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Library Friends OF THE MODESTO **N**ewsletter

MAY 2017

A Whole New World Awaits...



BY YOUR SUMMER READING 2017 MAY 23 – AUG. 8 DESIGN



The Summer Reading Challenge is a yearly program to help children and families improve reading skills over the summer break. This year's theme, Reading by Design, encourages everyone to use books as a foundation for future success. The Stanislaus County Library branches will host free events for children, teens and adults to encourage and support a love of reading. Participants can win prizes for reaching their reading goals. Throughout the summer, children and teens are invited to complete reading logs and adults are invited to fill out review sheets on a book or audio book.

The Modesto Library is pleased to have the support of the Stanislaus Library Foundation and the Friends of the Modesto Library for events including the Summer Reading Challenge. Past sponsors for summer reading for adults have included businesses such as Yogurt Mill, Red Lobster and the Modesto Nuts. This year, we again will have great prizes in store for all ages.

Please go to www.stanislauslibrary.org or visit the Modesto Library to learn more about this year's Summer Reading Challenge.

—Vickie Salinas, Modesto Library Reference Department



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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Star light, star bright, our Friends shine

One thing Maree and I quickly learned when we came on the Friends board last year, is that the trick to success is to simply stand back and let the Friends shine.

In April—National Library Month—the Library recognized its Shining Stars – volunteers without whose help the Library would be unable to reach and serve as many people as it does. We see stars among you every day, and you’ll read about some of them and their



contributions in this issue of the newsletter. Book sales, outreach programs, The Little Shop, public events... these are just some of the activities our Friends of the Modesto Library shine at.

The Friends of the Modesto Library constellation is shining brightly, and there’s plenty of room on our stars, so if you’d like to jump on, give us a call...you’ll soon be shining, too!

– Denise Nordell, co-president
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Jonaca Driscoll honored with Star

Jonaca Driscoll was honored with a Shining Star Award at the annual Library Volunteers event held in April at the Salida Library. In addition to her decade of service to Friends of the Modesto Library, Jonaca, far right in photo below, was recognized for stepping up whenever help is needed, whether for book sales, work parties to process books, frosting cookies, helping staff library special events, or painting the outside retaining walls or inside public bathrooms at Modesto Library. Jonaca is innovative and resourceful.

An example was learning how to run a cement mixer in order to clean fountain coins donated to FOML from Vintage Faire Mall, which she did in her back yard for the four quarterly donations! More recently, Jonaca has been helping transform young people’s lives through the book club at Juvenile Hall, where she works with Olga Cardenas, Library Outreach Coordinator. As Olga says, “Jonaca comes in with a

caring attitude and passion; it’s a true joy to witness how she connects with youth and how she guides them so they make connections with literature.” Congratulations, Jonaca; you are a bright star in the Friends’ constellation!



AROUND THE LIBRARY

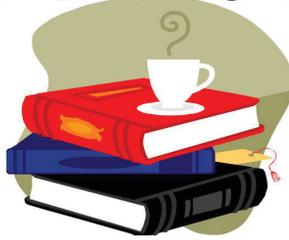
What Better Way to Spend a Day

FOML USED BOOK

SALE: A big THANK YOU to the Friends who have stepped forward to help at the Used Book Sale on **May 6**. We can use a few more volunteers, so please contact Event Chair Pat Glattke if you can help. Two- and three-hour shifts are available starting at 6:00 a.m. (yes, 6!), with unpacking and setting up the books. The sale begins at 8 a.m.; however, Early Birds* (Friends members or those who purchase a membership that day) will be allowed access at 7 a.m. The sale ends at 3 p.m., when we will need people to help pack up any leftovers. See you at the Sale!

*Individual memberships are \$15; businesses \$100.

Book Sale



Psst! For many years, Anne Britton has coordinated TWO Scholastic book sales each year. This year, we need a Friend to step forward to coordinate the November sale, as Anne is taking a well-deserved vacation. Anne will work with you to provide all the information and support you need, and your FRIENDS will be there for you to help. Anyone?

SCHOLASTIC DISCOUNT BOOK

SALE: The annual Sale will take place May 10 – 13 in the Modesto Library Auditorium. As a reminder, Friends who work this sale are “paid” in the form of children’s book credits. Shoppers can get great deals starting at 25% to 50%... even up to 80% off. Some items are priced at as little as \$1.

Wednesday to Thursday, May 10 – 11, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, May 12, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 13, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Anne Britton at (209) 996-1531.

Dear Friends of the Modesto Library,

Anyone who knows me knows I love reading, so thank you for honoring me by buying children’s library books in my name. Co-president Maree Hawkins let me know this was done as thanks for being chairwoman of the FOML Used Book Sale. Running the sale took great volunteers who had fun while making money for library projects. More than that, though, it was a day to celebrate the love of books and knowledge. A big thank you to Pat Glattke for taking over for me. And thanks to all of you for supporting literacy through our Modesto Library.

– Clare Noonan

The Little Shop is closing to make way for expanding library staff

After several years in its current location at the Modesto Library, The Little Shop, a fundraising project of FOML, has been asked to move, to make way for expanding library staff.

The Little Shop officially closes May 1.

Hopefully, this is not goodbye,



but just “hasta luego” as discussions are underway for a new version of The Little Shop (think, pop-up store, perhaps, or Little Shop on wheels!)

The Friends of the Modesto Library would like to thank Kristine Ezovski for her talent and dedication in successfully managing the shop as well as the volunteers that have given their time to staff The Little Shop.

– Pam Pallios, vice president

By Anne Britton

FOML Board Member and Book Sale Chair

Libraries come in all types (college libraries, special libraries, school libraries and public libraries), are in all kinds of places (rainforests, deserts, mountains, and valleys), and serve all kinds of people (children, adults, teens, tweens, students, senior citizens, non-citizens, people from all walks of life, ethnicities, religions, races and language abilities). But they are all part of a larger whole: a community that offers access to education, recreation, communication and information.



Modesto Library is also part of a larger whole: Stanislaus County Library system with all its varied programs open to all.

My favorite program is Día De Los Niños/ Libros, Day of the Child/Day of the Book. This culmination of the library's year-long early literacy effort is celebrated at each of the 13 libraries. At Modesto it is the day I get to put a book in the hand of every child or teen who visits the library on that day. This year nearly 300 books went home with children. The books are provided by Friends of the Modesto Library.

Día 2017 was extra special this year, thanks to grants from Omega Nu, the Stanislaus Community Foundation, and one very generous anonymous donor. A visit from author/illustrator Rosemary Wells entertained and enlightened more than 120 people during a morning story time. She emphasized the need for parents to be "first teachers" with picture books as their textbooks.

That need is why the Friends hold book fairs. They earn the books handed out. We also hold them to offer the community a source for high-quality, low-cost new books for children and teens at events like the upcoming Scholastic Discount Sale (May 10-13). And we offer used books at the annual Used Book Sale (May 6). More books for more kids.

For a child, every day should be the day of the book. As Friends of the Library, we do our part to contribute to the larger whole. Be part of a larger whole. Buy a book. Read it to a child.

Books

A celebration every day



Author and illustrator Rosemary Wells helped the library celebrate Día De Los Niños/Libros, Day of the Child/Day of the Book. More photos on Page 5.

HIDDEN SECRETS OF THE LIBRARY



Rx For injured books

By Maree Hawkins
Co-president

Doreen Frakes is a long-time crafter, which is why she believes her job as a book mender is a good fit. The work takes place in the Modesto Library basement, but her skills benefit all 13 libraries in our county.

Now a Library Assistant II, Doreen has been a library employee since 1991. Book mending became her focus in 2002. Most of her time is spent healing books, although she can help process new books.

Book mending, like crafting, can be tedious and time consuming. The skills are usually passed on employee to employee, although Doreen says she adds to her skill set as she encounters different problems. No matter what the problem, her goal is to preserve the book.

The shelves near her desk are filled with books to fix (lots of spine issues and torn out pages) plus books on the mend. A fix may take an hour or more than a day, while “patient” recovery time can be days or more than week depending on the severity



of the problem.

Some books with problems never even reach her desk. A judgment call by the selector for the category is made on severely damaged books as to whether the book is worth saving. A severely damaged book might be the last copy of a book that cannot be reordered but is still being checked out. Whether the job is big or small, it goes to Doreen. However, water damaged books cannot be fixed.

A simple slip, filled out by someone at one of the 13 branches, tells her what needs to be done. Rather than let the “prescription” dictate, however,

she looks at the entire book with a critical eye to determine what must be done to get the book back into circulation in as good as condition as possible so it will last longer. “Every book I mend is a little different. Sometimes it takes time to figure just what needs to be done and then more time to figure out how to do it,” she says. Although she has a supply of specialized book mending tools, she also uses everyday items such as rubber bands, bricks and binder clips to fix the problem.

Book damage affects both older and newer books. Children’s books are frequent visitors since their readers are often a bit harder on books. A damaged new book is fixed quickly so it can get back into the hands of readers. Older items typically take more time because they might show more damage. Older reference books, such as city directories, often show up with paper tears, worn edges, and spine issues.

As she surveys books near her desk, including those on the “to mend” list and those now in recovery, Doreen says, “It is satisfying to save a book instead of throwing it out.”

TAX UPDATE



As Friends of the Library, we understand why the Library Tax is essential. But do you ever get tongue-tied or stumble when explaining it to others? Here's a quick way to tell the story. Hold up your hand and count off these 5 points:

1. Renewal
2. 1/8-cent
3. Dedicated
4. 12 years
5. November

This is NOT A NEW TAX, but simply a RENEWAL of the current tax, which has been approved and reapproved by voters every few years since 1995. The 1/8-CENT tax, which provides 88 percent of Library operating funds, costs each

Stanislaus County resident only about \$20 PER YEAR. It is a DEDICATED tax, which can only be used for the Library. If passed, Library funding will be secure for 12 YEARS. And NOVEMBER is when Library supporters will vote YES to Save Stanislaus Libraries!

Thanks to Campaign Co-Chair Pat Portwood for this handy (!) reminder.

With summer approaching, we're moving from the preparation phase to the action phase. Save Stanislaus Libraries representatives are speaking to local organizations and appearing at local events. For example, Jonaca, Cathie, Jean and Denise staffed a table at the Farmers Market in April, to share information and collect endorsements. Please consider helping at the next one! Contact Denise (dnordell@sbcglobal.net) if you'd like to help.

SEVEN THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT ME

Pat Glattke, FOML Board Member



Favorite Color: Blue

Favorite Month: June

Favorite Book: "Pillars of the Earth" by Ken Follett

Favorite Dessert: Yes, please!

Favorite thing about being a board member: Working with a group of bright, energetic, smart, witty and well-read individuals.

Fun fact: I am a transplant from Ohio

Current Project: My first big FOML project is coordinating the May 6 Used Book Sale. Hope to see you there!



SHOW ME THE MONEY

Denise Nordell, Christine Brereton and Susan Lilly recently attended a Foundation Center webinar presentation, “Visualizing Funding for Libraries,” which introduced a new website designed specifically for libraries.

libraries.foundationcenter.org is a new website and data tool funded by Knight Foundation. The site was built to serve public, academic, school, special collections and government libraries and the goal is to professionalize grant seeking for libraries. Unlike the Foundation Center website, which can only be accessed at

the library, libraries.foundationcenter.org, (a Foundation Center project, funded by Knight Foundation), can be accessed by anyone.

We were flabbergasted to learn that, for most areas in the U.S., there are twice as many funders as recipients. Lots of money is “left on the table,” waiting to be put to work for worthy causes. We also learned that funders expect recipients to be partners and problem solvers with them.

Who are main library funders? Who is getting the money? What types of projects are being funded? The site, which uses transactional data collected from 990 tax forms, seeks to answer these questions so

grant seekers (organizations like us!) have a place to begin when seeking funds. Interactive maps show “funding flow” and “funding constellations” which help grant seekers understand the interactions between funders and receivers.

CALL TO ACTION: Tools like this can be a great asset if the Friends of the Modesto Library want to leap forward in our ability to fund programs for the library. All we need is someone to take the lead. “If you can’t attend regular meetings, but are looking for ways to serve, and have access to a computer and the Internet, this could be an opportunity for you!”

Budget outlook: Robust but realistic and we can help

At the March board meeting, Modesto Librarian Michael Leamy presented funding requests for the fiscal year 2017-18, which we will discuss and no doubt approve at the next meeting. “We would like to continue to fund the library at a level at least equal to, if not greater than, last year.” Combined with the urgency of the library tax renewal measure, you can look for a proposed 2017-18 budget that is robust but realistic, and allows for maximum support for both the

Modesto Library and the tax campaign. As you are probably aware, the vast majority – almost 90 percent – of the funds we raise are given directly to the library in the form of program support, books and materials that the Library would be unable to procure without our support. This is a record you, as a Friend of the Modesto Library, can be proud of and something you can share with others who may be considering a donation or Friends membership.

Be our Friend

Sign up here or go to www.modestolibraryfriends.org to sign up online and pay with PayPal.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 24-May 6 - Story Times Break. Modesto Story Times resume May 8.

MAY

May 1 – June 3: All-Teens Craft Fair. Sign up all month.

Thursday, May 4 - Star Wars Day. May the Force be with you!

Saturday, May 6, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. USED BOOK SALE. Library's East Portico. Bargains galore for every age: fiction, biographies, mysteries, non-fiction, children's books, history and more! All hardbacks \$1.00 and paperbacks 50¢. FOML members allowed in one hour early at 7 a.m.

May 10 – 13 Story Time Under the Tree! All Story Times upstairs all week.

May 10-13 SCHOLASTIC DISCOUNT NEW BOOKS FOR KIDS SALE Modesto Library Auditorium. Wed./Thu. 10-7, Fri. 10-4, Sat. 10-3. Friends of the Modesto Library fundraiser and your local source for high quality, low cost books for children and teens.

Saturday, May 20, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Technology Day @ the Modesto Library. Learn more about the latest technology, from apps to library tech services. A Best Buy rep will be on hand for demonstrations and to talk about all the latest trends in technology. Families are invited to enjoy a StoryWalk book on the portico and kids can participate in a technology-related craft. Don't miss out!

Tuesday, May 23 & Wednesday, May 24. Color and Fold Paper Airplanes. Modesto Library Auditorium. Kids, moms, dads, and grandparents: help us launch our Summer Reading Program 2017 with a color and fold paper airplane program. Design your own plane or use one of our pre-printed designs. Program will follow immediately after Preschool Story Times on Tuesday, May 23 (6:45 - 7:45 pm), and Wednesday, May 24 (10:45 - noon).

May 23 – August 8 - Summer Reading: Reading by Design. Children, teens, and adults can Read by Design this summer at the Stanislaus County Library. Engineering, architectural, and design-related programs will be offered. Great prizes for all ages.

Saturday, May 25, 8:30-11:30 a.m. Senior Enrollment Fair. Modesto Library Portico. Celebrate Senior Citizens Month with an informational fair for senior citizens. Local Stanislaus County organizations and agencies will be on hand to help seniors with information on topics such as legal aid, transportation, senior meals, veteran's benefits, healthy aging, Medicare, CalFresh, and more. Call HICAP at (209) 558-4540 for more information.

Thursday, May 25, 4 p.m. - Comix Club Special Edition. Take part in discussions, games and activities featuring graphic novels. The Comix Club is suggested for ages 8 and up.

Friday, May 26, 2 p.m. - Summer Movies at the Modesto Library. Celebrate Summer Reading 2017 at the Modesto Library with special Summer Movies! We will show films that have won, or were nominated for, an Academy Award for Best Production Design. Our first film, "Pi" (PG), features a young man, a Bengal tiger, and their journey together after surviving a shipwreck. Popcorn and other refreshments will be available. No registration necessary.

Saturday, May 27, 1 p.m. - Saturday Stories and Art: Buildings, Buildings. Modesto Library Portico. Free art program for the whole family will feature Andrea Beaty's book, Iggy Peck, Architect. Following the reading, all ages can make their own architectural creation using a variety of tools and unconventional items to stamp and paint. All ages welcome. Children under 5 must be accompanied by an adult.

Saturday, May 27, 12 p.m. -

Randal McGee. Professional storyteller performs as Hans Christian Andersen.

Tuesday, May 30, 6:15 p.m. - Symphony & Stories. For the whole family.

Wednesday, May 31, 5:30-7:30 p.m. - Puzzle Night. Take some time to relax and have fun at the Modesto Library while putting together puzzles. Jigsaw puzzles, crossword puzzles, word searches, and more. For all ages. Bring the whole family! No registration necessary. Snacks will be provided.

JUNE

Thursdays, June 1, 8, 15, & 22 11:15 a.m. AppyHour! Tech Story Time using books, Hoopla & other free apps. After stories there will be time to play and learn more about using early lit tech with kids. Designed for preschoolers but all ages are welcome.

Saturday, June 3 Last Day to sign-up for All-Teen Craft Fair.

Wednesday, June 7 10:15 a.m. - Piggie Party! The piggies are taking over Story Time, and afterward we'll have crafts and more fun!

Friday, June 9 1-4 p.m. All Ages Coloring. Relax this summer and spend some time coloring. Bring your friends and family. All ages are welcome. We will provide design-themed coloring pages, crayons, and color pencils. Drop in when available.

Saturday, June 17 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. All-Teens Craft Fair Shoppers Wanted! Teens 13 – 18 signed up in May to sell their crafts . . . let's support them with all the dollars!

Friday, June 23 2 p.m. Summer Movies @ the Modesto Library. Celebrate Summer Reading 2017 at the Modesto Library with special Summer Movies! We will show films that have won, or were nominated for, an Academy Award for Best Production Design. This month's film

features a Qing Dynasty Chinese warrior in search of his stolen sword, Green Destiny. Popcorn and other refreshments will be available. No registration necessary. The film is rated PG-13.

Saturday, June 24 12:30-4 p.m. Scrapbooking Fun. Stop by the Modesto Library to learn about and practice scrapbooking. This program is open to scrapbookers of all levels. Some materials will be provided but you are encouraged to bring your own. This program occurs regularly and you are welcome to drop in at any time. Prizes are given out at every meeting. Drop-in, no sign up required.

Thursday, June 29 4 p.m. Comix Club Take part in discussions, games and activities featuring graphic novels. The Comix Club is suggested for ages 8 and up.

JULY

Tuesday, July 4 LIBRARY CLOSED for Independence Day.

July 10 -15: Minecraft Week

Friday, July 21, 1-4 p.m. - All Ages Coloring. Relax this summer and spend some time coloring. Bring your friends and family to this drop in session. All ages are welcome. We will provide design-themed coloring pages, crayons, and color pencils.

Saturday, July 22, 12:30-4 p.m. - Scrapbooking Fun.

Thursday, July 27, 4 p.m. - Comix Club Take part in discussions, games and activities featuring graphic novels. The Comix Club is suggested for ages 8 and up.

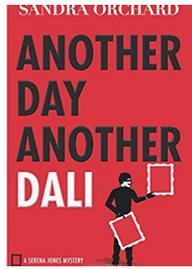
Friday, July 28 1 p.m. Summer Movies @ the Modesto Library. This month's film features an epic battle on the moon planet Pandora and the fight to save the Na'vi. Popcorn and other refreshments will be available. No registration necessary. The film is rated PG-13.

More programs to be announced. Please check the Stanislaus County Library's website at www.stanislauslibrary.org and click on Events and Classes to see information about all the great programs we have in store for you.

QUICK STARTS

First sentences from selections in the New Book area

"I tore my gaze from the porch that wrapped around the drug dealer's house and cringed at the number on my

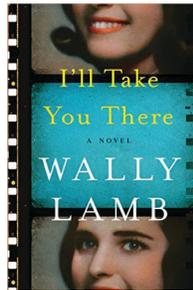


phone's call display. Mom said there'd be days like this."

From *"Another Day Another Dali"*
by Sandra Orchard

"I turned sixty earlier this year, an age that brings deficits, of course: creaky knees, a temporary inability to remember familiar people's names, a second colonoscopy."

From *"I'll Take You There"* by Wally Lamb

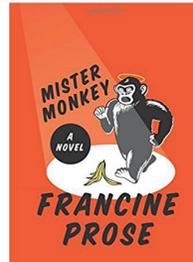


"It began with a spark, an electrical break like the first murmur of a weakening heart that would soon unhinge the body, until its conflagration at last consumed the whole building."

From *"Night of Fire"* by Colin Thubron

"Phil's first thought when the bullet hit him was, Oh, come on."

From *"The Skill of Our Hands"* by Steven Brust and Skyler White



"Once upon a time, not so long ago, a scientist (and loving mother) by the name of Mrs. Jimson said a tearful good-bye to her family in New York and went to study monkeys in Africa."

From *"Mister Monkey"* by Francine Prose



Honor a loved one with a memorial gift

When a longtime friend or family member passes away, the Friends of The Modesto Library offers a special way to honor their memory and give some comfort to the family. You can choose to make a donation to the Friends of the Modesto Library in your

friend's or family member's name. To many, the library holds a very special bond or connection with life in Modesto. Families will appreciate a gift to the Library in your loved one's name. It's easy to give a gift and make a lasting contribution that honors friends and loved ones. Donations may be made to Friends of the Modesto Library. Memorial gifts will be listed in the Friends newsletter.

— *By Denise Nordell, co-president, Friends of the Modesto Library*