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River Friends Newsletter

VIEW FROM THE STACKS

Terry Gwiazdowski, President

Hello from the River Friends! There's been a lot happening this year both with our organization and at the library.

We held a very successful Egg Painting Party on Sunday, April 2nd. Almost 60 children and adults painted, drew, and decorated up to 4 eggs to bring home. It was a wonderful community event.

Our Spring Book and Bake Sale took place on Saturday and Sunday, April 15 and 16, with a free day on Monday, April 17. We had about 150 boxes of books and media and made over \$1,500.00 dollars. We will see if this shorter sale will work over the long term.

Our annual meeting is Saturday, May 20th at 1:00 p.m. We are holding it outside again at the Guerneville Senior Center. A mailing went out in April that had more information about attending so I hope you will respond and join us.

We have a major fundraising event at Rainbow Cattle Company's Give Back Tuesday scheduled on Tuesday, July 18 from 6-8 p.m. We need help both prior to the event for items to raffle and on the day of the event. More information on this will be forthcoming soon. Our summer book and bake sale is scheduled for Saturday/Sunday, August 19 and 20.

Other events planned include a Summer Book and Bake Sale August 19-20, our Halloween Open House on Tuesday, October 31st, and our Wreath, Bake and Book Sale on Saturday, December 16.

Please consider becoming a more active volunteer for some of our other events such as tabling at the Guerneville Farmer's Market in the summer and others we would like to hold again but need your help to bring back.

As always ---

THANK YOU for your support!



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BY THE NUMBERS

- Last FY Gross Revenue: \$13,800.16
- Last FY Expenditures: \$5,403.65
- Number of events: 17
- Volunteers at events: 600+
- Volunteer hours: 1,800+



OCCIDENTAL LIBRARY

SPOTLIGHT ON: OCCIDENTAL LIBRARY

The Occidental Library is tiny but mighty. It serves a very appreciative community of avid readers.

The library has been in the community since at least the 1960s and has been located in its present storefront since the 1970s. Major changes have occurred during those years. Until 2015, the library was only one 18 X 18 foot room. When a space opened up next door we expanded to almost twice a big. This created room for a children’s area, two easy chairs, public access computers and a very popular River Friends sale bookcart. We also now have a workspace table and two more chairs.

Melanie McCallum is the branch manager for all three libraries under her—Forestville, Occidental and Guerneville (known as “FOG”). All three are supported by the River Friends of the Library.

Take time to visit the Occidental Library during open hours.

SPOTLIGHT ON: OCCIDENTAL LIBRARY—CON’T.



OCCIDENTAL LIBRARY

Just a couple of ways the Friends have helped Occidental have been by providing shelving for their teen books and extra lighting over the children’s area.

The Occidental Library serves a wide geographic area, being the westernmost library facility in the Sonoma County Library system.

It is highly valued and appreciated by its patrons, who can request books from anywhere and use the many services provided in-house.

Occidental Library cannot offer the vast array of services and programs that the “big” libraries have, but it is second to none in its importance to the community it serves.

The library is located at 73 Main Street around the corner from Howards Station Café. The hours are Mon. 10-2, Tue. 1-5, Wed. 10-2, Thu. 1-5, Fri. 10-2, and Sat. 10-2. It is staffed by one Senior Library Associate. Nancy has worked at Occidental for many years and her patrons enjoy her friendly service. Stop in sometime and say hi!

SPRING 2023 BOOK AND BAKE SALE REPORT

We had wonderful weather and a great turnout for our weekend book and bake sale. We made over \$1,500.00 through the sale of books, baked goods and donations.

25 River Friends volunteers put in over 210 hours helping with the book sale or baking and often both . Our setup and break-down crew outdid themselves with record timing. We only had one day to do setup. They lugged in almost 150 boxes of books and media.

Monday was our free day and whatever was left was either taken to a thrift store or other locations or left in the Library's Discovery box, which then gets distributed to other needy locations.

Damien, our Vice President summed up our success with this note:

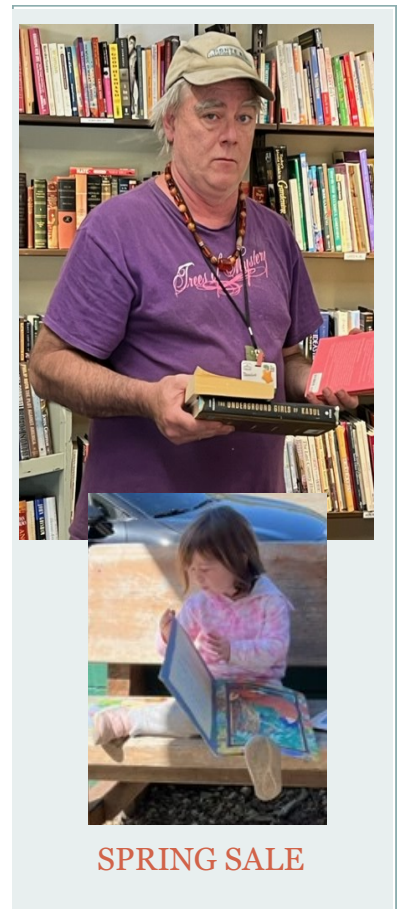


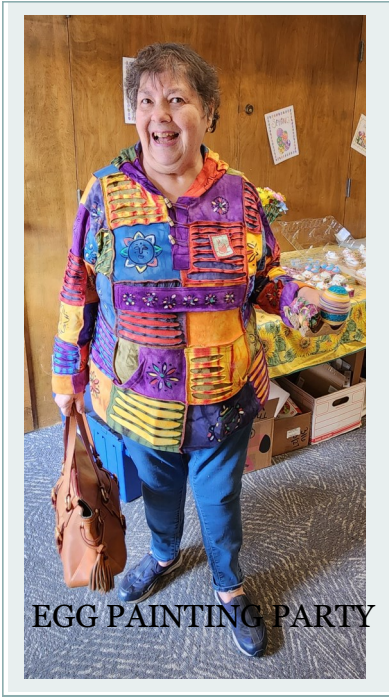
Save the dates for our next sale—August 19 and 20.

SPRING BOOK AND BAKE SALE—CON'T.

"Hark!

Let the news go forth across the enchanted valley that a rag-tag group of engaged citizens spread mirth, merriment and literary weight throughout the village and far into the hillsides to the tune of well over a grand when those credit receipts ring true, and let this proclamation declare that justice was served on that fair spring afternoon when our irreplaceable public library was supported and nurtured via aromas of the finest baked goods in all the land—and peace, harmony and goodwill were abundant throughout the turning of a thousand million pages. Rock on Rockstar volunteers."





EGG PAINTING PARTY

SPRINGTIME EGG PAINTING PARTY

The River Friends of the Library were able to offer our annual Springtime Egg Painting Party in person once again.

During the COVID years we resorted to handing out egg painting kits and goodies to our drive by patrons and at the curbside pickup. It was wonderful to again see families and adult patrons enjoying themselves creating such amazing works of art. Library discarded books for children and teen were also offered for free.

Almost 60 children, parents and other adults attended. Lillian from our library staff and 9 River Friends volunteers staffed the event and offered baked goodies and refreshments.

We spent about \$400.00 on supplies such as water color paints, plastic and wooden eggs and for the snacks. Money well spent to see all the happy faces.

Thank you to all our event volunteers. You ROCK!

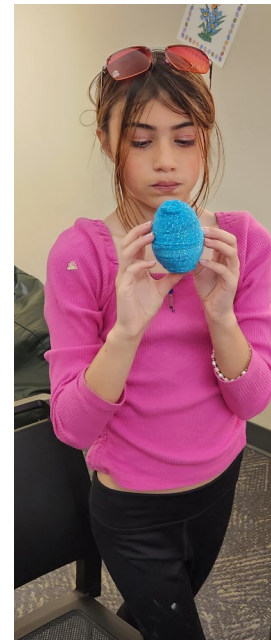
SPRINGTIME EGG PAINTING PARTY—CON'T.

We wish to send a BIG THANK YOU to Anita, Christmas, Dee, Dotty, Duane, Ginger, Lillian, Noel, Terry and Ursula who were involved in either baking, staffing, setup and breakdown of this event which culminated in almost 50 volunteer hours.

YOU ROCK!
Let's do it again next year!!



EGG PAINTING PARTY





COMING TO GUERNEVILLE LIBRARY IN MAY

Children's Programs

- Wednesday May 3, 10 & 17 @ 11 am — Storytime with Allison
- Thursday, May 18 @ 4 pm—First Chapter Book Club for Children
- Saturday May 20 @ 12 pm — Mad Hatter's Tea Party for Children

Teen Programs

- Tuesday May 23 & 30 @ 3:30 pm — D&D Adventurers League for Teens

Adult Programs

- Saturday May 6 @ 2 pm — Frame Art Workshop
- Wednesday May 10 @ 4:30 pm—River Friends of the Library Board Meeting. Public invited.
- Saturday May 27 @ 1 pm — Free Document Shredding

MAY PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



Mad Hatter's Tea Party
May 20 @ 12 pm



D&D Adventurers League
May 22 & 30 @ 3:30 pm



Frame Art Workshop
May 6 @ 2 pm

OFFICERS AND CHAIRPERSONS

Terry Gwiadzowski,
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Chair, Readers Theater

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Book and Bake Sale
VACANT

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BJ Kowal

Art Committee Chair
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Angie Orr, President Emeritus

RIVER FRIENDS BOARD REPORTS

Treasurer's Report

Report for FY from May 1, 2022—April 30, 2023. Our current balance is \$56,640.80. Gross profits are \$13,800.00 with a net profit of \$8,396.51.

These are the major revenue sources: Book Sales of \$10,231.45; Online Book Sales through Book Forest of \$1,166.19; Donations of \$866.05; New member and renewal dues of \$845.00; Book Cart sales of \$642.57.

These are the major expenses: Library requests of \$2,058.62; Event costs of \$1,241.67; Meeting expenses (including our annual luncheon) of \$1,176.69; Volunteer insurance of \$1,015.00; Forestville storage unit rental of \$650.00; Office supplies and other materials of \$541.96; Advertising and publicity of \$514.99.

Membership Report

For FY 22-23, there were a total of 123 memberships including 55 life members. We made a total of \$845.00 on new and renewal memberships

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