

# BETWEEN FRIENDS

## Director's Report **Jeanne Amos**

### Teens in the Library

Teens are reading - and using the library more than ever! We've all read the news and watched the talk shows that tell us that teens are addicted to their mobile phones, that they are texting each other instead of talking and are inside playing video games and ignoring the outdoors. Yet the number of teen books checked out of the El Dorado County Library has increased to over 31,600, an amazing 56% growth over the last two years. And teen programs are popular and growing. Who could resist making a duct-tape wallet, decorating an individual skateboard, learning about theatrical costuming, or getting a henna tattoo?

Libraries are also encouraging technology and video gaming at the library. Our youth services librarians have added, and

are looking forward to adding more programs that include the use of Wiis, Xbox games, and complex games like Lego Mindstorms and Scratch. Although counter-intuitive at first, it is well documented that board and video games serve as a link to literacy, and that the library provides a social and safe venue for reading, learning and playing these games. Research has also clearly linked gaming playing with increased academic success.

Computer game-playing in the library by teens has even enticed older adults into gaming, which has allowed social interaction and tutoring by teens. The Friends of the Library have helped us to fund the games that integrate new teen interests with the joys of reading. Stop by a teen program and take a look - you may end up dancing to an Xbox yet!

## 5th Annual "Wine for Words" a Library Benefit Event

### Meet novelist, Jenna Blum,



author of The Stormchasers  
and the New York Times  
bestseller  
Those Who Save Us

Sunday, August 29th, 2010  
4 pm - 8 pm  
at the  
El Dorado County Library  
345 Fair Lane  
Placerville, CA 95667

\$50 per person  
All proceeds benefit the  
Main Library in Placerville.

*Gourmet catered dinner,  
complimentary wine glass,  
wine tasting, raffle, book  
signing and silent auction*

Books will be available for purchase

### Seating is limited

Tickets are available at the library, 345 Fair Lane, Placerville or by email [edcfol@gmail.com](mailto:edcfol@gmail.com)



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## A NOTE ABOUT MEMBERSHIP

You may think that if you have a library card and you love and you support the library then you are a "Friend of the Library". And while it may be true that you are friends "with" the library you may not actually be a "Friend of the Library". In order to be a "Friend of the Library" you have to join. It's simple to become a "Friend of the Library". It doesn't cost very much, but it's possibly one of the most important "friendships" you can make. Just fill out the Membership Application included with this newsletter and send it along with your check for as little as \$10 to your library and that's it! You're a member of a very important organization.

Membership dues, paid January through October, are for the current year. Dues received in November or December will be applied to the following year. If you see 2010 next to the mailing address on this newsletter you are a current member of the Friends through December. If LIFE is printed on your mailing label then you are part of a very special group of people who have shown their support for the library for life. If your mailing label has 2007, 2008 or 2009 on it, then you joined the Friends a while ago and perhaps forgot to renew your membership. Why not renew your membership or join the Friends today? You'll be helping your library and you'll be glad you did!

## SOUTH LAKE TAHOE

530-573-3185

**Gail Kolb**

The Fiesta Summer Program was very successful with 150 children attending the dance demonstration, an ice cream party and playing games provided by volunteers from the Tahoe Sierra Kiwanis Club. All this took place under our new parachute hanging above the library front lawn.

Donations were recently received from several service organizations. The Kiwanis Club of Lake Tahoe gave \$300 to purchase two grand prizes for the Teen Summer Reading program, an ipod Nano and



a digital camera. The Optimist Club of Lake Tahoe gave \$350 toward the Children's Summer Program and the Tahoe Sierra Kiwanis Club gave \$450 for the purchase of the A-Z Mysteries and Capital Mysteries. We thank them for supporting the kids in Tahoe.

During the past year the South Lake Tahoe library has held 37 programs and tours for teens. Over 130 young adults were in attendance. Many of the programs were sponsored by the Friends of the Library. As we all know,

the library is a very important place for our young adults and we thank you for your continued support!

Join the Friends of the Library Book Club the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 3 pm in our Library Conference room. The book for August 18th is The Help by Kathryn Stockett and the book for September 15th is The Devil in the White City by Eric Larson. Refreshments will be served.

Story Time starts the second week in September and on Saturday, September 25th at 2 pm there will be a Princess Party.

**SLT Featured Volunteer,  
Diana Hamilton-Smith**

Diana Hamilton-Smith is doing a fantastic job as the Book Sale Chairperson as well as volunteering for the Homework Center during the school year. We appreciate Diana for her time dedicated to the Library and for the healthy snacks she brings us at our book sale.



*South Lake Tahoe Volunteer:  
Diana Hamilton-Smith*

## POLLOCK PINES

530-644-2498

**Wendy Smith**

Enthusiasm for our popular Story and Craft-Time has grown, and the weather permits us to hold the program outside under the shade of the pines. Themes have included bubbles, water wonders, pirates and sail boats.

On Pirate Day, a few small ones came in with a swagger and a dagger and a false mustache! Great fun, Arrrrr !  
*Time to walk the plank, you scalawag, you!! Off t'a port bow with ya, no fooling around! There ya go:  
~~~SPLASH~~hope ya know how ta swim!*

Our quaint little library is well decorated inside and out, celebrating the water theme of our popular Summer Reading Program. Look for seaweed, octopuses, seashells, fishes, seahorses and air bubbles as you Splash into Reading! The display window exalts the many virtues of water and encourages us to hold it precious.

As always our Ice Cream Socials were a hit, drawing people of all ages to enjoy the sweet creamy delight.

The PP Friends group meets at the Pollock Pines Branch monthly and has added a sixth member. There is a lot of enthusiasm to support the branch, and the most recent endeavor was to set up an outreach and membership drive at a table outside our local Safeway store.

Our volunteers have been wonderful, but one has returned to work, another has returned to school, one has fallen ill, and two are traveling until mid fall. So, between helping our patrons, staff has been squeezing in time for shelving books. As luck would have it, two regular patrons have since agreed to come in for training and will hopefully be available to help with shelving by late August.... and will help out occasionally until they get full time jobs.

## CAMERON PARK

530-621-5500

**Kathe Hughes**

The community had fun in Cameron Park this summer! Youngsters and the young at heart decorated our sidewalks with chalk to welcome patrons to all the events and activities sponsored by the FOL. Our children's program, Make a Splash @ Your Library was a rousing success and we entertained the kids with everything from Pirates to Princesses, afternoon movies, and fun crafts on Fridays. Our teen program, Make Waves @ Your Library was fun and educational as our young adults learned how to create duct tape wallets, bead friendship bracelets, and perform new Hip-Hop moves. We especially loved the surfboards they painted and displayed in our foyer. We sponsored Beach Blanket Bingo, our first adult summer book club. Patrons read books from various genres and their completed bingo cards were entered into a drawing for a Sony Electronic Book Reader. The grown-ups were just as excited (perhaps more) about their book club as the kids were about theirs!

During this past year there have been 12 programs and tours meant especially for teenagers. Nearly 180 young adults participated in these programs. The library is important to the teens in our community and the FOL sponsors many of the programs that they enjoy.

We are looking forward to our major fundraiser of the year, our e-Waste event, to be held in the library parking lot Saturday, September 18, from 9 am to 2 pm. We will recycle unwanted electronics, phones, computers, televisions, and what have you, as well as provide paper shredding at \$6 per file box. Adult volunteers are needed and will be greatly appreciated. Cathy Zanatta, our vice president and fund raising guru, is in charge, and may be reached through the library at 621-5500. Start saving your old electronic paraphernalia, drop it by that day, and help us to help our library.

We are beginning a monthly e-letter! It will present news about the Cameron Park Library, events to be held there, other information of interest, plus a monthly calendar of events and information featuring new books of all types at the library. This e-letter will be available

to Friends of the Library members, as well as patrons of the library and interested members of the community. We will give all Friends members the opportunity to receive this e-letter, as long as we have a valid e-mail address for you. Many of you did not include one in your application, or have changed addresses or carriers. If you do not think we have your e-mail address, or want to make sure we have the right one, call and leave a message for Bill Miller at 621-5500 or leave a note for Bill at the library desk, or send him an e-mail at miller1722@sbcglobal.net.

**CP Featured Volunteer,  
Jean Cunningham**

Our featured volunteer is Jean Cunningham. We are so fortunate to have Jean grace our library. She always has a smile and some library news to share as she starts her shift shelving children's books. Jean knows it's an area that is heavily used and well loved and she patiently helps us restore order. She comes to us with a lifetime of experience and a degree in Library Science from San Jose State. She has been a volunteer



*Jean Cunningham & CP Branch  
Manager Nancy Owen-Hazard*

and member of the CPFOL since 2002. She also runs the book table for her church and is an active member in the Philanthropists Educational Organization. She is well travelled and has been collecting postcards of libraries for decades. Jean prefers inspirational books and is currently reading *Traveler's Gift* by Andy Andrews. Her generosity of spirit and devotion to our branch make Jean a very special friend of the library.

## PLACERVILLE MAIN

530-621-5540

**Barbara Parmenter**

When you visit the Placerville Main Library, do you head for the "Hot Picks" display to find the latest bestseller and then conveniently use the self-checkout when you leave? Perhaps you await a visit from the bookmobile bringing our library to you. Did you, your family and friends enjoy the wonderful Friday Story times, this summer's "Make a

Splash” reading clubs and the exciting special events presented through our children’s department? Do you know a young adult who participated in the “Make Waves” teen reading club and programs offered this summer? Do you know a child who uses the special computers in the children’s area of the library? Have you attended the interesting movie showings at the library this summer? All of these special programs, events, services and much more are funded by the Placerville Friends of the Library.

We earn money from our book sales and fundraisers but your continuing membership in the Placerville Friends of the Library is the backbone of our financial support for the library. So, a reminder, if you haven’t yet renewed for 2010 please do and encourage a friend or neighbor to join. If you have already renewed - many, many thanks!

Mark your calendar for Sunday, August 29th, the return of our annual fundraiser, “Wine for Words”. Our featured guest will be Jenna Blum, author of the New York Times bestseller, Those Who Save Us. Jenna will be visiting us while on tour for her recently released book The Stormchasers. For details please see the “Wine for Words” information on the front page of this newsletter and plan to purchase your tickets soon as this is a very popular even.

Two local artists have generously given paintings to the main library. An original floral painting by Kathryn Dexter Hall was given to the library by Walter Miller and Kathy Hall. This lovely piece is



hanging near the fireplace. Dave Allan’s beautiful rendition of Sutter’s Mill is hanging near the Reference Desk. You’ll be able to bid on another of Dave’s original paintings at the “Wine for Words” fundraiser to be held at the Main Library on Sunday, August 29th (more information about the event can be found in this newsletter.)



Thank you Ms. Hall and Mr. Allan. We really appreciate your stunning works of art.

## EL DORADO HILLS

916-358-3500

### **Nancy McMahon & Donna Brown**

Children of all ages have been enjoying the EDH library summer programs. Over 60 teenaged boys and girls showed up to Tie Dye T-shirts. The teens were back the next week to make duct tape wallets. There have been over 80 programs and tours for teens during the past year with nearly 1,500 young adults in attendance. Many programs were sponsored by the Friends of the Library!

Part of the summer programs are made possible by the time and effort of the many FOL who helped to make The El Dorado Hills Spring Garden Tour a resounding

success. More than 500 guests attended and more than 80 volunteers assisted both prior to the event and throughout the day. Guests visited seven lovely gardens in EDH. The event raised



*EDH Garden Tour*

almost \$10,000 to be shared by the FOL and the Assistance League of Sierra Foothills. Our thanks go to the garden owners who made the Garden Tour possible: Dr. Taylor, Dr. Heise, Karen and Lou Rain, Crista and Gary Dixon, Dan and Laura Parkes, the Jackmans and the Hansons.

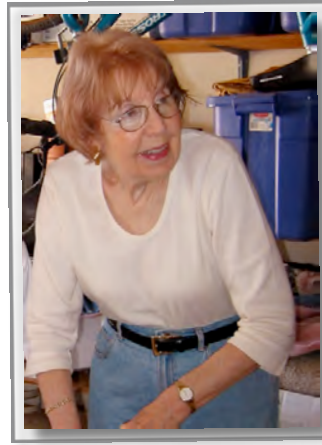
El Dorado Hills Friends take this opportunity to thank our recent donors: Mr. Clurg's fifth grade class at Lake Forest School who raised \$400, the El Dorado Hills Garden Club - \$200 donation, Serrano Men's Book Club - \$1,650 donation and PG&E – matching grant of \$269. We really appreciate your support!

Excitedly anticipated is the upcoming 4th annual Pirate Days on September 17th and 18th sponsored by the EDH library staff and FOL. Local school children traditionally make Pirate Days a field trip and come on the first day. Pirate Days is open to the public on September 18th. Activities include the pirate ship Dauntless, archery, hand weaving, weapon demonstrations, and many guests in period costume. This is a free event, so mark your calendar and come on by.

## El Dorado Hills Featured Volunteer

### In Memoriam – Evelyn Luscher

We wish to share the life of a unique and inspirational woman, Evelyn Luscher. She was one of several persistent ladies that helped to make the El Dorado Hills Library a reality. Evelyn and her husband, Werner moved to El Dorado Hills in 1964 and



*Evelyn Luscher*

purchased one of the first homes in Governor's Village. She tirelessly worked with other members of "Citizens for a Community Library", which later joined "Friends of the Library" to raise over \$6 million for construction of the library. Sales of library lapel pins, license plate frames, T-shirts, and frequent used book sales started the construction fund. Evelyn, often with her husband, spent hours organizing and pricing donated books for many used book sales.

She and other FOL members frequently attended Board of Supervisor meetings urging the supervisors to find the funds. The

board eventually approved \$2 million to go toward construction from a newly created Community Enhancement Fund.

However, the funding was contingent on the passage of Measure L, a \$13 per parcel tax increase for the library district including EDH and Latrobe. The tax increase was slated to be used for library operations. Evelyn and FOL members worked tirelessly to support Measure L. In the fall of 2004, voters passed the measure with a 73 percent approval rate and

the dream of an El Dorado Hills Library was to become a reality. By the time the library opened in Feb 2006, it had been an intense effort for over seven years.

Evelyn was also a wife, a mother of three sons, and an author. After raising her sons, she earned degrees in Psychology and English. She is the author of "The Lace Trilogy". She wrote under her maiden name, Evelyn Swift. The titles include: "Nottingham Lace", "Widdicombe Fair", and "Barnston Life".

Evelyn touched and enriched the lives of many people. She was a gentle, but forceful spirit. She will be missed.

GEORGETOWN

530-333-4724

### Tom Petersen

With school out for summer vacation parents appreciate activities for their children that keep them safe and out of mischief—activities like the Summer Reading Program at the library continue to be popular. This year over one hundred avid readers have signed up to tackle the list of books and fill in their tally cards. At the Georgetown branch the FOL have purchased prizes to be awarded at the end of the Summer Reading Club. What are the prizes? More books of course!

Wild Things, Inc.” will be visiting the library on Saturday, August 14th at 11am. We are looking forward to an exciting visit! “Wild Things” is the Wiemar based non-profit group that since 1987 has been providing care for injured and orphaned animals and sharing those animals as wildlife ambassadors for public education. Their informative programs are always a delightful experience for kids and adults and foster an appreciation for the wild critters that sometimes fight to survive in our foothill environment.

The FOL bookstore remains open during library hours besides hosting a few book sales every year. Low cost paperbacks and free books are outside of the library at all times, relying on the honor system to collect money. So far it has worked well to generate donations to our programs.

### **GT Featured Volunteer**

#### **Vanessa Walters**

The volunteer spotlight has searched and focused on Vanessa Walters, a 15 year old resident of Georgetown who just loves to shelve books. When Vanessa isn't playing the piano or studying the violin, she likes to write fiction for her friends and relatives. She also enjoys writing book reviews. As almost anyone who reads the FOL newsletter probably knows, the efforts to keep books on the shelves (and in their proper order) is an on going job. Retired librarian Darby Haines reports that it requires about five hours a week by volunteers to keep up with book returns, and it also requires diligence and attention to details. Vanessa does a great job replacing the books and finding those "misplaced" books that can lurk for months, hidden and lost on the shelves. We are thankful to our dependable volunteers like Vanessa who spend a couple hours every week reshelving books.



*Vanessa Walters*

### **BOOK SALES**

Used books are for sale in the lobbies of each library.

Used books sales are held at the:

Placerville Main Library on the 1st Saturday of the month from 8 am – 2 pm

Cameron Park Branch on the 2nd Saturday of the month 9 am – 12 noon

Call your branch or check the library's website [www.eldoradolibrary.org](http://www.eldoradolibrary.org) for information on all book sales.

### **BETWEEN FRIENDS ONLINE**

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