



Clarksburg Branch Library
Yolo County Library
52915 Netherlands Road
Clarksburg, CA 95612

January 2017

Friends of the Clarksburg Library

ANNUAL MEETING

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28TH, 2-4^{PM}

You are invited to attend the Friends' annual general meeting, held in the activity room of the library. We'll be adding new members to the Board and welcoming guest speaker Bernadette Austin-Bowers from the Center for Regional Change at UC Davis. She'll be speaking about possibilities for university-community partnerships, such as the Waste Management pilot project in Clarksburg; an economic analysis of the Delta by researchers through the Delta Protection Commission; and environmental justice work in the Central Valley. Appetizers and beverages will be served.

All residents and those served by the library are asked to attend our annual meeting. We hope to see you there!

The Friends of the Clarksburg Library (FOCL) are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization which help make it possible for Yolo County to maintain a branch library in Clarksburg. They provide money that supports community programs, activities, and enrichment for children and adults, as well as maintenance of the library building.

With your support, the Friends can continue to provide this valuable service to the community. Please donate today!



LIBRARY HOURS

Tuesday and Thursday

9:30am—noon,
1:00pm—7:30pm

Wednesday

5:30pm—7:30pm

Saturday

9:30am—1:00pm

Phone:

(916) 744-1755



What a great 2016! Many, many exciting activities kept the library buzzing all year long. Read on to see what your library has to offer...besides just books, magazines, eBooks, music, movies, computers, and faxing/photocopying/printing services.

Bilingual Story time/Playschool Experience:

Talk. Read. Sing. It changes everything. Thanks to a First 5 Yolo grant, each Saturday at 10:00 am the library hosts a dynamic program of English and Spanish stories, songs, and movement designed to promote early literacy for children 0-5 and their caregivers.

Dia de los Ninos/Dia de los Libros is a year-long commitment to celebrate all of our children and to motivate them (with their families) to be readers, which is essential in our democracy. This literacy initiative is a collaboration of national and state library and literacy organizations, educators, and readers creatively striving to share bookjoy and its importance. In 2016, Clarksburg Branch Library celebrated Dia on April 27th with 70 children and their families: S.T.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) stations were set up around the library for children to explore and learn about other cultures in a hands-on way, Adelita Serena's Kalpulli Tlayotl Danza Azteca dancers enthralled the audience, and EVERY CHILD received a FREE book. Join us on Wednesday, April 26th, 2017 for another celebration.

Summer Reading Program: Studies show that summer reading programs counteract the summer

slide, or loss of academic skills:

- Young people experience learning losses when they don't engage in educational activities during the summer. Research spanning 100 years shows that students typically score lower on standardized tests at the end of summer vacation than they do on the same tests at the beginning of the summer. Libraries are part of the solution.
- Studies show that children who are read to in the home and who use the library perform better in school and are more likely to continue to use the library as a source of lifetime learning.
- The amount of time children spend reading outside of school is linked to gains in reading achievement. Numerous studies show that access to books and magazines is directly related to higher reading achievement.

Source: Dominican University IMLS-funded research: *Public Library Summer Reading Programs Close the Reading Gap*

127 Clarksburg community members participated in Yolo County Library's 2016 Summer Reading Program (SRP): *Read for the Win*. Reading books, attending programs (remember magic, music, dancing, Olympic crafts, and *Vladimir Goes for the Gold?*), winning prizes, and participating in the end of the summer Party and Raffle made the weeks fly by! Join us June 1-August 15, 2017 when the SRP theme will be *Reading by Design*.

Lunch @ the Library: Between June 7th and August 11th, 172 nutritious meals were served to Clarksburg children 0-18 through this program designed by the California Summer Meals Coalition

and the California Library Association. YMCA of Superior California sponsored this program and the Elk Grove School District supplied lunch on Tuesdays and Thursdays to coincide with library programming. Because of its great success, we can look forward to Lunch @ the Library again next summer!

KIDS WHO READ BEAT SUMMER SLIDE

Studies show that access to books during the summer prevents a drastic loss in reading skill – especially for kids in need.



SOURCES: 1. Change in scores between end-of-year and following year testing as shown by the California Aptitude Test. (Slates, S. L., Alexander, K. L., Entwistle, D. R., & Olson, L. S. (2012). Counteracting summer slide: Social capital resources within socioeconomically disadvantaged families. *Journal of Education for Students Placed at Risk*, 17(3), 165.)



Legal Services of Northern California offers free legal advice to seniors and low income individuals and families from 5:30-7:30pm on the fourth Thursday of each month at the library! Do you have questions about tenant's rights, foreclosure, wills, food stamps, Social Security or other civil legal issues? Plan to visit the library and get your issues resolved in 2017.

LINK+: In 2016, Yolo County Library joined a consortium of California and Nevada libraries that lend materials, including audiobooks and DVDs, to library cardholders. If the item you want is not available through the YCL, you now have the option to request it through the LINK+ catalog. Materials usually arrive in two to four days...which means you have quick and easy access to millions of library materials; all because of that library card in your wallet!

Books by Mail is a FREE service of Yolo County Library that delivers library materials through the mail to any resident who has a disability, illness, or lack of transportation that prevents access to a YCL branch. If you qualify, or know someone who does, call the library for more information.

Yolo Reads Adult Literacy Program: One in six Yolo County residents cannot read and write sufficiently to carry out daily activities at work and home. Yolo Reads provides FREE tutoring to adults who want to improve their reading, writing, spelling, and grammar skills. Learners receive one-on-one support from volunteer tutors, plus free materials. If you would like to participate in this program, as a learner or tutor, please contact library staff for more information at 530-666-8019 or LibraryVolunteer@yolocounty.org.

Career Online High School (COHS) offers adults the opportunity to earn an accredited high school diploma and career certificate online. To qualify, you need only be age 19 or over, a resident of Yolo County, and have a Yolo County Library card in good standing. This program provides scholarships to qualified adult learners who are looking to expand their career opportunities, prepare for workforce entry, or continue their education. For more information, please email Diploma@yolocounty.org.

Coming Soon

Find out about library events at our website: www.yolocounty.org, flyers posted at the library and post office, and on Nextdoor Clarksburg. Contact the library at 916-744-1755 or margaret.pelrine@yolocounty.org.

CLARKSBURG: THE WATER, THE LAND, AND ITS PEOPLE

Longtime Clarksburg resident (and former FOCL Board President) Ted Smith has written a fascinating book on the history of our town. The book is 174 pages, with many color images and historical photos throughout. Mr. Smith has generously donated all net proceeds of the sale of the book to the Friends.

The *Clarksburg* book is available at the library for \$30.

BY THE NUMBERS

Items checked out:
20,661

Library card holders:
1,676

Visitors to the library: 16,620

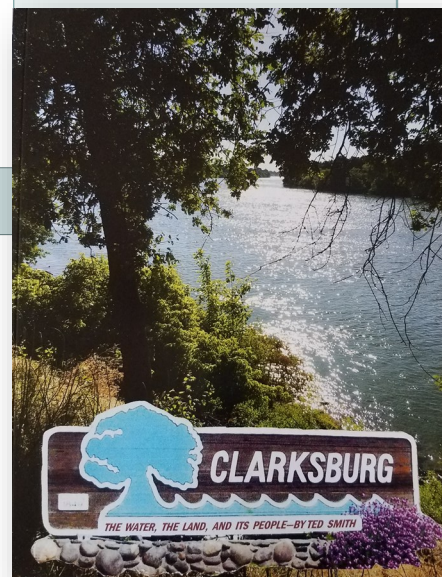
Class visits: 1,921

Reference questions answered: 5,167

Library programs
(including bilingual story time and DECS class visits): 395

Activities Room usage:
229 (thanks in large part to **ReDirect Yoga**, offered twice a week)

(2016 data compiled by librarian Margaret Pelrine)





BIG DAY OF GIVING (“BIG DOG”), COMING IN 2017

Mark your calendars for May 4th, 2017: FOCL will be participating in this year’s Big Day of Giving! Big DOG is a 24-hour online giving challenge in the Sacramento region, with the intent to raise funds for local 501(c)(3) nonprofits. Last year, more than \$16 million was raised for regional nonprofits, with donors from all over the state, country, and world.

www.bigdayofgiving.org

FOCL NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

There are so many ways that you can support your library. If you would like to volunteer to help out on future events, or if you have books, DVDs, or CDs to donate, please let librarian Margaret Pelrine know.

We are also looking for more Board members for 2017! Please contact Margaret or email FOCL President Amanda Beck at papuzabeck@gmail.com if you are interested in joining or would like more information.

2016 WINE TASTING AND ART AUCTION

The library’s 28th annual benefit was held on September 18th, with 250 guests in attendance at the beautiful Heringer Ranch. Over \$10,000 was raised by the event to support the library! We had a record number of local wineries pouring (18 total!), 27 artists provided paintings and art for the fine art auction, and Fresh & Quick’s gourmet catering. An incredible array of desserts was provided by DECS 5th grade class parents, in support of their trip to Coloma.

Thanks to the planning committee and volunteers: Amanda Beck, Karen Coffee, Christy Frame, Rachel Frame, Don and Nancy Griffay, Del Parr, Robin Murphy, Anna Swenson, and

Jennifer Krausse, as well as the many volunteers who helped! Our gratitude also goes to Katherine Van Diest at Husick’s for helping with ticket sales and hiring the musician.

A very special thanks to the Heringer family for sharing their amazing grounds with us once again.

Thank you to Alison Wong Design and artist Andy Bishofberger for donating their time and talent by creating our “Bacchus enjoying a good book” poster for advertising.



LIBRARY MAINTAINENCE

2016 was a challenging year for plumbing! A pipe leading to the library’s septic tank broke and had to be repaired early in the year, which necessitated the removal of a large portion of concrete in the back patio area. The Friends enlisted the help of the Yolo County Master Gardeners for landscaping advice, and volunteers gathered in October to plant new rosebushes and other flowers in the back, as well as perform a general garden clean up. An Earth Day library clean up was also organized in April.

The Friends are looking for volunteers to support library maintenance. If you are interested in helping, please contact Margaret.



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& Winery for donating 10%
of the yearly proceeds
from the sale of their
Purple Thread wine!

2016 MEMORIAL DONATIONS

Leslie English, in memory of Gordon English

Stephen and Donna Hiromoto, in memory of Les Heringer Sr.

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE LIBRARY

Please consider making a financial contribution to the library—the Friends need funds to maintain the library building and provide services and programs to the community.

Suggested levels of giving: ☐ \$15 ☐ \$25 ☐ \$50 ☐ Other \$_____

Please make checks payable to the Friends of the Clarksburg Library, and mail to: FOCL, PO Box 441, Clarksburg, CA 95612

Your contribution is tax deductible. Please indicate how you wish your name to be listed in the newsletter than is mailed to the Clarksburg community, or indicate that it is an anonymous gift by checking here: ☐

Or if you'd like to serve the Friends of the Clarksburg Library in other ways, please check the appropriate boxes:

- ☐ Serve as a member of the Board of Directors
- ☐ Volunteer on the annual wine tasting and art auction benefit
- ☐ Work on special projects for the Board or library
- ☐ Other (please specify)

Please include a phone number or email address so that we can contact you.

Many thanks for your contribution!



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Editor's Note:

You received a copy of this newsletter because the by-laws of the FOCL specify that "all individuals living in the Clarksburg area" are members of the organization and are "entitled to one vote at general meetings."

Please come! FOCL Annual Meeting

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In the Activity Room



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