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FRIENDS OF THE TURLOCK PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

President's Message

by Mary Ward



The Friends
next meeting
is at 6:30 p.m.
Nov. 6 in the
Makerspace

Hello Friends!

Happy Fall! The Holiday Season is rapidly approaching, and things are busy with the FOTPL and the Turlock Library.

As we are entering the Season of Gratitude, I would like to thank all of the Friends members for their support of the mission of the FOTPL. A Big Thank You to our bookstore volunteers, our farmer's market volunteers, our board members, and all the volunteers who help keep the FOTPL moving. Thank you to everyone who has donated books, puzzles, and children's DVDs to our Bookstore. We couldn't do what we do without your support.

I'd also like to thank The Gallery Finesse, on Center Street, which hosts our Book Bin. In the Book Bin you will find classic novels, coffee table books, and a wide variety of unique books for sale. If you can't find what you are looking for in the Bookstore, please consider checking out the Book Bin – a portion of all sales supports the FOTPL.

On Saturday, November 2nd, we are hosting Kate Quinn for our fifth The Library Presents! author event. The event will be held at the Carnegie at 2pm. Tickets will be available at the door for \$15.00.

The FOTPL board meeting on Wednesday, November 6, 2024 will be held in the Makerspace. The January FOTPL Board Meeting, scheduled for Wednesday, January 1, 2025, is cancelled.

Happy Holidays! Happy New Year!

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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From the Librarian's Desk

by Karina Mendoza

Fall is an excellent time to start thinking about your garden for next year. We are here to help with your gardening needs. We have a wide variety of books that can help you decide what to plant and when to plant it. The UCCE Master Gardeners will still be holding their monthly classes during the holiday season. On Wednesday, November 13 at 6 pm, they will be hosting Backyard Fruit Tree with the UCCE Master Gardeners. Learn how to grow and keep deciduous trees (apples, apricots, plums, pears, peaches, and cherries) short (4-5' tall) so you can easily prune, pick fruit, and care for your trees while enjoying a plentiful amount of fruit. On Wednesday, December 11 at 6 pm they will be hosting Culinary Herbs for Beginners with the Master Gardeners. You can see examples of herbs that can be grown in containers or outside in a garden. Learn tips on using herbs to make tea and how to harvest them for cooking. Learn about herbs you may not be familiar with, too. Take home seeds to plant to start your own herb garden! All Master Gardener class are held in the community room. No sign ups needed.

Stanislaus County library is now offering mobile printing through Princh. You can now easily and securely print from the comfort of your own home or at the library from a mobile phone, tablet, or laptop. Just visit print.princh.com and enter Turlock Library Printer ID 107011. Mobile printing is available for same-day pick-up only. Prints in black and white are 10 cents a page and color prints are 25 cents a page. You can use your library card to get 20 cents print credit each day. If you have any question any Turlock Staff member will be happy to help.

Thank you again for your support. Your continued membership helps fund all of our programs. We would not be able to do this without you.

We are Social!



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Library program named in honor of long-time volunteer

By Sabra Stafford

When author Kate Quinn comes to Turlock on Saturday as part of the Library Presents series, it will be under a new moniker for the organization and one that honors a longtime volunteer. The Friends of the Turlock Library board, which oversees the series, has renamed it: Remembrance of Pat Portwood The Library Presents! Saturday's event will be the first event under the new name.

"Pat was the driving force behind starting The Library Presents! Program," said Mary Ward, the president of the Friends of the Turlock Library board. "She contacted agents, checked out possible venues and organized the logistics of our events. She was energetic and excited about what the program could bring to our community."

Portwood was a longtime advocate for local libraries, joining the board of the Stanislaus Library Foundation in 2010. She coordinated the Measure T campaign for funding of the library system and served as county co-chair for the Measure S campaign, which extended library funding for the system through 2029. She served on the board and as president of the Friends of the Turlock Library and chaired the capital campaign which made possible the renovation of the Turlock Library, and its grand reopening in 2021.

Portwood died unexpectedly on Nov. 2, 2023.

The Library Presents was formed with an eye towards securing programs that appeal to children, teens and/or adults and connect the community. The program is overseen by the Friends of the Turlock Library. A large donation launched the program and has previously brought best-selling authors Jamie Ford, Tara Westover, Lisa Wingate and Chris Bohjalian to town.

Quinn, a well-known author of historical fiction, will be at the Carnegie Arts Center to discuss her novels, research and creative process as part of the ongoing Library Presents series. Quinn's presentation will be at the Carnegie Arts Center at 2 p.m. Nov. 2. Tickets for the event are \$15.

Her first novel, "The Mistress of Rome," was published in 2010 and launched her "Empress of Rome" series, which included the novels "Daughters of Rome" (2011), "Empress of the Seven Hills" (2012), "The Three Fates" (2015), and "Lady of the Eternal City" (2015).

Quinn's other historical series is "The Borgia Chronicles" which includes "The Serpent and the Pearl" (2013) and "The Lion and the Rose" (2014).

She turned her attention to the 20th century with "The Alice Network," "The Huntress," "The Rose Code," "The Diamond Eye," and "The Briar Club." She is also a co-author in several collaborative novels including "The Phoenix Crown" with Janie Chang and "Ribbons of Scarlet" with Stephanie Dray, Laura Kamoie, Eliza Knight, Sophie Perinot, and Heather Webb.

Quinn's reputation as a gifted storyteller shot into the stratosphere when her novel "The Alice Network" was named as a book month club for the popular Reese Witherspoon Book Club. It became a New York Times and a USA Today bestseller and was named NPR's best book of 2017. The story is based on the real-life Alic Network, which was a spy ring in German-occupied France and Belgium during World War I. The story centers around a female spy in World War I France and an unconventional American socialite searching for her cousin in 1947.

Quinn's novels will be available for purchase at the event.

For tickets to the event visit: <https://bit.ly/3YfggS1>



Pat Portwood



Kate Quinn