



Friends to Friends

Newsletter of the Friends
of the Woodland Public
Library

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From the President's Desk

According to the calendar, summer is fast approaching, although it's still snowing in the mountains and there's been a few days recently when I was able to curl up on the couch with a good book and hear the rain on the windows!

May is "Get Caught Reading" month. This is a nationwide public service campaign to remind people of all ages how much fun it is to read. Even though May is the "official" month, we like to encourage celebration of reading all year long. Don't be afraid to "get caught". Besides, it is a good "warm up" for the summer reading events at the library.

The librarians are already gearing up for the summer reading programs, which are sponsored by the Friends. There is something for all ages - children, teens and adults. The themes this year will emphasize travel and there will be prizes awarded. Summer reading is just one of the many programs that the Friends sponsor for the budget impacted library.

The Friends' Annual Membership meeting is scheduled for **June 15th at 5:30 pm in the Leake Room**. After a short business meeting where you'll be introduced to the 2011-2013 Board of Directors, author M.L. Malcolm will be speaking with us regarding her books, *Heart of Lies* and *Heart of Deception*. Light appetizers will be served and the Avid Reader will have Malcolm's books available for purchase and signing.

Also, unless you are a lifetime member, your membership will probably expire on June 30th. There is a membership application on page 6 for you to use. You may mail it in, drop it off at the library or bring it with you on June 15th. If you prefer, you may renew on-line at www.woodlandfol.org with PayPal.

We enjoy having you as our Friend and would hate to see your membership lapse. Remember, there are lots of benefits to being a member including author events, book sale previews, first chance at ticketed events and supporting the oldest Carnegie library in California. All monies raised by the Friends go to supporting the library and your membership dues are a large part of those funds.

Don't forget to attend the "Last Thursday" book sales. This was our first year of having these sales, and it has worked out great! We've been able to reach new members, old members, make some "extra" money for the library and keep a large number of books in circulation. With summer on the way, be sure and stop by and pick up some travel books. With our great prices, it's okay to leave them behind on vacation to make room for that new t-shirt you couldn't resist. Exchanging books with others that are traveling is also a great way to make some new friends.

I hope to see you at the upcoming events,
Diana Dearmore, President and Editor



FOL UPCOMING EVENTS

The Friends' schedule
of upcoming events.

May Event:

"Last Thursday" Book
Sale - open to everyone!

Thursday, May 26th
4 pm - 6:30 pm

All sheet music, CD's and
any "music related books"
on sale for 25¢...plus
more bargains at the sale.



June Events:

Annual Membership
Meeting

June 15th at 5:30 pm.

Author M.L. Malcolm will
be visiting. There will be
light appetizers, a short
meeting and books to
discuss, purchase and get
signed. More information
on page 7 and our website.

www.woodlandfol.org

www.mlmalcolm.com

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Fiscal Year Finances

As I sit here typing on my laptop watching the Boston vs. Yankees game, I'm remembering a conversation I had earlier at Target with the check out clerk. We were talking about how books are so important to us. She mentioned that she relies on the library to provide interesting reading to both her and her family. It was a good reminder to me that the library touches individuals all around our community.

I've been honored to be on the Friends' Board in various capacities since 2003. Since I only moved to Woodland in 2000, I feel so much more connected to the town, and I know that is because of the Friends and all of the people that I've met and worked with over the years (including the library staff). It feels like home to be around people who advocate, appreciate, and support their public library.

Ok, I hear you: show me the money! As we come to the end of our fiscal year (June 30), we're still doing extremely well. The addition of the single day book sale (great idea Diana!) has really been very profitable. It's a sale day that everyone can count on, and everyone gets in so it's a win-win. I'll give you a copy of the financial reports at our June 15th meeting so you can see the details.

The Friends' Board also purchased a liability insurance policy which covers any bad things that might happen at our events. We're growing up and need to take responsibility for what may happen at our events! As I said before, we take in pretty much what we pay out (if not a little more), so the Friends' budget can still pay for all of the children's and teen programming as well as buy specific items like the stand-alone book drop and new octagonal book shelf.

I hope you can make our membership meeting on June 15th. There's more information about the author who will be speaking in this newsletter. Feel free to grill me about the financial reports!

Take care Friends,
Erin



An Update from the Library Board of Trustees

The Board met on April 21st. The children's librarian position is still being held up, but we are using Kara almost full time to handle the duties associated with that position since she has enough hours available on her part time appointment. Much of her main focus will be the Summer Reading Program. Budget update was discussed. We are under budget in most areas due to staffing vacancies. There was continued discussion of our options regarding establishing a stable funding situation for the Library in anticipation of our meet with the council.

The IT update which fixed and virtualized the public access computer problem was discussed. All of the computers are now updated and the public access area has been restored to full function. Sue Bigelow's request to be made full time was again discussed and due to the uncertainties in the state budget which may affect Literacy funding, Sue has asked that no action that jeopardizes here current situation be pursued. Heather and Sue have applied for a federal grant to be jointly administered on employment literacy.

The library will not take a furlough day in May. Individual employees will elect their own furlough date. The city had a furlough day scheduled for Memorial Day weekend, on a Friday when the library is normally closed and we felt that taking a Saturday as a furlough day would confuse and inconvenience our patrons.

A 2x2 meeting was held on April 28th with city council members Skip Davies and Art Pimental, Library Board of Trustees members Bud Goding and Alain Traig, Library Services Director Heather Mueller and City Manager Mark Deven. The principal item discussed was the courses of action available and the political viability of those options for permanent stable funding for the Library. There is only one option that does not require a 2/3 approval of the voters and that is formation of a special library district via LAFCO, an option which we investigated at some length last year, and which we felt was politically difficult and financially unsuitable. It is still an option available to us and if we could work out the funding issues, might be viable if the voters will not approve a 2/3 majority tax measure. The most interesting option proposed was a 1/8 cent sales tax, dedicated only to Library funding, to go into effect when measure V sunsets. Rough calculations show that this would provide funding close to our current budget. In order to pass, it would likely have to have some sort of renewal or sunset clause. We might be able to put in a clause such as "in effect until repealed by a 2/3 majority vote of the electorate". There were other proposals, including my own which is to form a Library Service District with the boundaries concurrent with the city limits and have each city utility user pay a library services fee, with a graduated shift from general fund budget to utility district over several years, with the fee going up incrementally over 5-7 years and a concurrent reduction in general fund contribution from the city. The general consensus was that we need a new source of dedicated revenue and the voters would have to approve whatever we do. The 1/8 cent sales tax seems to be the most acceptable to the group.

We also discussed the indirect expenses billed to the library, literacy, and the "917 fund". We have an offer to cease indirect charges to the 917 fund, which is the destination fund for our state payments and donations and bequests. There are several ramifications to city indirect charges on this fund, and it is my position, and the position of the board, that the city lacks the authority to assess indirect charges to these funds which are targeted directly for library use. We also took the position that the indirect expenses to both the general fund and Literacy are excessive and need to be investigated and revised.

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Summer Reading Club is almost here!

Woodland Public Library's Summer Reading Club (SRC) 2011 is almost here! This year's theme for children is "One World...Many Stories" and for teens, "You Are Here." The travel-oriented themes make it easy for us to showcase literature and music from faraway countries and inspire exploration!

Summer reading is a natural way for kids and young adults to bolster their reading, writing, vocabulary, and comprehension skills during the weeks off from school. As motivation, we offer three weekly prizes for the varying age groups --- Silly Bandz, stickers, holographic rulers, pens, pencils, tote bags, and magnetic bookmarks --- and one "grand" prize at the end for meeting their reading goals, their very own book to take home!

Please mark your calendar for the following key dates:

- Monday, June 20, 2-4 pm. SRC Kick-Off! We'll do sign-ups as well as offer a craft and a story time activity.
- Tuesday, June 28, 1:30-2:30 pm. Wildlife Associates are coming with real wild animals for kids to meet and learn about.
- Wednesday, July 6, 3:30-5 pm. Crocker Art Museum. "Artist-to-go." Museum staff will come and present an art class on California Impressionism, where kids get to create their own oil pastel drawings.
- Wednesday, July 13, 4:30-5:30 pm. Brian Scott, MAGICIAN!
- Tuesday, July 19, 4-5 pm. Explorit will set up six stations of hands-on science for kids to explore.

Thanks to our funding from the Friends, we are able to offer these prizes as well as four wonderful programs and a fun kick-off event.



[Book Sales through the Fiscal Year End](#)

May 26, Thursday 4 - 6:30 pm

June 30, Thursday 4 - 6:30 pm





Book Clubs, Giggles, and ...Tamales!

During a recent Library Board of Trustees meeting, the door to the Leake Center's small conference room had to be closed because of all of the laughter coming from the large community room! Why was there all that noise coming from a room at the Library? The Library hosts several book clubs for kids and one of the most popular – and loudest – is the club for second and third graders.

This month the group read *The Three Little Tamales*, a story based on The Three Little Pigs about three tamales who were warned by their friends, the tortillas, that they would be eaten – so they ran away. Each of them had to brave the Wolf (Señor Lobo), and of course, the tamales triumphed (in their house built of cactus).

The book club members listened to the story and, thanks to the Friends of the Library, the group was able to make a super fun craft! Attendees got to make their own "tamales" using empty soda cans, dry corn husks, and assorted accoutrements – googly eyes, pipe cleaners, ribbons – that they glued on. A truly fun time was had by all!



The Friends' new fiscal year is almost here...

...and that means that unless you are a lifetime member or recently renewed, your membership will lapse 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.

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.



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Get a Jump on next year!! It is almost 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
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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.



Author M.L. Malcolm to speak at the Friends' Annual Meeting on Wednesday, June 15 at 5:30 pm in the Leake Center.

Although born in New York, M.L. Malcolm spent most of her childhood in Florida, both in a small town on the Gulf Coast, and in the state capital of Tallahassee. Her education gradually brought her back north, as she earned a B.A. and an M.A. in political science from Emory University in Atlanta, and a J.D. from Harvard Law School in Boston. Between college and law school she spent a year in Aix-en-Provence, France as a Rotary Foundation Fellow.

M.L. Malcolm began her professional career as an attorney in Atlanta. However, after practicing law for three years, she determined that "she and the law were not meant for each other," and is now a self-described "recovering attorney."

As part of her recovery strategy, M.L. yielded to her entrepreneurial inclinations and took over a struggling travel agency in which she and her husband had invested. She ran the business successfully for several years, tripling revenues before selling the agency to a larger company. She then retired from the labor force in order to spend more time with her children, and to concentrate on her writing.

M.L. has won several awards for her fiction, including special recognition in the prestigious Lorian Hemingway International Short Story Competition, and a silver medal from *ForeWord Magazine* for Best Historical Fiction Book of the Year 2009.

M.L. has lived in New York, Florida, Boston, Atlanta, France, and Los Angeles. She currently resides in Washington, D.C.

Over the years she's collected an impressive number of hats (some might say an excessive number) and yes, she does wear them. A lot.

Please join us on Wednesday, June 15th at 5:30 pm in the Leake Room for some light appetizers, meet the 2011-2013 Board of Directors and join author M.L. Malcolm who will be discussing her two books, ***Heart of Lies*** and her latest release, ***Heart of Deception***. The Avid Reader will be on site selling all of Malcolm's books, who will also be available for book-signing.

More information is available on our website at www.woodlandfol.org

WANTED: FOL Treasurer

Please, don't let the Friends down. If you have an interest in helping the Friends' support the library, consider running for treasurer. Please email me at eemurphy5112@sbcglobal.net or call me at (530) 661-1601 if you have any questions - I'd be happy to answer them.

Friends' Board Members



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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.*

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