



**FRIENDS  
OF THE  
ARROYO  
GRANDE  
LIBRARY**

# The Library Insider

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*"I have always imagined that Paradise will be a kind of Library" - Jorge Luis Borges*

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

During these uncertain times, we have had to put many of our functions on hold, but we are still dedicated to our mission statement. It states: *"The purpose of the association shall be to preserve and enhance the library's place as a source of information by enriching its resources and making its services better known to the community."*

It is difficult to make plans when the situation is as fluid as it is now, but there is current information on our website at **fotagl.org**. Please check it out! Many of the activities offered by the library are listed there along with information as to how to access them. We welcome your comments and suggestions. Thanks to our webmaster, Danna Weidner, for organizing and keeping us up to date.

Since our volunteers are not able to work at the library, we still cannot accept donations. If you have books you think we could use, please hold on to them for a while. You can contact us at our website and leave a message with your name and contact information. When we are ready to get back to work, someone will contact you. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Enjoy the rest of summer. Please take care of yourselves and try to remain flexible and positive. Remember that we are all in this together.

Kersti Lasiewski, President



**TUESDAY - SATURDAY 10 AM - 5 PM**  
**YOU CAN PICK UP YOUR LIBRARY BOOKS USING**  
**THE GRAB AND GO SERVICE. GO TO:**  
**SLOLIBRARY.ORG FOR THE FAQs ABOUT IT.**

# LIBRARY NEWS

**Starting July 7, we began Grab and Go Services for the public.** We have been happy to re-open our doors to the public for browsing! Following State guidelines, we ask that you keep physically distanced and wear a face covering when visiting any County of San Luis Obispo Public Library. Library staff are eager to assist you in finding your next book, movie, or accessing our numerous electronic media platforms. Staff are also available to assist customers by phone. Our hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 am – 5 pm with an hour from 9 am – 10 am for vulnerable populations. For more information, please call 805-473-7161 or visit:

<https://slolibrary.org>.

We will continue to maintain on site services in accordance with State and County Public Health guidelines. Please visit ReadySLO.org for the latest updates and guidance. In addition, our virtual library also remains available 24/7. These online resources include access to ebooks, downloadable audio books, magazines, music and movies. Visit:

<https://slolibrary.org/index.php/digital> for details.

One notable digital offering is the Lynda.com database. Individual learners can achieve personal and professional goals with this online learning platform. Your library card provides access to the Lynda.com video library of engaging, top-quality courses taught by recognized industry experts. To get started, go to: <https://www.lynda.com/portal/sip?org=slolibrary.org>.

This summer, please stay safe and be well.

-Rosalyn Pierini, South County Regional Librarian

## **BOOK RECOMMENDATION** **DO YOU LIKE DETECTIVE STORIES?**

A recent discovery has been the *Peculiar Crimes Unit* series, by Christopher Fowler. The heroes of these books are the elderly detectives, Bryant & May, who head a unit, the PCU, whose mandate is to “settle sensitive cases with abstruse thinking, their purpose to prevent public panic and moral outrage.” Not only will you be caught up in tricky mysteries, but rather esoteric histories of London past and present are revealed through the unorthodox methods of Senior Detective Arthur Bryant (who's really quite cranky). If you are a fan of classical detective stories and adore British tongue-in-cheek humor you will thoroughly enjoy this series.

Kim Elston, FOTAGL



The comfortable seats are temporarily gone with the library set up for Grab and Go service



Only 2 computers are available for use because of Social Distancing requirements

## YOUTH CORNER...

As I write this we are back at the library with doors open to the public. It is so nice to be able to have my little people in the library again!

We are in the last few weeks of our online Library Summer Reading Program, *Imagine Your Story*, for kids, teens and adults. Our platform, Beanstack, found through the app store or on a banner on our website, allows participants to register and track their reading. It has been popular, with 800 people signing up in the first week! The Summer Reading Program ends on July 31.

We continue to offer great online entertainment and programs such as Roaming Reptiles videos with their creature of the week, bilingual concerts with the Super Stolie Guacamole, magic trick lessons with magician Chris Lopez, Pyjama Drama classes, mindfulness videos, digital photography instruction, craft videos, science videos and more. Families can follow us on [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#), and [Twitter](#) to learn about new activities and fun summer challenges.

I would like to share with you two teen fiction books and a children's nonfiction book that I read recently and really enjoyed. I like to read historical fiction, especially about World War II and I have many patrons who also enjoy this genre.

Her name is Sarah. She's blonde, blue-eyed, and Jewish in 1939 Germany. And her act of resistance is about to change the world.

After her mother is shot at a checkpoint, fifteen-year-old Sarah meets a mysterious man with an ambiguous accent, a suspiciously bare apartment, and a lockbox full of weapons. He's part of the secret resistance against the Third Reich, and he needs Sarah to hide in plain sight at a school for the daughters of top Nazi brass, posing as one of them. If she can befriend the daughter of a key scientist and get invited to her house, she might be able to steal the blueprints to a bomb that could destroy the cities of Western Europe. Nothing could prepare Sarah for her cutthroat schoolmates, and soon she finds herself in a battle for survival. But anyone who underestimates this innocent-seeming girl does so at their peril. She may look sweet, but she's the Nazis' worst nightmare.

**Orphan Monster Spy** by Matt Killeen can be found in our library or as a downloadable on Overdrive and Cloud Library.

World War II, 1942. A court decision makes women subject to the draft and eligible for service. The unproven American army is going up against the greatest fighting force ever assembled, the armed forces of Nazi Germany.

Three girls sign up to fight. Rio Richlin, Frankie Marr, and Rainy Schulterman are average girls, girls with dreams and aspirations, at the start of their lives, at the start of their loves. For the first time they leave behind their homes and families and go to war. They will fight the greatest war the world has ever known. **Front Lines** by Michael Grant can be found at the library or downloaded from Cloud Library and Hoopla.

In **On the Horizon**, Lois Lowry looks back at history through a personal lens as she draws from her own memories as a child in Hawaii and Japan, as well as from historical research, in this stunning work in verse for young readers. Books and audiobooks of this title can be found in the library and on Cloud Library and Overdrive.

Two of my other favorite World War II fiction books are **Salt to the Sea** by Ruta Sepetys and **All the Light We Cannot See** by Anthony Doerr.

As always, thank you to the Friends of the Arroyo Grande Library for all of your support. Stay well and take good care of yourselves.

Sallie Tonascia, Youth Librarian

## FRIENDS MEMBERSHIP

June-July 2020

**We have deferred our membership drawing until the library is reopened. Remember, you can still join the Friends. More than ever the library needs our monetary support.**

### New Members:

Trina M. Clark

### Renewals:

Dorothy K. Albertson

Jim & Debra Kennedy

### Donation:

Dorothy K. Albertson

Francesca Fairbrother



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until further notice**

### *A Child's Thought*

At seven, when I go to bed,  
I find such pictures in my head;  
Castles with dragons prowling round,  
Gardens where magic fruits are found;  
Fair ladies prisoned in a tower,  
Or lost in an enchanted bower;  
While gallant horsemen ride by streams,  
That border all this land of dreams  
I find, so clearly in my head  
At seven, when I go to bed.  
-Robert Louis Stevenson

**CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE  
FOTAGL.ORG**

### **Friends giving report for 2020 Through July 16**

#### **The Friends have provided the Arroyo Grande Library:**

Library Materials: \$3144

Library Programs: \$1577

Furniture & Equipment: \$350

**Total: \$5,071**

-Donna Kimber & Sandy Stellway

