

INSIGHTS

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THE PREZ SEZ... *PAMELA TEETER, PFOL PRESIDENT*



2014 was a wonderful year for Paradise Friends of the Library. We participated in the first annual Ridge Family Resource Fair and Quota's

Festival of Trees. We had a very successful Bicentennial Celebration (with a visit from "Emma Blackburn" herself) along with a well-attended Authors Night. Our Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon was attended by 30+ volunteers and library staff. Board Members Anne Weaver and Pam Mortensen prepared a delicious meal and three PFOL volunteers were honored for their service.

All of our successes were made possible by the Officers and other Board members of the PFOL, along with our dedicated volunteers and Book Sale team, Library staff, local government representatives and the community that supports our Library.

The hiring of a new full-time librarian, the 8th Wonder of the World, Susie Serrano, was another blessing for the library in 2014.

I'm eager for PFOL to continue its participation in community events in 2015 including the Paradise Chocolate Fest, Johnny Appleseed Days and the 2nd Annual Family Resource Fair. We are excited to introduce a local author program. This was in response to the wonderfully received local authors' night during our Bicentennial Celebration. We want to continue that great momentum and host more intimate meetings with our local authors. Look for this to start in the Spring.

I'm honored to have been voted in as President for 2015 and appreciate and look forward to working with all the returning officers and our Librarian. Paradise has a wonderful Library and I'm very excited to help continue its history of excellence. Remember, we can always use more volunteers!

Pamela Teeter, PFOL President

LIBRARY TRIVIA

- The first public library was founded in Rome in the first century BC.
- The oldest library in the Americas was founded in Mexico in 1645.
- In 1731, Benjamin Franklin founded the first circulating public library in the US.
- The Library of Congress is the largest public library in the US with over 34,000 volumes.
- In his later years, Casanova was a librarian.

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PFOL & QUOTA SCHOLARSHIP

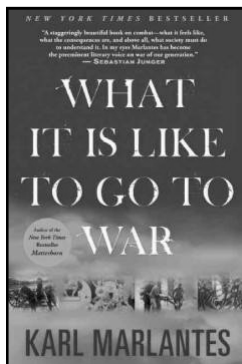
Starting in 2015, Paradise Friends of the Library and Quota International of Paradise will be offering an annual joint \$500 scholarship to a qualifying Butte College returning student. Here are PFOL President, Pamela Teeter, and Quota President, Carol Peterson, signing the Scholarship Agreement which will be submitted to the Butte College Foundation for administration. The scholarship will be available for the 2015 Fall semester.



PARADISE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY YEAR 2014 IN REVIEW

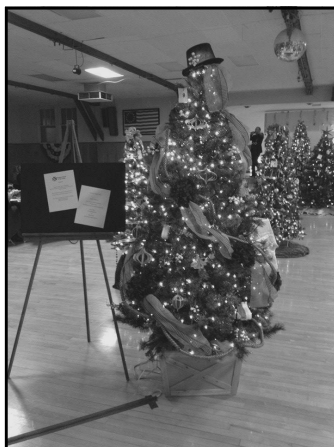


The PFOL's Footnotes Team for the Literacy Council's Annual Trivia Bee in October made it to Round Two!



PFOL sponsored a CAL READS grant utilized by library branches county-wide to foster understanding about the hurdles faced by veterans returning from war.

PFOL's Christmas tree entry - beautifully decorated by Pamela Teeter—in Quota's Festival of Trees auction brought in \$200!



Above, library patrons enjoying Authors' Night during our Centennial Celebration.



Middle, "Emma Blackburn" and a bevy of past and present Paradise librarians & our Butte County head librarian.



Left, PFOL volunteers enjoying our Volunteer Appreciation luncheon.

WAYS TO DONATE

- Join Friends by mailing in your application (see page 3) or joining online at www.pfol.org. You can use PayPal from the website to pay your membership dues or to make a one-time donation.
- Pick up a SHARES card at the library. A portion of your purchases made at Save Mart will be donated to PFOL.
- Amazon shoppers can designate 0.5% of their eligible purchases be donated to PFOL via the Amazon Smile Foundation by going to <http://org.amazon.com> and choosing **Friends of the Library, Paradise** as the non-profit you'd like to benefit.

STAYING IN TOUCH

- If you'd like to stay up-to-date about Paradise Friends of the Library's activities between quarterly newsletters, "like" Paradise Friends of the Library on Facebook. The library's monthly Calendar of Events is also posted on our Facebook page.
- If you prefer to receive your PFOL newsletter via email rather than "snail" mail, please email your email address to: info@pfol.org
- Copies of our newsletter are available at the library, 'Ohana Health on Fir St, and the Chamber of Commerce on Skyway.



...AND NOW A WORD FROM OUR LIBRARIAN...



The Paradise Branch Library is very grateful to have a hard-working and dedicated Friends of the Library. From our wonderful Book Sale volunteers and Library shelveers to the Friends of the Library Board it is truly an honor to work with such a brilliant group of people. The library was so fortunate to receive, thanks to Paradise Friends of the Library three gently used Public Access Computers (PACs) to replace the three older models that often left

library users frustrated by the slowness when trying to search for library books, place requests or check their account while in the library. The Friends have also approved funds for more downloadable audio books as well as new books on CD for check-out.

In December, Kimberlee worked with the Junior Paradise Friends of the Library to raise money for children's programs with their annual Holiday Bazaar. A special thank you to local patrons, Friends' members and the Girl Scouts who donated baked goods, handmade items, and gifts. The Holiday Time Buy the Book event put new books on display that patrons could buy for the branch in honor or in memory of a loved one.

Our first Crafting for Adults program started in December. Check the library calendar for more information.

For 2015 we are busy planning new programs and services including our music themed Summer Reading Program "Read to the Rhythm" that starts in June. Staff are going to organize a Book Club Social event and, along with the Friends of the Library, an Authors Event in the Spring. For youth we are working on starting a tween program for children 9 to 12 and a Lego Club. If you have an idea for a program or would like to volunteer to help plan any of our events or programs, please feel free to contact staff at the Paradise library.

Susie Serrano, Branch Librarian

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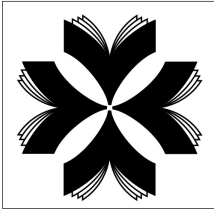
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