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Librarian's Corner

By LAURA PAPPANI
Nevada County Librarian



Have you noticed the changes at your library branch in the last few months? There are several new faces, as we have been adding staff members to support increased hours and programs.

We increased hours at most branches at the beginning of November and will be adding Monday to the schedule of the Grass Valley Library – Royce Branch at the beginning of January. These are very positive changes, made possible by the passage of library sales tax Measure A last November.

Our programs for all ages are also going strong. Rachel Schneider was hired this fall to be the full-time Youth Services Librarian at the Grass Valley Library, enabling Lisa Nowlain to work full-time at the Madelyn Helling Library. I have been working for the Nevada County library system for almost 12 years and in all that time, we have never had a full-time children's librarian at Grass Valley. As you can imagine, this dramatically increases the library's ability to provide quality programming for children and teens at both Grass Valley and Madelyn Helling, as well as to branch out (pun intended) and offer more programs and services at Penn Valley and Bear River. Both Rachel and Lisa are dynamic and forward-thinking librarians with strong support from children's room staff members Amy Rutten (GV) and Teri Alton (MH). They have already added programs (you can read about some of them in Rachel's and Lisa's reports in this newsletter) and have plans for many more.

You can expect to see an increase in programming for adults in the libraries, as well. Grass Valley is now offering drop-in help with personal technology and is planning other programs. Madelyn Helling offers a popular craft hour, as well as the roster of classes in the Collaborative Technology Center. Plans are well underway for Nevada County Reads & Writes (our community read program) in 2018. The book that was selected is *Everything I Never Told You* by Celeste Ng. I hope you will read it and participate in the panel discussions and other activities to be announced in the new year.

In January, we expect to start receiving our order of new computers that will replace some of the public computers at the branches. This is the first part of a three-year cycle of improving our public-facing technology. We will also be updating our microfilm scanners at the Doris Foley Library, thanks to a grant we just got from the California State Library.

Speaking of the Doris Foley Library, the County has officially taken over the operation of this amazing historical branch from the Friends of the Library. Tiffany Roberts has been hired to run the branch, so stop in and say hello to her. She loves history, loves the Foley, and is looking forward to working closely with our dedicated long-time volunteers to keep the branch running smoothly, as well as increase the visibility of the Foley in our community and offer classes and programs there. I can never thank the Friends of the Nevada County Libraries enough for doing such a fabulous job with serving the public in Nevada County and beyond through their stewardship of the Doris Foley Library. We are truly indebted to you.

January will also bring some administrative changes. On January 1, I will be stepping down as County Librarian for family reasons. I'll still be working for the library system as the branch manager of the Grass Valley Library. Crystal Miles will become the Madelyn Helling Library's branch manager and Yolande Wilburn will be the Interim County Librarian. I'm proud that my tenure as County Librarian saw the passage of Measure A and many innovations and initiatives, and look forward to contributing to the future success of our library system in a less stressful position.

I wish everyone a beautiful holiday season and lots of health and happiness in the new year!



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Madelyn Helling Branch Brief

By YOLANDE WILBURN
Project Manager



As 2017 ends, we want to express a grateful thank you to the Friends of the Nevada County Libraries. Its been a busy year with lots of changes, challenges and triumphs. We could not have made it without the support of our Friends and volunteers. For the sake of brevity, I will not name all the ways the Friends helped Nevada County Libraries, but would like to highlight a few that touched us all.

The opening of the Marian E. Gallaher, M.D., Amphitheater with the wonderful Musical Monday's program was the triumph of the year! We look forward to offering more cultural programs in 2018 with the help and support of the Friends.

Friends of the Library (FOL) helped make our monthly Wine & Read book discussion a success. Those who attended purchased their own beverages but were grateful for the yummy appetizers and cheese trays provided by the FOL.

Thanks to the FOL, Penn Valley Library was able to purchase a hot water kettle, supplies and refreshments to support its new Penn Valley Page Turners book discussion group led by Library Assistant III, Joseph Warrillow. This small but mighty group has grown from 5 to most recently 10 attendees.

The FOL contributed to library collection materials, not only with funding but by donating personal copies of national best sellers which helped reduce the number of people on hold lists and wait times.

Alexis, Madelyn and crew generously donated missing copies of titles that we placed in the local history collection at Madelyn Helling Library. Thanks to their suggestion to highlight the collection, more people are finding these materials and checking them out.

Thanks to all the FOL Discover Book Group team. We could not operate without you. Who knew that more than a year after

installing the big blue bins we would still be collecting so many books. The volume that we take in each day makes clear the value of this service that the library and the Friends provide for the community.

Jackie Wilson and Rhonda have done a fantastic job with maintaining the FOL book sale area at Madelyn Helling Library! We installed new FOL payment drop boxes at all library locations this year. By working together, we were able to spruce up the area at Madelyn Helling Library and offer more selections to the community.

We would like to extend a special thank you to all our volunteers. It has been a tumultuous year with much change. We want to thank everyone that has supported the library in the past and those who continue to show up each day and do a fantastic job! This year, the library began to offer more internship opportunities to young people to help increase the job skills of local workers, promote economic growth and strengthen the economic stability of Nevada County. We are committed to doing our part to help develop and retain local talent which will ensure a strong, empowered and literate rural community.

We look forward to continued collaboration in 2018 and are eternally grateful for all the Friends of the Nevada County Libraries do to support our mission of creating an inclusive environment that fosters discovery, connecting our community with innovative opportunities and inspiring lifelong learning and personal growth. Thank you and Happy New Year!



2017 in the CTC!

By JILL DAVIDSON
CTC Library Assistant III

The Collaborative Technology Center (CTC) has had a busy year with new and fun programs for the community. Programs such as the Travel Talks and the Junk Drawer classes have seen record attendance and are continuing to grow in popularity. November's Travel Talk, led by a local traveler, featured road tripping through Baja California. The event drew a staggering 52 attendees! It was so big, our next two travel talks will be held in the Gene Albaugh community room. Travel and cultural enthusiasts won't want to miss "Travel Talk: Scotland" on December 21 at 5:00 p.m. and "Travel Talk: Cuba" on January 29 at 5:00 p.m. All Travel Talks feature local travelers from the community offering cultural insights, travel tips, and slides of their recent trips. Programs end with a question/answer period, followed by refreshments. Please contact Jill Davidson at jillene.davidson@co.nevada.ca.us if you or anyone you know is interested in being one of our Travel Talk presenters in 2018.

Back by popular demand is the Junk Drawer Artisan's "Wreaths with Aretha" class. The December class is already full, and the lucky participants will be provided with all materials to make a holiday wreath – all while listening to the music of Aretha Franklin! Look for the 2018 Junk Drawer classes – January has "Intro to Bullet Journaling" and February is "Intro to Pine Needle Basket Making" (dates TBA).

The CTC's Mobile Tech Van went to Truckee, North San Juan, and the little town of Washington to offer technology in places where there isn't much access. Library tech on the van included a Virtual Reality (VR) experience for both young and young at heart. The VR equipment is now available for patrons at the Madelyn Helling Library! See the Library's online calendar for dates and times.

2018 will be another exciting year for the CTC, with many new programs to look forward to as well as continuing with already popular programs like Tech Drop-ins, 3D printing classes, and various other computer and technology classes offered to the public. Keep an eye on the event calendar for all of the CTC's programs.



There is Something for Everyone at the Library!

By RACHEL SCHNEIDER
Youth Librarian

With the winter chill blowing into our county the Youth Services staff at the library have created plenty of opportunities for winter fun. As the new Youth Services Librarian at Grass Valley Library, I am so excited to invite all of the county's children, teens, and families to participate in a number of exciting programs at the Madelyn Helling and Grass Valley Libraries.

Staff have made it their goal to make the library a welcome and fun place for families and children of all ages. This means creating entertaining and enjoyable events for everybody. One such event is a monthly Family Night at the Madelyn Helling Library where children and parents are encouraged to read, craft, play, and celebrate books together. Each program focuses on a popular children's book and creates unique activities that helps to bring the book to life! Upcoming programs include an exploration of myths and legends for Percy Jackson night on January 18th, a test of endurance during an I Survived! night on February 15th, and a foray into time travel with A Wrinkle In Time night on March 22nd. Each Family Night program lasts from 5:30pm to 6:30 pm and is a great opportunity for families to engage with a fun book together.

Nevada County families have even more opportunities to share and enjoy books together by attending a weekly storytime at their closest library. Starting December 2nd the Grass Valley Library will be implementing a weekly Family Storytime each Saturday from 10:30am to 11am. Local families are encouraged to dance, sing, play, and read together each week during our exciting new program that invites children and caregivers of all ages to join. Parents and caregivers of children with special needs can also find a place to feel welcome at the Madelyn Helling Library's weekly Sensory Storytime at 11am on Thursdays. The Sensory Storytime gives children with special needs an environment in which they can feel safe and secure while still enjoying books and bonding with their caregiver. There are plenty more storytime events at each local library so patrons are encouraged to contact their local library for more information.

Activities and events include:

- **Virtual Reality with Google Expeditions**
 - **Digital art tablets**
 - **Kibo robot kits**
 - **Dash and Dot Robots**
 - **Otaku Anime Club**
 - **Family Storytime**
 - **Percy Jackson night**
 - **I Survived! night**
 - **A Wrinkle In Time night**
 - **Teen Advisory Group**
- and much more!**

In addition to entertainment, the library staff aims to introduce children to new ideas and educational opportunities. One such opportunity is a monthly Tech Program for Kids that gives children the ability to interact with and learn about new technology. This fun and informative program gives children a basic understanding of emerging technology while allowing them the ability to gain hands on experience with each product. Equipment being taught and used include Digital Art Tablets, Kibo Robot Kits, Virtual Reality with Google Expeditions, Arduino Microcontrollers, and Dash and Dot Robots. All equipment is available as part of our Technology Lending Library mentioned in Lisa Nowlain's article. Programs run monthly at Madelyn Helling and Grass Valley Libraries and require no registration. Children ages 5 and up are welcome to join in on the digital fun.

Finally, local teens are never forgotten in the library planning process. The Youth Services staff have developed a number

of ways for our teens to be involved and engaged in the library. Every Thursday the Grass Valley Library holds an Otaku Anime Club from 4 to 5pm that gives teens the chance to discuss their favorite fandom while working on a themed craft to take home. Teens that are interested in volunteering to make their library the best it can be are encouraged to join our Teen Advisory Group (TAG). This group meets to discuss books, plan library events, and works to make the library a fun, inviting place for teens.

The library staff is so proud to be able to host a number of excellent programs for children, teens, and families. Flyers for these programs are available at all library branches. For more information on these or any other programs for children, teens, and parents please see our events website at madelynhelling.evanced.info/signup/Calendar or contact one of our Youth Services Librarians. Lisa Nowlain is located at the Madelyn Helling Library and can be reached by email at lisa.nowlain@co.nevada.ca.us or by phone at 530-265-1538. Rachel Schneider is located at the Grass Valley Library and can be reached at rachel.schneider@co.nevada.ca.us or by phone at 530-470-2695.



Grass Valley Royce Library Winter Brief

By CRYSTAL MILES
Grass Vally Branch Librarian

As this year comes to a close, I look at the changes we have had in the library and the accomplishments of our hard working staff, as well as look forward to the coming year ahead and what that will bring. The passing of Measure A has allowed the library to expand in several ways, including an increase in staffing, programs, materials and operating hours. These increases are wonderful and necessary to serve the community. With these changes also comes growth and hard work. This work all feels worth it when we see patrons benefiting from new library programs and services. Really, everything we do here at the library is for our library patrons!

There are several areas of programs and services that I am excited about here at the Grass Valley Library. First, we are working to engage library patrons, youth and adults, with library related technology. The library offers many exciting digital resources that library users might not know about. Not only can you borrow e-books, audiobooks, and magazines for free with a library card through resources like Overdrive and RB Digital, but you can also learn languages for free through Powerspeak Languages, learn how to repair your own car through the Chilton Library resource, and even get your high school diploma through Career Online High School. You can access all of these resources, and more, from the comfort of your own home with your

library card. We also offer drop-in hours to help with your digital device, be it a tablet, laptop, or smartphone. Please check the library calendar on our website for days and times.

Also related to technology, our new Youth Services Librarian, Rachel Schneider, has been working to bring more STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics) programs to our youth room, including tinkering with Makey Makey and LittleBits kits (did you know that you can use bananas as an energy conductor?!). We also have a “maker cart” equipped with all you need to build your own STEAM project when you visit the library, including LED light art and brush bots. As long as there is grown up supervision, children can use this cart anytime they visit the library!

An additional exciting library-wide program we have coming up is our annual Nevada County Reads & Writes (NCRW) program that the Nevada County Community Library creates in conjunction with the Nevada County Superintendent of Schools Office. The book of choice for spring 2018 is Everything I Never Told You, by Celeste Ng. This award winning book dives into a story about a family dealing with loss, mental health, gender identity and cultural identity. We will have events related to NCRW including book discussions, author panels, and mental health outreach beginning in February and concluding with a writing contest (open to high school students) in May, 2018. Additional details are forthcoming.

Stay warm this winter and keep on reading!



Introducing Tiffany Roberts



Hi there! I am Tiffany Roberts, the new Library Technician for the Foley Library. I am thrilled to start working at the Foley

Library with all of our fantastic volunteers and unique collections! I hail from sunny San Diego, where I worked in the library of the Art Institute for 2 years before deciding to relocate north to experience the beauty of this region and be closer to my family. As such, I am brand-new to Nevada County and am currently reading “Nuggets of Nevada County History” to become familiar with the uniquely rich history of this region. If you have any further reading suggestions, I am open to all ideas! It is my goal to learn as much about local history as possible in the coming months, so that I can work alongside our amazing volunteers and assist our library patrons and researchers. The Foley library also has some very exciting news to share— we won the Libraries Illuminated Grant from the California State Library for \$28,000! With these funds, we will be able to purchase 2 new state of the art microfilm and document/image scanners for our patrons! Stay tuned for upcoming public programs and exhibits utilizing these scanners, and feel free to drop by the library to check them out. I look forward to meeting everyone and to continue learning about the historical treasures of Nevada County and, most of all, the beloved Foley Library!



Doris Foley Library for Historical Research

As some of you may know, due to budget constraints, the County was going to close the Doris Foley Library for Historical Research in Nevada City. The Friends of the Nevada County Libraries took over the operation of the Foley Library and have been paying the operating expenses and fully staffing it since May 2010.

With the passage of Measure A (the library tax) last November, the County resumed paying the Foley expenses as of July of

this year and hired a full time Library Technician, Tiffany Roberts, in November. The Friends will continue to provide volunteers to fully staff the Foley.

The community owes a debt of gratitude to the Foley volunteers who fully staffed the library for seven years and provided their in-depth knowledge of local history and the Foley collection to the public. Without them, the Foley would have closed.

If you haven't been there, and have an interest in our rich local history or want to see the architectural details of an original 1907 Carnegie library, stop by at 211 N. Pine St., Nevada City. Hours are Tuesday-Saturday 10-4.



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Membership

It's that time of year again – time to renew your membership or join the Friends of the Nevada County Libraries.

Our primary funding comes from the monthly book sale held at the Doris Foley Library on the first Saturday of each month. A big thanks to our “Bookies”. These are the volunteers who do the heavy lifting, sort and sell our thousands of donated books. We also sell books at each of the library branches. Take a look the next time you visit.

Your support enables us to support our libraries in a variety of ways. Over the last year we have funded the Summer Reading Program, Nevada County Reads, children's programs, purchased library books, paid the subscription for the Book Page newspaper you can pick up at your local branch and paid the operating expenses for the Doris Foley Library for Historical Research through June (as we have for the last seven years). Additionally we purchased the artificial turf in front of the new Amphitheater at the Madelyn Helling Library.

We also began to help the San Juan Ridge Community Library. Not a county library, a group of dedicated volunteers have been raising all the operating expenses and staffing the facility three days a week for the last three years. Their 1700 square feet and over 10,000 donated books are heavily used by residents of the Ridge. This is an impressive community effort, operated on a shoestring. Thanks to the passage of Measure A (the library tax) last November they are beginning to receive some county money.

This year the Friends donated 2 cases of white copy paper, two new computers (their current ones are running XP) and are paying for a third of their new carpeting.

As you can see, the monies the Friends of the Nevada County Libraries raises is used to benefit our library community, so please renew your membership or join to allow us to continue our work.

Friends Volunteer Opportunities

The Friends of the Libraries are looking for individuals to fill the following positions:

Promotion

A volunteer is needed to help us spread the word that we offer great selection of books at very reasonable prices. The job required someone who is computer literate and knows how to navigate the web. It can be done from home and will probably require an hour or two a month.

Membership Records Coordinator

The Board is looking for a detail-oriented person to maintain the membership and donation database. The position involves making monthly bank deposits, keeping detailed records, producing reports, mailing labels and donor correspondence. Proficiency in Microsoft Word and Excel is required. Knowledge of Microsoft Access is beneficial but not required. Training will be provided. Majority of work can be done from home.

For additional information on either position, please contact Gale Williams, 477-8813 or gale.williams@sbcglobal.net.

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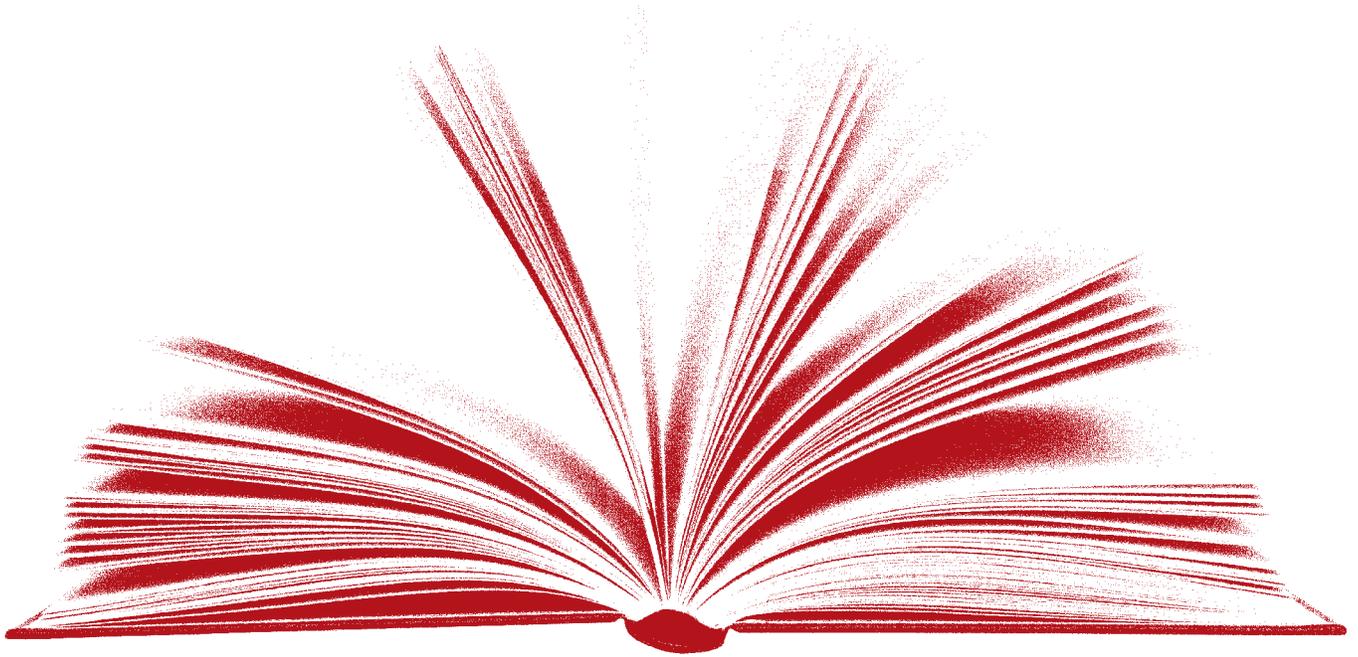
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