

# NEWSLETTER

## FOHL Wants You

Unless you're a Life Member of the Friends or all paid up for 2009, you probably received an envelope with this newsletter. Its sole purpose is to allow you to stuff a check in it. If you don't want to buy a stamp, bring it, with the check inside, to the Book Sale and we'll take care of it on the spot.

Annual membership for a single person is \$5. For families, no matter how big, it skyrockets to \$10—unless you have octuplets; then it's free. Life memberships are \$100, which can be a bargain if you're young enough. You do the math. Business memberships—including **On-line dealers**—are \$20. If you come in with an individual membership and we spot a bar-code scanner, you'll be busted and will need to upgrade your membership.

If you're paid up and get an envelope anyway, take it around to your neighbors, relatives, and aimless strangers and sign them up as Friends. Remind them how much their membership does for the library and, that as a member, they are eligible to volunteer to work at the Book Sales.

## 3-Day Book Sale

**THURSDAY, March 19**

12 - 6 p.m.

Members only. Join at the door. \$5/year.

**FRIDAY**

March 20

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Members only

1 - 5 p.m.

Everyone

**SATURDAY**

March 21

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Everyone welcome

**\$5 Bag Sale**

starts at 2 p.m.



## Get Aboard

If you have ever been or dreamed of being on an important governing board, this is the place for you.

The FOHL Board has openings for new members. You don't have to have a degree in English literature, or an MBA, or a teaching credential, but the occasional constructive idea and some publicity skills might prove helpful.

If you can spare an hour on the first Tuesday of the month to attend the meetings, we'd love to have you join us.

Mostly we make decisions about how the money is going to be spent and what programs will attract kids, teens, and adults into the library. We organize and put on Book Sales and the Annual Meetings and Picnics. We're a friendly group who loves the concept of free libraries and want to make sure ours stays healthy and available.

You decide how much time you want to put into the job—starting with an hour a month—and what aspect of the responsibilities you like best.

Check us out on the first Tuesday of any month at 4 p.m. You may wear a tie or high heels to the meeting if you want to, but you won't see many there.

**READ FREE**

It's what the library is about.

## THE BOARD

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# FOHL

Friends of the Healdsburg Library

## 2009 Library Events

### Annual Meeting

April 7, 5 p.m.



### Annual Picnic

July 22, 5 p.m.



### Book Sale Dates

March 19, 20, 21

July 17, 18

November 20, 21



### Children's Programs

Ongoing. Phone the library or open our web page listed below.



### Library Hours

Mon-Wed: 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat:

10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Never on Sunday



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## Book Sale Dilemma

The Board has received requests from Book Sale patrons to keep dealers out of the sale until browsing members have had a chance to get first dibs. Many dealers are considerate and polite, but some have become a bit grabby, so the Board is facing a dilemma. The main concern seems to be that on-line dealers bring in scanners, zap the barcodes for instant prices and marketability, and snatch up the best books before browsers can get a look at them.

It doesn't really seem nurturing to the Friends or the citizens of our beloved town, but the Book Sale *is* about making money for the library. The more we make, the more we can offer our community—and dealers do a lot for our bottom line.

The first two hours of the sale are always very busy. If you prefer a calmer atmosphere, come later in the afternoon on Thursday or during the new Member Preview hours on Friday 11 to 1. There still will be huge piles of books to choose from.

And let us know if you think there is a problem with some dealers. Talk to Charlene at the Book Sale, or drop her an e-mail at [CharleneLuks@msn.com](mailto:CharleneLuks@msn.com), or come to the next Board meeting and tell us about it.

## The Libe

Do you know that your library offers access to e-gov information; movie and gaming programs for teens; assistance for people with disabilities; homework help; Internet access; information and programs on any topic you can think of; magazines, DVDs, music CDs, and books on tape and CD; use of the Forum Room for public meetings; story time for children and parents; book groups, and, of course, book sales? If any of this surprises you, set aside a couple of hours and come in. You might just find a new comfort zone.

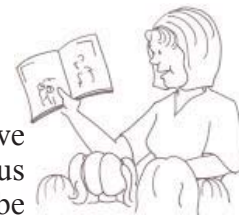
## Teacher's Treats

At the end of each book sale, we give the leftover books to various charities; but we want them also to be available to local schools.

If you are a teacher in Sonoma County and need books for your kids or library, come to the Forum Room around 3:30 on Saturday, the last day of the sale. Talk to anyone at the desk about a free selection for your classroom.

## Remember

If you can't wait for the next sale, the Sale Cart carries an ever-changing selection of the world's great fiction. A buck a book for paper and \$2 for hardbound.



*Editors note: It has come to my attention that Diane Lubich has not yet received her blue Lexus, even though she's still breaking her back sorting tons of books every week. She does it because she is a bibliophile and loves it, of course, but in case you're still taking up a collection or looking for the perfect car, you should know that she prefers red, and that the IS Lexus convertible, with a retractable steel roof, will be available late this spring. In lush red.*

## Art Committee

Our 2009 Art Committee is reforming and seeks Friends who would like to help put together our annual art show, displaying the work of local artists in the Forum Room. Committee members Rebecca Goodsell, Linda Selover, and Simon Jeremiah encourage your expertise and creativity in helping to display the various kinds of art in the October show.

Telephone Simon at 433-6754 or Rebecca at 473-9360.

## Blessed Are the Donors

You wonderful people who have been schlepping books by the carton and bagful into the library are the backbone of FOHL. We sell them three times a year and virtually every penny (well, except for the printing of this newsletter) goes straight to the library. So thank you for remembering us. Thank you for reading them carefully and not getting peanut butter on them. And thank you for making books such an important part of your life and being willing to share them. Somewhere in the great beyond, you will be rewarded; probably not with virgins, but maybe with chocolate—or an eternity of really good books.

To ease your decision burden, here's a list of what you might want to send directly to someone you don't like very well or to someone you know will appreciate them, because they almost certainly won't make it to the Book Sale:

Reader's Digest condensed books (never for real readers)

Encyclopedias (trumped by the Internet)

Books with margin notes or underlines (too personal)

Phonograph records, (maybe 50 years from now they'll be retro)

Outdated reference books (see Encyclopedias)

School texts (c'mon, you know you didn't read them either).

## And the Writers

We recently received a very nice letter from Cecilia Parnin Dearborn, who had taught school for years before settling here in our little Burg. She—wisely—didn't leave an address or phone number, but, Cecilia, have you thought about becoming a Friends Board member? Next meeting: 4 p.m., March 3, in the Forum Room.

## Such a Deal

Seventy-three percent of libraries nationwide offer the only provider of free Internet access in their small communities. In rural areas, it's 83%.

Even better, in nearly 100% of American communities, the library offers free books you can take home and crawl under the covers with for three weeks.

## New Stuff

Changes are happening at the Sonoma County Library, including Healdsburg Regional, to make your library life easier.

As of January 15, patrons have been able to pay late fees online, using Visa or Mastercard credit/debit cards to pay all library fines and fees. Payments are immediately credited to one's account. This convenient service can be done from the library home page at [www.sonoma.library.org](http://www.sonoma.library.org) or at any Sonoma County branch.

As of February 23, patrons will be able to keep anything that is checked out, including new books and DVDs, for 21 days. The goal of the new rules is excellent customer service.

Another change is the two-part library card. This will allow a parent to have a copy of a child's card, as well as the child receiving his/her own card. Library cards allow borrowing of materials and use of the library's computer website from home to place holds and to research a variety of topics.

For more information, stop by any of the branches or phone the librarians at 433-3772, ext. 5.

Debbie Hand, Branch Manager

### Your Business Card Here

Here's a sterling new opportunity to flaunt your business: the FOHL tri-annual newsletter is offering ad space in its thoroughly-devoured and saved-for-posterity pages. Card-size ads (like this) are \$25 each or \$70 for the year. Distribution is about 600 copies, which equals >1800 pairs of eyes a year. More information? e-mail [necia@liles.net](mailto:necia@liles.net).

### Empire Mini Storage of Healdsburg

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between book sales.

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### For the Wee Ones

Preschool Story Time is offered each Tuesday at 11 a.m., beginning April 7 through May 5. The tots can loll on a cushion with pillows or sit on Mom's lap and listen.

Preschool Story Time will take a break through the month of May and begin again during our Summer Reading Program, beginning June 9.

### What's Important?

Okay, so your life savings have floated into the Zeta Reticulai and you're re-establishing your priorities. Some don't change: food, warmth, love, and reading materials. Do not fret. The library is here. The room is warm, the books are free, CDs, DVDs and the Internet are yours for the asking. You can get thirty books at a time and wait out this delusive era.

Excelsior!

Can't sleep? Wanna have some fun? Check into <http://www.librarything.com/>. Morning will come too soon.

# Librarian's Corner

With the help of the hardworking Friends of the Library, we are able to offer special programs and purchase more books than we might otherwise be able to. Some upcoming activities sponsored by the Friends include three spring programs for adults.

On Monday, March 16, at 7 p.m., Joe Armstrong, storyteller and songwriter, will be joined by lead guitar, Pete Thompson, and Jim Brewer on bass. Joe is best known for his stories of growing up in rural Arkansas with contrary goats, dogs, rattlesnakes, his storytelling uncles, and the exploits of his preacher father. He writes and performs songs on the guitar to highlight his storytelling.

On Wednesday April 22, at 7 p.m., Christina Radich, author (with Mel Fiske) of *Our Mother's War*, will do a reading and signing in the Forum Room. Christina's mother, Aluzia Van Dalen, went through WWII in Holland under Nazi occupation with

one thought: survival. "I haven't lived yet," she repeated over and over. *Our Mother's War* recounts her struggle to live...but also that of the Dutch people from 1940 to 1945, the darkest of times of their lives.

Finally, on Monday, May 18, 7 p.m., *Living Into Art: Journeys Through Collage* will showcase a unique approach to art and imagination and the Sonoma community where it began. Local author Lindsay Whiting outlines a singular concept that can be used for inner growth, activating imagination, and living a more psychologically and spiritually engaged life.

On Saturday, April 18, at 2 p.m., the popular Traveling Lantern Troupe will give their dramatization of *Robin Hood*. Whether you are a kid, an adult, or halfway between, you don't want to miss this group.

May 2 at 2 p.m. brings back the Fairy Program for kids 5 and over. It's always a hit with little girls—and boys.

This spring we are also trying something new: a Teen Lounge. We are opening our Forum Room every Monday afternoon from 3 to 5 p.m. to offer kids 12 to 17 a place to be in the library, where they can hang out and have some food and a bit of entertainment. Our offerings will include movies, board games, popcorn and soda, and a place to throw down their heavy backpacks. With the Friends' support, the library is purchasing a Nintendo Wii and a few games to offer this very popular electronic game system to teens. If you have Wii games that are recent and in good condition that you no longer want, we welcome donations.

It is your support of the Friends of the Library Book Sales, and sales of paperbacks and magazines at the Friends' kiosk in the library that help support these popular programs.

Debbie Hand, Branch Manager

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