



Friends to Friends

Newsletter of the Friends
of the Woodland Public
Library

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From the President's Desk:

It's the beginning of a new fiscal year and already the Friends' has many exciting events planned. The board held a retreat in late June and set our annual calendar and our goals for the next fiscal year.

We will continue to hold many of our regular events, such as **Mystery Night** (in March). We will also continue to participate in more community events such as "Trick or Treat Downtown", **Dia de los Muertos** (with the community college), **Earth Day** (in April) and more. There will of course be several "members only" events with authors, so make sure your membership is current.

A few of the new events this year include sponsoring a **pet parade** ("Walk With the Animals") on **September 11** (stay tuned for details - volunteers needed) and "**Relay for Life**". We would like to get a team together to participate in the Woodland event (September 18-19). I participated last year and it is a very uplifting event (not to mention all that free exercise). We are also planning to enter the **City of Woodland holiday parade** held on December 11th.

Due to popular request, we will continue to hold the **monthly book sales** on the last Thursday of the month, in addition to our quarterly sales (with members only preview).

In case you missed it, on Wednesday, June 16th we held our annual membership meeting featuring author/chef **Tyler Stone**. It was a fabulous event with Tyler making and serving a fabulous tri-tip sandwich with micro greens and a horseradish sauce, a Mediterranean salad, a fennel-orange salad and ice cream with berries and crushed shortcake. All the food was paired with an appropriate wine and beautifully presented. Look for pictures on our website.

Regarding the website, please remember to check the Friends' website www.woodlandfol.org. It has the latest news of the library and the Friends. You can **make a renew your membership or make a donation**. Please bookmark this site and check it frequently for updates regarding important events, activities and meetings (and pictures of past events).

Have a fabulous summer! I'll be camping and taking lots of extra batteries for the lantern (so I can read after dark of course!).

See you at the fair,
Diana Dearmore, President



FOL UPCOMING EVENTS

The Friends' schedule of upcoming events is as follows:

Yolo County Backpacks for Kids

The Friends' will be supporting "Backpacks for Kids" with a booth at the community carnival. Come by and check us out! We'll have a game and some prizes...also some free kids books (while supplies last). Help us support those kids in our community that aren't able to afford basic school necessities.

*Saturday, July 17th,
Ferns Park
11 am - 3 pm*

July One Day Book Sale

Open to general public - bring your friends and neighbors and stock up on some summer reading.

*Thursday July 29th,
4-7pm*

August One Day Book Sale

Open to general public - bring your friends and neighbors and stock up on some summer reading.

*Thursday August 26th,
4-7pm*



Fiscal Year Finances

Happy 2010-11, a new fiscal year for the Friends! The bank account is looking great. Generally we take in about as much as we spend. Last fiscal year, we spent about \$6000 on the "Vote Yes on S and V" so that was an unexpected budget expense. Luckily, we had enough in the reserve to cover it AND, we're very happy that the community came out and supported the library. June 8th, the election day, was my Fourth of July, Christmas and New Year's all wrapped into one.

The 2009-10 year was a very stressful one for Library staff as many employees took advantage of the "golden handshake" that the City was offering. This meant less staff available to organize and coordinate programs for children and teens. Your dues and donations to the Friends allow us to buy posters, bookmarks, stickers, prizes, food and drink and the other costs of putting a program on and offering reading competitions. However, if there is no staff member or trained volunteer to oversee a given event, then the money just sits in the bank account.

This year the Library has big plans to offer more programming, including a much-requested teen book club, through the help of volunteermatch.com. They plan to have their volunteer opportunities up on that site in October. These will probably require the time commitment and organizational skills that adults have, rather than be another place for high schoolers to take care of their community service requirements. In addition to staffing programs, volunteers will also help individual librarians with projects that have had to lay fallow due to falling staff numbers. Be sure and check out www.volunteermatch.com in October for opportunities to help volunteer at the library.

Have a great summer! Whether you're going to enjoy a "staycation" or be on the move, stop by the library and our monthly book sales to get some great books for you and your family to enjoy.

Erin Murphy**, Treasurer

*Erin has enthusiastically served on the Friends' board in various capacities since 2003, but has been a user of libraries since the late '60s. Back then, her elementary school library would only let her take out 1 book at a time! What were they thinking?

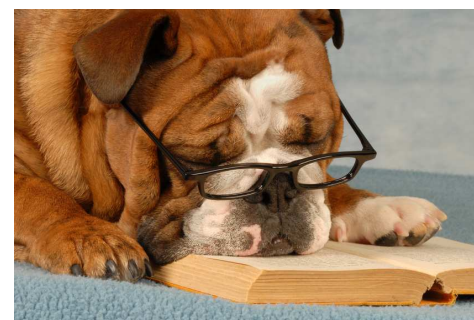
ODE TO A PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Woodland Public Library has multitudes of books providing boundless entertainment for those who care to look

The historic mission style building has beautiful gardens galore allowing peace and contemplation taxpaying visitors and patrons adore.

Because this public venue has opportunities for all I joined a fabulous fan club "The Friends" it's often called.

- Emily MacDonald
Vice President, Friends



Have a Safe and Fun Summer From the Friends!

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Hi Friends!

My name is Kelly Azevedo and I'm a business-communications graduate who moved to Woodland in 2006. I grew up here during the summer and my Grandma frequently brought me to the library. I'm glad to have the chance to give back by getting the word out to the community about events at the library. My job as Publicity Chair is to work with the paper, newsletters and community websites so Woodlanders are kept informed about the Friends and their many events supporting the library.

We're looking forward to some awesome events at the library this year and it's my goal to get the news out to the community to encourage involvement. In addition to working with the Daily Democrat, Woodland Record, Chamber of Commerce and Around Town magazine, we now have a Facebook group! This is a great place to view pictures from Friend's events, get information on upcoming fundraisers, book sales and events and learn more about the library.

Many of you now receive the newsletter electronically which is a great way to save paper while keeping up on the news (thanks for "going green" and saving us some "green").

Also, be sure to check our website (www.woodlandfol.org) for updates as well. We have a calendar with our upcoming special events and book sales listed. We also have pictures from prior events and lots of other goodies. You can even order tickets to special events like Mystery Night (coming up next March) or renew your membership.

You can help spread the news by telling your friends, family, book groups and neighbors about all the work the Friends does for the library. Ask teachers to share news about special events, remind your friends that our book sales are a great deal and please consider becoming a volunteer!

- Kelly Azevedo,
Publicity Chair





Time to renew your membership!*

Laurie Dreyer

Membership Chair and Volunteer Coordinator

The Friends' new fiscal year is here, and that means that unless you are a lifetime member or recently renewed, your membership lapsed on June 30, so please renew today to continue as a member in good standing.

We have made renewing your membership as easy and convenient for you as possible. In this newsletter (on page 6) is a renewal form that you can fill out and mail with your check to the Friends at: PO Box 545, Woodland, 95776. You can also go to the Friends website www.woodlandfol.org and either download a copy of the form to complete and mail in or renew your membership on-line using PayPal.

The continued support of the Friends means so much to the library and its' programming. One of the main sources of our income is membership dues that we collect annually. Thank you for your continued support through your membership renewal.

*We are transitioning the membership files, so please forgive us if it takes a little longer to respond. If you have any questions or need to know the status of your membership, you may leave us a message at 530-666-0545 or email us at woodlandfol@yahoo.com. Thank you.

"Backpacks for Kids" Community Carnival Ferns Park, JULY 17th from 11am - 3pm

It's the middle of summer, but already Yolo County is preparing for fall and the start of school. This July, the Friends of the Library are partnering with Yolo County "Backpacks for Kids" to provide school supplies to hundreds of local children whose families cannot afford basic school necessities. Let's support this worthwhile charity that helps our children learn during these hard times. You can make a cash donation or donate school supplies (call 530-666-8230). Here's a partial list of items requested:

Single subject notebooks

5 subject notebooks

Tissue

Pencils (10-12 count)

Crayons (16 count)

Washable markers (8 to 10 count)

9x12 sturdy pocket folders

Children's safety scissors

Hi-lighter pens

Glue sticks

Backpacks—medium to large. Preferably solid colors. (some schools prohibit all red backpacks) No rolling book bags.

3 subject notebooks

Folder dividers (5 to 10 count)

Hand sanitizer/antibacterial wipes

Large Pink Erasers

Calculators (scientific)

3 ring binders (1 inch)

Wide-rule and College-rule filler paper

Colored pencils (10 to 12 count)

Small sticky notes

Plain white copy paper

**To DROP OFF or DONATE supplies, please call 530-666-8230 OR
The website information is: <http://www.yolobackpacks.org/>**



Community Outreach And Advocacy

Diane Adams



I will continue my position as Program Chair, Community Outreach and Advocacy on the Friends of the Library Board of Directors in the coming year. I began this newly created position on the Friends' Board in July of 2009. In retrospect, this new position seems fortuitous because last year the library faced the worst fiscal crisis in its history and was threatened with closure. "Advocacy" suddenly became the need of the hour and I worked with other Friends' Board and general members and countless supporters of the library on the successful "Yes on Measure V" campaign. Measure V helped us avert disaster and keep the library's doors open, but outreach and advocacy for a more stable library funding model are needed now more than ever.

I joined the Friends' Board in July of 2009 which coincided with my retirement from UC Davis after 25 years of campus service. I spent the last six years of my career as the Associate Director of the Education Abroad Center, where I honed my outreach and advocacy skills. I have lived in Woodland since 1985 with my husband David Wilkinson and we raised our twin daughters here. I have been involved as a literacy tutor and an avid supporter of the Woodland Public Library since moving to the community and am pleased to share my passion for the library with so many fellow Woodlanders.

On behalf of the Friends of the Library Board, thank you to all Friends' members who helped with the campaign to pass Measure V. Many of you displayed lawn signs, talked to your friends and neighbors, walked precincts, posed for campaign publicity photos, and much more. This "can do" spirit helped win this campaign and surprised naysayers who said the community would never pass a sales tax increase in this terrible economic climate. Of course some of us believe that it was the deep pride that the community has in our wonderful, historic Woodland Public Library that got the measure passed with a resounding 56% of the vote.

The good news is that the library's doors will remain open and it will retain funding at a level which will keep us open 40 hours a week in all budget proposals (a final budget will be adopted soon). The bad news is that library staffing is still very tenuous and the library's funding continues to be very vulnerable. The Director of Library Services retired in May and the Associate Librarian has taken a job with the Sacramento Library. A recruitment went forward to replace the Director, but a replacement for the Associate Librarian position has not been approved for rehire. The passage of Measure V was a stop gap for the library's greatest crisis in its history, but it does not solve the fundamental budgetary problems that continue to beleague the library.

The Library Board of Trustees will be working in the coming months to address the long-term, structural budget challenges and to explore alternative funding models such as the establishment of a special library district or annexation with the Yolo County library system. We will keep you informed as these discussions progress and when your support and advocacy would be helpful.

In the meantime, let's give ourselves a collective pat on the back for the hard work, good energy and most of all, the belief that was demonstrated on June 8th that our community could never allow its treasured Woodland Public Library to close its doors!



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OOPS!!! IT IS PAST TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

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 and using **PayPal**, where you can use your debit or credit card, even if you don't have a PayPal account!

Senior(65 or older)/Student— \$10
Business/Patron—\$50

Individual—\$15

Family/Couple—\$25
Lifetime—\$250

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____ Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

Please **list the names of those included in your Family/Couple membership**: (only family members residing at one address, please): _____

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.



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Book Sales - Update from "The Stacks"

Remember, the Friends will be holding "one day" sales on the **last Thursday of the month**. The book sales will be open to the general public and the hours will be **4-7 p.m. (note the new extended hours)**. If you're unsure, please check our bulletin board and our website (www.woodlandfol.org) for the latest updates.

Summer Book Sorting Hours *

If you want to volunteer to help the Friends sort the numerous books and magazines that are donated, Betty Bringhurst and Diana Dearmore 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 - CANCELLED for JULY & AUGUST

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!

*Some shifts may be cancelled due to summer vacations and other activities - Please call Diana at 666-9067 if you want to work. Due to scheduling conflicts, all Thursday shifts are cancelled for July and August.

Upcoming Book Sales

July 29, Thursday 4-7pm

August 26, Thursday 4-7pm

September 9, Thursday 4-7 Members only

September 11, Saturday 9 am - 2 pm

September 30, Thursday 4-7pm



See you at the fair -
August 18th - 22nd

Woodland Public Library Board of Trustees

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. The public is encouraged to attend.



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TO HELP THE FRIENDS'.
OPPORTUNITIS BELOW**

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**BOOK SORTING VOLUNTEERS
INTERNET BOOK SALES
NEWSLETTER EDITOR
MYSTERY NIGHT CO-CHAIRMAN**

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

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Please check out the bulletin board
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
the Friends! There are one time and on-
going opportunities available.*

Friends' Board Members

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***E-mail us at: woodlandfol@yahoo.com
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Thank you for your generous donations!!!

Please note that we do NOT accept:



- Encyclopedias/Dictionarys*
- Computer books/manuals*
- Reader's Digest condensed books*
- Textbooks/teacher's manuals*
- Cassette tapes (music or books)*

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