



STANISLAUS COUNTY LIBRARY

Diane McDonnell
County Library Director

1500 I Street, Modesto, CA 95354
209.558.7801 Fax: 209.529.4779
www.stanislauslibrary.org

PRESS RELEASE

October 23, 2014

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**For more information, contact:
Susan Lilly, 209-558-4813 or 209-613-3672**

Community Novel: "Ashes in a Teardrop" Official Book Launch and Signing Nov. 1

The official release of Stanislaus County's first Community Novel, "Ashes in a Teardrop," is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 1, 4 to 6 p.m. at the McHenry Museum Auditorium. This project is the collaborative work of 15 local authors, most of whom will be on hand to sign books. The Stanislaus Library Foundation will offer books at a discounted price of \$11.00 for the launch party.

"Ashes in a Teardrop" is a mystery, set in present day Stanislaus County. The story begins when a young couple, biking along the Tuolumne River, discovers an abandoned teardrop trailer, visible only because of the low river level produced by the severe drought. In it, they find an urn, a diary and other items that lead them on an adventure to piece together the history of this trailer. Area readers will enjoy the suspenseful mystery, as the story unwinds in familiar landmark locations.

The Stanislaus County Community Novel is believed to be the first of its kind in this part of the country. The project was modeled after a community novel in Topeka, KS. The local effort, however, became a much more collaborative effort, with each author writing his or her chapter independently, but collaborating with others on ideas for the story line. This local mystery was written for Stanislaus County by Stanislaus County.

For more information on the community novel or the Nov. 1 book launch event, please call, 209-558-7801.

###