……From the Editor

The Friends of the Sonoma Valley Library is one of the few all-volunteer non-profit organizations in the Sonoma Valley. Membership is now around 1,000. Over the years this group has been steered by a far-seeing board of five members, that do not get paid CEO salaries or stipends but have dedicated many hours to implement its mission. There are also dedicated Friends who volunteer in many other ways, including sorting and categorizing donations for the quarterly and mini book sales during the year and many unsung heroes who make our Library a ‘jewel’ in the system.

The Board is in the process of reevaluating the current mission statement, While the fundamentals of the mission have not changed, it is now apparent that the Friends, through other programs, for example, Tony Pisacane’s ‘Books to Schools’ program plays a big part in the Friends outreach programs.

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

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, too.

This will be my last newsletter as editor. It is now time for some new blood on the pages, so if you have any interest in doing this, please contact Dave Dobbins at 996-3072 or email him at daveddobbins@earthlink.net

Happy Valentine’s Day. Why don’t you choose a gift for your Sweetie at the next Book Sale!

WE LOVE YOU, OUR FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY!

Relyn Mahanuk

P.S. Late, breaking, GREAT NEWS! Libraries may be seeing extended hours coming in April. Open Mondays until 9pm and Wednesdays until 9pm. Thank you voters for the passing of Measure Y.


MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

Listed below are the 2017 discussion dates and selected titles for the Mystery book club at the Sonoma Valley Library. Books are available at the prior meeting. The club meets the first Thursday of each month at 4:00 pm in the Forum Room at the Library.

Each meeting begins with a presentation about the author given by a member who has researched this, and members take turns to do this.

Feb 2 Betrayal by John Lescroart
Mar 2 The Life We Bury by Allen Eskins
Apr 6 Open and Shut by David Rosenfelt
May 4 White Corridor by Christopher Fowler
Jun 1 Rain Dogs by Adrian McKinty
Jul 6 Bastards of Pizzofalcone by Maurizio De Giovanni
Aug 3 A Beam of Light by Andrea Camilleri
Sept 7 Gods of Guilt by Michael Connelly
Oct 5 Blood Strand by Chris Ould
Nov 2 Brooklyn on Fire by Lawrence H. Levy
Dec 7 Cover Her Face by P.D. James

Questions can be directed to the facilitator of the club Kassandra Miller. Call 707 935-9415 or email to kassandra4@comcast.net (please put mystery book club in the subject line). The club is jointly sponsored by the County Library and the Friends of the Sonoma Valley Library.

Classical Reflections

Our last meeting was January. Although when we decided to read the whole history of Herodotus (nine books), we originally thought to intersperse the books with other readings. But members enjoyed the text and the wonderful maps and notes and appendices included in the LANDMARK HERODOTUS generously provided by the Friends.

We had a terrific meeting last month discussing the first book, and discussed the second book on the 11th. This history is very timely in our contemporary era of ongoing wars, as it deals with the reasons why and the means how the Greeks and the Persians went to war in the early fifth century BCE.

We meet (usually) on the second Tuesday of every month from 1:30 to 3:00 in the Forum Room of the Library. Our December meeting is Tuesday the 6th.

If you have questions or wish to reach me, please call me at 707-343-1827 (home) or 707-931-8548 (cell).

I deeply love this group. At every meeting members come up with new ideas I could never have thought of. I wish we could meet more often. If you are interested in hearing more about the group, please let me know. THANK YOU, FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY, FOR YOUR WONDERFUL SUPPORT!

Information on the Club is also posted on the Friends website: www.svfol.org

Mary-Kay Gamel
Sonoma Valley Friends of the Library Newsletter

THANK YOU—MUCHAS GRACIAS

The Friends of the Sonoma Valley Library send heartfelt thanks to Sonoma Market for donating hundreds of paper bags for the book sales.

BOOK SALES STATS

The following tables give an overview of the income derived from book sales during 2016 and the percentage of books sold at the quarterly and mini sales during the year.

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2016 Book Sales (% Sold)

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BOOKS TO SCHOOLS PROGRAM

1. To date over 12,000 books have been distributed and now includes pre-schools and special needs classes as well as grade schools middle schools and the high school in the unified school district.

2. The public should be made aware of the need in the schools for new books and parents should ask their librarians and principals if their school is taking part in the program, and if not ask why. All schools have been visited and notified.

3. I am working closely with the Sonoma Free Bookmobile, supplying books and visiting some locations with them encouraging kids to pick up a book.

4. One of the goals of the program is to have current, quality material at their library, and also encourage them to visit the Sonoma Valley Library.


It is so rewarding to see the excitement shown when the kids see new books coming to their libraries.

Tony Pisacane

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
Friends of the Sonoma Valley Library
755 West Napa street
Sonoma, CA 95476-6412

Join the Friends!
Membership forms are available at the Friends of the Library Kiosk

Mission Statement
The Friends of the Sonoma Valley Library is a non-profit volunteer organization dedicated to bringing the pleasure of reading to our community by supporting our library financially and sponsoring programs.

Editor: Robyn Makaruk.
Letters to the Editor, or submissions for upcoming newsletters should be sent to makvision@comcast.net
MORE COOL STUFF: FREE AT THE LIBRARY

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 these cool things, including two new ones, to jog your memory or introduce to you for the first time.

- Go to: https://sonomalibrary.org/lynda. Lynda.com is a leading online learning company that helps anyone learn business, technology and creative skills through award-winning video tutorials that are available online anytime, anywhere.

- Go to: https://sonomalibrary.org/zinio. Access digital magazines through the library with new services Zinio for Libraries!

- 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 Novelist 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
**REMINDERS**

**Become the Editor of the Newsletter**

**Enjoy COFFEE in the Library**

**Free WI-FI hotspot 24/7 at the Library**

**Enjoy the FREE programs at the Library**

**Support the Friends of the Library by volunteering**

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**From the Manager**

*Lisa Musgrove*

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**2017 Sonoma Reads!**

A book discussion group about literature and life.

FREE & OPEN TO ALL

Fourth Thursday of the Month *

2:00 pm in the Forum Room

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**Pick up a copy of the book at the Service Desk**