

August 2024

# FRIENDS OF THE TURLOCK PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

## President's Message

by Mary Ward



Hello Friends!

I hope everyone has enjoyed their summer! It's hard to believe that we are coming up on the third anniversary of the Turlock Public Library's reopening. Our library continues to be a wonderful resource for the community where books can be read, friends made, and there is something for everyone with a wide range of activities every month!

The Friends have been active this summer at the Farmer's Market. We are there one Saturday a month through October and giving out free children's books. We also have information available on how to donate books to the bookstore, library card applications, and the library activities calendar. Stop by and say hi!

In Remembrance of Pat Portwood The Library Presents! is gearing up for its fifth author event with Kate Quinn on Saturday, November 2, 2024 at the Carnegie Arts Center.

Tickets will go on sale in September. Follow us on Facebook or Instagram for more information or to purchase tickets when they go on sale.

Don't forget to renew your Friends' membership if you haven't done so already. The new membership year started on July 1st. Also have you considered gifting a Friends' membership to a reader or library fan in your life?

I am looking forward to all that the Friends' have planned this year. I hope to meet many of you this year at our events and meetings.

The Friends  
next meeting  
is at 6:30 p.m.  
Sept. 4 in the  
Community  
Room

## FOTPL Bookstore

The bookstore hours are:  
Monday 10 am - 4 pm  
Tuesday 10 am - 4 pm  
Wednesday 12 pm - 6 pm  
Thursday 10 am - 4 pm  
Friday 10am - 4 pm  
Saturday 10 am - 4 pm  
Sunday Closed

## Board of Directors

President - Mary Ward  
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## We are Social!



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## From the Librarian's Desk by Karina Mendoza

We ended our 2023/2024 fiscal year with a bang, and we couldn't have done it without you! We were able to purchase additional Story Time mats, so now the kids have more room to dance without the fear of slipping and falling. This past year we offered 98 Story Times and Wiggle Worms with 4,535 attendees. They all had a comfortable place to enjoy those stories thanks to your financial support. We were able to increase our early learning toys for Wee Move and Play, our preschool play group. We replaced and added new toys to our Early Learning Center in the Children's room. Kids already love playing with our building table where they can practice their building skills, pattern and color recognition, and imagination with translucent blocks. We offered 77 children's programs, where kids learned art techniques and STEAM\* skills. Teens and tweens had the opportunity to attend 48 programs in the Maker Space. Teens and tweens extracted DNA from strawberries, dissected owl pellets, and learned about simple circuits while creating art pieces that lit up, just to name a few. Our very popular adult sewing classes began in November of 2023. The classes ranged from decorative fabric pumpkins to an origami book bag. Our sewing classes would not have been possible without the help of Friend Volunteers Mary and Gity. I would also like to thank former FOTL board member Julie for keeping our Chess Club active and for helping us transition to our monthly Wednesday evening club.

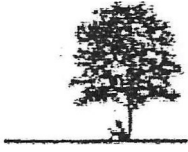
Have you ever been curious about the night sky or wanting to learn a new hobby like leather working? We are now offering Project Steam Kits geared toward Adults/Teens. Each kit has a book, an activity, and a digital resource guide. The kits range from Bird Watching that comes with a binoculars, Astronomy that has a telescope to Leatherworking that includes a leather bookmarking activity so you can make and keep a leather bookmark. There are ten different kits to choose from, and each kit check out for 21 days just like a book.

Board games are now available to check out at the library! If you have young ones over, why not bust boredom without busting the bank? There are currently 46 games and growing for all ages. There are classics like Backgammon, Clue, and Yahtzee. Feel free to try out some newer games like Everdell, Unstable Unicorns, or Wingspan.

If you are interested in checking out a board game or a STEAM kit, feel free to give us a call at 209-664-8100, or visit our website [www.stanlibrary.org](http://www.stanlibrary.org)

\*Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math

# Friends of the Turlock Public Library



**WHO WE ARE:**

In 1993, when the County had cut library funding most severely, a group of people came together to form Friends of the Turlock Library. The purpose of the volunteer organization is to support the Turlock Public Library by raising supplemental funds, advocating for adequate public support at the City, County and State levels, and by sponsoring special library programs to benefit the Turlock community.

FRIENDS OF THE TURLOCK PUBLIC LIBRARY is a non-profit section 501(c)(3) organization.

**IN SUPPORT OF THE LIBRARY:**

During the year we provide funds to the Turlock Public Library in support of Children's and Adult Programs and materials as well as library equipment.

**LIBRARY PRESENTS:**

Introduced in 2022, this is our own donor-specific initiative designed to bring to the community quality programs for adults and children.

**ADVOCACY/PUBLIC INFORMATION:**

An important function of Friends of the Library is to explain the needs of the library to the public and to decision makers at all levels of government.

**HOW WE DO IT:**

We raise money for the library through fundraising efforts. We also receive donations from members and businesses. Administrative Expenses are normally funded through membership dues.

**WHY YOU SHOULD JOIN:**

We need more members for at least three reasons:

- \* Additional Members will mean more volunteer hours available
- \* Additional Members will mean more Dues Income to help with expenses
- \* Additional Members will mean a broader representation of voices to speak out on behalf of our Library.



**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Renewing** or \_\_\_\_\_ **New**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Telephone** \_\_\_\_\_ (cell? Y / N)

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-Mail** \_\_\_\_\_

**ANNUAL DUES: Please circle the Membership of your choice: (Fiscal year July 1 through June 30)**

**Individual \$10**                      **Family \$20**                      **Lifetime \$150**

**My Interests:**

Book Store \_\_\_\_\_ Public Information \_\_\_\_\_ Fundraising \_\_\_\_\_ Board Service \_\_\_\_\_

Event volunteer (e.g., children's programs at the library, Library Presents programs) \_\_\_\_\_ Farmer's Market) \_\_\_\_\_

**Please mail this portion of the form with your check to:**

**Friends of the Turlock Public Library  
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Turlock, CA 95381-1260**