

# Among Friends

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*Friends of the Library President Jan Smith receives private instructions on ebooks from Robert Esparza, Library Assistant.*



*Three readers that can be used to access the Library's collection of ebooks: Kindle, Nook, and iPad.*

## County Library System Expands eBook Collection

*San Carlos library users can access a growing collection of bestsellers, new releases and classic titles as well as heavily illustrated eBooks including children's storybooks, cookbooks, and craft books.*

**By Laura Dudnick**

San Mateo County Library system this week announced a new digital platform for eBooks and more than 1,500 titles to its collection. Axis360 is a new digital media service that offers interactive eBooks enhanced by color, video and audio.

Library users can access a growing collection of bestsellers, new releases and classic titles as well as heavily illustrated eBooks including children's storybooks, cookbooks, and craft books.

Readers with a San Mateo County Library card can take advantage of the new eBook service 24/7 when they visit the library's website from a computer or mobile device.

The cloud-based delivery system greatly simplifies the process of downloading what patrons want to read onto the devices they prefer to use, including Apple, Android and

Windows tablets and smart phones. At the end of the lending period, titles will automatically expire and be returned to the digital collection - with no late fees.

"The Library is excited to be able to offer additional eBooks to our community members," Anne-Marie Despain, Director of Library Services, said in a statement.

"Since the Library first introduced eBooks, we have witnessed the popularity of this format and the incredible demand for digital

services. We are constantly adding to the collection." Axis360 is the most accessible eBook platform available, allowing limited-sight patrons guided reading as well as text-to-voice options for all titles. **To check out and download eBooks and more visit [www.smcl.org/axis360](http://www.smcl.org/axis360).** This article is included with the permission of San Carlos Patch <http://sancarlosspatch.com>

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## Get 'Em While They're Hot!

### Children's Books Section Offers Impressive Array of Books for Sale

By Amy Schwimmer

The Children's Books section of the FOL Annex is full of bursting these days with an especially impressive quantity and quality of books, so if you have kids or know kids or work with kids etc., try to come by one of the upcoming sales and stock up!

At \$1.00 for hardbacks, \$.50 for paperbacks and board books, and 25 cts for the monthly "dot" special, the prices are really unbeatable.

We have everything from old classics like Nancy Drew, the Hardy Boys, Boxcar Children and Little House on the Prairie to new favorite series like A Series of Unfortunate Events, Artemis

Fowl, and Baby-Sitters Club; from classic fantasy series like Narnia and Tolkien to new ones like Harry Potter, Septimus Heap, Star Wars, and Eragon. There are graphic novels & comic books, from Archie to Garfield to Captain Underpants, and a variety of Manga. For young children, there are board books, fairy tales, Disney classics, Dr. Seuss, and shelves packed with picture books in great condition. There are also stacks of DVDs for kids of all ages.

We receive boxfuls of new donations each month, and recently we've also been the

beneficiaries of cartloads of books—fiction and nonfiction—from the library itself, as they periodically cull books out to make room for new ones on their own shelves.

Below is just a partial list to give you an idea of just some of the offerings in the Children's Section of the FOL Annex. There are books in the children's section for ages newborn – "tween," and when readers are ready to move on, we have a separate Young Adult area with equally popular offerings: *Twilight*, *Uglies*, and *Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants*, to name just a few.



#### Partial List of Subjects, Titles, and Authors of Books Available Children's Section of FOL Annex

<b>Fiction Genres</b>	Science	Little House on the Prairie	Roald Dahl
Picture Books	History	Ann of Green Gables	Cornelia Funke
Disney	Biography	American Girl	Louis Sachar
Board Books	<b>Religion/Culture Crafts</b>	Magic Tree House	Jerry Spinelli
Activity books	Activities	Deltora	Gary Paulsen
Younger readers	Feelings/Your Body	Animorphs	James Patterson
Action/Suspense	<b>Sports Series</b>	Dinotopia	Matt Christopher
Horse/Cat/Dog novels	Captain Underpants	<b>Children's Favorites</b>	Mike Lupica
Fantasy	Nancy Drew	Clifford, Curious George,	<b>Foreign Language books</b>
Caldecott winners	Hardy Boys	Madeline, Winnie the	Spanish
Newberry winners	Star Wars	Pooh, Magic School Bus,	Russian
Classics	Bionicles	Berenstein Bears,	French
Jokes/Humor	Pokemon	Thomas the Tank Engine	Hebrew
Historical fiction	Harry Potter	<b>Authors</b>	Japanese
Sports	Narnia	Avi	
Education/School	Goosebumps	Judy Blume	
<b>Nonfiction Genres</b>	Boxcar Children	Beverly Cleary	
Animals	Babysitters Club	Andrew Clements	
Nature	Artemis Fowl	Sharon Creech	
Trivia			

## BOOK REVIEWS

By Deb Kramer

### Flash Back to Flash Forward

Every now and then, a book comes along that has relevance to today but was written in the recent past. That book for me was *Term Limits* by Vince Flynn. The book was written in the late 1980's and starts with political assassinations. Now, before you go thinking, "Oh, no, not a political novel..." let me share with you why I enjoyed this book and recommend it to many readers, who have since read it and passed it along to others with the same recommendation to "read this book."

Back to the assassinations. These aren't just your run-of-the-mill killings, oh no...these

calculated and targeted murders are made to send a message to the gridlocked congressional leaders who have allowed their bloated campaign promises made to corporations who filled their coffers. These leaders have served way too many terms in Congress to care about the "people" that elected them and are overly power-hungry and, darn tootin', want to let everyone know how powerful they are.

Sound familiar? Remember, this setting was pre-Citizens United pre-9/11, pre-Tea Party (redux), and pre-term limits. It was also post-USS Cole, post-Reagan-era, and nearly post-USSR.

If the above scenario sounds

at all familiar (e.g., this political season), read the book to learn why these killings occur, who is doing them, what the demands are (quite simple really), and some of the gutsy people, including a few politicians who come together to halt the assassinations and put the USA back on track where the elected government serves the people...the real people in the country. The writing style of this thriller is fast-paced and thoughtful, with lots of careful consideration to wording phrases just right for maximum impact to the reader. I enjoyed it so much, that I'm now caught up on all the Vince Flynn novels he's written.

### San Carlos Library -Home Delivery-

If you are unable to come into the library due to:

- Short/long term illness
- Physical challenges
- Non-driver status (Senior)
- Visual disabilities
- Pregnancy/Maternity Leave
- Injury

The Library will select material and deliver it to your home. We will pickup the old items and deliver new items when you're ready.

Contact the San Carlos Library for information or to become a volunteer delivery driver.



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### Library Upcoming Events

Below is a list of just a few of the events being held at the San Carlos Library this month. For a complete list, click on this link:

<http://www.smcl.org/en/events-by-branch/San%20Carlos>



#### Mystery Book Club

**Wednesday, 09/26/12 at**

**7:00 pm--For Adults**

Meets the 4th Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM in the Library Reading Lounge



**Sunday**, Support our library by buying books at the [Friends of the San Carlos Library](#) periodic book sale, 3rd Sunday of every month, 1 - 4 pm, 2nd floor of the library building.



**Thursday, 10/04/12 at 7:00 pm**

**Buying, Planting And Establishing Native Plants- Second Floor Community Rooms A & B.**



## Friends of the San Carlos Library Awards Grant to Healthy Cities Tutoring

By Donna Becht  
Executive Director  
Healthy Cities Tutoring



*Board President Jan Smith presents a check for \$10,000 to Healthy Cities tutoring program from the Friends of the San Carlos Library.*

**" Healthy Cities Tutoring provided tutoring to 159 students during the last school year. "**

The Board of Directors of the Friends of the San Carlos Library met on July 23 and voted to donate \$10,000 to support the work of the San Carlos-based Healthy Cities Tutoring program.

Healthy Cities Tutoring provides elementary and middle school children with one-on-one tutoring and mentoring from community volunteers. The program began in 1997 and provided tutoring to 159 students during the 2011-12 school year. Many students are continuing to receive help from their tutors over the summer...most at the San Carlos Library!

The Friends of the San Carlos Library have been a long-term supporter of the program and values the success of the program helping children in the community. Many students enrolled in the program receive tutoring at the San Carlos Library and benefit from the flexible hours that the library maintains.

A second grade student had these words to say about his tutoring, "Mrs. Thompson helps me with all of my school subjects. We meet at the San Carlos library. My dream is to read and write and Mrs. Thompson made it come true."

For more information about Healthy Cities Tutoring and how to become a tutor or donate, please visit the program's website at [www.healthycitiestutoring.org](http://www.healthycitiestutoring.org) or contact the program's Director, Donna Becht at (650) 508-7327. To find out more about the Friends of the San Carlos Library and/or to become a member of the Friends please go to: [www.scfol.org](http://www.scfol.org).

## Librarian Answers Readers' Questions:

### *Downloading Library Books to a Kindle, iPad or iPhone--First in a Series on e-Readers*

By Lily Yao, Library Assistant

#### **In the library how does one download a library book to a Kindle?**

Books from the [smcl.org](http://smcl.org)'s Overdrive collection are available on all Kindles. In the Overdrive collection, select and check out the book in Kindle format. Once you check out the book, click on "Get for Kindle" button. This will take you to Amazon.com, for you to log in and add the book to your Kindle Library. From there you can download and read the book the same way as other Kindle Library items. If you have a Kindle Fire, you can also download library books from

[smcl.org](http://smcl.org)'s Axis 360 collection. Install the free KNFB Blio application on to your Kindle Fire and create a Blio ID. Go to the library's Axis 360 collection. Once you check out the book, you can read the book by signing into the Blio application on your Kindle Fire.

#### **iPad/iPhone?**

Books from both [smcl.org](http://smcl.org)'s Overdrive collection and Axis 360 collection are available on either iPad or iPhone. For the Overdrive collection, install the free Overdrive Media Console app and have an Adobe ID ready (you can set one up through [adobe.com](http://adobe.com)). Go to [smcl.org](http://smcl.org)'s Overdrive collection and check out

the book in the Adobe EPUB format. Once you click the "Download" button, the device will go to the Overdrive app to download and access the book. (Note You will need to enter your Adobe ID and password the first time you download a book on Overdrive. If you have multiple devices, be sure to authorize the devices using the same Adobe ID to get access to your check outs). For the Axis 360 collection, install the free Blio eBooks app, register for a new Blio ID and log into the app using the ID. Go to [smcl.org](http://smcl.org)'s Axis 360 collection and check out the book you want to read. Open the Blio app to access and read the checked out books.

## Get A Lucky S.H.A.R.E.S. Card and Aid The San Carlos Library

You can help support our fundraising in an easy & effortless way!

Pick up a S.H.A.R.E.S. Card at the San Carlos Library Front Desk. Then, simply present the card when purchasing groceries



at Lucky Supermarkets. Lucky will donate 3 per cent (3%) of the sale to the Friends of the San Carlos Library, which will be used to support the programs and services the Friends of the Library provide to the community.

## WALKING THROUGH THE HISTORY OF SAN CARLOS

On October 3 or 10, join Tom Davids, former San Carlos Mayor and Friends of the Library volunteer, for a walk through San Carlos, recalling our past and considering our future. You'll discover such things about San Carlos as:

- What is the Wheeler Plaza Project?
- Learn about the housing proposal along CalTrain tracks.
- Get a history of restaurants downtown.
- Where were the airfield and speedway originally?

- The East San Carlos Ave. Project.
- Why is Home Depot where it is?
- What's happening with PAMF?
- and much more...



### Walking History Tour San Carlos

<b>Hosted by:</b>	Tom Davids, former San Carlos Mayor, Friends of the Library Volunteer
<b>Walks Scheduled on:</b>	Wednesday, Oct. 3 – 6-8 pm, or Wednesday, Oct. 10 – 6-8 pm
<b>Cost:</b>	No fee.
<b>Group Limit:</b>	Walking groups will be limited to 15 adults. Children welcome.
<b>Distance:</b>	Distance is approximately 2 miles.
<b>Gather at:</b>	Meet in front of the library.
<b>Register:</b>	Register by calling Rhea Bradley at the library - 650-591-0341 or e-mail <a href="mailto:bradley@smcl.org">bradley@smcl.org</a>



## Friends of the Library Supports Hot Harvest Nights

By stopping by the booth at the Hot Harvest Nights Festival, San Carlos residents buying fruits and vegetables on August 30 learned what the Friends of the Library do to support the library as well as be updated on the status of the library refurbishing project.

*Pictured: Clarissa Owenby, FOL vice-president; and Karen Clapper, chairperson of the San Carlos Library Remodel Committee; Jan Smith, FOL president, also participated.*

## Great Finds May Be Waiting Wherever You Travel

By Virginia Martin



*The Mono County Courthouse located in Bridgeport, CA.*

My husband and I were on our yearly outing to the Eastern Sierras. Our first stop, Bridgeport, California, off 395. Bridgeport is the county seat of Mono County, elevation 6600 feet with a population of 550, not counting cows. Our purpose: hiking the beautiful mountains. After our third day, the weather pattern was consistent: beautiful weather in the morning, then thunder, lightning and a heavy downpour in the afternoon (all afternoon) .

Although we had brought a sufficient amount of reading material, after a couple of days, I could see we were running short. There are no bookstores in Bridgeport. So, under

pouring rain, we headed off to the library, which is located right next door to the historical County Building. Upon entering , we found a Friends volunteer shelving magazines in the entry hall (50 cents each), but we were looking for the paperbacks. We went inside and there were three tall book shelves filled with paperbacks. We came away with four used novels, \$1 each.

So, when you're traveling around, regardless of what state you are in, don't forget there are Friends' groups from coast to coast. Plus it's so much fun to pick up those bargains and check out other libraries.

## Quarterly Library News Round-Up

By Jan Smith, President

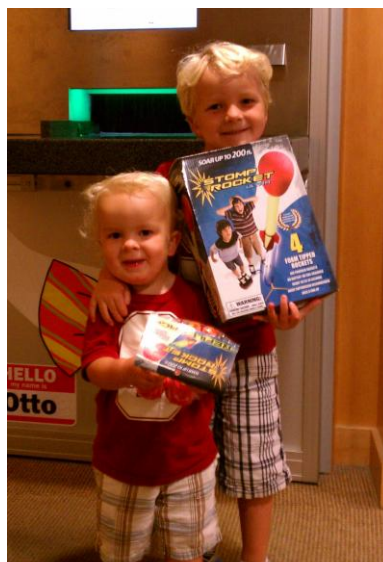
First of all, my compliments to the San Carlos Library staff for the fabulous summer programs, which spanned all age groups. The photo that accompanies this article shows how effective one of those programs was:

Just look at these little ones to see how older brother enjoyed his summer's Stomp Rocket raffle prize. (Younger brother looks happy too!)

Meaningful fall programs are presently underway. To obtain the Library's current, up to date events, go to:

<http://www.smcl.org/en/events-by-branch/San%20Carlos>

Many of the Library programs and awards are possible because of



the efforts of volunteers (Book Shop and Monthly sales) and donations from the community. Thanks to all! We are always open to suggestions for ways to

raise money to support the library. Recently we have re-activated the Lucky S.H.A.R.E.S. program. Get the cards at the Library; then use the cards to buy items from Lucky Grocery and three percent (3%) of the Lucky purchase goes to the Library. If you have additional suggestions for fund raising activities, or if you wish to make a contribution, please let us know.

Perhaps the question I've been asked most frequently since becoming FOL president is "What is the status of the library

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## Round-Up

By Jan Smith, President

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renovation?" Good question. I wish I had a more definitive answer. The most recent response (end of August) I received is "Library staff and the new architectural team have been working very hard to complete the final design plans and interior selections." Previously, "Currently we are finalizing the conceptual plans and working with the Architects to complete the

construction documents. When those are completed the city will develop a Request For Proposals to start the bidding and construction phase. We are working under the assumption that the current library will close sometime in the Spring/Summer of 2013." After their meeting in early September, I'll email members an update, which should be quite positive!

Another area for questions has been "e books." There is information in two different

articles within this newsletter, which should prove helpful to answer many of your questions. Since we've been receiving some excellent questions, we'd be glad to entertain these questions in a "letters to the Editor" section in our next newsletter.

Speaking of editor, I wish to thank Tommye Hutto, our new editor, who is doing a great job!

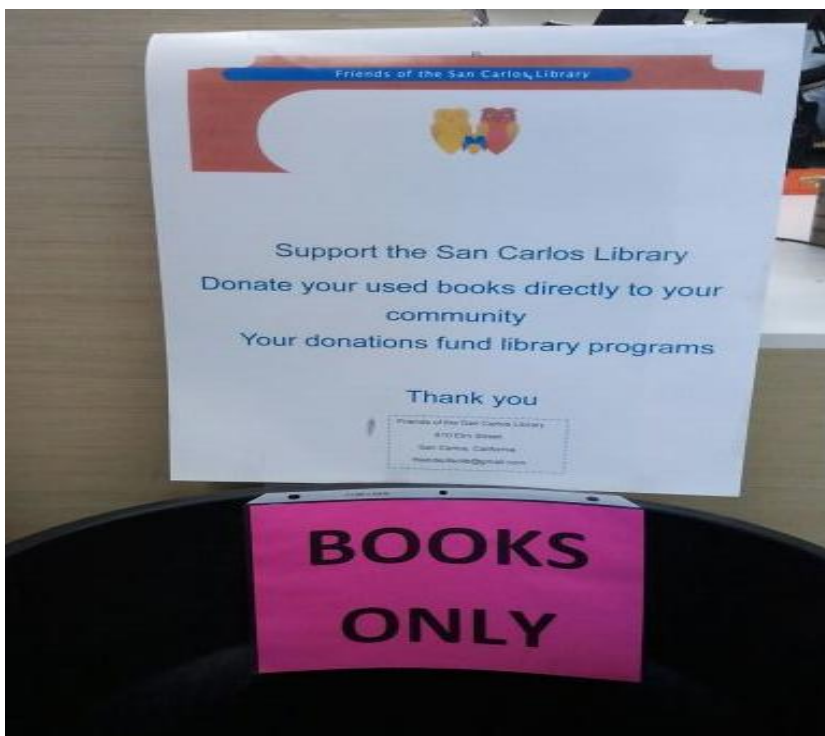
Thanks again for your support, and I look forward to a great year at the Library!



## A Tisket, A Tasket, San Carlos Library has Baskets!



*To make book finding and selecting easier, the Friends of the San Carlos Library have provided the Library with "shopping" baskets. Howie Smith is pictured here using one of the new baskets.*



Friends of the San Carlos Library salute our partners in serving the people of San Carlos. One of those partners is **Walgreens Drug Store**. The community spirit of the folks at Walgreens has enabled us to receive more donations of books, which are primarily left in the cage area in the garage of the Library. Thanks to Walgreens for their support.

Also thanks to **Trader Joe's** and **Bianchini's Markets** for donating shopping bags and boxes.

Without the support of these fine businesses, the Library would not be as successful as it is.

Thank you, Walgreens, Trader Joe's and Bianchini's Markets for your help.

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## About the Friends of the San Carlos Library

The Friends of the San Carlos Library (Friends) is a qualified 501(c)3 non-profit organization that brings together people who view their local library as a treasury of knowledge, information, and educational entertainment. The Friends promote community support and use of the library, inform

members about issues affecting the library, and provide financial assistance to the library's collection and programs. We raise funds for supplemental materials and equipment through book sales, and sponsor cultural programs and events.