

FRIENDS OF THE LINCOLN LIBRARY

NEWSLETTER
2008

Summer/Fall

WINE TASTING FUNDRAISER!

Saturday, September 13, 6-8 p.m.

Rancho Roble Vineyards, 340 Fleming Road, Lincoln

Support your Lincoln Libraries, savor fine wines and appetizers,
enjoy the company of friends – all this for only \$30!

Please send check to FOLL, "wine tasting," P.O. Box 394, Lincoln, CA 95648
by SEPT. 10. For more info. call Jane, 645-8881, or Shirley, 645-3470.

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.

Next Book Sale - Mark Oct. 24/25, 2008, on your calendar for our next giant new and gently-read book sale! Set up is on the 24th; sale is on the 25th. Please call Shirley Russell at 645-3470 for more information and to offer your help. Thank you! For gently-used books to buy right now for your own collection, check out the Friends' Book Sale shelves at both libraries,

Book Donations – New and slightly-read books for both libraries are being accepted at the Twelve Bridges Library, and your donations are most welcome and needed. As another venue for your donations, Sandy and Bill Cook have started a "Books for

Vets" program. They will pick up books at the T B Library on the third T hursday of each month. T hank you, Friends and S andy and Bill!

Why should you join the Friends? T he Friends of the Lincoln Library sponsor several reading-related programs for adults and children. T o continue these programs, we need you and your support. More members, more programs, lots more books and reading!

Please be sure you have renewed for 2008, or join for the first time! A s a Friend, in addition to knowing that you are helping to promote books and the love of reading, you will receive the newsletter, invitations to special events at the libraries, and more.

Why should we support our library? Read on ...

From a letter sent by Meghan Magee, 5th grade teacher:

"I find this an amazing library for our small town, and a real gem! I have taken my class on a field trip there and spent many hours visiting and using this magnificent resource. T he library is beautifully built, contains state of the art technology, has private study rooms, and a polished staff of helpful librarians, not to mention the books, CDs, DVDs and reference materials! It's a small slice of heaven!" ... and there's more. T hank you, Meghan Magee, for this most welcome paeon of praise.

"Book T alk" is a new program presented by the Friends on the third T uesday of the month at 1:30 p.m., Willow Room, T welve Bridges. Upcoming book talks are:

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| Sept. 16 | Myrna E ricksen and Jeanie Robertson |
| Oct. 21 | Arloa Walters, "Voices of Older Women" |
| Nov. 18 | Bob Golling, "T he Body E scort" |

Join us for these stimulating talks! Call Verna Rowe for information, 408-1741.

Voices of Lincoln – If you have written a poem about Lincoln (or California or cowboys or ?), be ready to celebrate with FOLL and the Poets Club, October 12, 3 p.m., at the T welve Bridges Library. You do not need to live in Lincoln to participate. Look for entry blanks at the libraries or call S ue Clark, 434-0226.

New Book Bags! – Only \$2 each! Buy your Friends handsome “green” fabric book/grocery/whatever bags, for sale now at the checkout desk! Use your book bags, not plastic bags, and save the planet while you read (and shop).

October 2, 2008 is “Read for the Record” day at our libraries! What is this?

It is an event in which as many children as possible across the entire United States read the book Corduroy on the very same day. If your child is one of the first fifty to participate at the Carnegie or the first 150 at Twelve Bridges, he/she will receive a new Corduroy book from the Friends.

Carnegie News –Renae Mahaffey, Coordinator, reports: “It is doing quite well. We had a fantastic Summer Reading Program here, with quite a lot of our community participating, along with Books in the Courtyard.” [Books, prizes and materials for the reading programs at both libraries were donated by FOLL.]

President’s Message

FOLL has made extraordinary strides since last fall, and we thank each one of you for your support. Some of you volunteer in the libraries; some work on specific library events; some provide great financial support; some of you do it all! But however you are able to help, we cannot succeed without you.

FOLL now has its own room at Twelve Bridges, with a computer, a printer, and an area in which to store and sort books for our book sales.

Book sales are an important fundraiser for FOLL. We thank you for your wonderful book donations and your purchases of books both at the semi-annual big sale events and from the daily book sale shelves.

Thank you!

Shirley Russell, President

Some statistics from Darla Wegener, Director of Library Services:

Circulation of library materials: 2006-07, 38,774 items; 2007-08 160,205 items

Month of June 2007, 4029 items; month of June 2008, 25,001 items.

We currently have over 20,000 registered library card holders, with an average of 560 patrons a day enjoying our libraries.

These statistics reflect enormous increases in library usage.

We are grateful to our library staff at the historic Carnegie Library

and at the beautiful new Twelve Bridges Library.

(Continue for an interview with Darla, highlighting her career and her goals.)

Interview with Darla Wegener, Director of Library Services

While attending California State University, Los Angeles, working on her BA in Child Development from California State University, Los Angeles, Darla began looking for a job in child care because after graduation she planned to be an elementary school teacher. However, as she looked, she found that "the library page job paid the same as the child care job." This is what happened next.

She became a library page at the Santa Fe Springs Library, where the staff "made the job enjoyable and educational." So, after her marriage and graduation from CSLA, Darla looked for a full-time job related to libraries. Her first job was as a Circulation Supervisor for South Pasadena Public Library. After her husband's job took them to Palo Alto, she worked a short stint at Apple Library, and then spent the next eleven years as a Circulation Supervisor at the Santa Clara City Library. Among other accomplishments at Santa Clara, Darla initiated an interactive evaluation process that allowed for staff self-evaluation and improvement, and created a patron-centered atmosphere (surely the goal of all libraries).

"The inspiration to be a librarian" came from many sources and people over the years, and in 2000 Darla obtained her Master's degree in Library & Information Science from San Jose State University. She then became Senior Librarian at the Salinas Public Library (appropriately enough, its address is 200 Lincoln Avenue), where she remained until 2004. Among other achievements while there, Darla revised and created new acquisitions policies and procedures.

Darla returned to Silicon Valley working for the Santa Clara County Library, becoming Community Librarian of the Alum Rock branch in 2004. While there she was responsible for planning the closure and working with San Jose Public Library on the transition of the library from a County branch to a new City facility.

Then, in 2005, Darla came to us as Director of Library Services! In her work here thus far, she has developed new policies and plans for our library system and managed the building project for our stunning Twelve Bridges Library. Her goals include:

- Developing a thriving library system for greater Lincoln
- Recruiting the best and brightest staff and volunteers
- Creating customer-driven services by working with the community
- Working with our joint-use partners and local organizations.

In addition to her BA and Master's degrees, Darla holds a Certificate in Management/Supervision from Mission College in Santa Clara, and is in the process of obtaining her Certificate in Public Library Administration from the American Library Association.

Darla lives in Lincoln with her husband Bob and their two children.

Upcoming Events

(read the whole newsletter to be sure you've found them all!)

September 8, Sunday, 3 p.m. at Twelve Bridges, Poetry Open Mic (and every second Sunday of each month except December)

September 13, Saturday, Wine Tasting Fundraiser

Please be sure you have your reservations in by Sept. 10!

September 16, Tuesday, "Book Talk" 1:30 p.m. at Twelve Bridges (and every third Tuesday of each month)

September 17, Wednesday, FOLL Board meeting, 5:30 p.m. at Twelve Bridges (and every third Wednesday of each month)

September 17, deadline for Voices of Lincoln poetry contest

October 2, Thursday all day, "Read for the Record," reading Corduroy

October 12, Sunday, 3 p.m., Voices of Lincoln, contest celebration

October 24/25, Friday set up/Saturday sale, October Big Book Sale

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**Welcome, New Staff Members!**

Sharon Krutch, Carnegie

Rachel LaForest, Twelve Bridges  
Heather Loftis, Twelve Bridges  
Paula Stollmeyer, Twelve Bridges

**Various arms of the library's outreach for your involvement:**

Stories of Lincoln

A. Better Together

Ask Me A Question

Potential Lincoln Museum and Archives

B. State Grant for library-based digital story gathering

C. Veterans gathering veterans' stories

Call Shirley Russell, 645-3470, to learn how you can participate.

**New Homework Help Center at Twelve Bridges!** This program began August 26, with volunteers providing homework help for grades K-12 from 3-5 p.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. For further information and/or to volunteer, call Andrea Stephenson, 434-2410.

**Books in the Courtyard**, summer 2008. The Friends provided 6,040 brand new books to the children of our community! This is only possible because of you. Thank you, Friends!

**Story Times Continue!** Come with your children and join the excited crowd at nine 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. In this program children learn the 3 R's – Rhyming, Rhythm and Repetition – through verse, song, movement and fun. Join us on Tuesday, 11-11:30, or Thursday, 10:30-11:00 or 11:30-12 noon.

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 is at 6:30 p.m., last Wednesday of the month. 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's story time is Wednesday morning at 10:00 for tiny tots ages 2 to 3 years, and at 10:30 for preschoolers ages 3-5. 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.

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

Sept. 13 Wine Tasting attendees – buy your ticket now!

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

Co-chairs for Books in the Courtyard VIII (2009)

Co-chairs for Poetry Place (working with students and teachers)

And see board member positions open, at end of newsletter. We urgently need a person who is good at publicity and promotion! Is that you?

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

**Better Together** is a group of Lincoln organizations, including FOLL, which have joined together to collect the stories of Lincoln under the leadership of 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.

**Lincoln's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration!** This once-in-a-lifetime event is coming up in 2009! If you would like to join Darla's committee to help plan for this great event, please call Shirley at 645-3470.

### **"The Lincoln Library – Saving You Money Since 1909"**

#### **Hours and phones**

**Carnegie** – 590 Fifth St., 645-3607, M, W, F 10-5; Tu, Th 12:30-7.

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

Please go to [www.friendsofthelincolncalibrary.org](http://www.friendsofthelincolncalibrary.org) for library updates and photos.  
Please go to [www.libraryatlincoln.org](http://www.libraryatlincoln.org) to access the database of all books and more.

### Friends of the Lincoln Library Board Members

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| President (temporary): Shirley Russell | Vice-President: Shirley Russell                     |
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### IF YOU ARE ALREADY A 2008 MEMBER, PLEASE PASS THIS ON!

Please tear off and include with your membership check. Thank you!

Membership level (please circle) \$15    \$25    \$40    \$ much, much more    \$ special gift

Please circle areas in which you would like to become involved:

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| membership       | promotion  | grant-writing          | reading to children | book sales |
| special programs | Open Mic   | Books in the Courtyard | sorting books       |            |
| fundraising      | newsletter | other (_____)          |                     |            |

Name/address \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mail to Membership Chair, FOLL, P.O. BOX 394, Lincoln, CA 95648. Thank you!

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