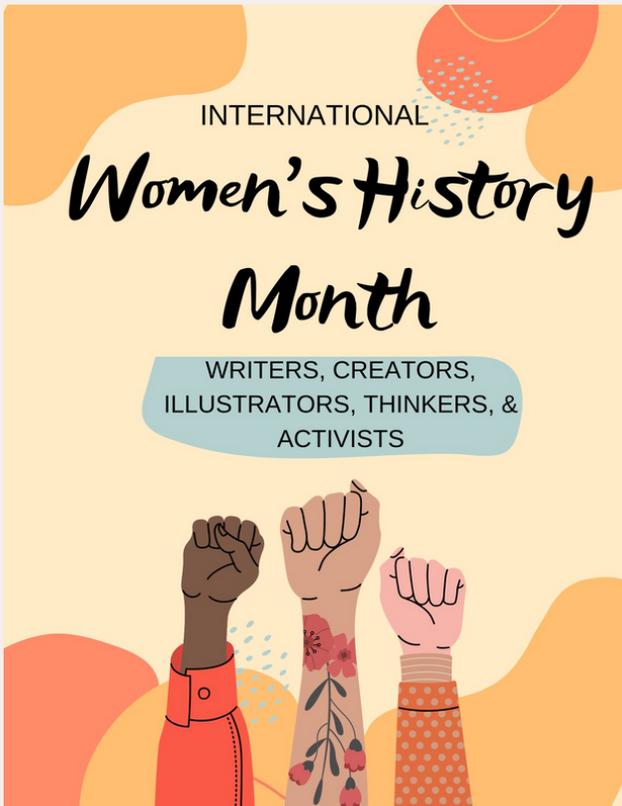


# ALPINE COUNTY LIBRARY NEWSLETTER



## March at the Library

Join Alpine County Libraries this month for our free family programs, maker-space sessions at each location, and our updated library of things collections! We have new books, materials, activity kits, and digital resources for you to explore.

This month, you can find displays highlighting women artists and creators in both of our branches and on the Bookmobile!

If you aren't seeing your favorite women authors, illustrators, and thinkers be sure to request titles through our Zip Books program [here](#):



## BOOKMOBILE BLAST

Come check out the bookmobile Every Wednesday

Sierra Pines General Parking Lot: 11:00-11:30pm

Kirkwood Mountain KCA: 12:30-1:30pm

Woodfords Mad Dog Café: 2:00pm-2:30pm

Hung A LeI Ti Education Center: 2:45-3:30pm





### Alpine County Library Wellness Kit

#### Mindfulness Kit

- Singing Bowl Instrument
- Percussion Instrument
- Meditation & Relaxation DVD's
- Guided Meditation Audiobook
- *Inward* by Yung Pueblo
- Mindful Moments Cards
- Stress Less Cards
- Mini Plant, Grow & Keep!



## Markleeville Library Things to Know

### LISTEN & LEARN WITH TONIES!

The library now has Tonieboxes!

Tonieboxes are a fun way for littles to listen to songs, stories, and speech! We have sets ready to go with a toniebox (which is basically the speaker) headphones, and characters who sing their songs and tell their stories for kids to enjoy!

You can check them out or listen to them at the library! We currently have 14 characters ready to share their stories and music today!



### UPDATED MINDFULNES KITS

We have updated our mindfulness activity kits for adults and kids and they are ready for check-out!

Our Adult mindfulness kit has relaxing meditation tools such as a singing bowl, a mini plant you can grow and keep, and a beautiful collection of poetry!

These kits are funded by Behavioral Health and offer a relaxing and simple way to decompress after long days. Our kits include personal exploration resources, instruments, games for the family, and activities that exercise our brains and hands!

# Bear Valley Programs & Other Happenings

by  
Thea Schoettgen

**I'd like to remind you that the library provides access to a 24/7 library.** How you may ask? With your library card! We offer FREE to you both HOOPLA and Libby. Both services are available as free apps for your phone or tablets. Once these apps are downloaded you can create an account using your library card number and an email. You'll then have access to eBooks, audiobooks, magazines, music and movies. If you'd like some help setting up an account or if you would like a library card please stop by the library and we can walk you through the process.

**Thursday, May 9th our beloved Teddy Bear Parade returns to Bear Valley!** County agencies and local businesses are invited to set up a booth and each will have an activity for the children to complete on site or to take home with them. The afternoon will wrap up with a parade (by foot and bike) around the parking lot in front of the library. We will be reaching out to the community asking if you can set up a booth and participate in this fun small town event. The Teddy Bear parade is all about honoring the children and families in our community. The First5 Committee has worked with the Alpine County Library for many years organizing the fun event.

Coming up in early July will be the 3rd annual plant exchange at the Library. This is a FREE event and an opportunity to share extra cuttings and plants with others in the community. A station will be set up with dirt and extra plastic nursery pots so you can plant or repot your new plant babies. Stay tuned for more details.

The Bear Valley Library **Watercolor Painting Group** continues to meet every Friday from 3-5 in the library. Please feel free to stop by and join in.



The library has a **new collection** of prepared crafts & activities that can be checked out from the library. This collection is called The Library of Things. Stop by to check them out.



## Markleeville Clubs, & Other Happenings

Come see the month-long Quilter's Guild Display at Markleeville Library!

14 Quilts with vibrant and beautiful designs are hanging in our library for your viewing pleasure till March 27th! We are excited to kick off Spring 2024 with these beautiful textiles for you to enjoy.

Looking for something fun to do with your littles? Ask for our Library Scavenger Hunt at the front desk and find all of the hidden treasures inside of the library!



We are adding brand new reads to our NEW BOOKS Display every week! You can find Juvenile, Young Adult, Adult, Fiction, & Non-fiction works on this shelf!

### Staff Picks:

*After the Forest* by Kell Woods  
& *Song of Silver Flame Like Night* by Amélie Wen Zhao

THE THIRD THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH 2:30-4PM



FIBER ARTS  
CLUB

JOIN US FOR LIBRARY STAFF LED KNITTING, CROCHETING, SEWING, AND MORE EVERY MONTH! YOU CAN BRING YOUR OWN PROJECT OR USE OUR MATERIALS WHILE YOU CREATE TOGETHER!

Fiber Arts club meets this month on the 21st! We have more sewing machines for you to use during this time!



## ARCHIVES

Have any requests, projects, or interests you have always wanted to explore? Now is the time to reach out to [Alpine County Archives!](#)



## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY: A HISTORY BY JAN CROW

In the early 1990's, three Alpine County residents formed The Friends of the Library group to improve and enhance our libraries in Markleeville and Bear Valley. Paula Pennington, Barbara Howard, and Jim Dunn, worked tirelessly to create community events to raise funds to purchase much needed new books, supply the books for the library book clubs, create storytimes and movie nights, just to name a few of the special services and outreach activities the Friends are involved in. Among the fundraising activities they established is the selling of Death Ride Mugs at the ride registration and finish, as well as creating the summer Music in the Park concert series and the Wine in the Garden evenings. The community, and visitors alike, look forward to these summer events each year.

After 30+ years, the original Friends stepped away and three new Friends stepped in. The tradition of making the libraries the heart of Alpine County communities continues, and the Friends, past and present, appreciate the encouragement and financial support of everyone.