



The Roundup

Newsletter of The Friends of the Oakdale Library

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FIZZ, BOOM, READ!

Ready for a vacation? Well, never fear, summer is here! Now we have an excuse to get in our swim suits and relax by the pool without a care in the world. However, don't let the summer heat make you forget about **Summer Reading**.

May 24 – August 2

Every age group –children, tweens, teens, adults– is invited to participate and have the chance to win some goodies. There will be four *age specific categories* so don't worry about competing against the youngsters and elders for any of the prizes. For you see, our Stanislaus Library Foundation and Oakdale Friends are wonderful people who have donated amazing *prizes* towards each section. But just because you will be divided into your category doesn't mean you can slack off.

Each group must complete different tasks. Therefore, stop by the library and get more information at the front desk.

Let us know what you're reading for Summer Reading 2014 at our Facebook page and leave us your favorite line from the book.

Thank you, Friends of the Oakdale Library for the *grand prizes!*

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New Stanislaus County Librarian Starts in June

The welcome mat is out for our new county librarian, Diane McDonnell, who will take the reins of Stanislaus County's 13 libraries beginning June 9th. She succeeds Vanessa Czopek who retired in March after more than 18 years serving the Stanislaus County Library.

McDonnell who began her library career as a clerk in Placer County and worked her way up to the Administrative Services Officer there received her Master's of Library and Information Science Degree from San Jose State University in 2012. She is currently a Senior Community Library Manager for the Contra Costa Library.

Ms. McDonnell's biography states that her "library service philosophy is strongly aligned with a proactive, customer-focused service delivery. She believes customers should have self-serve options, and have access to community desired services. In addition, Diane recognizes that a committed, caring, and flexible staff is a library's greatest asset."

She also has extensive experience partnering with advocacy groups like the Friends of the Library and the Library Foundation. After relocating to the Moraga Branch of the Contra Costa Library, the *Lamorinda Patch Newsletter* reported that Ms. McDonnell looked forward to working closely with these library advocates. We, too, look forward to establishing such a partnership with her.

We hope that our new librarian, like Goldilocks, finds our library not too big or too small, but one that is "just right"!

Mayor's Book Club presents Pat Paul

Our enthusiastic mayor, Pat Paul, has been the core for the Mayor's Book Club in Oakdale. Once a month, she takes an hour or two out of her busy schedule to stop by the library to read a story to the young children. She even dresses up to represent the book that she will be sharing with her audience. For instance, Mayor Paul has dressed up as a zombie during her Halloween reading. While on another occasion, the children found it humorous when she would change hats --a reindeer hat, elf hat, and many others-- between pages for the Christmas special. She's very excited to return to the side room in the library on

May 21st @ 10:30 A.M. and June 18th @ 10:30 A.M.

for more fun reading. Mayor Paul also expressed during the interview that she finds it very important for children to fall in love with books. Therefore, she encourages all the parents and grandparents to bring their (grand)children to this event.

Special Summer Events at the Library

Bookmark Contest!

May 1 – June 30

Children, here's your chance to show off your art skills. Grab a piece of paper and start sketching! The winner will have their art turned into a bookmark! More information about this contest can be found at the front desk.

June 5 10:30 a.m.* & 12 noon

Oakdale Library

Python Ron's Reptile Kingdom

Once again young adventurers can look, touch, hold and learn about the fascinating live reptiles that travel with Python Ron. This show is always a favorite. Free tickets available one hour before each show.

May 24 – June 30

All Branches

Build-a-Bot

Tweens between the ages of 9 and 12 can build a robot statue out of recycled materials and turn it in at any Stanislaus County Library branch between May 24 and June 30, 2014 to help promote the Stanislaus County Library! All qualified art pieces will be entered into a prize drawing. Only one robot entry per person and it must be the individual's original hand-created work. Robots are not required to be functional or have moving parts so have fun creating! Robots must be shorter than 18" and must weigh less than 5 lbs. Use almost anything your imagination can come up with; however, the following things are NOT permitted: no organic materials (plants, potatoes, or other things that may rot), no hazardous materials (like plutonium or motor oil), and no sharp edges (ragged metal edges or other pokey bits that cause injury). Please see the official rules for all the details or call 558-7810 for more information. This program promotes STEM in a fun and engaging way!

July 15 10:30 a.m.* & 12 noon

Oakdale Library

Xtreme Science Magic

It fizzes! It booms! It's the Xtreme Science Magic Show with Don O'Brien – 2 parts science, 1 part magic, all of it **FUN**. This upbeat interactive show will amaze and wow kids and adults alike. Free tickets available one hour before each show.

*This program is generously funded by the **Friends of the Oakdale Library**.

June 21 9 a.m. to 12 noon

Modesto Library Portico

All Teens Craft Fair

Everything handmade by Teens & sold by Teens! For years participants who have aged out of the All Kids Craft Fair have been asking to have one for Teens. They asked. The library listened and now it's here.

Oakdale Preschool Story Time Schedule

Tuesday & Wednesday at 10:30 a.m.

Spring Session: May 13 to June 18

Summer Session: July 22 to August 27



From the President

Our annual used book sale in March was another wonderful success thanks to everyone who donated and bought items and thanks of course to the hard work of all the stalwart volunteers who staffed the sale. Proceeds from the book sale and our annual dues are a mainstay of our budget. Thanks to all who renewed or joined in 2014. And to those who may have forgot, it's not too late. A membership application is attached to this newsletter.

Performers and grand prizes for Summer Reading 2014, new books, children's books to give away at the fair, and funds to microfilm the *Oakdale Leader* are part of this year's FOL budget of \$7,400 in support of the Oakdale Library.

We are seeking an individual who has expertise in 501 (c) (3) tax matters who would volunteer to shepherd us through the process of acquiring this designation. If **YOU** are this person please contact me at sarpoika@velociter.net.

Have a FIZZ BOOM READ summer and "like" the Friends of the Oakdale Library on Facebook to keep up on what's happening with the Friends and at the Oakdale Library.

Sharon Arpoika, president



Membership Application or Renewal Form

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

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

I am a ____ new member ____ renewing member
____ returning member

Type of Membership: (please check)

- Individual \$10.00
- Family \$15.00
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- Organization \$25.00
- Business \$25.00
- Sustaining \$100.00/year
- Life (individual) \$200.00
- Additional Donation \$ _____

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Oakdale Library's Dusty the Squirrel
–Emily Slusher



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