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Yolo County Library
52915 Netherlands Road
Clarksburg, CA 95612

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Tuesday and Thursday

9:30am – noon

1:00pm – 7:30pm

Wednesday

5:30pm – 7:30pm

Saturday

9:30am – 1:00pm

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Join us for the FOCL Annual Meeting!

Saturday January 25, 2-4pm, 2020

We look forward to having you join us for our annual community meeting! For this year's meeting we will be welcoming guest speaker Rebecca Wendt, Deputy State Librarian. We look forward to hearing about her work for the State Libraries, as well as how our amazing little library in Clarksburg fits into the much bigger picture of libraries state wide. Rumor has it that Rebecca may or may not have made an appearance at a Clarksburg library event some years ago as Clifford the Big Red Dog... with any luck she'll dispel the rumors and give us the real story herself.

As always, refreshments and appetizers will be provided, and all residents and those served by the library are invited to attend. We hope to see you there!



Our Full Library Remodel is Done!

The Clarksburg Library was thrilled to undergo some major changes over the summer, thanks in part to the MacGyver grant received on behalf of the work of our librarian Cristina Ruiz. Thanks to funds raised at their annual Wines of Clarksburg

event, the Friends of the Clarksburg Library funded an extensive remodel of the library beyond the amazing addition of our new children's room that was covered by the MacGyver grant.

The full library remodel included swapping the former adult and children's sections, so that our younger patrons now



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By The Numbers

We had **214** In & Out Burger Program participants this year.

We gave out **276** meals with our Lunch at the Library Program during the summertime.

Library program attendance: **7,873** participants

Library program numbers: **328** programs (average of **24** people per program)

Volunteer Hours: **208** hours

Visits to the library: **16,156**

Items checked out: **14,297**



**Big
Day of
Giving**
MAY 7

Save the Date for "Big DOG"

On May 7, 2020, FOCL will take part in the Big Day of Giving. Big DOG is a 24-hour online giving challenge in the Sacramento region, designed to raise funds for local 501(c)(3) nonprofits.

www.bigdayofgiving.org

Clarksburg Library

by Librarian Cristina Ruiz



Thank you for a great year at the Clarksburg Library!

Most popular programs in 2019

For Children

Green Energy Powerhouse Science Center (64)

Earth's Features Explorit (64)

Amazing Animals Explorit (56)

Slime! Slime! Slime! (46)

Video Game Day (37)

Dia de los Niño's (28)

Lunar New Year Crafts (27)

For Teens

DIY Flower Corsage & Boutonniere Program (40)

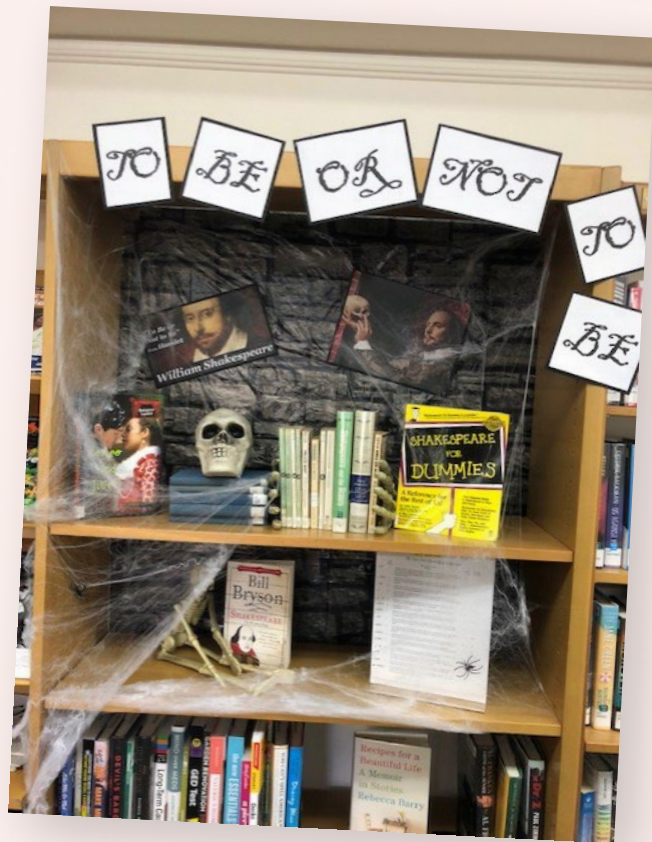
Adulting 101- Taxes (24)

For Adults

Wreath Making with 'What The Flowers' (19)



2019



Look at all these great services!

3-D Printing – Have an idea on what to make on a 3-D printer? Make it! All materials provided.

Bilingual Storytime – Reading and singing with a craft included!

Books by Mail – Order and return books without ever leaving your home!

Career Online High School – Acquire your high school diploma if you are over 18!

Discovery Kits – Reusable kits designed around adults' interests. Each kit comes with introductory books and basic tools to get started on a new discovery.

Free Printing for Homework/Resumes – free, free, free!

Hotspots/Chromebooks – Available for check out and no charge!

LINK + Services – If you are not finding a book you want in our collection, we can search other libraries out of our county!

Programs – everything from crafting, entertainment, speakers, educational programs, and so much more!

Volunteer Opportunities – Need service hours to complete, or just want to help the community? Volunteers are always needed!

Yolo Reads - Provides one-on-one free literacy support to English-speaking adults in Yolo County to improve their reading and writing skills.

You can find more information about our library events on our website (<https://yolocountylibrary.org/>), Nextdoor Clarksburg, FOCL Facebook, FOCL website, or flyers located around town (library, post office, market). You can contact the library at 916-744-1755 or Cristina.Ruiz@yolocounty.org.

The “Maximizing Learning Spaces Grant Project”

by Librarian Cristina Ruiz

The “Maximizing Learning Spaces Grant Project” is a collaboration between the California State Library and the Southern California Library Cooperative to help public libraries evaluate, reimagine, and furnish underutilized library spaces to maximize their potential for reading, literacy, and learning. The project was inspired by the 2016 Public Library Director Forum. Selected libraries work with a project manager and interior designers to assess and improve their spaces using new mobile furniture funded by the State Library. We were ecstatic we received the grant! We worked with Christian Theyer (Project Manager) on our timeline and Amy Crawford (Designer) from **Anderson Brulé Architects**. Amy sat down with FOCL board members, community members, Yolo County Library employees, and myself, to create a dream children’s space for the library.

The “Maximizing Learning Spaces Grant” allowed us to:



1. Create designated open spaces for adults, teens, and children.

2. Provide new/more furniture/seating such as tables, chairs, and benches for studying, playing, and using computers, including different styles of seating for children with special sensory needs.

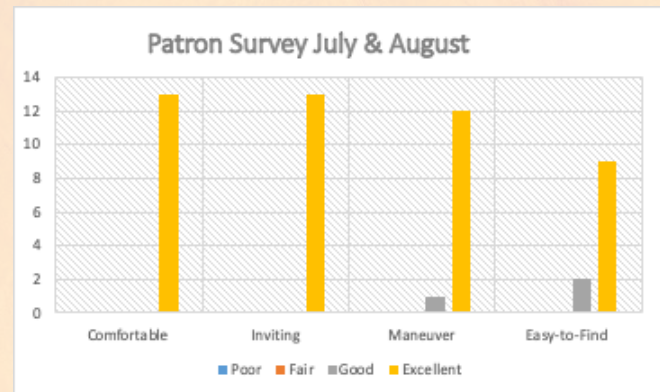
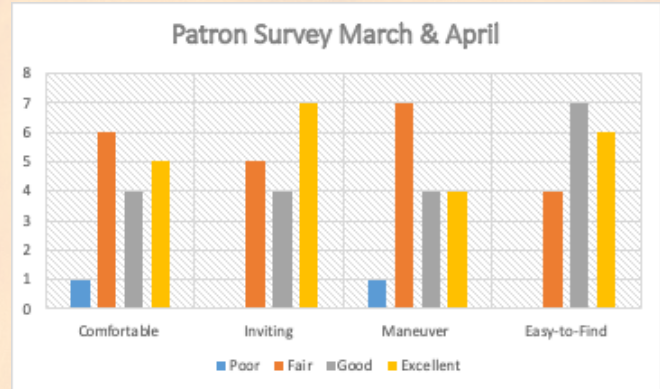
3. Produce more shelving space with the mobile shelving unit, making it possible to add more

books to our collection. It also allows us to easily relocate the mobile shelving unit for more space during programming.

4. Organize our children crafting supplies and toys with the mobile storage cabinet.

5. Become ADA-compliant to offer easy accessibility to not only our older patrons but to anyone differently abled who wants/needs to access our library and its collections.

6. Easily maneuver and locate materials throughout the library with the new layout.



As you can see in patron response there has been over a 50% positive increase for each category. The expected increase was 20%. Both surveys were done in 2019.

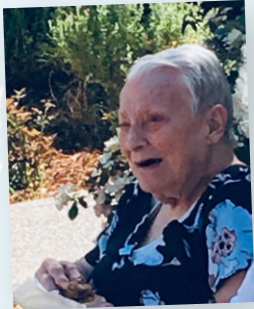
As part of the grant, we were invited to present our renovation changes to the California State Library and other grant recipients at the Thousand Oaks Library in Southern California. There were many great renovation projects from all the libraries that presented, which included 10 libraries from all over California. From teen spaces, to computer labs, to programming spaces, it was inspiring to see libraries small and large making improvements. All of these areas are important to libraries to be able to meet their communities’ needs. Learning how other libraries transformed their spaces also brought to light ideas on how to use them. I am very grateful to the Clarksburg Community, Friends of the Clarksburg Library, Yolo County Library, and the Maximizing Learning Spaces Grant Project, for the invaluable experience and helping this vision come to life!

In the future, some projects will include having the teens decorate the teen space, putting up a Lego wall in the children’s room, replacing the old shelving in the A/V room, and new computer tables and chairs.

Grand Re-Opening Event



event in August 2019. We were grateful to be able to take the opportunity to honor our beloved former librarian Josephine Rose with a dedication bench in the main room of the library, and to welcome so many members of her family to the event. We are thankful for



her many years of service, and for the love of reading and inspiration that she fostered for generations of kids and adults alike within our community.

We are ever thankful for the support of Greg and Moni Kondos for all that they have done over the years to support the library and Wines of

Clarksburg, as well as our greater community, but we

The Friends of the Clarksburg Library were excited to unveil our new library to the community at our Re-Opening

were especially honored with the gift of a beautiful new painting that now hangs above our fireplace for all to enjoy as they enter the library. It is the perfect piece to bring the delta into our space, and it was truly the icing on the cake of our new remodel.



It was also wonderful to hear from Librarian Cristina Ruiz about how word of our grant award and remodel was spread to folks across the state thanks to her presentation of our grant implementation, and to hear about the state-wide praise and appreciation in addition to the excitement here in town.

Special thanks to Mike Campbell, Jennifer Kirtlan, Anja Longnecker, Janette Allen, and Gloria White for their work behind the scenes to make the remodel and the event a huge success!

Remodel

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have the lower room to themselves, and our teens and adults have the upper rooms in the main library space. The main sections now have new oak bookcases in a new and different layout, as well as nooks with benches and chairs where patrons can curl up with their favorite books. A few new desks were added in the front windows to provide additional work spaces,

and a beautiful new painting donated by Gregory and Moni Kondos hangs above the fireplace for all to enjoy as they enter!

The library remodel also included some important structural updates and restorations. Surge Electric installed all new LED can lighting in the main rooms as well as in the children's area, Capital Flooring contributed new carpets and installation with a non-profit discount, and Hardwood Floors and more worked diligently to

repair and restore the original hardwood that had been hidden under the carpeting in the main room. Valdez Painting also donated all of the paint and provided the labor needed to freshen all of the walls to help the place feel bright and new again.

FOCL hopes that the community loves the remodel as much as we do, and we look forward to enjoying our "new" library for years to come!



2019 Wine Tasting and Art Auction

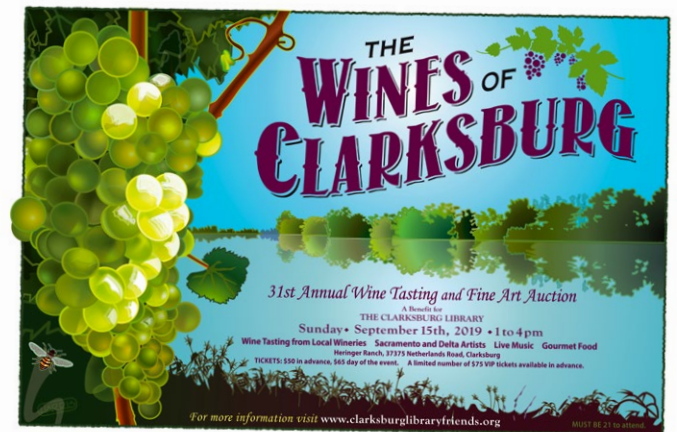


The library's 31st annual *Wines of Clarksburg*, was held on September 15th and was a great success! \$15,000 was raised by the event to support the library, as we welcomed over 300 guests at the beautiful Heringer Ranch. 20 wineries were present to pour their wines, as well as Jackrabbit Brewing Company and Hemly Cider. Over 20 artists contributed paintings, sculpture, jewelry and photography for both the fine art and gourmet gift auctions. To round out this special event, local Clarksburg sculptor Angelika Boessl created pottery on-site and a presentation was made by the Delta High School FFA. Mary Carli, the 2019 Courtland Pear Fair Queen, greeted guests at their arrival by handing out wine tasting glasses and event programs.

Delicious food was once again prepared and beautifully displayed by Acoustic Events and the gorgeous floral stylings were created by What the Flowers. Both of the vendors are proud DECS parents. We would also like to thank local Sacramento jazz guitarist Jon Merriman for the amazing music. Yummy desserts were provided by Delta high schooler Roman Musso and Vicki Pruner of Celebration Cakes of Clarksburg.

FOCL is especially grateful to Delta graphic designer Dan Harris for creating our poster and advertising materials this year. Mr. Harris was present at the event to greet patrons and sign posters.

A very big thank you goes to designers Wendy Heaton and



Dane Henas of Dane Henas Design for once again generously donating their time and amazing artistic talents to help us promote the wine tasting in such a polished manner.

Last but certainly not least, this event would not have been possible without the planning committee and their incredible efforts: Amanda Beck, Lacy Berry, Karen Coffee, Yvette Hastings, Jennifer Kirtlan, Noel Johas, Jennifer Roche-Krausse, Anja Longenecker, Gloria White, Amy Moser, Tracy Plant and Kathi Gomes. And a very special thanks to the Heringer family for sharing their beautiful grounds with us once again.

We hope to see you at the 32nd Annual Wines of Clarksburg on September 20, 2020!



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Special thanks to Heringer Estates Family Vineyards & Winery for donating 10% of the yearly proceeds from the sale of their Purple Thread wine!

The Friends want to thank a few folks in the community who went above and beyond in supporting the library this past year by donating their time, resources and expertise

Linda and Dennis Updegraff

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The Friends of the Clarksburg Library (FOCL) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization which helps make it possible for Yolo County to maintain a branch library in Clarksburg. We 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!

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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: ☐ \$25 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$100
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