

Our Mission

The mission of the Solano County Library Foundation is to support the programs of the Solano County Library and the literacy and lifelong learning needs of the community it serves.

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History

Since its inception in 1994, the Solano
County Library Foundation has raised
more than \$1.5 million dollars
for Library literacy programs. We raise
funds for library programs not supported
by tax dollars.

Events / Awards

Our events and awards fulfill our
mission in several ways by raising
money to support Library projects and
programs, encouraging literacy and a
love of learning, and providing a means
for future support. This year's programs
included:

- Co-sponsored the **Women's History Luncheon** in which Women of the Year: Ann Cousineau, past Director of Solano County Libraries & Jan Stewart, First Woman to serve on the Solano County Board of Supervisors were honored. Guest Author Aleta George, author of *Ina Coolbrith, California's first Poet Laureate* was our speaker.
- Hosted our first **Education Mixer** with Solano County Office of Education. County Administrators had an opportunity to meet and mingle with our Board of Directors in a relaxed atmosphere while we provided Library Foundation and literacy program statistics showing important links between programs we support and educational outcomes.



Food & Community Event Featured Author, Nicolette Hahn Niman.



Seasonal bounty from local farmers.

- **National Library Week.** With the help of KUIC Radio we promoted the Foundation, Solano Libraries and the Library Staff through a weeklong 60 second radio spot and a new two week POS (Point of Sale) Fundraising Campaign that included community partners; Pacific Ace Hardware in Vacaville, Nugget Market in Vacaville, and Food 4 Less in Vallejo. We also hosted a KUIC Coffee Break for our hardworking Library Administrators.
- **100 Best Communities for Youth Award.** The Foundation succeeded as the lead agency in applying for the multi agency collaborative application to America's Promise Alliance promoting literacy and education efforts in Solano County

to substantially reduce the high school drop-out rate.

- **Food and Community:** Why and How to Make Food Choices to Positively Affect Health, Community and the Environment featured Nicolette Hahn Niman, Author of the book: *Righteous Porkchop: Finding a Life and Good Food Beyond Factory Farms*. This event also included a Farmers Market featuring seasonal and artisanal products, all locally produced, and the documentary film, *Fresh: New Thinking About What We're Eating*.
- **Literary Tour** of Atlanta, Savannah, and Charleston. Highlights included tours of Flannery O'Connor's homes in Milledgeville and Savannah, and a visit to Mercer Williams House,

made famous in John Berendt's bestselling *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil*. Author talks, a tour of America's oldest museum in Charleston, a walking tour based on Conroy's *South of Broad* and dining on authentic regional cuisine added to the overall experience and appreciation of Southern literature.

• Authors Luncheon

2010 was a huge success celebrating our 10th Anniversary! Featured authors: Jeff Carlson, international bestselling author of *Plague Year Trilogy*, a sci-fi thriller; Kathi Kamen Goldmark, author of *And My Shoes Keep Walking Back to You*, is also a member of an all-author rock band, the Rock Bottom Remainers; Kim Meeder, cofounder and director of Crystal Peaks Youth Ranch, author of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis Award for her book *Hope Rising*; Robert D. San Souci, author of many award winning books for children, including his most recent, *Robin Hood and the Golden Arrow*; Paula Wolfert, award winning authors of several cookbooks including, *The Slow Mediterranean Kitchen*; Judith Ryan Hendricks, author of four books: *The Laws of Harmony*, *The Baker's Apprentice*, *Isabel's Daughter* and *Bread Alone*, completed our all star list of authors.

• Temptation Mania Concert was an "out of the box" successful fundraising event hosted by



Winterhawk Winery, in partnership with SCLF and featured members of *Temptation Mania - The Review* including Cleveland Jones (formerly with David Ruffin, lead vocalist of the Temptations in their greatest hits era of the late 60's) and Al Boyd (songwriter for the Temptations who wrote their most famous cross over hit 'Standing on

Shaky Ground") performed to an enthusiastic crowd at the Fairfield Community Center.

Library projects and programs we supported this year

Program funding from 2009 to 2010 increased from \$25,178 to \$44,213 allowing us to substantially support:

- Reach Out and Read Clinics in Solano County which provided 15,432 books to 7,716 children and families at 13 pediatric Clinics in Fairfield, Vacaville and Vallejo.
- Library Adult Literacy which provided teaching and learning materials for 341 students through Basic Literacy, ESL and Family Literacy programs.
- Rio Vista Library Summer Children's Program



- Adult Literacy Student Prescription Glasses
- Women's History Project

Membership Program

Membership is a great way to show your year round support for Solano County Library Foundation. Consider gifting a membership to a friend or loved one. Our members have enjoyed benefits such as:

- Discounted ticket prices for Foundation programs and events.
- Early email notification of upcoming events and mailed invitation for our annual Authors Luncheon.
- Receipt of the quarterly Solano County Library newsletter, *Check It Out!*

Plans for 2011

Some of our plans for 2011 include:

- Co-sponsorship of the Fourth Annual Women's History Luncheon in March (Tickets and sponsorship opportunities will be available in January. See our website after January 15 for details or call the Foundation office).
- 100 Best Communities for Youth Celebration (March 2011)
- National Library Week Event (April)
- Local Author Event (Late Spring)
- Solano Kids Read Program support (May 2011)
- Children's Author Event (August)
- Literary tour of Chicago. Tour leaders Ann Cousineau, Georgia Chun and Darlene Frankel are planning an exciting trip. Event dates are: September 6 – 12. (call the Foundation office if you would like to be on our mailing list for details)
- Authors Luncheon 2011 will be held in November (tickets will be available by Sept. 15).

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We could not support Library programs or sponsor literacy events without the valuable assistance of our committed partners. Thank you to all of our supporters who give generously of their time, talent and financial resources! The following is a list of sponsors who contributed anywhere from \$500 - \$25,000 in cash or in-kind donations during 2010:

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