



Insights

from the Paradise Friends of the Library

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What the Prez Sez

*Kathy Rudd, President
Paradise Friends of the Library*

As I begin my term as your new FOL president, I am very grateful to have the knowledge, expertise and confidence of the FOL board and Library staff surrounding me. You need to know what an incredible group of people you have serving you at the Library and on the board.

In his last *Insights* article, Prez Ron Serrano stated what his focuses would be as immediate past president. What he didn't list as job #1 was advising me. For that I am hugely grateful, as well.

My association with PFOL began nearly five years ago with my mother, Donna Kennedy, and her participation in board and book sale activities. In October 2011, I decided to join the board since members were needed, and I had been attending meetings with my mother.

Many of you already know that Mom passed away November 7th. Rest assured, she gave the very best she could for as long as she could to her Paradise Retired Teachers chapter and especially to Paradise FOL.

After 30-plus years of volunteering myself, no one appreciates volunteers, their service and sacrifice, more than I. Our FOL, book sale, and Library volunteers flat-out knock my socks off!

Upcoming at the Library — well, finally, the 9 new public access computers are installed, and the second self-checkout machine has been approved for purchase by

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FOL PURCHASES NEW COMPUTERS

What prompted a "Hurray, hurray," from Paradise Branch Librarian Brenda Crotts?

New computers are here!

Toward the end of 2012 the FOL board unanimously voted to purchase 9 new computers for the public workstations at the Library, and now they have been installed by Butte County's technical staff, which will also take care of maintenance.

Library staff is thrilled! They have been fielding complaints from the public about the old computers for years. The old computers were used hand-me-downs when they were installed, so they have never provided the kind of service Library patrons expect.

"We asked the county IT folks to see what was available based on our budget and our desire to have quality," says Ron Serrano, FOL past president. After initial input, other quotes were obtained and discussed with the IT people. In the end, the county made a \$10,000 deal with Computers Plus in Chico for the hardware. Software and security for county purposes added another couple of thousand. FOL also purchased an additional self-checkout machine for \$3,000.

The new computers should be very useful for at least 5 years, are of the latest generation in terms of speed, and have very current software capabilities.

Important purchases such as these are made possible by the continuing support of FOL by our community. Thank you!



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the board. If you haven't tried the first one yet, do so. It's a blast to use and checking out 6 books took me a whole 30 seconds!

Due to a resignation, we have one remaining vacancy on the FOL board so if you or someone you know could donate 2 hours a month for a meeting, just holler. Our amazingly capable Doug Teeter went and got himself elected to the County Board of Supervisors. Our loss — the county's gain!

If you notice anything that would make a Library visit easier or more pleasant, contact any FOL board member or Library staff. We exist to serve.



2013 Officers for Paradise Friends of the Library: From left, Katie Stecher, treasurer; Marilynn Vaughan, vice-president; Kathy Rudd, president; and Linda Steen, secretary.

Here's what Friends of the Library is doing to support the Paradise Library

- Contributing \$1,000 monthly for purchase of books and materials.
- Supporting magazine renewal (\$600 annually).
- Purchasing equipment not covered by the county budget.
- Meeting with county officials to express library concerns and discuss library needs.
- Helping Library staff assess library needs and create a long range plan.
- Operating used book sales to raise funds and provide the community with inexpensive reading and resource material.
- Working with other Butte County FOL groups and the Butte County Library Advisory Board to secure sustainable funding for all Butte County libraries.

I'd like to be a Friend to my Library! Sign me up!

Name _____

Address _____

City and Zip _____

Email _____

Mailing address: FOL, PO Box 1730. Paradise, CA 95967-1730

Your information remains confidential.

Friends of the Library, Paradise is a 501(c)(3) organization.

All donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

- ☐ \$12 New/Renewing
☐ \$25 Business
☐ \$ ____ Additional gift
\$ ____ Total enclosed

I can volunteer for:

- ☐ Book Sales
☐ Special Events
Call me ☐ Daytime
☐ Evenings

Phone _____

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Paradise Friends of the Library 2012 Year-End Financial Statement

INCOME

Membership	1,594.00
Donations	1,339.00
Book/Library Rack Sales	19,618.63
Significant Gifts	0.00
Other Soures	3,987.49
From Other Accounts	17,000.00
TOTAL INCOME	43,539.12

DISBURSEMENTS

To Other Accounts	0.00
To Paradise Branch Library	
Subscriptions	1,083.33
Library Petty Cash	650.00
Infrastructure	780.90
Library Book Purchases	14,687.87
Librarian Purchases	455.22
Support of Extra Hours	964.27
Program Support	1,668.36
Other	2,382.94
Sub-Total Library	22,672.89
Administrative Expenses	
Newsletter, Postage, etc	1,306.77
Fed/State Taxes, Fees, etc	45.00
Other (Adv/Web Site, etc)	872.53
Sub-Total Admin. Expenses	2,224.30
TOTAL EXPENSES	24,897.19

Bank of the West	21,783.66
Raymond-James Acct #0218	35,026.09
Raymond-James Acct #9149	266,136.83
TOTAL VALUE ALL ACCOUNTS	322,946.58

APPOINTMENT

Ron Serrano, Paradise FOL immediate past president, has been appointed to the Library Advisory Board by the Butte County Board of Supervisors.

Ron joins Pat Brice to represent the interests of the Paradise Library. All Butte County libraries are represented on the board.

The mission of the Library Advisory Board is to advocate for the Library and encourage County Supervisors and community partners to preserve and grow library services for the citizens of Butte County.

AT YOUR LIBRARY Special Program Dates

Craft Day @ 3pm
2/13, 3/27, & 4/24
Movie Day @3:30pm
2/20, 3/20, & 4/17
Playtime @ 10am
3/21/13
Teen Meeting @4pm
3/6 & 4/3
Library Book Group @3pm
2/27, 3/27, & 4/24
Computer Class 3-5pm
2/21 & 3/21



COMING SOON!

7 Years Younger: The Revolutionary 7-week
Anti-aging Plan *by Good Housekeeping
Institute*
The Aviator's Wife *by Melanie Benjamin*
Make Your Brain Smarter: Increase Your
Brain's Creativity, Energy and Focus
by Sandra Chapman PhD
Insane City *by Dave Barry*
Private Berlin *by James Patterson*
Speaking from the Bones *by Alan Bradley*
When Doctors Don't Listen: How to Avoid
Misdiagnoses and Unnecessary Tests
by Leana Wen M.D.

ONGOING AT THE LIBRARY

Tuesdays

Begining Sign Language, 11:30 - 1 PM

Wednesdays

Chess, 2 - 4 PM

Thursdays

Storytime (ages 0-3) 10 AM

Hook and Needlers Knitting Circle, Noon

Fridays

Storytime & Crafts (ages 3-5), 11 AM

LIBRARY HOURS

Tuesday & Wednesday 11AM - 6PM
Thursday, Friday & Saturday 10AM - 5PM
Closed Sunday & Monday



Betty McDonough



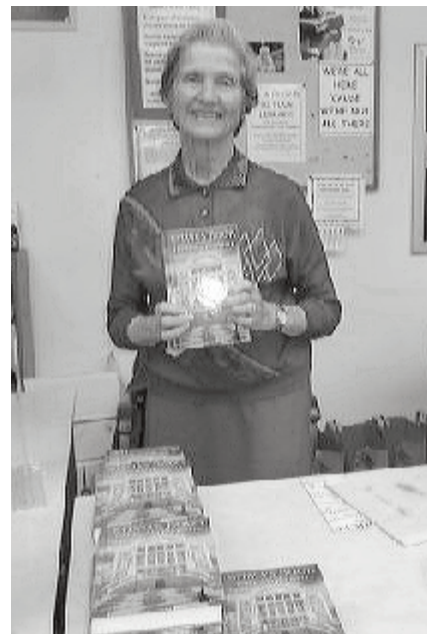
Marlene Nicolayev

Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

In November FOL combined the Annual Meeting with the 3rd Annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon; an opportunity to thank everyone who volunteers time to the Library and the Friends of the Library.

Traditionally, FOL places books in the Library collections to honor special volunteer service.

For 2012 volunteers Betty McDonough and Marlene Nicolayev were so honored. Betty works tirelessly as a Library volunteer and Marlene is a long-time book sale volunteer. Many, many thanks to Betty and Marlene and all our volunteers.



Author Linda Kathleen Peele Haddeman offered copies of her book, *Sylvia's Book: A Novel*, to volunteers. Linda is retired from Butte County Library where she was our long time Bookmobile Supervisor.

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Monthly Board Meeting
First Thursday of each month, 10 AM at the Library
Members and Public Welcome!
Contact FOL at paradisefol@comcast.net
or leave a message at the Library 530-872-6320
FOL Book Sale Schedule
Saturday 10 AM – 3 PM
February 9 & 23
March 9 & 23
April 6 & 20

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