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Guerneville
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Forestville

River Friends Newsletter

VIEW FROM THE STACKS

Acting Branch Manager Ana Dawe

As many of you are already aware, Guerneville Regional Library is getting ready for an upgrade! Thanks to Measure Y and the River Friends of the Library, we can look forward to a new teen area, new comfortable and cleanable chairs, new tables including new computer tables and a single point of contact for our patrons. The new service desk will be a combined circulation and reference desk. (Goodbye to the giant circulation desk!) We will also get new carpeting throughout the branch! Details are still being discussed and a community meeting was held on Saturday, February 8 to show the new designs and take public comment. Great changes are afoot!



In other exciting news, the expanded hours have started in Occidental and Forestville. Beginning February 3, both branches are now open 6 days a week with Forestville adding Saturdays and Occidental adding Thursdays and Fridays. So Forestville is open Monday through Friday from 3:00–7:00 p.m. and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. And Occidental is open Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday from 1:00–5:00 p.m. Wonderful news!

Along with these more grand changes are the ongoing library services, events and performances. We have the ever-popular Basket Weaving and Master Gardener series, several 3D printing workshops, more teen programs than before and our ongoing childrens programs. Reader's Theater is also back this year with performances at the end of February and March.

I am personally looking forward to the Rainwater Harvesting event on March 14 and although I have not seen any of the "Glow in the Dark" Yoga events yet, I hear they are very groovy!

March 19 marks the official start of spring with the Spring Equinox and we are all getting ready.

Thank you for all your dedication and hard work!



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BY THE NUMBERS

- Forestville and Occidental Libraries are now open 6 days a week!
- As of February 15, 2020 River Friends has a balance of \$47,744.83



Borrow a Laptop

Chromebooks available from the library.

Each kit contains one Chromebook laptop and a WiFi hotspot, so you can get online anywhere, anytime.

Limited quantities available.

FREE with your Library Card
Age 13 and older



ChromeKit lending is supported by a generous grant from the Sonoma County Public Library Foundation and Measure Y. 2019

CHROMEBOOK KITS

SPOTLIGHT ON: CHROMEBOOK KITS

Don't have a computer or internet service at home? No worries—Sonoma County Library has your back!

Now you can borrow a Chromebook laptop and a WiFi hotspot to help you with your homework or any other online tasks you have. Sonoma County Library lends these Chromekits to patrons 13 years and older. All you need is your library card. They can be checked out for 14 days without renewals.

Chromekits are available at all branches on a first-come, first-served availability basis. They cannot be placed on hold and are non-requestable. But otherwise they are a great deal indeed!

Follow this link to watch a how-to video: <https://sonomalibrary.org/Chromekits>

Come into the library soon and check one out!

Please join us for the River Friends of the Library Board Meeting on Wednesday, March 11 @ 4:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend.



BRUCE ROBINSON

**RIVER FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY
PRESIDENT**

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Hello to all! I thought I might give you a look behind the scenes about what we do with all the donated books we receive. So let's examine how a box of books is processed.

First, the box is placed in our "Donation Shed" at the library. Then it is taken inside the Forum Room so that volunteers can look at each book when we get together for our work parties that often take place on Friday afternoons.

Each volunteer is supplied with cleaning supplies and a small brush. Each book is checked for its condition. Moldy, smelly, wet, stained or falling apart books unfortunately cannot be accepted and will be discarded. Those that remain are cleaned and dusted. If the book has a barcode, it is scanned to see if our online vendor wants it to sell for us on Amazon. Books without a barcode are also inspected for possible further research or they too go into the "cleaned and scanned" boxes. Volunteers also determine if a book should be given a higher price. Those books go into the "\$2.00" boxes.

Remaining books go into boxes labeled "cleaned and scanned" for later sorting or they are used on the Forum Room shelves or on the various book carts we have at locations nearby.

The cleaned and scanned books are then taken to our "Sorting Shed" at the County Maintenance Yard. We do this all year long for the three Book and Bake Sales we hold. This amounts to about 250 boxes or between 4,000-6,000 books each time!

As you can see, it is a LOT of work, but well worth it in support of our wonderful Guerneville Regional Library!



MARCH PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



Rock Steady Juggling, Mar 19 @ 2 pm

COMING TO GUERNEVILLE LIBRARY IN MARCH

Children's Programs

- Saturday Mar 7 & 21 @ 1 pm — Read-to-a-Dog. Practice reading aloud skills.
- Monday Mar 9, 16 & 23 @ 3:30 pm — Family Yoga with Ozlem.
- Thursday Mar 19 @ 2 pm — Rock Steady Juggling. The “Go with the Flow” program features juggling, comedy and magic to teach kids about water conservation.

Teen Programs

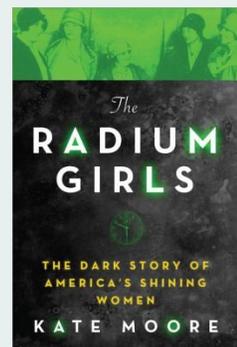
- Thursday Mar 5, 12 & 19 @ 3:30-4:30 pm — Social Advocates for Youth Wellness Program. Drop-in group for Teens ages 12-19.
- Saturday Mar 7 & 21 @ 2-3 pm — Glow in the Dark Teen Yoga with Ozlem
- Tuesday Mar 10, 17 & 24 @ 3:30-5 pm — CoderDojo. Volunteers lead this international, community-based programming club.
- Wednesday Mar 18 @ 4-5:30 pm — Young Adult Pride Book Club. Read/ Discuss

Adult Programs

- Monday Mar 2, 9, 16 & 23 @ 10:30 am — Healthy Living: Chair Yoga for Seniors
- Monday Mar 2, 9, 16 & 23 @ 2 pm — Adult & Teen Yoga with Ozlem.
- Monday Mar 2 @ 7-8 pm—Joni Mitchell tribute concert. Join Singer Kate Foley-Beining and the Sonoma County Jazz Engines in songs from many of Joni Mitchell's albums.
- Thursday Mar 5 @ 10:30 am—12:30 pm —Vets Connect! Hosted by the Veteran's Resource Center. Trained volunteers can guide you to benefits, services and programs.
- Wednesday Mar 11 @ 4:30 pm — River Friends of the Library Board Meeting. Public welcome.
- Wednesday Mar 11 @ 7 pm — Library Advisory Board Meeting. Public welcome.
- Thursday Mar 12 @ 12:30 pm — Book Discussion: “Radium Girls” by Kate Moore.
- Monday Mar 16 & 23 @ 6:30-8 pm — Emergency Preparedness Planning. Be Sonoma Ready!
- Wednesday Mar 25 @ 7 pm — Reader's Theater
- Saturday Mar 28 @ 2 pm — Reader's Theater



Glow in the Dark Teen Yoga
Mar 7 & 14 @ 2 pm



“Radium Girls by Kate Moore
Mar 12 @ 12:30 pm



READER'S THEATER

READER'S THEATER 2020!

We are pleased to present our 14th annual season of Reader's Theater.

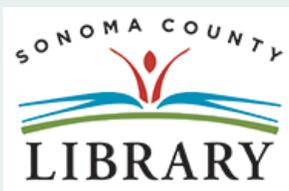
The first performances will take place on Wednesday, February 26 at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, February 29 at 2:00 p.m. The second program will be held on Wednesday, March 25 at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, March 28 at 2:00 p.m.

The featured plays range from vintage radio drama adaptations to premiers from local writers featuring our multi-talented cast of readers from the River community. Some are returning veterans and several will be new voices.

We hope you can make it to this special event celebrating the power of the spoken word and showcase for our local talent. All performances will be held in the Maggie Boyton Forum Room at the Guerneville Regional Library, 14107 Armstrong Woods Road, Guerneville. 707-869-9004. These plays contain mature themes, so adults and teens only please.

As always, the Wednesday evening performances will conclude with our world famous potluck buffet and social hour, well worth the cover charge of . . .ahem. . .free. Come join us!

Save the dates! The Spring Book & Bake Sale will take place from April 29 through May 2, 2020.



Our mission is to bring information, ideas and people together to build a stronger community.

ADVISORY BOARD

LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

Each of the incorporated Sonoma County towns plus the town of Guerneville representing unincorporated West County have a Library Advisory Board.

These boards serve to advise the Sonoma County Library Commission on issues affecting their branches. Some of these issues may include adding to or changing the various programs and services at your local branch as well as looking at current hours to see if they reflect the needs of the local branch community.

Serving on these boards is an important task for community members as they will represent the larger branch community to the Commission. This is especially important now as Sonoma County Library prepares to begin a new strategic planning process.

Please talk to your branch manager if you are interested in becoming a member of the Guerneville Regional Library Advisory Board.

FROM YOUR NEWSLETTER CHAIR

Hi everyone! I have been putting out the River Friends newsletter on a bi-monthly basis for about a year now. It has been a very rewarding experience. As you know, the newsletter is significantly changed since I took over and the costs for printing, paper and ink have also increased.

I will be sending out an email soon to our email distribution, but I know that not everyone is part of that group. I would like to find out who would like to receive the newsletter as a PDF in an email or to continue getting it as a printed copy through the mail. Please contact me either at 415-203-7241 (just leave a message) or by email at terry.gwiazdowski080@gmail.com.

Thank you for your help on this. And happy reading!



NEWSLETTER CHAIR

Save the date! Come join us for the family-friendly Egg Painting program on April 4, 2020 from 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

GUERNEVILLE REGIONAL LIBRARY STATS

What a year 2019 was for the Guerneville Regional Library! Despite fires and floods and days closed because of same, more people enjoyed the services of the library than ever before!

Libraries couldn't be more relevant today with new services for children, teens and adults ranging from homework help and Coderdojo for kids and teens who want to learn how to code, to yoga for every age, to even more senior programs and family-friendly programs like the upcoming Egg Painting event in April.

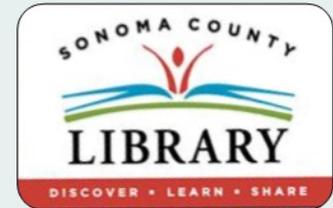
So here is a recap on book borrowing and programming from last year. And remember – Guerneville Regional Library includes Forestville and Occidental too!

The number of total library cards for all three branches is 6,987 with 615 at Occidental, 728 at Forestville and 5,644 at Guerneville. New library cards for 2019 include 53 for Occidental, 60 for Forestville and 437 for Guerneville.

Total library items checked out include 17,435 for Forestville, 18,139 for Occidental and 97,376 for Guerneville. A total of 132,950!

Programs at Guerneville Library totaled 275 with 2,242 in attendance.

We know everyone who uses our library really appreciates it. Let's show the love even more this year. Tell your friends and family to come into one of these great places and we will succeed ever more greatly this year! THANK YOU!



LIBRARY STATISTICS

**OFFICERS AND
CHAIRPERSONS**

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President
Chair, Young Writers Contest

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Chair, Newsletter

Vacant
Art Committee Chair

Angie Orr, President Emeritus

RIVER FRIENDS BOARD REPORTS

Treasurer's Report

Report for the period January 1 – February 15, 2020: Since December, our online book vendor has yielded \$511.69. Book shelves in the Forum Room made \$182.80 and the carts in Forestville, Occidental, Duncans Mills and Cazadero added up to \$100.54.

Our biggest expense was the Pride Book Club request at \$1,100.00. Postage and printing expenses came to \$110.00. Our balance as of February 15 is \$47,744.83.

Membership Report

A renewal letter was sent to all those who had not renewed from April 2019 and we received dues from 4 new members. A Spring renewal letter will go out this coming April.

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