

FRIENDS OF THE MODESTO LIBRARY ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING 5 MARCH 2025

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. by President Denise Nordell at Salida Library.

Officers and Directors present were Anne Britton, Ellen Dambrosio, Marilyn Drew, Pat Glatke, Maree Hawkins, Judy Herrero, Denise Nordell, Pam Pallios, Cathie Peck, Judy Pierce, Beverly Schlegel and Isa Wiechmann. Total attendance was 30 members and guests, including library staff members Chris Moreno, Angelica Ruis Mate, County Librarian Sarah Dentan, retiring Library Administrative Assistant Patti Boardrow, and guest speaker Paula Treick DeBoard.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Denise Nordell

Highlights were noted of FOML's 2024/2025 activities presented in the Annual Report, which was distributed to members and guests as they arrived [see addenda].

OFFICER/DIRECTORS ELECTION

Nominating committee members Marilyn Drew and Pam Pallios presented the following slate of officers for 2025/2026:

Co-Presidents	Ellen Burchett and Jennifer Pereira
Vice President	Isa Wiechmann
Treasurer	Julie Saugstad
Secretary	Anne Britton

There were no nominations from the floor and the nominees were elected for the 2025/2026 fiscal year by acclamation.

Two names were presented to join the FOML board as at-large directors, their service to begin immediately: Amy Burrow, and Kathy Sniffen.

On a voice vote both were elected without dissent.

PATTI BOARDROW CONGRATULATIONS

Administrative Office Assistant Patti Boardrow was presented with a small gift and heartfelt thanks for her many years of service to FOML, its officers and program chairs. As the Go-To source for contacts, printing, messages and general enthusiasm and encouragement, her sunny personality will be greatly missed as she begins a new chapter in retirement.

MODESTO LIBRARY RENOVATION PROJECT UPDATE: County Librarian Sarah Dentan **Moving Update:**

By mid-March almost all of the Modesto Library staff will have transitioned to Salida Library for the duration of the renovation. Modesto Library collections will become available for holds as of March 10 and Link+ on March 17. Construction contracts are out for bid.

Seats on the Library Advisory Board are open for County Supervisor Districts 3, 4 and one at-large seat.

LIFELONG LEGACY –CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPATE: Denise Nordell

Current progress toward the \$3M campaign target has reached \$2.81M! Donations from Subaru sales and service are not included and are expected be announced soon. Fundraising will continue with Denise chairing FOML's efforts.

Thanks were given to Lynn Dickerson and Katie Menges for the stellar work chairing the campaign.

SPEAKER: Paula Treick DeBoard

The author of four novels related her experience using her background as a reader, writer and teacher of writing to branch out as a bookseller. The desire for a local bookstore resulted in Bookish at 811 West Roseburg. Open 11 months now, an interesting fact she recently learned is that the space was the scene of a 1977 crime, the genre of her novels.

DÍA DE LOS NIÑOS/LIBROS: Angelica Ruis Mate

Anne introduced the Children's staff member in charge of 2025 Día. Angelica is taking over specifically for the Modesto Library event and asked for helpers. (Amber continues to organize overall SCFL Día events at all branches.) The April 19 event, which will be held at the outdoor Gallo Music Garden, will need volunteer help with crafts and activities as well as at FOML information table. Anne will again hand out the hundreds of "forever" books provided by FOML to children who attend Modesto's event. Volunteers are also need on March 31 at Salida Library between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. to assemble projects for Modesto Library and to put bookplate stickers on Día books.

RECONVENED AT 5:20 after awarding door prizes and a recess for refreshments.

MINUTES: December 2024 meeting minutes, previously distributed, were accepted as presented.

MEMBERSHIP: Ellen Dambrosio

Current enrollment is at about the same level as this time last year. Total membership for 2024 was 169 with about half of that renewed as of March 1.

Ellen urged that members make 2025 the year to invite a library-supporting friend to join Friends of the Modesto Library.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Donna Flanders for Julie Saugstad

Current Total Assets - \$82,987 unrestricted (not Legacy campaign)

Statement of Financial Position and Statement of Activity - Actual v Annual Budget for July 1, 2024-January 31, 2025 were presented and explained. [See addenda] Donna highlighted the campaign finances on the first page Statement of Financial Position, showing current and pledged campaign donations. Julie and/or Donna are available for any questions regarding the Statements.

ACTION TAKEN: On a motion from Maree Hawkins seconded by Pam Pallios the report was accepted by a unanimous vote.

Denise reiterated that all costs for running the Life-Long Legacy campaign are being covered by unrestricted funds, thus all campaign donations are specifically for library enhancements of renovation.

Several other points of interest were made:

- Nearly 40 donors have given multiple times and 172 donations have been under \$100.
- Investments are earning at least 4%.
- FOML ad hoc budget committee that oversees expenditures and investments will also formulate a draft 2025/2026 budget.

Quarterly Funding Allocation

No current year distribution to the library was schedule/required for this quarter.

Budget Items Request from Library to FOML for 2025/2026

Chris Moreno presented a draft request for quarterly distributions for Modesto Library program support in 2025/2026 fiscal year. [See addenda.] An additional item was incorporated to revise the request, all of which will be considered for inclusion in the FOML budget to be adopted at the June meeting.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT: Chris Moreno

Strategic Plan 2025-2030:

- New mission statement: We build community by creating opportunities and providing resources for connection, learning, exploration and innovation.
- New goals:
 - Support a vibrant reading community across all ages.
 - Ensure easy access to resources that improve community well-being.
 - Foster community connection and collaboration.
- Roles of the Library:
 - Community Hub
 - Lifelong Learning
 - Technology Access
 - Cultural Center

The full Strategic Plan is available at <https://www.stanislauslibrary.org/pdf/strategic-plan-english.pdf>

Modesto Express Library

- Library evening hours at the Express Library will be extended once daylight increases.
- Better signage may improve attendance, but downtown workers are finding it handy.

Halloween

- The success of the Halloween Spooktacular co-hosted at McHenry Mansion garden was applauded.

Announcements

April 19 – Modesto Library Día De Los Niños/Libros at Gallo Music Garden.

Omega Nu grant cycle is open and FOML plans to present an application.

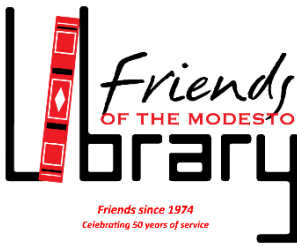
Next Scheduled Meeting – June 4

Adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

Anne Britton

Anne Britton, Secretary

4 June 2025



ANNUAL REPORT March 2025

Fundraising

- May and October 2024 Used Book Sales earned over \$5,500.
- Scholastic Spring and November earned \$4,455 in book credits plus \$480 in books to local youth charities.
- Barnes & Noble December Bookfair earned \$2,495.
- Lifelong Legacy campaign raised \$2.8 million for Modesto Library renovation.

FOML Gifts to the Library

- Books and programs: Using \$3,196 Scholastic credit from book fairs, books were given out as part of Modesto Library's Summer Reading and other Modesto library celebrations, including more than 600 books at Día De Los Niños/Libros. Scholastic credit (over \$300) provided 54 books for the library booth at the County Fair.
- Imagination Library: FOML funding matched by Modesto Rotary enrolled 98 children for free books mailed to their home each month until they turn five. FOML volunteers assisted library staff with the sign-ups at events.
- Library funding requests: \$20,350 in Library Funding Requests approved, including funding for Grab & Go programs and Modesto City Schools Summer Feeding support.

FOML Operations

- Current Membership: 169
- Current Assets: \$1,810,435 (as of Jan. 31, 2025)
- Laura Milbury, CPA, hired to prepare tax returns
- New Financial Controls policy adopted

Events & Programs

- Friends of the Modesto Library celebrated its 50th birthday
- Yarning with Friends monthly knit and crochet classes continue at Salida Library with avg attendance of 16 – 20 youth and adults. YwF projects included Yarn Yummies; A Child's Garden of Books; and making hats, scarves, gloves and sweaters for CalPride's Winter Warmth drive.
- FOML-hosted library events notably included Halloween Spooktacular Parade, co-hosted with McHenry Mansion, with 700+ participants.

Notable

- Donna Flanders named a Shining Star by Stanislaus Library Foundation
- Anne Britton received Outstanding Public Service Award from Delta Kappa Gamma, Eta Mu chapter.
- FOML members worked 137 volunteer shifts at 8 events - over 400 hours in service time.

Friends of the Modesto Library
Statement of Financial Position, comparative

	as of January 31, 2025	as of June 30, 2024	change
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Bank Accounts			
Checking, general	\$ 19,854	\$ 59,202	\$ (39,348)
Checking, Campaign	7,544	31,159	(23,615)
Funds held at PayPal	98	245	(147)
SCF, investment account	595,890	376,887	219,003
US Bank, CD 2582, general	28,704	27,959	745
US Bank, CD 4887, Campaign	250,000	-	250,000
US Bank, CD 5560, Campaign	256,889	250,001	6,888
US Bank, CD 7303, Campaign	250,000	-	250,000
US Bank, CD 7337, Campaign	250,000	-	250,000
US Bank, CD 7386, general	35,000	-	35,000
US Bank, money market, Campaign	112,266	43,085	69,181
Total Bank Accounts	1,806,245	788,538	1,017,707
Other Current Assets			
Prepaid expenses	-	10	(10)
Scholastic Books store credit	4,190	3,654	536
Total Other Current Assets	4,190	3,664	526
Total Current Assets	1,810,435	792,202	1,018,233
Other Assets			
Commitments due 10.1.24	-	591,000	(591,000)
Commitments due 2025	286,250	324,083	(37,833)
Commitments due 2026	152,250	196,917	(44,667)
Commitments due 2027	122,500	117,500	5,000
Commitments due 2028	97,500	92,500	5,000
Total Commitments, outstanding	658,500	1,322,000	(663,500)
Commitments, income deferred	(658,500)	(1,322,000)	(663,500)
Total Other Assets	-	-	-
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 1,810,435	\$ 792,202	\$ 1,018,233
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY			
Liabilities			
Payable for Early Childhood Room	75,000	-	75,000
Expense deferred until paid	(75,000)	-	(75,000)
Total Liabilities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Equity			
Net assets, temporarily restricted	\$ 1,727,448	\$ 709,340	\$ 1,018,108
Net assets, unrestricted	82,987	82,862	125
Total Equity	1,810,435	792,202	1,018,233
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$ 1,810,435	\$ 792,202	\$ 1,018,233

Friends of the Modesto Library
Statement of Activity
budget vs actual activity

	<u>current period</u>	<u>fiscal year</u>	
	<u>7-1-24 to 1-31-25</u>	<u>7-1-24 to 6-30-25</u>	
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>activity over (under) budget</u>
Revenue			
Barnes & Noble fundraiser	\$ 2,574	\$ 2,500	\$ 74
Book Sales			
On-line book sales	-	150	(150)
Scholastic Book Fair	2,621	1,650	971
Scholastic Book Fair expenses	-	(150)	150
Total Scholastic Book Fair	2,621	1,500	1,121
Used Books Sale	2,239	2,000	239
"In-kind" used book sale donations	700	-	700
Used Books Sale expenses	(800)	(125)	(675)
Total Used Books Sale	2,139	1,875	264
Total Book Sales	4,760	3,525	1,235
Donations			
Business donation	-	500	(500)
Honoree and memorial donations	-	500	(500)
Individual donation, general use	278	1,750	(1,472)
In-kind donations	89	300	(211)
Total Donations	367	3,050	(2,683)
Memberships			
Business memberships	1,000	1,000	-
Dues, individual	175	-	175
Bestseller \$250-499	950	1,550	(600)
Classic \$500-999	500	4,000	(3,500)
Epic \$1,000+	-	1,000	(1,000)
Novelist \$100-249	2,900	5,000	(2,100)
Reader \$25-49	400	1,325	(925)
Storyteller \$50-99	1,100	2,125	(1,025)
Total Dues, individual	6,025	15,000	(8,975)
Total Memberships	7,025	16,000	(8,975)
Payments from affinity programs	27	100	(73)
Total Revenue	14,753	25,175	(10,422)
Program Expenses			
Library funding requests	19,950	11,650	8,300
Library programs			
Books donated	2,085	3,000	(915)
Halloween	25	100	(75)
Imagination Library	2,000	2,000	-
Nat'l FOL week	-	250	(250)
Yarning with Friends, expenses (proceeds)	(889)	100	(989)
Total Library programs	3,221	5,450	(2,229)
Tax measure support	-	5,000	(5,000)
Total Mission Costs	23,171	22,100	1,071
Revenue over (under) mission costs	\$ (8,418)	\$ 3,075	\$ (11,493)

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	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>activity over (under) budget</u>
Expenditures			-
Bank fees & service charges	\$ 189	\$ 220	\$ (31)
Insurance	2,913	400	2,513
Meeting	-	150	(150)
Memberships & subscriptions	-	130	(130)
Office supplies	-	150	(150)
Postage and PO Box	204	360	(156)
Printing and promotional items	299	400	(101)
Professional fees	1,850	-	1,850
Tax and licenses	100	25	75
Website maintenance	10	180	(170)
Total Expenditures	<u>5,565</u>	<u>2,015</u>	<u>3,550</u>
Net operating expenditures (over) under revenue	(13,983)	1,060	(15,043)
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Other Revenue			-
Interest earned	16,813	1,200	15,613
Donations received for Capital Campaign	1,443,108	2,050,000	(606,892)
Grant for Early Childhood Room	75,000	75,000	-
Grant Disbursement	-	(75,000)	75,000
Increase (decrease) in SCF value	24,491	51,625	(27,134)
Miscellaneous income	70	-	70
Total Other Revenue	<u>1,559,482</u>	<u>2,102,825</u>	<u>(543,343)</u>
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Other Expenditures			-
Expenses paid for Capital Campaign	21,586	18,500	3,086
SCF admin fee	5,680	29,500	(23,820)
Payments to County for renovation	500,000	-	500,000
Total Other Expenditures	<u>527,266</u>	<u>48,000</u>	<u>479,266</u>
	<u>\$ 1,018,233</u>	<u>\$ 2,055,885</u>	<u>\$ (1,037,652)</u>

Modesto Library Funding Request to FOML, 2025-2026

Items Requested	Total Requested	Quarterly Meeting Funds Requested				Strategic Plan Strategies
		9/3/2025	12/3/2025	3/4/2026	6/3/2026	
Circulation Display Supplies (Poster Board, Paper, Velcro, Paint, Dye Cutter materials, etc)	\$400	\$400				Community Hub: 2
Juvenile Justice Center book club (YSO, Annie Snell)	\$1,500	\$1,500				Community Hub: 2 Lifelong Learning: 1, 3
Modesto Summer Feeding site support (YSO, Annie Snell)	\$7,500			\$7,500		Community Hub: 2 Lifelong Learning: 3
Modesto Dia Event (April 2026)	\$1,200		\$1,200			Community Hub: 1, 2 Lifelong Learning: 1, 3 Cultural Center: 1, 2
Staff Professional Development trainings	\$3,000	\$3,000				Lifelong Learning: 2
Adult Programming	\$600	\$200	\$200	\$200		Community Hub: 1, 2, 3 Lifelong Learning: 1, 3 Cultural Center: 1, 2
Childrens Programming/Crafts (\$400/Quarter)	\$1,600	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400	Community Hub: 1, 2, 3 Lifelong Learning: 1, 3 Cultural Center: 1, 2
Books for County Fair (Laura Ferrell)	\$400				\$400	Community Hub: 2 Lifelong Learning: 3
Books for DOMO First Friday Market (April-October 2026) 450 books	\$3,000			\$3,000		Community Hub: 2 Lifelong Learning: 3
Makerspace Programming and supplies (\$500/Quarter)	\$2,000	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	Community Hub: 1, 2, 3 Lifelong Learning: 1, 3 Technology Access: 1, 2
Winter Fantasy Yule Ball (McHenry Mansion, January 2026)	\$800		\$800			Community Hub: 1, 2 Lifelong Learning: 1 Cultural Center: 1, 2
Totals	\$22,000	\$6,000	\$3,100	\$11,600	\$1,300	

Modesto Library Funding Request to FOML, 2024-2025							
		Quarterly Meeting Date Funds Requested					
Items Requested	Total Requested	9/4/2024	12/4/2024	3/5/2025	6/4/2025	Strategic Priorities	
Circulation Display Supplies (Poster Board, Paper, Velcro, Paint, Dye Cutter materials, etc)	\$250	\$250				3.a	
Juvenile Justice Center book club (YSO, Annie Snell)	\$800		\$800			3.b, 5.a	
Modesto Dia Event (April 2025)	\$1,200		\$1,200			3.a, 3.b, 4.c, 5.a	
Staff Professional Development trainings	\$1,600		\$1,600			2.d	
Adult Programming (\$300/Quarter)	\$600	\$300	\$300			3.b , 4.a, 4.c	
Childrens Programming/Crafts (\$800/Quarter)	\$1,600	\$800	\$800			3.b, 4.a, 4.b, 4.c	
Books for County Fair	\$400				\$400	3.b, 4.a, 5.a	
Makerspace Programming and supplies (\$800/Quarter)	\$1,600	\$800	\$800			4.a, 4.c	
Makerspace iPads x 6	\$3,600	\$3,600				4.a, 4.c, 5.a	
Totals	\$11,650	\$5,750	\$5,500	\$0	\$400		