



CHECK IT OUT

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY-PLACERVILLE CHAPTER SUMMER 2018

It's all about the wine...

We're already halfway through summer and looking forward to the cooler days of fall. The leaves begin to turn, school is back in session, and the pace of life slows down a bit, thereby giving us time to plan for special days. One such special day to mark on your calendar is **Sunday, September 30**, when the Placerville Friends of the Library host their premier fundraiser, **Wine for Words** featuring Barbara Keck, author of *Wineries of the Sierra Foothills: Risk-Takers and Rule-Breakers*. In addition to the author's presentation, there will be delectable hors d'oeuvres, wine tasting, silent auction, music, and a book signing.

Keck has written a seminal book on wine and wineries of the Sierra Foothills that describes the challenges winemakers have faced in order to transform their dreams into reality. Whether it's climate change, finding financial backing, or developing new varieties of wine, the risks are constant yet rewarding.

In addition to a brief history of the featured wineries (divided by county), *Wineries of the Sierra Foothills* also contains practical information on each winery such as the availability of a picnic area, food to be purchased, and whether it is pet friendly. In short, it's a comprehensive book you'll want to have handy in your car for those Sunday drives on the backroads of the Sierra.

Twelfth Annual

Wine for Words

Sunday, Sept. 30 • 4-7pm

Placerville Main Library • Tickets on sale Aug. 1



Keck has an MBA degree from Harvard in both marketing and agribusiness, and she is no stranger to writing about the wine industry, having written a column on wine for the *Tahoe Weekly* for many years. A world traveler, Keck has spent the last 20 years in Tahoe, a place she considers the most beautiful area in the world.

Her presentation will undoubtedly strike a chord with many in her audience. Whether you are a serious wine lover or an individual who wants to learn more about fine wines, you won't want to miss this event. Tickets are \$40 and can be purchased online beginning August 1, at www.eldoradolibraryfriends.org. They can also be purchased at the Placerville, Cameron Park, and El Dorado Hills Libraries. —*Celia Orona*

DO GOOD WITH BURRITOS



SATURDAY, AUG. 25 • 4-8PM
CHIPOTLE PLACERVILLE
3987 MISSOURI FLAT RD. STE 390

...and burritos, too!

Here's a great way to beat the heat: Don't cook dinner. Instead, on Saturday, August 25, between 4pm and 8pm, go to the Chipotle restaurant on 3987 Missouri Flat Road, and tell the order clerk you're there to take part in the Placerville Friends of the Library fundraiser. It's a win-win situation: you don't cook, your family gets a yummy dinner, and FOL gets funding as part of the

cost goes directly to FOL. Make sure to say you are supporting the Placerville Friends of the Library when you pay. Better still, grab one of the flyers and have it handy or go to our Facebook page online at www.facebook.com/friendsofplacervillelibrary/

For more tips on beating Placerville's summer heat—and additional August events at the library—just turn the page.

Dog days of summer

With all the positives of the area, Placerville also has brutal summers that can leave you wilted. Here are a few ways to beat the heat:

Cool off at the library! Several library patrons were randomly asked what they did to stay cool during hot August days. The most common answer: "I come to the library." Linda Emery, who was enjoying a book while at the Placerville Library, said it's a good way to escape the heat. "It's where my grandchildren come to stay cool."

A second common response involved "going to the river." Another patron in the children's section stated, "The best way to cool off is anything to do with water." She, too, talked about going to the river with her children.



Wherever you go, it's extremely important to stay hydrated. Drink lots of water and stay away from caffeinated drinks as well as those with lots of sugar. Eating fruits and vegetables is a healthy way to stay hydrated. A tried and true method of beating the heat at home is to close curtains to keep rooms dark. If you have a fireplace, close the damper, which tends to pull hot air into your home. Place a shallow bowl of ice cubes in front of a fan for a "close and personal" air conditioner. If you are going to be away from the computer for more than 10 minutes, turn it off or put on "sleep" mode.

Remember your pets. They will need plenty of cool, fresh water and putting ice cubes in water bowl is a treat. If possible, give them an ice pack or wet towel to lay on. Exercise time should be early morning or late evening after the sun has gone down. Much like humans, pets who are elderly, overweight and/or having a heart condition are especially vulnerable to the heat.

And finally, don't let that forlorn look wear you down: keep pets at home when you go shopping or on errands. Keep your eyes on the prize: fall will be here before we know it.

More August Events:

Happy birthday!

August 28 will mark the opening of the Placerville Library 40 years ago. Watch for notices on the events commemorating the fortieth birthday of our main library all during August!



Upcoming used book sales:

**Friday & Saturday
Aug. 3 & 4**

**Friday & Saturday
Oct. 5 & 6**

9am-3pm each day



FOOTNOTES

1. **Did you know that El Dorado County has more wineries than any other Foothills county?** More than 50 wine grape varieties are grown in our area, all for your enjoyment.
2. **Placerville Library patrons can now go directly to www.eldoradolibraryfriends.org** and become an FOL member, get information about upcoming events, or buy tickets for Wine for Words.
3. **During the 2016-2017 fiscal year, more than 254,500 library items** were checked out by our patrons.
4. **What's the difference?** While viticulture is the science, production, and study of grapes, viniculture is the process of cultivating grapes for winemaking. Learn more about this industry at the Placerville FOL Wine for Words event on September 30 (see front).
5. **Part of your membership fee goes to support children's programs,** which are made available to the community as a way to promote early literacy. In addition, funding goes to support the Teen Library Council and its activities which will start up again this September. Thank you!
6. **The summer reading program has ended but the reading challenge continues.** How many books have you read so far?