.
Summer Movies @ the Modesto Library
Celebrate summer reading 2018 at the Modesto library with special summer movies! Take a trip around the world with this movie about Walter Mitty’s extraordinary adventure. Rated PG.

Tuesday, Aug. 7
Summer Reading Challenge
Last day to turn in reading logs.

Thursday, Aug. 9, 1-3 p.m.
Introduction to Finding Grants
Discover what funders are looking for in nonprofits seeking grants and learn how to find potential funders. This event is limited to 20 people. Call (209) 558-7814 to reserve your seat.

Saturday, Aug. 11, 2 - 4 p.m.
Read to a Dog
Free program in the Children’s Department for independent readers up to age 12. Children can read to a certified therapy dog in a relaxed atmosphere.

Saturday, Aug. 18, 1-3 p.m.
Fall Gardening for Kids
Anne of Green Gardens will present an educational program for children about growing fall gardens. Vegetable seeds provided.

Monday, Aug. 20, 1-3 p.m.
Bring Your Own Device iPhone Training
A representative from California Telephone Access Program (CTAP) will teach participants about basic functions, text messages, magnifier, Bluetooth, and much more. Call (209) 558-7814 to reserve your seat.

Tuesday, Aug. 21, 6:15 p.m.
Stuffed Animal Sleeperover
Bring your favorite stuffed animal to the library for story time. After that, it’s time to say goodbye and goodnight to your little buddy while they stay overnight at the library. Come back the next day to pick up your stuffed animal and see what mischief they got into. Pajamas encouraged.

Wednesday, Aug. 29, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
VA Mobile Medical Outreach
Medical services and benefit information to our Veteran community. No appointment necessary. Enrollment Specialist, Medical Provider, Veterans Service Officer on site. Bring a copy of your DD-214, if you are not currently in the VA system.

September

Sept. 1 - 29
All-Kids Craft Fair Sign Up
Young crafters, 7 - 14 years old, will showcase their talents and learn about sales, customer service and business, while having fun! Come support our young entrepreneurs as they sell their crafts on Oct. 13!

Saturday, Sept. 8, 12:30-4:30 p.m.
Scrapbooking Fun
Open to scrapbookers of all levels. Some materials will be provided but you are encouraged to bring your own. Prizes are given out at every meeting.

Saturday, Sept. 15 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Stanislaus County Library’s Local Author Fair
Join us on the Modesto Library portico for a showcase of local writing talent. Meet local authors, many of whom will have their books available for purchase, including children’s, teen & adult books.

Save the Date

Nov. 7-10
Scholastic Book Fair
Mark your calendars to visit the “Enchanted Forest Book Fair” at the Friends of the Modesto Library fall fundraiser with new, high-quality, low-cost books for children and teens.

Dates are subject to change. Please check the Stanislaus County Library’s website at www.stanislauslibrary.org and click on Events and Classes to see information about all of the great programs we have in store for you.

Programs take place in the auditorium unless otherwise noted.
QUICK STARTS

FIRST SENTENCES FROM SELECTIONS IN THE NEW BOOKS AREA

“To say that things were tense on the Hudson River campus of the Rye Manor School for Girls would be to understate the case fairly recklessly.”
From The Affliction by Beth Gutcheon

“When you had everything in the world, it never dawned on you that there were chances to miss.”
From Blood Fury by J. R. Ward

“The island of Manhattan’s got holes in it, and that’s where Baba sleeps.”
From The Map of Salt and Stars by Jennifer Zeynab Joukhadar

“Smiling in their navy blue suits, Evan Spiegel and Bobby Murphy stood next to New York Stock Exchange president Thomas Farley on a balcony at the exchange.”
From How to Turn Down a Billion Dollars – The Snapchat Story by Billy Gallagher

“Tuesday nights in an emergency room are notoriously slow.”
From No One Can Know by Lucy Kerr