



Library Newsletter

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Library of Things

Did you know that the Library checks out more than just books and DVDs? In the past few years many libraries around the country have begun offering a 'Library of Things' in which patrons can check out a wide variety of items. So what kind of items does Alpine County Library offer, lets ask the folks who ordered them. **Chris Seal** our Library Assistant III and a talented musician himself ordered musical instruments for the community. "I tried to get a variety of popular, uncomplicated instruments in the hopes of encouraging people to learn to play. I also thought the instruments would dove-tail well with our Music Friday Program in which people gather at the Library at 2:30pm every Friday to play music together." The Library

currently has several guitars, including an acoustic bass guitar, a banjo, ukulele, mandolin, an African Djembe and a keyboard all available for check out.

Angie Groves our Library Assistant I, ordered several "Adventure Packs". These hiking backpacks are supplied with hiking guides, bird and flora identification books as well as compasses and collapsible hiking sticks.

"Growing up in Montana, I spent a lot of time outdoors; fly-fishing, horseback riding, hiking. Just being out in nature has so many health benefits, mental and physical. Markleeville is such a beautiful place I wanted to make it easy for people to explore the area; locals and visitors alike. I hope being able to easily check out hiking backpacks will inspire people to create their own

outdoor adventures."

Rita Lovell our County Librarian, suggested disc golf sets. "Disc golf is a popular past time in our area. It's an affordable way for families to have quality time together in a beautiful outdoor setting." Turtle Rock Park, just few miles down the road from the Library has a full 18 hole disc golf course. And it's Free!

Also available for check out: Art Kits, including paints, brushes, canvases and portable easels, Exercise Kits complete with resistance bands and DVD workouts and a basketball. All of these items are also available for checkout at our Bear Valley Branch Library as well. We would also like to give a special thanks to **HHS for the Tobacco Control Grant** which made the purchase of all these great

Upcoming Library Events

- *As of March 3rd the Library is now open on Tuesdays from 9am until 5pm!*
- *Easter Story Time! April 11th 1-3. Story, snack and Easter egg hunt!*
- *Teddy Bear Parade April 25th 11-3. Activities and crafts for the kids and a free BBQ lunch sponsored by Alpine Kids!*

Meet our new staff members!

You may have noticed some new faces here at the Library recently. We've hired three additional staff members as extra help to allow us to reopen the library on Tuesdays starting March 3rd! **Clayton** is an avid cyclist who lives in the Carson Valley but has always en-

joyed the natural beauty surrounding Marleeville. He sees his new role at the library as the perfect opportunity to spend more time in nature and enjoy the community of the area. **Patrice**, a ukulele player, also from the Carson valley is excited to join our close-knit commu-

nity and looks forward to sharing her time and talents with us! **Kelly**, a Markleeville resident and employee at Grover Hot Springs loves to read and converse, both of which will stand her in good stead here! So drop on by the Library and help us welcome our new staff!

Check Out Our New Wellness Bags

We've recently revamped our selection of Wellness Bags. Each Bag will now have a theme and with a wide variety of themes to choose from there is sure to be something for everyone.

Some of the new Wellness Bag titles include: Kids Travel Bag; filled with items to keep kids occupied during those long car trips, Yoga Bag; containing everything you will need to start your own home yoga practice, Family Fun Night; complete with activities the whole family can enjoy, and a Quit Smoking Bag; with plenty of resources to help kick the habit. Each

bag as a two week check out period with an option to renew.

For more information on additional Wellness Bag titles or if you have some ideas for possible future titles you can call the Library at 530-694-2120 or just drop on by, we'd love to hear from you.



Reading Buddies At The Library

As any child will tell you, reading is more fun together. So in that spirit, the Library has started a new program called Reading Buddies. Children can now choose from a wide variety of stuffed animals to be their Reading Buddy.

Stuffed animals are paired with library books to check out together. Children can take home the books and the Reading Buddy and when finished

reading, the books are returned to the Library, but the Reading Buddy is theirs to keep; ready for their next Library adventure!



*The more that you read,
The more things you will know.
The more that you learn,
The more places you'll go.
—Dr. Seuss—*

Displays Wanted

Do you or someone you know have a collection that you would like to share with the community? The Library is always looking for interesting displays. Or perhaps you're the creative type? The Library is also a great place to hold an art exhibit!

In the past the Library has exhibited paintings, drawings, photographs and even quilts created by local artists.

And our displays of patron collections have run the gamut from beaded gourds to vintage office supplies to framed scrapbooking pages.

If you have an idea for a display or would like to exhibit some of your artwork reach out to us at:

Alpine County Library
PO Box 187
270 Laramie St.
Markleeville, CA 96120
(530) 694-2120

Thank you!

Podcasting At The Library

In recent years the popularity of Podcasts have soared. Between 2017 and 2018 podcast listenership rose by 40%. By 2019 two thirds of Americans said they listened to podcasts, with over 100 million people listening to at least one podcast *every week!*

So what is a podcast? Essentially podcasts are digital “radio programs” that are broadcast over the internet. These programs (or digital files) can then be downloaded to devices such as computers, smart phones and tablets and listened to at one’s leisure.

Because of their popularity, more and

more podcasts have been popping up; covering a wide array of subjects from News & Politics, Society & Culture to Science and Health. Even those who just want to hear a good story can subscribe to any number of serial-type podcasts in which a fictional story is acted out by a cast of voice actors.

With its broad appeal and ease of use its not surprising that podcast listenership has taken off. What may be surprising though, is how easy it is to make your own podcast.

Thanks to a partnership with the HHS Tobacco Control Program, the Library

will soon have the means for locals to create their own podcasts! We will be able to supply a quiet room with a computer and microphone so that anyone who may be interested in trying out the podcast trend can easily do so.

Podcasts can be a great way to promote a business, widely circulate important information or just build a community of like minded listeners. Feel free to experiment; interview people you find interesting, answer questions on a topic you know quite a bit about, play music or give book reviews. With podcasting the possibilities are limitless!

Highly Anticipated Books Coming To The Library

Amnesty by Aravind Adiga will be available February 18. “A riveting, suspenseful, and exuberant novel from the bestselling, Man Booker Prize-winning author of *The White Tiger* and *Selection Day* about a young illegal immigrant who must decide whether to report crucial information about a murder—and thereby risk deportation.”

The Glass Hotel by Emily St. John Mandel will be available March 24. “An exhilarating novel set at the glittering intersection of two seemingly disparate

events—a massive Ponzi scheme collapse and the mysterious disappearance of a woman from a ship at sea.”

Afterlife by Julia Alvarez will be available April 7. “Antonia Vega, the immigrant writer at the center of *Afterlife*, has had the rug pulled out from under her. She has just retired from the college where she taught English when her beloved husband, Sam, suddenly dies. And then more jolts; her big-hearted but unstable sister disappears and Antonia returns home one evening

*Whenever you read a good book,
somewhere in the world a door
opens to allow in more light.*

—Vera Nazarian—

to find a pregnant, undocumented teenager on her doorstep.”

Census

Every 10 years the United States takes a Census of its population. This count is important as it is used to determine the number of seats each state gets in the House of Representatives, as well as determining how billions of dollars in Federal funds are distributed to local communities. As a result it is critical that the count be as accurate as possible.

Not sure what you need to do to be counted? Or lack access to a computer? Never fear the Library has got you covered! Thanks to a generous grant from the State, we have brand new Chromebooks available for check out. This way you can fill out your Census information in the privacy of your own home or if you prefer we can walk you through everything right here at the

library. That’s the Census made easy!

The Federal Government is also hiring for Census taker positions in Alpine County. It would be a temporary position that offers flexible hours, weekly pay and paid training. If interested you can apply online at 2020Census.gov/jobs.

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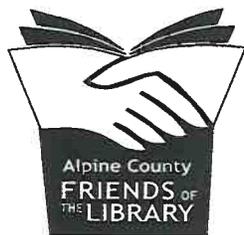
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Friends Corner

The Alpine County *Friends of the Library* are a dedicated group of volunteers who raise money to support libraries in Markleeville and



Bear Valley. Annual membership drives, "Death Ride" mugs and other merchandise sales are only a few of the ways the *Friends* raise funds to keep our libraries going strong! Monies raised support events such as:

- Music in the Park Series
- Summer Reading Programs
- Author visits and poetry readings
- Guest speakers
- Holiday story times & craft activities
- Murder Mystery plays

The *Friends* also fund:

- McNaughton Best Seller Books
- Landmark Audio Books

- Supplemental magazine and EBook subscriptions
- Dolly Parton's Imagination Library (free books delivered to kids 0-5)
- Hanging system for artist displays
- Book shelves, tables & chairs, outdoor furniture for events & Wi-Fi needs.

Want to be a Friend?

The *Friends* are currently recruiting new members! If you would like to help in organizing a Music in the Park event, or any other, please contact the Library at (530)694-2120. Better yet attend one of the *Friends of the Library's* meetings, held on the first Saturday of every month at the Markleeville Library and come meet the *Friends!*