

2009 ANNUAL REPORT ▪ MARIPOSA COUNTY FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Dear Library Supporters and Life Members,

We thank you for your support in 2008. Your memberships, financial contributions, attendance at special events, volunteer hours, books donated, and storage space have been very much needed and appreciated. As Friends of the Library, we need your support to continue providing new materials and services to the Library. Remember that the library allows patrons free access to email and the Internet, interlibrary loans, Ancestry.com and eBooks. The Library is also striving to keep up-to-date with current books, CDs, DVDs, videos, periodicals etc as requested by you the patrons. As a nonprofit organization the Friends qualify for many company gift matching programs. We urge you to support your County Library, with Friends' funds going back to the Library System. Check the local paper for upcoming events and activities.

In 2008 the Friends of the Library:

- Had a membership of 400+, including 134 Life Members
- Operated Books Galore bookstore in the Library Community Room, open Tuesdays and Fridays 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Had many old books listed on the Internet at www.librarybooksales.org
- Funded tutoring.com for live homework help
- Purchased shelving for the new Red Cloud Library in Greeley Hill
- Purchased "Books for Babies" for the newest of library patrons
- Purchased books, large print books, magazines, books on CDs, DVDs, and children's books
- Supported Summer Reading Program and the Young Adult Poetry Experience
- Continued operation of the copy machine and computer printers for library patrons
- Maintained web pages on the library site at www.mariposalibrary.org
- Continued to support the San Joaquin Valley Library System allowing patrons access to library materials at other libraries

In 2009 our Special Events include:

- The Semi-Annual **Book Sales** to be held:
 - May 1, 2 and 3 with extended hours on Friday 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. for members (Friday May 1, the sale is open to Friends **members only**, so join now! Saturday and Sunday have free books with a purchase.)
 - October 2, 3 and 4 (Friday October 2, the sale is open to Friends **members only**, so join now!)
- **Christmas Home Tour**, 18th Annual, December 5 and 6
- **Summer Reading Program** for the youth in the community
- **Annual Meeting**: Join us Monday June 1 at 9:30 a.m. for the Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Library. Come meet with the Board of the Friends that morning at the Mariposa Library. We would love to have your input and participation!

The **Recycling project** at the County Landfill continues — when you take your recyclables ask that the money be put in the Friends of the Library Fund.

The Friends are also selling **book bags**, available in two sizes!

The library has an ongoing need for new books, reference materials, DVDs, books on CD and music CDs. Every donation can make a difference and will help us with Library improvements and services!

Thank you,

Avis Bliss, President

[Join the Friends of the Library! Memberships range from \\$5 to \\$500.](#)