

# BOOKWORM

Spring 2013

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The poet Rainer Maria Rilke said "Let us welcome the New Year, full of things that never were." I am hopeful the Rocklin Friends will be able to take advantage of many new opportunities to support the library services in the coming year. Our officers for 2013 will remain the same with Mary Anne Sjoberg as vice president, Francine Yorde as secretary and Susan Meier as treasurer and again I will be president.

I want to take this opportunity to review some of the events and accomplishments to the past year as we move forward in to the New Year.

- The friends and the city Rocklin funded and placed a granite library sign at the corner of Granite Drive and Rocklin road.
- Art sculptures were purchased and installed in and outside of the library.
- Two large paintings were purchased and installed in the library stairwell to add beauty and warmth to the building.
- An art hanging system was purchased by the Rocklin Friends to allow local artists to display their work.
- The membership form was updated and revised.
- A website site and Facebook page were developed for the Rocklin Friends.
- The Rocklin friends gave \$3,000 above the regular budget for books and materials in honor of 100 years of library services in the Rocklin community.
- The Rocklin friends funded and volunteered at the 2012 summer reading program.
- Our group participated in the Rocklin Hot Chili Cool Cars event to inform the community of the many services available at the library.
- Fifteen articles were written and published in the Placer Herald concerning activities at the library.
- The Rocklin Friends applied and received \$500 in Revenue Sharing funds from the Placer Board of Supervisors for new children books.
- The Rocklin Friends sponsor a Christmas Party to thank volunteers and paid library staff for all their hard work.

I know the year ahead will offer many occasions for the Rocklin Friends to support our library.

Jeen Maitland

**Wed., Mar. 20, 1:30pm** Friends groups meeting at Martha Riley Library, 1501 Pleasant Grove, Roseville.

## Today's Libraries Connect (E-)Readers but Face Roadblock

Nook. Kindle. iPad. Placer County Library. You've heard of all of these, right? You know that all four deliver digital content? No? Well, you're not alone. According to the Pew Internet Project, most people don't know that U.S. public libraries provide e-books and other digital resources. In fact, today's libraries offer their patrons more than ever before.

Our library continues to change and offer new services and programs to meet the ever-changing needs and desires of our communities. According to a 2012 American Library Association study, the number of public libraries offering e-books has doubled in the last five years, with 75 percent now offering the service. At the Placer County Library we began offering e-books last year. This was not the beginning – nor will it be the end – of our commitment to reading, knowledge, imagination and lifelong learning for all.

But libraries face a roadblock. For the first time ever, we are unable to purchase some materials our communities deserve. Right now, several of the largest trade publishers (known as "the Big Six") refuse to sell e-books to public libraries. While we are investing more in our electronic collections, we have fewer digital options than we have always enjoyed with physical books.

Let's be clear on what this means: If our libraries' digital bookshelves mirrored the *New York Times* fiction bestseller list, we would be missing **half** of our collection any given week due to these publishers' policies. The popular *Bared to You* and *The Glass Castle* are not available in libraries because libraries cannot purchase them at any price. Today's teens also will not find the digital copy of Judy Blume's seminal *Forever*.

On the other hand, other publishers – including hundreds of smaller, independent presses and a rising tide of self-published authors – do understand the value of placing books in libraries. A recent report from *Library Journal* found that more than half of all library users report purchasing books by an author they discovered through the library. Our library welcomes partners and collaborators to continue building a culture of reading and learning that embraces all formats, for all ages and all backgrounds.

Because what libraries buy are licensed rights to use of ebooks, not physical items, many have restrictions such as that each item can only be checked out by one user at a time, we cannot sell unwanted ones, and library lovers cannot donate their used ebooks to us. The above are all reasons why there are limited numbers of titles available to be borrowed through the library at any given time.

But – There is hope! It seems like every month I read of a new pilot on ebook delivery and use in libraries. Librarians across the nation are working to improve e-content delivery to you.

Eve Nyren, Librarian

**Tony Carmack** is the new Youth Services Librarian at the Rocklin Library. He is already doing a great job!

What do you love about working with young people? I feel privileged to work with some of the most inquisitive, thoughtful, and respectful of our citizens. These young library patrons often have a seriousness of purpose, they genuinely care about learning about their world and its wonders. I feel like I'm sharing in that discovery. We also share an interest in children's literature.

What motivated you to become a librarian? That I'd discovered the perfect job! It brings together my interest in books and reading, public service, the physicality and animation involved, and the intellectual challenges.

Where did you get your first library card? The public library in my hometown, Hinckley, Ohio. It was in the basement of the firehouse, and even though it was probably some shelves on the wall, in my mind's eye, it was glorious. At the school library, every time we checked out a book, we had to pull the card from the back and put our name on it; you could also see the names of everybody else who checked out that book. At the public library it was very high-tech— there was a machine that went KER-CHUNK! when the library lady checked out books. I think it date-stamped the card.

Do you have any favorite hobbies? I like to visit art museums. Every time I visit a city, I try to take a trip to the art museum, big or small.

If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go? My favorite author is Beverly Cleary; every year I re-read several of her books. There is an actual Klickitat Street (the scene of the "Ramona Quimby" novels, in Portland, OR), and I'd love to visit one day. Also, nearby Grant Park has statues of characters Ramona, Henry Huggins, and Ribsby, the dog.

Is there something people might be surprised to find out about you? I was a journeyman carpenter! I built garages, remodeled houses, and installed cabinets for years with my dad who was a carpenter. Perhaps more surprising, though, was that I didn't like to read as a child. Very typical for a boy, but not so typical for librarians I've met; so many of them were reading well

## Super Surplus



Rocklin Friends of the Library

Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>

10am – 4pm

Library Community Room

All Paperbacks: \$0.50

All Hardbacks: \$1.00

and often as children. I definitely identify with many boy readers who struggle with reading.

What is your biggest selfish dream (i.e. world peace is not an option here). I'm running with that "travel anywhere" question: I want to visit the scenes of my literary heroes: Robert McCloskey (Boston, MA; Scott Island, ME); Hans Christian Anderson (Odense, Denmark); Lucy Maud Montgomery (Mankato, MN).

**Gift Giving** : If you don't need another sweater, tie or gadget, next time you're asked what you'd like for that special occasion, here's the answer. Make a donation to the Rocklin Friends of the Library in my name. It's sure to be the right size, color and model and I will get pleasure knowing it will be put to good use by many.

**ROCKLIN LIBRARY – 624-3133**

**4890 Granite Dr., Rocklin CA**

**Mon, Wed, Thurs...10-6pm**

**Tues...10-7pm**

**Fri & Sat....10-5pm**

**Sun .....(Closed)**

**www.placerlibrary.org**

**FOL Email:** [rocklinfol@yahoo.com](mailto:rocklinfol@yahoo.com)

**FOL website:** [www.rocklinfriends.org](http://www.rocklinfriends.org)

**FOL meetings 1<sup>st</sup> Tues. 10am Community Room**

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.

**Read Across America Day – Mar. 2** Dr. Seuss' birthday.

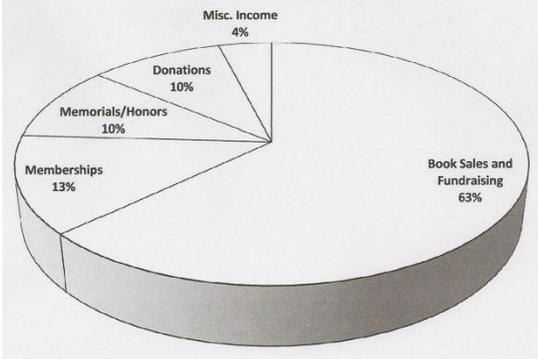
**International Children's Book Day – Apr. 2** Hans Christian Andersen's birthday.

**National Library Week – Apr. 8-14** – Check website and library bulletin board for activities.

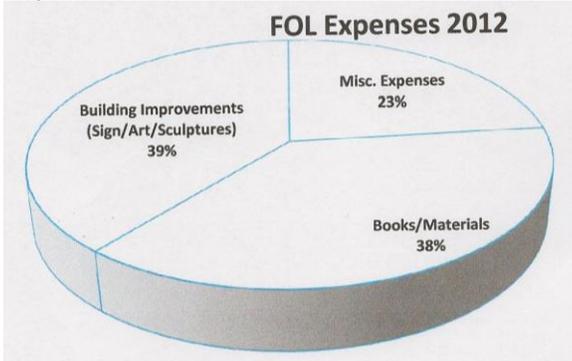
**Drop Everything & Read Day – Apr. 12** Beverly Cleary's birthday.

**Financial Report 2012**

Income  
 Book Sales/Fundraising 9,975  
 Memberships 2,105  
 Memorials /Honors 1,515  
 Donations 1,631  
 Misc. Income 667      Total \$15,893



Library books/materials 5,500  
 Building Improvements 5,682  
 (SignArt/Sculptures)  
 Misc. Expenses 3,452      Total \$14,634



**February is Library Lovers' Month**  
 Thank you for supporting Rocklin Library



**WANTED WANTED WANTED WANTED**  
**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 THE LIBRARY TO RIGHT OF FRONT DOOR**

Reminder: Dues are payable for 2013.

Yes, I'll be a friend!

\$10 - Supporter  
 \$25 - Booster  
 \$50 - Sponsor  
 \$100 - Patron or Corporate  
 Donation: \_\_\_\_\_

**Art Displays**

Watch for changing displays in the library.

**Library Advisory Board** meetings 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed.  
 10am every other month. Next meeting  
 Mar. 20 at Martha Riley Library, 1501 Pleasant  
 Grove, Roseville

