

February 2024

FRIENDS OF THE TURLOCK PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER



President's Message by Mary Ward

Hello Friends!

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season! The Friends of the Turlock Public Library are celebrating their 30th anniversary year with a special event on Saturday, April 13, 2024. We will be hosting an anniversary celebration at the Turlock Library from 10am to 12pm with food, games, and prizes. All Friends are invited to attend and we'd love it if you'd bring a friend with you to the event.

On Saturday, April 6, 2024 we have our Spring Library Presents! event with author Chris Bohjalian. Mr. Bohjalian is the author of *Midwives*, *The Flight Attendant*, and the upcoming *The Princess of Las Vegas*. The event starts at 2pm at the Carnegie Arts Center and tickets are on sale now. This event was made possible by a generous donation from the Ralph Shabazian Memorial Trust.

The Friends Board has a vacancy for a Vice President. If anyone is interested in filling the role of Vice President or interim Vice President, please contact me at ward_marye@yahoo.com or (925)642-1681.

As many of you know, Pat Portwood, past President and Director-at-Large on the Friends board, passed away unexpectedly on November 2, 2023. Pat was the driving force behind our Library Presents! program and many other board projects. Her loss to the Friends and the community at large is great. Personally, I will miss her friendship and her mentorship over the last few years. She was always willing to answer my questions or listen to my thoughts, as I navigated Board meetings and the Friends numerous activities. I would not have been willing or able to take on the role of President without her encouragement and guidance. She will be greatly missed by all of us.

Save The Date

FOTPL 30th Anniversary Celebration

***Saturday, April 13, 2024
10am to 12pm at the
Turlock Library
Food, Games, Prizes!***

Bring a Friend!

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

Vice President - Vacant

Treasurer - Mike Seifert

Secretary - Tracee Farlinger

Advocacy - Brooks Judd

Membership - Terri Shaver

Communications - Cecilia Garcia

Directors - At - Large:

Beth Bollinger

Julie Bradford

Penny Calkins

Jane Cluff

Debi Morgan

Sheila Younkin

From the Librarian's Desk

by Karina Mendoza

We have declared 2024 the year of library programs! I am excited to share some of these great programs that we could not do without your generous support. We are now offering two coordinated-themed kids programs every Tuesday at 4 pm: one geared towards kids aged 8 and under in the Community Room, and the other designed for teens and tweens aged 9 and up in the Makerspace. On February 6th the 8 and under kids will make pop-up Valentine cards, while the older kids will make light-up cards using paper circuits. February 13th is our monthly LEGO day for the younger kids, while the older kids interested in moviemaking can participate in our monthly stop-motion video program. On February 20th kids can create molecule models out of candy, while teens and tweens will extract DNA from strawberries. The Tuesday programs are in addition to our weekly Story Times and Wiggle Worms programs that have returned for our Spring Session.

Thinking of planting a vegetable garden this year, or wondering how to increase your backyard harvest? Join us on Wednesday, February 21st at 6 pm for our Spring Vegetable Gardening with the Master Gardeners program for adults. Learn tips from the UC Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners on growing tomatoes, corn, squash, peppers, and more! Learn how to grow plants in the ground or in containers. The Master Gardeners will be back on March 27th, at 6 pm to with their new class Garden Weed ID and Management with the Master Gardeners. Participants will learn how to identify common weeds and hear options for the best practices to manage and prevent them.

It's tax time! We have partnered with AARP to offer free tax preparation assistance from IRS-trained AARP volunteers. AARP volunteers will be here on Wednesdays starting on February 7th through April 10th from 12 -3 pm. There will be no tax assistance on February 28th or March 6th. This is a first-come-first served community service.

For more information on these and all our other programs we are offering, please visit our website at www.stanlibrary.org.

In Memoriam
Patricia Portwood
1946 - 2023



Pat Portwood was a long-time member of the Friends of the Turlock Public Library, having served as President from 2019-2022 and, most recently, as a Director-at-Large. Pat was also active in the Stanislaus County Library Foundation. In May 2023, she was awarded the Joan Patterson Stellar Achievement Award from the Library Foundation, an award given to those whose efforts on behalf of the library go far above and beyond expectations.

Pat was a tireless advocate for the library. She was energetic about the renovation of the Turlock Library – often checking in on its progress and working closely with our county partners. She spearheaded the Capital Campaign to benefit the new library, reaching out to community members, to ask for their assistance in bringing to life the vision of an expanded library.

The Library Presents! program was established due to a generous donation made during the Capital Campaign to bring authors to Turlock. Pat enthusiastically took the lead on the new program. In October 2022 we welcomed our first author, Jamie Ford. Last Spring, we welcomed Tara Westover, and most recently Lisa Wingate, all due to Pat's leadership and energy.

Pat will be greatly missed by all of us who had the pleasure to know her and call her a Friend.

Donations Needed!

Puzzles are now being sold in the FOTPL Bookstore. If you have gently used puzzles, that you would like to donate, please email friendsofturlocklibrary2020@gmail.com

Puzzles should be in good condition, have all their pieces, and be stored in a ziploc bag in their original box.

Book donations are also needed. Adult hardback fiction, nonfiction, children's and young adult are particularly needed.

Please email friendsofturlocklibrary2020@gmail.com if you have books to donate.

The Library Presents! Chris Bohjalian

Saturday, April 6, 2023

2PM at the Carnegie Arts Center

Tickets are on sale now!

Scan the QR code to order

The Library Presents! Lisa Wingate

by Julie Bradford

The Friends hosted the best-selling author of over 30 books, Lisa Wingate, on Nov. 5, 2023. The house was full with close to 100 tickets sold. It was a tremendous afternoon with a wonderful presentation about her book “Before We Were Yours”, she folded in research she had down prior to writing the novel, history of the Tennessee Children’s Home and her writing methods. After speaking for an hour she opened the floor to questions from the audience. She spoke warmly with each inquirer, smiling and laughing, frequently.

Lisa Wingate then signed books and chatted with purchasers. Three of her titles were offered and 22 books were sold at the event. The author and her husband were able to enjoy a vacation to Yosemite while in the area.

The next author event will be held on April 6, 2024 at 2:00pm with Chris Bohjalian, author of the book “The Flight Attendant” and others.



We are Social!



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The next FOTPL Board Meeting will be February 7, 2024 at 6:30pm in the Community Room. All are welcome!