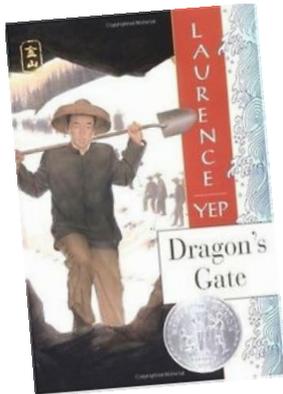


Rocklin Friends of the Library are partnering with the Rocklin Historical Society for this year's annual Rocklin Reads program in October. This year's programs will focus on the Chinese laborers who built the Transcontinental Railroad as well as Rocklin's role during that period of history.

The Friends of the Library are encouraging book lovers to read one of two books. Gordon Chang's "Ghosts of Gold Mountain" is a definitive history of how Chinese laborers did the monumental work of building the Transcontinental Railroad from Sacramento to Utah for Union Pacific. The second and more family-friendly book is "Dragon's Gate," which targets younger readers and their families. The main character leaves China to join his father at "The Golden Mountain" to work on the Transcontinental Railroad.



A variety of family-friendly events will be offered throughout October. Families will be encouraged to find answers to clues on the self-guided scavenger hunt, which will be available from Oct. 1 through Oct. 23 on the websites for the Rocklin Friends of the Library (rocklinfriends.org) and the Rocklin Historical Society (rocklinhistorical.org) or in person at either location. Participants can claim a prize by turning in the completed questionnaires at either the Rocklin Library, 4890 Granite Dr. (at Rocklin Road) or the Rocklin History Museum, 3895 Rocklin Road (at San Francisco St.) by Oct. 23.

A presentation on the roundhouse and the site of the Chinese community will start at noon on Oct. 23 in the Historic Roundhouse site (rose gardens) on Rocklin Road.

Dr. Jim Carlson and other Rocklin Historical Society members will share maps and memorabilia from the site of the Chinese community. Participants will be invited to view the Native American mortars as well as the Chinese-built granite drainage system.

Keith Waddell, president of the Roseville Roundhouse Model Railroad Association, will give a presentation via Zoom at 7 p.m. on Oct. 23 on the history of the Transcontinental Railroad and the work of the Chinese. Information on the program will be posted on Eventbrite.