

# February 2025 MEMBERSHIP NEWSLETTER

## Update 2025 – A New Year of Books and Activities

Friends are a valuable resource in our personal lives. The same holds true for Friends of the Library (FOL).

Friend memberships are the primary source of new book purchases for the library. Memberships also provide craft items for children's interactive time, in addition to material upgrades, as needed, for the library.

In 2024, the Friends purchased custom made storage cabinets in the newly remodeled ADA compliant restroom. These cabinets provide the primary storage available within the library.

Be a good Friend! Support our local library with a very affordable annual membership of only \$10 for an individual or \$20 for a family. A single payment of \$250 gives you lifetime membership and your name engraved on a plaque in the foyer. Where else can you find such a bargain?

As always, FOL looks forward to serving our library, keeping it a vibrant part of the community for current and future generations.

Please support

Pollock Pines Friends of the Library Book Sales

at the Safeway Breezeway

2025 dates: May 23 & Aug 29



Join us at our two annual book sales held in front of Safeway, Pollock Pines, on Labor Day weekend in September and Memorial Day weekend in May.

Let's be Friends! Visit the FOL website at <a href="https://www.eldoradolibraryfriends.org">www.eldoradolibraryfriends.org</a> and choose the Pollock Pines Branch. You can also mail your contribution or drop it off at our Library.

#### **BE A GOOD FRIEND**

Renew or start your FOL membership TODAY— and support your our community!

#### www.eldoradolibraryfriends.org

Choose: Pollock Pines branch
Or mail to: Friends of the Library
P.O. Box 757, Pollock Pines, CA 95726
or drop off at the Library!
OPEN: Tues., Wed., Fri., Sat. 12—4 pm
530.644.2498

#### A Sampling of Programs Sponsored by FOL in 2024



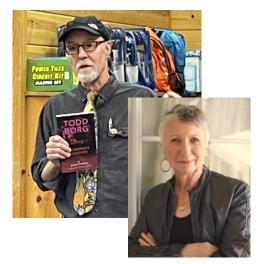
**Bohart Museum of Entomology** 



Sierra Wildlife Rescue



Conservation Ambassadors'
Wild Things



"Meet the Authors": Todd Borg & Lexa Mack

Be sure to keep an eye on our website for details about upcoming 2025 programs!



Fratello's Spooktacular Marionette Show

#### BE A BEST FRIEND OF THE POLLOCK PINES LIBRARY

Make checks payable to Friends of the Library El Dorado County Send form and check to: Friends of the Library P.O. Box 757, Pollock Pines, CA 95726 or drop off at the Library.

Donate Online Here: www.Eldoradolibraryfriends.org

Individual (Annual) \$10
Family (Annual) \$20
Business (Annual) \$30
Lifetime (Individualone payment)

Would you like to Volunteer?

# Good Friends Make a Big Difference

A message from the Pollock Pines Librarian



We are very fortunate to have such an active Friends of the Library group here in Pollock Pines. If there is an idea brought up by staff whether it be with programs or to help with library efficiency such as more storage, they are ready to come up with solutions to see it into fruition.

This year our branch used grant money to have our bathroom converted for ADA compliance and found that some of our storage would be lost. After the remodel was completed, the time came to see what we could do to have the storage space back. After many months of conversing, planning and many volunteer hours on our FOL's part with the plans and logistics, we have useful storage cabinets funded by FOL that will be used for years to come.

We rely on our Friends of the Library Board and volunteers to help achieve our Community and our Library's goals. One of the things we value with our FOL group is their support of our library's efforts to promote literacy and education in the community.

Librarian Kris Spiegelberg with members of the Pollock Pines Friends of the Library. Front left to right: Leslie Sinclair, Kris Spiegelberg, Cindy Ward; Rear left to right: Pat Schoggins, Marilyn Johnson, Amy Rath, Karen Duncan, Joyce Conroy.

Not pictured: Lea Snowden

Our FOL members are often filling gaps in funding, support, or awareness. You may have purchased used books from their Foyer Book Sale or the Safeway sidewalk sale. With many of these events this is an outreach approach that brings awareness that Pollock Pines does indeed have a library. If you have participated at any of these events, you are a library enthusiast! If you are often seen at the library, you too are a library enthusiast! We need more, more, more library enthusiasts which in turn will help our library thrive and maintain accessibility of resources to all in our community.

Pollock Pines Library and our FOL group 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. To find what our Pollock Pines Library is all about, stop in for a visit or browse online at El Dorado County Library. Don't forget to check out our online calendar.

We are now a fine free library! Being fine free removes systematic inequalities and allows us to better serve our community! If you have not visited our library now is a good day to start! Open Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 12-4pm.

It's a good day for a book!

#### Volunteer in the Spotlight

### Pat Schoggins Brings Skill and Dedication to FOL Volunteer Roles

by Mark Weiner

Pollock Pines Friends of the Library depends entirely on volunteers. To celebrate the contributions of the people who labor for the good of our town's library, this newsletter showcases the life and contributions of its most dedicated volunteers. This edition we spotlight one of our most dedicated volunteers: Patricia "Pat" Schoggins.

She was born at Fort Baker Army Hospital at Cavallo Point in the shadow of the Golden Gate Bridge and spent her childhood in Palo Alto. After raising her own family and working for 30 years in the Bay Area, Pat and her husband moved to Pollock Pines in 2006. In 2008, she joined the Dogwood Garden Club, which soon led to volunteering with several other community organizations, including Pollock Pines Friends of the Library. Pat contributes her expertise in accounting, purchasing and organizing. She has often found herself as the Treasurer of these community organizations with lifetime memberships

As a Friend of the Library, Pat is heralded for two long-term projects. First, she has attended to the details of the twice-annual book sale at Safeway and the sale at the library foyer, particularly regarding the organization, arrangement, and movement of books, which, of course, are at the heart of

#### **VOLUNTEERS WELCOME!**

A few skills we'd like you to share with us!

Marketing/Advertising/PR
Fundraiser support
Website Design/Maintenance
Landscaping/Clearing
Building Trades/Construction

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the community sales during the Memorial and Labor Day weekends that bookend the summers. Along with the help of other volunteers, she keeps hundreds of books organized by genre and takes actions necessary to keep the inventory fresh and interesting. The popular sale is consistently successful for both the library and the community.

Pat also designed and acquired plants for landscaping after the Library Outdoor Reading Area (LORA) was established in 2014. Her work includes ensuring the greenery is well presented and organizing volunteers to help maintain the area.

Pat volunteers for two basic overlapping reasons - to stay busy and put her talents to use. She says she is "retired from paid employment but not from life," and has skills that can benefit others throughout the community.

Fortunately, Pollock Pines is graced by Pat's work and the Friends of the Library takes pride in showcasing this exemplary volunteer and member of our community.