

Happy Thanksgiving

Dear Friends,

We know you are grateful for the Merced County Library and all that it offers the communities it serves – online databases and subscriptions, print books and other materials, information resources, community partnerships, programming for children and also for youth and adults, reading and discussion groups, guest speakers, and more.

We also know you are grateful that the Merced County Library serves all the residents of the county. Its information, materials, activities, outreach, and services are particularly important to individuals and families who are not financially secure. And, in the time of COVID-19, the number of those individuals and families is growing.

The Friends' highest priority every year is Summer Reading. The reasons for this are powerful. Children and teens need something to do in the summer that educates, encourages, and challenges them. Reading in the summer – by themselves or with friends and family – helps keep in check the summer slide of academic skills, particularly English Language skills. Summer Reading activities expand the imagination of children in creative ways. Summer Reading is essential.

This year the Estate of Philip Wilson will match up to a total of \$5,000 of your Thanksgiving Appeal donations!

Every dollar raised will help meet our \$10,000 goal for Summer Reading.

Yes—that's right—every dollar you donate will become two dollars for Summer Reading 2021. Your \$5 gift will become \$10. So please donate as much as you can. The Friends' fundraising abilities were cut short with the safety measures brought about by COVID-19 – no bookstore sales and no parties or other money-making group events have been allowed. Your donation is vital to the Friends, and it will mean so much to our families and communities. Thank you very much.

Thanksgiving Appeal 2020

Donations this year will be matched, so your gift is doubled in value!

Please make your check out to: Friends of the Merced County Library
P.O. Box 2463
Merced, CA 95344-0463



Donation amount: \$ _____

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Thank you for your generous response.