



**FRIENDS
OF THE
ARROYO
GRANDE
LIBRARY**



The Library Insider

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"Google can bring you back 100,000 answers, a librarian can bring you back the right one." - Neil Gaiman

FROM THE PRESIDENT

I hope all of you are doing well and keeping yourselves safe and healthy. These have certainly been trying times, but we will get through it together. I continue to be optimistic.

There is not much news to report from the Friends of the Library board. Our book sales have been put on hold, but we continue to sell books on Amazon thanks to the collection of pre-pandemic books we have stored in our sheds. Volunteers are not able to work in the library, so we are still not able to accept donations. Your cooperation is very much appreciated. Because of the Covid 19 situation, the board has determined that all current memberships will remain active through 2021.

Even though we have not been working, we still meet once a month on zoom. At this time, I would like to

point out that there are some vacancies that we would like to fill. Our book sale chair, Deah Rudd, has had to resign and we will need a replacement when book sales happen again. We also are looking for an individual to handle membership and another to take care of publicity. Understandably, this is not the ideal time to recruit, but we now have plenty of time to think and plan for the future. Perhaps you would like to try something new or make new friends. This would be such an opportunity. If you would be interested in joining our board, you can contact us at fotagl.org.

Thank you all for the support you have shown us. Stay well, and, as always, be kind to each other.

Kersti Lasiewski,
President

The Friends of the AG Library need you!

We are looking for a detailed oriented person to assume the role of membership chair. The person will process membership requests, write acknowledgment letters (or post cards), and update the excel database (so proficiency with word processing and excel are required or do you know a friend who will job share with you?).

In addition, the chair needs to generate updated membership lists for the bi-monthly book sale and newsletter mailings. Every two months the chair mans a membership table at the book sale (usually from 9:30 AM to 11AM). Once a year (in March), the chair coordinates an annual membership drive at the AG library.

The current chair will train you and provide all her files (both paper and electronic) and be available to provide any assistance you may need. This is a fun job that allows you to interact with some supportive library buffs! If you're a traveler, no worries. A substitute can be arranged. If you can spare a few hours a month, contact Danna at d2weidner@gmail.com.

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- Go to Smile.amazon.com and sign in or register.
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LIBRARY NEWS

Grab and Go Service at the Arroyo Grande Library is growing in popularity as customers learn that we are open for browsing and picking up holds Tuesday through Saturday from 10 am to 5pm. We also have a special hour from 9 am – 10 pm Tuesday through Saturday to serve vulnerable populations. Recently, it's been especially rewarding to support families who are undertaking distance learning with books and materials to support their curriculum and recreational needs. Library staff are here to help patrons locate materials and access digital resources. Face coverings are required when using the library.

The Arroyo Grande Library will be a Vote By Mail Ballot Drop Box Location from October 5 – November 3. For more information about the upcoming election, please visit:
<https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Clerk-Recorder.aspx>

Newspapers are a great way to stay informed about current events. Did you know library customers can **now access** *The New York Times* from 1851 to today when you register for a 24-hour pass through Black Gold's Learning Resources. You can request unlimited passes, but you'll need to create an account after your pass expires. *The New York Times* is Funded by California State Library.

County of San Luis Obispo Libraries also provide access to our local paper *The San Luis Obispo Tribune*. The SLO Tribune Collection includes an Image format of The Tribune from December 2017-current, a text format from 2000-current, blog articles; and web articles.

In addition to these important news sources, the library offers 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. In order to access these informative news databases, please visit:

<https://www.slolibrary.org/index.php/reference/databases>

As always, we appreciate the wonderful support that the Friends of the Arroyo Grande Library provide. Be well and we hope to see you at the library.

-Roz Pierini, South County Regional Librarian

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE LIBRARY...

Although there are no in-person events at the library, there are plenty of offerings on-line, including virtual story times, You Tube videos, and Zoom classes. For more information, visit <http://slolibrary.evanced.info/signup/calendar>

Here are some listings of Zoom classes that are available:

October 2nd, 10:30 – 11:10 a.m.

Science Online: The Mummy at Mystery Mansion

Registration required, School Age

October 3rd, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Spooktacular Halloween Art with Heather Gleason

Waiting list for registration, Adult

October 6th, 11:00 – 12:00 p.m.

Gems-in-the-Stacks Zoom Book Club

Registration required,

Adult

October 15th, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Mixed Minds Zoom Book Club

Registration required, Adult

October 27th, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Exclusive Live Virtual Book Club event with author Kate Moore

Registration required, Teen, Adult

FRIENDS MEMBERSHIP

August-Sept. 2020

We have deferred our membership drawing until the library is reopened. The "Friends" Board has decided that because of the Covid 19 situation that all current memberships will remain active through 2021. No action by you is needed. Remember, you can still join the Friends. More than ever the library needs our monetary support.

New Members: Ann Elizabeth Miller

Renewals: None

Donations: none

-Danna Weidner

YOUTH CORNER...

Now that school has started I am seeing more kids in the library. I really enjoy helping them find what they need and seeing my young friends again.

My coworker Nancy and I have started offering Grab and Go Craft kits for our preschoolers. These kits will include all of the supplies that families will need plus instructions to complete the project. We plan to offer one new craft kit each month and one basic craft kit, for example a bookmark decorating kit with stickers. The first craft is an adorable scarecrow craft and will be offered starting October 1, while supplies last.

We will also have some Art to Go fall craft kits available for older kids that are being prepared by one of our crafting teachers, Debbie George. The fall kit includes cardstock, glitter glue stick, fabric leaves, felt shapes, and other elements to create 3-5 cards, postcards, or place cards. They will also be ready in early October and will be available while supplies last.

I really enjoy reading biographies and also graphic novels. The following graphic novels are some of the best examples of this combination: the March trilogy by John Lewis and *They Called Us Enemy* by George Takei.

Congressman John Lewis was an American icon and key figure of the civil rights movement. His commitment to justice and nonviolence took him from an Alabama sharecropper's farm to the halls of Congress, from a segregated schoolroom to the 1963 March on Washington, and from receiving beatings from state troopers to receiving the Medal of Freedom from the first African-American president.

Now, to share his remarkable story with new generations, Lewis presents *March*, a graphic novel trilogy.

March is a vivid first-hand account of John Lewis' lifelong struggle for civil and human rights. Rooted in Lewis' personal story, it also reflects on the highs and lows of the broader civil rights movement.

George Takei has captured hearts and minds worldwide with his captivating stage presence and outspoken commitment to equal rights. But long before he braved new frontiers in *Star Trek*, he woke up as a four-year-old boy to find his own birth country at war with his fa-

boy to find his own birth country at war with his father's and their entire family forced from their home into an uncertain future.

They Called Us Enemy is Takei's firsthand account of those years behind barbed wire, the joys and terrors of growing up under legalized racism, his mother's hard choices, his father's faith in democracy, and the way those experiences planted the seeds for his astonishing future.

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



Grab and Go Scarecrow



Art to Go fall craft kits





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Autumn Leaves, by Edel T. Copeland

Golden, crisp leaves falling softly from almost bare trees,
Lifting and falling in a hushed gentle breeze.
Slowly dropping to the soft cushioned ground,
Whispering and rustling a soothing sound.
Coppers, golds, and rusted tones,
Mother Nature's way of letting go.
They fall and gather one by one,
Autumn is here, summer has gone.
Crunching as I walk through their warm, fiery glow,
Nature's carpet rich and pure that again shall grow.
To protect and shield its majestic tree,
Standing tall and strong for the world to see.
They rise and fall in the cool, crisp air.
It's a time of change in this world we share,
Nature's importance reflecting our own lives,
Letting go of our fears and again, too, we shall thrive.



**Friends giving report for
2020 Through Sept. 4**

The Friends have provided the Arroyo Grande Library:

Library Materials: \$8,143
Library Programs: \$1,577
Furniture & Equipment: \$398

Total: \$10,117

-Donna Kimber & Sandy Stellway

NOTE

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