

**Twelve Bridges Library**  
Main Desk 916/434-2410  
Tues & Wed: 1pm – 7pm  
Thurs: 10am – 5pm  
Sat: 1pm – 5pm

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**Carnegie Library**  
**CLOSED**  
*until*  
*further notice*

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**Fran Neves, Newsletter Editor**

**July, August, September 2011**

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### ***Carnegie Library Closes After 102 Years***

With the passage of the 2011-2012 FY City budget on June 28, the Carnegie Library was **closed as of July 1, 2011.**

In 1904, the city began supporting the Library "Reading Room" with local tax funds. Soon after, in 1906, the first Library Board was established, and one of the first Board actions was to send an application to Andrew Carnegie for funding a new library building. The funding was granted, and the **Carnegie Library opened in 1909.** The building at the corner of F and 5th Streets was constructed with clay brick donated by the **Gladding McBean** clay factory.

In the prior hard economic times of the 1990's, the Friends of the Lincoln Library, Library Board, and other community **members stepped up to keep the Carnegie Library open with volunteers** and raised money for much needed renovations. During the last decade, renovations occurred upstairs and downstairs, including a roofing project complete with **Gladding McBean** roof tiles. **In October of 2009, the Carnegie Library celebrated 100 years of serving the residents of Lincoln.**

**To keep the Carnegie Library open would require the dedication of volunteers willing to work structured hours** – like having a part-time job with all the commitments and responsibilities that go with the job, but without pay. A coordinator of the volunteers would be needed as well as training in the use of the Library computer and software system for the volunteers. If you are **seriously** interested in becoming such a volunteer and working with the Friends to structure a **possible** volunteer program to keep the Carnegie Library open eight to eleven hours a week, please contact the Friends through email: [FOLL@live.com](mailto:FOLL@live.com) or by calling 916/434-2404.

### ***Twelve Bridge Library Remains Open***

The adopted City budget funds the Twelve Bridges Library so it can remain open for 20 hours a week. With the Friends continued support of ***Mother Goose on the Loose***, three hours a week are added to the **Library open time for a total of 23 hours a week.**

In order to keep the Library open at its current hours rather than the 12 hours originally proposed, a **reduction in staff hours** was necessary as well as a move towards more of a self-service operation.

The **Library Director** has been reduced to **20 hours** a week, the **Library Coordinator and Library Assistant** are reduced to **30 hours** a week, and the **six seasonal staff** reduced to **10 hours** a week. In addition, the Library budget will **no longer fund any programs which require Library staff time.** Fees and rental rates for Library rooms have also increased.

Patrons will be encouraged to use a **self-service check-in and check-out system** which initially may cause more "wait time" for use of the self-service machines and other services. While the current check-out/check-in desk will remain open, the staff on the desk has been reduced from three to one.

During the **"transition"** of the Library to a self-service operation, we ask for your patience especially in dealing with **Library staff** who are also just learning the new system.

### ***New Telephone Number for the Friends***

The Friends have a new telephone number: **916/434-2404.** If no one is in the office, you can leave a message and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

## ***Books for Schools/Books in the Courtyard***

This year the Friends of the Lincoln Library began a new project with the Lincoln Host Lions Club: ***Books for Schools***. The schools chosen this year were First St. Elementary School, Sheridan Elementary and Carlin C. Coppin School. A total of 2,000 books were presented to pre-school through fifth grade students at these three schools.

This year ***Books in the Courtyard*** gave out 1,700 books to pre-school through fifth grade students. This program was funded through donations by **Lincoln Host Lions Club, BBVA Compass Bank, Lincoln Community Foundation, and the Friends**. For the past eleven years, this program, started by **Shirley Russell**, has provided one free book per week per child, baby, and expectant mothers (it's never too early for a child to be read to!). However, with the closing of the Carnegie Library and our hard economic times, this was the last year for ***Books in the Courtyard***.

While the Carnegie staff and the children's story tellers held a celebration for the 102 years the Carnegie has brought the world to Lincoln, the Friends celebrated the eleven years of ***Books in the Courtyard*** by presenting prizes for each grade level including pre-school. Tickets for the drawing were given to children reflecting their reading time in conjunction with the Library's ***Summer Reading*** program. Most of the prizes were donated books as well as art supplies which the Friends purchased.

Approximately 3,700 books were placed in the hands of children through the Friends' ***Books in the Courtyard, and Books for the Schools*** programs this year.

These programs constituted hours of sorting, labeling, resorting, relabeling, hauling boxes for six days for the ***Books for Schools*** program and four days of hauling boxes of books, tables, chairs, and equipment for ***Books in the Courtyard*** by volunteers.

A special thank you to the **Lincoln Host Lions Club** for monetary donations and their donation of time spent hauling books and equipment as well as the time they devoted to presenting books during the program in the schools. Once again **"Better Together"** works for bringing the world of books to our youth.

The Friends would like to thank all the volunteers for ***Books in the Courtyard*** over the years. This program would not have achieved the success it did without you.

Our libraries and reading programs are much more than Kindles and other electronic suppliers of the printed world.

A love of books by a child comes through holding a book, turning the pages, learning about chapters, sharing the book and so much more.

The Friends will continue to foster a love of books by children.

## ***Enjoy Festivals?***

If you enjoy attending festivals and meeting new people, then you might consider **volunteering** to staff the Friends' booth at the following downtown Lincoln events:

- **Inaugural Motorcycle Show, Swap Meet & Auction** - July 23
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Plow Jockeys' Rod & Rumble Car Show** - August 20
- **5<sup>th</sup> Annual Rib Festival** - September 10

At these events, the Friends are able to distribute information about Library programs, solicit new members, sell green book bags, and seek donations to **Save our Library**. If interested in donating a few hours of your time to these events contact **Lora Finnegan** at [lfinnegan0345@aol.com](mailto:lfinnegan0345@aol.com) for more information.

**"People who volunteer add an average of 7 years to their lives!"** Dr. Mehmet Oz

## ***Library Access for Volunteers***

With the **reduction in hours** for our Library staff, the hours that volunteers can work are also changed.

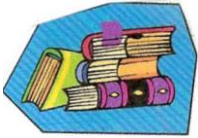
The Twelve Bridges Library will be open for volunteers during regular Library hours, and the following days and hours when the Library is closed to the public:

Mondays	Closed to the Public and Volunteers
Tuesdays	Open to Volunteers at 8am
Wednesdays	Open to Volunteers at 8am
Thursdays	Open to Volunteers at 9am
Fridays	Open to Volunteers from 9am-2:30pm
Saturdays	Open to Volunteers at 12 noon
Sundays	Closed to the Public and Volunteers

## ***Mickey Haggard Memorial***

The Friends will present a plaque in memory of Mickey Haggard to the Twelve Bridges Library. Mickey was instrumental in the founding of this Library and is sorely missed for his wisdom and service to the Lincoln community.

# Library Director's Corner



By Darla Wegener

## Carnegie Closing

June 29, 2011 was a sad day for the City of Lincoln. This was because the Lincoln Public Library's first library closed its doors. This Carnegie building served the citizens of Lincoln for 102 years. The Lincoln Public Library at Twelve Bridges will remain open for 23 hours, but with reduced services and limited programming. The programming available will only be available due to generous donation of money and volunteer time.

The City Council voted at their regular meeting on June 28, 2011 to approve the City's budget. The Carnegie's closing decision was part of that budget. In addition to one less library, reduced hours and staff cut backs, library patrons will notice other budget impacts, including less maintenance, fewer books, higher fees, limited resources, and longer wait times for books and services.

In addition, I will be leaving the library in August. The City Council budget decision included ending my contract to further reduce the budget. At this time, the city is looking at employing

an interim director to oversee the Library. I hope to receive employment in another library soon.

It has been a great honor to serve the community of Lincoln for the past six years. I came to Lincoln with the hope to build a great library system that respected the past and looked toward the future. I truly appreciate the many people, who have helped me along the way especially the Friends of Library, Library staff, Board, and Committee. I also could not have done this wonderful job without the support of Sierra College, Western Placer Unified School District and City of Lincoln staff.

I sincerely thank you for your support, friendship, and time.  
Darla

## Thank you, Darla

On behalf of past, present, and future Friends of the Lincoln Library, we want to express our gratitude to Darla for all her hard work as Library Director for Lincoln's Libraries.

Because of her drafting policies, putting new systems in place, training an excellent staff of full-time and seasonal personnel, our present and future Friends, and volunteers, can continue working to ensure that the Twelve Bridges Library is a benefit to the community.

Our deep appreciation to you Darla, and best wishes for a bright future at some other lucky Library!

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## Friends of the Lincoln Library 2011 Membership Form

Membership level (please circle) Friends \$15, Family \$25, or Business \$40

Special gift for: Mother Goose on the Loose (MGOL) \$\_\_\_\_\_, Save our Libraries (SOL) fund \$\_\_\_\_\_, General Donation \$\_\_\_\_\_ (will be used for other library programs or where most needed)

\$\_\_\_\_\_ Memorial donation in honor/memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Please send a Memorial acknowledgment to: (name and address)

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Donor's Name & Address:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\*E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Most important for frequent updates. Please mail to: Membership Chair, FOLL, P O Box 394, Lincoln, CA 95648. FOLL is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt charity (#68-0089581). Membership is from January 1 – December 31 of the current year.

\_\_\_\_ Check here if you do not want your email shared. (We only share with Library personnel.)

\_\_\_\_ Check here if you do not want your information (name, address) made public in acknowledgement of any donation or membership.

*Friends' Calendar of Events – July, August, September 2011*

- July  
**July 23** No Mother Goose on the Loose (MGOL) in July  
**Inaugural Motorcycle Show, Swap Meet & Auction downtown Lincoln.** *Volunteers needed to staff Friends' booth. Contact Lora at [lfinnegan0345@aol.com](mailto:lfinnegan0345@aol.com)*
- Aug 4, 11, 18, 25  
**August 9** MGOL, Thursdays at 10:30am and 11:30am Twelve Bridges Library – limited to first 100 in attendance.  
**Friends' Board of Directors Meeting** – Tuesday beginning at 2pm Twelve Bridges Library. *All members of the Friends are encouraged to attend and share their opinions.*
- August 14  
**August 20** Open Mic, Sunday at 3pm in the Willow Room of the Twelve Bridges Library  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Plow Jockeys' Rod & Rumble Car Show in downtown Lincoln.** *Volunteers needed to staff Friends' Booth. Contact Lora at [lfinnegan0345@aol.com](mailto:lfinnegan0345@aol.com)*
- Sept 1,8,15,22,29  
**September 10** MGOL, Thursdays at 10:30am and 11:30am Twelve Bridges Library – limited to first 100 in attendance.  
**5<sup>th</sup> Annual Rib Festival & Antique/Vintage Faire in downtown Lincoln.** *The Friends will also be holding their **Vintage/Antique Book Sale** at this event. Volunteers needed to staff Friends' Booth. Contact Shirley Russell at [FOLL@live.com](mailto:FOLL@live.com) or call 645-3470.*
- September 11  
**September 13** Open Mic Sunday at 3pm in the Willow Room of the Twelve Bridges Library  
**Friends' Board of Directors Meeting** – Tuesday beginning at 2pm Twelve Bridges Library. *All members of the Friends are encouraged to attend and share their opinions.*
- September 24** **Friends' BOOK SALE** – Saturday from 10am – 5pm Twelve Bridges Library

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*Friends of the Lincoln Library*  
*P O Box 394*  
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***Who Cares for the Library  
Plants?***

Ever wonder who takes care of all the plants at the Twelve Bridges Library?  
Our **16 plants** are watered, snipped, fertilized, and generally taken care of by the Lincoln Hills Garden Club.  
**Thank you, Lincoln Hills Garden Club!**

**Questions** about this newsletter or want more information about the FOLL?  
Contact Newsletter Editor and Membership Chair Fran Neves: [FOLL@live.com](mailto:FOLL@live.com)  
call 916/434-2404 or visit our website [www.friendsofthelincolnlibrary.org](http://www.friendsofthelincolnlibrary.org)

**Lincoln Library Volunteers** duties include processing books, shelving and other volunteer work on behalf of the Library. Volunteers are a great assistance in keeping the libraries running smoothly. **If interested in volunteering contact: Miguel Codina at the Twelve Bridges Library or email: [mejcodina@aol.com](mailto:mejcodina@aol.com) or phone: 916/705-9787.**

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