



# FOOTSTEPS

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## *From the President*

We, in the Auburn area, are blessed with a community that loves and supports the arts! This category includes the library filled with the works of many creative artists. Even though our wonderful 18th annual FOL dinner fell on the same day as our local Auburn Symphony's performance, all our tickets were sold out! Several FOL supporters who had attended the Symphony's performance, merely drove over to the library to end their day with the delicious dinner on our "venue". Thanks to all of you who attended our annual dinner – those who brought hors d'oeuvres, helped set up, donated or brought items for the Silent Auction or just came to enjoy another FOL annual dinner.

We are off to the De Young Museum again on March 22nd. Reservations are necessary and if you have not made them, contact Peggy Dunievitz at 885-6729 to reserve your seat on the bus and for the tour. Those of us who went in November are looking forward to going again. There is too much to see in just one visit! This next trip will include a very special exhibit titled Bouquets to Art. Fresh flowers will interpret works of art at the Museum's exhibit!

The library annex construction is on hold due, in part, to wet weather and ongoing negotiations with the contractors.

Wear a "blue button" that says: "Support Your Library". This symbol is a reminder to all voters to support Proposition #81 on the June Primary Election ballot. Voting "YES" will mean more money for our public libraries. According to Mark Parker, Placer County's library system is currently being funded below the County Plan. Even with FOL support, the library system has less than half of what it needs to meet the Plan's goals.

**Margot Fulmer, PRESIDENT**

### **ENCORE TRIP to De Young Museum, San Francisco.**

Reservations must be made by March 3rd. The trip and tour will take place on Wednesday, March 22nd. The bus will leave from behind Raley's parking lot at 8:30 A.M.



Call 885-6729 for reservations. It will be a special tour featuring "Bouquets to Art", fresh floral displays interpreting works of art.

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## FROM THE AUBURN LIBRARY MANAGER

Library staff members are currently working on next year's budget: 2007. It is also evaluating our system-wide Collection Development using our Library Service Plan, current circulation and collection statistics.

One computer table has arrived for additional computers to access the Internet. The Wood-Workers's Guild built and donated a beautiful seat for the Children's Picture Book area. New seat cushions for it are being made and donated, too. And the office space for Technical and Branch Services has been rearranged to facilitate a more efficient flow of operations.

Lastly we have received a \$1,000 grant from Placer County Health and Human Services for the Teen Mentor Program. This will provide food and programs for teens and preteens as well as gasoline stipends for teens to be at the Auburn Branch Library to help mentor E.V. Cain students in an after school program. This is part of the Strengths and Assets Promotion program to build teen leaders.

**Sushila Mertens**, AUBURN LIBRARY MANAGER

### MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to new member: Jackie Clary. We are ending our year with a membership that now totals 427. Of these, 186 are Life members and 241 are Regular members!

The Friends of the Library Board **THANK** each of the members for their continued support and hope that our Regular members will rejoin again for the 2006 – 2007 membership drive.

**Jane Misphey**, CHAIR



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# Support Your Library

## FROM THE PAST PRESIDENT

This may be the first time you have seen or read anything about Proposition 81. It is the first measure on the June 6th Primary ballot. For Friends of the Library, it is important because it is a \$600,000,000 bond issue to build, renovate and “stock” libraries throughout California. Yes, Placer County Library system will be a beneficiary, too.

Credit Jannene Coleman with sparking early, local interest by picking up a batch of blue “Support Your Library” buttons to wear in public. Coleman, former chair of the Placer County Library Advisory Committee always wears her button in public and has additional buttons for sale @ \$1.25 each.

The ballot measure was first introduced more than two years ago in the Legislature by Senator Dede Alpert as a \$2 billion library bond issue for the November 9, 2004 ballot to help meet a State Library needs assessment that California had 575 public library projects that needed to be completed by 2011 at a cost of more than \$4 billion. By the time it got through the legislative process, the measure required applicants for bonds to provide 35% of the funding for any project. State bond funds would be limited to a minimum of \$50,000 and a maximum of \$20,000,000.

Placer County’s submission for funding from the last bond measure: \$350,000,000 to help build a new Rocklin Branch Library failed. The 2006 measure would give first priority for eligible but unfunded applicants from the 2000 measure. It would target up to \$25,000,000 for joint use projects for public educational institutions that provide at least half of the 35% local matching funds that could include donated land.

**Michael Otten**, PAST PRESIDENT

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, March 1st  
**GLASS DISPLAY CASES**  
 "The Great American  
 Meat Out"

Wednesday, March 1st  
**ART DISPLAY:  
 PHOTOS**  
 The Beecher Room

Friday, March 3rd  
**BUS TRIP  
 RESERVATION**  
 Call P. Dunievitz 885-6729

Friday, March 3rd  
**NOON PROGRAM**  
 Tree Trimming...

Saturday, March 4th  
**USED BOOK SALE**  
 9 A.M. - 4 P.M.  
 The Library Annex

Wednesday, March 15th  
**LIBRARY ADVISORY  
 BOARD MEETING**  
 Meadow Vista Library  
 10 A.M.

Friday, March 17th  
**NOON PROGRAM**  
 The Library Director

Monday, March 20th  
**FOL BOARD MEETING**  
 The Beecher Room

Saturday, April 1st  
**GLASS DISPLAY CASES**  
 "Enhanced Manzanita"

Wednesday, April 5th  
**USED BOOK SALE**  
 9 A.M. - 4 P.M.  
 The Library Annex

Friday, April 7th  
**NOON PROGRAM**  
 Diplomatic Experience  
 in China

Saturday, April 8th  
**USED BOOK SALE**  
 9 A.M. - 4 P.M.  
 The Library Annex



### GLASS CASES DISPLAY

<i>MONTH</i>	<i>NAME</i>	<i>DISPLAY</i>
March	Mary Ann Harris	"The Great American Meat Out"
April	Peter Brown	Enhanced Manzanita by P. Penny

***Ann Fain*, CHAIR**

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## NOON PROGRAMS

During March, the Friends of the Library NOON Programs will feature Nelson Money from PG&E's Vegetation Program Management and Mark Parker, Library Director.

On Friday, March 3rd, Nelson Money will talk about PG&E's "Tree Trimming Program in Your Neighborhood". He will discuss its purpose, what it wants to accomplish when it is in your neighborhood and what each of us can do. Cleona Duncan will host this program.

St. Patrick's Day program, March 17th, will feature the new Library Director, Mark Parker. He will discuss his "First Impressions and Next Steps, An Update from the Library Director". Come meet him and hear his plans and vision for the Placer County Library system. Dorothy Sandborn will be the FOL hostess for this program.

In April's programs, Mike Holmes, Auburn's Mayor, and Margot Fulmer, current FOL President, will be featured.

"My Diplomatic Experience in China" is Mike Holmes' topic for Friday, April 7th. He will share with the audience his days in China as a naval attaché at the American Consulate in Beijing. Michael is fluent in Chinese; he reads and writes the language. Donna Howell will be the hostess for this program.

Margot Fulmer will talk about "My Summer Vacation, Part I – Peru" on April 21st. She will share her experiences and photos about the culture and history of Peru with the audience. Kathy Ryan will host this program.

The public is welcome to these free programs, which are held in the Auburn Library's Beecher Room at Noon. Participants may bring a bag lunch. Refreshments are also available.

***Glyneth Cassidy***, CHAIR

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## LIBRARY ADVISORY MEETING MINUTES

Placer County Library system is falling short of its Library Service Plan goals in the area of collection materials, according to the Library Director's report to the Committee. Mark Parker said the staff is committed to the goal of replacing 5% of each branch's collection each year in an attempt to achieve a 2.2 item ratio per capita. Just to meet this 5% goal would take a materials budget of \$472,000 per year. The current budget is \$430,000 down from \$460,000 "The actual deficit is greater than it appears", said Parker, "because it also supports magazine and online database subscriptions, neither of which were factored into the \$472,000 figure". Even if the funding were available to meet the 2.2 item ratio per capita, there is not enough room/space at the branches to house the materials.

"Popular materials are of the utmost importance and have been assigned the highest priority", Parker said. Other goals are to meet the public's desire for lifelong learning and for quick and accurate sources of information. To accomplish these, the Director said, "expanding the audio book and video/DVD collections, providing popular titles in a timely manner, being responsive to public input, increasing awareness of new materials and maintaining up-to-date reference resources are in progress". Other objectives include increasing public satisfaction with the library's collection, increasing materials circulation by 5% a year and shortening the time patrons have to wait for materials.

To cope with the financial shortfall, the library staff is looking at a number of ideas including spending more money on non-print materials, subscribing to a leasing plan for best sellers, reducing the circulation period for new titles, DVDs and other popular materials from three to two weeks and emphasizing adult reading programs and contests.

Interested supporters of the Placer County Library's system may attend the next Library Advisory Committee Meeting at Meadow Vista's Library: 10:00 A.M. on March 15th. Director Parker will also be the main presenter of the **NOON Program** in the Auburn branch's Beecher Room on March 17th, St. Patrick's Day.

**Michael Otten**, PAST PRESIDENT

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## USED BOOK SALE

2006 is off to a racing start at the Used Book Sales with \$2081.07 raised in January and \$1998.20 in February. Both sales “weathered” the weather just fine. The addition to the annex is moving slowly. Donations of materials, volunteer help and cash are needed. Of course, donations of books, tapes, CDs, records, videos, DVDs and “white elephants” are always welcome. They may dropped off at the annex deck anytime. A deck check is done two or three times daily. If you need donations picked up, give me a call at 823–2287. We will gladly come and pick them up. Just a reminder: NO ENCYCLOPEDIAS, NO NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC magazines – except for the current year’s issues and NO READER’S DIGEST CONDENSED BOOKS except for the most current two years: 2005 & 2006. As always, Thank you.

**Jan Bailey**, CHAIR



## BEECHER ROOM ART DISPLAY

From March through April 15th, Joyce Pope will share some of her photographic pieces with viewers. Joyce’s original home was in upstate New York. At twenty years of age, she moved to California and has lived in Auburn for the past twenty-four years.

While a senior in high school, her mother died unexpectedly. Joyce was familiar with her mother from oral stories that she knew. However, she soon discovered there were too few photographs of her mother. At this discovery, she vowed to make photographs part of her life’s history.

Since 1990, she has had opportunities to travel to many beautiful and picturesque places which she has captured in some of her photographs. To her, the camera is her “artist’s palette” which captures the beauty and wonder of the natural and man-made worlds. Her sequence titled “The Bridge Dance” is a series of photos of four unique, covered bridges located in and around Burlington, Vermont. These photos were taken during October 2004.

**Barbara Zollner**, CHAIR



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“In the beginning was the word...” . John I: 1-3