

Just Among Friends



FRIENDS OF THE FORT BRAGG LIBRARY, INC. SPRING 2008

Day in the Park Children's Festival

Sponsored by Mendocino Coast Association for the Education of Young Children and Mendocino Coast Child Abuse Prevention Council.

- When* Saturday, 26 April 2008, 10:00am to 2:00pm
- Where* Veterans' Hall and Wiggly Giggly Park
- What* Free activities for children and families
Music and Fun
Food will be available
Parade at 11:30am



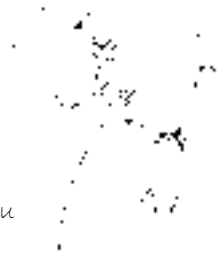
Fort Bragg Branch Library will participate with a fun booth of puppet making, information about library services and events, and of course, free library cards!

ukiaHaiku Festival

www.ukiahaiku.org

- When♥ Sunday, 27 April 2008, 2:00pm to 4:00pm
 - Where♥ City Conference Center
200 School Street in Ukiah
 - What♥ An afternoon devoted to the Haiku form of poetry
- ♥ Donna Kerr, Willits Branch Library Manager will be the keynote speaker.

Furu ike ya
kawazu tobikomu
mizu no oto
Basho

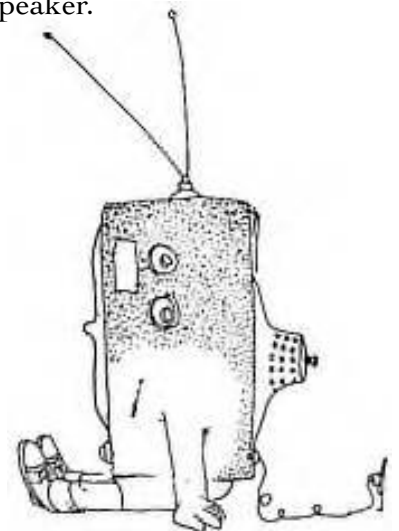


National TV Turn-Off Week

- When ☞ 21-27 April 2008
- Where ☞ At home
- What ☞ Turn off that TV and ...



The Fort Bragg Library will be observing TV Turn-Off Week in collaboration with First 5 Mendocino (<http://mendochildren.org>). First 5 will visit story time on Thursday, 24 April 2008 from 11:30am to 12:00pm with bilingual stories and information for parents on the benefits of finding non TV activities for youngsters age 0-5.



Volunteers' Corner

"This is a different way of loving books," said Lorna Dennis. She, Jane Vartarian, and Margarita Orozco mend and cover books several hours a week for the Library. These are no easy jobs.

I can see why it won't play," Jane remarked, checking on a cassette the Library staff referred to her for damage control, "It's frozen." This tape ultimately had to be replaced, but often Jane can pry it out of its cover and straighten it out. Working with pliers, scissors, screwdrivers ("and a hatpin if I could find one"), Jane painstakingly performs open cassette surgery by unscrewing the cassette the box, mending the tape and reboxing it—jobs she would prefer the public not do. There is an art to this, as she pointed how to replace the tape so that it would rewind easily through regulating springs. She can repair 5 or 6 tapes per session.

Her advice to the reading public: Do not try mending books and tapes at home. Point out damage to the staff. Jane and Lorna, her apprentice, have special equipment for these jobs. She also cautioned against storing videotapes on the sides, where the audio is. Stand them up, she said.

Jane, a Board member of MCTV, learned how to mend tapes at home when hers broke. Her Depression childhood taught her to mend, not discard. Usually tape damage is done by dirty home machines, she said, which could be avoided if people cleaned the heads on VCRs. Car heat and sunlight are other culprits.

Lorna used a small paintbrush to affix glue onto the spine of a book, which had come unglued. Pages used to be stitched to the binding, but no more. She and Jane use a special kind of tape for torn pages and Jane recalled one reader handing back a book mended with duct tape.

Margarita's job is to recover books with plastic sheeting that goes over the dust jacket. She's good, Jane and Lorna noted; her covers don't puff or buckle. Margarita's also fast. Her fingers fly as she covers large and medium sized books at the rate of about 20 an hour. All books coming into the library come to Margarita for recovering.

Jane, Lorna, and Margarita would love company. If you have spare time, even a few hours a week, they would be glad to teach you how to do what they do so that you can join these library volunteers.

—Jane Person
Volunteer Chair

Catch the
Reading Bug!

Coming Soon!

The 2008 Summer
Reading Program

26 June
3 July
10 July
17 July
24 July
31 July
7 August



Set in concrete?

Anyone out there willing to pour a concrete slab to support our garden memorial bench?
Please call Judith at 961-2625

Children's Book Week moves to May!

"A celebration of the written word, Children's Book Week introduces young people to new authors and ideas in schools, libraries, homes, and bookstores."

12-18 May 2008 www.cbcbooks.org

Interesting Links

Fort Bragg Branch volunteers now have their own website courtesy of Chris Little. Chris is the coordinator for in-library volunteers.

“This site is a place for volunteers to catch up on what is going on around the library. It is also an opportunity to exchange thoughts and ideas.”

Check it out at <http://fblibrary-vols.webs.com>
Along with the latest news, you can download a volunteer information/application sheet.

Library Statistics

For the month of February 2008:

Materials loaned	12,476
Days Open	21
Hours Open	166
Volunteer Hours	231
Holds Filled	5,408
Public Internet Users	1,163
Reference ?s	525

Wow, looks like our library is a happening place!

Friends of the Fort Bragg Library, Inc. 2008 Governing Board

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Newsletter suggestions or questions?
email us at ffblnews@gmail.com

Membership

Our longtime membership chair, Audrey Tyson has retired after sixteen years of (much appreciated) service with the Friends. We wish her many days of carefree relaxation!

This Spring newsletter goes out to all our 2007 and 2008 members. If your name on the address label is highlighted, you have not yet renewed and this will be your last newsletter. Please take a moment to check and if necessary, fill out the membership form below. The form may be dropped off at the library or mailed to our PO Box. Please note: if you have recently renewed, the processing may not have been complete when the mailing labels were printed.

—Marilynn Thorpe
Membership Chair



Membership Period: January 1 - December 31
Membership Type (Individual Only)

New ___ Renewal ___

___ Memberships @ \$5.00 each: \$ _____

Payment Method Donation: \$ _____

Cash: _____

Check # _____ Total \$ _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

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Friends of the Fort Bragg Library, Inc.
PO Box 2718, Fort Bragg, CA 95437-2718

Please check if you are interested in any of the following volunteer activities:

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Bilingual Storytime!

Cuentos Los jueves en la biblioteca de Fort Bragg, 499 E. Laurel.

Cuentos, canciones, y actividades en Español e Inglés. Para niños pequeños todos los jueves de 11:30am a 12:00pm. Vengan a jugar y leer en nuestra nueva sección para niños.

Storytime @ the Fort Bragg Branch of the Mendocino County Library, 499 E Laurel. For young children in the children's room every Thursday from 11:30am to 12:00pm. Join Us

Hours:

Tuesday 10am-6pm
Wednesday Noon-8pm
Thursday 10am-6pm
Friday 10am-5pm
Saturday 10am-5pm
Closed:
Sunday & Monday

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