

**FRIENDS  
OF THE  
ARROYO  
GRANDE  
LIBRARY**



## The Library Insider

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*What in the World would We do without Our Libraries? Katharine Hepburn*

### ***FROM THE PRESIDENT***

Some of you have wondered why we still can't enter the library even though we have moved to the red tier. The reason is that many of the library staff have been deployed to work at vaccination centers, COVID testing sites, and other emergency services. Remember that they are county employees and are assigned to work where they are needed most, and right now they are needed to help us get through this segment of the pandemic. Right now there just aren't enough people to staff the entire library, and the reduced staff must handle the normal workload by themselves. We must have patience and remember that we are all in this together.

In the meantime, library services are still available. Books can be put on hold and picked up at the front door and there is a "concierge" service where the library professionals can select books for you in the genre that you request. There are a few carts outside the front door where you can browse for new books for adults and children, as well as new DVDs. Wi-fi service is also available outside in the same area.

By visiting [slolibrary.org](http://slolibrary.org), you can find many resources that are available to us. There is so much more than just searching the catalog, although that is fun, too. You can read newspapers and magazines on-line, as well as attend virtual classes and lectures. So much is available, that it can't all be listed here. I encourage you to check it out. Now that we have more time on our hands, there is much to explore.

The FOTAGL board is still meeting on-line and looking forward to volunteering at the library again. Our staff of internet sales workers are still working from home, although they are not as busy as before. Two board members who never stopped working are our treasurer, **Donna Kimber**, and our assistant treasurer, **Sandy Stellway**. Bills still must be paid, tax forms must be filled out, and funds need to be distributed for library materials. Donna and Sandy have done an outstanding job keeping things orderly and professional. Thank you, ladies!

Stay safe, everyone, and remember to be kind to each other.

Kersti Lasiewski, President

It is spring fever.  
That is what the name of it is.  
And when you've got it, you  
Want—oh, you don't know quite  
What it is you do want, but it  
Just fairly makes your heart  
Ache, you want it so!  
—Mark Twain

# LIBRARY NEWS

Happy Spring from the Arroyo Grande Library! We continue to provide Sidewalk Service as library staff is still assisting with the County's COVID-19 response. Visit the Arroyo Grande, Atascadero, Morro Bay, and San Luis Obispo Libraries to pick up your holds at our front doors. Remember to start at [www.slolibrary.org](http://www.slolibrary.org) to search and place holds on library materials.

For customers who enjoy reading Emagazines, there has been a recent change in our vendors. Please note, Overdrive digital magazines (*the platform formerly known as RBDigital*) can now be viewed in Ovedrive <https://blackgold.overdrive.com/library/magazines>.

County of San Luis Obispo Public Libraries also offer a wonderful array of newspapers in electronic format including the *New York Times* and the *San Luis Obispo Tribune*. In addition, we offer the **Access World News database** - find current and archived articles on issues, events, people, government and more with the world's largest collection of full-text news sources. Includes local news, editorials, announcements and other sections from more than 4700 sources. Visit <https://www.slolibrary.org/index.php/reference/databases> to discover these and other information rich databases.

*Stamped: racism, antiracism, and you* by Jason Reynolds has been selected for this year's Book to Action Program - a countywide literary event funded by California Center for the Book and Friends of the Library groups at the SLO, Atascadero, Arroyo Grande, and Cambria Libraries. We're also partnering with the folks at Cal Poly Office of Inclusion and Diversity and R.A.C.E. Matters SLO.


The 2021 Book of the Year Program featuring *The Honey bus: a memoir of loss, courage and a girl saved by bees* by Meredith May is a countywide literary event in partnership with Cuesta College Library. These programs encourage community members to read together and engage in discussion and programming. It's our mission to connect the community to creativity, culture, and knowledge—and we're doing that through stories. We believe that connecting readers to timely books and current issues can inspire important discussions and can help bring a community together. Please visit our website for more information about these books and programs.

-Rosalyn Pierini, South County Regional Librarian.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE LIBRARY...

**There is a lot happening at the Library online. You can find it all at [slolibrary.org](http://slolibrary.org). You will find a calendar of events if you select the box "Events". Most require registration. Highlights:**

Virtual escape rooms are always available.

 Friday 10:30 , with Mrs. Sally  
Age group: Preschool & Toddler  
@your library

**-HOMEWORK HELP ONLINE** Free one-on-one tutoring. On the website select Teens or Kids in the white bar then select *Homework Help*

**-Wed 10:30 am Through April 21**

**CANCIONES BILINGUES: BILINGUAL MUSIC**

Age Group: Preschool & Toddler



**Friday Apr. 23, 10:30 am**

**Chumash & Tataviam Myths &**

**Legends with Alan Salazar –via Zoom**



**Friday April 23, 5 pm**

**An evening with Meredith May,  
Live webcast**



**Wed. May 26, 6 pm**

**An evening with Jason  
Reynolds, Live Webcast**

### FRIENDS GIVING REPORT THROUGH MARCH 2

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

Library Materials: \$ 0

Library Programs: \$761.29

Furniture & Equipment: \$511.81

**Total: \$1,323.10**

-Donna Kimber & Sandy Stellway

## FROM THE YOUTH CORNER...

### By Sallie Tonascia

We are still doing Sidewalk Service and it is great to see how much our kids are reading. I help kids pick out a pile of books one week and then they return to get another huge stack the next week. I love to see that!

A new Tale Trail is up now. This is one is called *Honeybee: the busy life of apis mellifera* by Candice Fleming and is presented in conjunction with the Cuesta College Book of the Year *The Honey Bus* by Meredith May. The Tale Trail is located directly behind the library near the grassy area next to the Regional Center.

We have two bee friendly youth Grab and Go Crafts to give away in March and April. The first kit is a fun spring beehive craft kit for kids ages 6-12 and the second is a home to make for bees for kids ages 8 and up. Both kits can be picked up at the library, to make at home, and are available while supplies last. The kits have everything that kids need to complete the project.

Again, this year we are participating in the *In N Out Cover to Cover* reading incentive program. Kids can earn three burger coupons by reading fifteen books of their choice. Children between the ages of four and twelve can participate. The program runs until April 17.

Because April is Poetry Month I would like to share some teen books in verse that adults will also enjoy.

*The Snow Fell Three Graves Deep* by poet and novelist Allan Wolf is a riveting retelling of the ill-fated journey of the Donner party across the Sierra Nevada during the winter of 1846 and 1847. Brilliantly narrated by multiple voices, including world-weary, taunting, and all-knowing Hunger itself, this novel-in-verse examines a notorious chapter in history from various perspectives, among them caravan leaders George Donner and James Reed, Donner's scholarly wife, two Miwok Indian guides, the Reed children, a sixteen-year-old orphan, and even a pair of oxen.

*White Rose* by Kip Wilson tells the story of Sophie Scholl, a young German college student who challenges the Nazi regime during World War II as part of the White Rose, a non-violent resistance group.

*Brown Girl Dreaming* by Jacqueline Woodson shares, in vivid poems, what it was like to grow up as an African American in the 1960s and 1970s, living with the remnants of Jim Crow and her growing awareness of the Civil Rights movement.

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.



**BEE HOME**



**BEE KIT**



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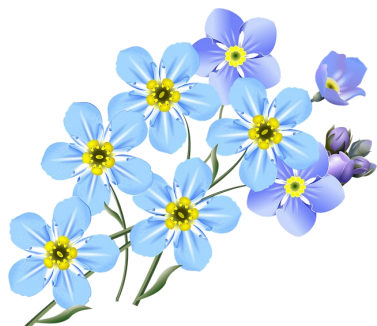
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## ***FRIENDS MEMBERSHIP***

**February and March 2021**

Thanks to our new and renewing “Friends” as well as  
to our generous donors.

**Donations:** David & Catherine Christie

**New Life Member:** Karen MacDonald

**Renewals:** David & Catherine Christie (paid  
through 2022)

Also, a reminder for those currently receiving your bi-  
monthly newsletter via snail mail, if you’d rather,  
we’d be happy to send it electronically instead. If that  
is your preference, just use our email: [info@fotagl.org](mailto:info@fotagl.org)  
to confirm your email address.

Thanks to you all and please stay safe.  
Patti Anderson, Membership Chair

### **SPRING**

Spring appears for whispers  
And hushed tones,  
As the bellowing winter  
Bows away.  
Drowsy flowers come to  
Attention,  
Waking from their sleep—  
Yawning;  
With heads turned upwards towards  
The maestro called Sun—  
I watch with anticipation as...  
The concert begins.  
-Susan Filson