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Guerneville
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River Friends Newsletter

VIEW FROM THE STACKS

Interim Branch Manager Phil Hoeft

Summer Reading 2019 is winding down! It was successful, as the Library was busy with a full calendar of programs for children, tweens, teens and adults. A wide variety was offered: music and magic shows, yoga, tech programs like Coder Dojo and the Stem Café with the newly-named Robot.



We saw many tourists who come to the Russian River area every year to enjoy their summer cabins, Bohemians from the annual camp, and our regular patrons. The Library offers something good, positive and unique to everyone.

Many patrons took advantage of our garden area to read, do computer work, or just bask in the pleasantness of the site. Many thanks to the Friends, who purchased the furniture and maintain the garden flowers and plants.

There are several new happenings at our Branch; the programming Robot has a name! It is "Rio". The name was picked based on public voting. One of the things patrons can do with Rio is to learn how to code and program the robot to move.

Guerneville has a new Young Adult Librarian! It is Stuart Wilkinson, who originally started here in Guerneville shelving books. All of us are very happy to have him back! He will do an awesome job here.

Fall programs are scheduled, and will be appearing on our calendar soon!

The new Teen area is in the planning stages, the details are getting sketched out and will soon be decided upon. So stay tuned!

Looking forward to seeing you all in the library!



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FOR THE RECORD

The name of the author of the book, "McTeague" is Frank Norris. The June issue contained the incorrect name.



DUANE AND URSULA
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SPOTLIGHT ON: DUANE AND URSULA

We joined the Guerneville community 20 years ago. Wanted to retire here. We love the Redwoods, the quiet, the close proximity to the ocean. Duane is a native Californian, born in Oakland. Ursula came to the United States from Rumania (Transylvania) and is a proud US citizen.

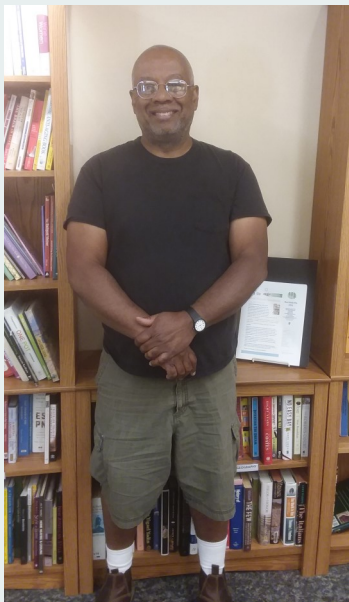
We lived in the Bay area and raised our 2 girls there. Ursula is a retired RN and Duane is retired from the Post Office.

We joined the River Friends of the Library about 10 years ago and got involved with the Book and Bake Sale Committee. Duane is the Chair of the Committee and Ursula is his partner in crime.

We also are members of the Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods and you can find us at the Jenner Center on two Tuesdays of the month.

We want to thank all the volunteers for helping us make the Book and Bake sales a successful money raiser to help support our Guerneville Regional Library. Come join us!

All Sonoma County Libraries will be closed on Monday, September 2nd for Labor Day and Friday September 27th for all-day staff training.



BRUCE ROBINSON

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

I want to thank all those volunteers who repeatedly come out to our many events and give so much to our organization so we can, in turn, help the Guerneville Regional Library. But we really need a lot more volunteers to help us sustain our efforts.

In recent days and weeks, many of you have seen my appeals via the Weekly Bulletin and other Special Announcements that start out with "Calling all Volunteers" and finish with "If you can spare an hour or two, that would be great!" I am sending out these pleas because I can see that many of our very dedicated volunteers are growing tired and weary and burned out, while others are moving away or having to deal with personal and health issues, including myself. I am truly worried that if we do not do something soon, the many activities and events that we sponsor and maintain throughout the year, will have to be abandoned. And, if we have no one to organize and run and volunteer for the Book and Bake Sales, we will not be able to continue to fulfill the core purpose of the River Friends of the Library to raise funds to support the Guerneville Regional Library.

I realize that many members of the Friends work and have families and are caregivers for others. I truly support you in that and I firmly believe that you must always put yourself and your families first and you must have a life for yourself. I am also not asking that you dedicate as many hours as some of our extremely dedicated volunteers. But we really need more of our membership to step up and give of their time. Any time you can spare to help out will always be greatly appreciated! Please contact me, Bruce Horace Robinson, River Friends President, at 707-869-5851 or via e-mail at 707bhrobinson@gmail.com so we can chat about how you can help in your spare time. Thanks so much!

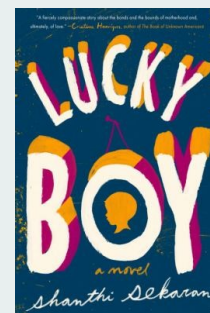
SEPTEMBER PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



Read to a Dog, Sep 9 @ 6 pm



Harp and Flute Concert,
Sep 7 @ 2 pm



Book Discussion: "Lucky Boy" by
Shanthi Sekaran Sep 12 @ 12:30 pm

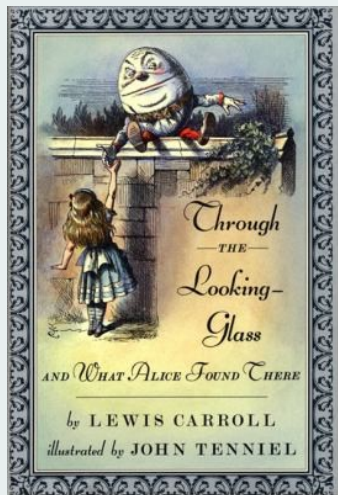
COMING TO GUERNEVILLE LIBRARY IN SEPTEMBER

Children's Programs

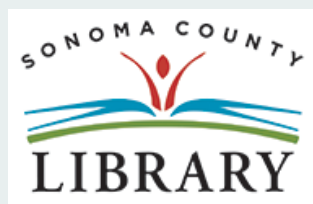
- Saturday Sep 7 & 21 @ 1 pm — Read-to-a-Dog. Practice reading aloud skills.
- Mondays Sep 9, 16 & 23 @ 3:30 pm — Family Yoga with Ozlem
- Tuesday Sep 10, 17 & 24 @ 11 am — Preschool Storytime. Stories, flannel board, finger rhymes. Ages 3-5 years.

Adult Programs

- Tuesday, Sep 3, 10, 17 & 24 @ 1 pm — Basket Weaving with Annie Roberts. For beginners. Space is limited. Register in person or by phone @ 707-869-9004.
- Saturday Sep 7 @ 2 pm — Santa Rosa Symphony Harp and Flute Concert for all ages.
- Monday Sep 9, 16 & 23 @ 2 pm — Yoga with Ozlem
- Wednesday Sep 11 @ 4:30 pm — River Friends Library Board Meeting.
- Wednesday Sep 11 @ 7 pm — Library Advisory Board Meeting.
- Thursday Sep 12 @ 12:30 pm — Book Discussion: "Lucky Boy" by Shanthi Sekaran
- Saturday Sep 14 @ 10:30 am — Master Gardener Fall Series. "Healthy Garden Approach to Managing Weeds" by DJ Deprospero
- Wednesday Sep 18 @ 7 pm — Music Program: Benji and Rita. NY based Brazilian music composer Benji Kaplan and Singer/Songwriter Rita Figueredo will perform many of the popular music styles of their homeland.
- Saturday Sep 21 @ 11 am — Chair Yoga with Tiffany Cardenas
- Saturday Sep 28 @ 10:30 am — Master Gardeners "Introduction to Native Bees" by Janet Calhoon



“THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS” BY LEWIS CARROLL



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REVIEWS BY STEPHEN GROSS

“Through the Looking Glass” by Lewis Carroll

You’ve likely enjoyed “Alice in Wonderland” in book or movie form but **Through the Looking-Glass** is, to me, infinitely more entertaining and weirder. As Lewis Carroll points out: “It was the black kitten’s fault entirely.”

The characters, what they say, how they look are to me, proof that Lewis Carroll experimented with drugs, spent most of his lengthy waking hours with pen in hand, stoned and giggling away the afternoon.

Carroll’s creations were obese, perverse and quarrelsome. Alice didn’t even want to shake their hands. Didn’t know they were alive when she first encountered them!

“Let’s fight till six and then have dinner!” says Tweedle Dum to Tweedle Dee. “I generally hit everything I see when I get excited” says Dee.

Then there’s the Walrus and the Carpenter: “But four young oysters hurried up eager for the treat” “Their coats were brushed their faces washed their shoes were clean and neat. And this was odd because you know they hadn’t any feet.”

They are SOOOO cute! How can anyone (or thing) eat them!? Queens, kings, crows, a unicorn, a lion, talking insects....

Carroll ends his creation with a 21-line poem the initial letters of which, when read downwards, spell the full name of the original Alice - Alice Pleasance Liddell.

I heartily suggest you get yourself a hunk of plum cake and read Through the Looking Glass from “Child” to “Dream”.

LIBRARY BORROWER REPORT

Guerneville Regional Library includes the smaller libraries in the communities of Forestville and Occidental. Together they make up the area served by Guerneville.

Since the beginning of 2019, the Library has seen a total of 39,355 checkouts of new materials. Renewals constitute 9,784 for a total number of checkouts of materials to be 49,131!

Out of the number of hold requests placed on materials, which is 11,217, the number of holds received, which is the number of items patrons picked up for borrowing is 9,339. That is over 80% of items requested being picked up! A great percentage which shows that our patrons really do appreciate getting items from other branches in the Sonoma County System as well as our sister system in Mendocino County!

For new borrowers during this same period, we had 28 new borrowers from Forestville, 27 from Occidental and 209 from Guerneville for a total of 264 new patrons who check out materials at our Library. Great numbers everyone and job well done!

ONE DAY BOOK AND BAKE SALE REPORT

Our one-day book and bake sale on June 29th was a big hit with attendees. It was run as a \$5.00 bag sale day and many happy folks went away with multiple bags!

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped out!
And to everyone who brought sweet treats.

We made a total of \$474.88.



BOOK & BAKE SALE

*The Summer Book and Bake Sale will be held from August 21 to 24.
Save the dates!*

ANNUAL RIVER FRIENDS SUMMER PICNIC

The River Friends of the Library cordially invite all the membership (as well as potential members!) to our annual summer picnic.

Come join the fun! Bring a friend, meet a friend. We're hoping that the new Director of the Sonoma County Library system, Ann Hammond will be on hand to chat with us.

The menu will be meat lasagna as well as vegetarian lasagna, garlic bread, Caesar salad, fruit salad and refreshments.

Please bring a desert or an appetizer to share.

Saturday, August 31, 2019 from 6—8 p.m.

Russian River Senior Center

15010 Armstrong Woods Road, Guerneville

Meet us outside by the Marshall House in the picnic area. Bring your ideas and suggestions for the River Friends or the Guerneville Library and hear what we have accomplished so far!

Please RSVP by Saturday, August 17, 2019 to Bruce Horace Robinson @ 707-869-5851 or 707brobinson@gmail.com.



SUMMER PICNIC



OFFICERS AND CHAIRPERSONS

Bruce Horace Robinson,
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RIVER FRIENDS BOARD REPORTS

Treasurer's Report

Report for the period June 15 through August 10, 2019

Since June 15, The One-Day Book and Bake Sale made \$474.88. Our online vendor yielded \$542.40.

The Book Shelves in the Guerneville Regional Library Forum Room netted \$271.54.

Publicity expenses added up to \$265.45, and postage and printing costs were \$110. Our balance as of August 10 is \$45,136.29.

Membership Report

Membership renewals continue to trickle in from our Spring Membership Drive. We now have a total of 114 life and renewal members!

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