



**FRIENDS
OF THE
ARROYO
GRANDE
LIBRARY**



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"Nature and books belong to the eyes that see them." Ralph Waldo Emerson

FROM THE PRESIDENT

This is usually the time of year when we look back on our accomplishments and make plans for the future. The past year has been difficult and full of disappointments, but perhaps there are some silver linings. We have become more resilient and have learned to treasure what is important to us.

We still have a library and the county administration, along with our local staff, have been creative with finding new ways to accommodate library patrons. Storytelling and programs are now offered on-line, and book discussion groups meet on Zoom. "Grab and Go" arts and crafts have been available each month and are popular. Now there is even a library by mail service for seniors over 60 years of age who are unable to visit the library. Books will be mailed to them via USPS postage paid each way. We appreciate these efforts to keep our library relevant and a central hub in the community.

The Friends group continues to meet and discuss how we will function in the future. We continue to supply funds for library materials and programs. The amounts provided are listed in the Giving Report article in this newsletter.

Our new membership chair, Patti Anderson, would like to remind everyone that all current memberships will remain active through 2021. Patti has taken the position long held by Danna Weidner. Sadly, Danna is recuperating from injuries sustained in an automobile accident. Our thoughts are with her during this difficult time and we look forward to her returning to her many functions in our organization.

Wishing everyone a happy holiday season. Stay safe and, as always, be kind to each other.

Kersti Lasiewski,
President

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LIBRARY NEWS

County of San Luis Obispo Public Libraries are expanding our online and specialized services in order to offer access to as many customers as possible. Among these services is Book Connection - a personalized service offered by the Library for kids, teens and adults. Don't have time to browse? County of SLO Libraries just made it easier for you find books. Let us do the work! Our professional staff will select a few titles for you based on your interests. Simply complete an online form and we will notify you when items are ready to be picked up.

Another new service is Library by Mail. Are you a Senior aged 60+ without a way to access library resources? Library by Mail connects you to library materials like books (including large print, audiobooks, and more) without leaving your home. We ship items via USPS in special heavy-duty bags and the postage is paid both ways. Call our Adult Services Department to get started with LBM: Sharon Coronado, Coordinating Librarian, Adult Services, 805-781-4187.

We have also recently added three new online research databases. The Consumer Reports database will help users make informed purchasing decisions and find expert reviews from the most trusted name in the marketplace. Consumer Reports is an independent, non-profit member organization that incentivizes corporations to act responsibly, and helps policymakers prioritize the rights and interests of consumers in order to shape a truly consumer-driven marketplace. Library access provides unlimited digital access to ratings and reviews, one-on-one trusted advice straight from a specialist with Ask CR, car recall tracker, and Best Time to Buy.

Thanks to a grant from the US Institute of Museum and Library Services and the California State Library, we are now able to offer Brainfuse's JobNow and VetNow databases. JobNow can help library patrons learn new skills, prepare for certification testing, create more impactful resumes, prepare for and practice interviewing, and search for jobs. For veterans, VetNow helps with navigating the VA system and understanding earned benefits, as well as offering workforce tools and job seeking support.

Happy holidays from the staff of the Arroyo Grande Library.

Rosalyn Pierini, South County Regional Librarian

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE LIBRARY...

There are online events happening at the libraries which you can view on your device. Some are live and some can be viewed anytime. To find out what is happening go to: slolibrary.org and click on:

LIBRARY NEWS

You will see Zoom Storytimes, Bilingual Storytimes, Authors Talks, Virtual Escape Rooms for Teens, and other events. Some require a SignUp.

OR go to the bottom of the slolibrary homepage and click on:



EVENTS

For a calendar of events happening at all of the SLO County Libraries.

ENJOY !!!

Winter is the time for comfort,
For good food and warmth,
For the touch of a friendly hand
And for a talk beside the fire:
It is the time for home.
-Edith Sitwell

YOUTH CORNER...

Grab and Go Crafts have been a big success here at the library. We offered a fall scarecrow craft in October and a turkey wreath craft in November. Both were snapped up by parents within a week of their release. In December we will offer a holiday elf craft for preschoolers, a snowflake craft for school age kids and two holiday ornament craft kits for teens. All Grab and Go craft kits come with everything that kids and families need to complete the craft and are available while supplies last. They are usually released at the beginning of the month.

I am working on a Tale Trail for the Arroyo Grande Library. A Tale Trail is an innovative way to get people of all ages out walking while reading children's picture books. Pages of a book are transformed into signs that are laid out on a trail inviting children and families to follow the path of pages. The goal is to help build children's interest in reading while encouraging healthy outdoor activity for both adults and children. The first book for the Tale Trail will be *Grumpy Bird*, a book about a bird who wakes up too grumpy to fly so he starts walking with a collection of animal friends. Children will be able to do some of the walking activities that the bird and his friends do along the way. I hope to have the Tale Trail set up by early December. It will be located directly behind the library near the grassy area next to the Regional Center.

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



ELF



SNOWMEN



SNOWFLAKES



GNOMES

FRIENDS MEMBERSHIP

October-November 2020

As previously reported, the Friends Board has directed that because of COVID 19 restrictions placed on our library's activities, all current Friends memberships will remain active through 2021. If your contact information changes, please use our email: info@fotagl.org to let us know. New memberships are still welcome, as are end of the year monetary donations. More than ever the library needs our support. Thank you!

New Members: none

Donations: Francesca Fairbrother
Kathryn Eisler LeMay

- Patti Anderson, Membership Chair



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It changes with the seasons.
Even your coldest winter
Happens for the best of reasons.
And though it feels eternal,
Like all you'll ever do is freeze,
I promise spring is coming,
And with it, brand new leaves.

E.H.

Friends Giving Report for 2020 Through November 1

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

Library Materials: \$8,144

Library Programs: \$5,577

Furniture & Equipment: \$399

Total: \$14,120

-Donna Kimber & Sandy Stellway

