



Friends of the Turlock Public Library Newsletter

President's Message

by Pat Portwood

As my term of office comes to an end, I want to thank the Turlock community and our incredible FOTPL board for all the support and commitment during the past three years. It has been quite a journey from groundbreaking in February 2020 to COVID and ultimately the celebration of the reopening of the Turlock Library in August 2021. During these past years, the board was meeting via Zoom monthly to make decisions regarding the upgrades for the library, and the 2020 Focus on the Future of the Turlock Library Campaign was busy fundraising. Every decision was made with much thought and research and we believe the Turlock Library is truly a reflection of the community's vision.

What does the next chapter look like? We invited Friends to a celebration during National Library Week to thank all our volunteers and to honor Brooks Judd and the 2020 Focus on the Turlock Library team as Shining Stars and to plant some new seeds for the next chapter. We shared the opportunities that are available for volunteering such as the Farmers Market, the *Library Presents!* hosts, the membership committee. Our goal is to grow our group and increase your involvement. This is YOUR library!

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Membership Update

By Diane Gray

The first day of July marks the beginning of the Friends' fiscal year 2022 - 2023 and, unless you are a Life Member, is the official date that your membership, if still unpaid, will lapse. Our Membership Committee hopes very much that you plan to renew your membership for another year. Though our beautiful fundraising Friends' book store is doing very well, we can't accomplish our goals without the support your membership provides.

To assist you with your renewal, we have included a copy of our updated application on page 6. Since most of you pay dues by mail, you will find, as usual, our post office box information printed at the bottom of the form. When you send in your payment, please use the application to let us know if there are changes in your address, phone number or email information.

This year we hope you will look at our new application closely because you will notice our volunteer opportunities have changed. For instance, would you be interested in organized efforts to spread the word about Friends' projects? To advocate for our library? Then our *Public Information* option is for you.

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Membership Update (Cont'd from page 1)...

It's obvious that the Turlock community is supportive of all things library but additional funds are sometimes needed to assist with selected projects. Thus, our *Fundraising Committee* could use your ideas and your help. And I can tell you for sure that working with other caring people on the Friends' Board is a life affirming experience. If you are interested, please let us know by indicating your interest in *Board Service*.

For those of you with just a little time, would you be willing to work at a children's Halloween or Christmas party? Would you enjoy serving once or twice at our Farmers Market informational booth? This year, for the first time, one of our fantastic donors has made it possible for us to offer community-centered events for children and adults under our new *Library Presents!* program. Would you be willing to help at such events? Perhaps taking up tickets, handing out information, making signs? Perhaps other jobs we can't foresee just yet? If any of these opportunities appeal to you, please indicate your interest in becoming an *Event Volunteer*.

We hope that you, our dedicated member, take the time to consider these options and will indicate on your application any volunteer opportunities that interest you. The appropriate Board members and/or committee chair will be very glad to contact you with more information.

Once again and always, thank you for being a Friend. We hope to hear from you soon.

Join Us!



The Turlock Senior Citizens Chorus & Ukulele Group will perform at our June Board Meeting. Come and listen to music by our local ukulele group! Their music will put a smile on your face and have you tapping your feet in time with the music.

The meeting starts at 6:30 PM on June 1st in the library's Community Room. Refreshments will be served.

**Friends of the
Turlock Public Library**

Our Purpose

To support the Turlock Library by raising supplementary funds, advocating for adequate public library funding and other concerns at the city, county and state levels and by sponsoring special library programs to benefit the Turlock community.

Information

Meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM at the Turlock Library. Meetings are open to all members and the public.

Our newsletter is published quarterly (February, May, August and November).

Our mailing address is FOTPL, P.O. Box 1260, Turlock, CA 95381-1260.

Friends of the Turlock Public Library is a non-profit 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization.

Board of Directors

President: Pat Portwood
 Vice President: Mary Ward
 Treasurer: Carmen Ingols
 Secretary: Jane Cluff
 Membership: Diane Gray
 Public Advocacy: Mike Seifert

Directors-at-Large

Jackie Oyer
 Sabra Stafford
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 Sandi Sing

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FOTPL is on Facebook and Instagram

Posts include photos and information on the Turlock Friends, and our library. Simply look for Friends of the Turlock Library and follow our page on either platform.

2022 - 2023 FOTPL Slate of Officers

Our Board of Directors elections will be held during our June 1 Annual Meeting. Our proposed slate of officers is listed below.

Board of Directors

President - Mary Ward
 Vice President - Jackie Oyer
 Secretary - Jane Cluff
 Treasurer - Mike Seifert
 Membership - Diane Gray
 temporary Public Advocacy - Vacant
 Communications - Vacant

Directors-at-Large

Sheila Younkin
 Sabra Stafford
 Terri Shaver
 Sandie Sing

Other nominations for the board may be made during the June meeting.

Do You Like to Read Who-Done-Its?

by Diane Gray

Have you ever wished you might compare notes with a fellow mystery fan about the stories you read? Then we are happy to introduce you to the Mystery Lover's Book Club, a place where a lively group of us do just that.

My friend Pat Williams and I met (appropriately) at the library and, over time, we realized we loved mysteries particularly well and we knew others who did too. We decided to find out if anyone else was interested in a mystery-centered club.

Our group began with an organizational meeting at the library in September 2016. Pat and I were worried that no one would attend. But then, a wonderful thing happened. Twelve people showed up at the library that day! Everybody was enthusiastic and everybody had ideas. As a group, we decided to begin monthly meetings and figure out the details as we went along.



We developed our Reading List from suggestions provided by our members. We decided we wanted to hear everyone's thoughts so we've developed a meeting format that works well for us. Our meetings begin with members taking turns going around the table, each sharing his or her experience with the book. Only after this exercise is done will the meeting be opened for general discussion.

Along the way, we have discovered the vast types of mysteries available to us. We will try most any mystery because it encourages us to read things we might not have otherwise. Besides, some of our best discussions are about books we didn't particularly like.

As the picture above will attest, our meetings are well attended and still enthusiastic. For more than five years, we've welcomed new members and shared our love for mysteries, our insights, our opinions, with each other. Sometimes our group wonders that we've read sixty-seven books together - so far. We've never cancelled a meeting, never missed a month. During the worst of the pandemic, and when the library was closed, we continued to meet through Zoom.

We want to thank the library staff who help set up our meeting space for us, who work with us to make our books available and who help us in any way they can.

And we invite you, mystery reader out there, to come to one of our meetings. We gather in the library's Community Room at 10:30 AM. on the second Monday of each month. If you would like to see a copy of our Reading List, please email Diane Gray at addgray3@gmail.com. We believe once you attend, you will clear your calendar because you will be hooked.

President's Message (*Cont'd from page 1*)...

In this newsletter we are submitting the proposed 2022 - 2023 Slate of Officers and the revision to the bylaws (attached in a separate document). Please read carefully and attend our Annual Board Meeting scheduled for June 1 when we will ask for your vote.

Also, at this meeting the Turlock Senior Citizens Chorus and Ukulele Group will perform and refreshments will be served. You will hear about the accomplishments of the current board of officers as we end one chapter of the library's history and start another.

Diane Gray, membership director, has a great article highlighting the perks of membership and reminding folks it is time to pay dues. It really is the best deal in town!

And speaking of upcoming events for our members, Save the Date, Saturday, October 8th when we will have our first *Library Presents!* author program to be held at the Carnegie. Our featured author is Jamie Ford. Jamie has written "The Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet" and has a new novel coming out in August.

In conclusion I am so proud of what we accomplished in the past three years and sincerely thank you for the privilege of serving as President. Let's all continue to make our library a shining star.

From the Librarian's Desk

by Karina Mendoza

It's hard to believe that summer reading is almost here! As I write this we are finalizing our summer programs. We will be having Magician Shawn Durham on June 16th at 12:30 PM. and June 21st at 10:30 AM. Free tickets will be available 30 minutes before the show. For adults we will be doing a tie-dye program on June 7 at 11:00 AM. Please visit our website at Stanislauslibrary.org for the latest information of our events and programs here at the Turlock Library.

Our Summer Reading Challenge 2022 will be hosted on Beanstack. It will start May 17th and end on August 2nd. If you already have the Beanstack app the Summer Reading Challenge will appear on the first day under the discover section. If you are new to Beanstack, you can create an account through our website or download the Beanstack app through your app store. Kids 0-18 will track every day they read, or are read to, for at least thirty minutes. After thirty days, they will get a free book while supplies last. Adults will earn virtual badges by reading books and writing book reviews. For every badge you earn, you will also receive a virtual ticket. Virtual tickets can be entered into free drawings for a chance to win a prize. If you have any, questions about Beanstack or need help downloading the app to your device let us know we are more than happy to help.

I decided to save the best news for last. You can now check out a California State Library Park Pass with your library card. The park pass will give you free vehicle entry to over 200 California State Parks. You can visit as many parks as you like during the two week checkout period. Give us a call at 209-664-8100 and we will be more than happy to place a hold on a park pass for you.

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 level, 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

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____ Telephone _____

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 form with your check to:
 Friends of the Turlock Public Library, P.O. Box 1260, Turlock, CA 95381-1260

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Welcome to the Magic of Brian Cassady!

Children and adults alike enjoyed two performances of Brian Cassady's magic show on March 19th.



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