



Friends to Friends

Newsletter of the Friends
of the Woodland Public
Library

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From the President's Desk:

A lot has happened since the last news letter. In December, the Friends co-hosted the **first ever community Kwanzaa celebration**, which was attended by over 40 people. The event included a history of Kwanzaa as well as lots of food, drums and dancing (even Mayor Skip Davies was dancing by the end of the evening). We also held our first **"members only" Family Game and Puzzle Night** on January 29th, which was a lot of fun. There were over 24 adults and kids that attended. We had lots of food and fun and we raffled off several prizes. We even "squeezed in" a book sale the last Thursday of January - whew!

We have several exciting events coming up: the **February book sale**, **Mystery Night (March 6)**, and (in honor of Women's History Month) a **"Women of the Wild West" luncheon, featuring author Chris Ess** (March 27). Chris specializes in historical novels that document the forgotten women of the Old West and their impact on the wild frontier. Additionally, she had written the biographies of Roy Rogers, Dale Evans and John Wayne. The ticketed events are now posted, along with other information, on our website www.woodlandfol.org. All of these events help use to raise funds which are used to support the library.

Unfortunately, we are looking at another year of severe budget cuts by the City, to their previously scaled back services - especially the library. To offset these cuts, the City Council has proposed a sales tax increase of 1/4¢ to keep certain city services available to the community - the library being one of them. **This advisory measure "promises" to restore the library to 54 hours a week if it passes - and we will need your help to make it happen.** We are waiting for direction from the Board of Trustees and then we will be contacting you with the best way to proceed to help us keep the library open and viable.

On the good new side of things, I am VERY excited to announce the Friends' have a new website: www.woodlandfol.org. On this website, which is independent of the city's website hosting, we have the several new features that our City website wasn't able to accommodate - **mainly selling event tickets, memberships, book bags and receiving donations all on line through PayPal.** It's easy to use, and you don't need a PayPal account. Check it out and bookmark the page, as we continually update it with new information. Please send us any feedback you have about the website - it is a new and constantly changing avenue that we are using to reach out to the community.

It's looking like an exciting spring and summer is ahead of us - thank you for being a Friend of the Library - we appreciate your support.

Regards,
Diana Dearmore, President



FOL BOOK SALES SAVE THE DATES!

The annual schedule for the Friends' book sales for the rest of the fiscal year is as follows:



??? "Mystery Night" ???

Member only presale is:

*Thursday Feb. 25th,
4 to 6pm*

Open Sales are:

Saturday, Feb. 27th

9am to 4pm

Sunday, Feb. 28th

1 to 4 pm



One Day Open Sale:

Thursday, March 25th

4 - 7 pm



"Earth Day"

Member only presale is:

Thursday April 2nd,

4-6pm

Open Sales are:

Saturday, April 24th

9am-4pm

Sunday, April 25th

1 to 4 pm



How is YOUR money doing ? News from the Friends' Treasurer

The Friends' are trying to "keep up" in these difficult financial times - every penny counts when it comes to keeping the library open and viable. We held a trial "unscheduled" one day book sale at the end of January, and had great result\$ - we made over \$800, which includes the membership dues for the 9 new members that joined at the sale - an unexpected bonus! Everyone that attended (and some who didn't) thought the idea was great, so we are going to schedule some more - our next being Thursday, March 25th from 4-7pm. These sales are open to everyone, so get there early for the best selection.

Don't miss the next upcoming February book sale! We will have plenty of specially marked books (for example, vintage paperbacks will be 25¢ each or 5 for a \$1.00) and will also be offering lots of other "unadvertised specials." We will also have wonderful Irish themed books to help you celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Don't forget the Members' presale on Thursday February 25th. We've set aside the hours from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. so that you can have first dibs on our fabulous community-donated collection.

One of our biggest annual events (and best fund raisers) is coming up on March 6th - Mystery Night. You can now purchase you tickets on-line at our new website www.woodlandfol.org. Please plan on attending - all monies raised go directly to the library. It's always a lot of fun and there will some fabulous auction prizes so don't forget your checkbook!

Hope to see you at Mystery Night!
- Erin Murphy, Treasurer



Wanted: Vintage Book Sales Coordinator

We have a desktop computer, monitor and printer for use in our book sales area. We plan on using it to house our internet book inventory and tracking sales. We currently have lots of valuable, vintage and other books that we would like to place on line to sell. Most of the books have been identified and priced, and we have all the supplies necessary to package and ship the books - all we need is an enthusiastic person that is willing to help us get this operation off the ground.

We are still looking for people that are interested in helping us get this program up and running.

Please leave us a message at 530-666-0545 or email us at woodlanfol@yahoo.com

Happy 
St. Patrick's Day

From the Friends!



Reflections from the Library Director:

Proposed Sales Tax Measure in June 2010

The continued worsening of the world, national, state and local economy dominates the news and the attention of the public. Despite cuts to the Woodland budget of approximately \$7 million in the current fiscal year, decreased revenues from property and sales tax have resulted in a need for additional \$2 million reductions this year and an additional \$3 million in reductions next year, 2010-2011. Permanent library staff has been reduced 45% (from 11 to six) in a single year and further. Further reductions in hours and services seemed inevitable until Tuesday, February 9, 2010 when the Woodland City Council voted unanimously to place a temporary (four year) ¼ cent general sales tax on the June 8, 2010 ballot with three accompanying advisory measures below:

- **Measure A:** Shall any voter approved sales tax in the City of Woodland provide 30% of the sales tax received to the Woodland Public Library to restore educational and literacy programs and maintain library operating hours at 54 hours per week?
- **Measure B:** Shall any voter approved sales tax in the City of Woodland provide 30% of the sales tax received to the Woodland Parks & Recreation Department to maintain current levels of park and public landscape maintenance and senior citizen programs?
- **Measure C:** Shall any voter approved sales tax in the City of Woodland provide 40% of the sales tax received to Public Safety services within the Woodland Police Department and Woodland Fire Department to maintain the current number of sworn police officers and firefighters?

As a general tax, a simple majority of 50% plus 1 voter will be required. An anticipated \$1.5 million would be collected in the first year, and \$1.75-\$2 million in subsequent years. The proposed **advisory** Measure A designates 30% of the collected revenue for library services and operations to return to 54 hours per week. Although tremendous efforts will be needed in public education to overcome a natural public reluctance to raise taxes in a recessionary period, it holds the most hope for the continued viability of the Woodland Public Library.

Sandra Briggs, Library Services Director
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Woodland Public Library Benefits from Volunteerism among Local Professionals and Organizations

As a result of the Woodland Sunrise Rotary's acceptance of the Woodland Public Library's proposal, professionals have been busy at work to transform the existing upstairs staff work area into a functional and aesthetically pleasing computer laboratory. Collin Monley of **Monley Cronin Construction** led a team of volunteers in removing the interior built-ins as well as cutting and installing an interior window for visual supervision during the November furlough. During the December furlough, Don Easton of **Easton Painting** and his professional crew repainted the large space and trim to match the colors of the 2005 interior renovation. **Monley Carpet One** staff has been measuring the space for new carpet. Through the efforts of the professionals associated with **Woodland Sunrise Rotary**, the library will soon feature a state of the art computer laboratory for public use.

In addition, other projects are moving forward through the generous support of professionals and support groups. A new and more convenient curbside book drop was recently purchased by the **Friends of the Woodland Library**. High circulation rates combined with budgetary closures created overflow in the existing book drop. **Al Wheeton** recently poured the concrete slab that now houses the curbside book drop, and **Amos Metz Rental** provided the concrete at a significantly reduced rate. Thanks to the expertise of Mr. Wheeton, the slab allows for much needed drainage away from the area.

The library staff was sickened recently to discover the library building was the target of heavy graffiti along two sides. Matt Ginsberg of **MS Painting** stopped by (unsolicited) to inform the director that he would obtain donated paint and his staff would handle the repainting at no charge - this was speedily completed, returning our building to the beautiful condition that you enjoy today.

It is the generosity and support of individuals and organizations like these that provide the hope that we will weather the financial crisis of the day. Staff and Board members of the Woodland Public Library wish to thank them all.

MEMBERSHIP IN THE FRIENDS

The Friends of the Woodland Public Library is vital to the library's ability to achieve its mission, just as each of you is vital to our ability to support and strengthen the Woodland Public. If you're not a member, please join today. If you are a member, thanks for your support.

Membership forms can be found on-line at the city hosted website and on our new website at:
www.woodlandfol.org

You can also find the forms in the library. Look for the bright green brochures which contain information about the Friends and the application form. Mail to us at:

Friends of the Woodland Public Library
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Woodland, CA 95776

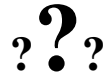




11th Annual Murder Mystery in the Library

Use order form below or order on-line at

www.woodlandfol.org



Friends of the
Woodland Public Library
Present:

“The Romanian Uranium Mystery”

Saturday March 6, 2010

Doors open: 6:00 pm

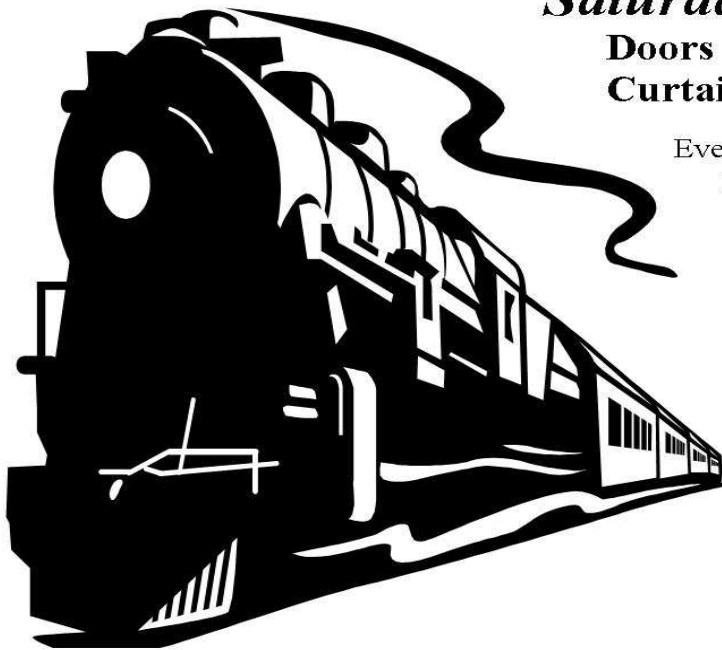
Curtains up: 7:30 pm

Event in the Woodland Carnegie Library
250 First Street Woodland, 95695

Ticket Price: \$35

*Silent Auction
Wine Tasting
Hearty Appetizers
“Ace Detective” Prize*

Msg. Phone: 530-666-0545
Email: woodlandfol@yahoo.com



Please reserve _____ tickets @ \$35 each for the 11th Annual Murder Mystery.

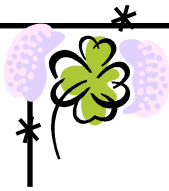
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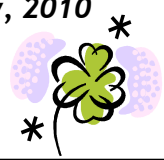
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Please PRINT the above information, as this will be used for ticket purchase confirmation.
NO TICKETS WILL BE MAILED.



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Reflections from the Woodland Public Library Board of Trustees

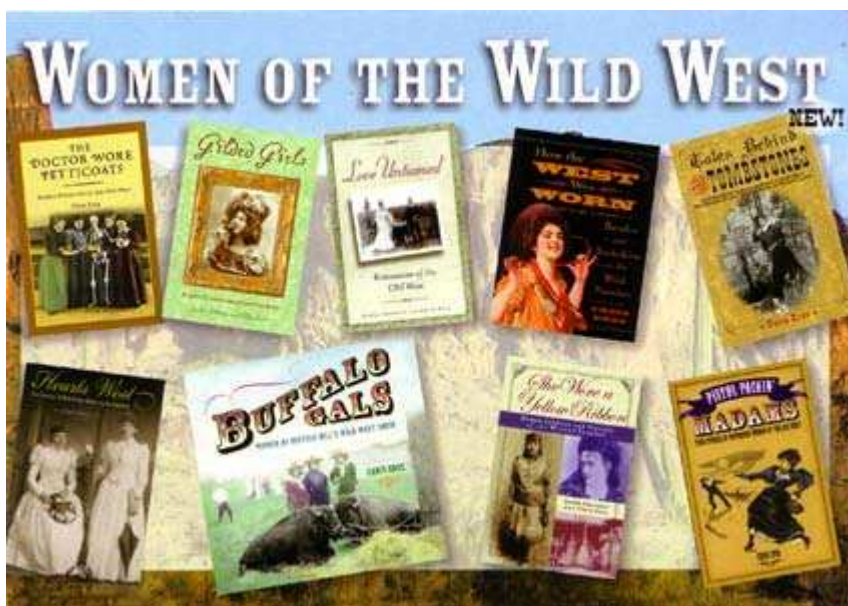
The Board of Trustees continues to explore options for mitigating the very negative impact of the City's budget deficits to the Library. Several members of the Board have already met with representatives of the City to discuss the situation; and on February 23, 2010, at 5:30 pm, the entire Board of Trustees will meet with the City Council in an open meeting to further review the situation.

The proposed sales tax increase with its accompanying advisory measure directing 30 percent of the derived income toward the Library offers some hope. Passing this measure, however, will undoubtedly be difficult given the current economic climate. We are clearly aware that the Friends are impatiently waiting to take action to avoid further erosion of the Library's staff and services. It appears that your opportunity for garnering public support is at hand!

The new book drop is wonderful—thank you once again. In fact, thank you for ALL you do. Your support is invaluable.

Kay Hodges
Library Board of Trustees

PLEASE NOTE: The Library Board of Trustees now meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month at 4:00 pm in the Leake Conference Room.



Women of the Wild West Luncheon, featuring Author Chris Enss - March 27, 2010

In conjunction with Women's History Month, the Friends will be hosting a luncheon featuring author Chris Enss. Chris has published over 20 books and is also an award-winning screen writer. An entertaining speaker as well, Chris dresses for her lectures in full Western costume. This will be a ticketed luncheon event and author lecture and book signing. In addition to the delicious food, we will have door & raffle prizes. **Tickets are available NOW on our website, www.woodlandfol.org**



Book Sales - Update from "The Stacks"

January "One Day Sale" - Update

1. We sold **2 book bags** to new members.
2. We got **9 NEW MEMBERS** and **1 renewing** - **WELCOME FRIENDS!**
3. AND we made **over \$700 in book sales** (and moved a lot of inventory, including some Harvard Classics, cookbooks and most of our CA and Western section - recently relocated and "spiffed" up).

Remember, we have lots of projects available for volunteers* - stop by the book sorting area when we are open (hours listed below) to take a look...there's something for everyone! **We especially need help before the book sale - don't be shy!**

Thanks for your help - Without you we would be Friend-less....Diana

Book Sorting Volunteer* Update

If you want to volunteer to help the Friends sort the numerous books and magazines that are donated, Betty Bringhurst and I have scheduled the following hours that the Friends' room will be open (please enter through the Friends' door on the SE corner down the stairs):

Monday (Betty) 2 - 4 pm

Tuesday (Diana) 4 - 6 pm

Wednesday (Betty) 2 - 4 pm

Thursday (Diana) 4 - 6 pm

As this is a secured area, please do NOT show up unless the hours are scheduled above or you have made previous arrangements with me. If you want to schedule additional hours, please contact Diana at 530-666-9067. Thanks!

*To volunteer in the book sorting area, you must be a member of the Friends

Annual Member Meeting and Volunteer Recognition Dinner with Chef Tyler Stone* on June 16, 2010

We'll wind down the year with a special event—just for Friends' members. This annual event will include a cooking demonstration and talk by one of America's rising stars in the next generation of chefs, Tyler Stone. Tyler has cooked for numerous celebrities and has assisted the former executive White House chef for the Clinton and Bush administrations. His resume is pretty impressive—especially when you consider that Chef Tyler Stone is only 18 years old! His first cookbook, **The Kid's Cooking**, will be available at the event for sale and personal signing. You won't want to miss this important evening.

Mark your calendars now to save the date! Check our website for more information as we get closer to the event.



*His website is www.cheftylerstone.com for a little more about the "kid".



FRIENDS' VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

BOOKSALES CO-CHAIR: SORTING INTERNET BOOK SALES COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER EDITOR SPECIAL EVENT COORDINATORS

Email us: woodlandfol@yahoo.com or Call us: 530-666-0545 if you're interested

Please check out the bulletin board upstairs for the latest Friends' news - it is current and it looks GREAT!

Welcome New Board Member Kelly Azevedo, Publicity

We appreciate your support.

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