

## Upper Left Hand Corner

Dear Friends,

Summer is here and that means two things; time for reading in the proverbial hammock and eating out-of-doors. I don't know about your tastes in summer literature, but I am invariably conflicted between doorstopper titles like War and Peace or Anna Karenina versus the bonbons from Donna Leon or Janet Evanovich. Maybe I could just go by the page count, with eight Donna Leon's equalling one Count Tolstoy.

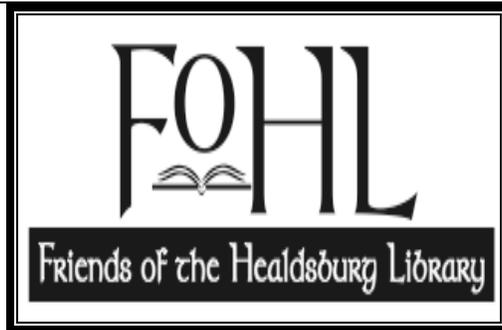
Late Breaking News; right after I had confessed my weakness for Summertime Lite, Librarian Bo Simons told me about an eight-year-old reader, currently registered in the Summer Reading Program, who was petitioning to have her choice of book, War and Peace, count as her required five titles. Her justification, as if she needed one, was that the translation appeared in five volumes. Ergo, five books. Anna Karenina had been rejected on the grounds that it dealt with adult themes. I am ashamed of my lazy self.

Rebecca Goodsell  
President of FoHL

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## Events at Healdsburg Library

We have many great programs coming up. Please check out the schedule at <http://sonomalibrary.org/> or stop by the library to get the monthly schedule. We have programs for all ages, and good music too.



## FoHL Volunteer Appreciation Summer Picnic

Eating out-of-doors? This **August 12<sup>th</sup>** will see the return of the **Friends' Summer Picnic**, to show our appreciation for all of our volunteers. It will be held at the **DaVero Farm and Winery at 766 Westside Road from 5:30 to 7:30 P.M.** (on the south side of the road, just before the road turns South after Madrona Manor.)

We will have music by **Floyd Latimer and his group**, as well as a gifted chanteuse. The Board will provide liquid refreshments, breads and dessert from Costeaux Bakery.

If you would be so kind as to bring some sort of dish to pass **A-K salad/appetizer and L-Z a main dish**, your Board would be grateful.

We will have seating for 70 people, so we are going to ask for a sign-up in advance. Type RSVP in the subject line: [friendsofhealdsburg@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofhealdsburg@gmail.com) or Call 707-473-9360  
Rebecca Goodsell

## Book Sale News

Dear Friends of the Library,

Let's have another great sale: Donations are accepted Tuesdays through Saturdays when the library is open. We appreciate your support, thank you.

We're using VolunteerSpot (online signup and reminder tool) to schedule volunteers.

**Please sign up for the Library Book Sale Aug. 6-9 - here's how it works in 3 easy steps:**

1. **Click this link** to go to our invitation page on VolunteerSpot:

<http://vols.pt/VAsa4T>

2. **Enter your email address:** (You will NOT need to register an account on VolunteerSpot)

3. **Sign up!** Choose your spots - VolunteerSpot will send you an automated confirmation and reminders. Easy! Note: VolunteerSpot does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact [friendsofhealdsburg@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofhealdsburg@gmail.com), type Book Sale Volunteer in the subject line, and I can sign you up manually.

Thank you for your help.  
Charlene Luks,  
Book Sale Chairperson

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"I would be most content if my children grew up to be the kind of people who think decorating consists mostly of building enough bookshelves."

Anna Quindlen, "Enough Bookshelves," *New York Times*, 7 August 1991

Wednesday August 6 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday August 7 <sup>th</sup>	Friday August 8 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday August 9 <sup>th</sup>
Sale opens 1:00 to 6:00 pm	Sale 10 am to 6 pm	Sale 10 am to 6 pm	Sale 10 am to 4 pm
Members Only Children's books open to Public. Join at the Door No Scanners 1 to 3	Open to the Public	Open to the Public	Open to the Public Bargain Bag Sale \$5.00 per bag 12 Noon to 4 pm Teachers get a Free Bag

## FoHL Board Members

New email for FoHL

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Board meetings are the first Tuesday of each month at 4 PM at the library.

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## What's Up With the Big Eggplant?

Last spring, Transition Healdsburg partnered with the Friends to establish a **Seed Library** in Healdsburg. Bo Simons was able to claim the last true card catalog in the Sonoma system; seeds were donated, re-packaged and filed in the appropriate drawers.

Those seeds are free to the public. There are no expectations that they will be returned, nor do you have to provide proof in the form of a green bean or two that you actually grew them. But Transition has fond hopes that some of you will actually complete the cycle and save some of the seeds from the flowers or vegetables that you grew and bring some back to the **Seed Library** for other folk.

Seeds that are available now for Fall planting include beets, bok choy, broccoli, brussel sprouts, chard, cauliflower, and spinach. If you want advice on this, or wish to send a comment, please email Carolyn Harrison, [terrycar@hughes.net](mailto:terrycar@hughes.net).

Help the Library get the word out about this service by telling your friends. Seeds come in regularly, so "check them out."

Rebecca Goodsell

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## Membership:

Thank you to all who have renewed for 2014, and a special thank you to our new Life Members. A list will be published in our Spring newsletter.

You still have time to Renew your Membership to come to the first day of our sale: Individual: \$5, Family: \$10, Business: \$20, Life Membership: \$100.

Correction on a Life Member's name: "Sounds like everything is going well with FOHL. FYI, our last name is spelled Nudelman. Good luck! Herb Nudelman, past President & Life member"

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## FoHL Supports Healdsburg Library

Since our last newsletter, these are the donations that FoHL has made to our library:

Books & Media	Programs
Adults: \$4000	\$1400
Teens: 650	1225
Children's <u>602</u>	<u>2640</u>
<b>Totals: \$5252</b>	<b>\$5265</b>

## HEALDSBURG LIBRARY HEROES

The Friends want to send many thanks to some Healdsburg citizens and businesses that have helped us in strange and wondrous ways.

1. An **anonymous gentleman** who repaired the gate leading into the Mille Howie Courtyard. The gate now swings effortlessly. Thank you, Sir.
2. **Bean Affair**, who has provided smoothie gift cards for all the Summer Reading participants, both children and teens, who complete the required number of titles. Thank you, Michelle.
3. **Ceja Tires** are keeping our dollies in rolling condition. Those book boxes are heavy. We are pumped!
4. **Costeaux Bakery** and Will Seppi are more than generous when we need a cake to celebrate something Really Important, like the Library's 25<sup>th</sup> birthday party! Thank you, Will. And those bakers, too. Yum.
5. **DaVero Farms and Winery** owner, Ridgely Evers, has graciously offered to host this year's FOHL summer picnic. We are so looking forward to this lovely venue. So exciting.
6. **Empire Mini Storage** - Bill & Marcia Carlock donate space to pile our books between our book sales. We would be lost without them. Please remember them for your storage needs: Call 707-433-3307 or email to [www.empireministorage.com](http://www.empireministorage.com)
7. **Healdsburg Floor Coverings**, who contribute wooden pallets, which are much needed at the end of our Book Sales, when we pack up the unsold books to send to our partner, Better World Books. When I need pallets, I can count on them.

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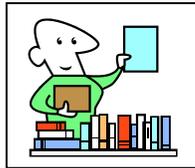
We have a **new email address** to use for contacting the **FoHL Board**:

[friendsofhealdsburg@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofhealdsburg@gmail.com)

For the **Subject line**: please type the Book Sale, Book Donations, Events, Ex Libris, Membership, Newsletter, President, Secretary, Treasurer, PR, Reviews, or Volunteers as the first word so that we can easily see who should respond to your email.

“Books...are like lobster shells, we surround ourselves with 'em, then we grow out of 'em and leave 'em behind, as evidence of our earlier stages of development.” Dorothy L. Sayers, *The Unpleasantness at the Bellona Club*, 1928

## People are reading and sharing:



Step outside of your usual box of books, and try a book that has been enjoyed by someone else.

If you would like to share something that you have read and enjoyed, send me an email to

[friendsofhealdsburg@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofhealdsburg@gmail.com) Please put **Review** as the first word in the subject line, so that it will stand out. It does not need to be a long review.

I would like to add one page to our FoHL website (found on <http://sonomalibrary.org/>, scroll to the bottom for “Support your Library”, Friends of the Library, Healdsburg) so that you can see what titles other people thought were good enough to share.

I have discovered a new “Fiction” section of the library in the Wine Library. There are several shelves of fiction; many of them are mysteries. Some take place in the California wine country, others in France, Italy and other locations, but wine is the topic.

**Vanished Smile: The mysterious theft of the Mona Lisa**, by R.A. Scott is a historical novel that tells the story of the theft of the Mona Lisa on Aug. 21, 1911, the investigation, and her eventual return. You will learn about Picasso and his “crew” of friends, the new abstract artists, several of whom were considered suspects.

Shared by Linda Selover

Here are 3 books by Luis Alberto Urrea were reviewed in Ex Libris: **The Hummingbird’s Daughter**; This is a perfect re-creation of one of Mexico’s most sainted legends, written by a distant member of her family after 20 years of research of the existing records. “Teresitas’s story is a powerful tale that satisfies the soul.”, wrote Rudolfo Anaya. I fully concur and urge readers to seek it out

**The Queen of America**, is a novel that continues the history of the Saint (or witch) of Cabora based on the evidence extant in historical records pertaining to the life of Teresa Urrea.

**The Devil’s Highway, A True Story**; Urrea takes on the history of a tragic loss of lives along our border with Mexico in the spring of 2001, when a large group of migrants became lost in the mountainous desert region between Yuma and Tucson, Arizona, where many perished before a rescue team came upon them. Urrea does an excellent job of investigative reporting of a scene that is all too frequent every day at our southern border. On the shelf at 304.8 Urrea.

Shared by Simon Jeremiah

Shared by Sue Phillips

**The Morality of China in Africa** by Stephen Chan; Essays by Chinese and African writers in answer to current thoughts about Chinese and African relations. Confucian philosophy is brought to bear on the subject.

**Cooked** by Michael Pollan; How the elements of fire, water, air and earth are used to produce food, and a plea to improve our health and the American food system by a return to the kitchen instead of the mass production of industrial sanitized food.

**Bridget Jones - Mad About the Boy** by Helen Fielding; Bridget is now a widow with two young children. She is attempting to re-enter the world of dating. Clever, but it gets a bit repetitious.

**World Without End** by Ken Follett

A follow-up book to **Pillars of the Earth**. It takes place in the same town in the mid-fourteenth century. Good plot, 1014 pages. Follett is always good, but this is not as good as Pillars.

**Fall of Giants** and **Winter of the World** by Ken Follett; Here are Follett’s latest - the first two of his trilogy of the 20th century. He had eight historians check all the historical facts, which makes this a painless way to learn a lot of history. Highly recommended.

**The Gods of Guilt** by Michael Connelly

Connelly has written two series of murder mysteries. One with Mickey Haller, a defense lawyer, and the other with Harry Bosch, a policeman. This one features Haller, referred to as the Lincoln Lawyer, because he works out of his car. All of Connelly’s books are really good, but I prefer the Harry Bosch books because I am not that fond of courtroom scenes.

**The Heir Apparent** by Jane Ridley; A very detailed biography of King Edward VII of England. A lot about Queen Victoria & Kaiser Wilhelm among others, and the happenings of the time. Not permitted to participate in government while his mother was alive, Edward VII became the ultimate playboy, only to surprise everyone with his wisdom when he became King.

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“Reading makes immigrants of us all. It takes us away from home, but more important, it finds homes for us everywhere.” Jean Rhys

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“Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow. The important thing is to not stop questioning.” ~Albert Einstein

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