



Newsletter

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Board Elections

The Friends of the Lodi Public Library will be holding their annual election for the Board of Directors from now until April 14. The Board has engaged library volunteer Rick Seim of Great Valley Election Inspectors (<https://greatvalleyelectioninspectors.com>) to handle the voting. Rick is not a Director or a candidate, and by giving the assignment to him, your Board of Directors is striving to ensure the integrity of the voting process.

The election will be conducted entirely by email and mail. In the next few days, members will be receiving emails from inspector@greatvalleyelectioninspectors.com, first one requesting nominations of candidates, and two weeks later a second with the ballot. There will be no links to click on. A simple and safe reply to the emails, for instance by typing a name or typing an X by your selections, is all that will be required.

If you do not have an active email address on file with the Friends (you would have received this newsletter by US Mail), please call (209) 269-4684, and a ballot will be sent to you.

Although Rick will be aware of how everyone votes, secrecy of your ballot will be maintained by giving only vote totals to the Directors and members of the Friends. No personal information will be collected or distributed to others.

Please consider nominating yourself or another Friends member as a candidate for the Board. The investment of time to serve is small, but the value of your participation is great. All members are encouraged to vote, and your comments and questions are welcome.

Friends Bookstore

Office (209) 269-4684
Bookstore (209) 269-4688

Manager: Deborah Westler

BOOKSTORE HOURS

Monday: **CLOSED**
Tuesday: 12 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Wednesday: **CLOSED**
Thursday: 12 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Friday: **CLOSED**
Saturday: 12 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Sunday: **CLOSED**



More hours
being added soon!

Visit us at friendsoflodi.org
Email: friendsoflodi@gmail.com
[Facebook.com/FriendsofLodi](https://www.facebook.com/FriendsofLodi)
P.O. Box 703, Lodi, CA 95241

Friends Board

President: Kathryn Siddle
Secretary: Liz Walsh
Treasurer: Elisa Moberly
Membership: Susanne Benbrook
Members at Large: Jessica Helmick
Pam Coburn
Steve James
Radhika Rao

PLEASE DONATE
RESPONSIBLY

DONATION GUIDELINES

We accept donations in the bookstore
during open hours only.
(currently Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday 12-4)

All donations must be in clean, sellable
condition. Ask yourself, "Would I buy this?"

We welcome the following items:

- Books of all kinds
- Current year magazines
- DVDs and CDs in original packaging
- Jigsaw puzzles and greeting cards



We cannot accept these items:

- VHS tapes, audiocassettes, homemade audio/video
- Encyclopedias or textbooks over 5 years old
- Magazines over one year old



Space for processing donations is limited.

**** PLEASE **** bring no more than 1 box
or 2 bags on a single day.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION!
Receipts are available for tax purposes.

Questions about donations? Call the Friends office at 209-269-4684.
Please leave a message and we'll call you back as soon as possible.

(Effective March 1, 2022)





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE


Since our last newsletter, the Library expanded hours, and the Friends Bookstore will soon. The volunteers are happily resuming their shifts and seeing old friends who come to shop.

Our Board is enjoying working with the Library staff, supporting the programs and activities that are resuming. We encourage everyone to keep up to date on all that is happening and participate! So, whether you enjoy story time with the kids or playing chess, come join in the fun!

I'd like to acknowledge and thank our Library Trustees for approving the naming of a special room in our library in memory Susan Hye. We lost Susan in 2020 and asked the Trustees to remember this amazing woman by naming her favorite tutoring room in her honor. Susan was a longtime volunteer with the Friends and with the Adult Literacy Program. It's with great joy that we are planning this dedication. We'll have more information soon.

Lastly, I'd like to take a moment to acknowledge and thank all the volunteers who make our bookstore work. Due to everyone's hard work and significant contribution of volunteer hours, our bookstore is open, hours of operation are increasing soon, donations are being accepted, and we're thriving. It's because of all the volunteers' commitments that our bookstore is successful.

Kathryn Siddle, President



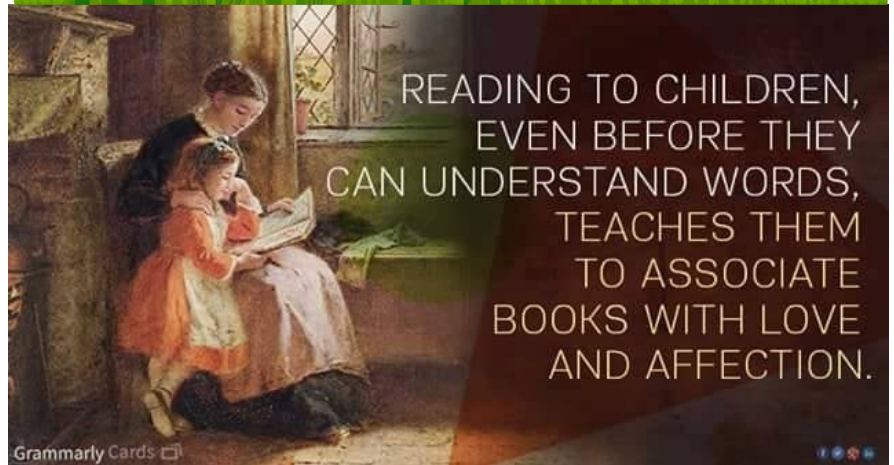
Homework Help

Free homework help for kindergarten to 8th grades at Lodi Public Library 201 W. Locust Street.

Tuesdays and Wednesdays
2:30p.m. - 5:30p.m



Tutors needed. Contact the library to apply.



Check it out!

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME RETURNS TO THE LODI PUBLIC LIBRARY

Starting March 2, 2022
Every Wednesday 10am-11am
in the Lodi Public Library
Community Room



A few things to keep in mind...

Story time will be limited to 20 children at a time and **pre-registration is required.**

Register the Mon-Fri preceding the date you wish to attend, via email.

Parents/Guardians are expected to attend story time with their child.

Want to pre-register?
Contact Ms. Molly at mwahl@lodi.gov



Summer Reading Program returns this summer!

Lodi Public Library Foundation & Friends of the Lodi Public Library Organizations Working Together



Mission Statement: The purpose of the Lodi Public Library Foundation is to raise funds for major projects that address the constantly growing needs for library services and “fill the gap” in the limited funds available from city resources. With private support the LPL Foundation can maintain cutting-edge technology and enhance literary and humanities programming for children, teen, and adults. The Foundation also works to promote a greater awareness of the library’s valuable services. The LPL Foundation secures private support that provides the margin of excellence that creates a great library.

Your support has allowed the Library Foundation to complete these major projects:

- * Renovation of adult area (tutoring and meeting rooms, computer learning center)
 - * Renovation of children’s area (furniture, meeting rooms, murals)
 - * New homework help study room
- * New computers and other needed upgrades throughout the library
 - * Art and other aesthetic changes inside and outside the library
 - * New Teens@201 special use area



Two Entities One Goal

Mission Statement: The Friends of the Lodi Public Library support and promote the Lodi Public Library. Through book sales, membership, and special events, we fund programs for residents, underwrite staff development, and purchase books and equipment for the Library. We work throughout the community to encourage residents to visit the library and participate in its many offerings.

Your support has allowed the Friends of the Library to:

- * Provide programs to the public, including Storytime, Seed Lending Library, Doula, Craftastic, Bhangra Dance, Second Sunday Movie, Summer Reading Program.
 - * Purchase a new high efficiency copy machine for staff use.
- * Support Library staff with training, appreciation lunches, and incentives.
 - * Represent the Library at community events.



JOIN US FOR AN EVENING TO SUPPORT THE LODI LIBRARY

BOOKS · BREWS & BUBBLES

SPONSORED BY HIGH WATER BREWING

Thursday, April 21, 2022

6 PM - 8:30 PM
LODI PUBLIC LIBRARY

\$65 per person

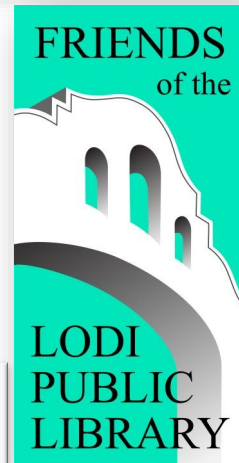
Purchase tickets online:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/books-brews-bubbles-tickets-265434059417>

CRAFT BEERS | SMALL BITES | BUBBLY | LIVE MUSIC | DESSERT BAR



SILENT AUCTION FEATURING UNIQUE DINING & TASTING EXPERIENCES





Director's Message!

It's springtime, and with it comes the return of programming and outreach. We started by welcoming patrons back with the "You Deserve a Pick-Me-Up" event on January 24th. Over 300 bags comprised of children's kits and swag were distributed in 37 minutes. Everyone was all smiles, including Amazon, who participated in the event and donated \$15,000 to the Teen Advisory Board (T.A.B.). I want to extend my thanks for your patience as we navigated COVID and best practices for reopening. The library is open full-service hours again, six days per week. The library has launched the return of Homework Help, the Chess Club, and beloved Storytime. The Computer Learning Center is also back to delivering digital literacy courses.

On March 9th the Teen Advisory Board (T.A.B.) assembled for their first meeting. The Board is comprised of 8th-12th grade students from traditional, homeschool, and hybrid learning models. They have already started planning for the teen component of the Summer Reading Program and will bring fresh energy and teen inspiration to programming for their peers.

Thanks to your donations and patronage at the Bookstore, the Friends of the Library sponsored three scholarships through Career Online High School (COHS). The State Library has matched for a total of six free seats for Lodi Library card holders to complete their high school diploma! Applicants must be 18 years old or over and have the capacity to complete the program in 18 months.

Akiliah Manuel Mills, Library Director

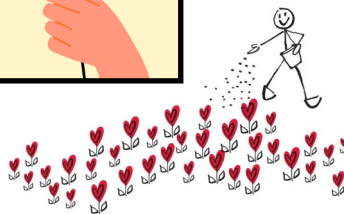


Coming soon...

The Lodi Seed Lending Library!

The seed library has a new home and now we are gathering seeds to share with you. We can't wait to get you growing!

Questions or have seeds to donate?
Email mwahl@lodi.gov



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library.lodi.gov
209-333-5554
literacy@lodi.gov

- 1** **HOMEWORK HELP K-8TH**
Tuesdays and Wednesdays 2:30-5:30pm
- 2** **PRESCHOOL STORYTIME**
Wednesdays 10-11am
- 3** **SUMMER READING PROGRAM**
June 7 - July 28
- 4** **LUNCH AT THE LIBRARY**
TBD
- 5** **EL DÍA DE LOS NIÑOS**
April 30, 2022 10am-1pm

Link+ is now Online!

Order books from other libraries all over California.

All you need is a library card.

201 W. Locust St. Lodi, CA 95240
library.lodi.gov



How It Works

Patrons from member libraries electronically request an item not available in their own library and it is delivered to them for check out. We can order the item for you in the library or you can go to the LINK+ site online and order for yourself. To go to the LINK+ site online:

<http://linkencore.iii.com>. Once you have your item you can check status of your account or renew your item at <http://lnkss.iii.com/patroninfo>



Happy Birthday, Mr. Rogers! March 20.

BOOKSTORE UPDATES

Now open Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from noon to 4 p.m.

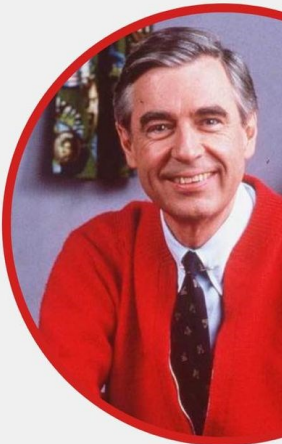
- ◆ Masks requested
- ◆ Shield at purchase desk
- ◆ Social distancing practiced
- ◆ Limited hours
- ◆ Limited donations accepted.



More hours being added soon!



“
All of us, at some time or other, need help. Whether we're giving or receiving help, each one of us has something valuable to bring to this world. That's one of the things that connects us as neighbors — in our own way, each one of us is a giver and a receiver.

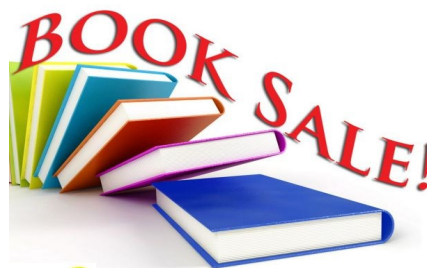


— MR. ROGERS

Love Lodi

April 30th
2022

Submit project ideas and sign up to help at LoveLodi.org.
Watch for a project at the Library!



Are you a stickler for details? We need a new **Scheduling Guru** to keep track of our volunteer staff working in the bookstore. You would maintain the calendar, contact volunteers, and handle all emergency scheduling issues. E-mail and computer skills, including Excel, mandatory. Requires 3-4 hours per week. Email us at FriendsofLodi@gmail.com.



VOLUNTEER ASSISTANT MANAGER NEEDED

The Friends Bookstore needs a **volunteer Assistant Manager** to work under the direction of the Manager.

Duties would include:

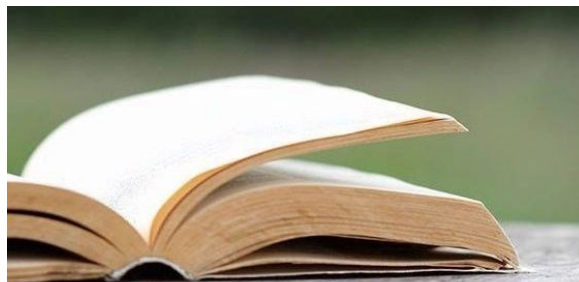
- Processing donations and selecting materials to sell in the store
- Cleaning and pricing materials following established guidelines
- Restocking the bookstore regularly
- Maintaining the neat and orderly appearance of the bookstore
- Creating thematic displays and signs for special items or holidays
- Other duties as assigned

The following qualifications are highly desirable:

- Availability to work 8-10 hours per week
- Good organization skills
- Substantial knowledge of books and authors, fiction and non-fiction, current and classic
- Computer proficiency including e-mail, Word, and Excel
- Ability to assist customers in identifying suitable books
- Physical ability to move and sort books

The position is volunteer but rich in fulfillment. You'll be surrounded by books and readers who enjoy them.

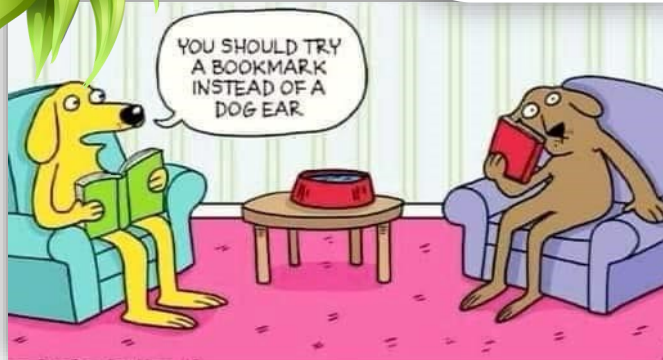
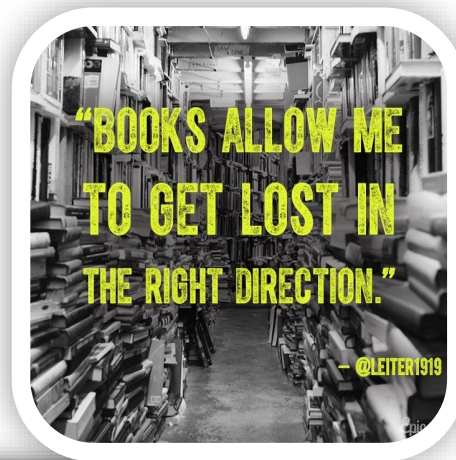
Please contact us at friendsoflodi@gmail.com. We look forward to hearing from you!



“Keep reading.
It's one of the most
marvelous adventures
that anyone can have.”

-Lloyd Alexander

FRIENDS OF THE LODI PUBLIC LIBRARY
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This is a friendly reminder, if you have not renewed your 2022 membership. We are so thankful to those who have.

The Lodi Library, including our Bookstore, is once again returning to normalcy! If you have misplaced your renewal form, you can find it [here](#) or pick one up at the bookstore. Membership levels are \$100, \$50, \$25 and \$10.00.

Send payments to: Friends of the Lodi Public Library, P.O. Box 703, Lodi, CA 95241. You can also leave it at the bookstore, when we are open. Lifetime members do not pay annual dues. Thank you all so much for your support.

Susanne Benbrook, Membership Chair
209-483-7064



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