



**FRIENDS
OF THE
ARROYO
GRANDE
LIBRARY**

The Library Insider

Volume 29, Issue 3

June 2021

I don't think anything will replace the pleasure of holding a book or turning its pages— Beverly Cleary

When you're next at the library, take a moment to admire the seven beautiful new mosaic tables, and ten new eucalyptus outdoor chairs, on the walkway outside the library. There are more tables on the patio outside the children's section, and customers are already using and enjoying them. FOTAGL purchased these for the library, so more people can enjoy the library safely outside. The Friends have been unable to have book sales to support the library for more than a year now, so we have relied on several other sources of income. So, though our bank balance has gone steadily down during the pandemic, the loss of book sale income has been offset, in large part, by your generosity. **Thank you!** We would not be able to continue supporting the Library without **your** support. Here are some ways people have helped us:



- (1) **DONATIONS:** Our generous donors have been the main source of income for the Friends this last year. We especially appreciate our most charitable donors **Francesca F., Kathryn L., and Judith P.** for their generous donations this year.
- (2) **BOOKS (and other items) PURCHASED FROM AMAZON:** Others have purchased our books at [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com). If you type in "Friends of the Arroyo Grande Library" in the search field at [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com), your purchases will fund the Friends. There are so many interesting books and other items, many with a local touch. So many would be a perfect gift for a loved one (or to treat yourself).
- (3) **SMILE.AMAZON.COM:** Some support the library by making their Amazon purchases at [Smile.Amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com), with the Arroyo Grande Library as their choice of non-profit to support. This is done **without any cost to you**. Your prices don't change. To do this:
 - ♥ Go to [Smile.Amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com) and sign in or register,
 - ♥ Search charities and select "Friends of the Arroyo Grande Library",
 - ♥ When you shop on Amazon, first go to [Smile.Amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com). Items that say "Eligible for Amazon Smile Donation" will result in a .5% donation to the Friends.

- Sandy Stellway, Assistant Treasurer

Find out more about the Friends of the Arroyo Grande Library.

Go to our Website:

www.fotagl.org

for the most Current Info. on Library Access, Book Donations,
& Much More

And Like us on Facebook



LIBRARY NEWS

We are pleased to announce that County of SLO Public Libraries are now open for browsing. Grab & Go service allows patrons to enter the library for browsing, to pick up holds, and limited use of internet computers. Face coverings are required, and visits are limited to 30 minutes. Grab & Go service is available Tuesday – Saturday from 9:00 AM-5:00 PM at these locations:

Arroyo Grande Library – 800 W Branch St., (805) 473-7161

Atascadero Library—6555 Capistrano Ave., (805) 461-6161

Cambria Library – 1043 Main St –(805) 927-4336

Los Osos Library—2075 Palisades, (805) 528-1862

Morro Bay Library—625 Harbor St., (805) 772-6394

Nipomo Library—918 W. Tefft, (805) 929-3994

San Luis Obispo Library—995 Palm St., (805) 781-5991

Summer is just around the corner and that means it's time for our annual Summer Reading Program for all ages. Tails & Tales is the theme of Summer Reading Program 2021 which celebrates reading and fun for everyone. Sign up for the Summer

Reading Program, track your reading and earn digital tickets for raffle prizes on Beanstack. Summer Reading Program goodie bags are available for pick-up at the Arroyo Grande Library starting June 1 while supplies last.

Join one of our online nature, science, animal, magic, or art classes. Take a trip to Hearst Castle, test your smarts with online trivia, or meet an award winning author, without leaving home. Sing and dance at one of our virtual kick off parties, or sing and act with Pyjama Drama, and so much more! Visit our website at www.slolibrary.org for more information about virtual programs.

More reopening good news includes the return of Veterans Connect@ the Library services at the Arroyo Grande Library. California public libraries, in partnership with California Department of Veterans Affairs, are working to connect veterans and their families to benefits and services for which they are eligible. Libraries, in collaboration with community veteran service organizations, can positively impact the quality of life for veterans. Veterans and their families can meet with a Veterans Services Officer from the County of San Luis Obispo Veterans Services Office on Thursdays by appointment only at the Arroyo Grande Library. Call 805-781-5766 to schedule an appointment.

— Roz Perinni, South County Regional Librarian

Carpentaria, by Alexis Wright

With folks grumbling about travel plans put on hold during this pandemic season, any Library patron knows that all you need is to open the pages of a book to be transported – not only to any place, but to any time and culture! One such serendipitous moment came when the book, *Carpentaria*, beckoned from the stacks.

At first I thought it was a book about our neighbor to the south, the City of Carpentaria, however, I discovered that the Great Gulf of Carpentaria lies at the northeastern tip of Australia, across from New Guinea and is the setting of this story.

This is not what you would consider a “light read”; coming in at over 500+ pgs., and written by an Indigenous Australian about the complex relationship with more recent residents and their land makes for absorbing, and sometimes difficult reading – but stick with it. It will transport you. It may change the way you view our world.

— Kim Elston, FOTAGL Secretary

JUNE

Birds just waking up to sing
 As nighttime slips away.
 Dewdrops sparkling in the sun
 To greet a brand-new day.
 Fireflies lighting dusky skies
 And strolls beneath the moon—
 What could be more perfect than
 The lovely month of June!

HAPPY SUMMER!

—Author Unknown

YOUTH CORNER...

By Sallie Tonascia

I am so happy to have kids back inside the library! My stacks of books are starting to shrink as the books go home to stay with happy readers. It's really fun to see kids take a giant stack of books on Tuesday and come back again on Saturday for more.

To celebrate our re-opening we offered kids a grab and go bird nest craft kit. In less than two weeks all 50 were taken home by creative crafters. The kits were made for us by Debbie George, who has hosted many of our craft programs in the past.

Starting in June children, teens and adults will be able to register for our Summer Reading Program on the Beanstack app. The link to Beanstack can be found on our website, www.slolibrary.org, under the kids, teens and adults tabs to be used on your computer or it can be downloaded from your favorite app store to your mobile device.

The program runs from June 1st to July 31st. Families can create a Beanstack account and register everyone who wishes to participate. Everyone – including babies, teens, and adults – can join in. Kids earn tickets for reading and for participating in activities or writing book reviews. The tickets can be entered into a prize raffle for the prize of their choice. Kids can win puppets, fake food, a Botley robot, a Lego set or a fort building kit. Teens have a chance to win a DIY Boba tea set, a DIY journal set, deluxe art set, an inflatable stand up paddle board with life jacket, or two inflatable kayaks with life jackets.

This summer our amazing online entertainment will include meeting a new sea creature and wild animal each week, a weekly magic trick lesson, a series of science experiments with the SLO Children's Museum, storytimes from around the USA and more. Teens will be able to choose from activities such as trivia nights, a tour of Hearst Castle, and a series of art classes complete with grab and go art kits. 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 take good care of yourselves.



Bird Nest Craft Kit Contents



Finished Bird Nests



FRIENDS MEMBERSHIP

It is lovely to see "Friends" back inside the library once more.

Thanks to our new Life Members:

Carol and Howard Kolb - Welcome!

Thanks also to our most recent donor, **Judith Person**.

Your contribution was exceedingly generous and greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Please continue to stay safe one and all.

Patti Anderson, FOTAGL Membership Chair



**FRIENDS
OF THE
ARROYO
GRANDE
LIBRARY**

The Library Insider
Published bimonthly by: Friends
of the Arroyo Grande Library
800 West Branch St.
Arroyo Grande, CA 93420

Friends Web Address: <http://www.fotagl.org>

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



NON-PROFIT ORG.
US POSTAGE
PAID
PERMIT #4
PISMO BEACH,
CA

There is a Lot Happening at the Library Website

Virtual Hearst Castle Tours
Videos of Sea Animals of the Central Coast
By the Central Coast Aquarium
Art Classes for Teens
Online Science for Kids and Adults
Dungeons and Dragons for Adults

Stories

AND MORE!!!

Go To
Slolibrary.org
To see what is available

Friends giving report for 2021 Through May 3

The Friends have provided the Arroyo Grande Library:

Library Materials: \$0
Library Programs: \$761.29
Furniture & Equipment: \$4,100.88

Total: \$4862.17

-Donna Kimber & Sandy Stellway

JUNE by F.G. Sanders

Far up in the deep blue sky,
Great white clouds are floating by.
All the world is dressed in green;
Many happy birds are seen.
Roses bright and sunshine clear
Show that lovely June is here.