

ROCKLIN FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Winter 2015

BOOKWORM



President's Message

Another year has quickly slipped by and we are at the end of 2015. The most significant accomplishment of this year was our increase in membership. This is especially meaningful in showing the Placer County Board of Supervisors the importance of the Rocklin Library in our local community.

For those members who have the time, showing support by becoming a member is not enough. We need members to become active in their support by volunteering their time and talent. As the saying goes: Volunteering has an excellent return on investment. You receive so much more than you could ever give. Becoming an active member is a way to give back to one of your community's most valuable resources. Your Library!

What part can you play with the Rocklin Friends of the Library? We are in need of volunteers to help out with fundraising events, assist in the used book sale room, Surplus Books Sales and become a part of the Board in providing direction for our organization. We also have many other positions that do not require as much time.

To those members who are active, thank you for all you do to make our organization great! We have a dedicated group who give of their time and talent by serving on the Board, working hours sorting books for our used book sales, and/or participating in events to make them successful. You all are greatly appreciated!

A reminder to those who would like to give of their time and talent: the Rocklin Friends meet on the second Tuesday of each month in the Community Room in the Rocklin Library at 10:00 am. All are welcome and bring a friend!

Thanks again for your support of the Rocklin Friends of the Library with your membership and donations.

Georgetta Dolinsek
President
Rocklin Friends of the Library

Exploding Soap and Lots of Library Cards Eve Nyren, Senior Librarian

On October third this year, the Rocklin Library participated in Rocklin's Mini Maker Faire held at Sierra College. Amie Toepfer, Acting Youth Services Librarian at Rocklin, and extra help staffer Natalie Dornhofer set up an experiment involving a microwave and 99 half bars of ivory soap. This activity taught children Charles's Law (about gases exploding when heated). They also learned key science words including atom, molecule, evaporation and hypothesis.

"... the faire had a great turnout and the library was able to do some successful outreach. We used up all but a 1/2 a bar of soap and thrilled many children and adults with exploding soap. It felt like the event was really well attended. I know I spoke with lots of people who asked a ton of questions about the library and took our fliers. ...Overall, I felt like this was a really great event for the library to participate in. I would vote to do it again next year and just keep in mind what we learned. I think we really got our name out there and showed that the library does way more than just house books. " -Amie Toepfer

Another partnership started in the past month is with the Rocklin Unified School District. Anne Mangels, RUSD Librarian, contacted the Rocklin Library about putting Placer County Library cards in the hands of every RUSD middle schooler. The purpose is so that the students can access our electronic resources including the EBSCO database and many types of help available through Brainfuse software. Using Brainfuse, students can get free access to tutoring online, homework help, and practice tests. All library resources are free to library card holders. "All students at Spring View Middle School will be completing a "History Day" research project this year. With school library budgets so small, enabling our students to access the public library resources in addition to those we have at school is a huge benefit. Middle school kids don't drive, so physically getting to the library is a challenge. An informal survey revealed that about a third of the students have cards already. I want to make sure that they ALL have cards. Even if they don't visit the library in person, they will still have access to research tools, homework help, and digital media, such as music and audio books. We will be sending library card applications home with students as each class comes to the library to begin research. It is a total win for the school and for our students. Thank you, Rocklin Public Library!" Anne Mangels

Library Hero Founding Member Irene Rohde

Did you know that the first group of women to start the Rocklin Friends of the Library were known to the Rocklin City Council as the "Terrible 13?" Irene Rohde was one of them! This was her first introduction to libraries. Before then, she would only buy her books at the bookstore.

In 1976, the reputation of the "Terrible 13" came about when the librarian, Mary Emily Smith, needed some community help in seeking a larger library facility. At the time, the Rocklin Road facility was 800 square feet, had a leaky roof, four parking spaces, and was not meeting the needs of the community. The group of volunteers came up with a plan to present to the city council. Irene had gone to school with a couple of the city councilpersons at that time, so she felt she had a strong connection to get things done for the library. Irene and Peggy Ruhkala met with some of the city council members before the regular meeting to let them know what was needed for the library. When the group arrived at the meeting, the city council discussed the agenda item without any of the "Terrible 13" present. This was the beginning of the connection with the Rocklin

Friends of the Library and the Rocklin City Council.

Since she is a founding member, Irene was a part of the creation of the library on 5th Street. Although it took a couple of years, the group of ladies went to all the libraries in the area to gather ideas for the new library. Irene was involved with fundraising by working at used book sales. She was also a part of the fundraiser in which bricks were sold to build a wall at the library.

Irene enjoys nonfiction books. She is presently reading "Who Killed Reagan"? and "Fat City". She has a particular interest in "Fat City" because it is about the city of Stockton where she grew up.

According to Irene, the biggest accomplishment of the Friends group over the years has been keeping the library open. There was a time when the Rocklin Library was going to be closed. With the development of Stanford Ranch, the 5th Street Library wasn't big enough for the number of new patrons, so a new and larger library on Granite Drive came to be.

Irene feels the present Rocklin Library meets the needs of all. There are many reading programs for children, and the library is full of information. The staff is very helpful. She also points out that computers and videos are available for those who don't have access at home. She feels it is important to support the library, because - if we don't - libraries will close. She encourages the community to join the Rocklin Friends of the Library and make donations to them in order to support the library.

2016 Big Day of Giving

Mark your calendars for the Big Day of Giving on May 3, 2016. We are so thankful to all who donated last year. Thirty-four donors donated a total of \$1625.00 enabling us to purchase math and science kits for the children's programs. This year's targeted goal will be to double the 2015 donation in order to purchase multiple copies of popular titles for all ages in the community. More information will follow in our spring newsletter.

Rocklin Mayor's Cup Golf Tournament

We were fortunate again this year to participate in the Rocklin Mayor's Cup Golf Tournament. Mayor George Magnuson selected our organization as the local nonprofit to benefit from the 2015 event. We had approximately 100 golfers who participated on October 2. Under the direction of our tournament chairman, Mark Riemer along with a team of dedicated volunteers, we were able to raise \$15,700.

The funds will purchase computers and books for the children's section of the library. The team collecting prizes consisted of: Eve Wise, Jer Jarrett, Jeen Maitland, Francine Yorde, Rita Peterson, Peggy Grayson, and Getta Dolinsek. Their efforts resulted in a collection of over 170 prizes from local businesses. This event was successful because of the support of local businesses with sponsorships and donations of raffle prizes. Be sure and support the businesses who supported us. You can see a complete list of supporters on our website at: rocklinfriends.org.

Continuing Fundraisers

Just a reminder that we have ongoing fundraising efforts. Please continue to use Raley's Something Extra (can apply online), SaveMart's SHARES program (cards available in our bookstore), and - if you are a frequent user of Amazon - you can sign up for the Amazon Smiles program online. You can learn more about all these fundraising programs at our website rocklinfriends.org. Remember, when you support these programs, you support the Rocklin Library.

Renew Your Membership for 2016

Anyone who enjoys the pleasure of a good book or the myriad of benefits and services of the library should be a friend!

It is time to welcome 2016 by renewing your membership with the Rocklin Friends of the Library. Your membership helps fund the day-to-day operation of the Rocklin Friends. The benefit in renewing by the end of the year is that your membership is tax deductible.

Join a group of dedicated volunteers devoted to spreading the word about our library!

You can use the membership form below or pick one up in our workroom or from our website at: rocklinfriends.org

2016 Membership Form

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-Mail _____

Newsletter (Yes or No) _____

2016 Membership Dues

\$10 Supporter _____ \$25 Booster _____ \$50 Sponsor _____

\$100 Patron or Business _____ Other _____

Year End Donation (2015) _____ Total Enclosed _____

Friends of the Library 4890 Granite Dr., Rocklin, CA 95677

Donations are tax deductible

Surplus Book Sales Changes for 2016

Preview Sale on Friday 5-7 pm

Open only to Friends of the Library Members
Fill a Bag for \$2

Open to the Public

Saturdays 10 am - 2 pm

All Paperbacks \$1

All Hardbacks \$2

Fill a Bag: \$5

Friday & Saturday Dates:

Feb 5 & 6

May 6 & 7

Aug 5 & 6

Nov 4 & 5

Upcoming Art Exhibits

Rocklin Fine Arts Club

Exhibit Runs through September

Rocklin High School

Oct 3 - December 6th

Rock Creek Elementary School

Dec. 6 - Feb. 6

Art Displayed on Both Floors of the Library



From the Rocklin Friends 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

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.

I think of life as a good book. The further you get into it, the more it begins to make sense. Harold Kushner

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