



February
2024 MEMBERSHIP
NEWSLETTER

Update 2024 – A New Year of Books and Activities

Everyone needs a friend, including your local Library. Friends of the Library (FOL) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that raises funds for our Pollock Pines Library. Your memberships and contributions provide funding for reading materials, arts ‘n crafts, Wi-Fi availability, free community presentations, facility upgrades and upkeep of the Library Outdoor Reading Area.

For a small annual fee, you’ll join an elite group of community-minded people that actively encourage and support the use of our Library. As a bonus, you receive an informative newsletter annually. Plan your visits and take advantage of the many special events we offer throughout the year.

Memberships are only \$10 for an individual, \$20 for a family, and \$250 brings lifetime support with your name on a plaque in our lobby.



Or make life simple and arrange a recurring contribution on a monthly basis. All can easily be done through the online portal at: www.eldoradolibraryfriends.org. Be sure to choose: Pollock Pines branch. You can also mail your contribution or drop it off at our Library and say a personal “Hello!” to our librarian.

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An Exciting Line-up of Events for Friends of All Ages

A sampling of 2023's Special Guests

Author Appearances

Popular South Lake Tahoe author Todd Borg joined us for a well-attended talk on June 23 at the library.



Magical!

On June 28, Brian Scott brought his magic to the Community Center. The audience was baffled and amazed by the magician's sleight of hand and mystifying tricks. The performance made for a very animated audience.



Free events like these sponsored by your FOL! Join us!



Wizardry!

On July 19, FOL welcomed The Science Wizard to the Community Center for a free show sponsored by the Pollock Pines Friends of the Library. The Wizard's clever presentation made it fun for the youngsters in the crowd to learn about science in an entertaining way. Topics included rocket fuel and the secrets of air pressure. The program was fun, educational, and the audience enthusiastic!



Pulling Strings

On December 13, Fratello Marionettes thrilled kids and adults alike with an amazing North Pole Review. Multiple puppets danced on the stage and sang well loved holiday songs.

Pollock Pines Librarian Wraps up and Looks Ahead

Being a rural library provides unique opportunities to learn what really matters within our community. Our library strives to provide programs that increase knowledge of a subject, teach a new skill, build community connections, foster literacy, and above all, to experience the joy of reading. Also, within our library we aim to enhance an individual's interactions of being seen and feeling known, belonging and feelings of support, contribution, and connection to community.

Our tiny but mighty Library offers many programs and events throughout the year to foster these ideals. This year has already begun with planning and scheduling of programs and events which will fill up the calendar with opportunities for our community. To keep up to date on these events visit the [El Dorado County Library calendar](#). Our branch currently offers weekly Early Literacy Storytime, Literacy Dog visit, Lego Play Day, Switch Game Day. Additional programs will be added as they are confirmed.

2023 highlights include dozens of activities to suit a wide variety of interests. From summer programs for kids, author talks, early literacy programs, field trips and a great deal more you can see [HERE](#).

We also offer many of circulating Items and special services available such as California State Park Passes, Wi-Fi Hot Spots, public computers and more - [click to see all of the Community Resources!](#)

We rely on our Friends of the Library Board and volunteers to help achieve our Community and our Library's goals. Each day we are thankful for the individuals who volunteer their time and expertise in so many capacities behind the scenes that exudes devotion and kindness in so many wondrous ways!

It is with thankfulness and heartfelt gratitude that I highlight their impact that each volunteer has had at our Library in the past, present, and future. You have made this Library a treasure!

Kris Spiegelberg, Librarian

Visit Our Website!
Pollockpineslibrary.org



Thanks to the Pollock Pines FOL for funding a new modular circulation desk for our Pollock Pines Library in 2023. The five separate pieces can be configured in multiple ways as needed for book check-outs, as well as allowing us to make space for on-site events. FOL relies on your support to be able to donate items such as these to our library.

**Don't Miss This:
FOL Twice-Yearly
Book Sales**
Scheduled on the Friday
before Memorial and
Labor Day Weekends
Great Bargains



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Spotlight On: Marilyn Johnson

FOL Volunteer Focuses on Service, Dedication and Belief

Marilyn Johnson is the membership director of the Friends of the Library, Pollock Pines branch. She has been on the FOL board of directors for a dozen years and a member before that after moving to her dream home in Pollock Pines about 25 years ago. By 2012, Pollock Pines FOL was inactive and that year Marilyn was part of a group of people from the Dogwood Garden Club who revitalized FOL. She served as president, membership director, and treasurer. To put it mildly, Marilyn believes in the value and benefits of volunteer service.



She recalls the multi-year effort to get the library open on Saturdays and FOL's purchase of portable bookshelves and the new modern front desk.

Marilyn had a full career as a banker in the Bay Area and upon moving to Pollock Pines she took a job at El Dorado Savings Bank, becoming the branch manager before retiring. Like others, she moved here for the trees, mountains and tranquility. Marilyn knows well that the spirit of the Pollock Pines Library

Deservedly, Marilyn takes pride in the work of the FOL. She spearheaded the organization and operation of five book kiosks placed at the campsites at Jenkinson Lake in the Sly Park Recreation Area. Since working with the Explorer Scouts to install the book kiosks, she has attended to their upkeep and restocking. As a member, before becoming President, she recalls participating in many fundraisers to purchase the first personal computer installed at the library.

stems from people who freely contribute their time and money. The land on which the library sits was donated; the materials for the building were donated; and the service of constructing the building was donated. This fits well with Marilyn, as she learned from her mother that people should give back to their community; that when they can, they should not always be a taker, but a giver as well. That spirit is alive today, as the Pollock Pines branch has a county-wide reputation of being "small, but mighty." Marilyn's service contributed greatly to this reputation.

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