

*Rocklin Friends of the Library*

# BOOKWORM



## **Winter 2016**

### **President's Message**

By Getta Dolinsek

It is the time of year to give thanks and to especially recognize those who have supported the Rocklin Friends of the Library over the past year.

The Friend's ongoing fundraiser throughout the year is our bookstore, which is located in the library, and our used book sale events. We appreciate all those book lovers who come to the book sales throughout the year and buy in our book store. The sale of used books provides the major revenue source of our budget. Along with the community support of our used books sales, there are the devoted members who participate in organizing the bookstore and sales events. They, too, are appreciated for their time.

Our only fundraiser, outside of used book sales, this year was the involvement in the Big Day of Giving. I would like to thank those local businesses who participated in matching funds on the 2016 Big Day of Giving - Omni-Means, Recology, Hanson McClain Advisors, Rau Financial, Scott Yuill Insurance Agency - Their contributions encouraged others to donate to meet our goal. These businesses supported us in the past two golf tournaments, too. Also, to all the donors of that day, a thank you for supporting our organization. The funds raised will go toward purchasing books for the library.

When people know that books and libraries are important to a special loved one, they will donate in honor or memory of that loved one. We are thankful to those who think of our organization in remembrance of their special person. The donation goes towards books with a bookplate in their memory/honor.

Lastly, I would like to thank all of our members for their continued support through their membership dues and individual donations. Your "giving" spirit is appreciated. By deciding to renew your membership, you are recognizing the important part a public library plays in your life and the fabric of our community. If you renew and/or donate to the Rocklin Friends of the Library, remember it is a tax-deductible donation. Thank you for your giving and support!



## **James Rollins Event**

By Dennis Grayson

Bestselling author James Rollins spoke at the Rocklin High School auditorium Thursday evening, October 13th for an event held by the Rocklin Friends of the Library promoting reading awareness. Rollins has had success with not only his popular SIGMA techno-thriller series but also several other genres, including fantasy, mystery, and young adult.

Starting with a summary of his beginning struggles to be published, Rollins moved on to insider anecdotes about research, the challenges of writing with a coauthor, and the efforts to keep up with publisher deadlines. He also encouraged beginning writers to not only write every day, but to also read daily. Following a question and answer session and a raffle of five of his books, Rollins signed copies of his novels and bookplates out in the lobby.

James Rollins' next book, *The Seventh Plague: A SIGMA Force Novel*, will be released December 13.

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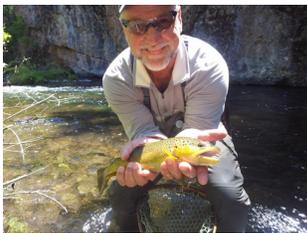
## **New Board and Meeting Changes**

At the regular November meeting, there was an election of Board Officers for 2017. The results were as follows:

President - Michele Vass  
Vice President - Mary Anne Sjoberg  
Co - Secretaries - Alice Pennington and Pat Moore  
Treasurer - Rita Peterson

At the October regular meeting, the membership discussed having only 5 meetings a year rather than 10. A motion was made to add this to the November voting ballot. The motion was passed, resulting in our meeting dates for 2017 as follows:

January 10, March 14, May 9, September 12, November 14. The day and times will be the same - Tuesday at 10:00 am.



### **Library Hero Mark Riemer**

According to Carol Peterson, founding member and library advocate, Mark Riemer has been a long time big supporter of the library. When the Rocklin Library was at the Fifth Street location, Mark, now retired parks and recreation director for the city of Rocklin, maintained the library grounds, which were an acre in size. When something came up, all Carol had to do was mention it to Mark and it was done immediately.

Mark's first memory of libraries was going to the Pasadena Public Library. He remembered being six years old, sitting perfectly quiet, listening to the Saturday morning reading, and how strict librarians used to be as they enforced "quiet" with the library patrons. Mark also recalled his parents letting him get his first library card.

Mark's love of books came from his dad. Along with his dad's love of history, Mark recalls that his dad always was looking at maps and travel books. His love of history inspired Mark to love history too. Needless to say, Mark's major reading genre is United States conflict history, especially World War II and the Civil War. He goes online to do his general research, which points him in the direction to buy books. A fond memory for him was finding a document in a book that talked about his dad, who was in WW II. The book had his dad's name in it, along with the battle details, and the medal he received for the battle.

Besides Mark's love of history genre, he and his wife like travel books. Their favorite travel books include Lonely Planet books and National Geographic. Other topics of literature Mark seeks out to read include national parks, bicycles, and fishing. Books he enjoys to read for fun are Jack Reacher books by Lee Child.

Mark feels the future of libraries will attract two types of users: The electronic users who will use the library to access research, and people who are interested in genealogy research. He feels this is the only place where people can access history and family information at the same time.

In 2013 and 2015, Mark was the organizer of the Rocklin Mayor's Cup Golf Tournament. He asked the Rocklin FOL if we would like to be the recipient of the fundraisers. We committed to the events, which resulted in our organization making a total of \$35,000 between the two. The money was redirected to the Rocklin Library to buy books.

Mark Riemer has definitely made a difference to the Rocklin Friends of the Library and Rocklin Library.



## A new way to Support the Friends

The Rocklin Friends are happy to be a part of Giving Assistant. This program allows you to donate to the Friend's while you are shopping online. There is no cost to you. Each retailer gives a percentage of your purchase back to us.

There are currently 1,987 retailers that participate. Kohl's, Macy's, World Market, Etsy, Home Depot and Bath and Body Works are just a few of the retailers.

Here are the steps to sign up:

- Go to [rocklinfriends.org](http://rocklinfriends.org)
- Click on Giving Assistant on the right side of the page
- Click on Start Saving and Giving Free
- Find Join with Email and enter your e-mail address
- Establish a password
- Click on Start Earning
- Click on My Account (top right hand corner)
- Choose Settings
- Fill in #1 the Basics
- Complete Step #2 and enter "Friends of the Library Rocklin"
- Click on the red button and slide over to your donation 100%
- On Step #3 if you did 100% donation you do not need to complete

You have completed the process - now start shopping.

## **New Placer County Bookmobile**

Is there a book or DVD you've been wanting to check out but can't make it over to the library?

In July, a new bookmobile was rolled out in-part to a \$20,000 grant from the Air Pollution Control District to the Placer County Department of Public Works and Facilities.

A branch manager, Michael McCurdy, was hired to bring the new bookmobile to a variety of places in Placer County to accommodate those who are not in close proximity to a library. The new bookmobile is equipped with a wheel chair lift and all sorts of books, DVDs, magazines and even Wi-Fi. Library staff can even get you signed up for a library card right on the bookmobile!

The Bookmobile was established in 1970 to provide library services to rural areas of the county and residents who could not easily reach brick and mortar libraries, such as those living in convalescent homes. Since then, the Bookmobile has traveled over 300,000 miles, loaning books, magazines, paperbacks and books on CD, filling requests for specific titles for library users of all ages.

You can find the locations and times the bookmobile travels at: <http://www.placer.ca.gov/bookmobile>



### **Doggone Good Reading**

Lend A Heart Animal Assisted Therapy invites you to come read to the dogs (and occasional rabbit that wanders in) at 3:30-4:30 on the second Tuesday of each month at the Rocklin Library. Certified animals and handlers are at the ready to share the joy of reading with you.

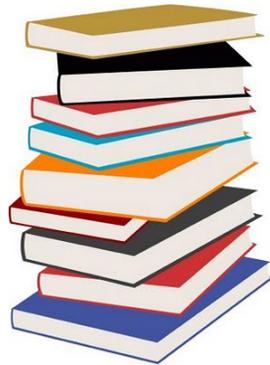
This is a great program for all types of readers including those struggling to read or who stutter. The great thing about reading to an animal is they don't judge or correct, they simply listen.

Our thanks goes out to Lend A Heart and the volunteers for this great program.

**The mission of Rocklin Friends of the Library is to generate support for the Rocklin Library and Placer County library services and to promote community interest in libraries, reading, and lifelong learning.**

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4890 Granite Drive., Rocklin, CA

**FOL meetings 2nd Tues. 10am Community Room**



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