



AMONG FRIENDS

Friends of the Sacramento Public Library

March/April 2015

Save the Date!

March 1, 1:30–3:30 pm

All Friends Meeting
at The Book Den
8250 Belvedere Blvd. Ste. E

Friday, March 6

5 pm–8 pm
Warehouse Book Sale
(Friends members preview.)

Saturday, March 7

9 am–4 pm
Warehouse
8250 Belvedere Ave., Suite E
Sacramento

Tuesday, March 10, 6:30 pm

Friends of Sacramento Public Library
Board meets at Belle Coolege Library

Thursday, March 26, 2015

3:00 pm–5:00 pm
Sacramento Public Library Authority
Board of Supervisors Chambers
700 H Street, Sacramento

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Tuesday, April 14, 6:30 pm

Friends of Sacramento Public Library
Board meets at Southgate Library

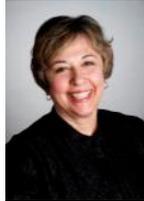
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The number one purpose of the Friends of the Sacramento Public Library, as stated in our Articles of Incorporation, is to create public support for expanding the goals and objectives of the Sacramento Public Library and its Branch Libraries, and to advocate for them to the extent permitted by law.

A Message from the Library Director

By Rivkah Sass



The Sacramento Public Library loves to be on the cutting edge when providing new services that make our communities stronger. That's why we were thrilled to be the first library ANYWHERE in the world to offer Beanstack!

Beanstack helps you find the next author or book your child will love and it helps you request it from your library. Even more important—librarians make up the powerful search engine behind this incredible service. And most important—Beanstack is made possible by the generous support of the Friends of Sacramento Public Library!

The Friends know how it is critical for each and every child to start school ready to learn. Thanks to the Friends support, the Beanstack service allows us to make our collections as well as the expertise of our libraries available to you 24/7.

Beanstack includes:

- Expert recommendations especially for children eight years of age and younger selected by Sacramento Public Library librarians
- Choices from the Library's print and eBook collections
- Weekly emails and recommended learning tips
- Help in locating the "hidden gems" you didn't know the Library had
- Assistance in finding a replacement for that book your child wants to read 100 times (i.e., the next book your child wants to read 100 times)
- Educational mobile app recommendations
- The ability to experience the site with your child as you explore creative Themed Guides and select your child's interests, such as "Daring to be Different," "Ninjas," and "Not So Pink Girls"

THANK YOU Friends of Sacramento Public Library who now make this amazing new service available!

Rancho Cordova Friends Win Library Bus Service to Start in April

Rancho Cordova Library does not have a transit stop closer than 1.5 miles. This has been a huge disadvantage to many people who would like to use the library. Friends Co-Presidents Jerry Jagers and Pam Whiteley decided to try to remedy this. Jerry investigated the situation thoroughly and came up with specific suggestions. Both attended numerous meetings at the Transit Board and were pleased to discover they had many supporters who serve on it. Jerry and Pam were persistent and relentless in arguing for a bus stop. Remember, the squeaky wheel gets the grease—in this case it got a whole bus! Starting in April, bus service will stop right in front of the library.

Meet the Friends: Darryl Lucien

By Carrie Sessarego

Darryl Lucien is a member of both the Martin Luther King, Jr. Friends and the System Friends boards. He serves on the Legislation and Education Advocacy Committee, where he brings attention to the services the library brings to the community as well as the link between public education and the library system.

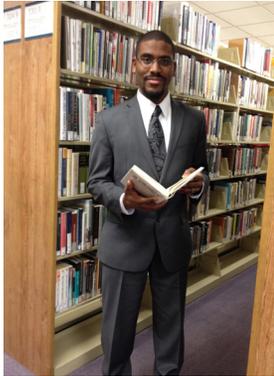
When Darryl was growing up in L.A. County, his grandmother often took him to the library. He checked out books as well as classic movies. In 2009 Darryl moved to Sacramento where he works at the State Capitol as a legislative analyst. He felt compelled to volunteer with the Friends because of his childhood ties to the library and because he believes that the role libraries play to tie communities hand-in-hand with public education is often overlooked in the political arena. "The library was an integral part of my public education, and too often libraries are disconnected from the discourse on public education. I wish that more people understood the role that the library can play in collaboration with public schools to improve literacy and learning."

I asked Darryl about his favorite book. "One of my favorite books is a book I checked out from the California State Library called *A Rage for Justice*, by John Jacobs. It's a book about the life of Phillip Burton, a San Francisco politician who served in the State Assembly and Congress. Reading it was an important part of my political education. What I drew from it was that if you're willing to work exceptionally hard to understand what you don't know, you will change your trajectory, rather than just staying in your box."

Darryl is especially excited about the Martin Luther King, Jr. branch's annual essay contest. (Awards were given on February 24). The winner received a cash prize, which resonates with Darryl because he raised approximately \$7000 for college by writing essays. He submitted to every contest he could find, and all the small and mid-sized cash prizes added up. The benefit was not just financial, "It was also a confidence booster because I worked so hard to improve my writing."

Darryl also improved his writing by reading. One book that helped him was *A People's History of the United States* by Howard Zinn. "I enjoyed this book so much and I tried to immerse myself in the writer's words and how he constructs the book and conveys information."

Darryl feels that the Friends play a very important role. "They do a lot of work, especially with the library director to fund and support programs. These programs are driven by time and resources." The Friends are happy to have Darryl's time and expertise!



Galt Library Celebrates Its 1908 Opening

The Galt-Marian O. Lawrence Library celebrated its 106th birthday at an event at the branch on Saturday, November 15, 2014. Attendees included the Honorable Don Nottoli, Supervisor of the Fifth District of Sacramento County; past and present Friends and Friends' officers of the Galt-Marian O. Lawrence Library; Library managers, including Director Rivkah Sass, Deputy Director Denise Davis, Facilities Manager Lois Ross, and Branch Regional Manager Carolyn Rokke; Galt city council member Barbara Payne, Sacramento Public Library Friends President Jeffrey Rubin, and members of the staff and of the community.

Following a presentation of the story of the Galt Library, second oldest county library in California, by Branch Supervisor/Youth Services Librarian Diane Christensen, dressed in 1908-era attire, attendees were invited to examine a gallery of prints of photos taken during the last 100+ years of the people of Galt and of their library. While background music was provided by local guitarist brothers Brian and Craig Pattenaude, attendees enjoyed birthday cake and cookies, signed a special birthday card,



received commemorative pencils, created stamp art with help from community leader Leesa Klotz from the plates of late local artist/publisher Baxter Sperry, had their faces painted by young adult artists Lizette Hernandez and Madeline Kummerle, and brought their children over to read to Paws to Read volunteer Joan Gibson and her dog Eele.

This event, supported by the Galt Friends, happened with the help of Friends Patricia DeWit and Shelly Graham, who with Diane Christensen, were able to put together information from prints of photos provided by Galt Area Historical Society members Eugenia and Dave Olson and Rae House Curator Earl Errants. Amanda Graham, Sacramento Public Library Archivist of the Sacramento Room at Central Library, was the key provider to an amazing treasure trove of historical information obtained from copies of old newspapers, letters, photos, and other documents that she generously shared.

What's happening on May 5, 2015?

Hint: It's going to be really BIG, and the Friends are involved. Stay tuned.



Book Den Outreach Program

By Pat Dansby

Let me first introduce myself. My name is Patricia. I have been volunteering at the Library Warehouse almost a year. I first found out about the Library Warehouse from a retired librarian and principal while visiting a friend at a skilled nursing facility last year. She admired my volunteer work at an elementary school and put me in contact with a mutual friend.

That person and I talked about doing a project where I would adopt a classroom at a school. Each student in the class would receive a book during both winter and spring breaks and be encouraged to read it. I would ask my family and friends to donate money or give me children's books instead of gifts. After volunteering at the Library Warehouse, I arranged for several schools to receive books. Like kids in a candy store, they really were happy to get these books.

Then a "light bulb moment" happened. During the summer, I took books to various parks within Sacramento County and distributed them. You may be wondering how parks were selected—glad you want to know. If there were at least two children in a park, I would setup my milk crates and arrange the books by subject and let them pick books. Then it dawned on me that adults take children to parks, so I asked Brian for some adult books. He suggested that I get the discards from the bins. Everyone was happy to take them, and there are a lot of people that enjoy reading.

The first child that received a book said, "You know, a lot of people don't have money for books" and "I wish my best friend could get a book." So I asked her to go and get her friend, but she said "she lives near Taylor Street School." I had no idea where Taylor Street School was and thank goodness for the Internet. I found it and took books to a park across the street from the school. Yes the people there were happy—I don't know if her friend was there, but I was happy to have the books to give away.

I have seen so many people with smiles on their faces. The discard books are being read and people of all ages are enjoying them. I have attached a list of the places that I have been taking books. Some I visit weekly, others I go to monthly and the others are as I have books.

My motivation is the smiles and the personal requests for books. Personal requests have been for non-English, large print, National Geographic magazines, self-help, and the list goes on. As one lady said at the Hart Center, "All you had to do is ask," and that was for the National Geographic magazines.

Well, there is so much more to share; however, I have people to see, places to go, and life to live...

2014 Discarded Books Distribution List

	# of Boxes
6th Avenue Garden	204
AA Group	3
Acacia Meadows Apartments	17
Banner Lassen Hospital	4
Beale Air Force Base	20
Blue Star Moms	44
Brick House Art Gallery	1
Broadway Wash & Dry	41
Centennial UMC	1
Community Against Sexual Harm – CASH	13
Davita Florin Dialysis Center	41
E. M. Hart Senior Center	10
Fijian Children	9
Fire Station #10	5
Gateway Recovery House	4
Ghana	217
Grandparents Support Group	6
Greenfair Towers & Garden Apartments	1
I-CARE	11
James Johnson – Tulare Church	7
JFK H.S. Art Dept.	5
Kaiser Hospitals	28
Kaiser, Morse	11
Little Free Library	10
LLBE	1
Manteca Campgrounds	10
Mather VA Hospital	15
Men's Empowerment	1
Negro Baseball League Outreach/VA	1
Nicholas Campground	32
Oak Park Community Center	6
Oak Park Farmer's Market	69
Oak Park Womens NA Meeting	5
Oregon House	6
Portland VA Medical Center	1
RAI Dialysis Center	7
River City Food Bank	232
Roberts Family Development Center	10
Sac City Gardens	4
Sacramento Black Book Faire	44
Sacramento County Mental Health	4
Sacramento Treatment Center	143
Sharon Styles	2
Sherwood Healthcare Center	4
SPCA	40
SSIP Food Closet	163
SSIP Food Closet @ Bethany Church	2
Strategies for Change	26
Sutter Hospital – Oncology Ward 4th Floor	18
Sutter Infusion Center – 2nd Floor	6
UC Davis Medical Center	1
Union Gospel Mission	7
University Dialysis Clinic	35
University Dialysis Clinic, E. Southgate	16
Vintage Woods Apartments	8
Washington Plaza	10
Wellspring Women's Center	9
Winter Sanctuary – Capital Christian	10
Woodland Jail	7
Yosemite Campgrounds	5
TOTAL	1673
TOTAL BOOKS (30 Per Box)	50,190

Help Wanted at Book Den

The Book Den store is seeking three volunteers to work one shift a month as a cashier, helping customers and ringing up sales. We need one cashier each on the first Saturday, the second Saturday and the 4th Saturday, all three for the 10 am to 2 pm shift. Training will be provided. For more information contact Cherril Peabody at capeabody@comcast.net.



At the Friends of Sacramento Public Library Annual Meeting on January 25th, new board members were elected and attendees received a visit from Otterby Reading, the Friends mascot.

Friends Warehouse Sales

Friday, March 6

5 pm–8 pm

Preview and sale for Friends members only.
(Memberships available at door.)

Please note there is no parking allowed on the south side of Belvedere.

Saturday, March 7

9 am–4 pm ~ Open to public.

Friday, April 10

5 pm–8 pm

Preview and sale for Friends members only.
(Memberships available at door.)

Saturday, April 11

9 am–4 pm Open to the public.

The Book Den is open every Thursday, 9 am to 2 pm;
Friday & Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm.

Gift certificates are available at the Book Den. They are accepted by the Book Den and the Warehouse.

The Book Den and the Friends Warehouse are located at 8250 Belvedere, Suite E, Sacramento. For more information or to find out about Book Den/Warehouse volunteer openings, please contact: BookDen@SacLibFriends.org or call (916) 731-8493.



Branch Book Sales

10th Anniversary Cooledge Friends Book Store Sale

Two for one sale throughout the month of March to celebrate and thank their patrons.

April 11 through Saturday, April 18 during library hours

South Natomas Library Friends Book Sale

April 18–25 (During library open hours)

Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Library Friends Book Sale

May 1 (1:00 pm–6:00 pm)

May 2 (10:00 am–3:00 pm)

NH-Antelope Library Friends Book Sale

May 1 (1:00 pm–6:00 pm)

May 2 (10:00 am–5:00 pm)

Arden-Dimick Library Friends Book Sale

In addition to these special book sales, all branch libraries have Friends book sale areas or bookstores that operate during regular library hours. The Friends of the library book store in Rio Linda is now only open on the second Saturdays of each month from noon to 6 pm. For more info please go to <https://www.facebook.com/TheFriendsOfTheLibraryBookStore>. The Walnut Grove Book Keeper is open on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from 1:00 to 4:30 pm and the 2nd Saturday from 1:00 to 4:30 pm in the Walnut Grove Library.

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MEET PAULA POUNDSTONE

The Sacramento Public Library Friends

& *Wait Wait... Don't Tell Me!* Panelist, comedian and author

Paula Poundstone join forces to raise funds for the
Sacramento Public Library

Join the Friends and Paula on

Friday, March 13, 2015, 7:30 p.m.

The Crest Theater

1013 K St., Sacramento, CA

To purchase tickets, visit ticketfly.com, the Crest Theater Box Office
or call (800)-225-2277 Tickets.

The Sacramento Public Library Friends will be selling Paula Poundstone's book *There's Nothing in This Book That I Meant to Say* on the evening of the show. A percentage of the proceeds from book sales will be donated to the Friends of the Sacramento Public Library. Paula will sign books following the show.

Friends of the Elk Grove Library Presents:

The 2015 Doug Davolt **SHORT STORY CONTEST**

ENTRY DEADLINE 5 P.M. APRIL 1

SHORT STORY CONTEST RULES

- Contest is open to ages 16 and older.
- Entry fee is \$5.00. Make entry check payable to Friends of the Elk Grove Library.
- Entries may be fiction or non-fiction and not longer than 1,000 words.
- Manuscripts must be typed and double-spaced.
- Final word count should be written at the top of the title page.
- Name, address, phone number, and manuscript title should be written on a 3x5" card and attached to the entry. Do not put your name on manuscript.
- Submissions will not be returned.
- **Deadline for entries is 5 p.m. Wednesday, April 1, 2015.**

WINNERS WILL RECEIVE CASH PRIZES OF:

First place – \$100
Second place – \$75
Third place – \$50

MAIL OR BRING THE MANUSCRIPT TO:

Elk Grove Library
8900 Elk Grove Blvd., Elk Grove, CA 95624

AWARDS CEREMONY

Prizes will be awarded on **Saturday, April 18, 1 – 3 p.m.** in the Community Room of the Elk Grove library. The event is open to the public and free of charge. You do not have to submit a story to attend. Refreshments will be served.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

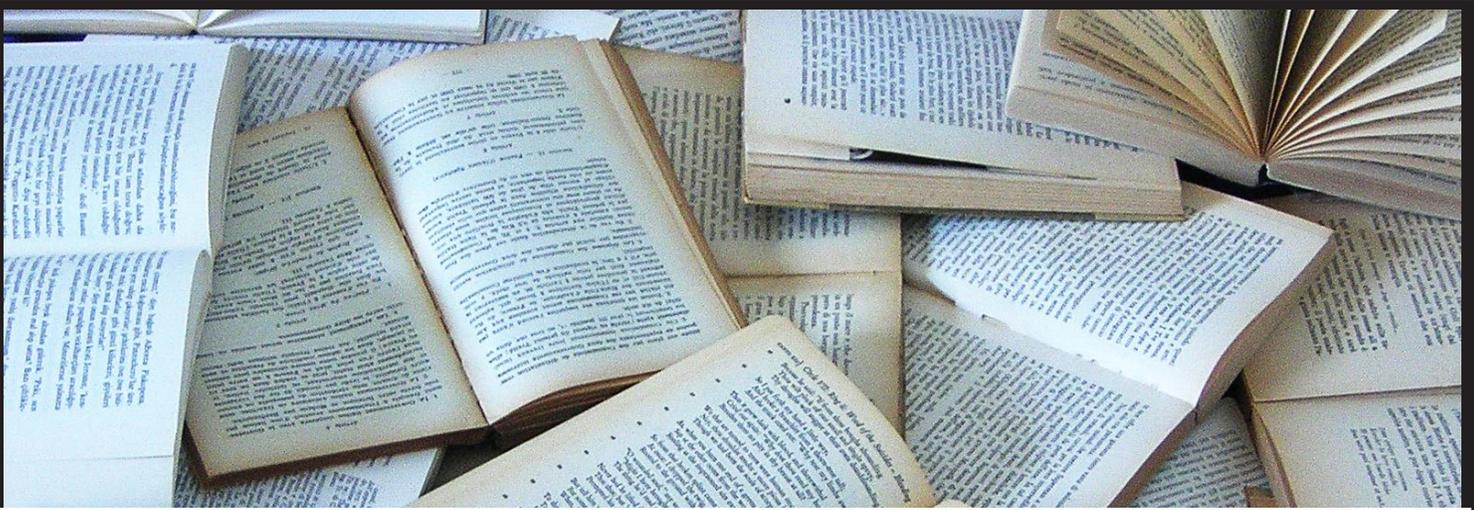
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or Jean Kern jalicekern@comcast.net

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- **Thursday, April 23**
5-7 p.m. Friends members only night
- **Friday, April 24**
3-6 p.m. Open to the public
- **Saturday, April 25**
9 a.m. – 1 p.m. open to the public

Elk Grove Library | 8900 Elk Grove Blvd, Elk Grove, CA 95624

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Book Sale

Benefits Pocket-Greenhaven

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Where:

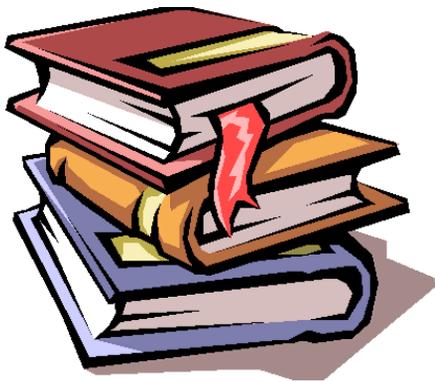
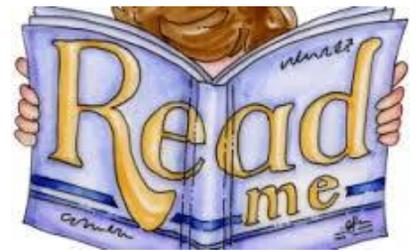
Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Library

Starting Sale:

Saturday, April 18, 2015

9 AM – 10 AM (Members Only)

10 AM – 4 PM (Open to All)



Continued Sale:

Tues. 21st 10 to 6, Wed. 12 to 8

Thurs. 10 to 6, Friday, 1 to 6

Bag Sale:

Sat, 25th

10 AM – 1 PM

Come browse our selection of used paperbacks, hard covers, children's books, videos, books on tape, and CDs.



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