

Coming Up @ the Library



Tulare County Public Library

July - September 2007

A library doesn't need windows. A library is a window. - Stewart Brand

Construction is starting - we're still here, but a back door will be the front door for some time.

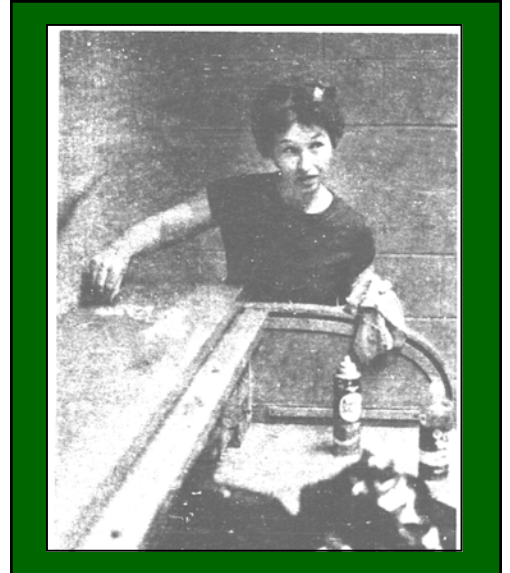


The temporary new entrance door



Work on the roof of the old library building

Someone You Should Know



Can you name this current staff member?

(See reverse side)

Exeter Branch Library- The Second Tulare County Library Branch

Exeter Carnegie Library 1916—1975



In March 1909, even before the County Library System was established, the Exeter Women's Club was the first local group to take advantage of a new State network to distribute books to rural areas. They set up a deposit station (a place where people could borrow and return State books) in the H. Miles & Co. Store. Then, when the Tulare County Library System was formed in 1910, the Women's Club petitioned to become one of the first County stations. Exeter became County Deposit Station #2 in Nov., 1910. The first Exeter librarian was

Mrs. C.E. Firebaugh.

In 1911, the station was moved to a vacant building where there was also space for a public reading room.

Then, in 1914, Carnegie Foundation funds were available if the city could supply a suitable site and \$500 per year for maintenance. After a long touchy debate over location, Exeter's \$5000 Carnegie Library was built and finally opened in Oct., 1916. It served as Exeter's Library until the present branch was built in 1975. The old Carnegie building at 309 South E St. is listed on the historic register, and is presently used as a community center.

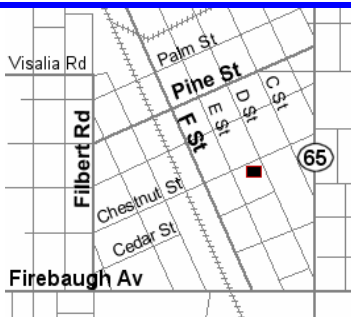
Inside the Exeter Carnegie Library



Stop in at the Exeter Branch and meet Branch Manager, Carol Beers.

Sources for this article are; *The Tulare County Library* by Joseph L. Vicenti, *History of Tulare County* by Kathleen Edwards Small and articles from the *Exeter Tribune 1911 & 1914*, and the *Exeter Sun 1914*.

All are available in the Annie Mitchell History Room at the Visalia Branch



Address: 230 E. Chestnut St.
Exeter, CA 93221

Phone # (559) 592-5361

Public Hours:

Monday : Noon - 5 pm, 6 pm - 8 pm.
Tuesday : 10 am - 1 pm; 2 pm - 6 pm.
Wednesday : Noon - 5 pm, 6 pm - 8 pm.
Thursday : 10 am - 1 pm; 2 pm - 6 pm.
Friday : 10 am - 1 pm; 2 pm - 5 pm.

Exeter Library Branch Today



That current staff member is Judi Hill.

Judi was recently honored by the County Board of Supervisors for 30 years of service with the County Library. She has had many titles over the years, starting with Library Aide in 1970 .She has been Tech Assistant I and II, then Adult Services Supervisor (when this photo was taken in 1976), Library Assistant I, II, III and IV, Circulation Coordinator, Branch Automation Service Coordinator, and she is now Library Services Specialist III. She may be found anywhere in the Library, but you would be most likely to meet her behind the Circulation Desk, or instructing our computer classes.

Judi started in the Visalia City Library and helped at the set up of the present Visalia/ Tulare County Library in 1976. She will now be helping supervise the move back into the old Visalia building as it becomes the new children's wing.



Get A Clue @ Your Library

Summer Reading Program sponsored by the Friends of the Library

Summer Reading Programs are going on in all branches now. For more information call your local Branch or check online at tularecountylibrary.org



Some Dates to Keep in Mind

July

Closed July 4th .

No July book sale.

Mon., July 9th at 7 pm – The Friends of the Tulare County Library monthly meeting in the lounge in the Visalia Library. Everyone is welcome.

Wed., July 18th at 7pm – The Mystery Readers meet at Borders in Visalia. If you like mysteries, join us at Borders on the third Wed. of every month. This fun reading group is sponsored by the Friends of the Tulare County Library. Come and bring a friend!

August

Sat., August 4th from 10 am to 2pm – The Friends of the Library book sale on the lawn at the Visalia Library. The Literacy Center will be selling root beer floats for heat relief!

Mon., August 13th at 7 pm – The Friends of the Tulare County Library monthly meeting in the lounge in the Visalia Library. Everyone is welcome.

Wed., August 15th at 7pm – The Mystery Readers meet at Borders in Visalia.

September

Sat., Sept. 1st from 10am to 2pm – Another Friends of the Library book sale.

Mon., Sept. 10th at 7 pm – The Friends of the Tulare County Library monthly meeting.

Wed., Sept. 19th at 7pm – The Mystery Readers meet at Borders in Visalia.

Ongoing: Preschool Story time and Internet classes

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