

Library News

Friends of the San Benito County Free Library



Presidents Message: Ruth Erickson



On October 20th we celebrated our 30th anniversary during National Friends of Libraries Week (October 17-23rd). Fifty-one attendees enjoyed light refreshments and music by David Huboi and Vince Zuniga of "Luke's Groove".

Ruth presented the two student essay winners with certificates, \$100 each, and Friends of the Library book bags. The Friend's Essay Contest was for Junior High and High School students. Contestants were asked why the San Benito County Free Library was their best "Friend". The Junior High Winner was **Riley Scherr** of Sacred Heart School and **Mia Vodanovich** the Winner from San Benito High School. They also

received certificates from a representative from Assemblywoman Anna Caballero's Office. Students from five schools participated: Spring Grove, Sacred Heart, Marguerite Maze, Calvary Christian and San Benito High.

The Friends were thrilled to receive Certificates of Recognition from the San Benito County Free Library, Hollister City Council, Assemblywoman Anna Caballero, Senator Jeff Denham, Congressman Sam Farr, and a Proclamation from the San Benito County Board of Supervisors.

We welcomed dignitaries' Board of Supervisors Reb Monaco, Margie Barrios and Jaime De La Cruz; Mike Sanchez, School District Superintendent; Bill Ritz from Senator Denham's office and Millie Perez from Anna Caballero's office.

Fundraisers for this quarter include the Friends participating in a fund-raiser on October 30th at Casa De Fruta to benefit library programs, and launching a new "Adopt a Book or Magazine" Campaign to provide much needed funding for the library's materials budget.

On November 16th, we will celebrate the annual National Philanthropy Day sponsored by Community Foundation of San Benito County. The Friends and the Library will honor member Lanty R. Mason for his years of contributions, professional computer expertise and serving on the Library Strategic Planning Taskforce.

Thank you to all our members, volunteers, the County Librarian and staff and to all those who use the resources of the County Library, Bookmobile and Mobile Family Learning Center. We enjoy the challenges and look forward to the next 30 years! *Thank you, Ruth Erickson.*



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Book Sales for the Holidays

Every Saturday (except when raining) the Friends of the Library have a book and media sale (\$3.00 per sack) from 9:00am-12:00Noon outside and behind the County Historical Museum. During the week inside the library, interested customers may buy new books and gently used media for the holidays. Hardback books and Movies are \$1.00 each and paperbacks cost .50 each. Only cash or check is accepted. Please write checks to the Friends of the San Benito County Free Library.

Message from the County Librarian

In observance of National Friends of Libraries Week (October 17th to 23rd), I am writing to express my appreciation and public thanks to the Friends of the San Benito County Free Library who contribute so much of their time and expertise to enhance our Library Services.

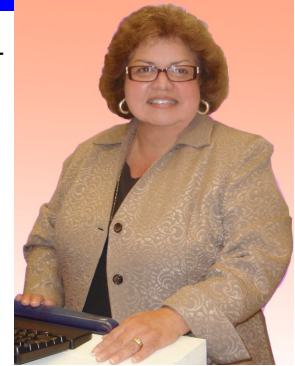
Since its inception in 1980, the Friends have donated hundreds of thousands of hours and substantial funding towards the costs of children's programming, special collections, family and adult literacy, facilities enhancements and equipment. In fact, the Friends ushered our library into the digital era by funding the Library's very first computer lab.

The Friends exemplify community leadership, proactively partnering with community groups and individuals to bring special programs to the library featuring historical, cultural, artistic, literary, technical, and educational events, activities and exhibits. They have worked with the County Librarian, library staff and County Supervisors for three decades delivering many benefits to the community. With their support and advocacy, the San Benito County Library has become a source of pride for our community.

Please plan to attend the first Library Summit for the San Benito County Free Library on Wednesday, December 1, 2010, from 5:30p.m. to 7:00p.m. The event will start with refreshments and a friendly mixer. Following the friendly mixer the findings of the library surveys, conversation groups, and individual interviews will be led by Mr. Lanty Mason. There will also be yet another opportunity for those that attend the library summit to share their ideas and library needs. The Strategic Planning Library Taskforce will gather your input and incorporate it into the Library Strategic Plan for the future. This event promises to be fun and exciting so please plan on attending.

RSVP by calling the San Benito County Free Library at 831-636-4097. It's a pleasure to serve you and your family. Thank you!

Happy Holidays! Nora Conte, County Librarian.



Adult Programs Stress Basic English Skills

Gavilan College in partnership with the San Benito County Free Library provides free English as a Second Language (ESL) classes from 9:00am-12:00Noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Library. Over 25 students have been attending each class which began on Thursday, September 02, 2010. This popular ESL Lifeskills class will continue until December. For more details please contact the Instructor, Mr. Gilberto Segovia, at 831-726-3970.

Conversation Club is with Ms. Dilia Blanco at (831-636-4107 ext. 12), who conducts small group weekly sessions on Thursday evenings from 6:00pm-7:00pm at the Library. These sessions are tailored for adult English as Second Language Speakers who wish to practice and improve their English language skills in conversing and confidence building.

Adult Literacy Program provides a free and individualized tutoring service to improve the reading, writing and verbal skills of English-speaking county residents. Basic English speaking and writing skills are required for interested adult learners wishing to sign up for the Library Adult Literacy Program. Individualized tutoring is tailored to meet the literacy needs of the Learners. Please contact the Literacy Program by completing the contact form located near the front desk and calling 831- 636-4107 ext. 20 for an appointment.

It's Storytime!

Storytime's with Ms. Carole are a great way to prepare children to read and begin making visits to their local library a life-long habit.

Newborn and Toddler Story Time with playtimes are scheduled Mondays and Fridays from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Storytimes for preschool children and primary grades are scheduled from 6:30—7:30pm on Tuesday evenings with stories, finger plays, songs and "Stay and Play".

Adopt a Book for the Holiday Season!

For a unique way to show your holiday spirit, consider giving a gift that can be opened again and again. This holiday season, the Friends have initiated a new program to "Adopt a Book" for the library. With sustained budget reductions to the materials budget in recent years, your gift will insure that our library will be able to purchase new materials to address the ever changing educational, informational and recreational needs of our diverse and changing community.

Adopt a Book will be an ongoing program in which books or magazine subscriptions can be purchased by the library as a holiday gift, to celebrate a birthday, to honor a retiree, or to serve as a lasting memorial to a friend or relative. With a \$25 donation, a book will be purchased for the library, bookmobile, or Mobile Family Learning Center. An attractive book plate will be placed in the book in honor or memory of the person designated. A donation of \$15 or more will be used to purchase magazine subscriptions. For both books and magazines, a gift card will be sent to the person honored and an acknowledgement card will be sent to the family in memory of your loved one.

All **Adopt a Book** donations are tax deductible. A form is provided below to make your **Adopt a Book** donation.

The Friends of the San Benito County Free Library would like to thank you for your generous donation to the **Adopt a Book** program.

___ Books (\$25 each) Total \$ Contribution _____

___ Magazine Subscriptions (\$15 each)

Book Item preferences (select choices from options below)

___ No Preference ___ Children ___ English ___ Reference

___ Fiction ___ Teens ___ Spanish

___ Non-Fiction ___ Adults ___ Japanese

Donor Information (please print or type)

Name _____

Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

Honoree (if Applicable)

In Honor of _____ In Memory of _____

Name and Relation to Deceased of person notified _____

Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

___ I (we) wish to have our gift remain anonymous.

Signature (s) _____ (Date) _____

Please send your check along with the completed donation form to the Friends of the San Benito County Free Library, 470 Fifth Street, Hollister, CA 95023.

Volunteer Honored during Philanthropy Week

During the 10th annual National Philanthropy Day Celebration on November 16th, Community Non-Profit Volunteers of the Year will be recognized at the San Juan Oaks Club. This annual event and dinner from 5:30pm-8:00pm is sponsored by the Community Foundation of San Benito County.

The Friends of the Library and the San Benito County Free Library are proud to honor Lanty R. Mason as Volunteer of the Year for being a dedicated leader on the Library Strategic Planning Taskforce; for his significant contributions on major technology projects and grants; and for conducting sessions on online job hunting, beginning chess, and American Indians.



Lanty R. Mason
Library Volunteer of the
Year, 2010.

Lanty will facilitate and lead the Library Summit on the findings compiled from the Library Community Survey and Conversation Groups. Enjoy refreshment while engaging in an open discussion to be held from 5:30pm-7:00pm on Wednesday, December 01, 2010. Many thanks, Lanty!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES! Enjoy volunteering with the Friends of the Library for booksales, sorting book donations, community events or fundraisers. Volunteer at the library as a Literacy Tutor, Homework Tutor, Computer Assistant, holiday events and shelving. Contact Ruth Erickson, Friends of the Library, 831-637-0987 or Dilia at the Library, 831-636-4107 ext. 12. Thank you!

SNAPSHOT: ONE DAY IN THE LIFE OF CALIFORNIA LIBRARIES OCTOBER 4, 2010

San Benito County Free Library was one of over 250+ libraries in California that participated in Snapshot Day during the first week of October 2010. This event required extensive data collection used to complete an on-line zoomerang survey on library statistics, and recent photos of one day in the life of our library. Local statistics demonstrated over 500 visitors a day and 28,467 registered library customers in San Benito County. These "efforts will create a compelling picture of library services in California and will support library advocacy efforts throughout the state".

Preliminary results and photos will be displayed during the California Library Association (CLA) / California School Libraries Association (CSLA) Conference in Sacramento from November 12-15, 2010. This Snapshot Day is a project of CLA and part of a national campaign presented by the American Library Association. Thank you for visiting the San Benito County Library and participating in Snapshot Day!

Friends Fundraiser: Soup Labels!

Now that the autumn months are here, it's time to think about cooler nights and warmer meals. The Friends request that you save labels and bottle tops from the following Campbell's products (save UPC codes) from:

- All Campbell's soups
- Franco American
- Prego
- Pepperidge Farm
- Swanson Broths

Save lids from V-8 Splash and labels from other V-8 products. Please drop in Campbell's container on the Customer Service Desk facing the Children's section of the library. We have earned many supplies for the library and for materials for children's programs by saving "Labels for Education".

Thank you, Ruth Erickson—
President, Friends of the San Benito
County Free Library

Introducing Esme Casas—Librarian

The Fall of 2001 began an exciting journey for Esmeralda Casas when she started a new position as a part-time Library Assistant at the San Benito County Free Library. While working part-time she attended the CSU Monterey Bay University to become an elementary school teacher. In the Spring of 2006 Esme was awarded the Bachelor's in Liberal Studies with a minor in Spanish.

At the advice of the new County Librarian, Esme enrolled in the graduate School of Library and Information Science at the San Jose State University. In August of 2010 Esme was awarded the Master's in Library and Information Science (MLIS)! Presently, Esme is a valued bilingual member of the Youth Services Team who assists with class visits, storytelling and the Summer Reading Program. She is also an active volunteer with the Library Strategic Planning Taskforce.



Esme especially enjoys working with her colleagues on the Youth Services Team and assisting Spanish-speakers in using the library's resources. She expresses her special thanks to Wendy Kay, Youth Services Librarian; Dilia Blanco, Circulation Supervisor; and Nora Conte, County Librarian, for all their encouragement and support.

On the Road with Library Services



Residents might see the Library Bookmobile on the road visiting local schools and community centers in Hollister, San Juan Bautista and Tres

Pinos. The Bookmobile is especially popular at rural schools, the Si Se Puede Center and the Migrant Camp. Other stops include Pinnacles National Monument, Convalescent Facilities and Chamberlains Children Center.

Carlos Munoz, Mobile Services Coordinator and Driver has a busy weekly schedule during the school year and summer. Carlos and staff provide full library services and programs on the bookmobile.

Carlos has also participated in local events by taking the Bookmobile to Kids in the Park, YMCA Healthy Kid's Day; Sheriff's National Night Out; County Expo & Job Fair; County Saddle & Horse Parade and the County Fair.

As part of a Mobile Library Literacy Grant, Carlos also drives the Mobile Family Learning Center to Countryside Day Care and First Presbyterian Church Preschool on Thursdays. For a bookmobile schedule, visit the library.

Library Card Campaign with Schools:

GOAL (Grade One At the Library) Program is moving forward in achieving the program's goal of registering all first graders in San Benito County for Library cards.

This very successful program coordinated and implemented by Sally Tiffany piloted three schools last year and is now covering first and second grade classes in Ladd Lane and Cerra Vista Schools.



Sally is including 2nd grade classes to pick up missed students during her first cycle of visits. On the next phase, the program will cover Calaveras (grade one) and Sunnyslope (grades one and two).

Calendar of Events:

10/01

Bookmobile at San Benito County Fair, Tres Pinos from 10am-6pm.

10/03

Friends display at Chamber of Commerce Booth at County Fair, 12-2pm.

10/11

Library Closed, Columbus Day

10/12

San Benito County Board of Supervisors present Friends with Proclamation at board meeting to celebrate the Friends 30th Anniversary during National Friends of Libraries Week, October 12-23, 2010.

10/11-17

Nora attends Association of Rural and Small Libraries Conference, Denver.

10/20

Celebrate Friends 30th Anniversary at the Library.

11/11-15

Librarians present at the California Library Association Conference in Sacramento.

11/16

Tuesday – Friends & Library celebrate National Philanthropy Day, 5:30-8:00pm at San Juan Oaks Club with a presentation to the honoree, Lanty Mason.

11/24– 26

Library Closed for Thanksgiving.

11/27

Saturday—"Lights On Celebration and Parade", Downtown Hollister at 5:00pm. Christmas Tree decorated by Library Children's Program.

12/01

Wednesday **Library Summit** with presentations on findings from Community Survey and Conversation Groups. 5:30 Mixer with refreshments. Presentations and community input from 6:00-7:00pm.

12/16

Santa visits the library! Thursday 16th December from 5:00pm-7:00pm. Visit with Santa, join in the Holiday Crafts and receive a free book.

12/24-31

Library closed—Xmas Holidays.

Fall Youth Programs

After-school Programs with Ms. Kayoko:

Our monthly after-school programs, scheduled the third Thursday of the month, started off with a Halloween Party on October 21 from 4:00-5:00pm with spooky stories, Halloween crafts, and a "bat cave" visit!



On November 18th from 4:00-5:00pm children will have an opportunity to exercise their creativity by making Thanksgiving crafts with Ms. Kayoko Jorgensen. Miss Kayoko continues to attract large audiences with her uniquely created crafts projects designed to be fun and challenging for children of all ages and skill levels.

Fall programming culminates with our Annual Santa Visit held on Thursday, December 16th from 5:00-7:00pm. Children will enjoy a visit with Santa, crafts and receive a free book of their choosing. Parents are encouraged to bring their cameras for picture taking with Santa.

Homework Club with Ms. Sally:

The popular after-school homework club started a new school year on October 5, 2010 for students from 3:30-5:00pm on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at the Library.



Sally Tiffany, Homework coordinator, and her group of volunteers provide homework assistance to elementary students in grades 1-5. She provides books and "quiet" activities for those students who finish their homework early. On most days bilingual Spanish speakers are present to assist students. Volunteers are needed to assist Sally in the Homework club.

More Volunteers are needed to assist Sally in the Homework Club.

New: Color Prints \$1.00 each; Black & White .15c each. Brainfuse, an interactive tutoring program, is available on the Homework Computers for students of all ages in the Children's Area. Please sign up at the Customer Service Desk with your library card before using the Homework Computers.