

# Tuolumne County Library and Recreation Newsletter

## February 2025

### Friends of the Library - The Year to Come

#### From the Friends of the Tuolumne County Library Board

The annual meeting of the Friends of the Tuolumne County Library was held on January 28<sup>th</sup>. All members were invited! This meeting provided a great way to learn about what the FOTCL accomplished last year and what we have planned for 2025. The Board meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at 2:00pm, with the next meeting being February 25<sup>th</sup>.

Please continue to show your support for the library by renewing your membership at the regular price of \$20 per year. Your support of the library is the best gift you could give us this year.

Don't forget you can also support the library by visiting the Book Nook at the Sonora Main Library. Friend's volunteers are always happy to help you find the perfect book or gift. We're still accepting donations of books and have many donated books that need to be sorted. That's a great way to volunteer!

**The Friends of the Groveland Library** had a successful Toys for Tots event for the Holidays with over 60 books donated to the annual Toys for Tots Christmas project in the Groveland area! The Friend's would like to extend a big thank you to everyone who contributed.

**The High Country Friends of the Library** met on Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> to discuss events for 2025. A membership book giveaway and sale are currently planned for Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup>. We are also planning two evening book readings in the fall with dates yet to be determined. Our next quarterly meeting will be Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm in the Miwuk Library. All members are invited.

**The Tuolumne City Branch Library** experienced an exciting December with the annual Santa Sale and a handmade items sale. They were even able to give away free books to every child who visited Santa after the Christmas parade! The Stitch Club meets Tuesdays at 2:00pm and makes hats that are donated to local groups as well as a residential Indian school in South Dakota with an amazing 94% graduation rate! They will then begin making baby blankets for the Foothill Pregnancy Center.



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OF THE TUOLUMNE COUNTY LIBRARY

## Games, Crafts, and Food at the Library

Visit the Sonora Main Branch of the Tuolumne County Public Library in February for games, crafts, and food. The library will roll out the Craft Cart from 1:00pm—5:00pm on February 12<sup>th</sup>, where patrons can make book page flowers just in time for Valentine's Day. The library will host a Love of Board Games Day on Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup> starting at 1:00pm where the library will provide a wide assortment of games for



patrons to enjoy. Blue Zones will also be dropping by on Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup> from 11:00am—1:00pm with another delicious sampling of healthy food.

Are you having trouble with your Libby app? The library's catalog system and Libby received an upgrade in January; because of this Libby now wants everyone to verify

their pin. When you applied for a library card, the library assigned you a pin, the default being the last 4 digits of your phone number. If you've forgotten your pin, you can call the Sonora Main Library at (209) 533-5507 or your closest branch and we can confirm it for you. You may have to enter the pin more than once before Libby lets you back in. Did you know you can also use your pin to access your library account? When accessing the library's home page, click the Library Catalog link on the left-hand side to open the library catalog. In the brown bar on top the page select either "log in" or "my account". The pop-up window will ask you for your library card number and pin. Logging into the system provides the ability to see what you have checked out, when your items are due, renew your items once if they aren't already late or requested by another patron, and request new items to be held for you.

## Spring Recreation

Tuolumne County Recreation Department is planning a busy spring! Registration is currently open for 2025's first session of Yoga for Seniors with yogi Hoyt Cory. This yoga class will be held every Tuesday from 9:30am—10:30am at the Sonora Senior Center beginning in March. Remember to keep your eyes on our website at [www.tcrecreation.com](http://www.tcrecreation.com) for registration opening in February for TCRD's annual lifeguarding certification course held in March and April. We also plan on running the Spring Break Day Camp at Soulsbyville Elementary School from March 31<sup>st</sup>—April 4<sup>th</sup>. This camp is a great opportunity for kids to have a fun and social experience during the break and allows parents the peace of mind that their child is taken care of. More information for these awesome opportunities will be announced in the future, in the meantime please call our office at (209) 533-5663 with any questions.

January was the end of Session 3, where we learned about hibernation and Artic animals then played with snow and snowballs. Session 4 begins Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> and we are pleased to say it is completely full. This session will be a busy one for us with the children making an Old MacDonald touch book and celebrating Valentine's Day with a party and a valentine exchange. The families will also receive a fun banner project to do together at home. This is a wonderful keepsake for families to make using photos, stickers, poems, drawings, and personal items used to represent their family. When completed the banners will be laminated to preserve this treasure for many years.

Tiny Tots will be selling Mother Lode Coffee again this year. If you would like some of this delicious local coffee, contact one of our many students or teachers to place your order. All orders are due by Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup>. The money raised from this fundraiser will help fund the purchase of outside toys and educational tools. Thank you for supporting our program.

## Twain Harte Branch

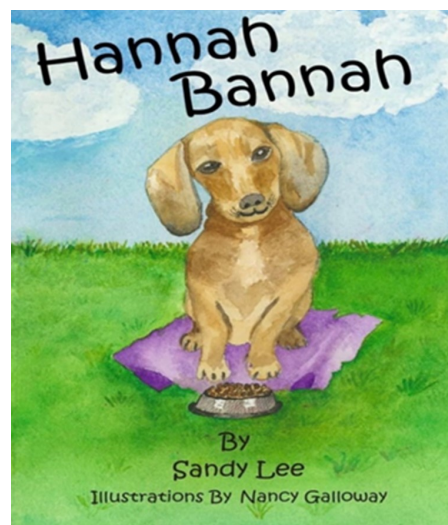
The Twain Harte Branch Library hosts an Adult Game Day every Wednesday at 2:30pm, with children welcome to play as well. All patrons are welcome to join in on the fun, play the group's regular games, and introduce new ones.

The Twain Harte Branch Library needs volunteers for our weekly Storytime and craft program every Friday at 10:30am. We have a committed group of regular parents, grandparents, and children who enjoy stories, crafts, and each other's company at the library; with new attendees always welcome! Storytime volunteers will read picture books and demonstrate simple crafts.

Several regular visitors to the Twain Harte Branch Library have expressed an interest in starting a new book club at the library. Keep an eye out for more information and let library staff know if you would be interested in participating. If you have an interest in Game Day, volunteering at the Twain Harte Branch Library, or joining a book club, please come visit us or give us a call at (209) 586-4501.

## Local Author Visit

Join us on Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup> for a special treat! Local author Sandy Lee will be reading her delightful children's book, *Hannah Bannah*, during Storytime at 10:30am at the Sonora Main Library. Sandy, a Sonora native, began her writing journey in 2013 and hasn't looked back since. Her impressive collection includes two non-fiction works, a book of poetry, and three children's books. She'll also be handing out special goodies to her young listeners! All her books will be available that day for anyone interested in owning a copy. Don't miss this fun-filled Storytime event. Come hear *Hannah Bannah* and discover just how amazing you truly are!



# Spring Adult Softball Registration Opens

Don't miss out on our upcoming Spring Adult Softball Leagues! Registration is open for Spring Leagues including the Tuesday night Coed, Wednesday Men's 50+, Thursday Men's and Women's, and Friday Men's Leagues. Team Managers can REGISTER ONLINE starting at 9:00am on Monday, February 10<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup>. Opening Day is set for Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>.

Summerville High School JV and Freshmen Baseball along with JV Softball games and practices will be back starting in February. The Standard Park Sports Complex will also be hosting Tuolumne County Girls Fastpitch practices. Touch Rugby will continue at the Standard Park Sports Complex on Tuesday nights from 5:30pm—7:30pm, and signups are still available. The Bill Meyer Winter Recreation Soccer League will continue to hold their league games and practices at the Standard Park Sports Complex.

For questions and additional information about programs at the Standard Park Sports Complex call the park at (209) 533-2678 or the Tuolumne County Recreation Department Office at (209) 533-5663. To sign up for any of the Tuolumne County Recreation Department Programs go to [www.tcrecreation.com](http://www.tcrecreation.com) and then click "Online Registration" in the upper left-hand corner.

## Children's Program



The monthly STEM program is very popular at the Sonora Main Library. We began the New Year by making a Walkie-Talkie. Our children's librarian talked about Donald Hings who created a portable radio signaling system called the "packetset," which was later changed by journalists to the "walkie-talkie" during World



War II. A large crowd of kids and adults had fun building walkie-talkies and communicating

across the library with them. Participants learned about the mechanics of the walkie-talkie. We invite you to attend our free STEM program at the Sonora Main Library on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month at 2:00pm.

The Sonora Main Library also has a Storytime program three times a week, on Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday at 10:30am. Every program features stories, music, and crafts. All ages are welcome.





2025 is off to a fantastic start at the Jamestown Youth Center! In January, we focused on self-reflection and goal setting, recognizing academic, social, and personal needs for the year ahead. The kids took advantage of the warmer weather by spending plenty of time outdoors, playing badminton in the park, and cleaning up the garden. In February, we will continue to host Friday Night Live (FNL) on Tuesdays at 3:15pm. Our Wednesday crafts will include painted hearts, Valentine's Day cards, paper polar bears, and upcycled toilet paper roll penguins. Thursday features our ever-popular Good Eats cooking activity, followed by Friday Movie Nights. On Valentine's Day we will make chocolate-covered strawberries and enjoy the family-friendly romantic comedy, *Gnomeo and Juliet*. Please note that the Jamestown Youth Center will be closed on Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup> for our Valentine's photo session fundraiser at Hurst Ranch. Registration is

available at [www.tcrecreation.com](http://www.tcrecreation.com). We will also be closed on February 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. For more information on daily activities, please visit our website and view our monthly calendar.

## Groveland Youth Center

With the sun shining a bit more, the Groveland Youth Center is going outside to play. Even though we haven't had much rain or snow, the kids have been staying inside due to the cold. The scooter and skateboards have been utilized while we still have dry ground. The youth center received a generous donation last year from the Groveland Rotary Club for the purchase of skateboards and helmets. It's always a good time watching the kids run around and working on their skills.

We have some Valentine crafts coming up for the kids in February including clay hearts and painting trinket trays to take home. Our youth will also participate in some fun game challenges with chopsticks and cards. Our weekly movie day has moved from Friday to Tuesdays.

The Groveland Youth Center hours are Tuesday—Friday from 1:00pm—7:00pm and Saturday 9:30am—5:00pm. Please call the Groveland Youth Center at (209) 962-7263 with any questions.



# What's Happening in February?

## Library and Recreation Programming

### Mobile Library

#### **East Garden Apartments**

Tuesdays, February 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> 10:00am—11:00am

#### **Willow Springs Clubhouse**

Tuesdays & Thursdays, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, & 27<sup>th</sup> 3:00pm—4:00pm

#### **Don Pedro Market**

Wednesdays, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, & 26<sup>th</sup>  
10:00am—11:00am

#### **Mi-Wuk Community Center/Library**

Fridays, February 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> 11:30am—12:30pm

#### **Crystal Falls Association**

Saturdays, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, & 22<sup>nd</sup>  
10:00am—11:00am

#### **Jamestown Community Hall**

Saturdays, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, & 22<sup>nd</sup>  
1:00pm—5:00pm

#### **Columbia State Park**

Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> 10:00am—11:00am

#### **Tuolumne Senior Apartments**

Fridays, February 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> 10:00am—11:00am

#### **Jamestown Preston Lane Apartments**

Fridays, February 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> 11:30am—12:30pm

#### **49ers Church**

Fridays, February 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> 2:00pm—3:00pm

### Recreation Programs

Tiny Tots Session 4: February 3<sup>rd</sup>—March 13<sup>th</sup>

Sonora Youth Center Monday—Thursday 9:00am—  
12:00pm (Ages 3-6)

Spring Adult Softball Registration: *Standard Park  
Sports Complex*, February 10<sup>th</sup>—March 16<sup>th</sup>

Groveland and Jamestown Youth Center Hours

Tuesday—Friday, 1:00pm—7:00pm

Saturday, 9:30am—5:00pm

### Sonora Main Library

Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays @ 10:30am—  
Children's Storytime and Crafts

Tuesdays @ 1:00pm—Scrabble

Fridays @ 1:00pm—Checkers, Dominoes, and Chess

Saturdays 3:00pm—5:00pm—Technology Help Time

Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00pm—

Craft Cart: Book Page Flowers

Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00pm—STEM at the  
Library

Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> @ 12:00pm—Book Club:

*Hillbilly Elegy* by J.D Vance

Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00pm—

Friends of the Tuolumne County Library Meeting

### Twain Harte Branch Library

Fridays @ 10:30am—Children's Storytime and Crafts

Wednesdays @ 2:30pm—Adult Game Group

Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup> @ 3:30pm—STEM at the  
Library

### Tuolumne City Branch Library

Tuesdays @ 2:00pm—Crochet Club

Tuesdays 3:00pm—5:00pm

VR Headset Play Time (Ages 10+)

Fridays @ 10:30am—Children's Storytime and Crafts

Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00am—Book Club:

*Crown of Dust* by Mary Volmer

Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup> @ 3:30pm—STEM at the  
Library

### Groveland Branch Library

Fridays @ 10:30am—Children's Storytime and Crafts

Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup> @ 2:30pm—STEM at the Library

Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00pm—Book Club

**ALL COUNTY FACILITIES CLOSED**  
**President's Day February 17<sup>th</sup>**

### Tuolumne Youth Center

**Closed Until Further Notice Due to Staff Shortages**