

FRIENDS' FEEDBACK

FRIENDS OF THE BENICIA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Jean Walker, editor
jeanius@gmail.com

Basement Remodel: How You Can Help

By Ron Arrants

It has been awhile since we updated you on the remodeling project for the basement in the Library. As you recall the plan is for the Friends to move the book sale program upstairs and have a book store which would be open daily and have more frequent bag sales to be held in one of the conference rooms.

Library usage has increased over the years (we now circulate over 30,000 items a month!) and our great Library Staff is in dire need of space to handle the workload. As you read monthly in this newsletter, the Library programs are many, varied, appeal to all ages and are very popular. The Friends have been in complete support of meeting the community needs with this expansion and are proud of the financial help we have been able to provide for Library programs.

The basement plans have been drawn, the architect has priced out the design and about half the funds are available. The City Council recently reviewed the funding needs with other city obligations and has chosen to put the Community

Center completion at the top of the list of city needs.

The City Council will be starting its needs assessment and strategic planning process in the next few months. This process will help determine how capital improvement funds are allocated for 2009-11. The Library needs you to attend these meetings and support the library basement project to get it placed higher on the priority list. We would like your support in the Library's quest to get this project completed. By supporting the Library project at ANY Council meeting, and especially during their strategic planning meetings, we will be able to move this project forward.

Friends' book sales will continue in the same format until further notice, as the Library remodel is "on hold" until additional funding is found. Join us for the November pre-sale on Thursday evening, November 6 at 6 p.m. If you can brave the crowds come to the \$5-per-bag-of-books sale on Saturday, November 8 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Trivia Bee 18: Wizard of Oz

Save The Date: February 28, 2009

By Carolyn Cadlioni

"Follow the yellow brick road" to the 18th annual Trivia Bee fundraiser for the Benicia Public Library's Adult Literacy Program. The fun begins at 6 p.m., Saturday, February 28th at the Clocktower.

A delicious catered dinner will be provided along with a no-host bar. There will be silent and live auctions, a raffle, and of course, the trivia competition.

Come dressed as your favorite Wizard of Oz character and compete for costume prizes.

Tickets are \$25 and will go on sale

February 1st at the Library and Bookshop Benicia.

Team sponsorship for a three person team is \$300 and includes dinner. Space for teams is limited and will be accepted on a first come basis.

Treat yourself to a highly entertaining evening **AND** support the Adult Literacy Program.

For more information, to donate gifts or services, or to sponsor a team, call Helaine Bowles at 746-4358 or email hbowles@ci.benicia.ca.us.

Friends' Book Sales

Thursday, **November 6**
Members-Only Sale
6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

November Public Sale
Saturday, **November 8**
\$5 per bag of books!!!
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Thursday, **December 11**
Members-Only Sale
6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

December Public Sale
Saturday, **December 13**
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

In the Library's
Basement

Book Sale Volunteers, please call Dolores Kan on (707) 746-7380 if you need to cancel or reschedule your book sale shift!

Library

Art Gallery Shows

Through December 5 — Megan Wolfe, "Meant Something To Me."

December 11 through January 15 — Marilyn Schaeffer, "Benicia in Black and White."

Marilyn O'Rourke
Art Gallery,
in the Library

Poetry Open Mike

Open Mike night is the first Tuesday each month, November 4 and December 2 at 7 p.m. Read your poetry and listen to others.

Behind the Scenes : Rose Russell, FOBPL Board President

By Nancy Mahoney

Starting with this issue, the Friends' Feedback will introduce you to an active Friend of the Benicia Public Library. Our first introduction is President Rosella Russell.

Rose enjoys spending time going out to eat with the special people in her life, Rose does not cook. She does take pleasure in playing slot machines and reading mysteries and biographies. It was a proud and fun time for Rose when she danced on the stage at the Orpheum Theater in San Francisco with the very tall and handsome Tommy Tune.

Rose was born and raised on a farm in Missouri. There were five children in the family, 2 sons and 3 daughters, Rose was the baby. She was a toddler when her dad was hurt on the farm and unable to maintain it.

Rose's mother was a school teacher and the family of 7 relocated to California during WWII to seek employment. Arriving in San Francisco

Rose's mother was told she was too old to teach, she was in her late 40's. She was able to find teaching positions in smaller California towns. Rose rode a school bus an hour each way to attend high school in Mariposa, Mariposa County.

Eventually Rose moved to San Francisco and was employed as a manger at Pacific Bell. While living in San Francisco she married and divorced. Later, living in Oakland, Rose's last position at Pacific Bell was as District Director for Discrimination Claims. Because of reorganization, Rose was offered an early retirement and she took it.

19 years ago, wishing to relocate for her retirement, the big city girl found small town Benicia and a house with a fireplace and a view. She settled in and became active in the community, serving as Symphony President for two years.

After becoming acquainted with FOBPL member Lorraine Atkins, Rose took on Publicity

for the Friends. And, with the departure of FOBPL President Diana DeHaven Lang, Rose was elected to her current position as President of the Friends of the Benicia Public Library.

While serving as FOBPL President, Rose worked with then Library Director Monique LeConge on the successful creation of the Benicia Library Foundation.

Rose Russell's passion is working with people and she is always looking for new projects.

Currently Rose lives with her Shih Tzu, Caitlyn, and the only male in the house, Sinbad, a Seal Point Siamese cat.

The Friends are fortunate to have Rose's experience and skill as President. Her enthusiasm and attention to detail make working with her a joy for all, especially the Board because her ongoing goal is to keep Board meetings to 30 minutes!

Free Concert

**Diablo Regional
Concert Band
Friday, December 12
8:00 p.m.**

Winter Concert in the Library's fireplace area. Conductor Larry Colon will lead the 50 member band.

Teen Events

November 1, 8:30 p.m. Before there was Edward ... there was Dracula!!! Celebrate **Day of the Dead** with old-school horror and hard-core junk food! Prizes for the best costumes!

December 16, 6:00 p.m. Finals Café—Here's a chance for you to get some extra study time in. We'll serve snacks and hot cocoa while providing a quiet, relaxing study environment at the library. Study in groups or on your own. Bring your friends!

California of the Past Project

The Benicia Library has been awarded an extension to the original one year pilot California of the Past grant.. The new deadline is March 2009.

For this segment of the project, the Library has purchased a camcorder. This additional technology allows the Library the flexibility to record and capture video stories, whether it be in a home or on site at the Library.

A survey has been developed to continue to gather stories for the California of the Past oral history grant. The Library is still trying to find new story topics and people to interview.

Please contact Fran Martinez-Coyne or Anita Falltrick on 746-4343 if you have a story about Benicia that you would like to share.

Solano Kids Read: Letters From Wolfie

What if every kid in Benicia read the same book at the same time? This fall, as part of Solano Kids Read, a project that encourages reading for entertainment, inspiration and delight, kids in the 5th through 8th grades will read Patti Sherlock's award winning novel, Letters From Wolfie.

Special events include:

November 10, 3:30 p.m., grades 5-8, book discussion group.

November 12, 3:30 p.m., groovy 1960's theme party.

November 13, 4:00 p.m., meet our volunteer therapy dog, Honey.

November 14, 5:00 p.m., meet

Patti Sherlock, author of Letters From Wolfie. Open to all ages.

Solano Kids Read is a partnership of Benicia Public Library, the Rotary Club of Benicia, **the Friends of the Benicia Public Library**, and the Solano County Library.

Thank You For Supporting Our Book Sales!

Proceeds for September: \$4,889
Proceeds for October: \$3,163

Sorters: Ron Arrants, Brita Bautin, Virginia Cady, Joan Campbell, Charlene & Daryl Cella, Ann Edwards, Allen Green, Ken Innes, Richard Irwin, Doug Johnson, Leigh Anne Jones, Jason Levitt, Kathy & Jack MacKinnon, Nancy Mahoney,

Mariellen O'Hara, Fred & Pat Paine, Susan Penney, Larry Penning, Mike Radesky, Joan Reading, Rose Russell, Julie Shelton, Sandy Stillwell, Margery Walsh.

Book Sale Volunteers: Ron Arrants, Charlene & Daryl Cella, Joan Christiansen, Pat Holcomb, Doug Johnson, Doug Johnson, Delores Kan, Bonnie Kofsky, Jan

Malin, Jeanne Maxwell, Marjorie Moore, Veda Musto, Carol Nail, Peggy O'Connor, Judith Querin, Liz Robbins, Rose Russell, Jim Spillane, Jett & Milly Thomas, Betsy Trempy, Betsy Trempy, Harry Wellman, Jan Woods.

Donations of paper bags are needed. Thanks!

Friends of the Benicia Public Library—2008 Board Members

Member-at large—Book Sales	Ron Arrants	745-4770
Member-at-large—Publicity	Karen Baltier-Long	246-2700
Co-Member-at-large—Membership	Pat Paine	745-2240
Co-Member-at-large—Membership	Fred Paine	745-2240
Member-at-large—Special Events	Liz Miller	745-5850
Member-at-large	Allen Green	745-3237
Member-at-large—Newsletter editor	Jean Walker	747-9252
Parliamentarian	Mary Eichbauer	747-1946
Recording Secretary	Diane Wassmann	745-1823
Corresponding Secretary	Connie Coughlin	747-6554
Co-Treasurer	Judy Carrigan	747-0640
Co-Treasurer	Elaine Gessert	745-6791
Vice-President	Nancy Mahoney	745-2878
President	Rose Russell	747-1455

Please feel free to call the person you need directly!

Meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday in the Edna Clyne Room of the library at 6:30 p.m.

All members are welcome to attend.

Become A Member Of The Friends!

The Friends of the Benicia Public Library is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the interests of the Library. Among our activities, we raise funds to purchase books and equipment, acquaint the public with library activities and resources, fund cultural programs and speakers, sponsor a variety of school activities, and fund the position of Coordinator of Library Volunteers. You will receive the Friends' bi-monthly newsletter, advance notice of upcoming library events, book sales, and other library activities. Membership is open to all.

Annual Dues Categories:

Individual.....	\$15.00
Family.....	\$25.00
Patron/Business.....	\$50.00
Sponsor.....	\$100.00

All contributions are tax-deductible....

Employment company provides matching funds. Company name: _____

Please note if this is a gift. Yes No If so, please include the name and address of the donor, and a brief message, if desired.

I would like to be an active Friend and help with:

- Book Sales Book Sale Sorting Fund Raising Mailing Computer Skills
 Social Events Volunteer Library Work Telephoning
 I am interested in serving on the Board or chairing special committees.
 I have a truck and strong back I have a strong back I have a truck, but no back

Name Date Address.....
 City State Zip code Phone
 Date..... E-mail address (optional)

Contributions are welcome. Make checks payable to the **Friends of the Benicia Library** and send with this form to:

The Friends of the Benicia Public Library, P.O. Box 1866, Benicia, CA 94510.

P.O. Box 1866
Benicia, CA 94510

Non-Profit
Organization
U.S. Postage
PAID
Permit No. 90
Benicia, CA

STAY UP-TO-DATE!

CLICK ON

WWW.BENICIALIBRARY.ORG



November-December 2008 Coming Events

Ongoing Events:

Baby Storytime (*6 to 18 months*), Mondays, 1:00 p.m.
Toddler Storytime, *ages 2-3*—Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.
Preschool Storytime, *ages 4-5*—Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.
Tails 'n' Tales, *grades 1-5*—Thursdays at 4:00 p.m.
After-School Zone, *ages 8-19*—Monday-Thursday, 3:15 p.m.
Friday After-school Movie, *ages 8-14*—Fridays at 2 p.m.

November

Through December 5—Megan Wolfe, "Meant Something To Me."
1—Celebrate Day of the Dead, *teens*, 8:30 p.m.
4—Kids' Book Club, *4th & 5th graders*, 3:30 p.m.
4—Open Mic Poetry Event, 7:00 p.m.
5—Noon Book Club, 12 noon.
6—Friends' Members-Only Book Sale, Library Basement, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
8—Friends' **\$5 Bag** Sale, Library Basement, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
10—"Letters From Wolfie" Book Discussion, *grades 5-8*, 3:30 p.m.
11—Veteran's Day, Library closed.
12—Groovy 60s Party, *grades 5-8*, 3:30 p.m.
12—Friends' Monthly Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
13—Mystery Book Club, 7:00 p.m.
17—Teen Advisory Board, 6:00 p.m.
18—Junior Kids' Book Club, *2nd & 3rd graders*, 3:30 p.m.
18—Middle School Book Club, *6th-7th-8th graders*, 4 p.m.
18—Non-Fiction Book Club, 7:00 p.m.

19—Evening Book Club, 7:00 p.m.
24—Teen Book Club, *teens*, 6:00 p.m.
26—Learners' Book Club, 12:30 p.m.
26—Library closes at 5:00 p.m.
27-28—Thanksgiving & Day After, Library closed.

December

December 11 through January 15—Marilyn Schaeffer, "Benicia in Black and White."
2—Kids' Book Club, *4th & 5th graders*, 3:30 p.m.
2—Open Mic Poetry Event, 7:00 p.m.
3—Noon Book Club, 12 noon.
9—Non-Fiction Book Club, 7:00 p.m.
10—Friends' Monthly Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Call first; this meeting may be cancelled.)
11—Friends' Members-Only Book Sale, Library Basement, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
11—Mystery Book Club, 7:00 p.m.
13—Friends' Public Book Sale, Library Basement, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
15—Teen Book Club, *teens*, 6:00 p.m.
16—Junior Kids' Book Club, *2nd & 3rd graders*, 3:30 p.m.
16—Middle School Book Club, *6th-7th-8th graders*, 4:00 p.m.
16—Finals Café, *teens*, 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
17—Evening Book Club, 7:00 p.m.
19—Teen Advisory Board, 4:00 p.m. (special date and time)
24—Library closes at 5:00 p.m.
25—Christmas Day, Library closed.
31—Library closes at 5:00 p.m.