



PARADISE
FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

INSIGHTS

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THE PREZ SEZ...

JOANNA GUTIERREZ, *PFOL PRESIDENT*

It is an honor to have been elected to serve as the 2016 President of the Friends of the Library (FOL) Board President and to welcome three new board members who bring a depth of knowledge, talent and insight for the betterment of our library. This year the Friends plan more outreach into the community. There will be a concentrated effort for **new friends and renewed friendships** by renewal of existing memberships and new friendships by persons who may either fill out the paper form in this newsletter OR by signing up ONLINE at www.pfol.org. Online signups will streamline process, increase efficiency of renewals, as well as make us "green". Membership provides an easy and affordable way to donate to your library.

What do Friends do? The Friends' bi-monthly book sales provide for a \$25,000 annual budget for new reading material and to fund special outreach programs such as the Summer Reading Program and recently the Valentine Day Big Band Concert. The Friends purchased the ten computers that you see in the library, the two self-checkout stations, and most recently provided the new study carrels for increased privacy. As for community partnerships, In 2015, we formed a formal partnership with the Paradise Masons to expand our parking lot capacities. The FOL Board approved up to \$40,000 to fund a **Public Works Capital Improvement Project** that will provide more parking spaces, safer access to facilities and improved traffic flow. This project will pave the way for greater PUBLIC participation in special events, including shopping at the book sale. The project will be completed this May under the direction of Butte County General Services Department.

Our priority for 2016 is to increase a public awareness of the value of our library, of volunteer service, and the importance of sustainable *voluntary* funding for our library. The Friends have scheduled "meetups" for poets, authors and artists to showcase their talents, and to serve as mentors for aspiring writers/artists of the future.

Our public library is a great institution, one that depends heavily upon volunteers to provide for its patrons. Franklin D. Roosevelt, U.S. president during the Great Depression, understood the importance of public libraries in a democratic society, describing them as the symbols of the freedom of the mind, essential to the functioning of a democratic society. Please visit the library and become a Friend this year.

VALUE OF A LIBRARY

Libraries will get you through times of no money better than money will get you through times of no libraries.

—Anne Herbert

The truth is libraries are raucous clubhouses for free speech, controversy and community.

—Paula Poundstone

When you absolutely positively have to know, ask a librarian.

—American Library Association

LIBRARY TRIVIA

Ford Madox Ford recommended that readers judge a new book, **not by its first page, but by its 99th**, the better to gauge the book's quality.



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WHAT'S NEW FOR YOU!

Volunteer Opportunity on May 7, 2016 Paradise Chocolate Fest

Volunteer your time at this exciting event and make Friends of the Library the beneficiary of the event proceeds. The Fest is in Terry Ashe Park and includes An Evening of Chocolate and Wine on May 6th, a Motorcycle Run on the 14th, and the bike Tour de Chocolate on May 15th. Jobs may involve help at eating contests, concerts, and arts and craft activities. A Kids Zone has a bounce house and super slide!



This is one of our main sources of funding for our many contributions to the Paradise Library (our mission) along with book sales. Application deadline is March 15th and a one hour orientation is required. Applications are at the Paradise Library

or you may contact me, Leslie Dunn, at leslie.dunn6@gmail.com or 873-3347.

Our ongoing volunteer needs include supervising membership and information tables at community events - Gold Nugget Days, the Party in the Park on Thursday nights from 5pm -8:00pm and Johnny Appleseed Days in the fall. These are a chance to enjoy the events as well as interact with community members to promote the Friends of the Library. I believe the library is the heart of Paradise and there are so many important contributions made by FOL that can't happen without our help!

Poetry Contest & Reading

POETS OF PARADISE! Submit an original poem at the Paradise Library by April 21st, including your name, phone number, and category (K-12, adult or professional writer) and style of your poem. Winners will be announced and **prizes** awarded at a Poetry Reading in the Library Community Room on Thursday, April 28, from 6 pm to 7:30 pm. All contestants will be invited to read their poem to the audience. Last year's event was very well attended and the Friends have purchased a PA amplification system to enhance the experience for both the poets and for the listeners. For more information stop by the library at 5922 Clark Road.

APPLY FOR FUNDS

The Paradise Friends of the Library and Quota International of Paradise have jointly funded an annual \$500 scholarship administered by the Butte College Foundation for a qualifying Butte College returning student. The scholarship is available for the 2016 Fall semester. The essay portion asks applicants how public libraries have impacted their life and to provide a vision for the library of the future. For details contact:

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E-Z WAYS TO DONATE (VERY E-Z!)

- Create space for yourself and DONATE your books to the book sale! Join the Friends by mailing in your application (see page 3) or joining online at www.pfol.org. 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 to donate a % of purchases from Save Mart to PFOL.
- Amazon shoppers! Designate 0.5% of eligible purchases to PFOL via Amazon Smile Foundation. Go to <http://org.amazon.com> and choose **Friends of the Library, Paradise!**

KEEP INFORMED!

- "Like" us on Facebook if you'd like to stay up-to-date about Paradise Friends of the Library's activities between quarterly newsletters. Access the Calendar of Events at www.pfol.org.
- *Go Green!* If you prefer to receive your PFOL newsletter via email rather than "snail" mail, email your email address to: info@pfol.org
- Get the newsletter! Copies are available at the library, 'Ohana Health on Fir St, Town Hall and the Chamber of Commerce on Skyway and online.
- Shop at the bi-monthly Book Sale.

...AND NOW A WORD FROM OUR LIBRARIAN... SUSIE SERRANO!

Her Majesty ...



The Paradise Branch Library has new hours! Tuesday and Wednesday 11-7pm giving us 2 extra evening hours per week. Thank you Butte County Board of Supervisors!

The new internet area is looking great with new computer

carrel furniture that was installed December 28th. Thanks to all who helped on this big project and thank you to the Paradise Friends of the Library for purchasing the furniture! We are also creating a designated Local Author shelving area near the newspapers and magazines highlighting our great local writers and illustrators.

If you noticed my new picture you can see my creative hat. This year I am running for **Paradise Chocolate Fest Queen** sponsored by Paradise Rotary and representing Paradise Friends of the Library.

We need volunteers to help at the Chocolate Fest **May 7th**. You can pick up an application from me or on the **Paradise Chocolate Fest**

website: <http://chocolatefest.us/>

We are raising money for our **Summer Reading Program** for new books to give to children who participate each summer and books for our collection relating to the summer reading themes.

To help you can buy your **Chocolate Fest tickets** or any related tickets from me or visit the Paradise Chocolate Fest Website and select Susie Serrano as the candidate you would like to support. Use the following link to access the website: <http://chocolatefest.us/events/chocolate-royale/>

Thank you so much for your support!

Susie Serrano
Paradise Branch Librarian



ID LIKE TO BE A FRIEND OF THE PARADISE LIBRARY!

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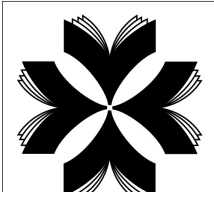
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USED BOOK SALES

**Paradise Branch Library
Community Room**
Two Saturdays Each month
10 am—3 pm

Mar 5, 19
Apr 2, 16, 30
May 14, 28
Jun 11, 25
Jul 9, 23
Aug 6, 20
Sep 10, 24
Oct 8, 22
Nov 5, 19
Dec 3, 17

Paradise Library Hours

Tues & Wed
11 am—7 pm
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