

ROCKLIN FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Fall 2015

BOOKWORM



President's Message

Over the summer, there was a lot of activity going on at the Rocklin Library when I visited. There were families coming in and out - going to programs, finding books to read, using the computers, meeting others, buying books in the Friends' bookstore... It seemed very busy. Many think that libraries aren't used like they used to be. I agree!

I started thinking, what do libraries do in a world that is quickly changing?? According to an *lovelibraries.org* article *What Libraries Do*, libraries are places where you find an access to a wealth of information - books, eBooks, cds, and audio books - whether online, in person, or in print. Libraries **build community** by fast becoming hubs for the community where people connect with people and people connecting to information. The library **provides access** to needed information and resources free to all by serving people of every age, income level, ethnicity, or physical ability. To survive in a global information society, the library is committed to **promoting literacy** by helping children and adults to read and use computers. Libraries have always been **advocates for your right** to read and your right to reader privacy. Libraries are trying to be more **innovative** by becoming places for creation and collaboration, rather than being a quiet place, you will find community engagement. As you can see, the ways we are using libraries are changing as fast as technology is changing society.

From what I observed this past summer, our Rocklin Library is moving in this direction. It is building and changing to promote community and literacy.

Georgetta Dolinsek
President
Rocklin Friends of the Library



Summer Reading Wrap-up by Tony Carmack

You've probably heard of Rocklin, Ruhkala, and Rock Creek Elementary Schools. You might have even heard of Blue Oaks, Excelsior or Vencil Brown, all schools in Roseville. But have you heard of Tyhee or Huffen Elementary Schools? Tyhee is in Pocatello, ID and Huffen is in Texas. What do all these schools have in common? Students from these schools-and over 80 more-have participated in the Summer Reading Program (SRP) at the Rocklin Library! From public to charter to Montessori to dozens of homeschoolers, all flavors bring readers who find their public library as home for the summer. We keep track of those numbers because each year we award a trophy to the school with the most SRP participation: A little healthy competition between the principals during the break! This year's winner is Sierra Elementary School.

Participation in the SRP is about the same as last year (the number of pre-readers in 2014 is identical to 2015 numbers, on the button). There was a large increase in the number of adult participants (+40% from 2014) and adult readers completing their reading log (15% increase in 2015). Although attendance in SRP events was down 12% from 2014, non-SRP, regular programming (storytimes, Reading Buddies, etc.), was up 8% from last year. Families are coming into the Library not just for the summer activities.

Besides our dedicated staff and RFOL assistance, we also have an animated group of teen volunteers. This summer, these young adults logged 447 ½ hours helping with the Summer Reading Program. Most of their work was staffing the SRP table, which is an enormous support to staff who are helping patrons with readers' advisory, circulation, and other tasks. While it's fresh in our minds, the Placer County SRP Committee meets to discuss what went well and what didn't as we prepare for SRP 2016-On Your Mark...Get Set...READ!

Library Hero

Carol Peterson
Founding Member and Library Advocate



**Carol with Aunt Dorothy
70 years later**

As with all of us who love to read, there is someone in our life who gives us the love of reading and books. Carol Peterson had an aunt, Dorothy FitzGerald, who at an early age, taught Carol two things - how to crochet and how to read. She remembers reading *Dick and Jane* books to this aunt at the age of four. If Carol needed help with a word, the aunt would say the word. Needless to say, Carol could read before kindergarten. When she was able to drive in high school, Carol would drive herself to the old Carnegie library in her community.

Mysteries are Carol's favorite genre of books. She enjoys all kinds of mysteries - tea, knitting, scrap book. Reading is her way to escape.

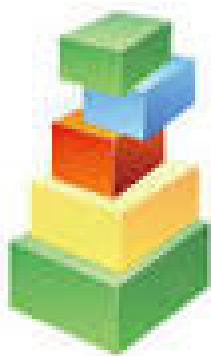
Being a founding member of the Rocklin Friends of the Library, Carol walked her section of the Rocklin community to get support for the new proposed library on Fifth Street in 1981. According to Carol, the supporters of this new library, which later became the Rocklin FOL members, collected 750 members out of a population of 6,000 people to form the Rocklin Friends of the Library nonprofit corporation 501(c) 3 organization in 1983. In the beginning the shelves were empty, but the FOL raised enough money to purchase books. Carol feels the biggest accomplishment of the FOL over the years was the new Fifth Street library for the community. In 1995, the library was expanded at this site. Carol was also very involved with the library at the present location.

In 2003, the Pioneer Award, presented by the City of Rocklin to those who show a long term commitment to the betterment of Rocklin, was awarded to Carol, along with her husband. Also in 2003, Carol was the Grand Marshall of the Rocklin Jubilee Parade. So you can see, she is not only committed to our community organization over the years, but she was very committed to other organizations such as the Historical Society, Placer Literacy Support Council, Genealogy Society, and Placer County Library Advisory Board.

Carol is very well known in the Placer County library world because of her history with the county library system and library advocacy. Mary George, Director of Library Services for Placer County, who has known her for several

years, states, "Carol has always been a top notch library advocate and Friend. She is a founding member of the Literacy Support Council and has served in every capacity for the Friends of the Rocklin Library Board. Carol gives of herself freely, loves a good mystery book, and never fails to make the library a better place for all of us." Also added to this by Francine Yorde, FOL member, "Carol was instrumental in getting the Library in the park (now a city building) built and professionally staffed by the county. She and John (her husband) also helped for several years with the landscape around that building. Carol is also a good and steady friend."

Carol is very passionate about the importance of supporting libraries. As stated by Carol, "We will not have good readers unless kids read beyond academics and school time. Libraries provide access to go beyond. The library is for everyone. Reading builds leaders." She also wants the community to know it is important to show support for our library in view of recent events of the proposed closing of two Placer County libraries. We are sure lucky to have Carol Peterson on our side!!!



Building Membership

The Rocklin Friends of the Library set a goal this year. We wanted to grow membership and build more awareness of our library. It is amazing how many people don't know about the library in Rocklin. With a population of 59,000, we should have more than 139 supporters of our library.

In keeping with our goal, the Friends had two new fundraisers this year which helped build membership. It was the first time we participated in the Big Day of Giving with the Placer Community Foundation. We not only raised awareness about our organization, but raised money and gained 12 new members. We hosted a "Let's be Friends" Wine Event where we invited the community to learn more about us while sharing a glass of wine and appetizers. We had 10 new members sign up to be supporters. So far this year, we have added 39 new members.

Our membership renewal is January 1st of each year. Anyone interested in renewing their membership or becoming a new member can send in their application, which can be picked up at the library, or go online at rocklinfriends.org starting December 1, 2015 for the 2016 year. Our tax

deductible membership dues are \$10 a year.

If each member would reach out and tell 2 or more of their friends about supporting the Rocklin Friends just think how many members/supporters we could get. Tell your friends about the children and adult services provided to the local community. It is more important than ever to grow our membership and support of the library. With recent cuts to library services and possible closures we need to let the Placer County Board of Supervisors know our community supports the library. So, tell a friend what the library means to you and help us to have the type of support a community of 59,000 should have.

A New Face in Our Library!!
(A new Tony Carmack???)

Please welcome acting Youth Services Librarian Amie Toepfer. She will be temporarily taking Tony Carmack's place while he is on assignment at the Granite Bay Library for about four months. She has been the branch manager at the Penryn library for about four years. Amy is a recent graduate of San Jose State University with a Master's degree in Library and Information Sciences.

You will find Amie a very positive and up beat person. The Rocklin kids will appreciate her love of books and enthusiasm!! Welcome to the Rocklin Library Amie!

National Friends of Libraries Week
October 18-24, 2015

Friends of Libraries groups have their very own national week of celebration! United for Libraries will coordinate the 10th annual National Friends of Libraries Week Oct. 18-24, 2015. This celebration offers a two-fold opportunity to celebrate Friends. It is a time to celebrate and promote all the FOL efforts in the community, to raise awareness, and to promote membership.

In celebration, Barnes and Noble will be celebrating Friends of the Library organizations during the month of October and promoting Rocklin Friends with a book fair fundraiser. ***Our book fair will begin on October 22 Thursday, and end on October 27, Tuesday.*** We will be distributing a flyer with more information at the beginning of October to members. You can purchase books in the store or online with a special voucher number to apply at checkout.

Thank
You

We Want to Recognize our Members and Supporters

Beginning in the new year, we would like to acknowledge our members and supporters in our newsletter. If you do not wish to have your name in the newsletter please send us an e-mail at info@rocklinfriends.org to let us know that you wish to opt out.

Update on ReUseIt Fundraiser

Thanks to the Rocklin FOL friends/supporters and community members for donating during our ReUseIt Clothing Drive. A total of 3,638 pounds of items were donated which resulted in \$363.80. In 2014, we made \$309.70. The support of the community is greatly appreciated.

Seeking Players and Sponsors

The Rocklin Friends of the Library will be the beneficiary of the proceeds in the 2015 Rocklin Mayor's Cup Golf Tournament on October 2 at Whitney Oaks Golf Course. The funds that are raised will be used to create a children's computer center.

If you would like to play, be a sponsor, or wish to donate a prize, please contact the Tournament Coordinator - Mark Riemer at (916) 770-5404. You can get additional information by sending an e-mail to: mark_riemer@yahoo.com or visit our website at:



rocklinfriends.org

All your support is greatly appreciated. Let's make this year's event even better than 2013.

Upcoming Events

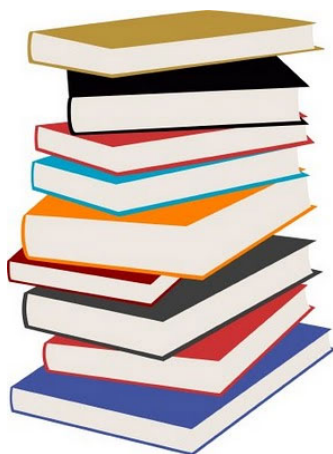


September is Library Card Sign-Up Month

**International Literacy Day
Sept 8th**

Teen Read Week Oct. 18-24

**National Friends of Libraries
Week Oct. 18-24**



Surplus Book Sales

Saturday September 5th

Saturday November 7th

Library Community Room 10am - 4pm

Paperbacks: \$0.50

Hardbacks: \$1.00

Fill a Bag for \$5.00

Upcoming Art Exhibits



Rocklin Fine Arts Club
Exhibit Runs through September

Rocklin High School
Oct 3 - December 6th

Art Displayed on Both Floors of the Library

WE WANT YOUR GENTLY USED BOOKS

Non-fiction books, Children's Books
New fiction (hardback and paperback books)
DVD and books on tape Rare and antique books

LEAVE YOUR DONATIONS IN THE BOOK DONATION SLOT

INSIDE OF LIBRARY TO RIGHT OF FRONT DOOR

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The mission of Rocklin Friends of the Library is to generate community interest and support of library services and facilities, to promote reading and the library and to promote and encourage charitable gifts.

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