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## 'Tis the Season

By YOLANDE WILBURN  
*Nevada County Librarian*



It is time again to gather with friends and family to show gratitude and appreciation for their presence in our lives, and to welcome in what is to come in the New Year. At Nevada County Community Library, we are grateful for our Friends and all that they do to support our mission to create an inclusive environment that fosters discovery, connect our community with innovative opportunities, and inspire lifelong learning.

This year we accomplished much thanks to all of our staff, volunteers, and Friends of the Library members. In addition to all of their work sorting, stocking and selling books our Friends participated in our Aspen Institute Dialogue, Nevada County Rising to the Challenge: Creating Pathways for Learning, Innovation and a Resilient Community. If you have not had the opportunity to review the report, please go to [mynevadacounty.com/library](http://mynevadacounty.com/library) and do so.

Measure A tax revenue provides much needed operational funding for the library. Thanks to that support, we increased hours and programming, added materials and additional staff as well as provided much needed staff training, and equipment.

We updated our digital resources to include Hoopla, an audiobook, music and video download service. Niche Academy online tutorials are now available to provide quick lessons in how to use many of the databases. The Pronunciator, language-learning program helps those interested in learning a new language, including providing resources for new citizens and those learning English. In addition to our other databases, we have linked MedlinePlus from the National Institutes

of Health to our digital resources page to easily direct users toward reliable sources of health information.

Library to Go, Overdrive downloadable e-books and e-audiobooks continues to be our most utilized digital resource. If you have not already tried it, stop by any one of the many Tech Drop-in classes offered at our branches to learn how. If you are fortunate enough to receive a new iPad, Kindle, smartphone or tablet over the holidays, we are happy to help you make the most of your device by providing training and access to all the resources available with your library card.

There is much to accomplish in the next year. We rely heavily on the support of our Friends and the participation and collaboration of other community organizations. In January, we will welcome new staff members including, a new adult services librarian. The additional librarian will enable us to focus on meeting our Measure A Expenditure Plan goal of improving services and materials for seniors and library users with disabilities.

We are also looking forward to moving our Penn Valley location into a larger and more modern space, which meets the needs of the community. Friends of the Library will be involved each step of the way including participating in discussions with the architects developing the interior space plan.

In the last Friends of the Nevada County Libraries newsletter, I spoke about reviewing all of our buildings to develop a plan for much needed renovation and repair. That process is now beginning with the Penn Valley project. In the coming years we will rely heavily on donations from the public in order to accomplish many of the renovations, Americans with Disability Act and infrastructure improvements needed to carry the library forward into the future.

As you begin your holiday celebrations in this season of giving, I want to thank you for your considering a gift to the Friends of the Nevada County Libraries. Donations are a critical source of revenue for the Friends that support the library and are tax deductible. You have great flexibility in determining how the funds will be used, as well as many options for making your gift.

Nevada County Community Library is more than just books. It is the place to come for music, art, movies, lectures, learning, and community meetings. It is a gathering space for families, children, teens, adults, seniors and those of all ages. Your support makes it all possible and we could not do it without you. Happy Holidays!



## Grass Valley Library Branch Brief

By LAURA PAPPANI  
*Project Manager*



We are bustling with kids after school at the Grass Valley Library. Young people walk to the library from several of the local elementary and middle schools to do their homework, use the computers, or simply find a quiet spot to sit and read. On Wednesdays, a teen intern is available after school to help younger students with their questions during Homework Help. At all times, Rachel and Amy help kids and their adults find the perfect book to read or the right information source for their next school report.

The next time you visit us at the Grass Valley Library, please congratulate Sydney Joyce on her new role coordinating our adult programs. Sydney will be planning and running classes, presentations, and other activities for us. Currently, several of our popular Tuesday afternoon adult craft programs are conducted by Sydney. Tracey Lilyquist will continue to run journaling workshops on the second Tuesday of each month, as well as the Remember When outreach program.

For the Remember When program, Tracey loads a wagon with books and other treasures and brings them to the Bret Harte Retirement Home. Residents gather for themed discussions with Tracey that tap into their memories of childhood and days gone by. Discussion themes have included school days, forgotten holidays, and photo albums. Everyone has the chance to share their recollections and stories, many of which are fascinating. After the discussion, participants can check out materials that Tracey has brought, or sign up for a library card. It's been a fun program so far, and very well received by the residents of Bret Harte.

## Doris Foley Historical Branch Brief

The past year has been a uniquely momentous one for the Foley library! The beginning of the year saw us the recipient of the Libraries Illuminated grant from the California Library Services Board, enabling us to purchase state-of-the-art Scanpro microfilm readers, accompanying computers, and printers to better serve the needs of the public. We also excitedly acquired the Wyckoff and Osbourne-Woods collections containing uniquely original photographs, works of art, and documents pertaining to the history of Nevada County.

Foley staff have worked diligently this year to provide quality programs including two cemetery tours, two film screenings, a World War I presentation, and a celebration for the Foley's 111th birthday along with a very special World War I film screening on of the movie, Joyeux Noel (Merry Christmas). Staff prepared for the Carols of Cornwall celebration, featuring historian Gage McKinney as well as a performance by the Cornish Choir of Grass Valley, which took place at the Helling Library. Be sure to stop by the Foley on December 19th for the Victorian Christmas reception where patrons will be able to sip cider and view Victorian-themed cards, letters, and photographs from our Osbourn-Woods archive collection.

In 2019, we will focus our efforts on providing more programs which highlight the Foley collection and local history. We are looking forward to providing a cemetery clean-up event, a trip to the North Star House to discuss Wallace Stegner's controversial classic, *Angle of Repose*, and a new historical fiction book club focusing on women's history as we look forward to celebrating the 100th anniversary of the 19th amendment granting women the right to vote. We have training sessions planned as well, on using the Scanpro microfilm readers and on the intricacies of genealogy research, in partnership with the Nevada County Genealogical Society. We look forward to another year of celebrating the unique and amazing history of beautiful

Nevada County and introducing more people to the wealth of local history resources that the Doris Foley Library has to offer!

## Bear River Branch Brief

By MELLISA HANNUM  
*Library Assistant III*

The Bear River Library has been bustling with programs this year, and our patrons are feeling more engaged because of it. The Summer Learning Program offered an event every day the Station was open, keeping the space energized and full of children and parents.

This fall, we have instituted, "Teen Tuesdays," giving the high schoolers a variety of projects ranging from science and technology to crafts and life skills. Our monthly "Getting Artsy at Bear River" has continued to be very popular – with all ages. The Bookworms have selected their topics for the next six months and will be offering interesting book discussions as well as fantastic comradery for anyone who would like to join.

The library has become quite the family gathering place on Saturdays, so starting in January, we're going to offer, "Family Time," from 11:00 am–12:00 pm. This will give our parents the ability to mingle with others, as well as offering structured activities and playtime for kids. We will also continue to offer our popular programs including "Pajama Storytime" the last Wednesday of each month, "Tech Drop-ins" on third Wednesdays, and our aforementioned "Teen Tuesdays" and "Getting Artsy." Keep your eye out for even more new programming in the coming months.

Thank you, Friends, for your continued support. Bear River appreciates all you do for us.

# A Year in Youth Services

By RACHEL SCHNEIDER  
Youth Librarian

As the year begins to wind to a close it is an excellent time to look back at all the exciting things that have taken place in the Youth Services Department thanks to the generous help of the Friends of the Nevada County Libraries (FOL). Due to their support, the library has been able to offer kids, teens, and parents multiple opportunities to learn, read, and have fun together.

One such opportunity was our annual Summer Learning Program, which proved to be bigger and better than ever this year. Nevada County Community Library was able to provide 214 summer events with a total of 6,989 attendees as well as distribute 1,807 prize books to children throughout the county. With events that included a Unicorn Party, a Bus Storytime, a cupcake competition, and visits from various performers, it is easy to see why the local youth were so excited to visit the library.

New to the Nevada County Community Library summer lineup was the inclusion of Summer Lunches at the Grass Valley Library. This program was a partnership between the library, the Grass Valley School District, the Nevada County Public Health Department, and Briar Patch Co-op that provided free lunch to children 0-18 throughout the summer and saw over 2,000 participants. However, this program could not have been such a success without the work of 3 teen interns who helped with lunch setup, organized and conducted activities, and helped maintain statistics. The three interns were given a \$250 stipend, provided by the FOL, in order to compensate them for a summer of hard work. Thanks to their efforts the library was able to provide a much needed program for local families that provided healthy food, fun activities, and a welcoming place to spend the summer.

But summer hasn't been the only time the library offered fun and educational events for children. Thanks to the support of the FOL, the Youth Services Staff have been able to create multiple programs for children and teens that encourage independent

learning and reading. These include a Young Adventurers Club that focuses on hands on STEM projects, a monthly Family Night that helps bring popular book series to life, a Teen Tuesdays craft club, and other amazing events like Teen Lock-ins, Henna Designs, scavenger hunts, storywalks, Movie Afternoons, Maker Challenges, weekly storytimes, and many, many more!

The Youth Services Staff at the Nevada County Community Library are so happy to be able to provide the local youth with so many opportunities to grow, learn, and have fun in the library. We would like to thank the FOL for all their support in providing us with the tools to create these incredible programs for children and teens throughout the past year. We can't wait to provide even more amazing programs in the coming year!

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](http://madelynhelling.evanced.info/signup/Calendar) or contact one of our Youth Services Librarians.



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# New in the CTC for 2019

By JILL DAVIDSON

2018 has been a fun filled year in the Collaborative Technology Center (CTC) and we are looking forward to more excitement with new programs and classes for the New Year! Starting in January 2019 will be hosting a Beginning Ukulele Class/Jam Session. The program will be offered the second and fourth Monday of every month at 10am in the Gene Albaugh Community Room at Madelyn Helling Library. Learning to play an instrument is proven by scientist to reduce the effects of Alzheimer's and promote health and wellbeing. Ukulele players of all levels are encouraged to partake in this fun and engaging program.

Another delightful program to look forward to in 2019 is the Bob Ross Paint Along! Patrons will be able to paint along to the soothing and talented instruction of PBS's own, Bob Ross. The program will screen the 30 minute shows that the late Bob Ross was so famous for teaching folks to find their inner artist and giving them confidence by insisting, "there are no mistakes, only happy accidents". In this program all art supplies will be provided, and time will be given to pause the program so no one falls behind in making their own "happy trees" on their landscape artwork. The Bob Ross Paint Along will kick off on Friday, January 4th and will continue on the first Friday of every month in the Community Room from 10:00 am-12:00 pm.

Along with the new programs the CTC will continue to offer popular programs such as the Donut Tech Drop in's, where patrons can enjoy a cup of coffee while getting tips on their cell phones and devices from our friendly Tech Volunteers. 3D printing classes, book clubs, craft classes, POV documentaries, Travel Talks, Virtual Reality demos and various computer classes will also continue to be offered to the public. Be sure to check our online calendar at [madelynhelling.evanced.info/signup/calendar](http://madelynhelling.evanced.info/signup/calendar) to ensure you don't miss out on any of these enriching and community building events!



## New Adult Literacy Coordinator

By LIZA ALVAREZ  
*Adult and Family Literacy Coordinator*

Hello Nevada County Friends of the Library, my name is Liza Alvarez (pronounced Lisa). I am the new Adult and Family Literacy Coordinator. I just joined the Nevada County Community Library team but I have worked and volunteered in libraries for the past five years. I was an ESL (English as a second language) professor, substitute, and teachers' aide for adult exchange students at Cal State Fullerton for 4 years and an ESL Library Conversation Club facilitator at the San Jose Library for a year. Spanish was my first language, so I have experience in many different learning environments and literacy is my passion!

As your new literacy coordinator, I hope to get to know you and our community by meeting personally with as many staff, tutors, volunteers, students, administrators and community members as possible. I am looking forward to starting regular tutor trainings to support our volunteers, as well as occasional meet and greet activities to create a community of fun learning through shared interests and goals. Another one of my goals is to reach out to the Spanish speaking community in the County to learn how to better serve them and let them know of our current services. If you are interested in volunteering as a literacy tutor or know someone or an organization that could benefit from my services, please do not hesitate to contact me at [Liza.Alvarez@co.nevada.ca.us](mailto:Liza.Alvarez@co.nevada.ca.us) or call (530)470-2772. If you are in Nevada City, we can chat and have a "cafecito" anytime.

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## Truckee Library Branch Brief

By ERIC KOISTINEN  
*Branch Manager at the Truckee Library*

Hello, my name is Eric Koistinen and I am the new Branch Manager at the Truckee Library. I previously worked at the Truckee Library as a Library Assistant and have returned after working at Lake Tahoe Community College as an Academic Librarian. My goal is to make collections and programming more accessible for all library users.

The Truckee Library has been working towards providing more programming to fit the needs of the community. We are excited about providing more technology programs like "Date with a Database" to teach searching skills using our databases, and collaborations with the One-Stop Business and Career Center at the Truckee Joseph Center.

We welcome everyone to visit during our Holiday Open House and book signing for the new edition of Joanne Meschery's *Truckee : An Illustrated History of the Town and Its Surroundings* on December 15th from 3:00 pm-4:30 pm. The event, sponsored by the Friends of the Truckee Library is sure to be a hit with local history buffs.

Another program in the works features the Pulitzer Prize winning photographer Tom Knudson. He will discuss his art and career as a photographer. The details are still being finalized, but it will take place in early 2019, so be sure to check the Truckee Library events calendar at [mynevadacounty.com/library](http://mynevadacounty.com/library) for more information.

I want to thank both the Friends of the Nevada County Libraries and the Friends of the Truckee Library for supplying Nevada County Community Library with funding and resources to make our programming possible. We are looking forward to providing much more adult, children's, and teen programs in the coming year.

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## Library's Student Success Card Program Expands to Include More Schools

By SACHI NEUMANN  
*Youth Services Librarian*

Students of Truckee High School are the latest to join the library's growing Student Success Card project. Student Success cards allow students of participating schools to check out up to three items from any branch of the library with no fines or fees. The students do not have to visit the library to get a card, and may keep their regular library cards as well.

In addition to the library's collection of physical materials, the cards grant access to digital resources including e-books, audiobooks, magazines, videos, and a variety of databases. Digital libraries like Tumblebooks (a collection of animated, read-aloud eBooks for kids), and Library to Go (downloadable eBooks and audiobooks) provide additional resources for teachers and students to support learning and discovery.

The Student Success Card project is part of the Student Success Initiative, which was developed in collaboration between the Pacific Library Partnership and the NorthNet Library System, and is supported by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services. Its purpose is to promote partnerships and cooperation between public libraries and schools, and to get a library card into the hands of every student. Nevada County Community Library has been a participant in the project since 2017.

The first schools to partner with the library were the Bear River High School and the Nevada Joint Union High School. The program has recently been expanded to include Silver Springs High School, North Point Academy, NU Tech, and Ghidotti Early College High School. Truckee High is the first school in eastern Nevada County to participate.

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The Friends also accept car donations and you receive a tax receipt for your generous donation.

Detailed instructions for all these opportunities can be found on our website, [ncfol.org](http://ncfol.org), under “The Ways You Can Help” section.

# Friends of the Library to Support Local School Libraries

By JOSIE ANDREWS,

*Bear River High School Teacher-Librarian and Friends of the Library Board Member*

The Friends of the Library has embarked on an exciting collaboration with the Nevada County Superintendent of Schools (NCSOS). In May of 2018 the Friends of the Library reached out to NCSOS to discuss the possibility of providing library funding for the 32 schools in the greater Western Nevada County in the amount of \$6323 for library materials.

Superintendent Scott Lay agreed to match the Friends of the Library contribution, and contacted administration at each school district to invite library and school staff to apply to receive money to support the purchase of library books and materials for Pre K through 12 library programs.

The first round of funding was awarded to 6 schools for a total amount of over \$5000. A second round of grant applications was opened in November. This time 16 schools applied to receive funding. Superintendent Lay and his staff have reviewed the proposals and they have all met the criteria outlined in the request for proposals. The Friends of the Library will review the proposals at the January meeting and schools should expect to receive award letters shortly thereafter.

The FOL is looking forward to continued partnerships with school libraries to support our young readers!

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## Friends of the Libraries Membership

Alexis TJOA

*President, Friends of the Nevada County Libraries*

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 well attended monthly book sale held at the Doris Foley Library in Nevada City on the first Saturday of each month. Many 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 assist our libraries in a variety of ways. Over the last year we have funded the Summer Reading Program, Nevada County Reads, children's programs and the subscription of the Book Page newspaper you can pick up at your local library branch. We purchased the sunshade and paid for the well attended summer music program at the Madelyn Helling Library amphitheater.

We also continued our support of the San Juan Ridge Community Library by funding a third of the cost of their new carpet as well as providing ink for a new color printer. They also received two computers that had previously been purchased by the Friends for the Doris Foley Library for Historical Research, and were no longer needed when the County Library took back the operation of the Foley from the Friends.

Our new project this year is helping our school libraries. In conjunction with the Nevada County Superintendent of Schools, we have offered grants to individual school libraries to purchase books and library related materials.

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

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