



Friends to Friends

Newsletter of the Friends
of the Woodland Public
Library

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From the President's Desk

Summer has finally arrived and the summer reading programs, which are sponsored by the Friends, are in full swing. There is something for all ages - children, teens and adults. Don't forget to submit the books you've read - you could win a prize just for reading!

The Friends' Annual Membership meeting on June 15th was a smashing success. We had around 65 Friends show up and participate in our meeting, raffle, hat contest and author event. It was GREAT to see so many of you and I hope to see you at our next author event in the fall (details to follow). We will be having a local author speak.

The Friends are supporting Yolo County's Backpacks for Kids and the library has a drop off box. This is a great chance to help support those children in our county that can't afford the basic school supplies. Please drop off your donations in the lobby of the library. You can check out their website for additional information, or if you'd like to make a cash donation. You can check them out online at <http://yolobackpacks.org/>

Also, unless you are a lifetime member, your membership has probably expired on June 30th. There is a membership application on page 6 for you to use. You may mail it in or drop it off at the library. If you prefer, you may renew on-line with PayPal at www.woodlandfol.org

Our main events in July and August are our "Last Thursday" book sales. We've recently gotten several large donations, so our shelves are once again very well stocked. There are lots of summer reading selections available at our very low prices, so we hope to see you July 28th and August 25th from 4 - 6:30pm.

We will be publishing our annual calendar in the beginning of August, so you can update your schedules for all of our upcoming author events. Mystery Night is tentatively scheduled for March 18th (St. Patrick's Day). Due to popular request, we are working to have another chef/author host an event in the spring/summer, but we'll have to keep you posted on the date/time.

Stay cool and I hope to see you at the upcoming book sales,

- Diana Dearmore, President and Editor



FOL UPCOMING BOOK SALES

The Friends' schedule of upcoming events and book sales.

July Event:

No Special event
planned.

Book Sale

"Last Thursday" Book
Sale - open to everyone!

Thursday, July 28th
4 pm - 6:30 pm



August Event:

No Special event
planned.

See you at the
Yolo County Fair!

Book Sale

"Last Thursday" Book
Sale - open to everyone!

Thursday, August 25th
4 pm - 6:30 pm



Fiscal Year Finances

Introducing - Nicole Williams, Treasurer

As a child, Nicole ("Niki") Williams, remembers spending hot summer afternoons in the cool Winters public library when she was growing up. Sitting on brightly colored rug she would read her favorite books at the time, Stuart Little, Charlotte's Web, or the Velveteen Rabbit. Her interest in books has expanded from small fictional animals to historical fiction and biographies.

Niki and her husband currently reside in Davis, but hope to move to Woodland very soon. As the treasurer, she looks forward to helping ensure the Woodland library is available for people to enjoy on a hot summer day (or any other day of the year).

We welcome Niki to the board and look forward to a long and prosperous board tenure.



Looking for Mystery Night Committee Volunteers

This year's Mystery Night will be (tentatively) held on March 18th, which is also St. Patrick's Day. We are looking for committee members to help us with the planning and coordination of this event, which is our main fundraising event of the year. Please email us (woodlandfol@yahoo.com) or leave us a message (530-666-0545) and we'll get back to you.

This is a very fun event and you're guaranteed to have a good time!

An Update from the Library Services Director

As I write this, there is still much in the budget that is undecided.

At the state level, libraries and literacy services will receive funding only if the state meets its projected revenue forecast as reviewed on December 15, 2011 (the "trigger bill"). As the library is accustomed to receiving funds from the state throughout the year, this lack of revenue stream may cause problems. And if it the forecast in December does not meet the projections, libraries and literacy services will receive no money which may mean the loss of some services the library can provide. Much of the money from the state goes toward resource sharing – the deliveries of books we get 4 days a week from our Sacramento partners and the ability of any California resident to get library service around the state (for example, the ability of someone who lives in Woodland to use Davis' library or one of the many Sacramento libraries).

The possibility of no state funding for the long term is even more detrimental. The federal government will not provide Library Service & Technology Act (LSTA) money to states that do not fund a maintenance of effort toward library support. Those funds are used on a statewide or regional basis to provide services to patron. For Woodland Public Library, OverDrive, TumbleBooks, BookFlix, and Chilton Car manual databases are funded in whole or part with LSTA funds.

At the city level, we've been told to expect the same funding as last year. We don't have all the figures yet but after the last few years, a steady budget sounds great! We've been told we can hire another librarian to focus on children's services and we have taken one more step toward that processes – but the library was told that last year and the process was halted. However, I am optimistic that the library will be able to welcome a new staff member soon!

Heather Muller
Library Services Director





A Note from our Secretary.....

My name is Karen Shepard, and I am the FOL Board secretary. My responsibilities are taking minutes at the monthly board meetings, sending out thank-you letters for FOL donations, and maintaining the board member roster.

I also serve with Maryellen Mackenzie as co-coordinator for the annual FOL Mystery Night Silent Auction. We are always happy to have volunteers join us in contacting businesses and collecting auction items for the big event.

I've been a loyal library patron since I was five years old—I won't tell you how many years that's been! It really is an honor to be part of FOL and to support our beautiful Woodland Public Library.



Upcoming Book Sales **Last Thursday of the Month**

July 28, Thursday 4 - 6:30 pm
August 25, Thursday 4 - 6:30 pm

Open to everyone!
Bring your family, friends and neighbors.





ATTENTION BOOK ROOM VOLUNTEERS* ...

We will be holding two book sorting/training sessions (and work days) during August. If you want to sort books for the Friends, this is your chance to learn the ropes and sign up to maintain your favorite section.

The training sessions and work days will be held in the Friends book room on:

**Tuesday, August 2nd from 4:30 - 6:30 pm and
Saturday, August 6th from 9 - 11 am.**

We'll review the guidelines for sorting and shelving our numerous donations. We'll also be mapping the new layout of books. We would like to shift the fiction books and several areas of the non-fiction, so we need as many people as possible to help.

We will have some refreshments for you while you work. Please RSVP by email to woodlandfol@yahoo.com or leave a message on our phone (530-666-0545) and let us know which session you'd like to attend.

*Due to security restrictions, all sorters must be current members of the Friends.



The Friends' new fiscal year is here...

...and that means that unless you are a lifetime member or recently renewed, your membership has 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 drop off at the library. 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.



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It is 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. **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. You may make your check out to:

Friends of the Woodland Library (FOL) 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 Individual—\$15 Family/Couple—\$25
Business/Patron—\$50 Lifetime (per person) —\$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): _____

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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 and City calendars, and various websites.
- Newsletter:** Be an editor, reporter, and/or photographer for the newsletter (published at least quarterly).
- 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.

- 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.

Meet the Board: Diane Adams - Community Outreach & Advocacy

I am pleased to serve another term on the Board of Friends of the Woodland Public Library as the Program Chair, Community Outreach and Advocacy. In this role, I attend regular Library Board of Trustees meetings to represent the Friends and report back on pertinent business. I also attend Yolo Reads Advisory Committee meetings to network with Yolo County Library/Literacy colleagues and leadership. My goals and priorities for the next term are to strengthen the connections between the Friends, the Library Board of Trustees, City of Woodland officials and the community, to identify and work toward a more stable and permanent funding structure for our treasured Carnegie library. When Ballot Measure V passed in 2010, it helped to save our library from closing its doors and benefited the fire and police departments, parks, recreation and senior programs. Measure V rode to victory, largely because of community support for the Woodland Public Library, with more than 60% approval for the library's portion of the measure. Unfortunately, Measure V will sunset in 3 years and we may find ourselves scrambling to save the library once again. It is imperative that we find a more tenable and lasting way to preserve our library.

I am eager to work with my fellow Friends of the Library board members—a talented and energetic group, with the tireless and ever-positive Diana Dearmore at the helm—to facilitate the wonderful programs and activities the library provides. I look forward to seeing our Friends at upcoming events and to hearing about your ideas to make our library even better and stronger. You can contact me at: diane.woodland@gmail.com.

Woodland Public Library Board of Trustees

The Library Board of Trustees now meet on the 1st (and 3rd Thursdays if necessary) of the month at 4:00 pm in the Leake Conference Room. The public is encouraged to attend.

Friends' Board Members

President: Diana Dearmore
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TO HELP THE FRIENDS'.
OPPORTUNITIES BELOW

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BOOK SORTING VOLUNTEERS
VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

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If you're interested

Email us: woodlandfol@yahoo.com or

Call us: 530-666-0545

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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.

Thank you.

Thank you for your generous donations!!! Please note that we do NOT accept:

Encyclopedias/Dictionaries Computer books/manuals Reader's Digest condensed books

Old Textbooks/teacher's manuals Cassette/VHS tapes (music or books)

Please make sure that your books are not mildewed, smelly or damp - we can't sell them and have to pay to take them away. If you wouldn't want to buy it, chances are no one else will either.

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First Class Mail

Book Sale on
Thursday,
JULY 28TH
4-6:30pm