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River Friends Newsletter

VIEW FROM THE STACKS

Interim Branch Manager Ana Dawe

I want to thank everyone for making me feel welcome and being patient as I learn the ins and outs of the Guerneville Library. So far, I have learned that this is a tight-knit community of library lovers!



It is really great to see members of the River Friends at our library events, just stopping by to say hi, and even keeping our garden and grounds in tip top shape. I am looking forward to the annual Halloween Party, as I hear it is a popular and fun event. I have also been informed that I will have to get to the upcoming Book and Bake Sale early to have the best selection of treats because they go fast!

The library continues to add new and helpful services, and I wanted to highlight one here for you. This past summer, the Sonoma County Library launched a new resource-sharing service called LINK+ (LINK Plus). This service allows patrons to borrow books and media not available at Sonoma County Library. LINK+ combines the library holdings of 70 California and Nevada public and academic libraries. Patrons can request materials from any of the LINK+ libraries and they will be delivered to our Sonoma County Library branches. LINK+ offers our patrons access to over 9 million items, including new books and media (DVDs, Books on CD, music CDs, Playaways and video games) and many other unique items. This has been a very popular service and worth trying out for yourself!

Lana, our Division Manager, has also been working with us to help plan and prepare for the mini-refresh that is coming soon. The new teen area now in the planning stages will also be a welcome upgrade!

Thank you for all your support!



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BY THE NUMBERS

- From January through October, the Library has held/ will hold 250 programs!
- River Friends totaled \$4,990.16 from various sales since August 11th.

SPOTLIGHT ON: STUART WILKINSON



STUART WILKINSON

Stuart is a Canadian-American Teen Services Librarian who began working at the Guerneville Regional Library as a Page. While attending San Jose State University for his Masters of Library and Information Science degree, he undertook various positions in the Sonoma County Library system, including work as a Library Specialist in both the Cataloging and Circulation Departments. Stuart also spent time as a Library Associate at the Central Santa Rosa Library before assuming his current position.

Stuart is proud to come from a family of librarians. His mother, as well as several cousins, are also librarians. Some of Stuart's fondest memories as a teenager were of hanging out in the public library reading.

As an adult, Stuart hopes to share his love of reading, as well as his passion for lifelong education, intellectual freedom, and information literacy with the greater Russian River community. In his spare time, Stuart enjoys listening to young adult audio-books at x2 speed, hiking and drinking too much tea.

All Sonoma County Libraries will be closed on Mon, Nov. 11 for Veterans Day; at 6 p.m. on Wed, Nov. 27 and all day Thu and Fri, Nov. 28, 29 for Thanksgiving.

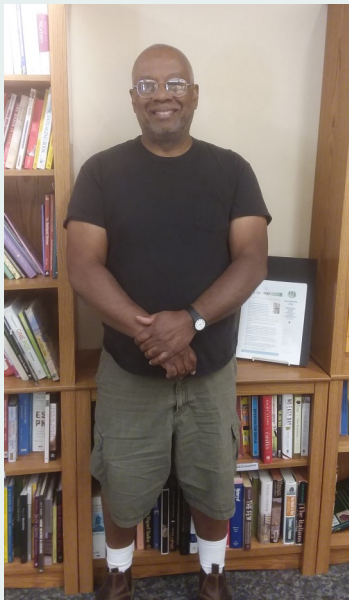
PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Hello to all!

I want to encourage all of you to attend the spectacular Library events and workshops at the Guerneville Regional Library. In recent weeks and months we have had family Yoga classes, a Harp and Flute concert from Santa Rosa Symphony, a Brazilian music program, basket weaving classes, Flamenco music and dance, a paint party where everyone created their own painting, gardening workshops from Sonoma County Master Gardeners, tamale making and lots more. All of these events are free and open to the public.

At some programs, attendance has been great, but others have had only a few attendees. The River Friends and the Sonoma County Library are increasing publicity efforts to inform everyone in the community about these wonderful programs.

When you hear about a program, please pass the word on to others you know. And please consider attending and bring along a family member or friend with you. Come out and join the fun!



BRUCE ROBINSON



COMING TO GUERNEVILLE LIBRARY IN NOVEMBER

Children's Programs

- Saturday Nov 2 & 16 @ 1 pm — Read-to-a-Dog. Practice reading aloud skills.
- Monday Nov 4, 18 & 25 @ 3:30 pm — Family Yoga with Ozlem.
- Saturday Nov 9 @ 2 pm — International Games Day. All kinds of board games.
- Saturday Nov 23 @ 1 pm — Young Writers Essay Contest Awards Ceremony.

Teen Programs

- Tuesday Nov 12, 19, & 26 @ 3:30-5 pm — Coder Dojo. Volunteers lead this international, community-based programming club.
- Saturday Nov 23 @ 1 pm — Young Writers Essay Contest Awards Ceremony.

Adult Programs

- Tuesday, Nov 2 @ 10:30 am-12:30 pm — Master Gardener's "Pruning and Care of Fruit Trees".
- Monday Nov 4, 8, & 25 @ 2 pm — Yoga with Ozlem. For adults and teens.
- Wednesday Nov 6 @ 7 pm — Jubilee Klezmer. Music program.
- Saturday Nov 9 @ 11 am-1 pm — Beyond Origami. Handmade Iris cards for adults.
- Wednesday Nov 13 @ 4:30 pm — River Friends of the Library Board Meeting. Public welcome.
- Wednesday Nov 13 @ 7 pm — Library Advisory Board Meeting. Public welcome.
- Thursday Nov 14 @ 12:30 pm — Book Discussion: "Antelope Woman" by Louise Erdrich.
- Saturday Nov 16 @ 11 am — Native American Heritage: Traditional basket weaving presentation by Clint McKay.

NOVEMBER PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



International Games Day,
Nov 9 @ 2 pm



Young Writers Awards Ceremony,
Nov 23 @ 1 pm



Native American Heritage Program
Nov 16 @ 11 am



GUERNEVILLE FARMER'S MARKET



ROCKIN' THE RIVER

GUERNEVILLE FARMER'S MARKET

This past summer, the River Friends of the Library had our best year ever for public outreach with our popular Info Table at the annual Guerneville Farmer's Market on the grounds of St. Hubert's Hall. The market ran every Thursday afternoon from 3—7 p.m. And was held from June 6th through August 29th.

We had lots of cook books, books on gardening and other related subjects and activities for children and adults.



We had a button making machine that visitors to the booth could either design themselves or choose from a variety of cool stickers to make into wonderful buttons.

We demonstrated the new Sonoma Fi WiFi hotspot devices that folks could borrow from the library. And we handed out and talked about upcoming library events.

Thanks so much to the enthusiastic River Friends of the Library volunteers who helped set up and worked the Info Table each week. Thank you also to the Guerneville Regional Library staff who also helped out. We will see you there next year!

ROCKIN' THE RIVER

The River Friends of the Library and the Guerneville Regional Library's new Teen Librarian Stuart Wilkinson shared a Library Resources table on August 15th at the Rockin' the River Concert at the Guerneville Plaza. Rockin' the River is a series of free community concerts held on select Thursday evenings from June through September.

The El Molino Dance Group table was right next to ours selling cookies to raise funds for their group. It was fun interacting with them. We were there to advertise all the wonderful programs the Library holds and to inform folks about River Friends of the Library. Our button maker drew many people to our table. This is the third time we have been invited to participate. Thanks to Kathy Ocean for organizing these events and for inviting us to come!

LORNA DRAKE CELEBRATION

Come celebrate Lorna Drake and her many years of service to the Sonoma County Library and Guerneville Regional Library Advisory Board.

A special afternoon with Lorna Drake will be held at the Guerneville Regional Library in the Forum Room on

Saturday, November 2nd from 2:00—4:00 p.m.

Sponsored by the Guerneville Regional Library Advisory Board.



CELEBRATE LORNA!

Save the dates! The Winter Book and Bake Sale will be held from December 4th to 7th.

BOOK AND BAKE SALE REPORT

The Book and Bake Sale Committee managed and operated two sales since the last newsletter. Thanks to all the volunteers who generously gave of their time and energies! The August sale was a grand success, with net proceeds well over \$3,000.00.

We also had a comic book sale on Friday and Saturday, October 4th and 5th, which notwithstanding the relatively low price of three for a dollar, netted us over \$600.00.

Looking forward to everyone's continued support for the next book and bake sale. The December sale is being held the first week that month and is rampant with volunteer opportunities to offer your time and energies in our ongoing effort to maintain a steady flow of funding for the Guerneville Regional Library.

Do not forget to attend the **Pre-Book and Bake Sale meeting on Friday, November 15th @ 2 p.m. in the Forum Room** for more details.



BOOK & BAKE SALE

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CHAIRPERSONS**

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Chair, Young Writers Contest

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Chair, Readers Theater

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Chair, Book and Bake Sale

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Chair, Membership

Marcy Cooper
Chair, Publicity

Terry Gwiazdowski
Chair, Newsletter

Vacant
Art Committee Chair

Angie Orr, President Emeritus

RIVER FRIENDS BOARD REPORTS

Treasurer's Report

Report for the period August 11 through October 23, 2019

Since August 11, the August Book and Bake Sale made \$3,306.75, and the Comic Book Sale yielded \$644.66

Our online book vendor produced \$749.65. Forum Room bookshelves netted \$289.10.

Our biggest expense has been volunteer expenses, including refreshments and the Volunteer Appreciation Picnic, at \$1,230.55. Postage and Printing expenses came to \$1,158.25.

Our balance as of October 23 is \$47,443.28

Membership Report

Membership totals are the same since the last report. We have a total of 115 life and renewal members.

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