This early issue of the Newsletter is aiming to encourage everyone of you to vote on November 8. We are all aware of the importance of this election and no issue is more important to our libraries than the passing of Measure Y.

This issue was discussed at the October Library Advisory Board meeting wherein the report from the Library Administration was that planning was already in process in anticipation for a successful outcome of Measure Y.

We all want to restore Monday hours, have extended hours on other days, provide the funding for more services including purchasing more books, eBooks and other materials for both children and adults, serve all members of our community with comprehensive, personalized service from qualified librarians, and much more. So, we’re counting on your YES vote.

At the October meeting of the Library Advisory Board, members elected the following officers: Chair, Joanne Sanders, Vice-Chair, Ken Brown, Recording Secretary, Bethany Wilson.

The Fall Book Sale is coming up in two weeks. On Saturday, the last day of the sale, non-profit representatives, all educators and staff are invited to stock 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 where the current issue or past issues can be read on line.

See you all at the Book Sales and don’t forget to VOTE.

WE LOVE YOU, OUR FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY!

Robyn Makaruk

QUARTERLY BOOK SALE DATES

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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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MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

There are two remaining meetings of the mystery book club for 2016. On Nov. 3rd the club will discuss "The Salzburg Connection" by Helen MacInnes. At the Dec. 1st meeting the club will discuss "Camel Club" by David Baldacci.

Also at the November meeting there will be a discussion of what the club will read in 2017. Among the titles being considered are:

- The Bastards of Pizzofalcone by Maurizio De Giovanni
- A Beam of Light by Andrea Camilleri
- Blood on Snow by Jo Nesbo
- The Blood Strand by Chris Ould
- Brooklyn on Fire by Lawrence H. Levy
- Career of Evil by Robert Galbraith
  [read by and recommended by Kassandra]
- Eeny Meeny by M.J. Arlidge
- The Life We Bury by Allen Eskens
- The Necessary Murder of Nonie Blake by Terry Shames
- No Good Deed by Allison Brennan
- Rain Dogs by Adrian McKinty

The club meets the first Thursday of each month in the forum room at the Library. Questions can be sent to the facilitator of the group Kassandra Miller at 935-9415 or emailed to kassandra4@comcast.net

(Please put mystery book club in the subject line).

Classical Reflections

The Classical Reflections book group started in August 2014. I was thrilled when Bob Pincus, then Chair of the Board of Friends of the Library, invited me to start a group. I had never been in one, much less the leader. My original thought was that we would read later works, mostly fiction, inspired by classical literature, myth, history, etc. So our first two readings were the novels RANSOM by David Malouf (based on the Iliad) and SONGS OF THE KINGS by Barry Unsworth (based on the story of Iphigenia sacrificed by her father so he could start the Trojan War). But as the group developed, members said they needed to read more of the original Greek and Roman texts, so at one point we read the whole ODYSSEY over three months, poems of Sappho, Greek tragedies, Homeric hymns, and so forth, as well as secondary texts such as Luc Ferry’s THE WISDOM OF THE MYTHS: HOW GREEK MYTHOLOGY CAN CHANGE YOUR LIFE and others. Recently we have been focusing on Dionysos, reading THE BACCHAE of Euripides, DEATH IN VENICE by Thomas Mann (and watching the Visconti film of the novella), and next Aristophanes’ FROGS. After that we plan to take on Herodotus’ history.

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!

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).

Mary-Kay Gamel

Editor’s Note: This book club group has a very enthusiastic following. Here is testimony from one member:

Hi, Just my statement to let you know how meaningful, vibrant this class is, under the wise leadership of Mary Kay Gamel, Professor Emeritus. She is a delightful informed scholar ….I appreciate the readings and level of discussion in a class of educated and aware participants. Stimulating and enlightening …….
BOOK SALE STATS
August & Mini Sales

AUGUST:
- Boxes in sale: 350* 
- Paperbacks boxes: 64 
- Vinyl Records: 9 
- Less Non-Profits Pickups: (130) 
- Total boxes sold: 293 
- Total $ sold: $10,426 
- Total memberships: $575 
- Less Expenses: $(361) 
- NET SALES: $10,640

* Approx. 25 books/box or: 7,325 books!

SEP 30 & OCT 1 MINI-SALE:
- Boxes Sold: 28 
- Paperbacks Sold: 33 
- Total Sold (52%): 1459 books

NET SALES: $1,593 (Incl. memberships)

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 or call him at 707-996-3072.

FREE WI-FI HOTSPOT

There are tables with attached benches provided for Wi-Fi users 24/7 at the Library. Brought to you by the Friends of the Library.

NOTE: If Measure Y is successful, we expect to have the Library open on more days and hours. Therefore you’ll not need to hunker down on the outside tables when the Library is closed.
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.

Join the Friends!

Membership forms are available at the Friends of the Library Kiosk

Editor: Robyn Makaruk.

Letters to the Editor, or submissions for upcoming newsletters should be sent to makvision@comcast.net
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 Novel list 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
Sonoma Valley Friends of the Library Newsletter

**From the Manager**

Lisa Musgrove

**Sonoma Valley’s Jack London**

2016 marks the 100 anniversary of the death of literary legend, Jack London. To commemorate this and acknowledge the timelessness of London’s work, the Sonoma Valley Library is hosting three events in November.

**“Sonoma Valley Reads Jack London: John Barleycorn”**

**Entire month of November.**

Read the same book as your friends and neighbors! During the month of November, the library will have copies of London’s John Barleycorn available for give-away. Stop by the library and pick up your free copy.

**“The Mysteries of Jack London: The Fire, His Birth and Death”**

**Wednesday, November 9, 6:00 pm**

London scholar, Jonah Raskin is back. London’s death continues to intrigue readers and to weave a spell of mystery. In a new talk, designed specifically for the anniversary of London’s passing, Jonah Raskin, SSU professor and literary detective, explores nine different versions of the last weeks and days of the best-selling American author who never intended to live a long life and who faced death fearlessly.

**“Discussion and Presentation on John Barleycorn”**

**Wednesday, November 30, 6:00 pm**

“To read or reread John Barleycorn is to journey through a strange landscape in which the author invents the truth.” – Jonah Raskin. Journey together with others who read John Barleycorn, led by Raskin, to gain more insight and possibly ponder more questions.

Both presentations will raffle off passes to Jack London State Historic Park and copies of Raskin’s booklet, “The Mysteries of Jack London.”