

FRIENDS OF THE LINCOLN LIBRARY

NEWSLETTER

Spring/Summer 2008

BOOK SALE! BOOK SALE!

Twelve Bridges Library, May 17, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The library opens at 1 p.m.,

but the pre-sale begins at 11 a.m. so come on in!

We have hard-to-find, just-what-you're-looking-for, almost new, really new,
paperbacks, hardcovers, art books ...

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Also, please join us at a Friends meeting so we can become acquainted and hear your ideas and concerns. We meet on the third Wednesday of the month, 5:30 p.m., in the Twelve Bridges Library Willow Room. You will learn more about the ways in which we support the Lincoln Libraries, and how you can help.

### **Book Sale and Donations** – Thank you for your support and help!

New and slightly-read books (we hope to avoid those with mustiness, mold, and/or spiders!) for both libraries are being accepted at the Twelve Bridges Library, and your donations are most welcome and needed. No NF or travel books published prior to 2004, however, as the info may not be current.

The staff will shelve the books that complement their collection. Other books will be donated to us, the Friends, to sell. Look for the Friends Book Sale section by the reference desk. And finally, books not put on the library shelves or book sale are put to superb use – we send books to the troops!

We thank the SCLH residents and SCLH Kilaga Springs Library volunteers for their help in continuing to donate books for our collection and book sale.

**Help!** If you can help sort and set up for the May 17 sale, please contact Shirley Russell at 645-3470. What's in it for you (besides moral superiority)? First choice of these delicious books!

**American Girls Tea Party** – Calling all girls! Come to the Carnegie Library Courtyard on May 7, 4-5:30 p.m., for great fun and refreshments. Call the library at 645-3607 for more information.

**Membership** – Please renew now for 2008, or join for the first time! In addition to knowing that you are helping to fund the Friends' library programs and purchases, you receive the newsletter, invitations to special events at the libraries, and more. See further in this newsletter for more benefits.

**New Items!** – Look for Friends' "green" fabric book bags and flash drives, coming soon! Use your book bag, not your plastic bag, and save the planet while you read.

**Author News** – Jeri Chase Ferris, whose eleven biographies have won many national awards, tells us that Thornhill School in Oakland is creating a musical based on one of her books. The students and their music teachers are using WITH OPEN HANDS, plus dialogue and spirituals, for the May 29 production.

Jeri's twelfth book, set in 1941 Leningrad, USSR, is with her agent in NY. For information on her books and presentations, please go to [jerichaseferris.com](http://jerichaseferris.com).

### **How do your donations help?**

The Friends bring programs to our community, including the following:  
We support the Lincoln Poetry Club by partially funding the monthly Open Mic and Voices of Lincoln, the yearly poets' contest.

A huge program and one which is always a highlight of the year is the summer new book give-away to children and expectant moms – **Books in the Courtyard**. Area children are welcomed each week, beginning June 12, 2008, and continuing every Thursday morning 8-12 noon through August 14. Books in the Courtyard VII will take place in the Courtyard of the Carnegie Library.

In 2007, over 7,500 books were given to our local children and moms. Volunteers are needed to move books at 7 a.m. each Thursday. Thank you!

We have pages of thank-you comments from kids and parents and teachers, and it's possible because of you.

**Voices of Lincoln** – If you have written a poem about Lincoln, be ready to celebrate with the Library Friends and the Friends of Lincoln, October 12, 3 p.m., at the Twelve Bridges Library. You do not need to live in Lincoln to participate. Look for entry blanks at the libraries or call Sue Clark, 434-0226.

**Poetry Place VII** went very well. There were 72 winning poems, and 64 of the winners read their poems during the celebration. Barbara Lackovic, narrator, did a great job keeping the audience engaged. A special thank you to Jane Tahti, Dolores Martinez, and Alice Dehner for helping that evening, and to the Poetry Club of Lincoln and the Friends for judging the poems. Fran, Vi, Alice, and Judy assisted in getting everything printed and ready, and Carol Smiles typed the chap book for grades 6-12. It takes a village of volunteers to create a successful program, and you did it! Thank you so much! Students come often to the library to look at their poems on display, proudly showing them off to parents and classmates.

**Save July 15!** Plans are in progress for a children's program with two children's authors and a presentation by the SCLH Bird Group. It will be at Twelve Bridges, Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. Notices will go up when the program is finalized. Call Verna Rowe, 408-1741, for further information. Thank you!

**STORY TIMES!** Come with your children and join the excited crowd at five different story times, at two different libraries.

Twelve Bridges Library's early literacy program, "Mother Goose on the Loose," is for ages 3 months through 5 years. During the half hour from 10:30-11:00 a.m., and 11:30-12 noon on Thursday mornings the children learn the 3 R's – Rhyming, Rhythm and Repetition – through verse, song, movement and fun.

Twelve Bridges' Tuesday morning story time welcomes children of all ages from tiny tots, ages 2-3, at 10:15, to preschoolers ages 3-5, at 11:00 a.m. During the program children hear enjoyable stories while learning about loving, sharing and caring.

Twelve Bridges' Family/Bedtime story time, last Wednesday of the month, 6:30 p.m. Parents and children of all ages are invited to come in their pajamas (if they want to) with their favorite teddy bear or blanket and listen to stories.

Carnegie Library, Wednesday morning at 10:00 for tiny tots ages 3 months to 2 years, and at 10:30 for preschoolers ages 2-5. Spanish story times are the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of the month at 4 p.m. for children of all ages. If you can help in the bilingual story time, please contact Vi Kuka, 543-0511, or Dolores Martinez, 645-1114.

June summer reading programs are "Catch the Reading Bug" and "Metamorph at Your Library."

**More help needed!** Yes, we need more volunteers for these increasingly popular and exciting programs in both libraries. Please call Shirley Russell at 645-3470.

**Volunteers Needed (YOU)** – As Lincoln continues to expand, we continue to expand our programs. We need your help, especially in the following areas:

Sept. 13 Wine Tasting helpers

TBA Authors' Talks helpers

2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays, 3 p.m., Open Mic refreshment co-chairs and helpers

And see board member positions open, at end of newsletter

**Speaking of Wine Tasting** – We are planning our next wine tasting fund-raiser event at Rancho Robles Vineyard, Lincoln, on September 13. You won't want to miss it! Co-chairs are Jane Tahti and Penny Pearl.

**Speaking of Volunteers** – Joan Scarper is our library volunteer coordinator, and we thank her for her incredible dedication and help in coordinating all the various tasks the volunteers perform. Linda Derosier coordinated a lovely thank-you for the Friends at our April meeting, and does so regularly for the volunteers. Thank you, Joan and Linda!

**An Interview with Shirley Russell, Friends' President**

By Jeri Chase Ferris

Our president, Shirley Russell, is involved in so many community activities and projects it is impossible to imagine how she finds time to keep the Friends in line. Here's this dynamic woman's story, or at least a portion of it.

Shirley has been a Lincolnite since 1939. She inherited her activist spirit from her father, who was a Lincoln volunteer fireman, was on the Lincoln School Board, in the Lincoln Rotary, and a volunteer in many Lincoln activities. He always said, "We get out of a community what we put into it." Shirley has followed in her father's footsteps and Lincoln is better for it.

Shirley attended Sierra College (surprise - she was student body president) and Sacramento State, earning credentials in general elementary education, reading specialist, early childhood specialist, and administration. She graduated on a Friday and on Monday was teaching 80 kindergarteners, 40 a.m., 40 p.m., in Rio Linda. A year later she began teaching in Lincoln, first as an elementary teacher, then a reading specialist, finally becoming a mentor and advisor in several Lincoln schools. She understood the frustration of her special ed students, because she herself was dyslexic and a total non-reader until 4<sup>th</sup> grade. (She is now an avid reader.)

Her parents always supported the library, and while she was a teacher Shirley began volunteering at the Carnegie Library in the evenings. She was also president of the Lincoln American Legion Auxiliary and president of the local chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, while teaching.

In 1996 she retired from teaching, and she and her husband traveled to Europe, Alaska, and Panama. After her husband's death in 2005, Shirley became even more active as a community organizer. Some of the groups in which she is currently involved are the Lincoln Women's Club, Native Daughters (president-elect), Native Sons, Roseville American Legion Auxiliary (Americanism chair-elect), Youth Task Force, Community Foundation of Lincoln, Library Advisory Committee, Poetry Club of Lincoln, and, of course, both president and vice-president of the FOLL. In addition to all this, Shirley has a magnificent collection of dolls and miniatures, writes poetry, and has two sons, two grand-daughters, and one great-grand-daughter.

Lincoln is fortunate indeed to be Shirley Russell's community.

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Membership Mornings – Please join us from 10-12 a.m. on Tuesdays in the Twelve Bridges Library to assist in recording new and renewing memberships, writing thank-you notes, and enjoying the company of other Friends.

Why should you join the Friends? Here's one more reason of many: the Friends of the Lincoln Library sponsor several reading-related programs for adults and children. To sponsor these programs, we need you and your support. More members, more programs, lots more books and reading!

Lincoln Mom's Club – a cookbook is in the works, with all proceeds going to the Friends! What a tasty idea!

Books in the Courtyard will begin on Thursday, June 12, in the Carnegie Courtyard, 8 a.m. to noon, for ten Thursdays. Help is needed, a lot of it, to load the boxes onto trucks beginning at 6:45 a.m. at Shirley's, unload them at 7:15, organize them for purchase, box up the left-over books at 12 noon and return them to storage. We also need volunteers for two-hour shifts, 8-10 and 10-noon. Everyone who helps must be fingerprinted, and applications for this are at the Twelve Bridges Library.

Ask Me A Question is a new program for Books in the Courtyard. The Better Together project (see below) will include our children. Students will receive book marks and brochures which will encourage their parents and grandparents to tell family stories. The children will ask questions, draw pictures and write paragraphs about their families. Each participating child will receive a voucher for an additional free book, and their stories and pictures will be displayed (with no last names, for privacy) in the Courtyard. We need volunteers for the Ask Me A Question booth, and again, volunteers must be fingerprinted.

Better Together is a group of Lincoln organizations, including FOLL, which have joined together to collect the stories of Lincoln under the leadership of (who else?) Shirley Russell. Better Together has already received a substantial sum of money in the form of grants and contributions; Interviews will be taped, digitized, and ultimately made available to the public in the library.

In connection with this new digital world, Shirley Russell has been chosen by the Institute of Museum and Library Services in Washington D.C. to attend a digital forum in Denver in June 2008. This program is designed to help institutions such as ours learn the fundamentals of digitization and preservation – exactly what we need for the Better Together program.

Architecture at the Carnegie is another new program for students in grades 3, 4, and 5. The first twenty students who sign up for this art experience will sketch various downtown buildings under the instruction of (who else?) Shirley Russell. Their art work will be displayed in local businesses and the libraries. This is a four-week program, and volunteers are needed. Must be fingerprinted.

Hours and phones

Carnegie – 590 Fifth St., 645-3607, M, W, F 10-5; T u, T h 12:30-7.

Twelve Bridges – 485 Twelve Bridges, 434-2410, M, W, 1-8; T, T h, 10-6, Fr, Sat, 1-5.

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Please go to www.libraryatlincoln.org to access the database of all books and more.

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Mail to Membership Chair, FOLL, P.O. BOX 394, Lincoln, CA 95648. Thank you!

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