



**FRIENDS
OF THE
ARROYO
GRANDE
LIBRARY**

The Library Insider

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The only thing that you absolutely have to know, is the location of the library - Albert Einstein

FROM THE PRESIDENT

I hope all of you are staying safe and healthy during this difficult time. We all miss the library, but there are plenty of activities on-line that we can access. The staff is working on some new creative ways to serve our community as well. You can read about it in the Notes from the Library and the Youth Corner in this issue. In the meantime, we are proud of our library staff and their service as disaster service workers in our community during this time.

The Friends of the Library board has had to learn some new tricks as well. We now have our meetings on-line using Zoom, and are able to communicate with each other to discuss the different issues that occur.

Our bi-monthly book sales have been put on hold indefinitely. We do miss all the fun and camaraderie at these events, but we must be careful and follow

established guidelines to keep us all safe. Since the library is closed, we are not able to accept any donations until further notice. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

One bright spot is the continuation of our internet sales. We have a decent amount of inventory in storage and people are still buying books through Amazon. Peggy Heinrichs, Danna Weidner, and Janet Baxter have been busy shipping books out to customers. Peggy, Sue Barton, Juliana Sessions, and Sue Crosson continue to work from home updating prices on the inventory. What a team! Thanks to all of you.

We will get through this.

Kersti Lasiewski
President



Since the onset of the Covid 19 Pandemic the Friends Board has been holding the Board Meetings virtually

LIBRARY NEWS

As you know, all County of San Luis Obispo Libraries are closed until further notice. The County of San Luis Obispo is actively involved in disaster service work to aid the community at this time. Library staff are deployed as disaster workers throughout the County. Several library staff are now working at the Alternate Care Site at Cal Poly that has been set up to assist COVID-19 patients. In addition, library staff are assigned to oversee the Safe Parking Program (located in Los Osos, Oceano and San Luis Obispo) which gives individuals who are living in their vehicles the opportunity to park in a safe location overnight. Staff members are now working at the Prado Homeless Services Center. Two employees from libraries in South County are helping at the new COVID-19 testing location at Ramona Garden Community Center in Grover Beach. Many of our library employees are involved in delivering food and prescriptions to residents who are 65+. I remain humbled and impressed by how staff have risen to the moment and helped our community in its time of need.

Of course, we all look forward to returning to a new normal once our libraries are able to reopen. In the meantime, our digital library collection remains available for your convenience 24/7 online at www.slolibrary.org. If you need to speak to library staff, our call center hours are 9am-1pm: 805-781-5991 and 1pm-5pm: 805-461-6161. The library's homepage also features a link to Coronavirus COVID19: Links You Can Trust.

The County of San Luis Obispo Public Library is expanding its online and digital services to help meet the needs of adults and families who are staying close to home. The County of San Luis Obispo is raising the number of online e-books, movies, and audiobooks that library users can access from home using the digital apps Libby, CloudLibrary, Kanopy, and Hoopla.

We are also offering temporary additional access to digital services including bonus borrows and unlimited kids educational online streaming video. Patrons can also request to receive books at home through the Library's ZipBooks program.

No library card, no problem? Just sign up for a digital library card through: <https://slolibrary.org/index.php/about/library-card> to create an e-Card number that will give you access to all of the online content mentioned above
-Rosalyn Pierini, South County Regional Librarian

San Luis Obispo County Library
Homepage
WWW:SLOLIBRARY.ORG

A lot of library lovers have been asking for an update on what library staff have been up to recently.

Currently, most of the County of SLO Library staff are on the front lines, serving as SLO County Disaster Service Workers. These dedicated County workers have been helping keep your community stay safe and secure.

Here is some of the great work your County of San Luis Obispo County Library staff has been doing the last two months:

- Food deliveries to seniors and homebound
- Delivering medicine to people who are unable to leave their homes
- Doing Food Bank surveys at distribution sites in English and Spanish
- Managing & staffing Safe Parking sites in Los Osos, Oceano and San Luis Obispo
- Setting up and working at the Cal Poly Alternate Care Site
- Staffing Prado Homeless Services Center
- Staffing the COVID-19 Testing Site at Ramona Garden Community Center
- Sewing masks
- Staffing the EOC
- Providing Press Releases and Communications for the County of San Luis Obispo
- And More

YOUTH CORNER...

These are unprecedented times, but our library is still here for our kids. We have a multitude of downloadable items for kids and teens and lots of plans for summer fun at home as well as on the go.

Our library website features plenty of fun activities and entertainment for our kids and teens. Downloadable ebooks, audiobooks and Read Along books can be found on Hoopla, Cloud Library, Overdrive/Libby, and Kanopy Kids. On our SLOCountyLibraries YouTube channel families can find storytimes, crafts to do at home and other entertainment. Also on our website is ABC Mouse which has learning games and activities for children ages 2 to 8.

Our library Summer Reading, Imagine Your Story, for kids, teens and adults is going online this year. Beanstack, found through the app store or on a banner on our website, will allow participants to register and track their reading - no more paper logs to keep track of!

The program runs from June 1st to July 31st. All families need to do is create a Beanstack account and register everyone who wishes to participate. Everyone – including babies, teens, and adults – can join in. Then the logs can be accessed through the free Beanstalk app, available for both iOS and Android devices, or on a computer by linking through the library website. Log reading time to earn badges and certificates!

There will be prize raffles for kids, teens, and adults. Kids can win a bike, Lego sets and more. Teen prizes include DIY maker kits, bikes, and coffee gift cards. Kids earn tickets for reading and for participating in activities or writing book reviews.

We will also be hosting great online entertainment and programs such as Roaming Reptiles videos with their creature of the week, concerts with the Super Stolie Guacamole bilingual music and dance show, magic trick lessons, Pyjama Drama classes, mindfulness videos, digital photography instruction, craft videos, science videos and more, so check us out! Follow us on Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter to learn about new activities and fun summer challenges.

As always, thank you to the Friends of the Arroyo Grande Library for all of your support. Stay well and I hope we can all be together at the library again soon.

Sallie Tonascia, Youth Librarian

FRIENDS MEMBERSHIP

Friends Membership April-May 2020

We have deferred our membership drawing until the library is reopened.

I apologize for any late acknowledgements to you.

New Members:

Bob & Pat Anderson

Gregory Asano

Mary Beth Baker

Louisa Cammidge

Susan Crossan

Penny Haughey

Marylou Hessellund

Marty Musselman

Charley Pappensos

Renewals:

Robin Ayedesian

Harry & Mary Butler

Judith Hasting

Bill Hazel (*Life*)

Shirley Kanehl

Jan Kline

Charles & Barbara LaRue

Kathryn Marcum

Sharon Mulkey

Doris Murdock

Em Myhre

Carrol Pruett

Jacke Scherer

Schneider family

Herbert & Mary Shoebridge

Weckstein family

Donation:

Francesca Fairbrother

Judy Gaskell

Pamela Hunt Carter

Shirley Kanehl

Katherine Marcum

Carrol Pruett

Weckstein family

Jean Whipple

OPEN A BOOK

-JANE BASKWILL

OPEN A BOOK AND YOU WILL FIND
PEOPLE AND PLACES OF EVERY KIND

OPEN A BOOK AND YOU CAN BE
ANYTHING THAT YOU WANT TO BE

OPEN A BOOK AND YOU CAN SHARE
WONDEROUS WORLDS YOU FIND IN
THERE

OPEN A BOOK AND I WILL TOO

YOU READ TO ME AND I'LL READ TO
YOU



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UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

Membership Corner:

This has been a very strange two months. Normally FOTAGL is very busy during March & April with members renewing and new members joining. Obviously, most of this activity is on hold. We want you to know that the Friends are thinking of all of you and wishing you health and safety during this time of sheltering at home.

While the libraries in our county remain closed. Please know that you have access to many books, movies and periodicals via their digital collections.

In addition, there are lots of free videos on youtube. You can tour museums, go to foreign countries and even go on safari. Here are a couple of links that explain the valuable role of libraries in our lives. Enjoy!

<https://youtu.be/v4wBvKmk5jU>
<https://youtu.be/fa6ERdxyYdo>

Hope to see you all soon, Danna Weidner

Friends giving report for 2019 Through March 2

The Friends have provided the Arroyo Grande Library:

Library Materials: \$ 3144

Library Programs: \$ 99

Furniture & Equipment: \$ 350

Total: \$3593

-Donna Kimber & Sandy Stellway

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UPWARD LEAD
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-EMILIE POULSSON**