

From the Library

Jon Haupt, Branch Manager

As always, your public library welcomes you for events, services, helpful information, and good reads. This month, there are several events coming up that we would like to highlight in particular.

First, although I mentioned it last month, our Meet the Author event with Nathan Hale is coming on Friday, February 21 at 4 p.m. Come to the Healdsburg Library meeting room for an engaging talk from a New York Times bestselling author and illustrator of graphic novels. This event is designed to be of interest to school-age children and their caregivers.

The Library continues to provide a space for an occasional Open Mic Night, open to local performers. If you or a friend would like to try performing music, telling stories, or reading poetry in front of others, this is a good opportunity. The audience is usually comprised of others who are participating, so we also want to highlight this for those who would like to listen. Refreshments and snacks will be served.

When we offer free cooking classes, they are always very popular. The next such event will be on Saturday, March 14 at 2 p.m., a Family Wellness Cooking Class presented by Project Ceres. For this event, you can bring the whole family to prepare and eat real whole foods together. Children and their parents/caregivers will learn how to make a delicious soup with kale and white beans; a dish with brown rice and quinoa; and a special green salad with a honey lemon dressing. This class will require advance registration, which will begin on February 22. You can sign up online, call or drop in at the library.

The Friends of Healdsburg Library will present their March Book Sale from March 18–21. The sale will include all of the typical elements, including the \$6 Bag Sale on Saturday. The Friends have recently begun accepting credit card payments for books, which is sure to please those who rely on them over cash for everyday purchases. The Friends would like to extend a word about donations: while your donations are much appreciated, please remember to think about the potential buyer of the books you are donating. Sometimes donations include items that have developed mold, are old and musty, or are otherwise not in a condition that would encourage one to buy them. Although the books have surely played an important role in our lives and those of our loved ones, please take the initiative to recycle the books. A good rule of thumb is asking yourself if you would purchase that book again if you hadn't read it already.

Another thing to consider when generously donating your books or other materials is that while the Friends currently take donations at any time, please keep in mind that the volume and workload around book sale time is actually very high—rather than donating right at sale time, consider perhaps donating at another time in order to lessen their load. Continued at top of next column

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We are very grateful for all of the hard work done by our Friends of the Library and their generous donations. The next time you have snacks at an event, sit in the nice furniture in the Forum Room, or notice the lovely fountain in the front of the building, take a moment to appreciate the little things that the Friends do to make the Library a better place for everyone.



Annual Meeting of the FOHL Membership
Tuesday, April 7, 5:00-6:15 p.m. Forum Room

Guest Speaker: **Ariel Kelly**, COE of Corazón Healdsburg

All FOHL members are urged to come to elect the Board Members of Friends of the Healdsburg Library and to hear a short update from Ariel Kelley of Corazón Healdsburg. You may be familiar with Corazón's wonderful work on fire relief, but this Healdsburg non-profit also supports literacy and social determinants of health. Ariel will share some of Corazón's recent and upcoming activities supporting youth education, community outreach, a family resource center, and connections with the Library.

Savory Refreshments will be served.

Salary Negotiation Workshop

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) is planning to hold an **AAUW Work Smart Salary Negotiation Workshop** at the Healdsburg Library. The workshop will be led by Connie Cservenyak on Saturday, April 18, 2020 from 9:00 am-12:00 noon. The workshop is free of charge and is recommended for people age 25 – 55. Class size is limited to 25 participants. To register send name, email & telephone number to andrewsbeal@aol.com. Please bring a copy of your resume to the Workshop.

DID YOU KNOW ???

- You can access Consumer Reports from home for free with your library card number?
- The Reference Desk staff can help you make better use of the reserve system.
- You can renew your membership in Friends of the Healdsburg Library at the book sale in March.
- You can use a credit card at the Book Sale for purchases over \$10.
- Our "Special" books make great Mother's Day or Father's Day gifts.
- See these pristine books for sale in the Wine Library during the March Book Sale.

***** "The only thing you absolutely have to know is the location of the library." - Albert Einstein *****

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Board meetings are the first Tuesday of each month at 3:45 PM at the library.
Please contact the **Board Members of FoHL** with your ideas, questions, please email Linda Selover at her email above and to Volunteer, contact Deana Fusco at her email, above.
Please write FoHL on the subject line, or write us a note care of the Healdsburg Library. We look forward to hearing from you all. Thank you.

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Here are our new members from the November membership drive. Thank you and welcome.

Ann Allan Kim Dow Jamie Kores Dwayne Small
Paul Angus Judy Fujita Virginia Lee Tisha Tara
Diana Barrett Sandy Gee Rose McAllister Dan Vierra
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Thanks to our new 2019 volunteers for offering to help us keep going. We can't offer much to the library without you.

Lisa Nieto Mary Crockenberg Ann Alan Rebecca West
Bob Bennett Kaity Gonzalez Mark Gagan Michiko Conklin
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Book Sale Volunteers

Thank you to everyone who signed up to help at the November book sale. Apparently not everyone who wants to volunteer is getting the SignUp email. It's possible our emails go to your junk or spam folder. If you are one of those, let us know and we will get back to you right away. grlomax@domcast.net or deana.fusco1@gmail.com.

Welcome to 2020. It's tax time! Again his year our library is hosting the AARP Tax Aide group who can help you with your taxes for no charge. AARP Tax Aide is provided nationwide by the AARP Foundation and the IRS. EVERYONE is encouraged to take advantage of this free program, which has no age or income limit. If you have a relatively simple tax return, come to the Library Forum room on Wednesdays between 10:00 and 3 PM. until April 15. All returns must be started before 2PM so they can make the room available for other library events. First come first served and while you wait you can browse the library for your next book or movie, read the newspaper or a magazine, or work on a computer.

What to bring: All your income statements for 2019: W2's, SSA 1099 from Soc Sec, 1099-R statements, Investment 1099 INT, DIV and B's, Property Tax Statement, Education receipts, Child Care statement, Unemployment Statement, Cost if you sold stock, Expenses if you itemize, Sales receipts if you bought a house, car or energy efficient material for your home, **Checkbook for direct deposit**, Any other income or expense documents. In the library lobby and checkout desk you can pick up a list of what we can and cannot prepare.

MANDATORY - Bring Social Security card and Photo ID & Your 2018 tax return.

Healdsburg Library Activities & Events: (Please check our website for any changes and additions)

Website: <http://sonomalibrary.org/locations/healdsburg-regional-library>

Check out all of our **e-Resources**, -- under **Research** on the Menu Bar of our WebPage: sonomalibrary.org Our newest is **National Geographic Archives**, from 1888 through 2015, you can search and read their magazines!

People Are Reading

• ***Deep Creek: Finding Hope In The High Country*** by Pam Houston, published 2019

In this deeply moving memoir, Pam Houston asks, "How do we become who we are in the world? We ask the world to teach us. But we have to ask with an open heart, with no idea what the answer will be." In buying and living on her 120 acre ranch in the Colorado Rockies, the author is able to be close to nature, to animals she loves and to find peace and a surer sense of herself as an adventurer, a survivor, a woman and terrific author. She is a warm and caring person with a sense of humor and touches on the sadness and grief over the condition of the world that many of us struggle with. As she states near the conclusion of the book "I want to live simultaneously inside the wonder and the grief without having to diminish one to accommodate the other. I want to be honest with myself about our condition, but also to love the damaged world and do what I can to help it thrive." I loved this book. I felt honored to hear the author read from the book and speak of her life experiences on February 11 at Copperfield's Bookstore here in Healdsburg. She is a terrific author and this is a heartwarming book. *Theresa Cabral,*

• Two very different authors, Moshin Hamid, ***Exit West***, Riverhead Books, NY 2017, and K Chess, ***Famous Men Who Never Lived***, Tin House Books, Portland, OR 2019, share a compassionate involvement in the common immigrant experiences of fear, loss, chance, survival, and endurance. Although I am not a particular fan of either sci-fi or magical realism, these writers use these genres effectively and sparsely to draw us into an understanding of what it feels like to re-invent yourself in a totally different environment that you choose to call home but where daily life is foreign and challenging, and you must make difficult personal adjustments to secure your future. - Lyn Murray

• Flavia de Luce Mystery Series. Flavia is a precocious 11-year-old sleuth when the series begins with ***The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie***. Author Alan Bradley has won many awards and has written many books featuring Flavia, set in a small English village. Reviewers called the series "charming" and "Alexander Mc Call Smith meets Sir Arthur Conan Doyle." My 21-year-old grand daughter has read them all. She recommended starting with one of the earlier books in the series and I got ***A Red Herring without Mustard*** from our library via the reserve system. (Later books by the author are available in digital.) Use Flavia de Luce as a Subject to search when you are seeking a quick, enjoyable read. - Charlene Luks

• I use the HOLD service via the Sonoma County Library Website and App all the time for book titles and films that pique my interest. So much content is constantly coming by so fast and is so amazingly available at the library. They have it all and, hey, if they don't, they will get it, or borrow it from another institution.

• Catching a book recommendation from Reese Witherspoon and her *Hello Sunshine* book club via Instagram, I put a library hold on ***Conviction*** by Denise Mina. Wow! This author is prolific; this was my first of her works. Very interesting, engrossing and thoughtful thriller that plays with our current, modern forms of communication- especially Twitter- to show just how small the world is and how quickly information can be zapped around that world.

In it, I came across a word I had to look up: **meroculous**. Which turns out to be a synonym for "drunk"- well, drunk is one of the more polite definitions found via the online URBAN DICTIONARY.

So that then led me on a further search; this word, perhaps a wee bit Scottish, and Mina is Scottish, seems to be a new discovery for many people. (Made me think of a certain president being referred to as a **DOTARD** by a dictator of a certain northern version of a split country...and many people had never heard that fabulous word before and rushed to look it up, too.)

I found a site called Jungle Red Writers--with **meroculous** referenced:

<http://www.jungleredwriters.com/2019/04/accidental-word-discovery-by-jenn.html>

• Which brings me to reading The New York Times and catching a reference to a **new** book by Zora Neale Hurston- who died in 1960. You may also recall Hurston from a TV film of her book, a great American novel, ***Their Eyes Were Watching God*** (1937), made by Oprah Winfrey in 2005. Halle Berry stars.. Oh and of course, Alice Walker helped bring Hurston back into view, too.

Side note: This novel was used in AP English until Oprah made her film. The book was challenging enough that educators figured the students HAD to actually read it for the AP exam and could not cadge information easily from other sources, especially films. Oprah changed that with her TV movie. A friend of mine, ante the Oprah oeuvre, read the book and still blew the exam by calling the character of "Tea Cake" by the wrong name: the rather horrible misnomer, though amusing, of "Tea Bag", in his exam essays. He would have benefitted from the film. But I digress.

• The new Hurston book, ***Hitting A Straight Lick With a Crooked Stick***, was published in January 2020 -- when I put a hold on it, they already had it and I have it now...just a couple weeks after publication. Amazing connections and availability of information intrigue me. And to close, some quotes from Hurston: "*People can be slave-ships in shoes.*" and "*I have been in Sorrow's kitchen and licked out all the pots. Then I have stood on the peaky mountain wrapped in rainbows, with a harp and sword in my hands.*"

And to close: "*Love, I find, is like singing. Everybody can do enough to satisfy themselves, though it may not impress the neighbors as being very much.*" Excuse me while I tweet. The neighbors are listening. Tracy Logan, FoHL VEEP

I've got a nice story!

An older gentleman browsing the New Books area picked up the award-winning graphic novel "***Once Upon a Time in France***." It was the first graphic novel he'd ever read and he really enjoyed it! He came to the Reference desk and asked me to print out a list of all the graphic novels we owned in Healdsburg so he could pick out some more. I did that but I also showed him where we shelve the adult graphic novels and he was positively gleeful to see all of his options in this new genre he had discovered. Allison Palmer, Adult & Teen Librarian,

