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FRIENDS OF THE TURLOCK PUBLIC LIBRARY

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PRESIDENT'S NOTES

By Nancy Jewett



Support Our Turlock Library

Late August brings renewed awareness of the needs of students in our area. As students and families look for resources to help with study skills, homework, research material and a place to go for access to information and quiet study space, our Public Library stands out as a community service of immense value.

This fall, Friends of the Turlock Public Library will pick up with the school outreach program. We will be continuing to operate the Book Bin at Ritzy Ragz. We will be sorting books given by Turlock citizens to help the Library in preparation for our annual book sale this winter. We will also be exploring other possibilities to further the contribution we can make to the Library in these trying times for public funding.

Our Board meetings are the first Wednesday of the month, at 7PM at the Turlock Public Library. Come join us, and don't forget to renew your FOTPL membership. Membership forms are in the back of this newsletter.

Thank you for all you do to support our Turlock Public Library.

BOOK BIN 1/2 PRICE SALE*

One Day Only

Saturday, September 12th

8 a.m.—6 p.m.

126 W. Main Street, Turlock

(within Ritzy Ragz)

Sidewalk Sale, 8 a.m.—10 a.m.

Book Bin (inside), 10 a.m.—6p.m.

**Excludes Streams in a Thirsty Land*



From the Librarian

Dear Friends,

"Self-holds" have been available for customers since the end of June and overall the process is working well. For requested DVDs, customers still continue to go to the circulation desk to pick them up.

"Self-checkout" began August 17. Customers who do not have any fines or other problems with their account may use the self-checkout machine. Staff will be happy to show customers how the system works. We love to serve customers one-on-one, and customers will always welcome to checkout at the circulation desk. At very busy times when lines are long, self-checkout gives customers a choice of waiting for a clerk or checking one's own books out.

A total of 1,181 Summer Reading Club reading logs were given out this year which is more than in past years. Hooray for summer readers! Throughout the summer 270 parents and children attended special "be creative" crafts programs organized by Susan and Joie, and 685 people attended the performers' programs.

Carol

Book Bin News

Only two-dozen copies are left at the Book Bin of *Streams in a Thirsty Land*. The book, revised and republished last year for Turlock's centennial, is not likely to be reprinted again. It now includes two new important chapters and an index. It makes an excellent Christmas gift for current Turlockers, family members who were raised here but may have moved, and newcomers to the area. The book gives readers an understanding of the history of the area and a picture of pioneer times.

The Book Bin, at Ritzy Ragz on Main Street, is well stocked with everything from contemporary novels and mystery stories, non-fiction on World War II and California History. There are biographies, cookbooks, books on art, nostalgic school books and much more. The children's section has many easy readers if your child or grandchild is a beginning reader, and other books for older readers. Teachers can find many books available at low prices to build their classroom libraries.

Come visit the Book Bin, 126 Main Street.* We place new donated books on the shelves regularly. The Friends of the Turlock Public Library spend all profits from the Book Bin for library needs and improvement. Our browsing shelf may have just what you are looking for. The prices are right. Support the Turlock Library with your book purchases. * Mon.-Sat. from 10 a.m.—6 p.m.

STAFF PROFILE: JOYCE KING

Joyce King joined the staff at Turlock Public Library some time ago as library assistant /clerk. Now that Martha Perales (previously profiled in the Newsletter) has become the Branch Manager at Empire Public Library, Joyce is serving solely as a library assistant, whom you will often see at the reference desk.

Joyce describes her library position as her "retirement job." For many years she taught special education to junior and senior high school students in Ceres and Manteca, a rewarding, if challenging, assignment. When she was switched to elementary school teaching, she decided to change her career. For a time she worked 54 hours a week, simultaneously continuing to teach, as well as paging at Modesto Library. (Joyce says that this would have been impossible without a supportive husband.)

Now a five-year library veteran, Joyce really enjoys interacting with patrons, particularly the older ones. She and they introduce authors to each other, and she is a willing listener to accounts of their interesting life experiences.

Joyce and her husband, who is responsible for safety training at Gallo Glass Company, have been married almost 25 years. She has four grown children. The oldest daughter is an accountant, the next a special education teacher working with autistic and Down Syndrome children, and the third a zoology/biology student at Humboldt State. The only son is a heavy equipment operator. Joyce's hobby is working in her "secret garden" in Modesto.

Time to Renew Your Membership?

If your mailing label has a red dot on it, you need to renew your membership in Friends of the Turlock Public Library. Please take a moment to do so. If you feel that there is an error in our records please contact Christine Nielsen at 667-7075. For your convenience an envelope has been provided with this newsletter.



Friends of the Turlock Public Library
Membership Application
(Good Through June 2010)

Name _____
Address _____ City/Zip _____
Telephone _____ *E-mail _____

Membership Category
(Check One)

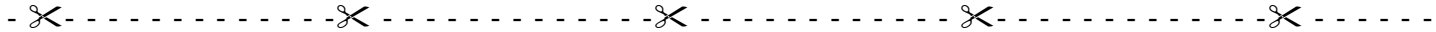
- Individual \$10
- Family 20
- Club/Organization 50
- Contributing 35
- Sustaining 100
- Life 150

Additional contribution \$_____

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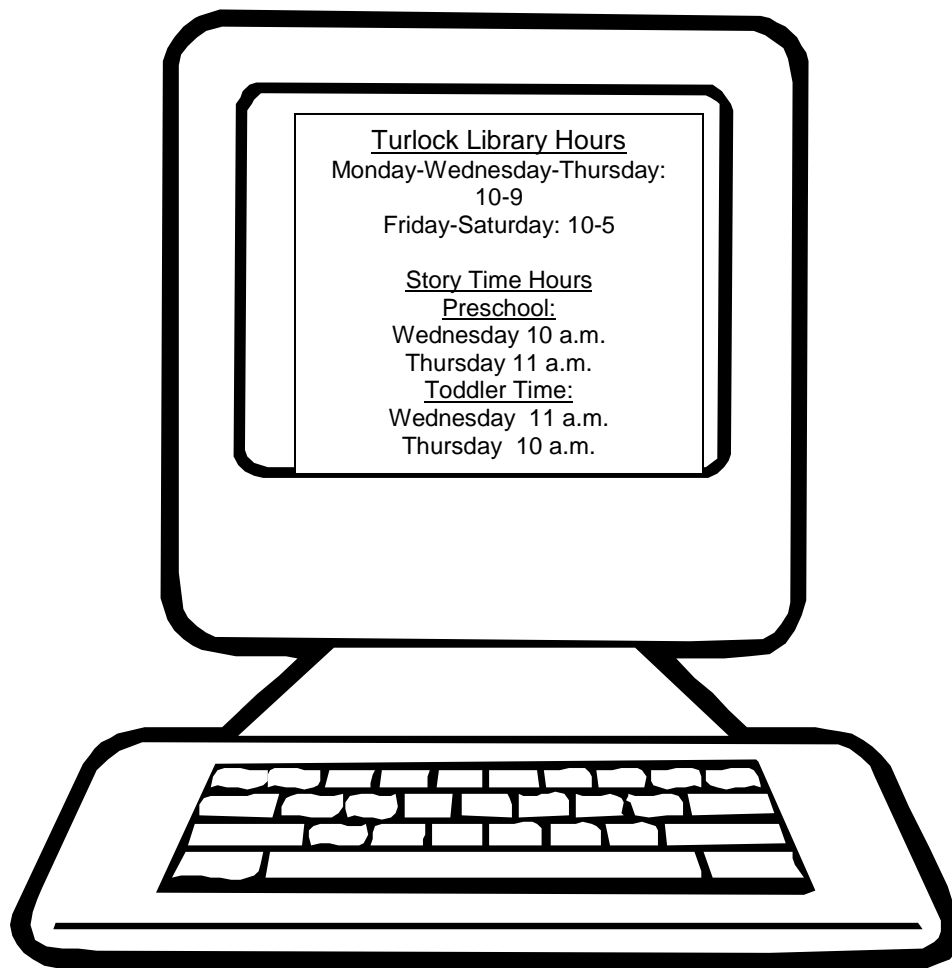
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49-99 Book Club in a Box

For Book Club groups, we have a list of titles with multiple copies available that Book Clubs can request. You can order ahead, but your Book Club may need to be flexible on scheduled date of use depending upon other requests.



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