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Working Together for Nevada County Community Library

By YOLANDE WILBURN
Nevada County Librarian



I want to take time this month to thank all of our friends and those agencies and organizations that collaborate and work with us to make Nevada County Community Library successful. It starts with the tireless work of our staff, who provide excellent service and programs to the community. It continues with you. Your donations and support of the Friends help us accomplish incredible things. The thanks extends to all the schools and community organizations that partner with us to accomplish our goals, and includes all of the individuals that donate their time and knowledge.

This year, Measure A funding has helped us accomplish much. We increased hours at branches. We began updating computer equipment. We increased programming 175%. We helped to support the operations at San Juan Ridge Community Library. We added to collections and materials that preserve Nevada County history and we purchased new equipment including self-check machines, telescopes, and 3D printers, which give all residents access to technology and the stars.

The support of our Friends of the Nevada County Libraries provided new carpet and computers for San Juan Ridge Community Library; they provided a new overhead book scanner for the Foley Library, new computer tables at Penn Valley, a new amphitheater shade at Madelyn Helling Library and the Musical Mondays at Madelyn's program in conjunction with InConcert Sierra. The Musical Monday's program will run from June 11th through July 24th and will feature: Beaucoup Chapeaux, The Sierra Society of Serious Saxophoners, WindJammers, Maggie McKaig & Friends,

The Heart Strings and Papa Oom Papa. We are excited to be able to offer this beloved program to the community for the second year in a row. The Friends of Nevada County Libraries also help fund our Summer Reading Program. This year they will help to advance job training and economic development in the County by providing stipends for five high school students to intern at the Grass Valley and Madelyn Helling libraries.

The dedicated "Bookies" (volunteers) transport books from the Madelyn Helling, Penn Valley, and Grass Valley and Bear River Library locations to the Foley. They sort, label and sell books, which generate funds that help our library provide many of our incredible programs and services.

The Friends of the Truckee Library purchased a new projector for the Truckee Library, which enabled staff to provide a monthly family movie night. After staff uncovered the long hidden fireplace, the Friends of the Truckee Library provided a fireplace insert and sofa, which give the library a warm and cozy feel. In addition, they are diligently campaigning for a new Truckee Library and working to raise 15 million dollars to support that vision. The current building, which opened in 1976, is in relatively good condition but it lacks the space and ability to meet the needs of 21st century library users.

As we move into the new fiscal year, we will be reviewing the state of all of our buildings. We are currently working to repair the deteriorating windows at the historic Doris Foley, a Carnegie library that dates back to 1907. It is in need of updates and repairs in order to continue operations in the beautiful historic landmark and to make it ADA accessible. Madelyn Helling, the

person, is looking great and doing well, but her namesake library is in need of updating and repair after over 27 years of public service. Another of our Carnegie libraries, the Grass Valley Royce (circa 1916), is also in need of repairs and expansion in order to meet the needs of the community. Two bequests that Grass Valley received in recent years will help to make renovations possible but additional funding is required at all of our facilities to meet the needs of our communities.

We could not do what we do without you and the help and support provided by all of our friends and collaborators. As you read this newsletter and learn more about the great programs and services that we provide, we hope that you are proud to have contributed to our success. We thank you and look forward to working together for a better Nevada County. Have a wonderful summer!



Foley Library Branch Brief

By TIFFANY ROBERTS

Library Technician for the Foley Library



The Foley library continues bringing the wonderfully rich history of Nevada County to life! As we move into spring and summer, we are focusing on the acquisition of exciting new collections, as well as planning unique programs that our patrons will enjoy.

This past February, the Foley library received the very generous donation of the Osborn-Woods collection of documents, cards, photographs, slides, and other unique pieces of Victorian ephemera. This rich collection serves to illustrate the creative talents of David Osborn and Charles Woods, the two gifted artists largely responsible for the cultural revitalization of Nevada City in the 1970s! Additionally, the Foley library has now acquired the Bob Wyckoff collection of documents, photographs, and slides that tell the tales of Nevada County through the journalistic lens of one of its' foremost historians. This collection has already provided us with unique photos of Nevada County landmarks, such as the National Hotel and the Grass Valley library. In the coming months, the Foley will be receiving a second donation from the Osborn-Woods collection of original posters and artwork, archival photographs from the Foothill Theatre archive, an extensive collection of cemetery records for Northern California, and the archives for the Business and Professional Women's Network of Nevada County. The Foley library is excited to begin digitizing these collections and making them available to the public!

In addition to receiving a multitude of new collections, the Foley is also planning several upcoming events this summer and fall. Our first big event was a cemetery walking tour on June 16th led by local historian and cemetery expert Chris Ward. We took a short, brisk walk to St. Canice and Pioneer cemeteries from the Foley library and toured the cemeteries for an hour, then

wound our way back to the Foley, where refreshments were served and attendees learned how to use the new microfilm scanners to look up obituaries. This tour was an excellent way for newcomers, genealogy researchers, and even visitors to become better acquainted with Nevada County history, and maybe even encourage them to do a little researching of their own!

On the heels of the cemetery tour, the Foley library is very excited to guest host the Nevada County Genealogical Society on Tuesday, July 24th. The meeting will consist of a tutorial lasting approximately 1 to 2 hours on utilizing new technology to conduct genealogical research. This includes navigating the maze of internet research databases, utilizing scanners and readers, and much more! Refreshments will be served, and the meeting will take place at 6:00 p.m., to accommodate new genealogical researchers who work during the day as well. It is a great opportunity to meet fellow researchers and learn how to start (or keep) building the family tree.

Finally, on September 19th, the Foley library will sponsor a luncheon event at the North Star House! This will be in conjunction with Wallace Stegner's controversial classic, *Angle of Repose*, inspired by the real-life marriage of Mary Hallock Foote and Arthur Foote, prominent Nevada County citizens, who ran the North Star Mine and lived in the North Star House. There will be a guided tour of the house and property, followed by a catered luncheon and book discussion! Attendees will also have the opportunity to view items about the Foote family on display from the Foley archives, as well as images, photographs, and articles! It will be a unique luncheon to remember.

As you can see, the Foley library is a true hub of activity over the next few months, and we hope our patrons enjoy our collections and events, and learn something new about Nevada County history. We look forward to seeing everyone soon!



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Summer Learning in the Library

By RACHEL SCHNEIDER
Youth Librarian

The days are getting longer and hotter and that can mean only one thing, it is time for the Summer Learning Program to start at the Nevada County Community Library. This year we have been able to plan a number of exciting and educational events to keep children learning and having fun.

The theme of this year's program is inspired by the amazing nature that surrounds us. We are inviting kids and teens to Read the River of Summer Learning. In order to meet this theme the library has developed a number of events that focus on nature, getting outdoors, and of course the river. The Nevada County Library has partnered with many local organizations that focus on teaching children about the environment, animals, science, and the outdoors. This year's Summer Learning Program starts on June 9th at the Grass Valley Library with a huge kick-off party and a visit from Mad Science Sacramento who will be performing astonishing science experiments using fire and ice, as well as a bubble station, and face painting. Other exciting events include visits from Conservation Ambassadors (formerly Wild Things), Sierra Harvest, South Yuba River Citizens League (SYRCL), Wildlife Rehabilitation and Release, InConcert Sierra, Puppet Art Theatre Co., and many others. The libraries will also be providing a number of interactive programs such as a Unicorn Party, a Bus Storytime (on the Gold Country Transit bus), watercolor river art, a cosplay party, messy art parties,

a cupcake competition, Exploring with Robots, and much, much more!

In addition to fun programs, the library has created a reading challenge for Pre-Readers, Independent Readers, and Teens. Every person who signs up for the reading challenge program will receive a FREE book, donated by the Friends of the Nevada County Libraries, to start them on their reading journey. Participants will receive a reading log with prompts of new things for them read, places to visit, or things to do. Once completed, they can return the reading logs to their nearest library by July 28th to receive free ride passes for the Nevada County Fair as well as an entry into a raffle for a number of exciting prizes including a drone, a 3D Art Pen, a Sphero robot and tablet, toys, and gift certificates.

New to our Summer Learning Program this year is the introduction of our Summer Lunches at the Library at the Grass Valley Library – Royce Branch. Thanks to a partnership with the Nevada County Public Health Department and the Grass Valley School District, the Grass Valley Library will be providing free lunches to children ages 0-18 throughout the summer. Lunches will be served from 12:00p.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and snacks will be provided to parents thanks to a donation from Briar Patch Coop. Following lunch there will be interactive activities for kids that change daily which include Hang Out Monday, STEAM Tuesday, Art Wednesday,

Move! Thursday, and Family Friday. There is no registration or income requirement for this program so all are welcome to join in on the fun.

In order to help out with this exciting new program, the Friends of the Nevada County Library have generously donated three \$250 scholarships to compensate a group of Teen Interns. These interns will setup for the lunch program, work with the library to organize activities, and help with other tasks as needed. Not only does this provide much needed help for the library it is an excellent opportunity for these teens to gain essential workplace skills.

Staff at the Nevada County Community Library are so excited and ready for a wonderful summer full of reading, learning, and fun. We would like to thank the Friends of the Nevada County Library for all their support in providing us with the tools to make a truly successful Summer Learning Program. We hope to see you in the library!

For more information about the Summer Learning Program in Western Nevada County, please contact the Grass Valley Youth Librarian Rachel Schneider by email at rachel.schneider@co.nevada.ca.us or by phone at (530) 470-2695 or the Madelyn Helling Youth Librarian Lisa Nowlain by email at lisa.nowlain@co.nevada.ca.us or by phone at (530) 265-1541



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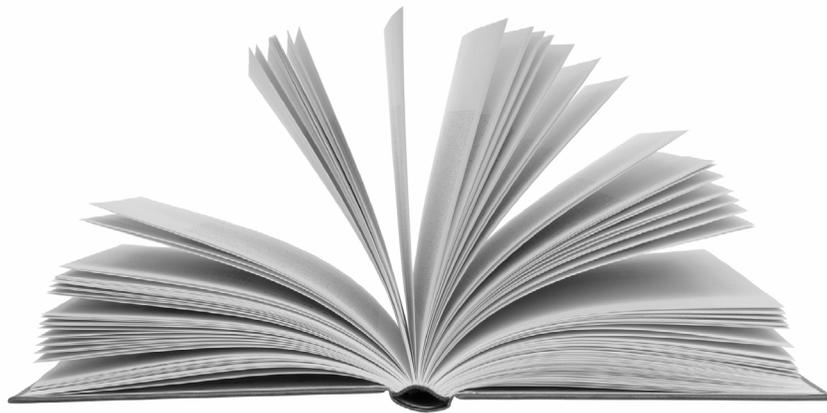
The Friends of the Nevada County Libraries is looking for a detail-oriented person to maintain the membership and donation database. The position involves making monthly bank deposits, keeping detailed records, producing reports, mailing labels and donor correspondence. Proficiency in Microsoft Word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

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