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FRIENDS OF THE NEVADA COUNTY LIBRARIES NEWSLETTER

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The new mosaic in front of the Madelyn Helling Library.

Library Update

By NICK WILCZEK
County Librarian

Hello All,

Season's Greetings from Nevada County Community Library! I hope everyone had a peaceful holiday season and are settling in for the winter. The Library has a lot to celebrate as we closed out 2021 and a lot to be excited for as we enter 2022.

I'd be remiss if I didn't start this message with a huge THANK YOU to the Friends of the Nevada County Libraries for your support over the past year. Seeing all the effort that goes into the monthly book sales at Doris Foley, the book sale shelves in Penn Valley and Madelyn Helling, and all the work that goes into sorting donations speaks to the dedication of the Friends. Thank you all.

The library has so much to celebrate from the past year! We have reopened our locations for full service, opened the new Penn Valley library, eliminated overdue fines, and created a mobile app. We served free summer lunches to students and families across the county, welcomed new staff to our team, and created Lucky Day collections (popular titles with no wait!) at all our libraries. We served as emergency Community Cooling and Heating Zones during times of extreme heat and power outages, hosted tons of online and in-person programs, added new online resources, and started circulating Wi-Fi hotspots.

I'm particularly proud of the new mosaic in front of the Madelyn Helling Library. The mosaic was made possible by the generosity of the Friends. This project was done in conjunction with the library's Summer Learning program. Jill Davidson, our Madelyn Helling Youth Services Librarian, worked with local artist Lori

Humphrey and children from throughout our community to create the new art in front of the Madelyn Helling Library. The mosaic depicts images from Nevada County's history and geography and features a border of tiles designed and painted by local children.

There are big things on the horizon for 2022! One of our larger projects is the construction of a new Bear River Library. Currently in the design process, the library will be in the Lake of the Pines shopping center near the old Holiday Market location. This new library will be over 2,500 square feet and feature a dedicated children's area, expanded collections, and a community meeting room. The increased square footage will allow us to host a full array of programs and events. I am beyond excited to bring this new library to our community. We hope to open this facility in early 2023.

We're also looking forward to this year's Nevada County Reads program. This year's selection is *Circe* by Madeline Miller. *Circe* is an adaptation of various Greek myths, most notably the *Odyssey*, as told from the perspective of the witch, Circe. Madeline Miller will be joining us for a library event in March. Thank you to the Friends for making this event possible. Stay tuned for more details!

Nevada County Community Library is always looking for new and innovative ways to serve our community and we rely on the support of the Friends of the Nevada County Libraries to do our best work. Thank you for everything you've done for the library and our community over the past year. I look forward to seeing what we accomplish together in 2022!



President's Message

By ALEXIS TJOA

President

Welcome 2022! Here's hoping that after the rocky start (Covid, power outages) we'll soon get back to having a somewhat normal year.

As you can see in the newsletter articles, the Library continued to function in various forms last year despite the obstacles it faced. The staff deserves a huge thank you from the community for making this happen.

A thank you to the Gold Country Kiwanis Club for their donation to the Grass Valley Library Winter Reading Program and to all the other donations we received. It's time again to join or renew your membership in the Friends of the Nevada County Libraries so we can continue to provide support to the many worthwhile programs of the Library.

We were so pleased to be able to have our monthly book sales begin again last summer. Don't forget to check it out the first Saturday of every month from 9-3 at the Doris Foley Library for Historical Research in Nevada City.

Happy 2022 and here's hoping it's a healthy and happy one for everybody.



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We would like to thank the Gold Country Kiwanis Club for their generous donation to the Winter Reading Program Book Giveaway

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