

Arnold Library News

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*Do give books – religious or otherwise – for Christmas.
They're never fattening, seldom sinful, and
permanently personal.*

Lenore Hershey

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NEWS FROM THE NORTH POLE!

HO HO HO. Santa is practicing some very wise social distancing this year and is quarantining at the North Pole. BUT he has contacted some special elves to carry on his work at the Arnold Library. So, even though Santa won't be at the library this year, the elves will be handing out holiday packages outside as children walk up to library or drive through with family.

Any child, from newborn to 4th grade, will receive a package when coming to the library on Saturday, December 19th, between 12:00 am and 2:00 pm. We hope you will join us for some holiday cheer during this very different season and look forward to Santa's return next year. Santa wants us to all be safe so he asked that elves and kids wear masks please.

ANGELS CAMP BRANCH HAS A NEW HOME

The Angels Camp Branch will be moving soon to a new location in the old Umpqua Bank Building in the Middleton's Shopping Center in Angels Camp. It will have a new Teen center, a larger Children's area, and a conference room. Volunteers have worked steadily for the past two months with demolition and painting to get the building ready. Opening the new library is planned for around the first of the year. Of course, patrons can still order books and pick them up at the new location.

DECEMBER SCHEDULE

The Arnold Library is open from Wednesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. ~ except the following dates in December (details below):

- CLOSED: Dec 24-Dec 26
- CLOSED: Dec 31-Jan 2

DID YOU KNOW?

KIDS' SPACE

By Beatriz Ferrari

The Art of Creating Your Own Children's Book at Home

Creating a book for children, made by your family, including the kids, could begin with just a blank sheet of paper and pencils. If you and your children want to bring characters to life for a book, right there at home, one of the best tips is to start with a simple and short story.

Some basic ideas for families to make an illustrated book are located at the link below. Creating your own book can be a fun and rewarding project. Enjoy.

<https://beatrizferraribooks.wordpress.com/2020/11/09/the-art-of-creating-your-own-childrens-book-at-home/>

RBdigital MAGAZINES

Browsing through a magazine with a cup of tea in hand is a wintertime delight. But magazine subscriptions are expensive and who wants to run to the store in the snow or rain? Well, did you know that your library offers free magazines to read immediately on your desktop or download to your digital device? You can browse and checkout magazines anytime, anywhere?

RBdigital can be accessed through Calaveras County's library site. To access on your phone, Kindle Fire or tablet, download the RBdigital app. Create your account using your library card and you're good to go.

To access RBdigital from your desktop:

- Go to **www.library.calaveras.gov**.
- Click on Catalogs+
- Select RBdigital
- Create an account
- Log in and browse
- Check out magazines

There are 61 titles so magazines available for every taste, from food and gardening to sports, tech and finance. Some magazines, such as Cosmopolitan, are also available in Spanish. And there are selections for children as well, such as the Highlights magazine. Back issues are also available. There are no limits on how long you can keep a magazine or how many you may check out.

So brew yourself a cup of something hot and enjoy browsing through your favorite magazine thanks to this free service from your library.

CORNER BOOKSHOP

GREAT USED BOOKS AT BOOK SALE PRICES



We have a great supply of used books for sale in our Corner Book Shop. Small paperbacks are 50 cents each or 3 for \$1.00, hardcover and trade paperbacks are \$1.00 each. Cookbooks and coffee table books are \$1.00. Correct change required. All proceeds benefit the Arnold Friends of the Library -- and, therefore, Arnold Branch Library. Loren's book picks

this month are all Christmas oriented. \$1.00 each or 50 cents for small holiday paperbacks.

We have a few Christmas music CDs for \$1.00 each.

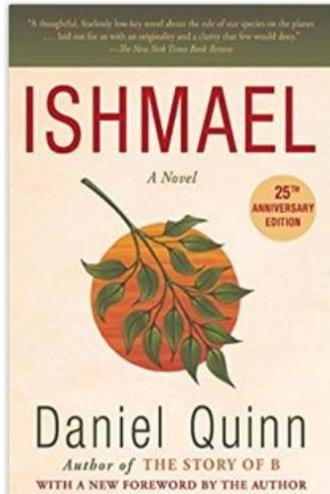
We have surprise bags of books that contain 5 paperbacks for \$1.00 each. A great holiday gift idea for a friend who likes to read or for yourself.

For the month of December we are highlighting biography and autobiography books that have been donated. They have all been brought out from the shed and put in the bookshop for the month.

The corner bookshop will be re stocked each week with the newest donations for your holiday shopping.

We welcome limited donations at this time. Bring donations to the library during open hours: Wed-Th-Fri-Sat 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Let us know you are here and bring the donations to the back of the building. Please bag or box donations and do not leave them during stormy weather. Since we have not been able to have book sales in 2020, we are running low on storage space so are accepting a limited number of donations, *one bag or box per visit*. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

WHAT I'M READING



ISHMAEL by Daniel Quinn

The hook line on the cover of the book says, "From now on I will divide the books I have read into two categories - the ones I read before ISHMAEL and those read after." Jim Britell.....

Well, not to be a sycophant but I have to agree wholeheartedly!

The main character in this book is never identified, and the dialogue is his recollection of events that changed his life and might change yours, too!

Because he continually refers to himself as "I", the reader becomes the I in the story.

The book begins with an ad in the newspaper that reads, "Teacher seeks pupil. Must have earnest desire to save the world. Apply in person." The interactions that follow with the teacher and student enlighten and challenge one to take new looks at the environment, religion, food, human interaction, human migration and all the intricacies that make up our "civilization". There are new points of view throughout this read that serve to threaten "our" understandings of how the world got to its present condition and how one might go about "saving" it.

Do not let the gravity of these topics dissuade you from a story that takes you on a completely unexpected journey with a teacher for the ages. This is an engaging and easy read that leaves you wanting more, which is good, because it is the first book in a trilogy!

Les Olson, Library patron

If you'd like to write a book review for The Arnold Library News, please let us know by replying to this email!

NEW TO THE BOOKSHELF

FICTION

Long Bright River: A Novel by Liz Moore (2020)

According to *The Washington Post*, “Long Bright River” nervously twists, turns and subverts readers’ expectations till its very last pages. Simultaneously, it also manages to grow into something else: a sweeping, elegiac novel about a blighted city.

Wunderland: A Novel by Jennifer Cody Epstein (2019)

USA Today says, “an intimate, unflinching saga of friendship, womanhood, and the awful legacy of Nazi Germany.”

NON-FICTION

UnDo It!: How Simple Lifestyle Changes can Reverse Most Chronic Diseases by Dean Ornish, M.D. and Anne Ornish (2019)

This national bestseller describes how to fight cancer, diabetes, heart disease, weight gain and even the aging process itself with one simple, scientifically proven plan to reverse disease – as well as prevent and reduce symptoms – from the world-renowned pioneer of lifestyle medicine.

Superbugs, the Race to Stop an Epidemic by Matt McCarthy (2019)

Unbelievably, this book was published in 2019, prior to COVID-19! To say it is timely is an understatement. A bestselling book, McCarthy shares this exhilarating story of cutting-edge science and the race against the clock to find new treatments in the fight against the antibiotic-resistant bacteria known as superbugs.

Dare to Lead by Brenee Brown (2018)

No. 1 on the New York Times Bestseller List in 2018, Brené Brown has taught about what it means to dare greatly, rise strong, and brave the wilderness. Now, based on new research conducted with leaders, change makers, and culture shifters, she’s showing how to put those ideas into practice.

NEWS FROM THE BRANCHES



ANGELS CAMP LIBRARY HOLIDAY FUNDRAISER

Festive Holiday Hand Soaps! Three seasonal fragrances: Holly Berry, Candy Cane and Pine Forest. 21.5 fluid ounces of liquid soap. Great for your home or as a gift. \$10.00 per bottle. To order please email nlpurkey@msn.com



ARNOLD CHILDREN'S CERAMIC TILE MURAL FOR ARNOLD LIBRARY COMES TO LIFE

This is a photo of just a few of the nearly 200 tiles that will frame the giant ceramic mural commissioned earlier this year by the Friends of the Arnold Library for the side of the Library. These tiles made by the children of Arnold – kindergarteners through fifth grade at Hazel Fischer Elementary School as well as home-schooled kids – were just fired at Quyle Kilns in Murphys. They will be part of the Winter panel in the mural that will depict the area's four seasons.



After the children finished their tiles last month, Artist Robyn Slakey began creating the four center panels. This is a picture of the beginning of the winter scene Ms. Slakey is creating in clay – can you see the skier? Eventually the children's tiles will be placed around each of Ms. Slakey's four panels reflecting the four seasons. Weather permitting, she is shooting for February to complete the 17 feet by three-and-a-half foot mural.

WORTH REPEATING

LIBRARY HOURS & SERVICES

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The Library asks you to limit your visit to 20 minutes. Masks and social distancing are required now and hand sanitizer abounds, with only five patrons at a time allowed to make sure the Library remains a safe place to go during the pandemic.

Curbside pick up is also still available. Find your books on our online catalog and place a hold. You will need your library card number and PIN – or call the library at 209-795-1009, and they will be happy to place a hold for you; they will notify you via email (or phone if you do not have email) when your hold is ready for pick up. Please wear your mask and observe social distancing when picking up items on hold.

StoryTime: This enchanting program for preschoolers continues. Access it from Brittany's Facebook page: [Brittany's FB Page](#) or directly at: storytimewithbrittany.com
Password: storytime

Zip Books: If the library does not yet have a copy of an interesting new book you can get a free one delivered to you at no cost. More information at: <https://forms.calaverasgov.us/Library#gsc.tab=0>

Past Newsletters: may be found at: <https://library.calaverasgov.us/Information/Newsletters#gsc.tab=0>

THE LAST WORD

Canceling our book sales for 2020 was a difficult decision for the FOTAL Board. Our book sales are one of our largest revenue builders during the year. Please keep the Library in mind as you plan your giving dollars during the year. We want to continue to be able to offer all of the wonderful things you have come to expect from your community library.

This newsletter is from the Friends of the Calaveras County Library, Arnold Chapter, aka Friends of the Arnold Library, a volunteer group providing support to the Arnold Branch Library through bi-annual giant book sales, children's programming, fundraisers and community outreach. The Friends of The Calaveras County Library is a tax exempt (501.c3) charity.

Join the Arnold Branch of Friends of the Calaveras County Library at <https://www.friendsofcclibrary.org/membership-form> indicating Arnold as your branch. If you wish to make a direct donation to the Arnold Branch, checks may be made out to: "Friends of the Arnold Library" and sent to the address below.

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