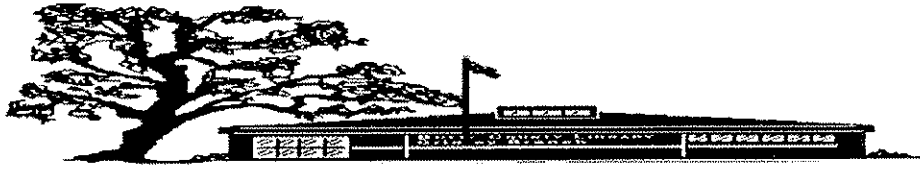


Under the Oak Tree



Gridley Friends of the Library

Winter 2010

From the desk of GFOL President Laura Stokes:

Thank you to all new and returning Friends who sent in their annual membership donation since our last newsletter. In addition to membership donations, we raised \$477 at our January book sale. Being good stewards of these funds is something we take very seriously, which is why we would appreciate your input as to purchases. Some of the possibilities that have been discussed... purchasing new, popular DVDs and music CDs...picking up some of the magazine and newspaper subscriptions that the branches have been asked to eliminate due to our shrinking budget...books—more bestsellers, large print, paperbacks, audio books, Spanish language, children and/or young adult books. Obviously, we would love to purchase all of the aforementioned items, but realistically we must prioritize our purchases. We have an email account, gridleyfriendsofthelibrary@gmail.com, to facilitate feedback.

In our last newsletter, I told you about the many active board members who have supported the library for decades. Two of those members have decided it's time to step down—Lynn Bock, our Treasurer, and Donald Wiley, our Vice President and webmaster. We are hoping that among our readers, there are a few who would like to assume a more active role in the Friends by taking on these duties. Updating our website, which can be found at www.gridleylibraryfriends.org, is very high on our priority list, but I can tell you that none of us on the board have the necessary skills to do it! If you're interested, please send us an email at the gmail address above. We would also love to have more volunteers to help with the quarterly book sale and to stock the lobby racks. The used books sales constitute a large part of our funds. As always, everyone is welcome to attend our meetings at the library on the second Thursday of each month @ 5:30 p.m.

Wifi at the Gridley Branch Library

Free wireless Internet access is now available at the Gridley Branch of Butte County Library. This has been a frequently requested service at the library by library patrons and visitors to Gridley. With this in mind, the City of Gridley generously purchased the equipment for the library, and it is supported by Butte County's Department of Information Services.

Anyone with a laptop or cell phone that has wireless capabilities can access the Wifi. The login user name is library, and the password is wifi. So patrons won't run down their batteries, there are electrical outlets at two tables and the reading area of the library. Patrons who have used the Wifi have found it easy to access and have been pleased with the Internet connection.

Gridley Branch staff and the Gridley Friends of the Library wish to thank the City of Gridley, City Manager Rob Hickey, Supervisor Steve Lambert, former Interim Library Director Roger Pearson, and Butte County Information Systems Analyst Jason Parks for making the Wifi service possible.

What is more important in a library than anything else - than everything else - is the fact that it exists.
-Archibald MacLeish, "The Premise of Meaning," American Scholar, 5 June 1972



February is "Love Your Library" month

A letter from the Love Your Library Committee To the Friends of the Library

In 2009, a number of Butte County citizens recognized a critical need for the Butte County Library System to have its own long-term, stable funding. Representing various county communities, those people met and formed the Love Your Library Committee (LYL). All remembered that in the late 1990's the library budget was 50% more than it was in 2009. In that year the library system had to cut hours by 23% and lay off 8 staff members. The possibility of a further 50% budget cut was only averted through the county's hard work and a new but temporary revenue source made available by the Sheriff's Department. Because LYL members remembered other years when the library budget had been cut and knew such reductions would undoubtedly happen again, they set out to create a plan that would avert the yo-yo funding.

The Committee decided upon two goals: to create and implement a citizen movement that would support long-term, stable funding through a voter approved parcel tax; to begin a countywide campaign to sign up 10,000 new library cardholders and 2,000 new Friends of the Library (FOL) members. In the summer of 2009, a professional survey, paid for by Butte County's FOL groups, had revealed citizens already committed to financially supporting the library combined with new library card holders and FOL members would provide enough votes to pass a parcel tax dedicated to the library.

After the LYL group established a campaign time line, both goals and time line were endorsed by all county FOL groups. The campaign begins early in 2010 when two major events occur. Three thousand letters will go to Butte County's influential people. The letters will request the receivers' financial support and/or their endorsements of LYL's effort to create long-term, stable funding for the library system. The letters will also explain the LYL committee plans to work with library staff and FOL groups and it will garner public support through the use of posters, brochures, a web site, and other advertising. The drive for new library cardholders and FOL members will launch at approximately the same time.

The time line's second phase will concentrate on a grassroots movement to have a dedicated library parcel tax placed on the June, 2012 ballot. The third phase will include heavy media coverage, volunteer canvassing of voters, and a request to the Butte County Supervisors to place a parcel tax dedicated to the library on the June, 2012 ballot.

To aid in the signing of 10,000 new library cardholders and 2000 new FOL members, the LYL and FOLs need your help. And they will need your continuing help as the campaign progresses. Please let your FOL officers know you are and will be there for them.

You can help support your Butte County Library and the LYL by participating in the Barnes & Noble Bookfair on Saturday, March 20 or Sunday, March 21. Fifteen percent of your purchases will go to building a base of support for stable, sustainable funding for the library. See page 3 for details.

Upcoming GFOL book sales: April 7-10; July 7-10 and October 6-9

Support Your Butte County Library at the Barnes & Noble Bookfair

Support your Butte County Library by shopping at the Chico Barnes & Noble. In an effort to raise funds for their goal of building a countywide base of support for the Library, the Love Your Library Committee and the Chico, Durham, Gridley, Oroville, and Paradise Friends of the Library are working together with Barnes & Noble Booksellers by hosting a bookfair at the Chico Barnes & Noble store.

On Saturday, March 20, and Sunday, March 21, from 10:00 am to 10:00 pm, Barnes & Noble will contribute 15% of every sale made with a special bookfair voucher to the Love Your Library Committee.

You can cut out and use the voucher at the right. Vouchers will be available on the Friends' websites and at the branch libraries. If you don't have a voucher, simply tell the cashier that you "Love Your Library" and Barnes and Noble will credit your purchase toward the sale.

If you are unable to go to the store on March 20 and 21, you may also call the store (894-1494) on those days and place a phone order. Again, be sure to tell the customer service representative that you "Love Your Library." Online sales cannot be credited to the bookfair.

In addition to contributing a percentage of sales, supporters may also purchase books and materials from a wish list created by each of the branch librarians to enhance their library collections. The wish lists will be posted at the branches in the weeks leading up to the bookfair and at the Chico Barnes and Noble on March 20 and 21.

The Love Your Library Committee and Friends groups would love to have your help in staffing this event. If you would like to support your library by participating at the store on March 20 and/or 21, please contact gridleyfriendsofthelibrary@gmail.com or your branch librarian, Cynthia Pustejovsky.

Gridley Friends of the Library Officers and Board

President: Laura Stokes

VP: Don Wiley

Secretary: Doris Pettersen

Treasurer: Lynn Bock

Newsletter/Library Advisory Board: Penny Louton

Board members: Colleen Crawford, Angie Skuris, Joyce Spence, Jeanie Baker, Denise Viscuso, Katie Leasure

Barnes & Noble BOOKFAIR

Supporting

Love Your Library

Saturday, March 20, 2010-
Sunday, March 21, 2010.

All Day

Chico Barnes & Noble

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Please present this voucher prior to making your purchase. A percentage of the net sale will be donated to your school/organization.*

*The purchase of gift cards, Barnes & Noble memberships, text books and magazine subscriptions are not included in bookfair totals. Our discount purchasing program may not be applied to bookfair purchases.



Cut out and save this voucher and present it with your purchases at Barnes & Noble on March 20 or 21.

GRIDLEY BRANCH HOURS

Wednesday	12 – 6 p.m.
Thurs, Fri., Sat.	10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Sunday	CLOSED
Monday, Tuesday	CLOSED

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Coming to the Gridley Branch

February

Atherton, Nancy	<i>Aunt Dimity Down Under</i>
Fluke, Joanne	<i>Apple Turnover Murder</i>
Grippando, James	<i>Money to Burn</i>
Hamilton, Laurell	<i>Flirt</i>
Hannah, Kristin	<i>Winter Garden</i>
Jenkins & Lahaye	<i>Matthew's Story</i>
Palmer, Michael	<i>The Last Surgeon</i>
Parker, Robert B	<i>Split Image</i>
Patterson, James	<i>Worst Case</i>
Robb, J.D.	<i>Fantasy in Death</i>
Stabenow, Dana	<i>A Night Too Dark</i>
Steel, Danielle	<i>Big Girl</i>
Trigiani, Adriana	<i>Encore, Valentine</i>

March

Bernhardt, William	<i>Capitol Betrayal</i>
Bowen, Rhys	<i>The Last Illusion</i>
Coben, Harlan	<i>Caught</i>
Conant, Susan	<i>Cook the Books</i>
Crusie, Jennifer	<i>Wild Ride</i>
Cussler, Clive	<i>The Silent Sea</i>
Estleman, Loren	<i>The Book of Murdock</i>
Fairstein, Linda	<i>Hell Gate</i>
Grippando, James	<i>Money to Burn</i>
Jackson, Lisa	<i>Without Mercy</i>
Kellerman, Jonathan	<i>Deception</i>
Michaels, Fern	<i>Game Over</i>
Moon, Elizabeth	<i>Oath of Fealty</i>
Mosely, Walter	<i>Known to Evil</i>
Perry, Anne	<i>The Sheen of Silk</i>
Picoult, Jodi	<i>House Rules</i>
Robards, Karen	<i>Shattered</i>
Scottoline, Lisa	<i>Think Twice</i>

Smith, Martin Cruz	<i>The Golden Mile: An Arkady Renko Novel</i>
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White, Kate	<i>Hush</i>
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April

Albert, Susan Wittig	<i>Holly Blues</i>
Baldacci, David	<i>Deliver Us from Evil</i>
Berg, Elizabeth	<i>The Last Time I Saw You</i>
Box, C.J.	<i>Nowhere to Run</i>
Brown, Dale	<i>Executive Intent</i>
Brown, Rita Mae	<i>Cat of the Century</i>
Chiaverini, Jennifer	<i>The Aloha Quilt</i>
Clark, Carol Higgins	<i>Wrecked</i>
Clark, Mary Higgins	<i>The Shadow of Your Smile</i>
Evans, Richard Paul	<i>The Walk</i>
Garlock, Dorothy	<i>Stay a Little Longer</i>
George, Elizabeth	<i>This Body of Death: An Inspector Lynley Novel</i>
Hart, Carolyn	<i>Laughed til He Died</i>
Johansen, Iris	<i>Eight Days to Live</i>
King, Laurie	<i>The God of the Hive</i>
Kingsbury, Karen	<i>Take Three</i>
Lewis, Beverly	<i>The Telling</i>
McCall Smith, Alex.	<i>The Double Comfort Safari Club</i>
Michaels, Fern	<i>Return to Sender</i>
Patterson, James	<i>The 9th Judgment</i>
Peters, Elizabeth	<i>A River in the Sky</i>
Pickard, Nancy	<i>The Scent of Rain and Lightning</i>
Quick, Amanda	<i>Burning Lamp</i>
Robards, Karen	<i>Shameless</i>
Weber, David	<i>A Mighty Fortress</i>
Woods, Stuart	<i>Lucid Intervals</i>