



Friends to Friends

Newsletter of the Friends
of the Woodland Public
Library

Sept. - Oct., 2011
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From the President's Desk

Fall is officially here and the kids are back in school. Thanks to all of the Friends that supported Yolo County's Backpacks for Kids. We collected boxes and boxes of school supplies and backpacks, which helped to supply Yolo County school children with the necessary supplies for "back to school". With our help, even the 600 kids on the waiting list were able to be accommodated!

September is a busy month. The (used to be annual) "Stroll Through History" will be happening on September 10th and that means the Friends will be holding a Saturday book sale. We will have a "member's only preview" on Thursday, September 8th for our members to get the first chance at the fabulous books we are featuring (science fiction this month - more on page 4). If you haven't yet renewed, you may do so at the door.

Banned Books week starts September 24 - read a "banned book" in support of literacy freedom. The library will have a selection of previously banned books put aside for your reading pleasure.

When I was a kid growing up in Arkansas, we used to sing a song, "The More We Get Together". There's a refrain in there about "your friends are my friends, and my friends are your friends, the more we get together, the happier we'll be". With **National Friends of the Library Week** coming up (Oct 16-22), we will be celebrating with several events to get our friends together (and we hope you'll bring your friends along also to see what we are doing). Please check the library during this week to see what special things we have planned.

In appreciation of your support of and membership in the Friends, we will have our **first author event of the year**, featuring James Chatfield on Thursday, October 20th. There will be a **member's only reception at 5:30pm** to meet the author. This will be followed with a lecture beginning at 6:30pm, which will be open to the general public. More about the author, book and this event on page 2.

National Teen Reads Week will be celebrated October 16 - 22. I know the library has some special things planned for our young adult readers.

I hope to see you at the upcoming book sales and author event,
- Diana Dearmore, President and Editor

FOL UPCOMING BOOK SALES

The Friends' schedule of upcoming events and book sales.

September Book Sales

Member's Only Preview

Thursday, September 8th

4 pm - 6:30 pm

Stroll Through History

Quarterly book sale

Saturday, September 10th

9 am - 2 pm

"Last Thursday" Book Sale - open to everyone!

Thursday, September 29th

4 pm - 6:30 pm



October Event:

Oct 16-22 National Friends of the Library Week

October 20: Author Event, Leake Center
5:30pm Member's Only
6:30pm Local Author James Chatfield, author of "Dead Cat Alley"

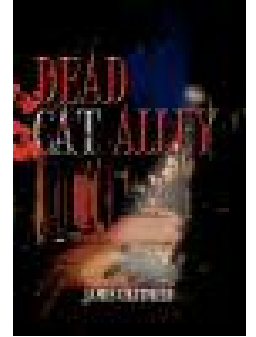
Book Sale

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4 pm - 6:30 pm

Upcoming Author Event James Chatfield



On **Thursday, October 20**, local author James Chatfield will be featured at our first author event of the year. He will be speaking about his book, "Dead Cat Alley". This is a futuristic murder mystery that is set in Woodland and features many local landmarks and personalities. There are some very advanced ideas about publishing and the future of your electronic devices that are very intriguing and these are skillfully woven throughout the book, which is set in 2025.

The evening will begin at **5:30 pm with a member's only reception** for the author in the Leake Center at the library. At 6:30 pm, the general public will be invited to join us as Chatfield discusses his book and the ins and outs of writing and publishing a book. He is currently working on his second book and we hope to get a preview of this upcoming novel also.

This book is available for advance reading at your Woodland Public Library and the author will have books available for purchase and signing at the event.

This event is being held in celebration of National Friends of the Library Week and as a way of thanking you for being a supporting member of the Friends of the Woodland Public Library.

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. We will be scheduling a preliminary meeting sometime in November, so stay tuned.

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

Summer Reading: An Update from the Children's Librarian

Summer Reading Club 2011 at the library was a trip! This year's theme centered on travel. By attending our programs and through their own reading choices, the children and teens who participated learned a lot about the world around them. Summer Reading Club is designed by libraries to: promote reading during the summer break from school, have fun, and keep young minds sharp and ready to tackle the new academic season. In those ways, it is always a resounding success.

At our Kick-off on June 21, we had 184 school-age children sign up, as well as 23 toddlers and 27 teens. In the end though, our signups totaled 475 school-age children, 49 toddlers, and 54 teens. Each age group had a slightly different reading program.

Upon signing up, each school-age participant received a plastic book bag, a reading log to count their minutes, instruction sheet, and a bookmark. Every week, the child or parent would keep track of the number of minutes read on the reading log, and come in to the library to tally the minutes and receive a prize (an incentive to keep reading!). During the first week, this group kids received a holographic ruler. The second week, a magnetic bookmark. The third week, two Fun Bands (stretchy bracelets), and the fourth week, a free book of their own choice. By far, the kids got the most excited by the book – it sometimes took 10 minutes for them to decide, and often they would change their mind and swap their first choice for something else.

With toddlers, the goal is simply for the parent, caregiver, or sibling to read to them. To that end, each participant received a plastic book bag and sticker book to keep track of their favorite books during each week. Each week's prize for the toddler was a new sticker to put in their book!

Teens are a whole different story! Each one who signed up received an instruction sheet and two blank review forms to get started. Young adults easily read entire books, so their reading club is structured around book reviews/recommendations. The first book review earned a funky polka dot pen, the second review a magnetic bookmark, the third review a free book and raffle ticket, the fourth book review a book bag and raffle ticket, and each subsequent book review earned a raffle ticket each. The raffle prizes are awarded at the very end of the summer reading club, during the Teen Countdown Party. We were able to give away \$300 in gift cards from Best Buy, Target, Starbucks, Jamba Juice and Nugget Market. The recipients were so excited!

Our programs during Summer Reading Club 2011 ranged from wild animals to California Impressionism. Our first event featured Wildlife Associates from Half Moon Bay and their group of rainforest animals. On a massively rainy day at the end of June, they brought a macaw, anteater, sloth, and kinkajou, much to the delight of our at-capacity crowd (254 individuals!).

The second program highlighted art, with Crocker Art Museum. The 174 children and adults in attendance were taught about California Impressionism techniques, specifically how to draw a landscape. Then they were let loose with oil pastels and big, white pieces of paper, which they filled with images from their memories and dreams.

Next came Brian Scott, a magician extraordinaire who dazzled our crowd of 224 with magic tricks, ventriloquism, optical illusions, and humor. He used many audience volunteers during this hour-long program, and there were always plenty of hands in the air, more than willing to withstand whatever he threw at them.

Our last program was with Explorit Science Center of Davis, who thrilled a group of 175 with the wonderful, quirky world of science! Explorit staff set up six tables with various types of scientific materials. In total, there were snakes, hissing cockroaches, problem-solving puzzles, an Intel microscope with slides, sheep organs, and an electrostatic generator. The library's teen volunteers helped facilitate the learning. Participants were free to visit as many of the tables in whatever order they wished. Children and adults alike waited in line to have their turn at the Van de Graff electrostatic generator, gleefully willing to let their hair stand on end. And, perhaps not surprisingly, many were eager to don plastic gloves and get hands-on experience with a sheep's trachea, heart, and lungs. A plastic manual pump was inserted into the trachea so the audience could see the lungs expand.

Sometime in late October (we are thinking the 20th or 27th), we will open the Leake Room to costumes galore in a celebration of fall! We'd like to piggyback on Halloween in that most kids will have their costumes already on hand, but we don't want to compete with the actual holiday. We'll keep it low-key with music, an easy ongoing craft, games, refreshments, and perhaps even party favors. Details are to be determined.

Thank you, as always, for your generous contributions to youth services programming at Woodland Public Library. You make it possible!



Upcoming Book Sales for September and October

September

September 8th: Thursday, 4pm - 6:30pm

Members Only Preview

This sale will feature Science Fiction books. We have set aside Premium hardback books that will be specially priced. These books have been appraised between \$20.00 - \$300.00+, but will be offered to our members for **only \$5.00 each**. Additionally, we have received a large donation of "vintage" sci-fi paperbacks that will be offered for sale at prices well below market. Be sure to get there early for the absolute best selection of these premium books. At these low prices, they won't last long.

September 10th: Saturday, 9 am - 2pm

"Stroll Through History" Quarterly Sale

September 29th: Thursday, 4pm - 6:30pm

Last Thursday of the month sale

Open to everyone



October

October 27th: Thursday, 4pm - 6:30pm

Last Thursday of the month sale

Open to everyone

This sale will feature Halloween and scary books.

The Friends' new fiscal year is underway...

...and we are still missing some "Friends"

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.



Board of Trustees, Bud Goding

There was little of great significance at the August 30th Board of Trustees meeting. We did have a closed session for preliminary discussion of the Director's evaluation and a prolonged discussion of the ballot measure proposal which ended up with a passed motion to request the city council to place a 1/8 cent sales tax measure on the 2012 June ballot for dedicated library funding (see copy below of the email sent to the City Council). Heather presented her fourth quarter report and the staff fourth quarter reports as well as the Literacy report for this fiscal year. All mostly positive with increasing trends on visits and checkouts.

Email to the City Council re: Library Funding

Date: September 2, 2011 9:25:20 AM PDT

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Subject: 2012 sales tax measure dedicated to Library funding

Dear Councilmember,

The Woodland Public Library Board of Trustees requests that the City Council add a measure to the 2012 ballot for a 1/8% sales tax, dedicated to funding the Library, to take effect when the current Measure V sunsets in 2014.

We thank you for your consideration.

Alain Traig
President, Woodland Public Library Board of Trustees

ATTENTION BOOK ROOM VOLUNTEERS* ...

We held two book sorting/training sessions (and work days) during August. It was nice to see some new faces learning the sorting procedures.

If you want to sort books for the Friends and weren't able to make it to our sessions in August, don't worry. There will be another chance to learn the ropes and sign up to maintain your favorite section. Another training session (and work day) will be held in the Friends' book room on:

Saturday, October 15th from 9 - 11 am.

We'll review the guidelines for sorting and shelving our numerous book and magazine donations. We'll also be mapping the new layout of books. 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 if you'll be attending.

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



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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.

Books Tell Two Stories

All books tell at least two stories. There is the tale driven by dreams, travel, suspense, fantasy, and compelling characters. This is the story found within the pages of a book. Then there is the story of the book itself. Imagine being a copy of George Orwell's *1984*. You are bought by a curious, unsuspecting bibliophile in a small bookshop in New York City in 1949. You are read twice and in sheer excitement given to a close friend. This friend also reads you twice and passes you on to her son who is attending college in San Francisco. You arrive to a community where you are shared and experienced like a sunset plunging into the Pacific Ocean. Everybody loves you if only from a different angle. You retire on the shelf of a bee keeper's library. This journey of ownership is called *provenance*.

We at the Friends of the Library feel that all books have their own story. This is especially true of old and rare literary works. We have begun to sort through the many books that are generously donated to the Friends in order to share them with those who value exceptional publications. We are establishing a section at our book sales which focuses on books that hold value to collectors. Other antiquarian volumes will be listed on the website that is currently being developed for this purpose. This website is called NewWorldBooks.biz. It will be up and running in the month of September, 2011. So next time you hold a grizzled, threadbare book, remember, it has a story that may just rival your own.

Joe Zavala, Membership and Rare Book Sales

Community Advocacy by Diane Adams

The Friends of the Library Community Advocacy committee is charged with exploring new avenues for community outreach on behalf of our library, in addition to working with the Board of Trustees. We are researching how other local Friends groups are reaching out to constituents and raising awareness about the importance of library services to their citizenry. Several initiatives and projects which have been undertaken in other communities have been identified as things we may want to try in Woodland. These activities highlight the role of Friends' groups supporting libraries with the added intent of heightening community awareness of these partnerships. We welcome any ideas that you may have and encourage your participation in keeping our library a vital part of our community.

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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/Dictionary 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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**Member's Only Book
Sale on Thursday,
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4-6:30pm**