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River Friends Newsletter

VIEW FROM THE STACKS

Terry Gwiazdowski, President

Hello River Friends!

It's been awhile since my last newsletter. Since last November we have held two book and bake sales – both fun and successful. One in December and one just last month. Our next one will not be until September so do continue to donate books and other materials over these next couple of months.



We are holding another Give Back Tuesday fundraiser at the Rainbow Cattle Company on May 6th. We need folks to bring desserts and if you have any items for our raffle or the live auction, please bring them into the Guerneville Library and we will be sure to take care of them. And please join us for the event – it will be fun!

Our annual meeting will be held on Saturday, May 17th at 1 p.m. at the Guerneville Senior Center, 15010 Armstrong Woods Road. Lunch will be served. At the meeting we will be saying goodbye to our Treasurer Anita Elam and our Secretary Elisa Baker. Thank you to both of you for your dedicated service to our group for these many years!

We will be holding elections this year for our Board officers so please consider serving as our secretary. I will have a candidate for Treasurer, so hopefully we will have a full board after the elections!

We also have a few vacancies with our committees. We are still looking for a Publicity Chair, a Young Writer's Contest Chair, an Art Chair and an Events Chair. If you are interested or know someone who is interested, please have them contact me at terry.gwiazdowskio80@gmail.com.

Than you for all you do to make the River Friends of the Library a huge success for our community!



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BY THE NUMBERS

- Current bank balance: \$58,901.19
- Total membership: 126
- Volunteer Hours: About 900
- Number of Volunteers: About 240

WINTER WREATH BOOK & BAKE SALE REPORT



WINTER SALE

The sale was very successful. We brought in about \$1,800.00. All our volunteers were astounding! From setting up on Friday to breakdown on Monday, we had plenty of people to help.

Thank you to all the guys and gal with trucks who brought in and took away the furniture and books for the sale: Dale, Damien, Lonnie, Michael, Peter and Terry.

A big shout out to Gina, Sandy, Dave and Mary for being our point people. Thank you to Elizabeth, Ginger, Sandy, Gina, Damien, Christmas, Norma, Marilyn, Dale, Elisa, Ursula, Chris and Terry who worked multiple shifts. You truly are a wonder, and we couldn't have pulled this off without you. Also, a shout out to Clara, Ella and Susan who just dropped in on Friday and helped us set up. Wow!

Thank you to all our volunteers—YOU ROCK!

WINTER SALE REPORT—CON'T.

Of course, the sale would not be complete without the work of those who created the beautiful wreaths. My heartfelt thanks to Ursula who organized the artists. And a big thank you to the bakers! Ginger's cake was amazing, and I know she spent hours making that and her fancy cookies as well as Christmas's spicy brownies that are always a hit. All were beautiful.

Your faithful Book and Bake Sale Chair, Linda.



WINTER SALE



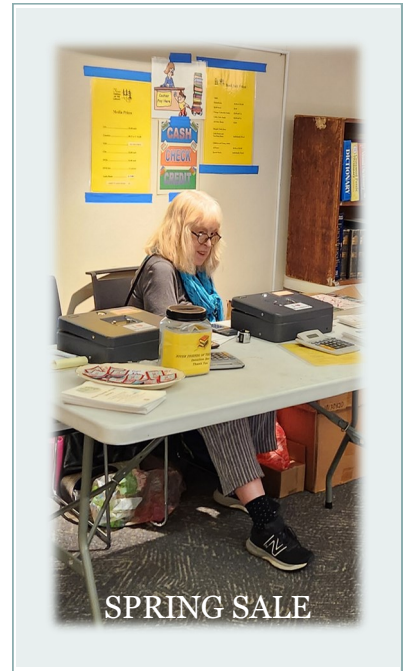
SPRING BOOK & BAKE SALE REPORT

Our Spring Book and Bake Sale just wrapped up. We made about \$1,700.00 for the one and a half days we were open. Not bad, huh?

We had 33 volunteers helping out throughout the sale and we logged 167.5 hours. Now that is just incredible! Our bakers provided about 40 hours of pure delight.

Big shout outs to:

- Damien, who worked everyday helping to set up and break down. You are a champ!
- Christmas, who appeared out of nowhere everyday with baked goods, empty boxes and a cheerful spirit. What a gal!
- Gina, who took on the role of director at the Sorting Shed on set up day, as well as being the point person on Saturday. A lot of energy in such a small body! Thank you so much!



The Spring Book and Bake Sale was great fun!

SPRING SALE REPORT – CON'T.

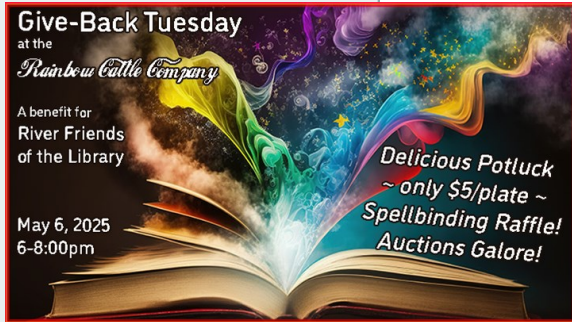
- Terry, who was available whenever I needed assistance, kept track of the money and reminded me of things needing to be done. Grateful for your assistance.
- Norma, who hates adoration, but put in many hours on set up and break down. And the master of putting boxes together. We love you, Norma!
- All the old guys who trucked over the shelving, boxes of books and everything we need for the sale. You are amazing and are probably taking naps to regain your strength.

And finally, Thank you to everyone who participated during the weekend. Without all of you, we would not have such a positive name in our community. So, pat yourselves on the back for doing a great job.

Your very happy Book and Bake Sale Chair, Linda.



GIVE BACK TUESDAY — HELP NEEDED!



The Rainbow Cattle Company in Guerneville will be hosting it's Give Back Tuesday to benefit the River Friends of the Library on May 6th from 6-8 p.m. 16220 Main Street. There will be a fabulous dinner for \$5.00 a plate. We will have great raffle items and a live auction. Raffle tickets are \$1.00 each, \$20.00 for a wingspan.

The food is being donated so we just need folks to help with making and bringing desserts. Please bring your goodies by 5:30 pm on the day of the event. If you use a plate you want returned, put your name on the bottom and I will take care of it.

For more information or to let me know what you plan to bring, please contact Terry at terry.gwiazdowski080@gmail.com

Help support your local libraries and in so doing support your community. Join us for a fun time and do some good!

GIVE BACK TUESDAY

Give Back Tuesday and Annual Meeting in May

ANNUAL MEETING—MAY 17—COME ON OUT!

Our annual meeting will be held on Saturday, May 17th from 1—3 p.m. at the Guerneville Senior Center. 15010 Armstrong Woods Road.

We will have a boxed lunch from A La Heart in Sebastopol.

Library administration will be there to give us an update on what is happening throughout the library system and your local staff will describe the many programs offered in Guerneville.

We will also be holding elections for our board President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary so it is important for your voice to be heard!

For more information or to attend, please contact Terry at terry.gwiazdowski080@gmail.com



ANNUAL MEETING



MAY PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



Mad Hatter Tea Party
May 10 @ 11 am

COMING TO GUERNEVILLE LIBRARY IN MAY

Children's Programs

- Wednesdays, May 7, 14, 21 @ 11 am — Family Storytime with Allison
- Friday, May 9 @ 4 pm — Seeds and Reads: Animal Scat
- Saturday, May 10 @ 11 am — Mad Hatter Tea Party
- Thursday, May 15 @ 4 pm — First Chapter Book Club
- Saturday, May 17 @ Noon — Cunamacue Family Dance Class

Teen Programs

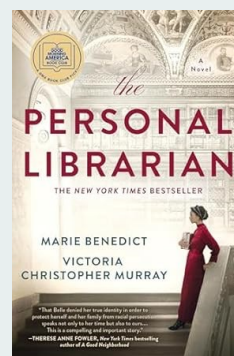
- Saturday, May 3 @ 2 pm — A Grand Love author talk by Janna Barkin
- Tuesdays, May 6, 13, 20, 27 @ 3:30 pm — D&D Adventurers League for Teens
- Fridays, May 9, 15, 22, 29 — Game On! At the Library

Adult Programs

- Wednesday, May 14 @ 6 pm — Library Advisory Board Meeting — public welcome
- Saturday, May 24 @ 10:30 am — Chair Yoga with Lavender Lotus
- Tuesday, May 27 @ 1:30 pm — Guerneville Book Club — The Personal Librarian by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray



Game On! At the Library
May 9, 15, 22, 29 @ 3:30 pm



Book Club Discussion:
The Personal Librarian
by Marie Benedict
Victoria Christopher Murray
May 27 @ 1:30 pm

OFFICERS AND CHAIRPERSONS

Terry Gwiazdowski,
President
Chair, Newsletter

Damien Olsen, Vice President
Chair, Readers Theater

Anita Elam, Treasurer

Elisa Baker, Secretary

Book and Bake Sale
Chair, Linda Swan

Gina Dallara
Chair, Membership

Publicity Chair
VACANT

Young Writers Contest
VACANT

Art Committee Chair
VACANT

Angie Orr, President Emeritus

RIVER FRIENDS BOARD REPORTS

Treasurer's Report

Report for FY from May 1, 2024 – April 23, 2025. Our current balance is \$58,901.19. Total revenue is \$10,865.14. Total expenditures are \$8516.54. Net revenue is \$2,348.60.

These are the major revenue sources: Book sales plus book cart sales of \$8,282.28; New member and renewal dues of \$1,275.00; Cash donations of \$730.00; Online Book Sales through Book Forest of \$577.86.

These are the major expenses: Librarian requests of \$2,324.63; Meeting expenses (including last May's annual luncheon) of \$1,387.90; Office supplies and equipment of \$1,510.52; Insurance costs of \$1,063.00; Publicity costs of \$906.66; Young Writer's Contest costs of \$425.00; Forestville storage unit rental of \$315.00.

Membership Report

There are a total of 126 active, renewed members of which 55 are life members.

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