If you are a ‘regular’ at the Library you might have noticed some changes happening, especially to the reading room which formerly housed newspapers, periodicals, videos, mysteries, bus schedules and the like. A former, beloved Commissioner, Jane Kunde, left a large bequest to the Sonoma Valley Library and the Advisory Board, in concurrence with the Friends, agreed to dedicate this room to Jane and name it The Jane Kunde Reading Room. New furniture and a complete redesign of the interior is in progress. Many of you may remember Jane, as she was not only our Commissioner, but volunteered in the Library several days a week shelving books. The Library was her passion, probably second only to her love for the San Francisco Giants, when she travelled to Arizona for spring training each year. Her generous gift to the Library will continue to be used in other ways for decades to come. Please consider naming The Sonoma Valley Library in your estate plan or will.

Summer is winding down but the Friends Book Sale Team is busy working to present another fabulous quarterly sale on August 17. This is a quarterly sale. The mini 2-day sales have been successful, the last in July being the most profitable to date.

On Saturday, the last day of the book sale, non-profit representatives, all educators and staff are invited to stock their libraries with free books—see Dave Dobbins at the sale.

Dave REALLY, REALLY, needs some help with book sorting duties, coffee cart maintenance, membership, and help with some of his book sale duties that he has been doing for so many years. Sign on to help Dave….no need to take on the entire job, just work with him sharing some of the tasks.

Check out the Friends website at www.svfol.org. This is where there is a host of information about what we volunteers are doing. The newsletters are posted there where the current issue or past issues can be read on line.

See you all at the Book Sales.

WE LOVE YOU, OUR FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY!

Robyn Makaruk
MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

How the books are chosen:

The original Mystery Book Club was at the Central Library in Santa Rosa. Books were chosen for that club by Librarians at Central. When the Sonoma Valley Branch of the Mystery Book Club began in 2008 the club read the same books chosen for the Central Club. Over the years the Sonoma Valley branch has substituted books chosen by members of the Sonoma Valley club for those offered by Central. At a meeting toward the end of the year each member of the Club who wants to recommend a book to the Club, writes the name of the book and the author on a card. All the cards are put in a bag and a drawing is done. Each member of the Club then has an equal chance of their choice being picked. The picked books are purchased for the Club by the Sonoma Valley Friends.

Summaries of the books in the Mystery Book Club for the remainder of 2016.

Dates are dates of the discussion. Books are available at the meeting before the discussion date. All summaries are from Amazon. Whenever possible we read the first book in a series.

**Sept. 1** *Still Life* by Louise Penny. Some of you may have seen the production of this on PBS with Nathaniel Parker of Inspector Linley fame as Inspector Gamache. This is the first in the series of Inspector Gamache books. A picturesque village just north of the U.S. border. A place where neighbors greet each other, where visitors feel right at home, and where the truth hides behind closed doors... Enter the world of Three Pines and discover why Louise Penny is the blockbuster #1 New York Times bestselling author who has enthralled millions of readers. Jane Neal-well-loved in her community-does not appear to be a woman anyone would want to harm, let alone murder. But when she turns up dead, with an arrow wound to her chest, Chief Inspector Armand Gamache can't help but think that Jane died at the hands of someone much more sinister than a careless hunter. Now it's up to Gamache to find a killer who's on the loose. and on his trail.

**Oct 6th** *Case Histories* by Kate Atkinson. This series has also been on PBS. Case one: A little girl goes missing in the night. Case two: A beautiful young office worker falls victim to a maniac's apparently random attack. Case three: A new mother finds herself trapped in a hell of her own making - with a very needy baby and a very demanding husband - until a fit of rage creates a grisly, bloody escape. Thirty years after the first incident, as private investigator Jackson Brodie begins investigating all three cases, startling connections and discoveries emerge.

**Nov. 3rd** *The Salzburg Connection* by Helen MacInnes. In 1945, with their thousand-year empire falling around them and the Allies on their heels, the Nazis hide a sealed chest in the dark, forbidding waters of the Finstersee - a lake surrounded by the brooding peaks of the Austrian Alps. There it lies for twenty-one years, almost forgotten, until a British agent decides to raise it from the depths. The secrets he uncovers are far-reaching and lethal, and in Salzburg, Bill Mathison, a New York attorney on the trail of a missing colleague, finds himself drawn into the shadowy underworld of international espionage. Not knowing who to trust amidst the chaos, he is drawn to two beautiful women, one of whom will betray him.

**Dec. 1** *Camel Club* by David Baldacci is number one in the series. Welcome to THE CAMEL CLUB. Existing at the fringes of Washington, D.C., the Club consists of four eccentric members. Led by a mysterious man known as "Oliver Stone," they study conspiracy theories, current events, and the machinations of government to discover the "truth" behind the country's actions. Their efforts bear little fruit until the group witnesses a shocking murder...and become embroiled in an astounding, far-reaching conspiracy. Now the Club must join forces with a Secret Service agent to confront one of the most chilling spectacles ever to take place on American soil - an event that may trigger the ultimate war between two different worlds. And all that stands in the way of this apocalypse is five unexpected heroes.

The club meets the first Thursday of each month promptly at 4PM in the Forum Room at the Library. Meetings last about an hour. The books are always free to members. All you need is a library card. Please direct questions to: Kassandra Miller, 935-9415 or kassandra4@comcast.net
**BOOK SALE STATS**

**May & Mini Sales**

**May:**
- Boxes in sale: 363*
- Paperbacks boxes: 4
- Vinyl Records: 4
- Less Non-Profits Pickups: (182)
- Total boxes sold: 185
- Total $ sold: $8,644
- Total memberships: $710
- Less Expenses: $(393)
- **NET SALES:** $8,961

*Approx. 25 books/box or: 9,075 books!*

**July 8&9 Mini-Sale:**
- Est. Boxes: 82
- Paperbacks: 40
- Total: 2970 books
- Total Sold: 1681 books (57%)
- **NET SALES:** $2,052

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**Classical Reflections**

News from the Classical Reflections book group: for the meeting on June 7 we read my adaptation of Euripides’ play HELEN, which I directed for performance by Sonoma Arts Live from June 30-July 17. We had a lively discussion of my script and then group members were invited to attend the performance without charge during the opening weekend.

For the meeting on July 12 we read Mary Renault’s 1958 novel THE KING MUST DIE, a fascinating exploration of the myth of Theseus which was extremely popular and led to several other novels by this brilliant author. For our next meeting on August 2 we will read Euripides’ BACCHAE, one of the strangest Greek plays, especially influential in the late twentieth century to today.

We met on Tuesday August 2 to discuss Euripides’ BACCHAE and watch video clips from productions of the play. The group decided to continue working on Dionysus; in September we will read Jan Kott’s essay “The Eating of the Gods” and possibly continue the following month with Friedrich Nietzsche’s THE BIRTH OF TRAGEDY.

Our discussions continue to be well attended, with lively and provocative discussions. We are all most grateful for the Friends’ support!

*For questions relating to the club, please contact me at: 707-343-1827 or 707-934-7118 (cell).*

Information on the Club is also posted on the **Friends** website: [www.svfol.org](http://www.svfol.org)

Mary-Kay Gamel

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**BOOK PICKUPS**

One of our wonderful Friends Volunteers will pick up larger book donations and bring them to the Library. Here are their contact numbers:

* Wayne Schake: 938-9248
* Evan Garber: 933-6634 or 840-6261
* Richard Cooper: 938-5587

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**Volunteer**

Dave Dobbins needs help in sharing some of these volunteer tasks that he has been doing for YEARS! Give him a call. No need to take on the whole responsibility, just share it. A few hours a week to share the tasks. Are you available?

1. Book Sales: Includes 1st and 2nd level sorting (daily and weekly duties) as well as quarterly and mini book sales.
2. Membership: Includes communications, timing as needed.

Email Dave at: [daveddobbins@earthlink.net](mailto:daveddobbins@earthlink.net) or call him at 707-996-3072.
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Mission Statement
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OVERVIEW OF COOL STUFF

With the library offering more and more, it is easy to overlook or forget some of the cool stuff you can access with your library card. After logging in to the Sonoma County Library and entering your library card number and PIN, you can access all the free stuff listed below. All of these things can be accessed from your home computer or mobile device. Below I’ve listed some of these cool things to jog your memory or introduce to you for the first time.

Go to: www.discoverandgo.org. After choosing Sonoma County Library and entering your library card number and PIN, you will see a list of over 30 cultural institutions where you can print free tickets!

Go to: sonomalibrary.org. Search for Mango in the search box in the upper right hand corner, be sure to click on “site”. Through Mango, library users are offered the opportunity to learn 60 foreign languages and 17 English courses taught in the user’s native tongue.

Go to: hoopladigital.com. Hoopla Digital is a streaming service that allows Sonoma County Library cardholders to borrow audiobooks, movies, music, comics, ebooks, and television shows and immediately begin watching, listening or reading.

Go to: sonomalibrary.org. Search for NovelList in the search box in the upper right hand corner, be sure to click on “site”. This is a powerful resource for readers searching for that next good read. It allows readers to use a favorite author or title as a template to locate other authors and titles of interest.

Go to: sonomalibrary.org. Search for referenceUSA in the search box in the upper right hand corner, be sure to click on “site”. This database is similar to a nation-wide telephone directory. Business and “consumers” can be searched by name, address, phone number and many other strategies.

If you have questions about any of these resources, please stop by the library or give us a call at 707-996-5217.

Enjoy!

Lisa
MORE ACCOLADES FOR TONY PISACANE’S “BOOKS TO SCHOOLS” PROGRAM:

Gennifer Caven, Academic Coordinator of the Summer Reading & Writing Academy at El Verano School, wrote a letter of thanks to the Friends of the Library for the books that were delivered to El Verano by Library Friend, Tony Pisacane for this year’s program which served 270 students in the Sonoma Valley Unified School District.

Dear Friends of the Library…..

I had the joy of meeting Tony Pisacane this summer! Tony, through the Friends of Sonoma Library, was able to bring over 630 books to the students of the Summer Reading and Writing Academy program.

Each year our Summer Reading and Writing Academy sets a goal of providing a literacy rich environment for students. Each classroom is set with a mini library for students to use and each year, as we grow as a program, we continue to build a capacity of books in order to keep our classroom libraries fresh and full of high-interest books for students.

In addition to providing a literacy rich environment for students during their time at the academy, we encourage students and families to have a literacy rich environment at home. At the end of the Academy, we host a Book Flood where students have the chance to book shop for books to take home. This year, we were able to have students take up to 10 books home!

The Friends of Sonoma Library Program has been an outstanding support this summer by providing books of excellent quality and high-interest to students. With each visit, Tony brought books that my colleague, Christina, and I couldn't wait to get into the hands of students! We were impressed by the sheer volume of books coming our way and because of this, we were able to provide more books to classroom libraries and more books for our Book Flood.

I am pleased to work with Tony in building our book capacity for Summer Reading and Writing Academy and continue to maximize the amount of books available to students. We have also discussed how we can work together for our Summer Reading Academy Family Literacy Night by providing a book give-away for families who attend.

We are truly lucky to have this community program! Our staff and students both benefited from The Friends of Sonoma Library Program this summer and we look forward to continuing to work together, supporting student literacy in the future.

Gennifer Caven, Academic Coordinator
SRWA, El Verano School.