From the Editor

The Friends Book Sale Team is busy working to present another fabulous sale on May 18. This is one of the larger quarterly sales, but you may have noted that there have been several ‘mini-sales’ between the quarterly book sales. The mini sales have been mostly fiction, with one sale that included a large selection of cooking and food books. There have been several comments that there are very few children’s books available, so we’re asking that you go through closets and bookshelves and donate those dearly-loved books by children who now are grown so that the next generations of children can benefit.

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. The Friends had another local mini book sale of fiction in April. Plans are to continue with these smaller, local sales.

This issue lists the free Saturday programs in the library that are sponsored by the Friends. On Saturday May 21, the last day of the book sale, there will be a rousing program at 2pm in the library. See details in this newsletter. There is still a need for some setup and take down help from volunteers. Contact coordinator Millie Mathes at 343-7178, or email her at donmil40@att.net if you have an hour or two on a Saturday to help.

Tony Pisacane’s program “Books to Schools” is also very successful. Tony meets with school librarians and other non-profits to assess needs, then physically selects and delivers the books personally. Read more about the terrific success of Tony’s program in this issue. If you’re interested in working with Tony, call him at 707-939-9026.

Dave Dobbins also 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!

Relyn Makaruk

2016 BOOK SALE DATES

SPRING: MAY 18, 19, 20, 21
SUMMER: AUG 17, 18, 19, 20
FALL: NOV 16, 17, 18, 19

HOURS: Weds, 11.00am to 7:30 pm
(Members only Preview until 2:00 pm)
Thurs, Fri, 10:00 am to 5:30 pm
Saturdays, 10:00 am to 3:30 pm
Saturdays: Non-profits ALL DAY

STUDENTS PRESCHOOL THROUGH GRADE 12
Don’t forget to get your free book!

NOTE: Book Sales function on the Honor System. Mark your purchases on the back of a book mark, and pay the cashier when you leave. You may also pay by credit card.

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Here are summaries of the books we will be reading 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.

**June 2nd Fer-de-lance**, the first book in the series by Rex Stout featuring Nero Wolfe. As any herpetologist will tell you, the fer-de-lance is among the most dreaded snakes known to man. When someone makes a present of one to Nero Wolfe, Archie Goodwin knows he's getting dreadfully close to solving the devilishly clever murders of an immigrant and a college president. As for Wolfe, he's playing snake charmer in a case with more twists than an anaconda -- whispering a seductive tune he hopes will catch a killer who's still got poison in his heart.

**July 7th Zodiac Station** by Tom Harper. For fans of Dan Brown and Michael Crichton—an eerie, evocative thriller set in the unforgiving Arctic from the author of *The Orpheus Descent*. A fast-paced, gripping thriller that marries science and adventure, *Zodiac Station* is as chilling and unpredictable as the fierce Arctic landscape.

**August 4th The Arsonist** by Sue Miller. After fifteen years working in East Africa, Frankie Rowley returns to the New Hampshire village where her family has always spent their summers. But the tranquility she's expecting proves short lived when, on the very night she arrives, a mysterious arsonist begins targeting the homes of other summer residents. As this seemingly idyllic community becomes increasingly on edge, Frankie also has to deal with her father's declining health—and begins a passionate affair with the editor of a local paper that will yield its own remarkable risks and revelations. Suspenseful, sophisticated, and finely wrought, *The Arsonist* is an artfully nuanced and deeply emotional novel about a family and a community tested, about how and where one ought to live, and about what it means to lead a fulfilling life.

**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 manic'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 astonishing, 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

The Sonoma Friends generously supports the Mystery Book Discussion Group.
Sonoma Valley Friends of the Library Newsletter

From Lisa Musgrove, Manager

Summer 2016

Starting Tuesday, June 7 and continuing through Saturday, July 30, 2016 the Sonoma Valley Library will host programs and other events to support reading, learning and fun over the summer.

Tuesdays, 10-6:00, Wednesdays, 10-8:00, Thursdays and Fridays, 10-6:00, Saturdays 10-4:00.

Registration for Summer Reading Program for all youth ages 0-18.

READ FOR THE WIN is the Sonoma County Library’s Summer Reading Program 2016. Keep track of the books read throughout the summer and read your way to a free book!

Tuesday Afternoons:
Programs for Teens ages 13-18.
Local artists and craftspeople will provide materials and instruction as teens learn to create with fabric, beads, wood, music, words, paint, henna, and more.

Wednesdays at 10:30:
Programs for children in grades K-6.
Music, crafts, magic, puppets, or something completely unexpected!

Thursdays at 10:30 and 11:15:
StoryTimes for toddlers at 10:30 and preschoolers at 11:15.
Children’s librarian, Ms. Clare, will engage the youngsters in reading, singing, moving, and laughing. Find a new favorite book every time you come in!

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at 12:00 – 12:30pm:
Lunch will be served for youth up to 18 years in age.
In partnership with the Redwood Empire Food Bank, the Library will distribute nutritious lunches to youth, regardless of income. Lunch at the library continues through August 12, 2016.

See you in the Library....

Lisa
Sonoma Valley Friends of the Library Newsletter

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### BOOK SALE STATS

**February & Mini Sales**

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* Approx. 25 books/box or: 7,425 books!

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**NET SALES:** $1,724

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### FREE PROGRAMS IN THE LIBRARY

**Saturdays at 2:00 pm**

**May 21**

**During the Book Sale**

**TRIO NUEVO AMANECER**

Traditional Mexican Music

![TRIO NUEVO AMANECER](image)

**June 18**

**TANGO PETALUMA**

Argentine Tango performed

![TANGO PETALUMA](image)

**June 25**

**JAPANESE SHADUHACHI**

Traditional Japanese Bamboo Flute

![JAPANESE SHADUHACHI](image)

**August 13**

**THE KEEPERS**

Folk Music from the Sixties

![THE KEEPERS](image)

Free and Open to All

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**Dave Dobbins** needs to talk with anyone who would be interested in learning about the following activities and becoming his backup in one or more of the following three areas.

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.
3. **Coffee Cart**: Daily AM duties.

Please contact Dave at: [daveddobbins@earthlink.net](mailto:daveddobbins@earthlink.net) or call him at 707-996-3072.
DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE

“BOOKS TO SCHOOLS” PROGRAM?

The Friends’ mission statement includes bringing the joy of reading to the community by distributing books. Tony Pisacane, a member of the Friends, has taken this message to reach out to Sonoma Valley Schools and non-profits. This has become a wildly-successful venture on his part, with little or nothing really known about the impact this has had on the Sonoma Valley’s school-age children. This is how his program works:

After establishing contact with school principals, school librarians, and other non-profits, Tony personally takes a selection of books to show the kind of books he will get for them. If they are interested in the program, and by his knowledge of what books are needed for additions to collections or replacement of worn-out books, he shows up with the books.

In just one calendar year, Tony is responsible for getting over 6,500 books out into the hands of children. At the end of this month, there will be an event at Sassarini when they will receive their 1,000th book from this program. He says the thing that keeps him going with the program (he is also a working person!) is the joy he sees on children’s faces when he shows up with books. By the way, there is absolutely no cost involved on the part of the recipients.

If you’d like to add comments about this program on the Friends’ website, go to www.svfol.org and click on the blog page.

Marla has joined Tony in identifying more contacts to further expand the program. This is an example of the many unsung heroes in the Sonoma Friends of the Library community. If you’d like to become involved with Tony and Marla in this program, please contact Tony at: 707-939-9026 or email him at: tonypisacane@comcast.net