

February 2019



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River Friends Newsletter

VIEW FROM THE STACKS

Librarian Carol Singleton

We are really busy at the Library! January and February have seen some new programs at the Branch. There was fabulous music by the Django Shredders, computer “how to” classes in Excel, and Social Media, 3-D printing, our monthly book discussions, yoga classes with Ozlem, and Master Gardeners began their Spring Series. A class on Basket Weaving was completely full, and as was the program of Lawyers in the Library. You can see the beautiful baskets on display at the entrance to the branch.



Some new programs are Sewing Circle for teens and adults, Coder-Dojo for teens, Homework Help for grades K-12, and a Meditation class. Children’s ongoing programs include Family Yoga with Ozlem, Preschool Storytimes and Read To A Dog. Gingerbread House making was held in early January. A much appreciated Storytime hosted by the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence was well attended.

Reader’s Theatre will be presented on Wednesday, Feb. 27 @ 7 pm and Saturday, Mar. 2 @ 2 pm. This is a very anticipated event, presented by the River Friends of the Library.

The Library unfortunately had to be closed during the recent flooding of the Russian River, and the One-Day Book and Bake Sale had to be postponed until Saturday, March 16th. The raffle will take place on the afternoon of February 23rd.

Lots of events are in process now for the Spring and Summer so stay tuned for those.

Many thanks to the River Friends of the Library. We are so appreciative of all your support!



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BY THE NUMBERS

- 2018 Guerneville circulation—94,510 items
- 2018 total regional circulation—130,586 items
- 2018 Guerneville holds fulfilled—17,761
- 2018 total regional holds fulfilled—30,198
- New library borrowers—617
- Total active borrowers—2,656



OCCIDENTAL LIBRARY REFRESHER

The Occidental library storefront has had a small make-over and is now more inviting than ever! Branch Manager Nancy Fuller requested River Friends money to purchase new rugs and new lights for the branch.

You can see for yourself that the new additions make the room into a wonderful place to sit and read. Nancy has also said that the Friends Book Sale Cart, which you can see on the right has been a big hit with patrons!

As you may know, the Occidental Branch is overseen by the Guerneville Regional Library.

The Occidental library is open Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays from Noon to 5:00 p.m.

The February 16th One-Day Book and Bake Sale has been rescheduled to Saturday, March 16th.



**SONOMA COUNTY'S
NEW LIBRARY
DIRECTOR**

SPOTLIGHT ON: ANN HAMMOND

Introducing the new Sonoma County Library Director!

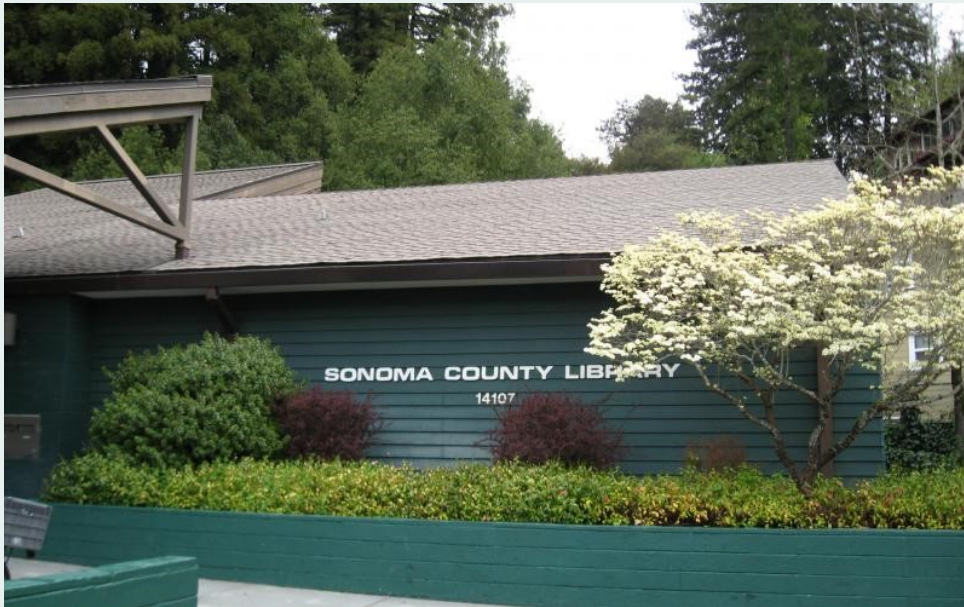
Ann Hammond will start her new job as Sonoma County Library Director on March 11th. She will be coming to us from Lexington, Kentucky where she was the Executive Director of the Lexington Public Library for the last 8 years.

Hammond, who is native to San Diego, is looking forward to coming back to California where she previously served in leadership roles in San Diego and Alameda counties. She has also worked in Florida and Maryland.

Hammond is a veteran of the U.S. Navy and once worked as a forensic scientist. She has been working continuously in libraries since 1995. She looks back fondly on her library mentor, Deanna Marcum who was then the Dean of the library school at Catholic University in Washington, DC, and convinced her that she should be a librarian. Hammond said, "She was right, there is no place in our society that is as positive and welcoming as a public library and I feel honored to be a librarian."

There are two things that Hammond says she wants our North Bay communities to know before she starts her new job: She has a lot of enthusiasm for implementing new technology in libraries and she intends to create new partnerships with our Cities and Sonoma County.

Welcome to Sonoma County Library Ann!



COMING TO GUERNEVILLE LIBRARY IN MARCH

Children's Programs

- Saturday March 2, 16 and 30 @ 1 pm - Read-to-a-Dog. Practice reading aloud skills.
- Tuesday March 5, 12, 19 and 26 @ 11 am - Preschool Storytime. Stories, flannel board, finger rhymes. Ages 3-5 years.
- Wednesday March 6, 13 and 27 @ 3:30–5:30 pm - Homework Help. Trained volunteers help with all subjects. Grades K-12.
- Monday March 11, 18 and 25 @ 3:30pm - Family Yoga with Ozlem.
- Saturday March 23 @ 11 am - Silly Suess Show. Bri Crabtree performs juggling, magic, illusion, Dr. Suess rhymes and lots of laughs. Ages 4 and up.

Young Adult Programs

- Monday March 4 @ 6–8 pm - Sewing Circle. For Teens and Adults.
- Tuesday March 5, 12, 19 and 26 @ 3:30–5:00 pm - Coderdojo. Volunteers lead this international, community-based programming club.
- Wednesday March 6, 13 and 27 @ 3:30-5:30 pm - Homework Help.

Adult Programs

- Saturday March 2 @ 2 pm - Readers Theatre Encore.
- Monday March 4 @ 6–8 pm - Sewing Circle. For Adults and Teens.
- Wednesday March 6 @ 6:30–8 pm - 3D Printing w/Lindsay Hunter.
- Friday March 8 and 22 @ 1 pm - YMCA Meditation and Stress Reduction.
- Saturday March 9 @ 3 pm - Music Program — "Ancient Future".
- Monday March 11, 18 and 25 @ 2 pm - Adult and Teen Yoga w/Ozlem.
- Wednesday March 13 @ 4:30 pm - River Friends Library Board Meeting
- Wednesday March 13 @ 7 pm - Library Advisory Board Meeting.
- Thursday March 14 @ 12:30 pm - Book Discussion: "A Visit From the Goon-Squad" by Jennifer Egan.

MARCH PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



Silly Sues Show, Mar 23 @ 11 am



CoderDojo

Coderdojo, Mar 5, 12, 19 @ 3:30 pm



Book Discussion Mar. 14 @ 12:30 pm

**OFFICERS AND
CHAIRPERSONS**

Bruce Horace Robinson,
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Ted Cutter
Chair, Art Committee

Angie Orr, President Emeritus

RIVER FRIENDS BOARD REPORTS

NEW ART CHAIRPERSON

Ted Cutter will be the River Friends new Art Committee Chairperson.

Ted is also a fairly new volunteer with the River Friends of the Guerneville Library. Ted has a background in alternative/integrative medicine and in medical management. He brings experience from a number of nonprofits throughout the Bay Area.

Ted is excited to be part of the River Friends group and looks forward to working with the other board members and the larger Guerneville community as he comes up with a plan to bring art and art appreciation back to the Guerneville Library.

Welcome Ted!

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