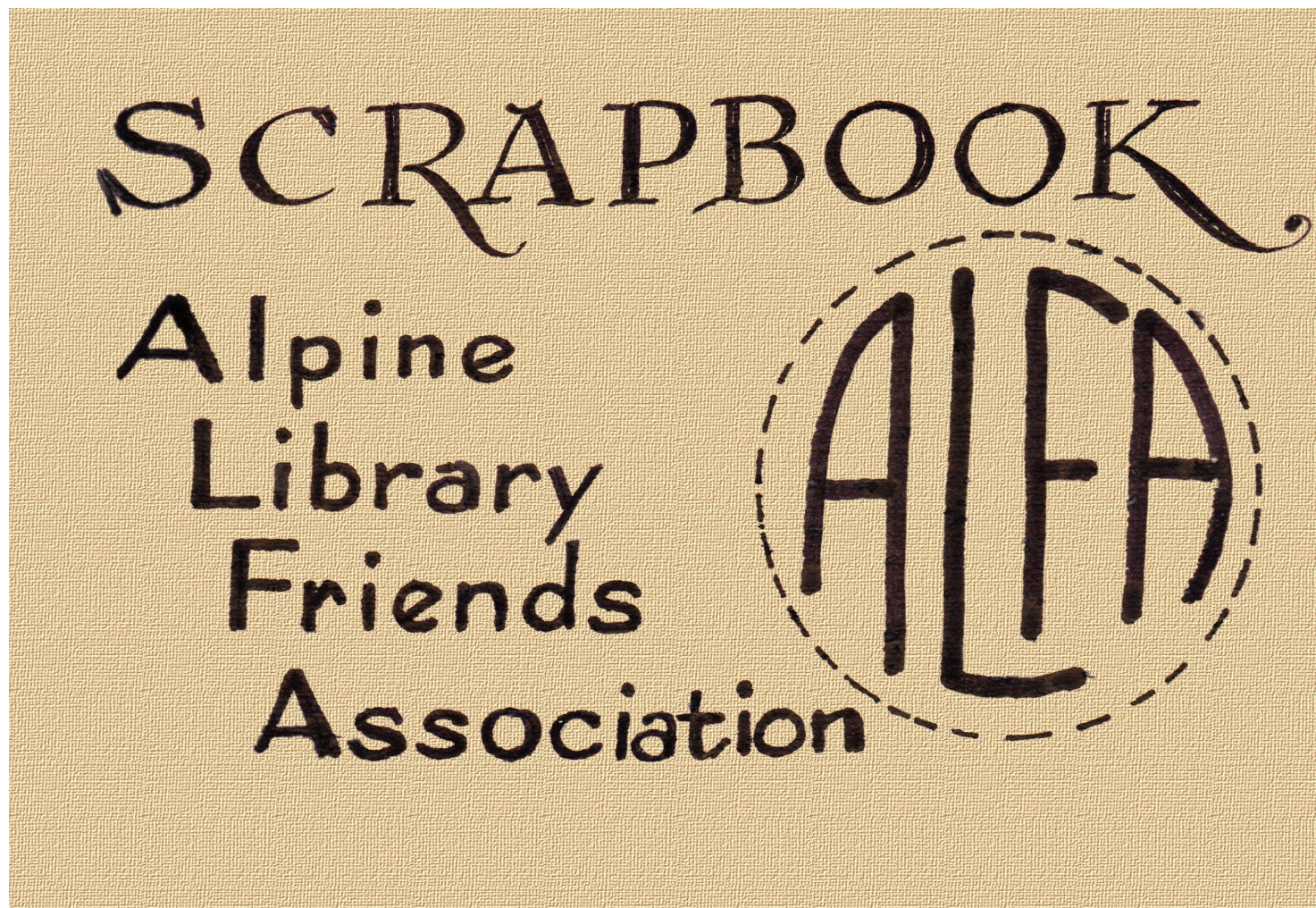


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ASSOCIATION (ALFA) SCRAPBOOK
1982—1989**



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News



January 1983

The following quotation was given us by Lenore Joans, and we think it is a good preface to our first Newsletter:

In the FOREWORD to:

A BOOK FOR THE PEOPLE
Fighting for Public Libraries

By
Whitney North Seymour, Jr.
and Elizabeth N. Lane

James Thomas Flexner wrote:

"Libraries are the memory of mankind, the storehouse that contains all which is known and has been thought. Were some holocaust to destroy all intellectual institutions except libraries, all could be re-created. But if the libraries were destroyed, all other institutions in the world could not re-create them."

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There are Friends of the Library Nationwide working to encourage library use, donating gifts and sponsoring programs for children, the blind, the elderly, local schools and offering scholarships in Library Science.

The Alpine Friends, or to give us our full title, Alpine Library Friends Association, is a non-profit organization, which was formed in November 1977 through the efforts of Ethel Averback, the first President of ALFA. The purposes of the Association are: 1) to establish closer relationship between citizens of Alpine and their Library; 2) to promote services such as home delivery of books for the disabled, present cultural programs for the community and to encourage closer ties between Alpine schools and our Library, and 3) to hold events to raise money to purchase items for the Alpine Library not furnished by the San Diego County.

ALPINE LIBRARY HISTORY

The Alpine Library Association was formed in 1900 by a group of local citizens. This was the first public community library, and was housed in the Town Hall where later the San Diego County branch library occupied that space. Membership cost \$1.00. There was no Librarian and each member helped himself. The first librarian was Lawrence Wilber. Later Florence Jones, Louise Polk, Bea La Force, and Elizabeth West served as librarians.

In December 1914, the present County Branch, No. 16, was established by San Diego County Free Library and it, too, operated in the Town Hall until February 1978, when it moved to its present quarters located on Arnold Way. Phyllis Watters, present librarian, has held that position since 1974.

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A L F A N E W S

During the last year the Association has been involved in many activities. For the Library we have donated money to purchase cassettes and puppets. We have given support For the Summer Program for children. We hear, in that connection, that the magic clown act of Fumbles and Cinnamon was a great success, as were the films. We have funded the McNaughton Plan, which is a book lease plan, giving the Alpine Library a circulating collection of 100 books. These can be reserved like any other book and you will not have so long to wait.

We are awarding a \$100 scholarship to a student presently enrolled in Library Science at Grossmont College, which will be presented in the Alpine Library at 2 p.m. on January 17. We will certainly consider repeating this offer in 1983.

We also sponsored the "Hug-a-Tree" program for the Alpine Elementary School and the Christian Academy. The "Hug-a-Tree" program was put together by concerned people after a search for a nine-year old boy who was lost and who died in the mountains. It is to teach young children what they should do if they are lost while camping or picnicking.

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We had our annual and, as usual, successful Book Sale in the Alpine Creek Shopping Center in August. The proceeds of the annual Book Sale and monies received from membership dues and donations enable us to give your Library some of those things not provided by the County, also to sponsor worthwhile educational programs and offer help to Library students through a scholarship.

Your continued support is very welcome.

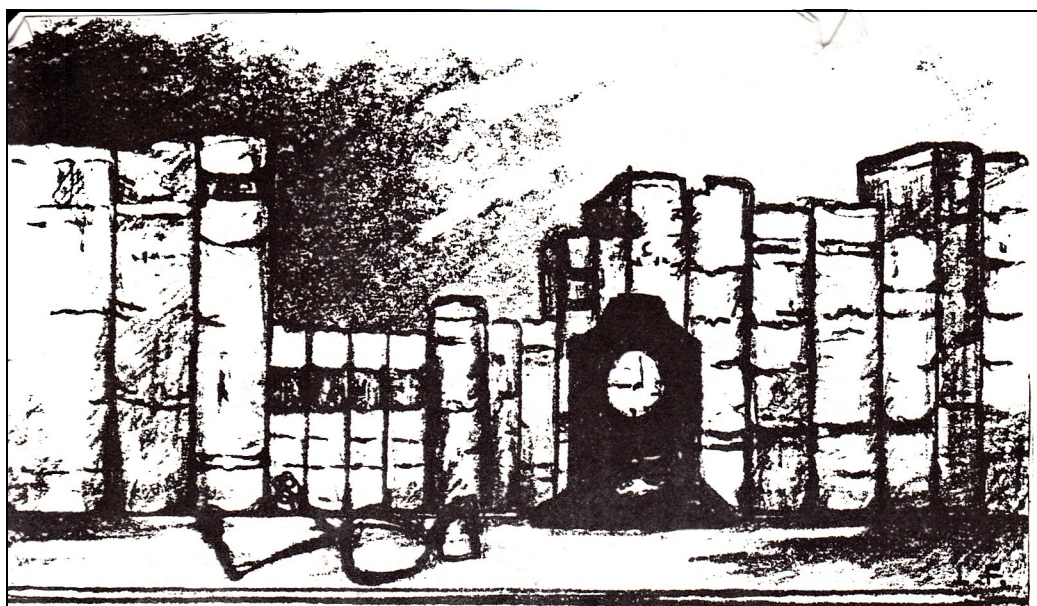
Our Meetings are held every other month on the second Tuesday. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 8, at 9:30 a.m. in the Heritage Room at the Alpine Community Center.

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News Letter - Lillian Fisher
Stella Mackintosh



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BOOKS

On the shelf there lies a treasure,
Leather bindings old and worn,
Books containing joy and pleasure,
Pages creased and duly worn
Within each volume there are riches
From beginning to the end,
Filling well my leisure hours
Every book a living friend.

by Lillian M. Fisher

OUR LIBRARY SYSTEM - BEHIND THE SCENES

An invitation to tour San Diego County Library Headquarters was extended recently to the Alpine Library Friends by the Headquarters Director and also by our Librarian Phyllis Watters. It was a pleasant and most enlightening experience.

We would like to inform you of some services of which you may not be aware and some hints to help the "system" operate a little more smoothly.

Did you know that you can request books, magazines and publications from the Librarian that the local branch does not have? There is no charge for this service and the staff at Headquarters really makes an effort to fill your request. They may have to go outside the County system, and if it is very important to you, they can make a search out of state. Also, if you have a favorite author or type of book, i.e., historical novels, sci fi, westerns, etc., be sure to let Phyllis Watters know. This input helps her in ordering the type of books that are most popular in our area.

Overdue and lost book fines are being put on computer at headquarters to facilitate collection. Overdue fines are now 10¢ per day, seven days a week to a maximum of \$5 or the price of the book. Although you may return a book to any S.D. County Library, it really saves alot of work and handling if you return it to your community branch.

The mechanics of ordering, cataloging, sorting and preparing all the new books for distribution is really a monumental job. Also, what happens to all the books after they are worn or obsolete? Many are sent to Headquarters, repaired and given to the Library Friends to sell at their annual book sale which gives us more money to buy new books.

Our libraries are one of our most treasured priviliges. Use and Enjoy!

Ronna Herman

Some current books available at the Alpine Library:

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>AUTHOR</u>
SPACE	James A. Michner
WINDS OF WAR	Herman Wouk
MINSTRAL'S DAUGHTER	Judith Krantz
2010 ODYSSEY TWO	Arthur C. Clerke
VALLEY OF HORSES	Jean M. Auel
MASTER OF THE GAME	Sidney Sheldon
DIFFERENT SEASONS	Stephen King
FOUNDATIONS DEGE	Isaac Asimov
ELLIS ISLAND	
E.T. THE EXTRA-TERRESTRIAL STORYBOOK	Wm. Kotzwinkle

Did you know that you may reserve these books?

Book Review:

THE TOA OF POOH by Benjamin Hoff

(Quote from inside jacket)

"Yes, Winnie-the-Pooh has a certain way about him, a way of doing things that has made him the world's most beloved bear. In these pages Benjamin Hoff shows that Pooh's way is amazingly consistent with the principles of living envisioned long ago by the Chinese founders of Taoism. The author's explanation of Taoism through Pooh, and Pooh through Taoism, shows that this is not simply an ancient and remote philosophy but something you can use here and now".

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And what is Taoism? It's really very simple. It calls for living without preconceived ideas about how life should be lived . . .but it's not a preconception of how life . . .it's . . .well, you'd do better to read this book, and listen to Pooh, if you really want to find out.

Lenore Joans

ALFA NEWS

Since our last News Letter in January, we have had a successful presentation of the \$100 Scholarship to Gail Hughes, a Library Science student at Grossmont. This was attended by the County Librarian, Katherine Lucas, and other members of the County Library and the Friends.

We are continuing the McNaughton Plan for the coming year and Phyllis Watters is exchanging some of the old books for the new ones. These will be on the shelf before long.

Our past President, Nancy Shaklett has returned from her trip, and has volunteered to take on the job of Publicity Secretary, which will be a great help. Thank you, Nancy!

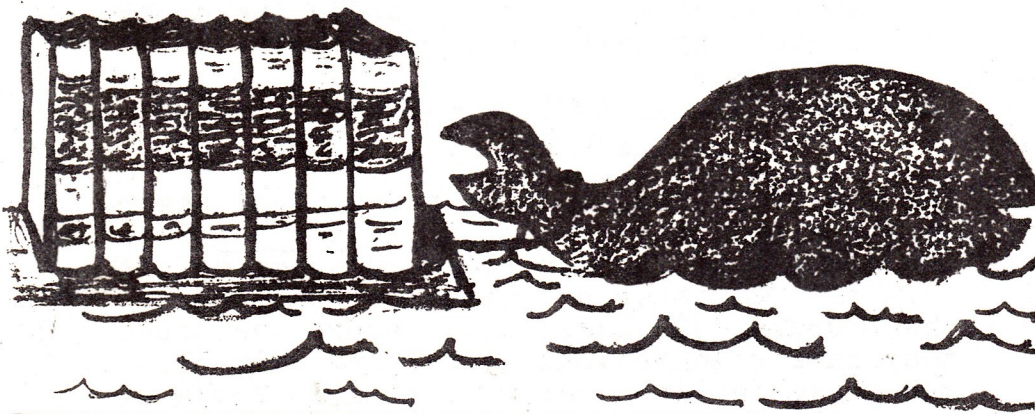
Our Book Sale will be on Friday & Saturday, August 26 & 27 in the Alpine Creek Shopping Center. If you have any books you have read and have no room for, we would be very glad to have them for our Sale. Please leave them at the Library and be sure to come to the Sale. You will find a great choice of books at bargain prices.

We want new members with ideas who will be active in the organization. Let us know if you would like to help. Join the Friends so that we can continue to donate books, tapes & puppets to your Library, and support summer programs for the children, and offer a scholarship each year. . . . Give us a call!

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Memberships:	One person	\$1	Family	\$3
(Annual)	Professional	\$10	Life	\$25



July August September

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Newsletter

A Whale of a Book Sale

August 26 and 27

Alpine Creek Shopping Center

9:00 to 5:00
each day

We are a little late in getting our quarterly Newsletter to the Printers. Many of us have been away on vacation which caused the delay. We will get the next issue out on time!

SEA SEARCHER . . .1983 . . .SUMMER READING
PROGRAM

The summer reading program has already begun at the Alpine Library but it is not too late to join in, if you can read ten books before July 31. Register now with Mrs. Watters at the Library. Children will report the books they have read between June 1 and July 31, and those children who have read 10 books or more will receive a certificate. Mothers may read to the very young children who cannot read. The books must be obtained from the Alpine Library, not other branches, and they may not be books children have at home. Folders and certificates will be given out at the puppet show August 3.

Wednesday, June 22 - There was a film show for the children at the Library.

The Sorcerer's Apprentice
Pluto's Surprise Package
Incredible Cat Tale
Wonder of Dolphins

The show was well attended and the children really enjoyed themselves.

STILL TO COME !

Thursday, July 21 - "Kids and Computers Day"
Mr. Dallas Shaw of the Palomar Computer Products will be at the Library to demonstrate the use of computers. This will be morning and afternoon, so do drop in. This program will be of interest to everyone.

Wednesday, August 3 at 3:00 p.m.

Puppet Show

This show is offered by the Children's and Young Adult Services Department of San Diego County Library. It is entitled :

"Sea Search - A Whale of
A Tale"

Children who have read 10 or more books will receive their folder and their certificate.

These programs are all free, and everyone is encouraged to attend.

B O O K S A L E !

Our annual BOOK SALE will be held on FRIDAY and SATURDAY, AUGUST 26 and 27 in the Alpine Creek Shopping Center, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., each day.

Hardbacks, paperbacks for adults and juveniles, classics, general fiction and nonfiction and also children's books will be available for purchase. Proceeds benefit your Library. With this money we can get new books, magazines, tapes etc. for your enjoyment; we can sponsor children's programs, offer a small scholarship, etc.

If you have any books you no longer want, the Friends would be very happy to have them for the sale. Please leave them at the library and be sure to attend the Sale.

GREAT BOOKS AT BARGAIN PRICES. DON'T MISS THE BEST SALE YET.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Please keep in mind that Alpine Friends of the Library will have a membership drive some time in September. The date will be announced later.

Marion Setmire, Membership Secretary, will be at the Library during September and we welcome continued membership as well as new members.

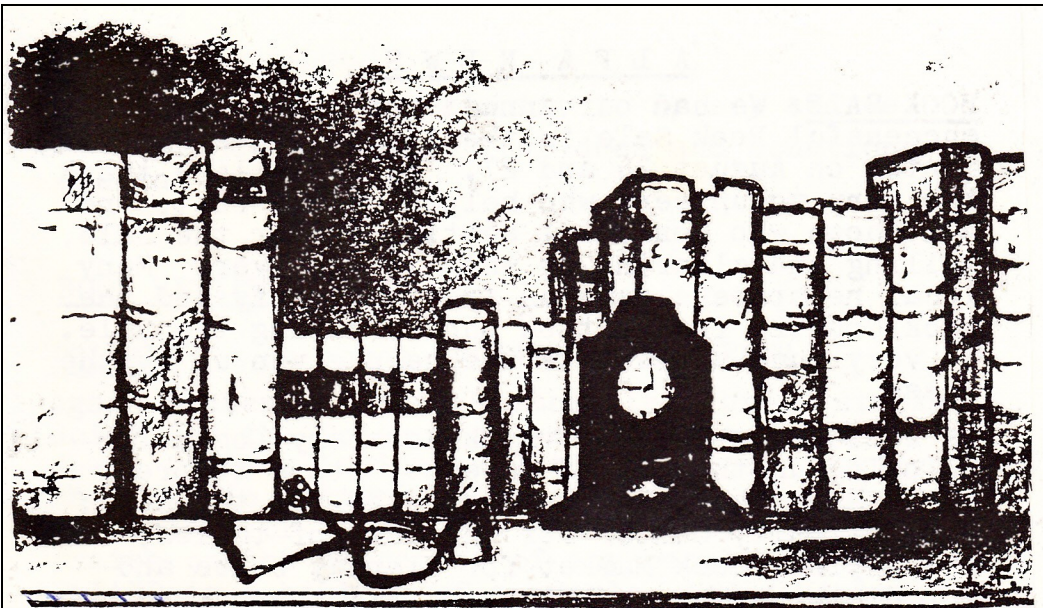
Membership sign-up will also be available at the Book Sale.

We are a non-profit organization, so donations are tax-deductible.

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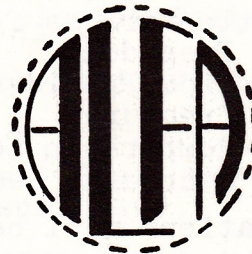
Members are welcome at all Meetings. We meet alternate months at The Community Center on the second Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. Due to vacations we did not meet in June, but are meeting July 12, and August 9. Come and join us and help your community. Libraries are of great benefit to young and old and encourage the appreciation of books. What is more, in these days of high expense, it costs you nothing. USE YOUR LIBRARY.



NEWSLETTER

Oct. Nov. Dec. 1983

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In books lies the soul of the whole
Past Time: the articulate audible voice
of the Past, when the body and material
substance of it has altogether vanished

Thomas Carlyle (1795-118)
"The Hero as a Man of Letters"

A L F A N E W S

BOOK SALE: We had our annual and extremely successful Book Sale in the Alpine Creek Shopping Center on August 26 and 27. We would like to thank the many volunteers who helped us pre-sort, and all those who worked at setting up for the Sale, selling and clearing up when it was over. Many local newspapers gave us free publicity and the Back Country Trader took photos during the Sale. We very much appreciate the help given us by the Press.

We would also like to thank Rosemary Logan for allowing us the use of an empty store to pre-sort, and the use of the Breezeway for the Sale; The Community Center for the loan of tables; and the Alpine Creek Market for display boxes and for distributing our flyers. All these good people helped make the Sale a success.

Election of Officers for 1983/84

Tuesday, October 11, 9:30 a.m. at the Community Center, Heritage Room.

The slate of Officers proposed by the Nominating Committee are as follows:

President	Stella Mackintosh
Vice-President	Ronna Herman
Treasurer	Tommi Cooper
Membership Sec.	Marion Setmire
Recording Sec.	Kathleen Holmes

Nominations will be accepted from the floor.

At this Meeting we will be discussing the Budget for the year, including the amount available for a scholarship for a student enrolled in Library Sciences, the continuation of the McNaughton Plan the support for the Summer Program, purchase of tapes, puppets, magazines and books etc. Members and others welcome. Do come and give us your ideas.

Membership Drive - Marion Setmire, our Membership Secretary will be at the Library once or twice a week during the last two weeks of September. If you haven't renewed your membership

This will be an opportunity to do so, and we welcome new members. Your dues and donations are tax deductible.

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BOOK REVIEW

POLAND a novel by JAMES A MICHENER

Again Michener paints history in a broad stroke doing for the Poles what he has done for the Jews, America Indians and the Hawaiians, drawing their whole history on one canvas. He must love the Poles for in no book has he laid such lavish praise on the character of any people, or country. POLAND is a history of a people, and a history of Polish families. It is difficult to imagine any people condemned to such hardship and misery as the Poles, but who through love of God and Country have risen to such heights, intellectual, spiritual, and physical as an emblem and as a beacon to the world. Michener has documented such a rise and such a position in the world. No wonder the Catholic Church saw fit to elect a Polish Pope.

Reviewed by Dr. Robert T. Fisher, JD

We have just purchased this book for your Library, and also the books listed below. These may be reserved in your name in the usual way:

HOW TO LIVE TO BE A 100. . .	George Burns
WINDS OF MONTAUK.	Ned Calmer
GATES OF FIRE	Elwin Chamberlain
GOLDEN SABRE	John Cleary
PSYCHIC SWAMP MAN	Kathleen Gordon
ICE BREAKER	John Gardner
MEGATRENDS	John Naisbit
PLAGUE SHIP	Frank Slaughter
SUMMER OF KATIA	Trevanian

Through the McNaughton Plan, under which we fund the leasing of books for the Alpine Library, the titles listed on the next page are on order, and in fact may already be here:

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Books ordered from McNaughton

MAVERICK IN MAUVE Auchincloss
 BAHAMA CRISIS Bagley
 REMAINS TO BE SEEN Cadell
 GODPLAYER Cook
 WHITE GOLD WIELDER Donaldson
 ON WINGS OF EAGLES Follett
 OUT ON A LIMB MacLaine
 BINDLESTIFF Pronzini
 SEDUCTION OF PETER S. Sanders
 ANGELS WEEP Smith
 CHANGES Steel

If there are any best sellers or new books you are interested in, let us know. Call either:
 Stella Mackintosh - 445/9792
 Ronna Herman - 445/8134
 or leave a message with Phyllis Watters at the Library.

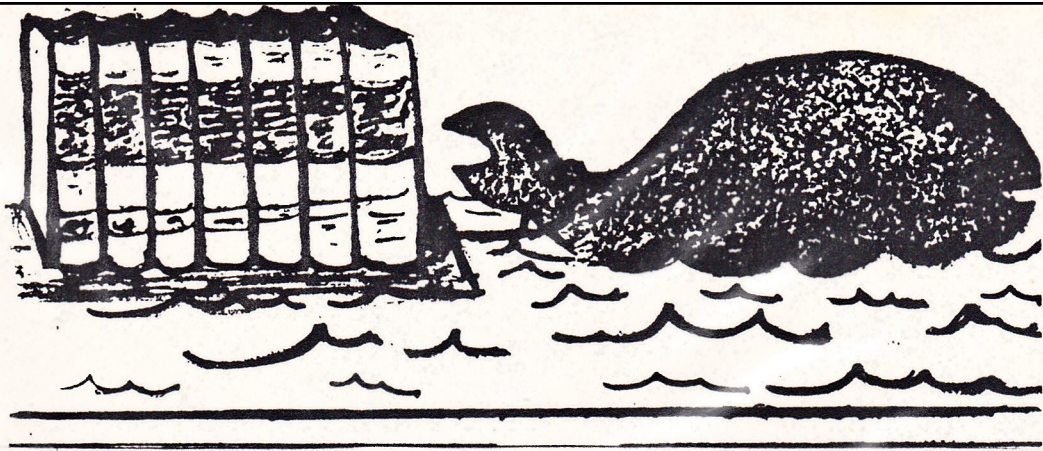
Remember that members and friends are always welcome at all Meetings. We meet alternate months at 9:30 a.m. We need your ideas for improving your Library. Paid-up members are eligible to vote.

Membership application forms are at the Library or complete the form below and mail to ALFA, P. O. Box 13, Alpine, CA 92001

 ALPINE LIBRARY FRIENDS ASSOC. MEMBERSHIP
 Membership in the organization fall into these classificationa:
 One Person - \$2 per yr. Family - \$10 per yr.
 Professional - \$10 per yr. Life - \$25

Name		Address	
Type of Membership		Tel. No.	
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 Membership year is Sept. 1st to Aug. 31st
 Please make your check payable to ALFA



A WHALE OF A BOOK SALE !

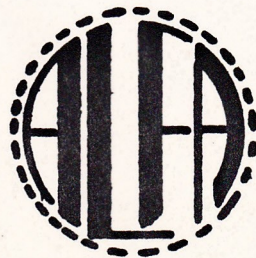
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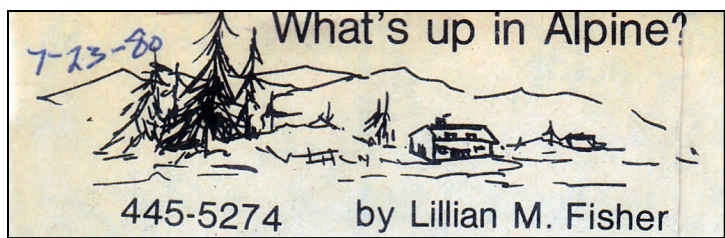
Alpine Creek Shopping Center

9:00 AM TO 5:00 PM

Both Days

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Something new has been added to the Alpine Library—a Young Adult (YA) Corner. This designated private space for Chaparral School to high school age students contains books geared to this age group.

Alpine Library Friends' Association is preparing to buy bean bag chairs for this special place. A bulletin board is available to these young adults for their own individual use. It will publicize news items, requests and statements for lost and found items and other pertinent material. All things posted on the board must be cleared with the librarian.

Anyone can check out books from this section, but the material is categorized specifically for this age group. A favorite type of reading material currently is Star Trek paperbacks.

Librarian Phyllis Watters says she gleaned the idea for this project after attending a Serra workshop.

The library will be participating in Alpine Elementary School's 720 Reading Program this fall, cooperating with the school in all its efforts.

Mrs. Watters would like to remind you that the summer reading program for children ends July 31. A puppet show "Wingdingilly," based on the book by the same name, will be presented August 7 at 3 p.m.

Another first for Alpine: August 20 is the premier of "Sleepytime Story Hour." This evening hour is dedicated to preschoolers. Stories will be selected for their sleep-inducing and calming

effects. More information about this will be forthcoming. You can get more information by calling the library at 445-4221 or by stopping by the library and talking to the librarians.

Don't forget the Alpine Library Friends' Association Book Sale Saturday, July 26 at the Alpine Creek Shopping Center.

The sale will begin at 10 a.m. and continue all day.

The Friends are still receiving donations and will appreciate your patronage the day of the sale. Visit Alpine Creek Shopping Center, Alpine's picturesque mall on the hill, and give the book sale your support.

The library is featuring "Examples of Children's Literature from 1974 to the present," a display of books from my own private collection.

It is an interesting exhibit which features books spanning a century and indicates changes in style, format and content effected by socio-economic and political changes. It is interesting to note, for example, how the depression and war years affected the production and selection of children's books.

The showcase has been moved to the front of the library where it commands a more obvious and convenient view.

The public library I remember as a child growing up in Dearborn, Michigan, was a quiet, inviting place, a little world that held the magic of "other" lives and experiences that whetted the imagination and thirst for knowledge. And the best thing of all was that it was free. I wonder if we sometimes take for granted the fact that the library services enable us to borrow books for extended periods to take home to enjoy at our leisure and in numbers we could never afford to buy. What a wonderful thing this borrowing system is. The waste is that some of us never use it.



From *The Alpine Sun*, June 12, 1980:
By Alice Irvine

MARIE FEATHERSTONE, president of “Friends of the Library” is looking for new members of their group. They raise money for the library, have already donated a movie projector, typewriter, books, two bean bag chairs and raised this money by book sales and other means. They are independent of the library and all of the cash they raise either goes to the library in the form of equipment needed or money.



From *The Alpine Sun*, June 19, 1980:

TRAVELELIN’ THROUGH

If you’re without a typewriter the Alpine Library has one for you. The typewriter purchased by the Alpine Library Friends Association is free for anyone who wants to use it. All you have to do is sign up for it and use it there—Rawhide Realty

has moved to the office where Grossmont Bank used to be—the winner in the Kiwanis vs. Bobby Soxers soft ball game was the Alpine Bobby Sox managers, coaches (anyone they could find) Kiwanis even brought...

From *The Alpine Sun*, July 24, 1980:

ALFA TO HOLD BOOK SALE

Want to fill your bookshelves with some new and different reading? Then the Alpine Library Friends Association Book Sale is the place to be on Saturday, July 26th at the Alpine Creek Center.

ALFA members have been collecting books for the past two months. ALFA president, MARIE FEATHERSTONE has one room devoted to storage of books.

Hard backs, paperbacks, classics, contemporaries, and educational books will all be available at bargain prices from 25¢ up.

Profits from the sale will go to help the library purchase needed items. So far the organization has purchased a projector, a typewriter and many books as well as subscriptions to magazines.



The Alpine Library Friends’ Association Book Sale was a tremendous success last Saturday. It was held again this season at beautiful Alpine Creek Shopping Center. The stores in the complex had a good variety of bargains and business appeared brisk. I found a box full of treasures at the Book Sale while shopping for my daughters, Laura and Debbie, and my husband. And there were a number of books I looked upon enviously which were in the hands of those who

found them first.

Marie Featherstone, her husband and the Friends should be commended for their efforts and service to the community.



CARTER'S

...arriving within minutes with three trucks and 14 firefighters. CDF was returning in Potrero with #6363 when the county call was reported. They were nearing the intersection of Highway 94 and Potrero Valley Road, so they kept rolling directly to the scene, thus the unusually quick four-minute response. Number 6363 driven by engineer Jim Thornton was being returned to service after being involved in an incident in Riverside which did minor damage to the engine and injured four Potrero firefighters.

Potrero's Chief Mark Prentice immediately called for a second alarm alert which brought another Potrero CDF engine and a Dulzura CDF engine and crew. Also responding were Dulzura VFD, Lake Morena VFD, Campo VFD and Tecate VFD, all with crews bringing the total manpower to approximately 35 firefighters.

The horrible fire that burned in Sycamore Canyon a week ago laid.....



From *The Alpine Sun*, August 7, 1980:

MARIE FEATHERSTONE, president of the Alpine Library Friends Association, concentrates on her conversation during the book sale at Alpine Creek Center. Marie helped organize the book sale. Although the sale wasn't supposed to start until 10 a.m., Marie said there were plenty of buyers eager to get a peak at the books as all her workers unloaded the books at 8:30 in the morning.

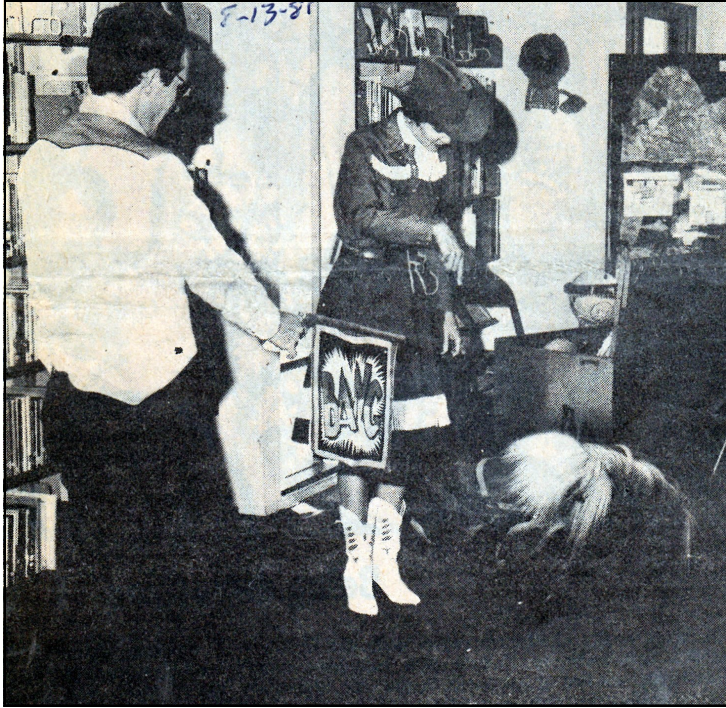
From *The Alpine Sun*, August 14, 1980:

ALFA SAYS "THANK YOU"

Success is only possible with help and cooperation from many. Generous Alpiners responded to Alpine Library Friends Assn.'s plea for books again this year, as did the San Diego County Library, resulting in an excellent collection of books, both hardcover and paperbacks, some say the best yet!

Assisting the throngs of happy buyers were HELEN ELLSBERG, LILLIAN FISHER, THELMA and VICTOR MONTA, JEAN NIELSON, EDITH WARD, ETHEL AVERBACK, JIM WARD, ALFA's treasurer, and MARIE FEATHERSTONE, president. Not only was the weather HOT, but so were the bargains, making possible \$428 for ALFA's treasury, ultimately benefitting the Alpine Library. This year the money will be spent for items for the children's section and for the new Youth Adult section.

A special thank you to DAVE CARLIN for his contribution and to ALLAN CRANE, GEORGE TUBB, JIM WARD, RALPH OTHICK and ART FEATHERSTONE for the use of their strong backs and arms!! Also, to PHYLLIS WATTERS, Alpine's librarian, CHARLOTTE PALMER, her assistant, MARTIN GOMEZ, San Diego County Library Coordinator, for their assistance and support in helping to make this year's Book Fair another huge success for ALFA.



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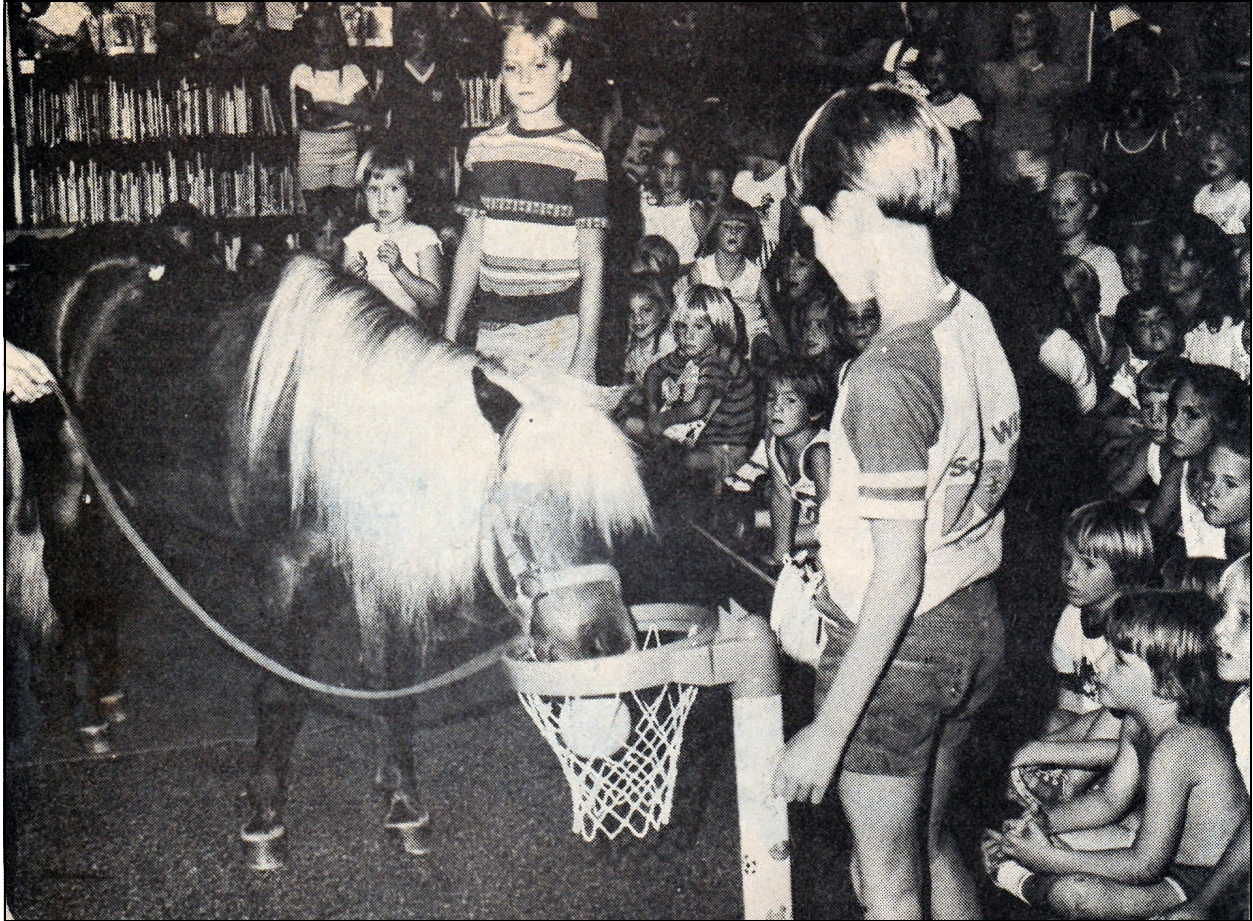
When Cowboy Bob shot Misty the Wonder Horse she fell dead before nearly 250 saddened children and adults. The crowd was relieved when Cowboy Bob went away and Misty came back to life. She performed a variety of tricks August 4 at the Alpine Library, a performance which was sponsored by the Alpine Library Friends Association (ALFA). Maureen Austin, photo.

August 13, 1981

WONDER HORSE PERFORMS FOR CHILDREN

Misty the Magnificent Wonder Horse demonstrated to nearly 250 children and adults at the Alpine Branch Library how she can sit like a dog. When she saw how it pleased the audience, she smiled. Maureen Austin, photo.

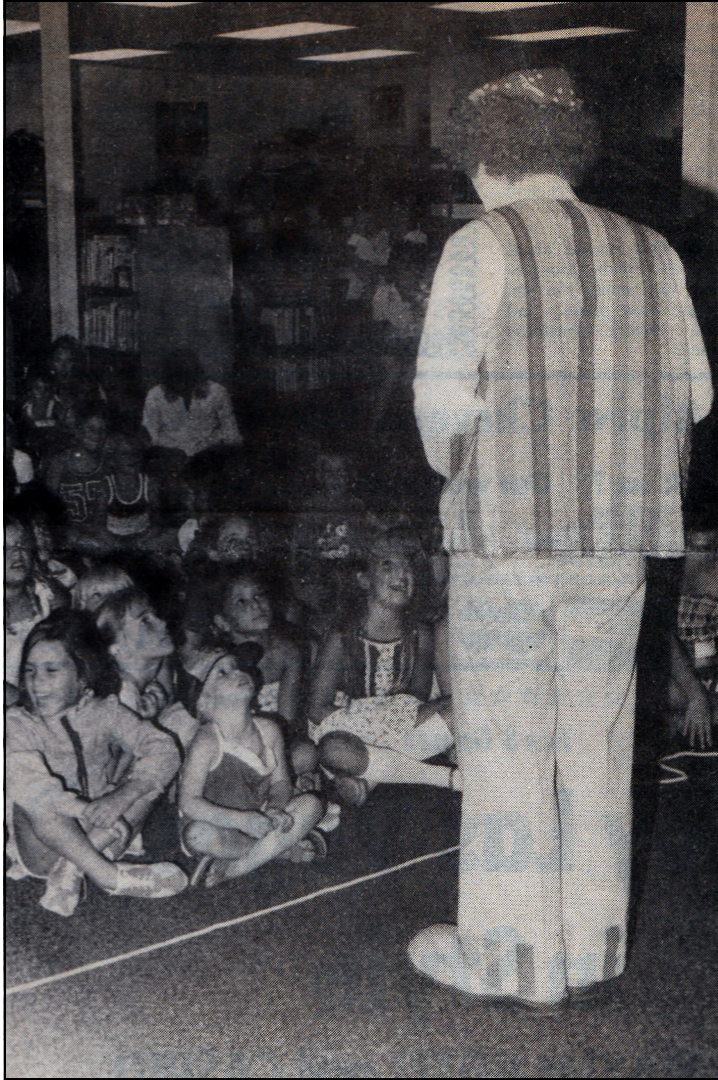




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IT'S A WINNER

Misty the Magnificent scored two points with the dunk shot made before a capacity crowd at the Alpine Library August 4. Her appearance at the library was sponsored by Alpine Library Friends (ALFA). Maureen Austin, photo.



From *The Alpine Sun*, August 12, 1982:

Alpine Library was packed with kids of all ages who turned out to watch the antics of "Fumbles and Cinnamon" on August 3. Fumbles said he and Cinnamon get the best seat in the house, "We get to watch the kids' faces," he said. Jan Kerr, photo.

From *The Alpine Sun*, August 18, 1983:

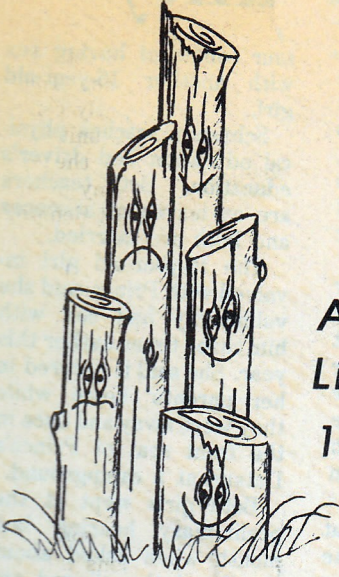
BOOK SALE SCHEDULED

Alpine Library Friends Association (ALFA) will be holding its annual book sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on both August 26 and 27.

Many books will be available for purchase, including paperback books, hardback books, juvenile and reference books, according to Stella Mackintosh, ALFA president.

Proceeds from the sale will benefit Alpine Library and will be used for such purchases as new books, magazines, tapes, children's programs and scholarships.

From *The Alpine Sun*, August 19, 1982:



people poll

compiled by jan kerr

Asked in conjunction with *Alpine Friends of Library (ALFA) Book Fair* held in Alpine Aug. 13 and 14.

What is the best book you've ever read?



Kim Palmer: "My favorite author is Kipling."

Thomas Nolen: "It would have to be 'Lowell Thomas' Travels."

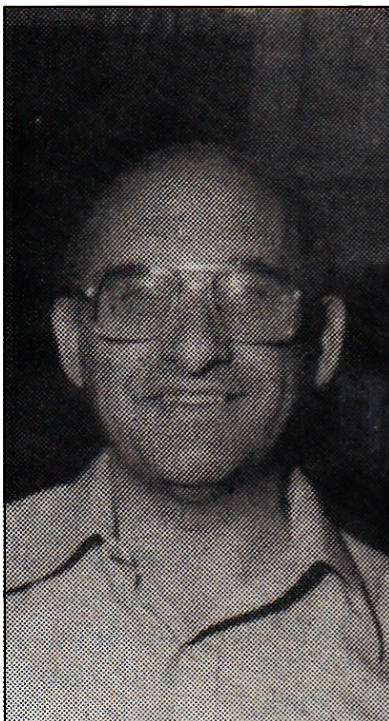




Left: Carlynne Albee:
“Tolkein’s ‘Lord of the Rings’
trilogy.”



Right: Jean Guido: “I like
James Michener books.”



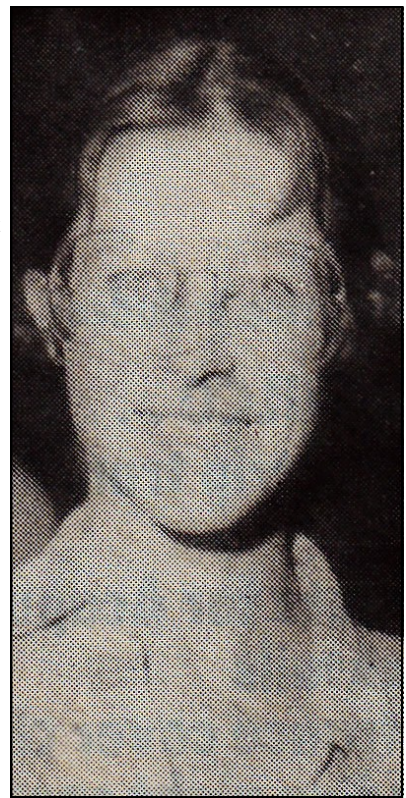
Left: Louie Guido: “I don’t have any
favorites. I read all kinds of things. If I
was to pick a favorite type of book, I’d
say I like to read biographies.”



Right: Helen Cox: “The Bible.”



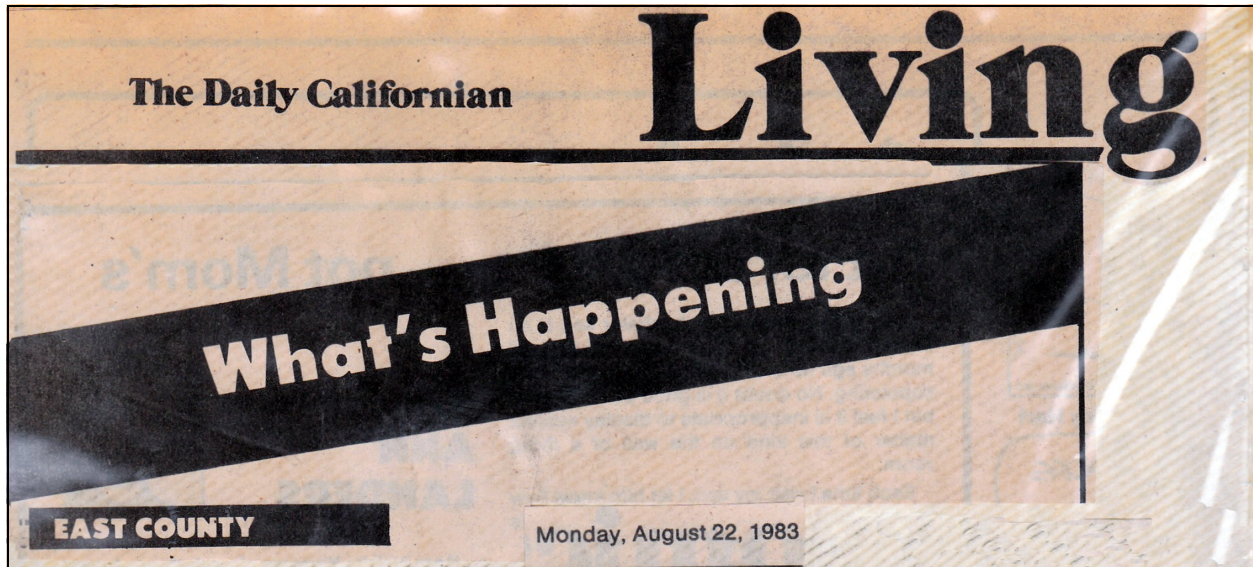
Left: Kathy Gompf: "I guess probably 'Dune'."



Right: Sue Bailey: "My favorite is not a book, but a magazine called "Co-Evolution Quarterly""



Left: Kathleen Nolen: "It's very difficult, there are so many. "War and Remembrance" and 'The Winds of War' by Herman Wouk. They are really excellent."



BOOK SALE/Alpine Library Friends Association will host its annual book sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Aug. 26 and 27, in the Alpine Creek Shopping Center. Hardback and paperback books will be available. Proceeds will benefit the association. The library is accepting book donations for the sale. For more information, call Stella Mackintosh at 445-9792.

From *The Alpine Sun*, August 25, 1983:

Persons interested in purchasing both hardback and paperback books at a real bargain will have an opportunity to do so at the Alpine Library Friends Association (ALFA) annual book sale, to be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Aug. 26 and 27 at Alpine Creek Shopping Center.

Proceeds will benefit Alpine Library, and will be used for such purchases as new books, magazines, tapes, children's programs and scholarships.



From *The Back Country Trader*, August 31, 1983:

ALFA HOLDS SALE

Alpine Library Friends Association (ALFA) held a very successful book sale over the weekend at the Alpine Creek Center. Sale proceeds go to support the Alpine Library. Pictured, left to right, Marion Setmire, membership secretary; Jean Nielsen, active member; Debbie Verfaillie, active

member; and Stella Mackintosh, group president.



Editor:

We would like to thank you very much for announcing our book sale in the Back Country trader and for the photograph in last week's issue.

We thought you would like to know that we had a very successful sale, in fact we made more this year than ever before—a total of about \$864. This was due, we are sure, to help from people like yourself spreading the news more widely than has been done in previous years.

We hope we will be able to increase our scholarship for a student enrolled in library sciences. This will be decided at our next board meeting in October.

At that meeting on October 11 we will also be electing new officers for the year. The proposed slate of officers is Stella Mackintosh, president; Ronna Herman, vice president; Tommi Cooper, treasurer; Kathleen Holmes, secretary; and Marion Setmire, membership secretary.

Thanks again for all your help.

Sincerely,

Stella Mackintosh
President, ALFA

From *The Alpine Sun*, August 25, 1983

ALPINE CALENDAR

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25

PTA program planning meeting, 10 a.m. to noon, school district office, community room.
Chamber, noon, Alpine Village Bakery
Planning group, 7:30 p.m., Alpine Elementary School

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26

ALFA book sale, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Alpine Creek Center
Alpine Squares, 7:30 p.m., Alpine Elementary School

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27

ALFA book sale, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Alpine Creek Center

TUESDAY, AUGUST 30

Soroptomist, 7:30 a.m., community center
Woman's Aglow, 7 p.m., Bethel Assembly of God Church
School board meeting, 7:30 p.m., 1823 Administration Way

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

Property brokers, 8:30 a.m., Century 21
TOPS, 9:30 a.m., 1825 Tavern Rd.

From *The Alpine Sun*, September 29, 1983

ALFA TO ELECT NEW OFFICERS

Alpine Library Friends Association (ALFA) will hold its election of officers for 1983-84 at its regular meeting to be held at 9:30 a.m. October 11 at the community center.

The slate of officers proposed by the nominating committee include president, vice-president, treasurer, membership secretary and recording secretary.

Nominations will be accepted from the floor during the meeting.

Also during the meeting, the 1983-84 budget will be discussed., including amount available for scholarships, continuation of the McNaughton Plan, support for the summer program, and purchase of tapes, puppets, magazines and books.

The public is invited to attend the meeting.



From *The Alpine Sun*, October 27, 1983:



BEWITCHED!

Local children were bewitched on Oct. 24 as “Humbug Jane,” a witch from the Children’s and Young Adult Division of the County Library System, visited them at Alpine Library and “thrilled and chilled” the three-to-five-year-olds with scary stories. Chris McCoy, photo

From *The Alpine Sun*, November 24, 1983:



WRITERS RECEIVE AWARDS

Members of Alpine Writer's Group received recognition for their work at the Showcase Writer's Club's annual awards night held Oct. 23 at the Fine Arts Auditorium in La Mesa. Winners of the event include Bobbie Scaffidi (left) who took first honorable mention in the adult story category for her work titled "Reflections," and a first honorable mention in the children's story category for her work, "The Brass Ring." Stella Mackintosh (center), received second honorable mention for her story entitled "The Ten O'clock Train" in the adult category, and second place for "The Dragon That Hiccoped" in the children's story division. Lillian Fisher (right) was awarded second place in the adult story division for "The Paradigm." Not pictured is Lenore Jones who was awarded honorable mention in the children's story category for her work "Friends," and in the serious poetry category she was awarded second honorable mention for her poem "One Butterfly." All winners work was printed in "Showcase," the annual publication for Showcase Writer's Club. Jan Kerr, photo.

From *The Alpine Sun*, November 10, 1983:

HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO LEARN ABOUT LIBRARY

Area residents will learn “what has more than doubled in less than the last nine years” at the Nov. 13 meeting of Alpine Historical and Conservation Society, set for 2 p.m. in the recreation room of the Alpine Mobile Estates, 2400 Alpine Boulevard.

Special guest speaker at the meeting will be Phyllis Watters, Alpine Branch Library librarian.

Watters will share “some of the interesting and unique tidbits of the history of San Diego County and Alpine libraries,” according to Agnes Jahn, historical society publicity spokesperson.

“We will learn how it really got started, of residents who have served, and of the tremendous growth throughout the years,” Jahn said. “There are far more avenues for services available to each of us than most people realize.”

Also to be discussed will be Alpine Library Friends Association (ALFA), an independent library support organization, started in 1977.

Jahn attributes success of the library to Watters.

“One of the main forces contributing to the library’s overall effectiveness is Phyllis Watters,” she said. “Although Phyllis lives approximately 25 miles from our village, she is a dedicated person and sincerely attempts to answer all questions and meet all requests in connection with her job.”



CHRISTMAS PUPPET SPECIAL

A special Christmas Puppet Show, “The Villain and the Toy Shop,” will be presented at the Alpine Branch of the San Diego County Library, 2130 Arnold Way, at 3:30 p.m. Dec. 7. Staff members of the Children’s and Young Adult Division of the San Diego County Library will dramatize the half-hour presentation. All children are invited to attend this free program. For further information, call the Alpine Library at 445-4221.

ALPINE LIBRARY MANAGER TO BE HONORED

What has more than doubled in less than nine years? To learn the answer come to the Alpine Historical and Conservation Society meeting Sunday, Nov. 18, 2 p.m. in the recreation room of the Alpine Mobile Estates, 2400 Alpine Blvd.

Alpine has reason to be very proud of its local branch of the library. One of the main forces contributing to the library's overall effectiveness is Phyllis Watters, branch manager.

Watters will share with us some of the interesting and unique tidbits of the history of San Diego County and Alpine libraries. We will learn how it really got started, of residents who have served and of the tremendous growth over the years.

Do the letters ALFA mean anything to you? This support organization of the library was started in 1977. The Alpine Library Friends Association is an independent organization whose annual book fair provides funds to purchase gifts for the library.

Although Phyllis lives approximately 25 miles from Alpine, she is a dedicated person and sincerely attempts to answer all questions and meet all requests in connection with her job.

At the meeting she will cover the historical background on how the county library was founded and how it affects Alpine.

Do join us, said Agnes Jahn. The public is always welcome. Refreshments will be furnished by Connie Johnson and Jessie Metcalf.



L. Fisher

Alpine
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News



January 1983

The following quotation was given us by Lenore Joans, and we think it is a good preface to our first Newsletter:

In the FOREWORD to:

Jan 1983

A BOOK FOR THE PEOPLE
Fighting for Public Libraries

By
Whitney North Seymour, Jr.
and Elizabeth N. Lane

James Thomas Flexner wrote:

"Libraries are the memory of mankind, the storehouse that contains all which is known and has been thought. Were some holocaust to destroy all intellectual institutions except libraries, all could be re-created. But if the libraries were destroyed, all other institutions in the world could not re-create them."

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There are Friends of the Library Nationwide working to encourage library use, donating gifts and sponsoring programs for children, the blind, the elderly, local schools and offering scholarships in Library Science.

The Alpine Friends, or to give us our full title, Alpine Library Friends Association, is a non-profit organization, which was formed in November 1977 through the efforts of Ethel Averbach, the first President of ALFA. The purposes of the Association are: 1) to establish closer relationship between citizens of Alpine and their Library; 2) to promote services such as home delivery of books for the disabled, present cultural programs for the community and to encourage closer ties between Alpine schools and our Library, and 3) to hold events to raise money to purchase items for the Alpine Library not furnished by the San Diego County.

ALPINE LIBRARY HISTORY

The Alpine Library Association was formed in 1900 by a group of local citizens. This was the first public community library, and was housed in the Town Hall where later the San Diego County branch library occupied that space. Membership cost \$1.00. There was no Librarian and each member helped himself. The first librarian was Lawrence Wilber. Later Florence Jones, Louise Polk, Bea La Force, and Elizabeth West served as librarians.

In December 1914, the present County Branch, No. 16, was established by San Diego County Free Library and it, too, operated in the Town Hall until February 1978, when it moved to its present quarters located on Arnold Way. Phyllis Watters, present librarian, has held that position since 1974.

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A L F A N E W S

During the last year the Association has been involved in many activities. For the Library we have donated money to purchase cassettes and puppets. We have given support For the Summer Program for children. We hear, in that connection, that the magic clown act of Fumbles and Cinnamon was a great success, as were the films. We have funded the McNaughton Plan, which is a book lease plan, giving the Alpine Library a circulating collection of 100 books. These can be reserved like any other book and you will not have so long to wait.

We are awarding a \$100 scholarship to a student presently enrolled in Library Science at Grossmont College, which will be presented in the Alpine Library at 2 p.m. on January 17. We will certainly consider repeating this offer in 1983.

We also sponsored the "Hug-a-Tree" program for the Alpine Elementary School and the Christian Academy. The "Hug-a-Tree" program was put together by concerned people after a search for a nine-year old boy who was lost and who died in the mountains. It is to teach young children what they should do if they are lost while camping or picnicking.

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We had our annual and, as usual, successful Book Sale in the Alpine Creek Shopping Center in August. The proceeds of the annual Book Sale and monies received from membership dues and donations enable us to give your Library some of those things not provided by the County, also to sponsor worthwhile educational programs and offer help to Library students through a scholarship.

Your continued support is very welcome.

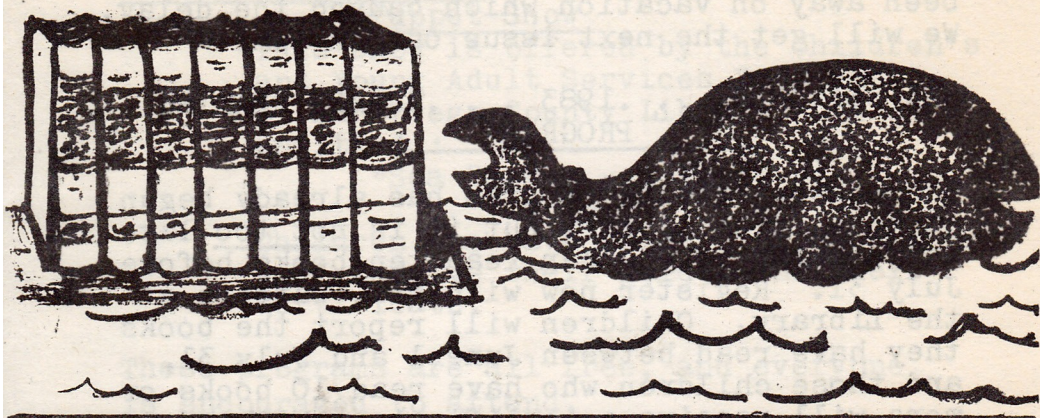
Our Meetings are held every other month on the second Tuesday. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 8, at 9:30 a.m. in the Heritage Room at the Alpine Community Center.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS
of ALFA
1982-83

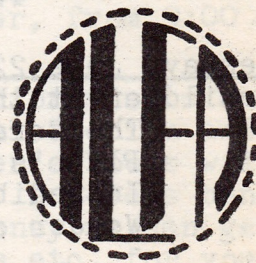
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News Letter - Lillian Fisher
Stella Mackintosh



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Newsletter

A Whale of a Book Sale

August 26 and 27

Alpine Creek Shopping Center

9:00 to 5:00
each day

We are a little late in getting our quarterly Newsletter to the Printers. Many of us have been away on vacation which caused the delay. We will get the next issue out on time!

SEA SEARCHER . . .1983 . . .SUMMER READING
PROGRAM

The summer reading program has already begun at the Alpine Library but it is not too late to join in, if you can read ten books before July 31. Register now with Mrs. Watters at the Library. Children will report the books they have read between June 1 and July 31, and those children who have read 10 books or more will receive a certificate. Mothers may read to the very young children who cannot read. The books must be obtained from the Alpine Library, not other branches, and they may not be books children have at home. Folders and certificates will be given out at the puppet show August 3.

Wednesday, June 22 - There was a film show for the children at the Library.

The Sorcerer's Apprentice
Pluto's Surprise Package
Incredible Cat Tale
Wonder of Dolphins

The show was well attended and the children really enjoyed themselves.

STILL TO COME !

Thursday, July 21 - "Kids and Computers Day"

Mr. Dallas Shaw of the Palomar Computer Products will be at the Library to demonstrate the use of computers. This will be morning and afternoon, so do drop in. This program will be of interest to everyone.

Wednesday, August 3 at 3:00 p.m.

Puppet Show

This show is offered by the Children's and Young Adult Services Department of San Diego County Library. It is entitled :

"Sea Search - A Whale of
A Tale"

Children who have read 10 or more books will receive their folder and their certificate.

These programs are all free, and everyone is encouraged to attend.

B O O K S A L E !

Our annual BOOK SALE will be held on FRIDAY and SATURDAY, AUGUST 26 and 27 in the Alpine Creek Shopping Center, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., each day.

Hardbacks, paperbacks for adults and juveniles, classics, general fiction and nonfiction and also children's books will be available for purchase. Proceeds benefit your Library. With this money we can get new books, magazines, tapes etc. for your enjoyment; we can sponsor children's programs, offer a small scholarship, etc.

If you have any books you no longer want, the Friends would be very happy to have them for the sale. Please leave them at the library and be sure to attend the Sale.

GREAT BOOKS AT BARGAIN PRICES. DON'T MISS THE BEST SALE YET.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Please keep in mind that Alpine Friends of the Library will have a membership drive some time in September. The date will be announced later.

Marion Setmire, Membership Secretary, will be at the Library during September and we welcome continued membership as well as new members.

Membership sign-up will also be available at the Book Sale.

We are a non-profit organization, so donations are tax-deductible.

ALFA OFFICERS

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Treasurer	James Ward	445-2488
Membership Sec.	Marion Setmire	445-4633
Recording Sec.	Ronna Herman	445-8134
Librarian	Phyllis Watters	445-4221

Members are welcome at all Meetings. We meet alternate months at The Community Center on the second Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. Due to vacations we did not meet in June, but are meeting July 12, and August 9. Come and join us and help your community. Libraries are of great benefit to young and old and encourage the appreciation of books. What is more, in these days of high expense, it costs you nothing. USE YOUR LIBRARY.



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Robert M. McEwen

District Director

April, 1984
Date

Certificate of Appreciation

April 15, 1987:

ALPINE LIBRARY FRIENDS PLAN SILENT AUCTION

Area artists and craftsmen have been invited by the Alpine Library Friends to participate in a unique silent auction to raise funds for the community's library.

Details of the fund-raising event were presented to ALFA members April 14 by Barbara Gilbert, president of the organization. The new manager of the Alpine Library, Vickie Mulrean, was introduced.

Numerous offerings by area artists and crafters have already been pledged for the silent auction, according to Gilbert. Items contributed to the project will be on display at the library September 14-30 during which time patrons will be able to submit written bids on items of their choice. There are no price limitations for donated items.

Proceeds from the auction will be used by ALFA to purchase books, periodicals and other material on arts and crafts for the library.

For more information, contact the library or call Gilbert 445-2331.



Vickie Mulrean is the new librarian at Alpine Library. She was the librarian in Pine Valley before coming here.

April 22, 1987:

ALPINE HAS NEW LIBRARIAN

Vickie Mulrean is Alpine's new librarian. She has just started work here and already has plans for additional programs at the local branch of the San Diego County Library.

Mulrean has been a resident of San Diego county for most of her life. She resides on a homestead property in Campo that is now in its third generation. The home was originally purchased years ago by her grandparents.

A graduate of Monte Vista High School in Spring Valley, the new librarian is a 4-H leader teaching backpacking. She is also an Adult Girl Scout Leader working with Cadets for the past seven years. She has done puppeteering and has had experience in assisting seniors with reading needs. In her spare time, Mulrean likes to relax reading and doing counted cross-stitch.

Her future plans for the local library include a pre-school story time and other reading programs for youth. She plans at least three events for this summer.

April 22, 1987:

LIBRARY GROUP SILENT AUCTION PLANNED IN FALL

Area artists and craftspeople have been invited by the Alpine Library Friends Association to participate in an unique "silent auction" to raise funds for the community library here. Items contributed to the project will be on display at the Alpine Library Sept. 14 through 30 during which time patrons will be able to submit written bids on items of their choice.

Details of the fund raising event were presented to ALFA members at their spring meeting on April 14 by Barbara Gilbert, president of the non-profit organization. The new manager of the Alpine Library, Vickie Mulrean, was introduced to ALFA members at the meeting which took place at the Alpine Library.

Numerous offerings by area artists and crafters have already been pledged according to Gilbert. There are no price limitations for donated items which will be on display along with identification of their contributors during the auction period in September. Proceeds from the auction will be used by ALFA to purchase books, periodicals, and other materials on art and crafts for the library.

Further information is available at the Alpine Library or by calling Gilbert at 445-2331.

DANCERS TO PERFORM AT LIBRARY'S INDIAN DAY

"An American Indian Day of Celebration" will be held on Saturday, May 13, at the Alpine Library, 2130 Arnold Way, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Little Hawk Dancers from the Barona Indian Reservation will be featured at 1 p.m. They will be sponsored by the Alpine Library Friends Association. There will be a children's story time—featuring stories of Paul Gobel at 11 a.m.; displays of American Indian arts and crafts; book displays, offering books from the Indian Services Grant; films will be shown and much more.

For further details, please contact the Alpine Library at 445-4221.

May 27, 1987:

LIBRARY CLOSURE

The staff at the Alpine Library remind patrons that they will be closed next Friday, June 5 because of remodeling involving the circulation desk and electrical wiring. The book drop will be open that day, and the library will reopen for business as usual the next day from 10-2.

June 3, 1987:

LIBRARY FRIENDS DARK FOR SUMMER

The Alpine Library Friends Association will not meet during the months of June and July.

The group, which supports the Alpine Library, will resume meeting in August.

A committee to nominate a board of directors for the new year will meet Thursday, Aug. 3, at 1 p.m. at the library. Any members interested in becoming a member of the board of directors are welcome.

The next meeting of the general membership will be Wednesday, Aug. 23 at 9 a.m. at the library. All members and interested persons are welcome. The board of directors will meet Wednesday, Aug. 16 at 9 a.m. at the library.

For more information on becoming an officer for the Alpine Library Friends Association or to join, call President Ellen B. Holzman at 445-3288.

June 3, 1987:

LIBRARY TO CLOSE FOR REMODELING

Alpine Library will be closing for one day on June 5 for remodeling. Planned improvements include enlarging the book return and checkout counter. The library's computer will also be rewired during the one day closure.

Vickie Mulrean, librarian, stated books due for return can be placed in the book drop, despite the fact the library will be closed. Overdue fines for June 5, however, will be eliminated, she added.

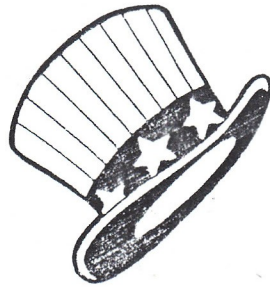


The puppet show "Star Wars: Toads in Space" was presented at the Alpine Public Library on Tuesday, July 14th. About 87 school-age children attended the show.



SAN DIEGO COUNTY LIBRARY

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



JULY 1987

EAST REGION

ALPINE, 2130 Arnold Way	445-4221
BORREGO SPRINGS, 652 Palm Cyn Dr	767-5761
CREST, 105 Juanita Ln	442-7083
DESCANSO, 24617 Viejas Grade Rd	445-5279
EL CAJON, 202 E Lexington	579-4454
FLETCHER HILLS, 576 Garfield Av	466-1132
GOVERNMENT REF., 1600 Pacific Hwy	236-2760
JACUMBA, 44511 Old Hwy 80	766-4608
JULIAN, 2133 4th St	765-0370
LAKESIDE, 9839 Vine St	443-1811
PINE VALLEY, 28857 Old Hwy 80	473-8022
SANTEE, 9225 Carlton Hills Blvd #17	448-1863

JULY 20-31

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>20</p> <p>DESCANSO - MOVIES - 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>21</p> <p>ALPINE - CRAFTS - 11:00 a.m. - Ages 4-10</p> <p>EL CAJON - STORYTELLER, FOLKSINGER, SAM HINTON 3:00 p.m. - Ages 6-12</p> <p>SANTEE - VENTRILLOQUIST, MAGGIE KERR - 3:00p.m.</p>	<p>22</p> <p>EL CAJON - FILMS - 10:30 a.m. - Ages 3-8</p> <p>JULIAN - STORY TIME - 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>LAKESIDE - SLEEPY TIME STORIES - 7:00 p.m. - Ages 3-5</p>	<p>23</p> <p>EL CAJON - FILMS - 7:00 p.m. - Ages 3-10</p> <p>SANTEE - PRESCHOOL CRAFTS - 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>27</p> <p>DESCANSO - MOVIES - 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>28</p> <p>ALPINE - VENTRILLOQUIST MAGGIE KERR - 3:00p.m. ALL Ages</p> <p>EL CAJON - FILM & CRAFT ACTIVITY - 3:00 p.m. - Ages 6-12</p> <p>LAKESIDE - FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY READING DISCUSSION GROUP - 1:00 p.m. - Adults</p>	<p>29</p> <p>EL CAJON - STORYTELLER, MARTHA HOLLOWAY - 10:30 a.m. - Ages 3-8</p> <p>JULIAN - STORIES - 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>LAKESIDE - SLEEPY TIME FILMS - 7:00 p.m. - Ages 3-5</p>	<p>30</p> <p>EL CAJON - FILM & CRAFT ACTIVITY - 7:00 p.m. Ages 3-10</p> <p>SANTEE - PRESCHOOL FILMS 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p>31</p> <p>LAKESIDE - SUMMER READING ENDS</p>

SPECIAL SATURDAY PROGRAMS

LAKESIDE - SATURDAY, JULY 11 - FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALE
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - ALL Ages

*Be a Leader Reader.
Make the library a part of
your life in 1987 -
The Year of the Reader.*

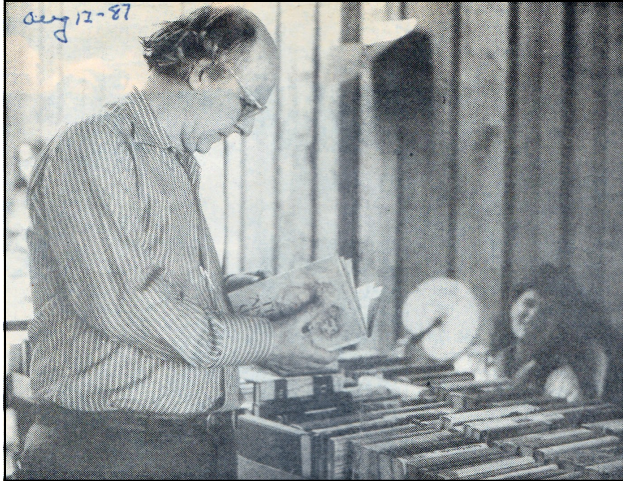


July 1, 1987:

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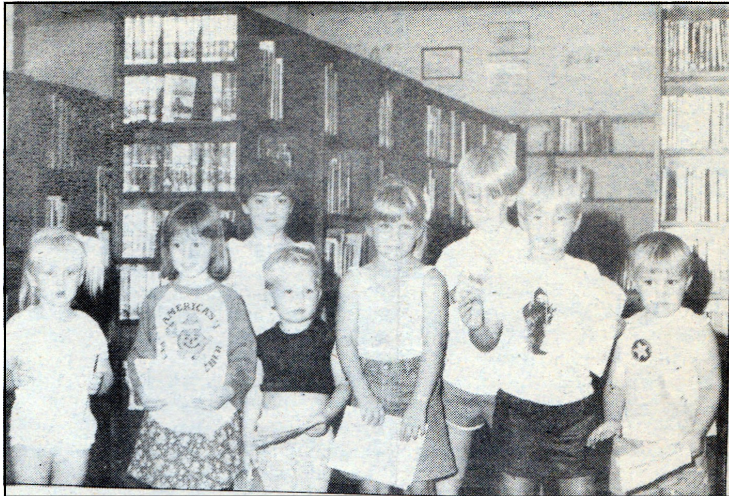
Pandie Mie the clown, also known as Kathy Schmidt, delighted children with her magic at the Alpine branch of the County library June 23. Her visit was paid for by the Alpine Friends of the Library. Her assistant at right, wearing the rubber cap, is Kenneth Mars, 7, of Alpine.





BARGAIN HUNTING

Harold Darling of Descanso looks over books at the Alpine Library Friends Association book sale Aug. 7 as association President Barb Gilbert tries to keep cool. The group made about \$600 and sold about two-thirds of its stock, Gilbert said.



August 12, 1987:

YOUNGSTERS READ 882 BOOKS

Fifty-six youngsters won awards for reading a total of 882 books during the Alpine branch of the County library's summer reading program.

Pre-readers, youngsters who needed some help in reading, joined their older counterparts at the library Aug. 4 for an awards ceremony.

Pre-readers who read 10 books were: Adrianne Brown, Ryan Cioffi, Matt Clark, Kelli Craig, Ricky Craig, Monique Marino, Brian Newman, Crystal Newman, Charlie Schneider, Mark Hinshaw, Joseph Krasko and Ryan Pittman.

Pre-readers who read more than 10 books were: Theresa DePalmer, 23; Daniel Scott, 38; Katie Scott, 42; and Bethany Hillshafer, 19.

Among the older readers, Lindsey Wells read 71 books during the Space Trek program. She was followed by Dannielle Riven, 40; Amy Hillshafer, 30; David Hillshafer, 27; Louise DePalmer, 25; Melanie DePalmer, 25; Daniel Hillshafer, 23; Cyrus Locke, 20; Jen Scaffidi, 20; Carrie Hinshaw, 18; Jennifer Baker, 16; David Baker, 15.

The following older youngsters read 10 books: Althea Ashley, Celena Ashley, Billie Dee Blue, Carrie Bridgeman, Kati Brodi, Jennifer Clark, Joy Clark, Katie Clark, Cory Dwight, Shannon Goodwin, Maryanne Grove, Natalie Grove, Suzanne Grove, Ben Locke, Tre Locke, Francis McMeeken, Sean McMeeken, Casey Marks, Laura Muenkel, Rachel Muenkel, Sara Mulrean, Kimberly Gordon, Scott Gordon, David Hinshaw, Rebecca Muenkel, Stacie Pittman and Amy Scaffidi.

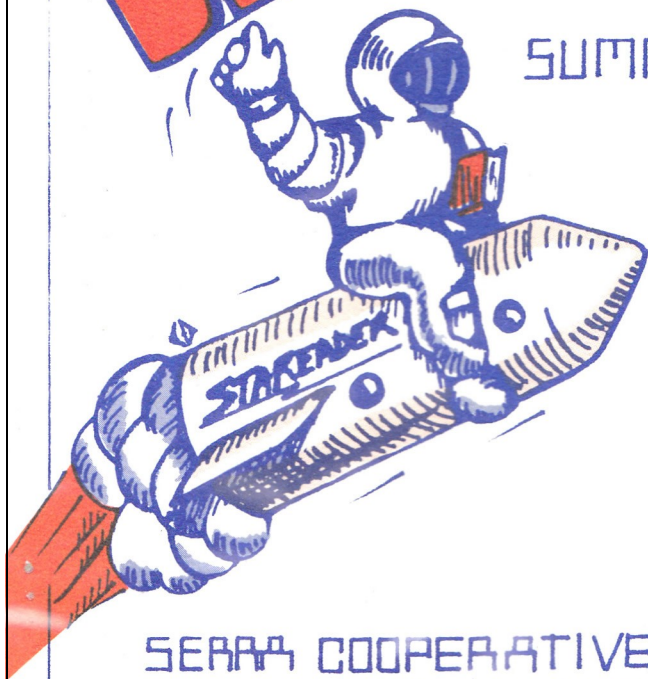
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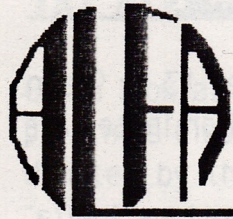
SUMMER, 1987



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FALL - 1987



Illustration by Betty Kupholdt

Now going on at the Alpine library - the
ALFA silent auction of arts and crafts.

October 13 - 9:00 a.m. - Annual elections
quarterly ALFA Board meeting -
you're invited to attend.

See inside for the many other activities
scheduled at your community library.

Alpine Library
Friends Association

ITEMS OF CURRENT INTEREST

ALFA BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, October 13 at 9 a.m. at the Alpine library. Election of officers. Nominated are
For President - Stella MacKintosh
For vice-president - Chris McCoy
For Treasurer - Dorothy Haworth
For Secretary - Jackie Wojkoviak

Nominations from the floor will be accepted at this open meeting. Why not attend and meet AFLA board members.

MAGAZINE EXCHANGE - ALFA has begun a magazine exchange at the library. Bring in those magazines you are finished with to share them with someone else. Then, look over the periodicals contributed by others and pick out those you'd be interested in.

ALFA BULLETIN BOARD - Right about the magazine exchange there's a bulletin board with pictures and news and, starting soon, a list of the Alpine Library Friends. Please check to see if your dues are up to date.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES - Every Tuesday morning at 10:30 there's a pre-school program at the Alpine library that is sure to captivate the young 'uns in your family. Films, stories and crafts will entertain and inform those inquisitive minds. There are 7:00 p.m. evening programs too. On Sept. 30, "Sleepy Time Stories." On Oct. 28, "Scarry Story Night" for Halloween. On Nov. 18, "Daddy and Me." It's a great way to bring kids and books together.

OCT. 21 - 6:30 p.m. - A program for adults on drug and alcohol abuse. Timely, important, informative.

USED BOOK SALE - ALFA's recent annual book sale was a great success. Next time you're in the library, check out the used book shelves for great bargains. What ALFA makes on these book sales provides the money for those extra features that make your library more interesting.

1ST ALEA ART AND CRAFTS AUCTION ON NOW

Get a look at all those snazzy craft items and beautiful paintings displayed at the Alpine library! They have been donated by the area's artisans for AFLA's first annual "silent auction," a great way for you to buy outstanding creations at bargain prices. (What a terrific way to do your Christmas shopping!) Look over the 60 items, then make a bid on what you'd like to own on the simple forms available at the check-out counter. You'll find gorgeous needlework, pottery and ceramics, floral arrangements, wood items, jewelry, and other unique crafts. Plus water colors and oil paintings, even a portrait of some lucky bidder or any person designated by the winner.

The auction ends on October 10 and if your's is the winning bid, you'll be notified. The proceeds will be used to purchase books & other arts and crafts materials for the Alpine library.

The artists and crafters who generously provided items:
Nancy Baker, Bobbie Blodgett, Terri Boggs, Dorothy Bowen, Pauline Burdick, Ann Caldwell, Pat Coker, Barbara Coon, Mary Ann Crowley, Catherine Dake, Beverly Denny, Gerald Dudley, Bonnie Elbik, Lillian Fisher, Elaine Founier, Linda Gast, Marilyn Gram, Lee Greenberg, Dorothy Haworth, Dottie Hyland, Lenore Joans, Chris Jungnitsch, Jane Knight, Melodie Knudsen, Ethel Kunit, Betty Kuphaldt, Sharon Kyne, Igartua Laco, Debra Littlefield, Gina Manriques, Nancy McGrath, JoAnn McMichael, Harvey Moe, Nancy Moe, Becca Moon, Helen Naylor, Shirley Oates, Helen Otten, Anne Ozbun, Joe Pegler, Shirley Peterson, Sharry Sallee, Dorothy Shields, Sharon Sizemore, Arlis Spielman, Pat Svidal, Simone Titus, Margie and Marllys Workman, Jackie Zappa.

To all of the above, a rousing round of applause.

ETC.

Thanks again to Byron Loughman at the Alpine Personal Storage facility at 856 Tavern Road for donating space so that ALFA can store used books and other materials there. It's appreciated.

ALFA funds were used recently to purchase a portable cassette player for those story tapes that kids enjoy so much. It's another example of how ALFA enriches your community library.

Librarian Vikie Mulrean has rearranged the juvenile section for better display and selection. She reports the summer reading program was most successful, especially the appearances of Pandie-mae the clown and Maggie Kerr the ventriloquist.

ALPINE LIBRARY FRIENDS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM

Single person ----- \$ 2.00 per year Family ----- \$ 5 per year
Professional ----- \$10.00 per year Life ----- \$25 one time

Name

Address

Type of Membership

Telephone

Date _____ (Please make check payable to ALFA and
mail to ALFA, PO Box 903, Alpine CA 92001)

If your membership is expiring, please renew it now. The Alpine community library needs your support to make it even better.

"Libraries will get you through times of no money better than money will get you through times of no libraries."

August 2, 1987:

BOOK SALE—Alpine Library Friends Association is having its annual Book Sale from 2 to 7 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at the Alpine Creek Shopping Center at the corners of Tavern Road and Alpine Boulevard. Call 445-2331 for more information.

August 6, 1987:

Book sale, tomorrow, 2-7 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m.—3 p.m. Alpine Creek Shopping Center, 1347 Tavern Road. Sponsored by the Alpine Library Friends Association.



From *The Alpine Sun*, September 16, 1987:

AUCTION TO BENEFIT LIBRARY

The Alpine Library Friends Association will hold a silent auction of arts and crafts donated by more than 60 artists to raise funds for the local branch of the County library.

The paintings, pottery, quilts, jewelry, woodwork and other crafts will be on display from

Monday, Sept. 21 to Oct. 10, when the winning bids will be announced, said association President Barb Gilbert.

Bids will be deposited in a box in the library, she said, and forms will be available.

Artists and crafters who have thus far donated items for the auction are: Pauline Burdick, Elaine Founier, Dorothy Shields, Shirley Oates, Nancy Baker, Terri Boggs, Dorothy Bowen, Ann Caldwell, Pat Coker, Barbara Coon, Catherine Dake, Gerald Dudley, Barbara Farrelly, Lillian Fisher, Bob Fisher, Linda Gast, Lee Greenberg, Dorothy Haworth, Dottie Hyland, Lenore Joans, Chris Jungnitsch, Jane Knight, Melodee Knudsen, Ethel Kunit, Betty Kuphaldt, Sharon Kyne, Igartua Laco, Debra Littlefield, Margie and Marlys Workman, Nancy McGrath, JoAnn McMichael, Harvey and Nancy Moe, Becca Moon, Anne Ozbun, Joe Pegler, Patricia Raver, Sherry Sallee, Arlis Spielman, Patricia Svidal, Sharon Sisemore and Jackie Zappa.



ALPINE SPECIALGRAM



I would like to compliment VICKI MULREAN
for participating in our Community Read In. The students
love to have visitors in their class, and the teachers
appreciate your support of our program. We hope you
will be able to join your class again on March 17 for
the balloon release. Thanks so much!

Sharon Justison

From *The Alpine Sun*, September 16, 1987:

PROTECT THE RIGHT TO READ

We received a book mark in the mail this week and on it is a list of some very special reading material—books that have, at one time or another, been banned.

The book mark was sent courtesy of the San Diego County Library, which will celebrate “Banned Books Week” Sept. 19-26.

Among the books listed on the green book mark are: The Bible, “Are You There God? It’s Me, Margaret,” “Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland,” “To Kill a Mockingbird,” “A Farewell to Arms,” “Rosemary’s Baby,” “Catcher in the Rye,” “The Merchant of Venice,” “Oliver Twist,” “Mother Goose” and “One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich.”

Perhaps as you read the above list, at least one of those books caught your attention and you thought, “Well, that one should have been banned.”

But for every one that it seemed reasonable to ban, there were probably a few that made you lift your eyebrows and wonder, “Now why in the world was that one banned?”

According to the San Diego County Library, the Bible was burned in Germany in 1624 and banned in 1978 in Ethiopia.

“Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland” offended the Chinese bureaucracy because “animals should not use human language.”


Those who want to restrict the freedom of others and fear they will lose control by allowing some thought to be expressed in writing will always have a “reasonable” explanation; at least it

will be reasonable to them.

Our point is that the freedom to read “anything” is a tricky animal. If we put a fence around one book and ban it then no book is safe...books on your nightstand...the treasures on your shelves.

Think of the books that have changed your life. Those special experiences must be protected.

But which books are the key ones in a person’s life? There’s the rub. You make a list, we’ll make a list. Let’s have everyone in Alpine make a list. They we’ll put all the books on the list into a building...and we’ll have the biggest library in the world.



SAN DIEGO COUNTY LIBRARY

CALENDAR
OF
EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 1987


EAST REGION

ALPINE, 2130 Arnold Way	445-4221
BORREGO SPRINGS, 652 Palm Cyn Dr	767-5761
CREST, 105 Juanita Ln	442-7083
DESCANSO, 24617 Viejas Grade Rd	445-5279
EL CAJON, 202 E Lexington	579-4454
FLETCHER HILLS, 576 Garfield Av	466-1132
GOVERNMENT REF., 1600 Pacific Hwy	236-2760
JACUMBA, 44511 Old Hwy 80	766-4608
JULIAN, 2133 4th St	765-0370
LAKE SIDE, 9839 Vine St	443-1811
PINE VALLEY, 28857 Old Hwy 80	473-8022
SANTEE, 9225 Carlton Hills Blvd #17	448-1863

SEPTEMBER 21-30

MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY	
21		22	ALPINE - PRE-SCHOOL STORY TIME - 10:30a.m. Ages 2-5 EL CAJON - FILM PROGRAM 3:00 - 3:30 p.m.	23	EL CAJON - STORIES - 10:30 - 11:00 a.m. FLETCHER HILLS - STORY TIME - 10:30 a.m. - Ages 3-5	24	EL CAJON - STORIES - 7:00 - 7:30 p.m. PINE VALLEY - STORY TIME 10:30 a.m. - Ages 2-5 SANTEE - PUPPET SHOW - 10:30 a.m. - Ages 3-5	25	
28		29	ALPINE - PRE-SCHOOL STORY TIME - 10:30a.m. Ages 2-5 EL CAJON - FILM PROGRAM 3:00 - 3:30 p.m. LAKESIDE - FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY READING AND DISCUSSION GROUP 1:00 p.m. - Adults	30	EL CAJON - STORIES - 10:30 - 11:00 a.m. FLETCHER HILLS - STORY TIME - 10:30 a.m. - Ages 3-5				
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*Be a Leader Reader.
 Make the library a part of
 your life in 1987 —
 The Year of the Reader.*



ALPINE SPECIALGRAM

I would like to compliment Vicki Mulrean for sharing your love of reading with our students. Having community members participate in our Reading Incentive Program is very special. Thank you for making reading come alive for our students.

Thanks!
Sharon Justison







LIBRARY IS A GOLD MINE IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

By Mary Kay, *Californian correspondent*

AREA AGENCY ON AGING

The fading sounds of jingle bells are quickly replaced by the ringing of the after-Christmas cash registers. Sales abound in every store and many earnest shoppers are seeking and finding bargains for next year's gifts.

Fixed income living requires ingenious methods to stretch limited dollars without sacrificing life style. There's nothing like the thrill of a bargain to get one's adrenalin racing and show the old gray matter is still working. Somehow we feel a little smarter, a little better when we find a bargain.

Which brings us to wonder how so many older people have overlooked the best bargain in town. Perhaps because it has been stored in our memory banks as something we did as children, we haven't realized we have a gold mine right in our midst that costs us nothing and gives us unlimited resources.

It's none other than our local library!

The county library system, under the leadership of Catherine Lucas, is updated and "with it" so to speak. It offers video cassettes, daily newspapers, popular magazines and information on services and groups of interest to retirees. And, best of all, it costs nothing.

New federal grants have made it possible for some branches—Fletcher Hills, Alpine and Julian—to purchase new large print books and audio cassettes for the sight-impaired person.

A special corps of volunteers makes it possible for a physically impaired shut-in to call and have materials brought to the home.

For the more active mature citizen, lively lectures and discussion groups can be found at the Alpine and Santee libraries to challenge and stimulate your thinking.

Libraries rely on and are grateful for the volunteers in their "Friends of the Library" groups who purchase new books for book sales and hold other fund-raisers to buy needed equipment.

Since the days of index cards, microfiche to computer indexing, nothing has replaced the friendly librarian. They are always there to help or suggest something of interest.

Here are the gold mines in East County. Locate the one nearest you and discover the bargain of your life today:

■ El Cajon, Neal Clifford, 579-4454, ■ Alpine, Victoria Mulrean, 445-4221, ■ Crest, Billie Tate, 442-7083, ■ Fletcher Hills, Leslie Ward, 466-1132, ■ La Mesa, Nancy Adams, 469-2151, ■ Lakeside, Tressie Horton, 443-1811, ■ Lemon Grove, Carol Stanley, 463-9819. ■ Casa de Oro, Pat Buck, 463-3236, ■ Spring Valley, (position open), 463-3006, ■ Santee, Jo Routhier, 448-1863.

LIBRARY FRIENDS TO HOLD BOOK SALE

On Friday and Saturday, Oct. 6 and 7, from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m., the Alpine Friends of the Library will hold a used book sale at the Alpine Creek Shopping Center in Alpine.

Book lovers will find great bargains in both hard cover and paper back fiction and non-fiction.

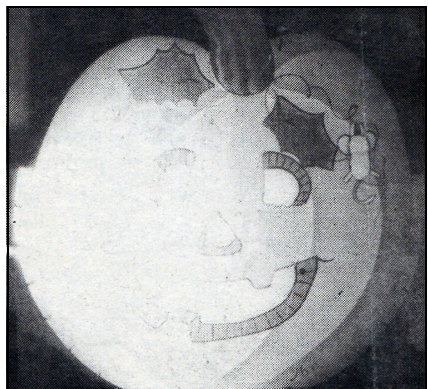
The sale will be held in the breezeway of the shopping center across from the Breadbasket Restaurant.

Proceeds will be used to support the Alpine Library. ALFA provides monthly publications to the library such as the "L.A. Times" and the "Wall Street Journal." The group also supports the children's Summer Reading Program. This coming year ALFA plans to restart the adult book review series.

Those who would like to join ALFA may do so at the book sale. Annual membership for an individual is \$3; family, \$5; professional, \$10; and lifetime is \$25.

ALFA offers monthly presentations to its membership and the public. Oct. 25 at 9 a.m. ALFA will present a program on Russia in honor of the San Diego Soviet Arts Festival

For more information about ALFA and the book sale call 445-3288.



From *The Alpine Sun*, October 14, 1987

PET PUMPKIN

This wooden pumpkin basket, made by Becca Moon of El Cajon, was one of 60 donated items auctioned by the Alpine Library Friends Association. The winning bid was entered by Librarian Vicki Mulrean, said association president Barb Gilbert.

From *The Alpine Sun*, October 21, 1987

FRIENDS OF LIBRARY MEET

Alpine Friends of the Library met Oct. 13 for the fourth and final meeting of the year. New officers were elected unanimously.

They are: Stella Mackintosh, president; Chris McCoy, vice president; Dorothy Howorth, treasurer; and Jackie Wojtkowiak continues as secretary.

Members-at-large are: Barbara Gilbert, Mark Martin and Jayne Hanavan.

Minutes of the last meeting, July 14, were approved. The first annual Silent Auction was very successful. The membership agreed that efforts will be made to bring in more community activities and to increase the number of participants.

Friends of the Library will next meet Jan. 12, 1988, the second Tuesday of the new year.

November 7, 1987:

Preschool stories, ages 2-5, Nov. 10, 10:30 a.m., Alpine Library, 2130 Arnold Way. Free admission. Children's story time, Nov. 10, 10:30 a.m., Lakeside Library, 9839 Vine Street. Free admission.

November 24, 1987:

LIBRARY FRIENDS PREPARE NEWSLETTER

The Alpine Library Friends Association will publish their next newsletter in the first week of December.

The newsletter will be larger, with book reviews, bookish gossip and information.

The newsletter will also include a contest based on a Christmas quiz. All answers to the questions can be found in the library. The first contestant to turn in the correct answers will be awarded a prize.

November 25, 1987:

ALPINE LIBRARY FRIENDS ENLARGE NEWSLETTER

The Alpine Friends of the Library have expanded its newsletter. The next issue will feature book reviews, bookish gossip and a Christmas quiz.

Lenore Joans' review of a children's book donated to the library by ALFA, will be among the book reports, said Mark Martin, newsletter publisher, who will also review a book.

Tuesday, December 22:

Puppet shows—San Diego County Library will show puppet shows Tuesday at the Lakeside branch of the library at 10:30 a.m., at Crest at 11 a.m., and at the Alpine branch at 3 p.m.

Holiday magic—Families of children with visual, auditory, or physical handicaps may request tickets for the La Mesa Police Officer's Association Holiday Magic Show to be presented at 5 p.m. Tuesday. This free event will be held at Parkway School auditorium, 9009 Park Plaza in La Mesa. Call 287-6851 for ticket information.

Crafts class, December 21, 1:30 p.m., Pine Valley Library, 28857 Old Highway 80. Call 473-8022. Christmas puppet shows on Dec. 22 at the following county libraries: 10:30 a.m., Lakeside Library, 9839 Vine St.; 11 a.m., Crest Library, 105 Juanita Lane; 3 p.m., Alpine Library, 2130 Arnold Way. Free.

December 23, 1987:

LIBRARY LEASE IS EXTENDED

The County Board of Supervisors approved extending the lease on the Alpine branch of the

County library.

The lease had an option to extend for five years and was due to expire Jan. 31.

The library, located at 2130 Arnold Way, is approximately 3,018 square feet. The cost of leasing the building is \$15,096 a year.

LIVELY SPORTS PRESENTATION PART OF ALPINE LIBRARY 75TH CELEBRATION

By Sharon Almerigi/Staff Writer

Sports reporter and week end sports caster Rick Powers from San Diego's KGTV Channel 10 will present "Powers' Plays," a collection of video clips of interesting and humorous moments in sports on a Giant screen TV in the Alpine Library on Thursday, October 20. The event is part of a four day celebration of Alpine Library's 75th year.

In a telephone interview Powers said he will share clips that he's been adding to the end of his television broadcasts to lighten things up after the serious and sometimes depressing evening news. He has captured diving football and baseball catches, hole-in-one golf shots and unusual sporting events such as mutton busting (rodeo sheep riding) or turkey bowling which involves rolling frozen turkeys down the aisle of a supermarket into a row of soda cans. He will also offer segments of "Powers Peeks Back," clips from past sports events in comparison with current games.

Powers said he has always loved sports broadcasting and as a youth he would go to an event with a tape recorder so he could announce the game. Originally from St. Louis, Missouri, he received his training from the University of Missouri, noted as one of the country's finest journalism schools. He came to San Diego three years ago to take his current post at Channel 10 and at the same time his wife Audrey accepted a position as News Producer at KFMB Channel 8.



Admission to "Powers' Plays" is free and there will be refreshments and door prizes. Alpine Library is located at 2130 Arnold Way. For more information call 445-4221.

January 4, 1989:

LIBRARY FRIENDS TO MEET; BOOK DISCUSSION SLATED

The Alpine Library Friends Association invite the public to attend its membership meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 11, at 9 a.m. at the Alpine Library, 2130 Arnold Way.

The meeting will adjourn by 10 a.m. so that those attending may enjoy the book discussion, which will focus on "Letters of a Woman Homesteader" by Elinor Pruitt Stewart.

On the Friends' agenda will be a financial report on the anniversary celebration, discussion of the next book sale, status report on vacancies on the board of directors, report on recommendations and actions taken at the last board meeting, librarian's wish list and projects for the new year.

January 6, 1989:

LIBRARY FRIENDS MAY BUY ART BOOKS

The Alpine Library Friends Association will discuss buying art books and starting a book discussion group at its next meeting, Tuesday, Jan. 12.

The meeting will be held at the library at 9 a.m.

Books under consideration for purchase are "The Helga Pictures" by Andrew Wyeth; "Creative Home Design" and "Home Furnishings" both by Terence Conran; "Embroidery;" "History of Beads from 30,000 BC to the Present;" "History of Western Art;" "The Queen's Jewels" by Leslie Fields; "American Frontier Life: Early Western Painting and Prints;" and "Hispanic Art in the U.S.: 30 Contemporary Painters and Sculptors."

The association will also discuss starting a book discussion group as well as having a children's summer program and a book sale.

The public is welcome to the meeting and to contribute ideas for improving the library.

ALPINE LIBRARY FRIENDS TO MEET FEBRUARY 6

ALFA met at 9 a.m. January 12, to start the New Year with many fine new plans.

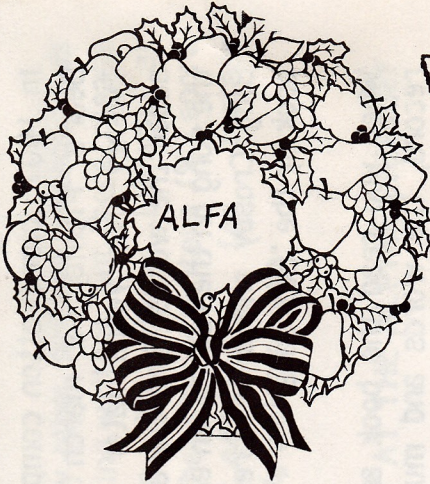
The next meeting of ALFA will be Tuesday, February 9 at 9 a.m., and succeeding meetings may be held more frequently than the regular three-month period.

The Holiday Time Quiz will continue through January and February. The prize to be awarded to the first correct list of ten answers will be a new book. (Hint—answers can be found in the reference section of the library.) The quiz can be found in the winter edition of the ALFA newsletter, available at the library and various stores.

The date of the next book sale will be April 8 and 9. Friday, the stalls will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday hours will be 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The library will be closed Saturday, February 6, Sunday (as usual) and Monday until 2 p.m. so that the walls may be painted.

Other business was conducted, including reading of the proposed budget and discussion of book purchases. All Alpine readers are invited to attend future ALFA meetings.



WINTER EDITION

1987-1988

The mountains in the wintertime had a stern and demonic quality of savage joy that was, in its own way, as strangely haunting as all the magic and gold of April.

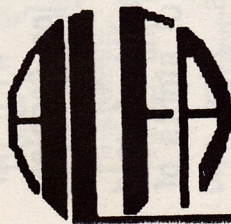
Thomas Wolfe.

(in residence at Alpine Library)

Inside you'll find ALFA's quick and easy quiz about the Christmas holidays.

Turn in your answers at the Alpine library and you may win a book gift certificate.

Also inside: news about what's going on, who's doing what, and what's new at the Alpine Library.



**Alpine Library
Friends Association**

PO Box 13 -- Alpine CA --- 92001

A HOLIDAY TIME QUIZ

Books containing answers to the following questions can be found on the shelves at the Alpine Library. The first entry received with all the correct answers wins a gift a book certificate from ALFA.

1 - In which book would you find a formula for coating your Christmas tree with a fire-retardant?

2 - In which book could you find out about selecting and caring for a Christmas tree?

3 - When and where is the Caribbean Christmas Festival held?

4 - How long does Hanukkah, or the Festival of the Lights, last and why is it celebrated?

5 - Where can you find the recipe for "Lebkuchen," those spicy cakes made in various shapes and used as holiday decorations?

6 - What reference guide could you use to find information on what kind of gifts you can give your pet at Christmas?

7 - Who played the parts of Kris Kringle and the little unbelieving girl in the 1947 movie "Miracle on 34th Street"?

8 - When was the first Christmas stamp regular issue put on sale?

9 - The anniversary of first Christmas greetings from space and "Christmas at the Zoo" and the annual holiday sing in Mammoth Cave all take place on the same December day. Which day?

10 - Which book will tell you about poinsettias and mistletoe?

Put your answers on this form and turn it in to the Alpine Library. Include _____ (DAY) & _____ (TIME).

Name: _____ Phone: _____



ALFA BOARD ELECTS OFFICERS, HEARS REPORTS AT OCTOBER MEET

Election of officers for the coming year was the main order of business when the ALFA Board of Directors met at the Alpine library on October 13. Barbara Gilbert, current president, chaired the session.

Stella Mackintosh was elected president with Chris McCoy being named to the post of vice-president. Dorothy Haworth was re-elected treasurer and Dorothy Wojtkowiak renamed secretary.

A report on the recent arts and crafts silent auction was given and that event was pronounced a considerable success with all donated items having been sold and a goodly amount of money raised for future ALFA activities.

It was decided to renew subscriptions to the following publications for the Alpine library: Los Angeles Times, Wall Street Journal, New Woman, The Writer, Arizona Highways, Peterson's Photographic, Highlights, and Kit Planes.

The board also voted to purchase a unique "History of the World" chart which will soon make its appearance on one of the walls at the Alpine library.

Alpine Library Friends Association



Winter is the time
of year when it
gets later
earlier.

And now
is the time
to join
ALFA.

Happy
Holidays!

ALFA MEMBERS WIN WRITING AWARDS

By Jayne Hanavan

Five members of ALFA, and of the Alpine Writers, have been honored with awards from the Showcase Writers' Club of La Mesa. Well done!

The Showcase Writers publish winning entries of their annual contest. The SHOWCASE book (volume 21 this year) features short stories, poetry, and articles by San Diego county authors.

Stella Macintosh, President of ALFA, took a first place in children's stories. Lillian Fisher and Leonore Joans also won awards in that category.

Betty Kuphaldt won for her article, "Our Dutch Invasion," and Jayne Hanavan took an honorable mention in adult stories.

If there are any other authors, potential as well as practicing writers, out there, please contact either the Alpine Library at 445-4221 or the Alpine Writers (% Lenore Joans) at 443-7833, for further information. We welcome you.

ON DISPLAY AT THE ALPINE LIBRARY

James Hinds, a back-country historian, whose special interest is the former Camp Lockett and other military associations at Campo, has an interesting display now showing at the Alpine library. It has models of three frontier forts that played an important part in the settling of the American west. Fort Reno (1875-1866) and Fort C.F. Smith (1866-1868) and Fort Phil Kearney (1866-1868) are also depicted in drawings and other documents dating from that era.

THE TEDDY BEARS PICNIC

by Jimmy Kennedy with illustrations by Alexandra Day. Published by The Green Tiger Press, La Jolla.

Reviewed by Lenore Joans.

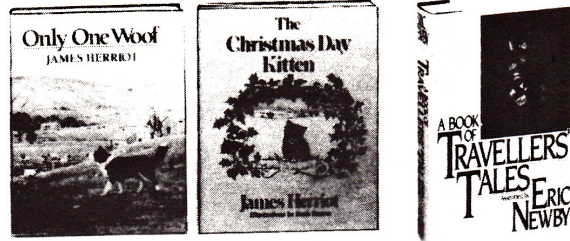
Are they Teddy Bears acting like people, or people acting like Teddy Bears?

Well, you decide. . . . "If you go down in the woods today you're sure of a big surprise. If you go down in the woods today you'd better go down in disguise." Why? ". . . because today's the day the Teddy Bears have their picnic." And you're invited to share the fun from cover to cover.

The book contains 24 delightful egg tempera illustrations. The words are easy to read, and catchy to sing. A phonograph record is provided in a pocket on the inside back cover of the book.

In 1907 John Bratton composed "The Teddy Bear's Picnic," a march without lyrics. Twenty-five years later Jimmy Kennedy added the words. There are two versions of the song on the record, an early recording by Bing Crosby and a new recording for this book by the "Bearcats."

When you read the book and listen to the record, the words and music are sure to linger long. Perhaps very soon you will be singing and marching to the Teddy Bears' Picnic Song.



ALFA Members Trip to Mexico, England

Barbara Gilbert just returned from 2 weeks in Scotland and England that she calls "the trip of a lifetime." Besides hunting Douglas clan history in a tiny library in Coulter, she stayed in a castle in St. Ives, roamed around James Herriot country in Yorkshire. Four days in London meant shopping, browsing in book stores, and going to theaters. Besides books, kilts, and a shepherd's crook, Barbara brought back photos and memories and a fervent desire to go back again. Barbara is the current president of ALFA.

Stella Macintosh, who will be ALFA prexy in 1988, spent Thanksgiving days roaming the back country in Mexico. Along with her family she visited in Bahia de los Angeles, Punta San Francisquito, Guerrero Negro and other picturesque spots. She tells of cold nights camping out but beautiful sights of boojum trees and cardon plants. Also, and alas, tourist trappings and turkey buzzards.

ALFA has recently purchased these tapes and they are now available at the Alpine Library.

"Whitney" --- Whitney Houston

"Bad" --- Michael Jackson

"Tunnel of Love" --- Bruce Springsteen

"You'll Understand" --- Bill Cosby

"Morning Like This" --- Sandi Patti

Hawaii's Greatest Hits" --- Don Ho

"The Life of the Rover" --- The Irish Rovers

These "books on tape" are also available:

Space, by James Michener

A Matter of Honor, by Jeffrey Archer

Love Must Be Tough, by James Dobson

Comments put in the "Suggestion Box" for improvements at the Alpine library had to do with allowing food and drink inside, more tables, a drinking fountain, and keeping it quieter. The response to these suggestions can be found on the bulletin board. If you have ideas on how the Alpine library can be improved, drop them in the box provided or talk to one of the library staff members.

ALFA operates a magazine exchange at the library. You are invited to bring in copies of magazines you no longer need and take out those that you may find interesting.

ALFA also has a section of shelves at the library that offers used books at amazingly cheap prices. Check it out next time you're in the library.

**ALPINE LIBRARY FRIENDS ASSOCIATION
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM**

Membership is available in these classifications:

Single person - \$2.00 per year Family - \$ 5 per year
Professional - \$10.00 per year Life - \$25 one time

Name

Address

Type of membership

Telephone Number

**Date: _____ (Please make check payable to
ALFA and present at library or mail to Box 13, ALPINE.)
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February 3, 1988:

LIBRARY PROGRAMS FOR KIDS SET FOR WEDNESDAYS

Disney's "Wonderful World of Winter" and "Frog and Toad are Friends" are the films for children scheduled at the Alpine branch of the County Library, 2130 Arnold Way, for Wednesday, Feb. 3.

The films will be shown at 10:30 a.m.

Other programs for children this month include: Valentine stories and craft on Feb. 10 at 10:30 a.m. and bedtime stories at 7 p.m. Feb. 17 the library will feature stories and crafts for the Chinese New Year at 10:30 a.m. and Feb. 24 stories and music will be offered at 10:30 a.m. with "Daddy and Me" Story time at 7 p.m.

For more information call the library at 445-4221.



February 10, 1988:

LIBRARY OFFERS TALKING BOOKS

Talking Books for blind or disabled persons are available at the Alpine branch of the County library.

The Talking Books program of the Braille Institute Library provides recorded books on tape and disc. Alpine Librarian Vickie Mulrean said the library has a collection of books for adults including fiction and non-fiction from best sellers to Westerns and some books for youngsters are also available.

Additional books and magazines can be ordered directly from the Braille Institute Library's catalog either at the library or from the institute, Mulrean said.

The program is free to anyone who is certified as permanently or temporarily blind or disabled in such a way that he or she cannot read or hold a book.

Mulrean said blind persons can simply come to the library, at 2130 Arnold Way, to be certified for the Talking Books program. Persons who are disabled in other ways must be certified by having a doctor fill out a form available at the library.

Disabilities, whether temporary or permanent, that make a person eligible for the program include inability to read standard printed material without special aids or devices other than regular glasses, inability to read or use standard printed material as a result of physical limitations, such as paralysis, missing arms or hands, or extreme weakness, organic dysfunction of sufficient severity that prevents reading printed material in a normal manner.

Mulrean said the Talking Books program is free of charge and no overdue fees are assessed. Tape machines or record players are assigned to those enrolled in the program.

Books may be returned without paying postage through the mail.

The Braille Institute Library also offers magazines on records and books and magazines in Braille.

For more information, call the Alpine library at 445-4221.

February 17, 1988:

CLASSIC BOOKS DISCUSSION GROUP STARTS

Persons interested in joining a book discussion group are invited to attend an organizational meeting Friday, Feb. 19, at 9 a.m. at the Alpine branch of the County Library, 2130 Arnold Way.

The group will meet monthly to discuss classics of the past and present.

From *The Jacumba Plain Speaker*, February, 1988:

ALPINE LIBRARY MEETING

The next meeting of Alpine Library Friends Association (ALFA) will be Tuesday, Feb. 9 at 9 a.m. at the Alpine Library, 2130 Arnold Way. The group met Jan. 12 to formulate plans for the New Year. Succeeding meetings may be held more often than the regular 3-month period.

The date of the group's next book sale will be April 8-9. On Friday the 8th, stalls will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The following day's hours will be 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Alpine Library will be closed Saturday, Feb. 6, Sunday (as usual), and Monday until 2 p.m. because of painting.

The holiday time quiz, to be found in the winter edition of the ALFA newsletter available at the library and various stores, will continue through February.

February 24, 1988:

ALPINE LIBRARY FRIENDS MEET MARCH 2

The meeting of an Alpine book discussion group is set for March 2 at the Alpine Library, 2130 Arnold Way.

The public is invited to the 9 a.m. meeting for an evaluation and review of Nathaniel Hawthorne's "Scarlet Letter," according to Stella Mackintosh, president of the sponsoring Alpine Friends of the Library.

Mrs. Mackintosh says the idea for the discussion group came after she and some friends visited a similar event at the Lakeside library. The Alpine members plan to meet on the first Wednes-

day of each month and information may be had by calling 445-9792.

Lakeside's book discussion group has been getting together for almost 20 years, says Tressie Horton at the Lakeside Library.

Members agree on books to be read for discussion at the following meeting, held on the last Tuesday monthly at 1 p.m.

Recent discussions have included books that have later been made into motion pictures, including "Windmill of the Gods," "Clan of the Cave Bear," "The Natural," and "Princess of Tides."

Information on the Lakeside meeting is available by calling 443-1811.

February 14, 1989:

CHILDREN'S EVENT

Bedtime stories, 7 p.m. tomorrow, Alpine Library, 2130 Arnold Way. Free. Information: 445-4221.

LIBRARY GROUP MEETS FEB. 9

The Alpine Library Friends Association will meet Tuesday, Feb. 9, at 9 a.m. in the library.

The group's last meeting was in early January. Generally, the group meets quarterly, but meetings may be held more frequently.

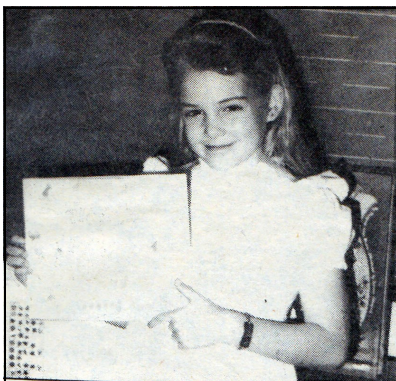
The Holiday Time Quiz will continue through January and February. The prize to be awarded for the first correct list of ten answers will be a new book. Answers can be found in the reference section of the library.

The quiz can be found in the winter edition of the ALFA newsletter.

The group set April 8 and 9 as the dates for the next book sale.

Other business was conducted, including reading of the proposed budget and discussion of book purchases. All Alpine readers are invited to attend future Library friends meetings.

For any additional information, please call Jayne D. Hanavan at 445-8223.



From *The Alpine Sun*, March 9, 1988:

SHE'S A LIBRARY LOVER—Brandi Antram, a 2nd-grader at Alpine Elementary School shows classmates the book of poetry she won for her entry in the "Why I Love My Library Card Contest." The contest at the Alpine branch of the County Library is part of a national campaign to encourage children to get library cards. Librarian Vickie Mulrean said that in the two months since the campaign began the library has processed cards for 300 youngsters.

March 23, 1988:

ALPINE LIBRARY ASSN. BOOK SALE APRIL 8

The Alpine Library Association will hold its annual book sale on Friday, April 8th from 9:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. and Saturday, April 9th from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Alpine Creek Shopping Center, 1347 Tavern Rd.

The Alpine Library Friends Association is an all volunteer non-profit organization and a branch of the national organization, Friends of the Library. They are dedicated to supporting and encouraging the use of public libraries. The proceeds are used to purchase many magazines and books and support the children's summer reading programs and entertainment. The main source of income is this annual book sale.

March 26, 1988:

DISCUSSION GROUP MEETS

"The Book Discussion Group" will meet Wednesday, April 6, at 9 a.m. at the Alpine Library, 2130 Arnold Way.

Suggestions for a wide range of books will be made to appeal to different tastes in reading.

The public is invited to attend.

April 6, 1988:

FRIENDS OF LIBRARY SET TUESDAY MEETING

The Alpine Library Friends Association will meet Tuesday, April 12, a 9 a.m. at the Alpine Library, 2130 Arnold Way.

The group meets regularly on the second Tuesday of each month. However, this will be the last meeting until July.



Stella Mackintosh of Alpine

April 6, 1988:

FRIEND OF ALPINE LIBRARY WAS ALSO A FRIEND OF CONAN DOYLE

When Stella Mackintosh of Alpine was very young, she was shown a photograph of fairies dancing around the head of a child.

The incident might not have been one worth remembering nearly 70 years later, except that the man who showed her the photo was Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, creator of the fictitious but famous detective Sherlock Holmes.

Thus she was introduced early to the world of imagination, which may or may not have had anything to do with the three slim volumes of poetry she has published since then.

Her love for the literary world has also extended to her work for several years with the Alpine Library Friends Association. This year she is president of the nonprofit group that buys books for the library and supports the children's summer reading program.

Mackintosh, a native of Scotland, was born in 1914. Her father was killed in the retreat from the Marne during World War I, and she was raised by her mother in southern England.

After spending her senior high school year at a finishing school in France, she spent six months in Estonia living with a German family.

Then her mother "pushed me into" secretarial school because "that's what young ladies were supposed to do."

Mackintosh's mother died when she was 21, and she went to work in London, sharing an apartment with the sister of another famous writer, Graham Greene, author of "The Comedians."

Not long before World War II she came to the United States to visit her present husband, Bill Mackintosh and his wife, who were distant cousins.

Then "the Munich crisis occurred and I skedaddled home. I didn't want to get stuck here with a war starting."

In 1939 she joined the ambulance service and was stationed below the Savoy Hotel. That's how she met her first husband, Fred Hawkins, who was driving a stretcher car.

He went into the Air Force after they married, and she transferred to the coastal defense to keep watch with radar.

"It was less messy than driving an ambulance and London wasn't too healthy with bombs dropping all over the place."

After the war her husband got a job with a travel agency, and in 1959 they moved to Philadelphia where they lived for 10 years on "the oldest continually inhabited street in the United States."

The street dates back to the 1690s, with homes made of bricks that were brought over on ships from England as ballast.

The historic site, which lured many tourists, was also used in a documentary about the Revolutionary War. Ironically, the producers chose to have an actor knock on Mackintosh's door to announce the Red Coats were coming.

They lived a total of 15 years in Philadelphia and in 1972 they moved to Washington, D.C.

Mackintosh's husband died the next year of lung cancer.

She returned to England for a short time, but "I was at loose ends and it isn't easy to get work when you're older."

Knowing she could get work with the insurance company she had worked for for 25 years,

Mackintosh came to Chula Vista to live near Bill and his wife. In 1976, Bill's wife died. A year later, Bill and Stella married.

In 1978, the Mackintoshes moved to Alpine because Bill had relatives here. "In 1981 I joined the Friends of the Library. I went to a meeting," she said, chuckling, "and that was fatal." She was president of the group in 1983 and 1984 and again in 1986 and this year.

Mackintosh said it's important for the friends to bring in new members to bolster the 10 active members. For information on joining the friends, call the Alpine branch of the County Library at 445-4221.

Following is a poem written by Mackintosh and published in her book "Third Appearance—Poems and Prose."

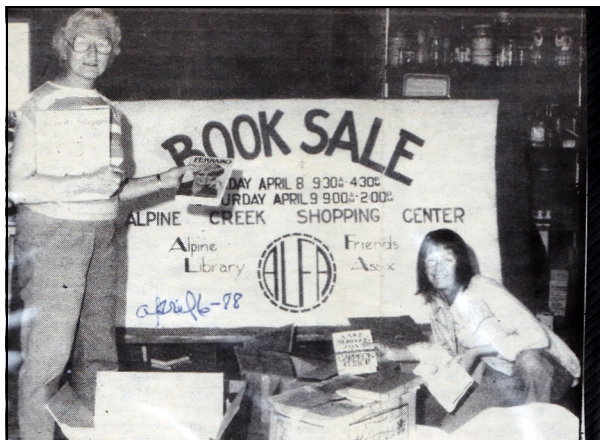
"In some distant tropical forest there is a crumbling statue of a forgotten god from whose mouth water used to run into a pool—overgrown now by vines, with probably here and there the hardly visible signs of a ruined temple."

THE FORGOTTEN GOD

My heart is cold, and dark the water lies beneath bare boughs.
Tears from my blinded eyes are frozen as they fall;
my source of speech is dry;
round my cracked lips the lichens breach the very stone
some ancient hand has caste to give me life;
vines creep around my throat.
I am alone...alone!
Dying...outcast from a forgotten age, and so remote
from life that no one knows that I am here.
I long for peace with no more fear.

ALPINE

The branch was established in 1883 and became a part of the County in 1913. Population was estimated at 7,549 in 1985-86, a 17% growth since 1980. The library was open 43 hours per week that year. Population was estimated to grow to 12,712 by the year 2005.



From *The Alpine Sun*, April 6, 1988:

Book 'em—Stella Mackintosh, left, and Lenore Joans prepare for the annual Alpine Library Friends Association book sale. The sale will be at the Alpine Creek Shopping Center Friday, April 8, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday, April 9, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The selection will include hardback and paperbacks, fiction and non-fiction, books for adults and children.

April 20, 1988:

GROWTH LIBRARIES WON'T MEET IDEAL GOALS

(Editor's note: This is the third in a series on growth in Alpine and the Back Country. This issue focuses on the local branches of the County library. Future editions will examine recreation, the schools and a debate on the Rural Preservation and Traffic Control Initiative.)

By Ellen B. Holzman

Although the County library has established goals for its branch libraries in Alpine and Crest to keep up with projected growth through the year 2005, "it's pretty unlikely that we'll meet those ideals," said Cindy Mediavilla.

Mediavilla is principal librarian for the 10 libraries east of El Cajon. Her responsibilities include branch libraries in Alpine, Crest, Descanso, Jacumba and Pine Valley.

Goals for Descanso, Pine Valley and Jacumba haven't been established, she said, because population projections aren't available for the three more remote areas.

Nonetheless, as the tiniest branch in the County, and one of the smallest in the state, Descanso is one of 12 branch libraries targeted for replacement or expansion.

But unless the Descanso Friends of the Library can raise the funds, it's unlikely the branch will get some breathing space. Mediavilla said the County library is counting on the community to raise funds to move the library from a 192-square-foot facility that houses 3,000 to 4,000 books to a 1,200-square-foot facility.

Mediavilla said funding is simply not available to bring the libraries up to ideal standards. The County library is projected to have a \$400,000 deficit next year. The library shares the same source of funding as fire and flood districts, which has become notoriously unstable as County super- (See Growth, p. 12) *Note: The rest of the article was not included in the scrapbook.*

April 20, 1988:

The poetry of Don Blanding will be read by former radio personality Lester "Mac" Macomber at the Alpine branch of the County Library Wednesday, April 20, at 6:30 p.m.

Following is an excerpt from Blanding's "Let Us Dream," written in 1933:

"Let us dream that, in our hands, we hold
Magic to make reality a dream
And all our dearest secret wishing seem
Real as the touch of flesh or guinea gold."

April 27, 1988:

AFRICAN SPEAKS TO CLUB

A woman who was born in South Africa will be the guest speaker at the next meeting of the Alpine Book Discussion Group.

The public is invited to attend.

The group has been reading “West With the Night” by Beryl Markham who lived in Africa for many years.

Beryl Newman, a native of South Africa, will speak to the group Wednesday, May 4, at 9 a.m. at the Alpine branch of the County Library. The library is located at 2130 Arnold Way in Alpine.

Newman is a member of the Descanso Library Friends Association.

For more information, call the library at 445-4221.

April 30, 1988:

ALFA PLANS BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

The Alpine Library Friends Association’s Book Discussion Group will meet Wednesday, April 6, at 9 a.m., at the Alpine Library.

“Some great suggestions with growing possibilities may please nearly everyone who is interested in book discussions,” said Lenore Joans, “The public is cordially invited to attend.”

ALFA will meet Tuesday, April 12, 9 a.m., at the library. This will be the last meeting until July, Joans notes.

Please attend. We need your help to continue to serve our library.

From *East County Weekly*, May 4, 1988:

WHAT’S GOING ON AT THE ALPINE LIBRARY

Alpine Library branch manager, Vickie Mulean, announces some special services that the library now offers the community. This includes homebound delivery for those who find it difficult to come to the library, a selection of Spanish language materials, a magazine exchange, inter-library loan service putting books and pamphlets from a statewide library network at your fingertips, and a very special service—the “Talking Books” program which has many fiction and non-fiction titles on tape and disc.

A summer reading program for both pre-school and older children is being planned, which will be bringing some special programs and guests to the Alpine Library. More information on times and dates will be announced at a later time.

Stella Mackintosh, ALFA president, reported that the recent book sale held by the Alpine Library Friends Association netted a grand total of \$659 to be used for library services.

Also of interest is a Book Discussion Group which meets on the first Wednesday of each month with a new Moderator each time for books suggested by participants. For further information, on all library services, contact the staff at 445-4221.

May 24, 1988:

LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Local libraries will present story times for preschoolers on Wednesday, May 25, and Thursday, May 26. El Cajon, Fletcher Hills and Alpine libraries will have programs at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday and Pine Valley and Santee libraries will have programs at 10:30 a.m. Thursday. The Lakeside Library will be closed all week for installation of new carpeting.

June 1, 1988:

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME CONTINUES THRU SUMMER

Vickie Mulrean, Branch Manager of the Alpine Library, announces that the preschool story time will continue through the summer months for the first time this year.

The program, which is specifically designed to capture the interest of children ages 2 to 5, will be held every Thursday morning at the library at 10:30 a.m., June 23 through Aug. 25. The children will have the opportunity to hear stories and at the same time participate in simple craft projects that go along with the story. Debbie Rogers will be assisting with the story time. For more information on the preschool program, interested parents may call the library at 445-4221.

From *The Alpine Sun*, June 22, 1988:

ALPINE LIBRARY HELPS MAKE HISTORY

(Editor's note: The following article was provided by the San Diego County Library.)

The year was 1913. Woodrow Wilson had just been elected the 28th president of the United States. The unsinkable Titanic made her fateful maiden voyage, and the doors of New York's Grand Central Station opened to the public.

While the foxtrot was sweeping the country, Americans were reading D. H. Lawrence's "Sons and Lovers" and Willa Cather's "O Pioneers!" And the "New York World" featured the nation's first crossword puzzle.

Rumblings across Europe led the U.S. Senate to appropriate funds to improve San Diego's harbor and thus strengthen West Coast defenses.

Also, locally, President Wilson officially declared the Point Loma Lighthouse the Cabrillo National Monument, and lots in Del Mar Heights were selling at a bargain price of \$350.

Another major San Diego event of 1913 actually had its beginnings a year before, when the County Board of Supervisors met to consider a San Diego County Free Library.

State Library representative Harriet Eddy had arrived in February of 1912 to organize the new system and worked tirelessly with County residents to gather support for this new concept in library services.

However, a unanimous vote was required to pass the upcoming board resolution, and only four of the five supervisors assured Eddy of a favorable vote. The hold-out, she was told, could be convinced by only one person—powerful San Diego business leader and man-of-vision John D. Spreckels.

In a visit to Spreckels' office just hours before the board meeting, Eddy urged him to help secure the one remaining vote for the library.

Later, when the meeting was called to order, Harriet Eddy and four supervisors anxiously awaited the vote. Spreckels' friend delivered the deciding "Aye," then turned with a knowing smile to the persevering librarian.

"Well, Miss Eddy," he said, "you've got your County Library."

In February of 1913, under the guidance of newly appointed County Librarian Jennie Herrman and staff, Library Headquarters was opened in one room of the County Courthouse.

The pressing business at hand was to sort through the stack of community petitions requesting a library and decide where to establish the first branches. After much deliberation, the decision was made to open libraries in Fallbrook, Poway, El Cajon, Ramona, Lakeside, Lemon Grove, La Mesa, Alpine, Julian, Bonita and Campo.

Current County Librarian Catherine Lucas is proud to count those 11 original branches as a vital part of today's San Diego County Library.

"Those branches established in 1913 are representative of all we do today," says Lucas. "Each individual community gives tremendous support to its library branch and, in turn, the resources of the entire County Library are available to every County resident, no matter how small the community might be."

Back in 1913, a shopper could buy hair tonic, castor oil and cure-alls—and check out a book at the same time. Down the road a bit, members of the Women's Club could enjoy tea and cakes while reading poetry in the librarian's parlor. Or, upon returning from a Mexican holiday, travelers could check out books while U.S. Customs Officers checked out their identities.

It all started on May 5, 1913, when the first County Library Branch opened in Fallbrook. The Women's Saturday Afternoon Club had generously offered furnishings and a portion of a librarian's salary if the County would provide the books. Soon, a small collection was set up in Jess Hardy's drugstore and the owner himself doubled as librarian.

Only two weeks later, on May 19, Mrs. E. B. Flint converted the front parlor of her home into the Poway Library, a pleasant arrangement that lasted 13 years.

While the Model Ts were chugging down El Cajon's unpaved Main Street, W.L. Crabb became the second druggist/librarian, when the El Cajon Library opened in his pharmacy on May 22.

Four days later, the Ramona Branch was established after residents requested a library for its "benefit to our schools, our farmers and our townspeople."

The Lakeside Hall became home to that library branch on May 30, and a local clubhouse opened its doors to the Lemon Grove Branch on June 30.

Regardless of a branch's location, the goal was to provide "equal economical and complete library service to everyone."

The man responsible for these ideals was California State Librarian James L. Gillis. His dream was to bring the entire State Library collection within the reach of every person in California, and Gillis felt that county governments offered the perfect solution. Small enough to operate as a unit, most counties were still large enough to support library branches. Gillis' slogan could then be realized: "Every book for everybody."

But to do so, branches had to be established in towns as well as in outlying communities.

On Sept. 5, the La Mesa Library opened in the Women's Clubhouse, and the community of Alpine followed La Mesa's example on Dec. 22. The Alpine Library Association offered to pay the rent and part of Librarian Alvin Wilber's salary on the condition that the County keep its books separate from the existing collection. Eventually, reassured borrowers agreed that the collections should merge.

Also, on Dec. 22, in the mountain town of Julian, the library opened in the local high school. Ironically, the Julian Branch is now located in the 100-year-old schoolhouse that was once the Witch Creek Branch of the County Library.

The busy year ended successfully with the Sweetwater Country Club welcoming the Bonita Branch on Dec. 30. On that same day, the Campo Library took up residence in the U. S. Customs House on the Mexican border.

These new branches had to accommodate growing population that demanded more than the former traveling book collections could provide.

San Diego County was no longer just a resort community; its Back Country was quickly being settled by colonists from the East and Midwest. But the people everywhere, whether old timers or newcomers, were eager for library services. In the new County Library plan, they saw a long-awaited solution to their reading and information needs.

Today, the Library has grown to include 33 branches, two bookmobiles, a Governmental Reference Library and a Headquarters, serving a population of nearly 800,000.

One of the factors contributing to the stability and growth of the County Library is that only eight librarians have directed it since its inception.

Catherine Lucas greatly appreciates the "hard work and dedication of my seven predecessors who established and enhanced the County Library."

Throughout this anniversary year, the 11 original branches will celebrate their opening dates with festivities and special programs.

No one could have anticipated the advanced technology and information management systems of today's libraries back in 1913 when Jess Hardy checked out books in his Fallbrook drug-

store. Yet, the original goal of providing equal, economical and complete library service to all residents of San Diego County is just as important in 1988.

June 1, 1988:

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP HOSTS BERYL MARKHAM

“West With the Night” by Beryl Markham, first woman pilot to attempt the cross Atlantic flight from London to Greenland, is a fascinating first person account of growing up in Africa. This book, along with special guest, Beryl Newman, provided the topic for a lively meeting when the Alpine Library Book Discussion Group met last month.

Enhancing the author’s story, Mrs. Newman, who is a member of the Descanso Friends of the Library, gave her first hand account of also being raised in Africa. From her experiences, she was able to give the Discussion Group valuable insights into African customs and culture.

The Discussion Group has suspended their meetings for the summer months, but exciting plans are in the air for fall, according to the Alpine Branch manager, Vickie Mulrean. She stated that a Humanities Grant is in the offing which will enable the library to have professional speakers from various San Diego Colleges and Universities lending their special brand of expertise to the Discussion Group meetings when they resume in the fall.

June 1, 1988:

SUMMERTIME READING FUN AT ALPINE LIBRARY

Alpine area children can look forward to an exciting summer reading program that is being planned by the Alpine Library. This summer the theme is bound to intrigue youthful readers from kindergarten through 8th grade and also the pre-school (read to me) group as they explore the world of mystery, spies and adventure awaiting them on the library shelves.

Beginning on Tuesday, June 21, at 10:30 a.m., the summer reading program will run for nine weeks, ending on August 23rd. Participants will each receive booklets with 10 spots to record and write about the books they read, with prizes ranging from bookmarks to tickets to a Padres game being awarded on Aug. 23rd for the most books read during the program.

As Vickie Mulrean, Alpine Branch Library Manager, explained, this reading incentive program is designed to keep skills going during vacation time, while at the same time provide a learning atmosphere of summer fun. In conjunction with reading, the two age groups will have the opportunity to enjoy a special weekly program of crafts, movies, music and magic.

The first program, on June 21st, will be a hands-on craft project making paper plate hound dogs. There are three professional guest artists scheduled for appearance during the summer. Funds for these special guests have been provided by a gift from the Alpine Friends of the Library, who have generously contributed throughout the year to the children’s programs. Further information on the summer program may be obtained by calling the library at 445-4221.

June 29, 1988:

CHILDREN CHALLENGED TO SAVE THE ALPINE LIBRARY

On June 20th the search began for the eight keys stolen from the Alpine (imaginary) library. As a book enjoyment incentive children of all ages can sign up for the Alpine Skeleton Key Mystery Program that will give them eight weeks to find the library keys stolen by Pedantry A. Purloin, who wants all the books for himself.

The evil genius has challenged young readers to correctly answer all his clues, posted weekly in the library display case and thus find where he has hidden the keys.

Answers to the clues are found in the library's reference material that are clearly marked with the program's skeleton key.

Those who participate in the program receive a special bookmark, which is punched and initialed each time they find the correct answers. Tickets for successful guesses are also put into a treasure chest for a special drawing on August 23rd. Winners will receive gifts donated by area merchants.

Branch manager, Vickie Mulrean, said all past clues will be available so if children start late or go away on vacation, they can easily catch up.

Mulrean said an added bonus from the program she hadn't expected was seeing some of the parents helping their children and thereby refreshing their research skills as well.

The program was sponsored by the Alpine Library Friends Association and drafted and designed by association members Lenore Joans and Bobby Nowacki.

August 10, 1988:



PRO KID SONGSTER ENTERTAINS AT ALPINE LIBRARY
Photo and story by Sharon Almerigi/Staff Writer

Over fifty children wore delighted smiles and sat quietly listening to the music and funny remarks of Nels Lund on Tuesday morning, July 19th as part of the "Passport to Danger"

summer reading program at the Alpine Library. "He's the best we've seen," said Angie Bactad from the Alpine Community Center's summer camp. "He's kept their attention so well."

Singing original and traditional tunes and strumming his guitar named "George," Lund captivated the children and included them in his act. They sang, clapped and giggled at tunes like "Willoughby Walloughby Woo," and "I Like to Eat Apples and Bananas." As a surprise, he

brought together a group of six to eight year olds dressed as sandwiches who accompanied Lund on rhythm instruments as he sang, "We're on our way to Grandpa's farm...."

Lund, who has been a performer since the age of ten, became interested in entertaining children from singing to his six-year-old daughter, Erica. Now, schools, libraries and parks are his stage and he brings along his album, "Live Sandwiches" for children to buy.

"The world I work in is a wonderful world," he said, "I'm a lot happier when I spend time with children." Lund said he feels a responsibility to teach other adults and parents to include children in their lives. He said most people are so busy trying to make money, they forget to spend time with children. He said he has learned personally that money doesn't bring happiness. He added that children often feel isolated and out of the mainstream of the family and should be included in everything including family decisions.

Lund, who is a former high school math teacher from Winnipeg, Manitoba, is currently working on an international children's festival proposed to take place in San Diego in the spring of 1989. The event would feature actors, storytellers, puppeteers, musicians, clowns and comics. He explained that elaborate children's festivals have been taking place in Canada for dozens of years. For more information on the Children's Festival, call 789-0019.

August 3, 1988:

ALFA—ALPINE LIBRARY'S BEST FRIEND

This year the Alpine Library will be 75 years old and standing by to enhance its effectiveness in this community is the Alpine Library Friends Association. The role of ALFA, which has been in existence since the mid 70s is to:

- Support summer reading programs for children,
- Provide newspapers and magazines for children and adults that the County doesn't offer,
- Run a book discussion group,
- Operate a free magazine exchange.

According to the group's president, Stella Mackintosh, projects they are eager to take on include a program for shut-ins and the expansion of Spanish language materials.

Yearly membership to ALFA is \$2 for a family, \$10 professional and a lifetime membership is \$25.

The next meeting of ALFA will take place at the library August 9th at 9 a.m. when the group will continue to update the organization's bylaws. Newcomers are welcome and a copy of the bylaws can be reviewed in the library prior to the meeting.

August 10, 1988:

LIBRARY GETS BOOK ON CHINESE DYNASTY

The Mt. Empire Republican Women have brought a bit of the Far East to East County.

The Alpine-based organization has donated “The Soong Dynasty,” a book about the Chinese runaway whose wealth and power dominated China, to the Alpine branch of the County Library.

The club made the donation through participation in the National Federation of Republican Women’s Mamie Eisenhower Library Project.

“The Soong Dynasty,” by Sterling Seagrave, was published by Harper and Row in 1985. Madame Chiang Kai-Shek and Madame Sun Yat-Sen were two daughters of Charlie Soong, the founder of the dynasty.

Charlie Soong was a Chinese runaway who grew up in the United States under the protection of the Methodist Church. Soong returned to China as a missionary and made his fortune printing and selling Bibles to the Chinese. He maintained his contacts with the United States throughout his life and educated his six children in the United States.

Soong was an early backer of the republican revolution led by Sun Yat-Sen against the Manchu dynasty. All his children became leaders in the financial and political life of China. In fact, the wealth and power of the Soong family dominated China and the American policy toward Asia during much of the 20th Century.



Shannon Goodwin
She read 80 books



Rachel and Charlie Redmon
Mom reads 4-year-old son 60 books

From *The Alpine Sun*,
August 31, 1988:

**KIDS READ 958
BOOKS**

The Alpine Library’s Summer Reading Program has honored those children who completed 10 books or more, either by reading the books themselves or who have had the books read to them.

Shannon Goodwin read the most books—80—

and Charlie Redmon’s mother, Rachel, read him 60 books.

The following is a list of children and the number of books they read: Jolene Adams, 26; Matthew Adams, 22; Gina Bartonicek, 10; Ian Bartonicek, 10; Joy Clark, 20; Louise DePalmer, 17; Melanie DePalmer, 13; Levi Gilbert, 20; Sara Gilbert, 10; Robert Hebert, 10; Elizabeth Hella, 10; Amy Hillshafer, 52; Daniel Hillshafer, 55; David Hillshafer, 48; Erica Kelley, 10; Jessica Lund, 17; Frances McMeeken, 30; Sean McMeeken, 19; Meggie Morgan, 11; Laura Muenkel, 10; Rachel Muenkel, 27; Sara Mulrean, 10; Kevin Price, 10; Jill Pendleton, 10; Andrea Stiles, 10; Debbie Valusek, 10; Emilie Valusek, 10; Douglas Victor, 10; Heather Walsh, 10; Amanda

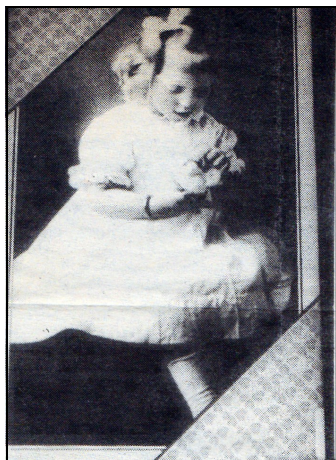
Yarnell, 10; and Steven Yarnell, 10.

The Read-to-Me Readers were: Sean Bartonicek, 10; Pamela DePalmer, 14; Theresa DePalmer, 17; Martha Hella, 20; Jessica Herold, 22; Bethany Hillshafer, 50; Brittany Kelley, 10; Gunner Lund, 16; Erica Martinez, 23; Carmelita Martinez, 23; Adam Morgan, 10; Megan Price, 11; and Seth Redmon, 45.

From *The Alpine Sun*, September 7, 1988:

BOOK DISCUSSION SERIES FEATURES BIOGRAPHIES, UNIVERSITY SPEAKERS

“Let’s Talk About It,” the San Diego County Library’s new adult reading and discussion series, will begin at the Alpine Library Wednesday, Sept. 14, at 10 a.m.



At left, young Eudora Welty, born in 1909, pets a baby chick. At right, in 1936 when her first story, “Death of a Traveling Salesman,” was published.

Funded by a grant from the California Council for the Humanities, the series will feature professors from San Diego State University and University of California at San Diego.

Each program will consist of a lecture on a selected book followed by a group discussion. The books are from the American Library Association’s recommended autobiography list “The Journey Inward.” These books cover the time period from pre-Civil War through the 20th Century.

The series is free of charge and open to the public. Each session will take place on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Dr. Cary Wall, professor of English at SDSU, will open the series Sept. 14 with the book “One Writer’s Beginnings” by Eudora Welty. Welty’s autobiography focuses simultaneously on her archetypal turn of the century childhood in Mississippi and on her development as a writer. Wall has published many articles on Welty and is currently writing a book about her.

On Wednesday, Oct. 12, Dr. Frances S. Foster, professor of literature at UCSD, will discuss “Incidents In The Life of a Slave Girl” by Harriet Jacobs. Originally published in 1861, this narrative recounts the life of a black woman born into slavery who flees and conceals herself in an attic for seven years in order to escape the sexual attention of her master. Foster specializes in writing and teaching about early black women writers.

Dr. Clare Colquitt, assistant professor of English at SDSU, will discuss “A Backward Glance” by Edith Wharton at the Wednesday, Nov. 9, session. Born into one of New York’s best families, Wharton’s life is a brilliant exception to the cliché that writers create their best work while starving in a garret. Her aloof, ironic point of view is brought out in her analysis of her creative processes. Colquitt wrote her doctoral dissertation on Wharton.

Jan. 11 Dr. Laura Emery, instructor in English at SDSU, will talk about “Letters Of A Woman

Homesteader” by Elinor Pruitt Stewart. Stewart’s letter reveal an ebullience and reticence, joy and sorrow, optimism and perseverance that make modern life seem bland. Emery teachers writing workshops. Her family history includes early Western homesteaders.

Isadora Duncan’s “My Life” will be the featured book as Dr. Patricia Sandback, associate professor of physical education at SDSU, leads the Feb. 8 session. Duncan’s autobiographical effort results in a candor that is at times sweet, chilling, hilarious and shocking as she talks of her intellectual absorption, her sexual encounters and her unorthodox views on marriage and men. Sandback’s published thesis is on Duncan.

Copies of the books are available at the Alpine Library. The library is located at 2130 Arnold Way. For additional information call 445-4221.

September 8, 1988:

ALPINE LIBRARY FRIENDS TO MEET FOR BREAKFAST

The Alpine Library Friends Association will meet for breakfast Wednesday, Sept. 14, at 8 a.m. at Kapsala’s restaurant.

This general membership meeting, which replaces the usual Tuesday meeting, is open to the public and anyone interested in joining the friends association is welcome.

Members of the association will give an overview of the organization and its contributions to the Alpine library and an update on plans for a celebration of the County Library’s 75th anniversary.

For more information, call Sharon Almerigi at 445-8002.

September 8, 1988:

An adult reading and discussion series, sponsored by the San Diego County Library, will begin at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Alpine Library, 2130 Arnold Way. Dr. Carey Wall of SDSU will open the series with a lecture on the autobiography of a Mississippi writer. The readings, which continue through Feb. 9, will feature professors from San Diego State University and the University of California. For further information, call 445-4221.

September 14, 1988:

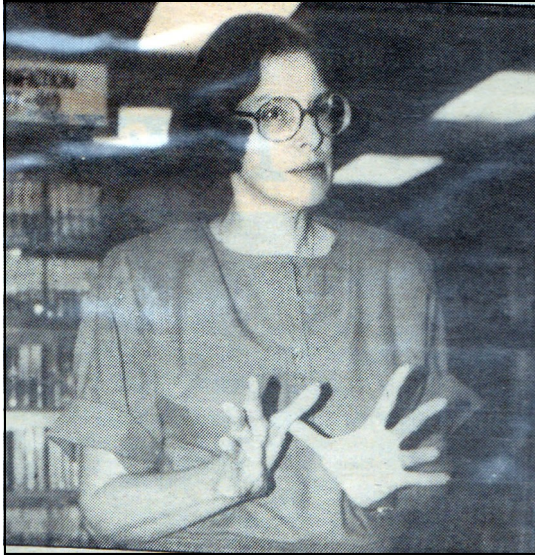
THANKS FOR OFFER OF HELP

Dear Editor,

Alpine Library Friends Association had filed for an application to participate in the Alpine Chamber of Commerce Fall Business Festival. For known reason it was canceled.

As chairwoman of the Library Friends’ committee I would like to thank the following ALFA members who had planned to participate: Nancy Vail, Lenore Joans, Thelma Monta, Dorothy Haworth, Ruth Southworth, Ellen Holzman and Sharon Almerigi.

Chris McCoy, Vice President of ALFA



September 21, 1988:

PROFESSOR KICKS OFF BOOK DISCUSSION SERIES

A professor of English from San Diego State University discussed the life and writings of author Eudora Welty at the Alpine Library recently.

Dr. Carey Wall spoke to a book discussion group of about 25 on Sept. 14. Wall's appearance is part of book discussion series called "Let's Talk About It." The series continues with a discussion Oct. 12 of the book "Incidents in the Life of A Slave Girl" by Harriet Jacobs.

Wall said Welty is primarily a short-story writer who focuses on the family. "Her fiction is one in which she tries to get into the skin of other people," Wall said of Welty. "It's a fiction that loves life, loves people."

The series of book discussions will continue through 1989 and focus on women writers.

Copies of the books are available at the Alpine Library. For more information, call 445-4221.

September 21, 1988:

BANNED BOOKS ON DISPLAY AT ALPINE LIBRARY

"Students have no need to understand life in a black ghetto." So stated a challenge to Claude Brown's classic book "Manchild in the Promised Land" at a high school in Oregon.

"Death of a Salesman" was deemed "junk" in Kentucky. And in Florida, 64 works of literature were banned from the schools, including "A Farewell to Arms," "The Red Badge of Courage," "Hamlet," "King Lear," and "Wuthering Heights."

The First Amendment to the U. S. Constitution has protected the right to read in the United States for 200 years.

Banned Books Week 1988 is sponsored by the American Library Association, the Association of American Publishers, the American Society of Journalists and Authors and the National Association of College Stores.

"The County Library's goal is to focus on the positive aspects of one of our basic American freedoms," said Sue Dess, chair of the Library Intellectual Freedom Committee.

Books on display at the Alpine Library include: "Ordinary People" by Judith Guest, "Julie of

the Wolves” by Jean Craighead George, “Go Ask Alice,” “The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn” by Mark Twain, “Up in Seth’s Room” by Norma Fox Mazer, “I Love You, Stupid” by Harry Mazer, “The Diary of a Young Girl” by Anne Frank, several books by Judy Blume for adolescent readers including “Bluebeeb,” “Deenie” and “Are You Out There God? It’s Me, Margaret.”

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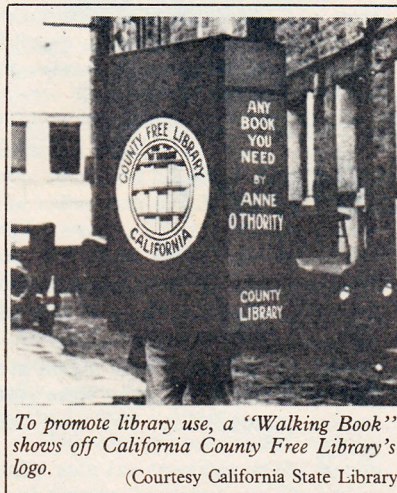
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County Library Celebrates Seventy-Fifth Anniversary!

1913 an Eventful Year

The year was 1913. Woodrow Wilson had just been elected the 28th President of the United States. The unsinkable Titanic made her fateful maiden voyage, and the doors of New York's Grand Central Station opened to the public. While the foxtrot was sweeping the country, Americans were reading D. H. Lawrence's *SONS AND LOVERS* and Willa Cather's *O PIONEERS!* And the *NEW YORK WORLD* featured the nation's first crossword puzzle. Rumbles across Europe led the U.S. Senate to appropriate funds to improve San Diego's harbor and thus strengthen West Coast defenses. Also locally, President Wilson officially



To promote library use, a "Walking Book" shows off California County Free Library's logo. (Courtesy California State Library)

declared the Point Loma Lighthouse the Cabrillo National Monument, and lots in Del Mar Heights were selling at a bargain price of \$350.

Another major San Diego event of 1913 actually had its beginnings a year before, when the County Board of Supervisors met to consider a County Free Library. State Library representative Harriet Eddy had arrived in February of 1912 to organize the new system, and worked tirelessly with County residents to gather support for this new concept in library services. However, a unanimous vote was required to pass the upcoming Board resolution, and only four of the five Supervisors assented

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County Librarian Pays Tribute

CATHERINE E. LUCAS

As we celebrate 75 years of San Diego County Library service, we look back with nostalgia and with self-evaluation in order to set our future course. The 11 branches established in 1913 are representative of all we do today to share our resources. Though the original budget of \$5,294 has grown to over \$8 million, we are still doing our best to provide economic, equal and complete service to nearly 800,000 residents in our service area. I would like to pay tribute to my seven predecessors, who established and enhanced our County Library from 1913 until 1979 when I

was appointed:

Jennie Herrman, 1913-20 (replaced by Katherine Ferris, former Kings County Librarian, during a short absence); Bessie Twaddle, 1920-21; Eleanor Hitt, former Yolo County Librarian, 1921-30, when she became Assistant State Librarian; Marjorie Kobler, 1930-50; Frances Hahn, 1950-65; Arthur Murray, former Assistant County Librarian, 1965 until retirement in 1979. We salute each of these dedicated librarians for their contributions to library service in San Diego County.

FREE LIBRARY IN COUNTY PLANNED

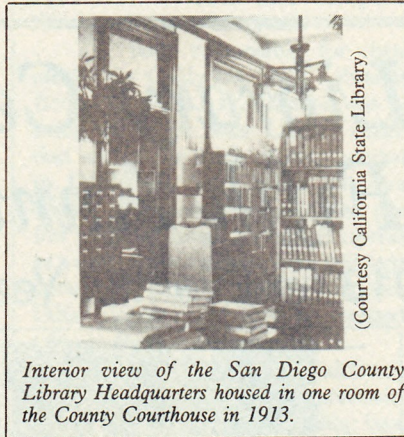
*Excerpted from the San Diego Union,
March 13, 1912*

Much interest is being shown in all parts of the county over the possible establishment of a County Free Library. This is a plan whereby all the communities in the county may join for co-operative library service, with the headquarters at the county seat, and with branches out in every part of the county.

There are collections of books at each of the branches to be exchanged wholly or in part as often as the community has no longer any use for them. In addition, if a book is needed which is not in the local collection, it is sent from the headquarters at the county seat; or, if not there, from the Califor-

nia State Library at Sacramento.

Thus no matter where a person lives, whether in town or in the most



remote corner of the county, he is assured of complete library services, free of cost.

Miss Harriet O. Eddy of the State Library has been in the county the past few days to assist in carrying forward the plan, and in giving information.

"All over the state the idea is being most gladly accepted and urged by the people, for they see in it a library opportunity which they could never hope for except by this method of cooperation," [says Eddy].

LA MESA LIBRARY BEGINNINGS

*Excerpted from La Mesa Scout,
November 11, 1921*

In April, 1908, a number of prominent citizens met in the school house and organized a library association that they might avail themselves of a traveling library furnished by the State Library.

Application was made to the State Librarian for the loan of a traveling library, which arrived in due course of time and was deposited in the La Mesa drug store, and H.E. Babcock, manager of the store, was elected librarian.

In 1913, after the La Mesa Woman's Club moved into their home, they took over the library and opened a reading room.

From a small beginning and without much expense to anyone, our library has grown into a comfortable reading room, and we have not only the books of our own to draw from, but also any of the circulating books of the county and through the County Library, any of the books of the State Library.

A FREE LIBRARY

Excerpted from The El Cajon Valley News, May 31, 1913

Established in El Cajon is the branch of the free San Diego County Library, located in Crabb's drug store. This library is maintained by a public tax and the books are absolutely free to all residents.

One hundred volumes of popular and standard works are now at the

disposal of the people here, and they will be changed from time to time as the needs of the readers require.

All the people of this region are invited to call at the drug store and secure membership and use the books.



Busy day on Main Street in El Cajon when W.L. Crabb ran the library branch in his drugstore (see arrow).

Beyond the Corner Drugstore

Community Spirit of Yesteryear Formed Foundation of Today's Busy San Diego County Library

Once upon a time, a shopper could buy hair tonic, castor oil and curealls — and check out a book at the same time. Down the road a bit, members of the Women's Club could enjoy tea and cakes while reading poetry in the librarian's parlor. Or upon returning from a Mexican holiday, travelers could check out books while U.S. Customs Officers checked out their identities. Whether in the corner drugstore or the Customs House, the San Diego County Library had a colorful beginning.

It all started on May 5, 1913, when the Fallbrook Branch opened its doors. The Women's Saturday Afternoon Club had generously offered furnishings and a portion of a librarian's salary if the County would provide the books. Soon a small collection was set up in Jess Hardy's drugstore, and the owner himself doubled as librarian.

Only two weeks later, on May 19, Mrs. E.B. Flint converted the front parlor of her home into the Poway Library, a pleasant arrangement that lasted thirteen years. W.L. Crabb became the second druggist/librarian when the El Cajon Library opened in his pharmacy on May 22. Four days later, the Ramona Branch was established after residents requested a library for its "benefit to our schools, our farmers and our

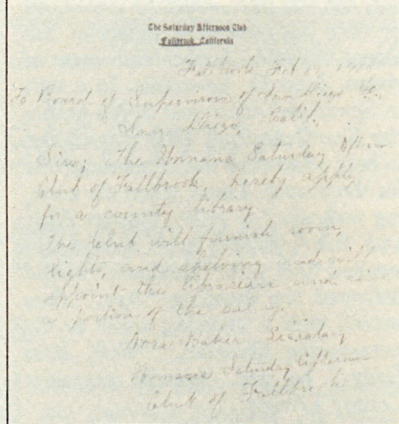
townspeople."

The busy month of May ended with Lakeside Hall becoming home to that library branch on May 30, and Librarian Gertrude Nelson's leadership spanned three full decades. A local clubhouse opened its doors to the Lemon Grove Branch on June 30.

The summer of 1913 passed before the La Mesa Library was established in the Women's Clubhouse on September 5, and the community of Alpine followed La Mesa's example on December 22. The local Library Association had offered to pay the rent and part of Librarian Alvin Wilber's salary only if the County would keep its books separate from the existing collection. Eventually, reassured borrowers agreed that the collections should merge. A few miles away, a County branch opened on that same December day in the mountain town of Julian. First housed in the high school, the Julian Library is now located in the 100-year-old schoolhouse that was, ironically, once the Witch Creek Branch of the County Library.

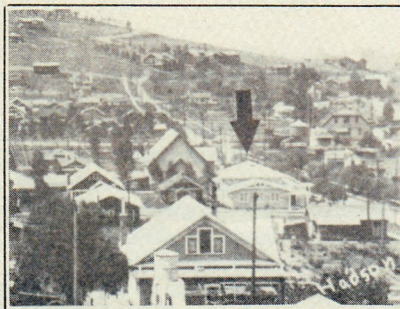
This exciting year ended successfully with the openings of the Bonita and Campo branches on December 30. The Sweetwater Country Club welcomed the Bonita Library, while the Campo collection was set up in the U.S. Customs Station at the

Original letter from Saturday Afternoon Club to County Board of Supervisors requesting a library branch in Fallbrook, dated February 19, 1913.



Mexican border.

From those humble beginnings of 75 years ago, the busy San Diego County Library is rapidly heading toward the 21st Century. No one could have anticipated the advanced technology and information management systems of today's libraries back in 1913 when Jess Hardy checked out books in his Fallbrook drugstore. Yet the original goal of providing equal, economical and complete library service to all residents of San Diego County is just as important in 1988.



In appreciation to Hans Wendt, County Photographer and Judy Swink, Reference Librarian, Serra Research Center for their special assistance.

Earliest photo of La Mesa Library, which opened in 1913 in the Women's Clubhouse on Lemon Street and Third Avenue (see arrow).

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Eddy of a favorable vote. The hold-out, she was told, could be convinced by only one person — powerful San Diego business leader and man of vision, John D. Spreckels. In a visit to Spreckels' office just hours before the Board meeting, Eddy urged him to help secure the one remaining vote for the library. Later, when the meeting was called to order, Harriet Eddy and four Supervisors anxiously awaited the vote. Spreckels' friend delivered the deciding "Aye," then turned with a knowing smile to the persevering librarian. "Well, Miss Eddy," he said, "you've got your County Library."

In February of 1913, under the guidance of newly appointed County Librarian Jennie Herrman and staff, Library Headquarters were opened in one room of the County Courthouse.

The pressing business at hand was to sort through the stack of community petitions requesting a library, and decide where to establish these branches. The goal was to provide equal, economical and complete library service to everyone.

The man responsible for these ideals was California State Librarian James L. Gillis. His dream was to bring the entire State Library collection within the reach of every person in California, and Gillis felt that county governments offered the perfect solution. Small enough to operate as a unit, most counties were still large enough to support library branches. Gillis' slogan could then be realized: "Every Book for Everybody."

Of the 58 counties in California, San Diego was the 13th to establish a County Free Library. Traveling book collections had failed to accommodate the growing population. San Diego County was no longer just a resort

community; its "back country" was quickly being settled by colonists from the East and Midwest. But the people everywhere, whether old-timers or newcomers, were eager for library service. In the new County Library plan, they saw a long-awaited solution to their reading and informational needs.

Within months, the first County Library branch open in Fallbrook, on May 5, 1913. A number of other branches and stations followed before the busy year came to a close. Over the next three-quarters of a century, the Library grew to include 33 branches, two bookmobiles, a Governmental Reference Library and a Headquarters serving a population of nearly 800,000. This year, the San Diego County Library celebrates 75 years of excellent service, honoring those 11 original branches, and looking toward a future that upholds the high ideals set forth many years ago.

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one hundred and one dalmation

The Berenstain Bears

Holly Hobbie

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Raggedy Ann

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Secret Garden

A Giraffe in a hat

THE THREE BEARS

Peter Pan

COME TO THE STORYBOOK PARADE
AND CELEBRATE THE ALPINE LIBRARY 75th ANNIVERSARY

Grades K - 2

WHEN: OCTOBER 22, 1988 TIME: 1:00 - 1:45

WHERE: ALPINE LIBRARY

WHAT DO YOU NEED: A STORYBOOK CHARACTER COSTUME

HAVE FUN AND CREATE A COSTUME OF YOUR
FAVORITE CHARACTER YOU'VE READ ABOUT!
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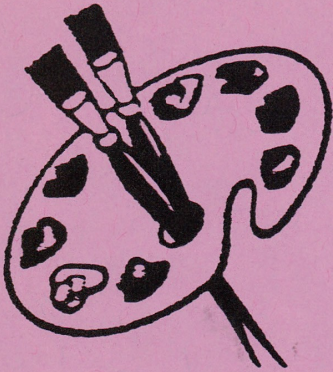
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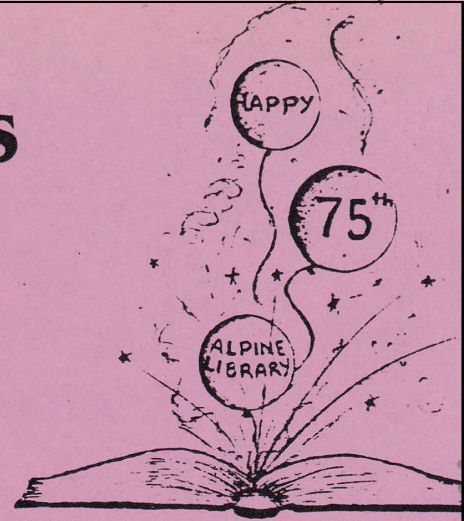
Alpine Library



children's

Art

CONTEST



THE THEME: Illustrate your favorite "Book," or "Experience" in the library.

THREE CATEGORIES:

1. Grades 3-5 use crayons on 14" X 18" white paper.
2. Grades 6-8 use pencil on 9" X 12" white paper.
3. Grades 6-8 use felt pen (no oil base) on 9" X 12" white paper.

White paper may be picked up free at the Alpine Library or you may use your own paper. Art work may be done at home or at the library.

One entry per child.

On the back of each entry the child's full name, school and grade must appear.

The judge for the contest is Marie C. Wordell, a nationally and internationally well-known and accredited artist.

Each entry must be submitted to the Alpine Library by THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13th. 4:00 p.m.

Winners will be announced and prizes will be awarded OCTOBER 22nd.

Art work may be picked up from the library after Tuesday, OCTOBER 25th. 1:00 p.m.

Have fun, and good luck to all children who enter!



LIBRARY HOSTS FOUR DAY CELEBRATION

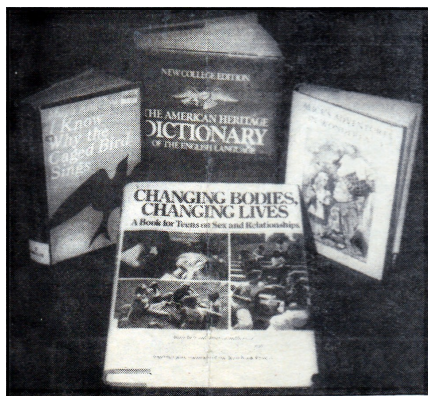
From October 19-22, the Alpine Library will present four days of interesting and entertaining events for adults and children in honor of the County Library's 75th anniversary

- October 19, 7 p.m.: "Censorship and Libraries" - Cindy Mediavilla, principal librarian for East County will speak on how libraries have been the target of censorship and how they have responded to the challenge. The talk will be followed by refreshments and a book raffle, with proceeds benefitting the library.
- October 20, 7 p.m.: "Powers' Play," with Channel 10 Sportscaster Rich Powers presenting great and humorous moments in sports.
- October 21, 1-4 p.m.: "Moments in Alpine History," includes a program from the Viejas Indian Reservation and local historian, Bea LaForce who will provide glimpses into Alpine's past.
- October 22, 1-4 p.m.: "Benjamin Franklin and Company," consists of a children's storybook parade, awards for children's art contest and special guests County Supervisor George Bailey and County Librarian Catherine Lucas. The celebration will be followed with cake and punch.

All events will take place in the library, 2130 Arnold Way. For more information, call 445-4221.



From *The Alpine Sun*, October 26, 1988: **Straight out of a storybook**—Mitch Titus (standing) plays Benjamin Franklin, founder of American libraries. He presented awards to Shea Voeller, Gina Bartonicek, Jessica Buckpitt, Clarissa Brown, Chris Tatorn and Levi Gilbert for their costumes and to art contest winners Sarah Mulrean and Sara Gilbert during the Alpine library's 75th anniversary celebration.



October 12, 1988:

PROGRAM ON CENSORSHIP AT LIBRARY

What do the dictionary, "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland," "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings" and "Changing Bodies, Changing Lives" have in common? All have been the target of censors.

During the past several years, there have been five attempts to censor books in County libraries, said Regional Librarian Cindy Mediavilla.

"Anything in print can be targeted," said Mediavilla.

Mediavilla will give a talk on “Censorship and Libraries” at the Alpine Library Wednesday, Oct. 19 at 7 p.m.

The program is the first of four days of programs sponsored by the Alpine Library Friends Association to celebrate the library’s 75th anniversary.

Mediavilla said attempts at censorship occur “when a person or group wants to withhold information because they are afraid that information would harm others.”

Censors, she said, “are usually motivated by a true sense of concern about information harming others. It is very noble, but they fail to see that their concerns are very narrow-minded.”

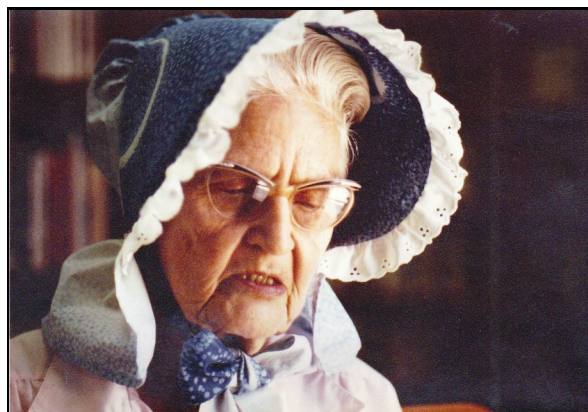
Mediavilla said most often people question books based on their feelings about whether they would want their own children to read the material and then they try to expand that belief to other peoples’ children, assuming they know best.

“Each person has his or her own individual cause,” she said, “and if we all carry out our causes, there would be no books left on the shelves.”

Although librarians select which books will be made available to the public, Mediavilla said such selection is not akin to censorship because “we select books based on the information they will share. We don’t avoid selecting books because of the harm they might cause. We look at the positive rather than the negative.”



Above left and top left: Debra Verfaillie, library volunteer, assists children.



Bottom right: Elizabeth West, librarian, graduated from Vassar in the 1940s.

October 5, 1988:

4 DAYS OF FUN FOR LIBRARY'S ANNIVERSARY

A book raffle, children's costume and art contests, a look at Alpine history, humorous moments in sports and a visit from Ben Franklin are highlights of the celebration of the Alpine Library's 75th anniversary.

The four-day celebration, sponsored by the Alpine Library Friends Association, is aimed at bringing new patrons to the library.

Following is a schedule of the free events, all of which will be held at the library, 2130 Arnold Way.

- Wednesday, Oct. 19, 7 p.m., program on "Censorship and Libraries" by regional librarian Cindy Mediavilla followed by a book raffle to benefit the library and refreshments.
- Books to be raffled include hardback biographies of Kirk Douglas, Elvis Presley and the infamous Duchess of Windsor for whom an English king gave up his crown. Also to be raffled are a paperback Louis L'Amour novel and Margaret Truman's best seller "Murder in the CIA." Tickets are available from members of the Alpine Library Friends Association. For information call anniversary committee chairwoman Ellen Holzman at 445-3288.
- Thursday, Oct. 20, 7 p.m., "Powers' Play," a wide-screen video and commentary on great and humorous moments in sports presented by Channel 10 sportscaster Rick Powers. Refreshments and door prizes.
- Friday, Oct. 21, 2 p.m.—4 p.m.: Two programs on local history: 2 p.m.—Indian culture and lore presented by representatives of the Kapsala Memorial Library located on the Viejas Indian Reservation; 3 p.m.—Historian Bea LaForce will present a program on Alpine's past, followed by a high tea and door prizes.
- Saturday, Oct. 22, 1 p.m.—4 p.m. Children's story book parade and art contest awards; proclamation presented by George Bailey; presentation by County Librarian Catherine Lucas; visit from Benjamin Franklin, founder of the Library of Congress; cake, free drawing for children's books for all contest entrants.

Children in kindergarten through 2nd grade are invited to come to the library at 1 p.m. dressed as their favorite story book characters.

The art contest is open to children in 3rd through 8th grades and all entries must be submitted to the library by Thursday, Oct. 13. Rules are available at the library.

For more information, call the library at 445-4221.

From *The Alpine Sun*, October 5, 1988:

THANK YOU TO PRINTERS

Dear Editor,

We wish to express our thanks to Michael and Judy owners of Merrill's Printing Company for their excellent job on the Alpine Library Friends Association summer newsletter and all the flyers for the Library's 75th anniversary celebration. You folks are a credit to this community of Alpine and we appreciate your devotion and hard work.

Sincerely,

Lenore Joans,
Alpine Library Friends Association
Publicity Secretary

October 5, 1988:

STORES, LIBRARY OFFER VIDEO CHOICES FOR HOME ENTERTAINMENT

Following is a partial list of places to rent videos locally.

- Alpine Video Rentals, 2733 Alpine Blvd., Alpine; 445-0309. Owners Gary and Charlotte Nicklaw just celebrated the store's sixth anniversary. Store hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sundays through Thursdays and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays.
- Family Video, 2118 Alpine Blvd., Alpine; 445-6231. Henry and Debbie Blackwood have owned the store for two and a half years and recently took over its management. They have begun restocking and have changed hours: 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sundays through Thursdays and 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays.
- Alpine Creek Video, owned by Shirley Varner, is in the Alpine Creek Shopping Center, suite 21; 445-0725; Store hours are 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. seven days a week.
- Ranch Market and Feed Supply, 2025 Harbison Canyon Road; 445-4661; No VCR rentals; Store hours are 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. seven days a week.
- Descanso Video, 24680 Viejas Blvd.; 445-4510; Pam Farrar is the owner. Store hours are 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Fridays, noon to 9 p.m. Saturdays and noon to 8:00 p.m. Sundays.
- Alpine Library, 2130 Arnold Way, Alpine; 445-4221; Videos are checked out the same way books are except they must be returned the next day.

October 6, 1988:

Dr. Frances S. Foster, professor of literature at UCSD, will present a discussion of the book "Incident in the Life of a Slave Girl," by Harriet Jacobs. The narrative recounts the life of a black woman born into slavery who escapes and hides for seven years. The event is part of the "Let's Talk About It" adult reading series, 10 a.m. Wednesday in the Alpine Library, 2130 Arnold Way, Alpine. For more information call 448-1866.

October 12, 1988:

BOOK RAFFLE BENEFITS LIBRARY

Bestsellers, art books, fiction, poetry, non-fiction, science, fiction and children's books will be raffled off by the Alpine Library Friends Association in conjunction with the celebration of the library's 75th anniversary.

"All the books are new," said committee chairwoman Ellen Holzman, "and all proceeds will benefit the Alpine library."

The raffle will be held Wednesday, Oct. 19, at 7 p.m. in the library. Raffle tickets may be purchased at the library, 2130 Arnold Way, or by calling 445-3288.

Donations include "The Cardinal in the Kremlin" by Tom Clancy; "Zoya" by Danielle Steele; "The Ragman's Son" by Kirk Douglas, "The Duchess of Windsor: The Secret Life" by Charles Higham; and Benet's "Reader's Encyclopedia," a reference for world literature valued at \$35 and donated by the Alpine Woman's Club.

In addition, the association will be raffling off: a 1930s edition of "The Cowardly Lion of Oz," donated by The Alpine Sun; an illustrated edition of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" by William Shakespeare and donated by Moonpark Studios; and the Beatrix Potter Collection of children's stories, donated by Charlene Poncik.



October 19, 1988:

ALPINE HISTORIAN TO SPEAK AT LIBRARY

Story and Photo by Sharon Almerigi

The fabric of history is woven together with the words and memories of people. Each one remembering a piece of the total pattern. So says Beatrice LaForce, author of "Alpine—History of a Mountain Settlement." LaForce will speak on Alpine's early days on Friday, October 21 at the Alpine Library as part of the library's 75th anniversary celebration.

LaForce spent six years gathering the colorful threads of history that comprise her 529 page book. The volume is half filled with photographs of Alpine's people and their dwellings. The book spans the community's first hundred years, beginning in 1870 when it was little more than a rough mountain pass with a barn and tiny store. It was called Vie-

jas Stop then, a place where gold miners stopped for water and to refresh their horses as they travelled further into the mountains. In those days it was a two day trip from San Diego by horse—there was no real road.

La Force said right from the start people were drawn to the area for its pure air. Benjamin Arnold, a wealthy ivory importer from Connecticut, who was dying of asthma, came to Alpine in 1881. He fully recovered and while living here built the Alpine Tavern and Hotel, a school and in 1890 the Town Hall, now the Alpine Women's Club.

It was a difficult life for early Alpiners, LaForce said, but local Indians were very helpful. They taught the early settlers how to survive by giving them pointers about what to eat and how to live in the mountain climate. "They helped build houses and were friendly and kind," she said.

As for today's growth and development, LaForce hopes the rural atmosphere will be protected and row houses prohibited. "The country is open space and air and blue sky and freedom to stretch out your arms and scream without alarming the neighbors," she said.

Alpine Library 75th Celebration

- October 19, 7 p.m. "Censorship and Libraries" with Cindy Mediavilla, principal librarian for East County, refreshments and a book raffle.
- October 20, 7 p.m. "Powers' Play," with Channel 10 Sportscaster Rick Powers. Refreshments.
- October 21, 1-4 p.m. "Moments in Alpine History," includes program by Viejas Indian Reservation and Bea LaForce. Refreshments.
- October 22, 1-4 p.m. "Benjamin Franklin and Company," with children's storybook parade, art contest awards and guest appearance by County Supervisor George Bailey and County Librarian Catherine Lucas. Cake and punch.

The Alpine Library is located at 2130 Arnold Way, and you may call 445-4221 for further information.

October 19, 1988:

MT. EMPIRE REPUBLICAN WOMEN DONATE BOOK TO ALPINE LIBRARY

The Mt. Empire Republican Women have participated in the National Federation of Republican Women's Mamie Eisenhower Library Project by donating to the Alpine Library *The Soong Dynasty* by Sterling Seagrave, published by Harper & Row in 1985. Madame Chiang Kai-Shek and Madame Sun Yat-Sen were two daughters of Charlie Soong, the founder of the dynasty. Charlie Soong was a Chinese runaway who grew up in the United States under the protection of the Methodist Church. Soong returned to China as a missionary and made his fortune printing and selling Bibles to the Chinese. He maintained his contacts with the United States throughout his life and educated his six children in the United States. Soong was an early backer of the republican revolution led by Sun Yat-Sen against the Manchu dynasty. All his children became leaders in the financial and political life of China. In fact, the wealth and power of the Soong family dominated China and the American policy towards Asia during much of the 20th Century.

The author is the son of Dr. Gordon Seagrave, author of *Burma Surgeon*. He grew up on the China-Burma border during the 1940's. Seagrave's background in both Chinese and American culture and knowledge of both Chinese and American history makes him eminently qualified to deepen the reader's knowledge and understanding of the China-American relationship during the first half of the twentieth century.

October 26, 1988:

ALPINE LIBRARY CELEBRATES 75TH ANNIVERSARY

The Alpine Library will celebrate its 75th anniversary with a series of events from Wednesday, October 19 thru Saturday, October 22. The programs will be sponsored by the Alpine Library Friends Association and are free of charge.

The challenge of censorship and the freedom to read will be covered by Cindy Mediavilla, East Regional Principal Librarian, in talk on October 19 at 7 p.m. Such classics as Huckleberry Finn and The Wizard of Oz have been the target of censors in American libraries over the years and Mediavilla will discuss the way in which libraries have responded. Refreshments will follow the talk, along with a book raffle to benefit the Library.

The celebration will culminate with a children's costume contest on Saturday, October 22, from 1 p.m.—4 p.m. Youngsters are asked to dress as their favorite story book character.

November 2, 1988:

Dr. Clare Colquitt, assistant professor of English at San Diego State University, will discuss "A Backward Glance" by Edith Wharton at Wednesday's "Let's Talk About It" reading series. The event is sponsored by the San Diego County Library and will be held at 10 a.m. in the Alpine Library, 2130 Arnold Way. For more information, call 448-1866.

November 16, 1988:

ALPINE LIBRARY RECEIVES LARGE PRINT BOOKS

Large print books, books on audio cassette and materials on aging are arriving in the Alpine Library as part of a federal grant from the Library Services and Construction Act.

Alpine is one of several county branches benefitting from two federal grants amounting to \$85,000, which have been awarded to the San Diego County Library to enhance services to older adults and children.

Funding from the Library Services and Construction Act (administered through the California State Library) in the amount of \$35,000 for an Older Adults Materials Grant will provide \$5,000 each to the Alpine, Campo-Morena, Fletcher Hills, Julian, La Mesa, Valley Center and Vista Branch Library.

In addition, \$50,000 will provide children's books and other library materials to 10 branches serving culturally mixed and urban populations. Individual awards of \$5,000 each will go to the Bonita, Borrego Springs, Casa de Oro, El Cajon, Jacumba, Julian, Lakeside, La Mesa, Poway and Santee Branches.

From *The Alpine Sun*, November 16, 1988:

LOCAL WRITERS' STORIES, POEMS SHOWCASED

By Lenore Joans, Alpine Sun Columnist

Alpine writers were among those honored at awards night for the 22nd edition of the Showcase Writers Club publication.

Alpine writers whose works were published in this year's Showcase anthology are:

- Jayne Hanavan, former member of the Alpine Writers and present member of the Alpine Writers Guild, won third place for her adult story "Sylvia" and third place for humorous poetry with her poem "Burdalane."
- William Entzminger, member of the Alpine Writers, won first honorable mention for his adult story titled "The Prisoner."
- Larry Bodge, former member of the Alpine Writers now living in Georgia, had his poem "Spring" published.
- Lenore Joans, coordinator of the Alpine Writers, had her children's story titled "Who Called Me Ugly?" published.
- Betty Kuphaldt, a member of the Alpine Writers and the Alpine Writers Guild, had her article "Those Blessed Bells" published.
- Marie Wernli, member of the Alpine Writers, had her article, titled "I Believe in E.S.P.!" published.

The awards ceremony was held Oct. 16 at the Ben Polak Fine Arts Auditorium in La Mesa.

The Alpine Writers meet the first and third Tuesday of the month from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Alpine Community Center. For more information, call Lenore Joans at 445-8933/

The Alpine Writers Guild meets the first and third Wednesday of the month at 9 a.m. at the Alpine Library. For more information, call Lillian Fisher at 445-5537.

November 30, 1988:

MANY JOIN TO MAKE LIBRARY CELEBRATION SUCCESSFUL

Dear Readers,

I'd like to offer a late, but nonetheless heartfelt thank you to the individuals and organizations who contributed to the successful celebration of the Alpine Library's 75th anniversary.

More than 125 people attended programs during the four-day event and a book raffle brought in \$123 to benefit the library. The celebration culminated in an open house with a story book parade and art contest for community youth. Supervisor George Bailey and County Librarian Catherine Lucas complimented the Alpine Library Friends Association for including children in the celebration and it could not have been accomplished without the help and donations of the

following clubs and businesses:

The Alpine Kiwanis Club, The Alpine Woman's Club, Grossmont Bank's Alpine Branch, Alpine Creek Video, Cox Cable, World Book-Childcraft, One Step Higher Bookstore, Unity Bookstore, Green Tiger Press, 50,000 Books, Showcase Writers, Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, Moon Park Studios, Vine of Life Nutrition, Earth Emporium, Alpine Toys and Things and Alpine Creek Market.

The following individuals also donated generously of their time and expertise: Agnes Jahn, judges Loretta Henk, Bea Shanklin, Doug Birrell and Betty Kuphaldt, Nivie Henk, Naomi Magiera, Julie Hartle and Tammy and Sara Mulrean.

There would have been no celebration without programs, which were put on by Principal County Librarian Cindy Mediavilla, Rick Powers of Channel 10 Television, local historian Bea LaForce, Robert Brown and Betty Alto of the Kapsala Memorial Library on the Viejas Indian Reservation and our Ben Franklin, Mitch Titus.

Thank you to Marlene and Dawn Columbo for organizing and MCing the storybook parade and to Ericka Baker for putting together the art contest.

Thank you to the following members of the Alpine Library Friends Association who put in extra time to plan and carry out the event: Sadie Waldrip, Ruth Southworth, Joan Morgan, Dorothy Haworth, Nancy Vail, Lenore Joans, Robert Nowacki, Sharon Almerigi, Charlene Poncik, Lillian Fisher and Chris McCoy.

And a very special thank you to branch librarian Vickie Mulrean and the Alpine Library Staff, Jim Phillips, Beverley Denny, Barbara Gilbert and Debbie Rogers, for their time and support in making the entire event a success.

Sincerely,

Ellen B. Holzman
President
Alpine Library Friends Association

December 21, 1988:

ALPINE LIBRARY OFFERS STORYTIME, PUPPET SHOW

The Alpine Library will offer present children's Christmas stories Wednesday, Dec. 21, and a puppet show Thursday, Dec. 22.

"The Night Before Christmas" and other holiday stories will be read at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

A puppet show, "Claude the Dog," will be presented Thursday at 10:30 a.m. by the San Diego County Puppeteers.

The library is located at 2130 Arnold Way. For more information, call 445-4221.

December 22, 1988:

BOOK DISCUSSION

Laura Emery will present a brief introductory lecture on Elinore Stewart's *Letters of a Woman Homesteader*, after which the book will be discussed by the group, Wednesday, January 11, 1 a.m. [sic], Alpine Public Library, 2130 Arnold Way, Alpine. Free. 445-4221

