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NEWSLETTER

January 2025

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From the FRL President, Debbie Reis

Welcome to the New Year 2025

Our Annual Holiday Celebration was held at the County Library on Thursday December 12th. Stephanie Hillman did a fantastic job of organizing our event. Kapa Sproat, Senior Library Assistant in ATS, was our guest of honor. She is retiring after 38 years of service. Beth Haynes presented her with a certificate and a Life Membership in the Friends of the Redwood Libraries. The luncheon was followed by a fantastic performance from the McKinleyville Community Choir under the direction of Jon Reisdorf with accompanist Steven Reis.

Several board members and volunteers attended the HLF Gala on December 10th. A wonderful event. A big thank you to the Humboldt Library Foundation for the invitation and the complimentary tickets. We had a great time!

The 2025 Children's Art Calendars are on sale for \$10. Pick one up from the Serendipity Book Store, the circulation desk, or at the January Book Sale. Marilyn Tucker always does such a great job designing the calendar.

The next FRL Book Sale is January 24th (members only) and 25th (everyone). Bill Cech, thank you, for organizing the volunteers and the sale. See you there!

Our Friends of the Redwood Libraries Memberships make great gifts while also supporting your local libraries.

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Holiday Brunch

About 50 library volunteers and staff gathered for a delicious brunch in the Eureka Library's large meeting room on December 12. The occasion, which was catered by Cassaro's Catering, was our chance to show appreciation to the staff for all they do. It was planned for a time before the Library opened so that all Eureka staff members would be able to attend.



Debbie Reis, Willa Mauro and Barb MacTurk prepare to serve brunch

Entertainment, which was provided by the McKinleyville Community Choir, added to the festivities.



The McKinleyville Choir performs at the FRL brunch.



The McKinleyville Choir, with pianist Steve Reis, entertaining at the brunch.

The brunch also provided an opportunity to recognize Kapa Sproat on her forthcoming retirement and to honor her with a Life Membership in the Friends of the Redwood Libraries.



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NEWS FROM CHRIS COOPER, LIBRARY DIRECTOR



Former HCL colleagues clockwise from top: Kapa Sproat, Michael Logan, Jessica Schlachter, Paris Bauer, Ana Jordan, and Janet Smith.

Senior Library Assistant Kapa Sproat retired from the Humboldt County Library on December 28, 2024, after serving almost four decades supporting the Fortuna Branch Library and Acquisitions and Technical Services Division. The Humboldt County Library Staff thanks Kapa for her excellent service and engaging spirit she provided to staff, volunteers, and the public. Kapa has been a steady and highly active presence behind the scenes for the library. She was the last of the full-time senior HCL team members who were hired in the 1970s or 1980s to retire over the past year.

Kapa was born and raised in Kohala, Hawaii, on the North Shore of Kona or “the Big Island.” She was the middle child of a close-knit family with two brothers and two sisters and more than seventy-five cousins. Her love of books and libraries developed early. As an elementary school student, she visited the Bond Memorial Library in Kohala almost daily on her way home from school.

In 1980, she followed her sisters who had recently relocated to Humboldt County from Hawaii. Kapa’s first job in Humboldt was working at Murphy’s Ceramic Shop on Main Street in Fortuna. Kapa was a dedicated Fortuna Library patron and when a position opened, she applied and joined the Fortuna Library team in June 1984 as a page. Her colleagues included Branch Coordinator Linnie Ault and Library Clerk Virgilia Becker.

In 1986, she successfully passed the Library Clerk exam and was promoted to Library Clerk for the Fortuna Library, where she served the community for ten years. I have fond memories of Kapa assisting me with finding materials for my students in the late 1980s, when I was a teacher at Bridgeville School. Kapa used to joke about how I had hair back then. With her great sense of humor, welcoming smile, and empathy, she had a special way of making library guests feel welcome and comfortable. She enjoyed working at the library and being immersed in the community life of Fortuna. Kapa said, “Library regulars would bring her apples in the fall, honey from their beehives, and discuss goings on about their lives.”

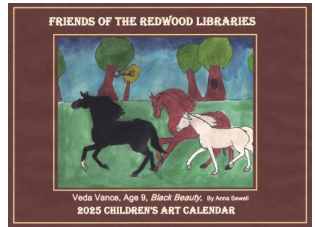


In the late 1990s Kapa left the Fortuna Library for the opportunity to work for the Acquisitions and Technical Services Division of the Eureka Main Library where she has worked until retirement. Kapa said, “It was a dream to work in the beautiful new Eureka Library building behind the scenes.”

Elizabeth Haynes, retiring Senior Librarian Assistant Kapa Sproat, and FRL President Debbie Reis. Kapa is presented with a Life Membership in Friends of the Redwood Libraries.

MEET THE ARTISTS IN THE 2025 CALENDAR!

Members of the FRL Calendar Committee finally met many of the children who created the amazing artwork that can be seen in the 2025 Children's Art Calendar. The young artists came to the Hagopian Art Gallery in the Eureka Main Library, where their art work was displayed during the months of November and December. It was fun meeting parents, siblings and other relatives — and photographing the children with their displayed artwork.



THESE CHILDREN HAVE THEIR ARTWORK EITHER IN THE "MONTHS" OR HONORABLE MENTIONS:



Fiona Varzghah, 7



Ada Lake, 11



Elise Stonecypher, 10



Emma Varzghah, 10



Elizabeth Gibbons, 10



Hazel Coonen, 9



Ivan Tokarev, 10



June Wickman, 11



Shy Smart, 11



Sierra Darragh, 7



Lily Varzghah, 5



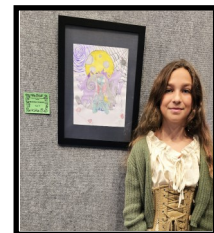
Marlee Lawson, 8



Olea Vance, 5



Zahari Ulmer, 6



Marina Howard, 11



Mayah Dedman, 7



Rose Coonen, 6



Vasili Tokarev, 8



Owen Hufford, 7



Veda Vance, 9

The two children on the right were photographed holding their entries when they accompanied siblings who had pictures displayed



Alice Gibbons, 7



Cerise Howard, 7

These children were not available for a photo, but here is their artwork.



Sawyer Hayes, 5



Evelyn Tolan, 7



Aya Schroeder, 5



Elias Sanders, 6



Emerald Sanders, 6



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MESSAGE FROM THE FRL TREASURER

FRL had a excellent year! With the hard work and dedication of the volunteers plus the support of our members and customers, the Friends of the Redwood Libraries presented the Humboldt County Library \$38,911.80 for the fiscal year 7/1/23 to 6/30/24. This amount comes from the proceeds from the sale of books through the Serendipity Book Store, our quarterly book sales, our internet book sales, and the Children's 2024 Art Calendar. Thanks everyone!

Michelle D. Sievertson, Treasurer

Our mission is to support the needs and programs of the Humboldt County Library System

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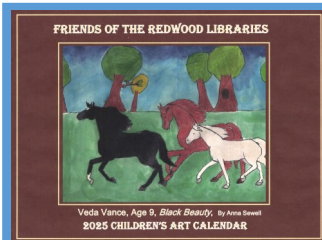
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IS YOUR MEMBERSHIP CURRENT? CHECK THE LABEL!

2025 CALENDARS STILL AVAILABLE!

There are still a few calendars left if you hurry! You can purchase them in the Serendipity Book Store (The "Little Store on the Second Floor" of the Eureka Library), the Circulation Desk of the Eureka Library; or they can be mailed to you. For mailing, fill out the form and send a check made out to FRL (\$10 for each calendar) to the address listed. Calendars will be mailed to you. Remember, all printing and postage costs have been paid for by our sponsors, so all money received for the calendars goes directly to the Library System.

Order Form for ordering the Children's Art Calendar by mail



FRIENDS OF THE REDWOOD LIBRARIES 2025 CHILDREN'S ART CALENDAR

**Calendar available at Serendipity Book Store,
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Mail this order form with a check for \$10 for each calendar to the following address:

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Price includes postage, and calendars will be mailed to you.

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