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River Friends Newsletter

VIEW FROM THE STACKS

Terry Gwiazdowski, President

So much has happened since our last newsletter. We voted in a new Treasurer – Anita Elam, who started her duties earlier this year. We held our first successful in-library book sale from November 3rd through the 6th. And we turned right around and held a fabulous one-day bake sale on December 18th where we sold not only cookies, brownies, and other treats but we also sold hand-made wreaths and some library discards. In January and February, we continued accepting donations and held our (mostly) weekly book cleaning events.



This month we held a one-day book sale on March 12th of the items on the Guerneville Library Forum Room shelves as well as some CDs and DVDs. We did this because the library will finally be getting its refresh – new carpeting/flooring, new furniture, new equipment – and will be closed for several weeks starting at the end of the month. Because of the closure—we will not be accepting donations again until May 31st.

We bid a fond farewell and au revoir to our beloved children’s librarian Carol Singleton who retired recently. I am sure you will all join me in wishing Carol all the best in this new and exciting chapter of her life. You are missed Carol!

We also welcome some new staff to the library. Library Shelver Austin, Library Specialist Rose and new Children’s Librarian Allison. These new staff will be highlighted in our “Spotlight On” column.

And stay tuned for our upcoming events later this Spring. We will be sending out membership renewal letters in April and included will be an invitation to our annual meeting on Saturday, May 14th with a catered lunch at the Guerneville Senior Center. Our Spring Book and Bake Sale is coming up from May 25th to 28th.

As always ---

THANK YOU for your support!



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BY THE NUMBERS

- Book Sales to date are \$6,901.14
- Major expenses to date are \$5,252.37
- Total amount in the bank is \$52,798.48

SPOTLIGHT ON: LIBRARY SPECIALIST—ROSE



ROSE @
GUERNEVILLE

Guerneville Library Specialist Rose has been on the job for about 6 months.

She is enrolled in Library School at San Jose State University. In fact, she got the job and was accepted into the Library and Information Science Masters program at the same time.

In asking Rose what she likes best about libraries, she said it is because they help anybody and you don't have to have money or be privileged to come in and use the library.

It was hard to decide on a favorite book, but Rose likes to read biographies. She also likes to listen to books and she is currently finishing up Michelle Obama's autobiography, "Becoming."

For hobbies, Rose likes to be creative and dabbles in many kinds of crafts. She likes to experiment and try new things. She is working on a wooden plaque with affirmations for her children.

Come join our annual meeting on Saturday, May 14 from 1–3 p.m.

SPOTLIGHT ON: SHELVER—AUSTIN



AUSTIN @
GUERNEVILLE

Guerneville Library Shelver Austin (They/Them) just started with the library on February 14th and is also new to Sonoma County.

In asking Austin what they like best about libraries, they said they love books, of course. Also they have worked at a bookstore and know people who also work in libraries. Austin loves to work for a place where people come to learn something.

They believe that libraries are the last free space. That you can come here to read anything such as banned books you can't read other places. "It is the last free pillar of the community," they said.

It was also hard for Austin to name a favorite book, but they said they will read anything LGBTQ+. They are currently reading "Upright women wanted" by Sarah Gayley.

As for hobbies, Austin has a dog—a mini Australian Shepherd—and they love to take the dog to new places, such as the beach.

SPOTLIGHT ON: LIBRARIAN ALLISON

Guerneville Library Children’s Librarian Allison has been here for just about a year. She started as a substitute librarian in early 2020.

Allison loves being a children’s librarian and also sees herself as a family librarian. She assists parents to continue encouraging reading and literacy, curiosity and exploration at home as well as in the library. What Allison likes best about libraries is that they are a place that is free and serves everyone.

Allison’s favorite recent children’s book is “Outside, Inside” by LeUyen Pham—a book about the pandemic from a child’s point of view. She has also just listed to Hamnet: A novel of the plague by Maggie O’Farrell. It is a story of Shakespeare’s wife and son. She also read “Song of Achilles” by Madeline Miller.

Her hobbies are art, running and hiking. And reading, of course!



ALLISON @
GUERNEVILLE

The Spring Book and Bake Sale dates are May 25th through May 28th.

FALL 2021 BOOK SALE REPORT

The November book sale went smoothly, even without baked goodies. 27 volunteers helped throughout putting in over 234 hours. Turnout was good despite the weather. Attendance estimates are Wed—93, Thu—61, Fri—40 and Sat—113.

The Saturday bag sale (\$10 per bag) brought in over \$600 and our total for the sale was \$2,400. We sold 48 book totes on Saturday. They are slightly larger and a different color, which our patrons liked very much.

We offered two free days and the remaining books were donated to our local book store and nearby thrift stores.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the sale as well as all the ones that attend our weekly book cleaning sessions.

We appreciate the support from our library staff. Thank you also to Central Graphics department for producing the flyers. They were a big help.

And last, but not least, thank you to our community for donating all the books and other items and then coming out to buy some to support Guerneville Library!

Submitted by Ursula Nibblett, Book & Bale Sale Co-Chair.





SPECIAL BAKE SALE

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Our one-day Special Bake, Book and Wreath Sale was a success. With the help of our 21 volunteers and some members of the community chipping in to bake goodies and our wreath makers, we made \$646.55.

Thank you to the library staff who contributed their discarded books for the sale. The remaining books were distributed to several thrift stores and the remaining goodies found a home with our fire department crew and our library staff.

It was great to see so many smiling faces. We even had a visit from the new library CFO Myrna Lopez and her family.

So thank you to all who helped out and who came by to purchase goodies, wreaths and books. Your support is greatly appreciated. You helped make it a fun, family event!

Submitted by Ursula Nibblett, Co-Chair of the Book & Bake Sale

Thank you to all our event volunteers. You ROCK!



BOOK SALE PICTURES

MORE PICTURES



STILL MORE PICTURES



BAKE SALE PICTURES

Happy Retirement Carol—you will be missed!

RETIREMENT MESSAGE FROM CAROL

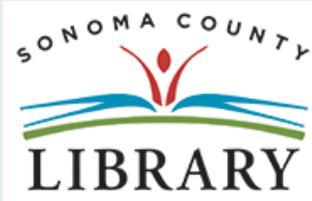
Hi Everyone,
I want to say "Hello" and a BIG "Thank You" to all the River Friends of the Library--for all the memories, fun, and hard work.

I am retired now, not by plan or design, but as an outcome of a medical situation. I started at Sonoma County Library in May 2000 as a substitute Librarian. In April 2001, I was hired as the Children's Librarian for the Guerneville Branch. It was a long, beautiful road that I am happy to have traveled. I cherish the memories.

I am home, walking, hiking, and driving my fast car. Thank you for being there when I was there. Carol Singleton



CAROL SINGLETON



LIBRARY REFRESH

LIBRARY REFRESH CLOSURE

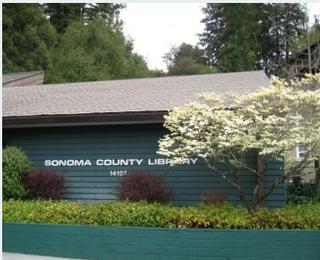
Guerneville Library is closing (temporarily) to get its much needed interior refresh.

The library will be getting new shelving, furniture, and some equipment as well as a new paint job. The check-out desk and staff space will also be revised.

Due to the closure, **NO DONATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED after Saturday, March 12th.** Please do not leave any donated items on library property. It will interfere with the workers and the work that will be going on.

We will start accepting donations again after our Spring book sale ends, beginning Monday, May 31st.

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LIBRARY REFRESH SCHEDULE

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- Library is **closing as of Monday, March 28th.** This is when the bulk of the work will be done. Only the book drops will be available for returns.
- **Limited library service** will resume as of **Monday, April 11th** in the Forum Room. Services such as holds, new item check-outs, etc. will be handled.
- The library is looking to **fully reopen** no later than **Monday, May 9th.**
- For donations during this time, please check with the following other Sonoma County libraries:
 1. Friends of the Rohnert Park/Cotati Libraries
Phone: 707-584-9121, ext. 0940
 2. Friends of the Santa Rosa Libraries
Phone: 707-308-3020, ext. 1541
Email: srfriends@sonomalibrary.org
 3. Friends of the Sebastopol Library
Donations are limited. Please call for information.
Phone: 707-823-7691
 4. Friends of Sonoma Valley Library
Please call 707-996-5217 for the next donation date.
 5. Friends of the Windsor Library
Donations are limited. Please call for information.
Phone: 707-838-1020

MARCH BOOK SALE REPORT

We had a good turnout for our one-day sale. Over 130 people bought our discounted books and media. We sold all our bookcases as well. We will replace them with the library's old metal shelves. We netted \$542.42.

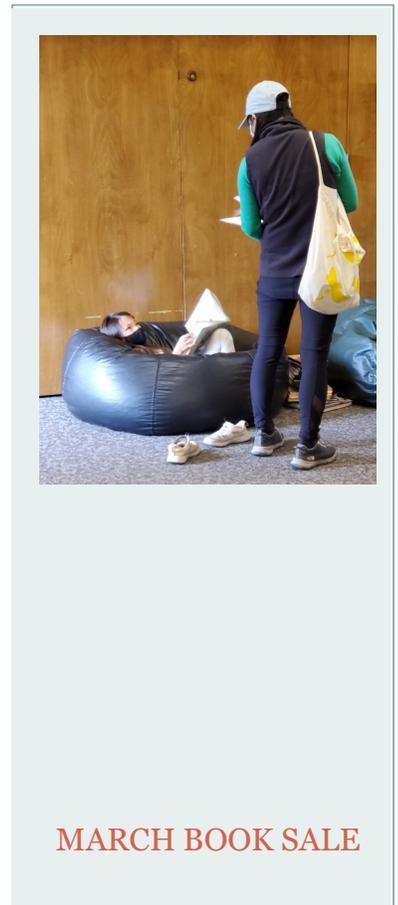
Thank you to the 14+ volunteers who helped with the sale. Thank you also to the behind-the-scenes crew who come to our book cleaning events to get the books ready for sale. We plan to start those up again when the library reopens from the refresh closure.

We are always looking for new volunteers. Our Spring sale is from May 25-28, our Summer sale is from September 14-17 and our Winter sale is November 30, December 1-3, with baked goodies included. Come join us!



Our March One-Day Book Sale was a huge success!

MARCH BOOK SALE PICTURES



OFFICERS AND CHAIRPERSONS

Terry Gwiazdowski,
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Vacant

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Vacant

Art Committee Chair
Vacant

Angie Orr, President Emeritus

RIVER FRIENDS BOARD REPORTS

Treasurer's Report

Report for the period May 1, 2021—March 16, 2022. These are the major revenue sources: Book Sales of \$6,901.74; Online Book Sales through Book Forest of \$4,155.14; Book Cart and Forum Room sales of \$1,487.94; Donations of \$1,055.64; Member dues of \$590.00 .

Major expenses include: Offices Supplies of \$1,428.18; Other Supplies and Equipment of \$1,221.75; Insurance costs of \$1,015.00; Advertising and Publicity costs of \$838.79; Meals (for our May 2021 annual meeting) of \$748.65; Librarian requests of \$539.00.

Our current balance is \$52,798.48.

Membership Report

We have 119 members who are current on their membership dues. This includes our 55 lifetime members. We are still receiving additional donations, especially from our lifetime members.

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