

Spring 2021



### From the Library

Jon Haupt, Branch Manager

As promised last month, April offers a continuation of the library's efforts to connect with our community through nature and books. The first element, to begin on April 19, is a collaboration we are excited about with Rotary Club of Healdsburg Sunrise, Girl Scouts of Northern California Troop 10176, and a group of local pollinator enthusiasts we are calling **Where the Wild Things Are**. This passive event allows you and your family to play a free **Geocaching** game where you locate up to eleven small caches around the City.

These caches will be found in urban areas & in parks. throughout the process, you will learn about specific plants & habitats and their importance to local butterflies. In order to play, you need only pick up a game passport from the library starting on April 19 and explore the Geocaching app with a smart phone to begin searching for the locations of the caches. Bring a pen so you can sign the logbooks and don't forget to take a sticker from each cache to prove you found it. If you find 10 out of 11 of these hidden gems, you can redeem your completed passport for a free book from our giveaways, courtesy of the Friends of Healdsburg Library.

We are also ready to launch our **Earth Day growing kits**, thanks to another collaboration with Sunrise Rotary and others that I explained last month. This venture is aimed at families as well. Starting April 22, give us a call at 433-3772 for curbside pickup of a nature journal, flower seeds, pot and soil as well as a few more informative items for kids to learn about pollinators.

Sonoma County Library has continued to offer programs online for adults and teens as well. After school **virtual teen programs** are now in session every **Monday through Friday via Zoom**. Our activities are driven by teen engagement and address a wide range of interests, including gaming, a club for queer teens and allies, anime, and more. A full list of these programs may be found on our website at <https://sonomalibrary.org/teens>.

The Overdrive/Libby app has recently been updated to include several new features of interest. Those who have been using the app to read magazines will be happy to note, for example, that the app can now notify you when a new issue of your favorite magazine is available. If you haven't given it a try recently, the updates are worth another look.

We're gearing up for **Summer Reading!** Stay tuned for more information from the library on our summer reading games for all ages. Track your reading throughout the summer and win regular prizes — such as free books! Our events will stay online for now, and there will be fun for everyone, with book talks, story-times, and crafts you can do at home. In Healdsburg, we are also excited about two Story Walks coming to our local parks in June and July! More information will be found on social media in the coming months.

### Annual Meeting of the FOHL Membership

**May 18 5:00 via Zoom**

Our Guest Speakers from Corazón Healdsburg:

Glaydon de Freitas, new CEO, and Marcy Flores, Director of educational programs will update us on Corazón's programs for adults and children and connections with our library.

Please join us for the election of FOHL Board members and library news.

Due to COVID limitations on events, this will be a virtual meeting via Zoom. Please save the date and the Zoom invitation information below to join the meeting.

Topic: Invitation to the FOHL Zoom Meeting

Time: May 18, 2021 05:00 pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86266149713?pwd=TzdSUFN2QUtsSmRMZVZrQmFvd01kUT09>

Meeting ID: **862 6614 9713**

Passcode: **705314**

## FoHL Board Members

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Board meetings are the first Tuesday of each month at 3:45 PM on Zoom. Please contact the **Board Members of FoHL** with your ideas, questions, please email Linda Selover & to Volunteer, contact Deana Fusco at her email. [friendsofhbglibrary@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofhbglibrary@gmail.com)  
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

### It's FOHL Membership Renewal Time

Please use the included form or envelope to mail us your annual renewal dues. If you include an additional **matching (or larger) donation** in your renewal check, we will put you on a list to receive a free FOHL tote bag at the library.

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### FoHL Donates to the Library

During this period of lock-down when we have not been able to hold book-sales, the Friends of Healdsburg Library continues to support Healdsburg Library with regular donations. In addition, we make special donations for special projects.

We're looking forward to our new **BiblioBike**, a special cargo trike that the library will be using for outdoor events. It is currently under construction. For an idea of what the bike will look like, consult its manufacturer's website, <http://haleytrikes.com/book-bikes>. The BiblioBike is funded by FOHL.

### New FOHL Board Members

The Board appointed Michiko Conklin, Earl Gwynne, and Shaun McCaffery to fill vacancies until the general membership can meet to elect the Board for the coming year.

Michiko Conklin has recently moved to Healdsburg from Sebastopol. She is the Manager/Owner of the Patient Terrier Vineyard in Forestville, CA. Michiko's educational background includes a BA in Architecture from Yale, and an MBA from the Harvard Business School. Michiko is an avid reader of fiction and reads books almost exclusively from Library collections. She is a firm believer in public service and Library support. She volunteered for many years at her son's school library and more recently at the Sebastopol public library.

Earl Gwynne has been a hard-working, weekly volunteer with FOHL for over two years, moving donated books to our off-site storage units between Book Sale. He organizes and stacks the boxes of books by category. Earl also organizes helpers to bring the hundreds of boxes of books and display furniture to the library for each sale and to return items to storage when the sale ends. He has a background in accounting and has had his own business. Earl has been a thoughtful and helpful addition to our team of volunteers.

Shaun McCaffery previously was a member of our Board in this capacity until his term on the City Council ended. Recognizing his dedication and support of FOHL and the Library, the FOHL board appointed Shaun as a regular Board member in January, 2021.

The City Council has appointed Councilwoman Skylaer Palacios as liaison to FOHL and she will serve as an Ex-officio Board member.

The Board thanks two long-time members who are retiring from the Board.

### Retiring Board Members

Diane Lubich has been a volunteer at the library for 22 years, sorting donated books, becoming a life member of FOHL and serving as a Board member, including a term as Vice President. Diane says she is most proud of founding the "Specials" which has grown to have its own area at the book sales. Diane wrote, "Sorting books for our sales was very important to me for so many years. It was a big part of my life in Healdsburg. I have many wonderful memories of the activities and of many lovely people I have met through volunteering."

Joan Gipe served on the Board of FOHL for almost 15 years, including as Board Secretary for about 10 years, keeping careful records of the proceedings. In deciding to step away, Joan wrote that she was grateful to have had the experience of being a board member.

Both Diane and Joan have indicated their plans to continue as book sorters and book sale volunteers. The Board has expressed its thanks to them for their dedicated service. We hope their experiences will inspire others to become Board members. If you are interested in joining the Board or volunteering in other ways, please contact me by text or email: Charlene Luks, President, (707) 494 7083 [charleneluks@msn.com](mailto:charleneluks@msn.com)

## New at the Library

**Curbside hours** have expanded from 30 hours a week to 46. Hours will be: Monday–Tuesday, 12 to 7 pm; Wednesday–Saturday, 10 am to 5 pm, plus Sundays from 1-5 pm at Central. This will make curbside more convenient for working families.

**Foundation support:** The Sonoma County Public Library Foundation is supporting our 24/7 online library, with grants to expand digital resources, purchase Spanish-language eBooks for youth and extend our free WiFi outside our buildings.

**Supporting literacy:** The library played a key role in free lunch programs throughout the summer, distributing 9,900 books at 40 unique locations, including schools, housing complexes and youth clubs.

**Sonoma Responds:** Our unique community memory archive program is already garnering strong response from community members who want to help document this extraordinary time in our community.

**Looking for books?** We can help! Let us pick out a bundle of books for you to pick up via Curbside Pickup. Fill out the form below and your local librarian will select a variety of books for you, check them out to your library card, and then let you know when they are ready to pick up. This is a great way to learn about something new, read something you've never read before and get a surprise!

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**The Evening and The Morning** by Ken Follett. This is Historic Fiction which takes place in the Middle Ages in a 10 year period, 997 to 1007 CE. It is a Prequel to the Pillars of the Earth. I really enjoyed this book as it had Viking Raids, love, murder, and corruption. Now, I want to go back and read **The Pillars of the Earth** again. Lena Darcy

### Magazines On Line

With four mouse clicks, I found myself able to access the 3305 magazines that are now available to us through the Library's online OverDrive/Libby magazine collection. Help yourself to this amazing asset! The April 1st National Geographic issue has some wonderful wide ranging articles from a poignant piece on the life of Aretha Franklin to an article on the return of panthers to the Florida everglades through the successful Panther Recovery Plan. Lyn Murray

### Drive Your Plow Over the Bones of the Dead by Olga Tokarczuk, 274 pages

Most readers won't realize that the title of this novel is a quote from the 19th century English poet, William Blake. Blake's poetry is just one of the unexpected elements in this novel by the Polish writer and Nobel laureate, Olga Tokarczuk. The first-person narrator is an aging woman who, in the first few pages, gives us a great deal to think about: her mysterious Ailments; her belief in astrology; and the death of a neighbor she calls BigFoot. At one level a "whodunit," as other deaths pile up in the bleak landscape of the rural Polish community where our narrator lives, the book is more broadly a philosophical examination of human cruelty toward animals and other elements of the natural world (here's where Blake comes in) and what constitutes meaning in life. These admittedly serious themes are handled with strikingly beautiful writing that is highly readable and regularly punctuated with our eccentric heroine's observations and humor.

**Drive Your Plow Over the Bones of the Dead offers much to think about while also offering a compelling narrative and more than a few chuckles. Katherine Lacy**

### Sonoma County Library and FoHL on Social Media

Our **new email address:** [friendsofhbglibrary@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofhbglibrary@gmail.com) Please use this to contact FoHL with your ideas and questions. Thank you.

On FaceBook: **Friends of the Healdsburg Library**

On our Library website: [sonomalibrary.org](http://sonomalibrary.org) and down at the bottom, it mentions Friends of the Library, which will lead you to FoHL or the direct link:

<https://sonomalibrary.org/locations/healdsburg-regional-library/friends-of-the-healdsburg-library>

On YouTube: **SonomaLibrary** This is where you will find all of our exciting videos of our online events: Pre-School, School-Age, Teens, Adults and Library Commission Meetings. Check it out and be sure to give us a thumbs up and subscribe. Click for Notifications for our newest videos.

On the website for Healdsburg Chamber of Commerce:

<https://cm.healdsburg.com/list/member/friends-of-the-healdsburg-library-10911>

### Sonoma County Library Reimagined

The library recently held meetings to gather opinions, information and ideas about the changing needs of our communities and how the library can meet those needs better. The reports will become available on May 1<sup>st</sup>, so check out the library's website at [sonomalibrary.org](http://sonomalibrary.org) to read them.



## Friends of the Healdsburg Library

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