



# Friends to Friends

Newsletter of the Friends  
of the Woodland Public  
Library

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## *From the President's Desk:*

**Wow!** It's September already - school is in session and the fair is a distant memory. As of August 4th, we have a **new library services director, Heather Muller** and I'd like to welcome her. She is very enthusiastic and willing to work with the Friends, so we can look forward to an exciting year.

Heather has working with the Board of Trustees to implement consistent operating hours (thanks to Measure V) and hopes to have everything approved for the new hours in October. We will let you know as soon as the new schedule has been approved (and I think you'll be appreciative of the efforts she's made to make the library accessible to all).

Last month, the Friends participated in "National Book Lover's Week" held at the Savory Café downtown (thanks Tori). We collected lots of cool donations which we will feature at our next upcoming book sale which will be a **Members Only Preview on September 9th, from 4 - 7 p.m.** We are hard at work rearranging the book room to best showcase our books. We will have lots of member specials, as the stacks are overflowing with all of our generous donations.

Also coming up on **Saturday, September 11th** is the **Historic Woodland "Staycation"** which will have a plethora of free events for the whole family. The Friends are sponsoring a **pet parade ("Walk With the Animals")** and **Family Fun Games** - both of which will be held at the Farmer's Market. We will also be holding our quarterly book sale that day from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. (NOTE: shorter hours). If you can't make it on Thursday, we hope to see you on Saturday (but we'd really love to see you both days!).

The Friends will be a beneficiary of the first annual "Yolo Cup" Invitational Soccer Tournament being held on September 18-19. It promises to be a really fun day. On **Sunday the 19th**, the 2010 National Soccer Champions will be playing an exhibition game against the Woodland All-Stars, among other exciting activities (including a Friends sponsored craft table in the 'Fun Zone'), so if you can make it to Douglass Jr. High you won't be disappointed. Please check inside for more details.

**National Friends of the Library week** is coming up **October 17-23**. We are finalizing plans that include a members only reception, author event and more. We will keep you posted as soon as we have confirmed the author and date of appearance.

We will also be downtown for the **Historic Downtown Trick or Treat** event on **Saturday, October 30** from 3 to 5 p.m. Last year's event was attended by thousands of kids and their families and this year promises to be even bigger!

I hope you enjoyed your summer and would love to see you at some of the events we've planned.

Diana Dearnore, President

## HIGHLIGHTS of FOL UPCOMING EVENTS

### Quarterly Members Only Book Sale Preview

Our first quarterly book sale open to FOL members only.  
**Thursday September 9th,**  
4 p.m. - 7 p.m.

### Historic Woodland "Staycation" Event

**Saturday, September 11th**

**Pet Parade and Pet Costume Contest:** Register at the Farmer's Market at 9a.m. and join the parade to the library a 9:30 a.m. for the costume judging and raffle give away.

**Family Fun Games on the Green**  
At the Farmer's Market from  
10 a.m. - noon.

**Quarterly Book Sale:** At the library from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**"Yolo Cup" Soccer  
Tournament - Finals**  
**Sunday, September 19th,**  
8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

**National Friends of the  
Library Week**  
**October 17th-23rd**

### Historic Downtown "Trick or Treat" Event

Join the Friends (and their famous popcorn machine) downtown on the plaza.  
**Saturday, October 30th**  
3 p.m. - 5 p.m.



## Fiscal Year Finances

### Non-profits in danger of losing tax-exempt status!



If you've been reading the papers lately, you've seen headlines such as the one above. Evidently many non-profit organizations, including various Friends' groups, haven't filed their taxes for the last few years. Are we in trouble?

The short answer is no. We weren't included on any lists because we play by the rules. Every year, we submit the fiscal year end information to Mr. Johnston at Landucci Bick Matter Johnston & Martin. As a CPA, his job is to keep current on new laws that affect the tax filings of non-profit corporations (which is what we are). His annual fee of approximately \$400 is worth the carefree days that I, as your treasurer, can enjoy. I have a full time job and do not wish to try and stay current with IRS rules. He files state and federal returns as well as our annual registration as a charity with the state. One side note is that we have received letters from the State in the past saying we never filed. Their organizational system must be pretty poor because we always have to, then, send copies. So perhaps those organizations listed did their work and the State of California lost the filings. Let's hope those Friends' groups survive because they are so vital to the success of the libraries they support.

In other news, as you probably were aware, the Friends were active in the June 8 election supporting Proposition S and V. Based on my experience in the legal field (as a librarian not as a lawyer), I researched exactly what we were allowed to do, as a non-profit. I also researched rules promulgated by the Fair Political Practices Commission which is a State agency that regulates money spent to campaign for propositions (among other things). I made sure that the proper reports were filed showing our output of money for ads and signs. Once it got close to the election day, I was filing these reports within 24 hours of any activity. Luckily, the City Recorder allows emails. It appears that one would have to visit the office in order to see money spent on campaigning for propositions since they weren't posted online, so if you want to see who backed the "Hi, this is Nancy" calls, feel free to visit the Recorder's office.

I hope you've enjoyed this look inside the work of your treasurer,

Erin Murphy, Treasurer

Please remember to check the Friends' website [www.woodlandfol.org](http://www.woodlandfol.org).  
It has the latest news of the library and the Friends.





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National Friends of the Library Week  
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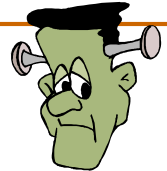
The week of October 17th promises to be a fun week if you're a member of the Friends. We have several recognition events scheduled and are working on a special author visit. We will be having a member's only party to celebrate the Friends (you), our special Carnegie Library and our fabulous new Library Services Director. Plans are being finalized and we will keep you notified of all the latest and the greatest as we get closer and the author visit dates are confirmed.

Thanks for being a Friend - we appreciate your support.



Historic Downtown "Trick or Treat"

October 30th      3 pm - 5 pm



Last year the Friends participated in the Historic Downtown Business Association Trick or Treat event with our "famous" popcorn machine and it was a great success. Thousands of kids flooded the downtown in costume, trick or treating at local businesses and at Heritage Plaza (where we were located). There were some AMAZING and innovative costumes and this year promises to be even bigger!

We have been asked to participate again this year with a spin-the-wheel game, prizes and popcorn to help support our historic downtown, of which the library is an integral part. So, put on a wig and a costume, and bring the entire family out for a really fun community event. There are prizes, candy, cotton candy, lots of fun and much more. Hope to see you there.



## **HISTORIC WOODLAND "STAYCATION"**

On September 11th, the Historic Downtown Business Association is hosting a Historic Woodland "Staycation", filled with lots of fun and free family activities. As part of the celebrations, the Friends of the Woodland Public Library are sponsoring a "Walk With the Animals" Pet Parade and Pet Costume Contest and Family Fun Games at the Farmer's Market.

Registration for the "Walk With the Animals" pet parade will be held at 9 a.m. at the Farmer's Market and is free to all. There will be goody bags from Woodland Veterinary Hospital, Tractor Supply Hardware and Dixie's Paws and Claws for the first 50 registrants. As part of the pet parade, there will also be a pet costume contest. All pets that come in costume are eligible to win some cool prizes.

The parade will leave the market around 9:30 a.m. We will "Walk With the Animals" through the historic Woodland downtown, ending at the Woodland Public Library, where the costume judging and raffle prizes will be awarded. Come participate, even if you don't have a live pet, bring your favorite stuffed animal to parade. All participants will be eligible to win one of several great raffle prizes and it is free to participate.

The Friends are also sponsoring some family fun games and activities that will be held at the Woodland Farmer's Market from 10 a.m. until noon. Bring the kids along and experience some good old fashioned fun games and activities that will include sack races, three-legged races and a watermelon seed spitting contest. Other games and activities will include a "dress up" obstacle course and bean bag toss. All activities are free to those who want to participate.

The Friends will also be holding their quarterly book sale in the Friends Basement Book Room from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Pet themed books, children's books and romances are just a few of the categories of books that will be specially priced.

Please join us for a day of fun in Historic Downtown Woodland, where you'll see your "old hometown" in a whole new way.

## Introducing New Library Services Director: Heather Muller

Heather Muller was named Library Services Director for the Woodland Public Library, joining the Library staff on August 4, 2010.

Heather most recently worked as Branch Manager of the Tacoma Public Library in Washington. Previously, Heather worked at the Washington State Library and Alexandria Library's Local History/Special Collections department in Virginia. Before that she worked at several community colleges and special libraries.

Heather has always enjoyed books. She vividly remembers *The Monster at the End of this Book* being her favorite book as a young child. Her family thought she would need therapy when after finishing *Charlotte's Web* she sobbed and refused to eat for days.

Heather started working at her local library when she was 16. Then during college, she worked at the college's library where she met her husband, Bill. After college, Heather and Bill married and Bill joined the Air Force.

Wanting to "see the world" through the Air Force, they moved from their hometown of Dayton, Ohio, to... Belleville, Illinois (just outside of St. Louis), but then got to live in the bright lights, big city of Washington, D.C. They moved from one coastal Washington to the other (Washington State) and then to Fairfield, California.

Besides books, Heather enjoys travel (obviously) and time with her pets – Cheyenne, a 14-year old malamute and a crazed stray cat/kitten named Liz Lemon that has moved in and taken over the household.

If she was forced to name a favorite book, it would have to be *A Christmas Carol*. The book's unexpectedly funny, beautiful language mixed with the story of man's ability to change and find redemption still brings tears to her eyes.

Heather is very happy to be at the Woodland Public Library and is amazed by all the work and generosity of the Friends. Everyone has been so welcoming and Heather very much appreciates all the help and support from the Friends of Woodland Public Library.

**Please stop by and say hello and don't forget to mention that you are a Friend.**



### Woodland Public Library Board of Trustees

The Library Board of Trustees now meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of the month at 4:00 pm in the Leake Conference Room. The public is encouraged to attend.

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**OOPS!!! IT IS PAST TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP** - last chance for the newsletter renewal  
Thank you for being a member of the Friends and supporting the oldest operating Carnegie Library in California. Your Friends' membership and involvement help to sustain and enhance the work of the library and contributes to the cultural and civic life of the community. If you haven't already sent in your renewal, a reminder that membership dues are due on or before June 30 each year. Please take a few minutes to complete the form below to continue your membership benefits.

Please make your check out to Friends of the Woodland Library and mail to: FOL PO Box 545 Woodland, 95776. You may also pay your dues by going to [www.woodlandfol.org](http://www.woodlandfol.org) and using PayPal, where you can use your debit or credit card, even if you don't have a PayPal account!

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We hope you will want to participate on one or more of our committees, projects and special events. Please take a few minutes to indicate the ways in which you would like to help.

I am interested in participating in the following activities:

- Special Events:** Help plan/organize a special event/author visit or work on specific tasks related to the event.
- Board of Directors:** Serve on the Friends of the Library board of directors.
- Publicity:** Prepare press releases for submission to local media, Chamber of Commerce and City calendars, and various websites.
- Book sales.** There are two ways to help: 1) sorting and shelving donated books and 2) working on sales day  
Please circle the one/s you are most interested in.
- Bulletin Board:** Prepare and maintain the Friends' bulletin board located inside the Woodland Library.
- Newsletter:** Be an editor, reporter, and/or photographer for the newsletter (published at least quarterly).
- Mystery Night:** Help with set-up/clean-up, food/wine, silent auction, organize volunteers, programs, "crew" for the production, other. It takes many people with different skills and interests to make this event a success.
- Volunteer Coordinator:** Help us coordinate our volunteers for special events, activities and book sales.
- Organizational Support:** Computer work, pick up donations, mailings, other general support tasks, such as telephoning members to provide updates, encourage participation, etc.

## Upcoming Book Sales

September 9, Thursday 4-7 Members only

September 11, Saturday 9 am - 2 pm

September 30, Thursday 4-7pm

October 28, Thursday 4-7pm

November 18, Thursday 4-7pm



## "Yolo Cup" Invitational Soccer Tournament

The Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Yolo County, in conjunction with local businesses, is hosting the inaugural "Yolo Cup" Invitational Soccer Tournament. This fund raising event will be held at Douglass Jr. High School in Woodland on Saturday and Sunday, September 18 - 19.

The purpose of this event is to facilitate an annual invitational soccer tournament to raise funds to support youth soccer and other community non-profit organizations in Yolo County. **This year, they want to bring together our local community to generate support for the Woodland Joint Unified School District (WJUSD) youth soccer programs, the Friends of the Woodland Public Library (FOL) and Yolo County Literacy.** All the money raised will stay in the local community and fund programs supporting youth soccer, reading and literacy.

On Saturday, September 18th, teams representing three age categories:(6 - 14 years, 15 - 19 years and over 20 years) will participate in the elimination playoffs from 8 am until 4 pm at Douglass Jr. High school.

On Sunday, September 19th, final playoffs will occur from 8 am - noon for each of the three age categories. In recognition of the bicentennial of Mexican Independence Day, a representative of the Mexican Embassy to the United States is scheduled to attend and there will be a short ceremony at noon after the games have concluded. At 1pm, the Sacramento Gold (2010 National Premier Soccer League Champions) will be playing an exhibition game against the Woodland Soccer All-Stars, which should be very exciting. Come out and cheer the local team!

Also on Sunday, from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m., a special "Fun Zone" for children will be available featuring free activities including piñatas, clowns, games, plus a variety of other entertainment attractions. Montessori Method Spanish classes will be offered and the Friends will have a craft table for the kids. There will be a variety of food and beverages from local restaurants available for purchase all day. Other activities include raffles, Lotería Mexicana, and a silent auction of donated items. At 3 p.m. there will be a presentation awards ceremony for the winning teams.

Tickets are only \$1 each at the door, so bring the whole family for a fun day of soccer and help support some great local causes, including your Woodland Public Library.

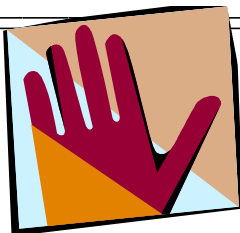
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 upstairs for the latest Friends' news -  
 it is current and it looks GREAT!

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*If you know of anyone who wants to get  
 involved with a fun bunch of people AND  
 support a worthwhile cause, direct them to  
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 going opportunities available.*

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