Dear Friends,

I am seeking volunteers for the next Friends of the Healdsburg Library (FOHL) Used Book Sale at the library. We have expanded the hours so I am making a strong request for all who help with set up to also take a 2 or 3 hour shift during the sale. If you don't do set up, I hope you can do two shifts.

We are seeking donations, especially of books for children and teens. These books will be featured in the lobby for this sale. I hope to assign former teachers and tutors to the lobby to welcome and assist families.

Donations may be brought to the library whenever it is open. Great selection of recently published adult books for only $2. There are wonderful selections in Political Science/Current Affairs, as well as American History. Many, many of them are hardbound. A must for the history or political science buff.

We have great gift books. All proceeds go to the library.

Please tell a friend! Or even better, bring them!

Set up (unpacking books): Wednesday, August 7, 8:30-11:30 am Please email me your availability to help and indicate if you could be assigned to the children's book area. I'll set up a schedule and email you back.

Please respond to me, Charlene at: charleneluks@msn.com Thanks for your help.

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Remember, all of the money from our book sales supports programs, & purchases of books, DVDs, CDs, & things that budget can’t cover. Thank you for your support.
Sally Lyle 1932 - 2013

Sally Lyle volunteered for 8 years for the Healdsburg Library doing photocopying. She was an integral member of the Wine Library’s Wine Information Files team. Tens of thousands of articles have been indexed thanks to her careful and exemplary work with the articles. The library staff appreciated her willingness to do whatever was needed and always with a pleasant manner.

Then, several years ago, Sally joined the Board of Friends of Healdsburg Library, where she titled herself “The Bag Lady” because she took charge of our Saturday Afternoon Bag Sales at our Book Sales. She was a wonderful person with a sparkle in her eye. She is greatly missed. The Friends Board will be planning a memorial acquisition in keeping with Sally's love of books and support of the library.

Upper Left-hand Corner

It has been so hot the last few days; it makes the Healdsburg Library seem like a cool oasis. Maybe a few date palms in the lobby would be appropriate. Speaking of date palms, have you visited the refurbished and replanted “outdoor reading room”? It is the formerly underutilized and unloved corner at Piper and Johnson Streets.

There has been a great deal of community effort put into this space, not to mention two well-attended coffee hours sponsored by the Friends of the Healdsburg Library. Coffee service was donated by Starbucks and Bean Affair, and Costeaux sent over three tasty coffee wreaths. FOHL plans two more of these free events, one on July 25th and the final one, August 29th. Time? 10:00 – 11:00 AM or until the coffee runs out.

Continuing our Courtyard thread, the Library wants to open the doors to the patio during the summer afternoon. You can enjoy a coffee out there or an iced tea or even a sandwich while you read, write your memoirs, or plan your next career. What you can't do yet, is use your laptop, as we don't yet have WIFI out there.

There are volunteer opportunities for folks here, as we need docents to be out there while those doors are open. So if you can give two hours of your time to the Library while sitting with that iced tea and a book, please send an email to summerdocent@gmail.com.

A word to the wise: the seats at the music programs that you sponsor fill up very fast so don’t be late.

Rebecca Goodsell, President – FOHL

Membership Renewal Time

We currently have 100 Life Time Members, plus these new life members:

Paul Grill  Dianne N. Graner  Kerry Locklear  Catherine Mihalik

They will never again have to wonder if they have remembered to pay their dues.

March was our month to remind people to pay dues – if you forgot, and then you can still renew your membership at the door to the book sale.

E-mail Link to Newsletters:

If you would like to help us save money and trees, please indicate if you would like to receive your newsletter by an email link instead of snail mail.

Thank you for your support of Friends of Healdsburg Library.

Ginni Lomax, Membership Chairperson
**Good Reads ~ Suggested by FoHL Members**

**The Giving Quilt**, by Jennifer Chiaverini: I enjoyed this because it is about making quilts for the Linus Project, which gives handmade blankets to children in crisis. The GivingQuilts Retreat is free to those who want to spend a week making a blanket for the Linus Project. We learn the back-stories of all of the participants and how they came to be at the retreat, and we learn a bit about how to make quilts. Jennifer Chiaverini has a whole series entitled “Elm Creek Quilts Novels.

**One Letter at a Time**, by Dick & Rick Hoyt with Todd Civin. The true story by and about Rick Hoyt, who has lived an amazing life in spite of a severe case of spastic cerebral palsy. He can see and hear, and move his head slightly, but he cannot speak or control most other movements. He communicates with head nods, one letter at a time. Doctors told his parents to put him in a facility because he would basically be like a vegetable. Instead, his parents raised him at home, taught him how to communicate, and always included him in all of their family activities. Dick started to push Rick in his special wheel chair in races, & triathlons, earning a spot in the Boston Marathon. His mother championed his cause to be included in public schools, which changed policies in schools all around the USA. Rick earned his degree in Special Education from Boston University. Visit Team Hoyt online at: [http://www.teamhoyt.com/](http://www.teamhoyt.com/)

The Art of Freedom: Teaching the Humanities to the Poor, by Earl Shorris. Over a one-year period, the students take classes in Art, Philosophy, History, and Literature. They read the books then discuss them in a group of 20, using the Socratic method. The instructor poses questions and guides the discussions, rather than lecturing. This method enables the students to find their own voices, and to learn to speak up when they have an idea or an opinion. We hear about the project from its creator, instructors, and students. This project has spread around the world, as a means to help bring people into advanced education. Many students decide to continue their schooling, no matter how hopeless their circumstances may seem at the time.

**Bet the Farm, How Food Stopped Being Food**, by Frederick Kaufman. What is really happening with food crops in the US and around the world? US subsidies to American farmers and patents on GM seeds can force other farmers out of work even in the poorest of countries. People are still starving, as the world produces more food than ever before. “Behind the food lay the politics, behind the politics lay the money, and behind the money lay the markets.”

**Literary Rogues: A Scandalous History of Wayward Authors** by Andrew Shaffer. From Byron to Burroughs, with stops along the way for Kerouac and Ginsberg, the author presents a salacious overview of literary lives in his own bad boy style.

**My Descent into Death** by Howard Storm. I started reading and couldn't put it down until I finished the whole book. It is a true, compelling, & sometimes frightening, but more often intensely loving, account of the author's near death experience. Mr. Storm was an avowed atheist, an art professor at a university, & was so changed by this experience that he quit his job, went to Seminary, & became a Christian pastor. I loved this book because it answered so many of my questions about both the reason for our life on earth and the afterlife. A Friend

**War Brides** offers a quick look at English women in WWII, with a little humor, mystery and predictable ending, but good story line. Martha Brooks

I love the book series of **Maximum Ride**, written by James Patterson. They are very exciting and full of action. Zoe

**Shantaram** by Gregory David Roberts, Fiction. Wow! Get ready for a wild ride through the streets of Bombay India in this amazing book about an escaped prisoner from an Australian prison. This book has it all: mafia dons, heroin addicts, rebel fighters, love, lust, murder, torture, a cholera epidemic and more. If you want to escape this summer, read Shantaram. Katie

**The Storyteller**, Jodi Picoult; fiction, subject - Holocaust, forgiveness

Sage Singer is a baker who was taught to bake by her Jewish grandparents. She works nights at a bakery to avoid people while she is struggling with the guilt of her mother's death. She has psychological problems dealing with the scars on her face from an accident. She meets a 90-year-old man at her grief group; Joseph Weber who she learns is a former Nazi soldier. He wants forgiveness for his terrible past. He asks Sage to help him die. Sage's grandmother Minka, a survivor of Auschwitz, has not talked about her experience but Sage prods her to tell her story. Sage has to decide if she should help Joseph. Lena

A novel – **Cutting For Stone** by Abraham Verghese. This is a marvelous story about twin brothers born of a union between a surgeon and a nun. It describes Ethiopian Revolution and New York. Fascinating story.

**For Teen Readers**

**The Crown of Embers**, by Rae Carson. Elisa is a hero facing another obstacle in fulfilling her destiny as the chosen one by God. I read the first book and I started reading it and I loved it, so I wanted to read the second book, and now I can’t wait for the next book to come out. I recommend it to all teens that like romance and adventure. Melissa

**Legend**, by Marie Lu. June and Day fall in love with an unexpected turn of events. The story was very addictive and kept me wanting to read more.

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At her desk in the Children’s section, Charity stocks Summer Reading Lists for children, Grades: K-2, 3-5, 6-8, and Teens.
It’s a Small World

*Petenera, un drama flamenco en música y baile.* (2007 DVD MusicFilmFactor.com)

“Near the library last week I was waiting for Elena in my car when a Spaniard knocked on my car window and said: “I know you from your DVD, *Petenera, un drama flamenco en música y baile*.” And he added: “I cried when you sang *peteneras*.” His wife walked up and said: “Yes, my husband had the *Petenera* DVD out of the library six times.”

I was very moved to hear that my flamenco singing to guitar had such impact on this Spaniard, a complete stranger to me. When I sang *Peteneras* in one of our two concerts in Paris, France, I know that particular performance was one of my all time artistic highs.”

The DVD includes a color booklet on flamenco songs, dancers & singers. One of the few documentations of traditional flamenco, this DVD features more than 15 performers including, from Sevilla: world-famous dancer-choreographer José Galván and guitarist Manuel Parejo. One of the singers is Helen Meléndez Hintered, a former Branch Manager and former Library Commissioner. Community Media Center of the North Bay, Santa Rosa, assisted the production at Jackson Theater and CMC was the first US broadcaster.

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The library system has purchased six copies, so check it out!

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“It is better to debate a question without settling it than to settle a question without debating it.”

Joseph Joubert; 1754-1824

“Books can be dangerous. The best ones should be labeled "This could change your life."”

Helen Exley

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