

Coming UP

@ the Library



The Tulare County Public Libraries



January - March 2006

Year's end is neither an end nor a beginning, but a going on, with all the wisdom that experience can instill in us. - Hal Borland

January

Happy thought! **Tax forms are available at the library.** The basic forms are available, and less common forms may be copied from the IRS binder at the reference desk.

February

Sat., the 5th from 10am to 2pm - Friends of the Library book sale in the courtyard at the Visalia Library. Money from the Friends' book sales help buy equipment and books for the libraries, and support the summer reading programs and adult programs. The Friends will also have a sale of three romance books, tied up in ribbons for \$1, for your valentine.



March

Sat., the 3rd from 10am to 2pm - another Friends of the Library book sale in the courtyard at the Visalia Library.

The Friends' Literary Baskets will be on display later this month for their drawing in April.



Construction on the old library building is moving ahead a bit at a time. All hazardous materials (lead paint and asbestos) have been removed and the construction plans are almost 90% complete. Next is a review of the plans by the City of Visalia Historical Preservation Committee.

The Visalia/ Tulare County Library Foundation has raised \$507,700.00 in the form of cash and pledges for the New Children's Library Project, of which \$158,000.00 has been disbursed to date.

The Library Foundation, working with library staff, has obtained a grant from ALCOA for early literacy. The grant will buy books for children ages 0 – 5 years to help develop reading skills and is for all County Library Branches. Library staff is compiling lists of books for purchase before summer.

Four Library Branches, Ivanhoe, Orsi, Strathmore, and Three Rivers, were painted inside and out this summer and fall.

When he sold his business empire and retired, Andrew Carnegie had an estimated worth of \$400 million dollars. Among his many philanthropic efforts, he established over 1600 libraries in the U. S. alone. Six Carnegie Libraries once existed in Tulare County. Of those, only the Orsi Branch Library is still in use as a library. The glass case in the Visalia Library has a display showcasing these libraries.





Access online resources from home through the Library's web site at www.tularecountylibrary.org . With your library card barcode number and your PIN#, place books on hold, request materials through interlibrary loan, check your records and renew your books, or perhaps, use *General Reference Center Gold* to search magazine and newspaper articles. Don't know your PIN#? Ask us.

Kids, Need help with homework?

Free After School VUSD Study Center @ the Library

Mon. Tues. & Wed. afternoons from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Upstairs in the Visalia Library conference room.

The Visalia Unified School District Study Center provides academic assistance to all students in the school district.

Nothing could be more rewarding! Volunteer to tutor. **The Library Literacy Program is in need of tutors.** Call the Literacy Center at 559-733-6445 and ask how to help.

Tulare County Public Library's Early Literacy Program, with funding from First 5, empowers parents and care givers as the first teachers of children ages 0–5. Trainers visit community groups, parents and caregivers throughout the County and teach 6 literacy skills deemed necessary for children to be ready to read before they start school.



Free Computer classes at the Visalia Branch. Please sign up to insure a place. Some of the classes available are Intro to PC's, Internet 101, Intro to WORD, Intro to Excel, Intermediate WORD, Intermediate Excel, and PowerPoint. Classes vary month to month. Call the Visalia Library at 733-6954 for information or to register for a class.

The Annie Mitchell History Room in the Visalia Library keeps Visalia High School year books and has several gaps that need filling. If you have yearbooks that you could donate call the Library History room for more information.

Join your local **Friends of the Library** group to support your library. Call your library branch for information.

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