

**FRIENDS
OF THE
ARROYO
GRANDE
LIBRARY**



The Library Insider

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Libraries will get you through times of no money better than money will get you through times of no libraries. –Anne Herbert

FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is time again for the election of officers on our executive board. There is a ballot at the bottom of this page. Please take a moment of your time to mark your ballot and return it to the library by April 9th. There will be a ballot box by the check-out counter. The results will be announced at our annual meeting on April 12th. At this time, however, it is uncertain whether this will be in person or on Zoom.

Although this has been a challenging year, we have seen things improving. We can browse for books in person at the library and participate in some of the creative activities organized by our library staff. In December we were able to have our first book sale in over a year and a half. We have another one **tentatively** scheduled on February 12 and hope to have another successful community event.

At this time, I would like to thank all our volunteers who help us find ways to support our library. We have a dedicated group of individuals who work hard to keep things running smoothly. If you have an interest in volunteering, please contact us at fotagl.org.

Kersti Lasiewski, President



2022 Friends of the Arroyo Grande Library Ballot Annual meeting April 12 at 9am - All Friends Members Welcome

President	Kersti Lasiewski	Yes	No
1st VP	Sandra Mason	Yes	No
2nd VP	Louise Clark	Yes	No
Secretary	Kim Elston	Yes	No
Treasurer	Donna Kimber	Yes	No

Return this Ballot To the AG Library (Look for the Ballot Box)
Before April 9
Please Print Your Name:

Write in Candidate

Specify Office _____

LIBRARY NEWS

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE LIBRARY...

As we start a new year, I want to remind everyone of a valuable resource available at the Arroyo Grande Library. The Veterans Resource/VetsConnect Center is located at the Arroyo Grande Library. Call 805-781-5766 for more information or to schedule an appointment with a Veterans Outreach Counselor. In partnership with Veterans Services of San Luis Obispo County, appointments are currently available on Thursdays. In February, we hope to expand this service to Tuesdays as well. This project was supported in whole or in part by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered in California by the State Librarian.

Another helpful resource we have for both job seekers and veterans alike are the JobNow and VetNow databases by Brainfuse. JobNow can help library patrons learn new skills, prepare for certification testing, create more impactful resumés, 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. These databases can be found at the slolibrary.org website under the **Reference > Online Learning tabs**.

In an ongoing effort to highlight the wonderful variety of online databases accessible through the County of SLO Public Libraries' website, this newsletter article would also like to mention two genealogy resources available at slolibrary.org. Did you know that genealogy is now the second most popular hobby in the U.S. after gardening? The Library offers HeritageHub which is a collection of U.S. obituaries and death notices from newspapers across the country. It includes coverage from all 50 states, hard-to-find content from the mid 1900's, and some original obituary images. In addition, there is My Heritage Library Edition that is one of the largest, most internationally diverse genealogy databases of its kind with access to billions of historical documents, millions of historical photos and other resources in thousands of databases that span the past five centuries.

Whether visiting the Library in-person or virtually, there are a host of information-rich treasures to be discovered.

-Rosalyn Pierini, South County Regional Librarian

There is a lot being offered by our Libraries in person and online. Go to slolibrary.org to see what is available

Tattooed & Tenacious
Inked Women in California's History
SLO Library Exhibition
Tue. Jan 25 - Sat, Mar 19
[Learn More](#)

mini Hora de cuentos con Susana
A mini storytime with songs and rhymes all in Spanish!
WATCH NOW VER AHORA VIRTUAL
[Una mini hora de cuentos con rimas y canciones en español]

free ONLINE JOB TRAINING
[LEARN MORE](#)

Learning Upgrade
Level up your English, math, and digital skills
[LEARN MORE](#)

parent PLACE

No-Drama Toddler Discipline
with Lea Payne Scott, MPH
TUESDAYS, 2/8 - 2/22, 6pm
[REGISTER](#)

- 3 D Printing
- Storytimes: English, Spanish, Bilingual
- AG Bookends Book Club— Adults
- Grab & Go Crafts—age 4+

Valentines Recipe

4 small kisses
6 giant hugs
1 cup of kindness
3 cups of love
5 tsp of happiness
2+ caring hearts

Mix together and spread the love

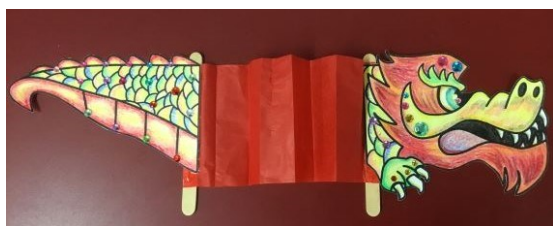
YOUTH CORNER

I hope everyone had a happy holiday season.

Welcome to 2022!

The new Tale Trail is installed. The new book is a gorgeously illustrated book based on the true story of the Urban Art Trail in San Diego, *Maybe Something Beautiful: how art transformed a neighborhood*, reveals how art can inspire transformation and how even the smallest artists can accomplish something big. It always makes my day when I see families visiting the Tale Trail.

Our January Dancing Dragon Puppet Grab and Go craft kit has been a huge success. Families are so happy to have new craft ideas and supplies to create art at home. It is such a nice alternative right now and I enjoy giving them out to appreciative children.



This time of year is very exciting for fans of children's literature. January is when the awards are presented for the best of the books published in the previous year. My favorite is the Caldecott award which was named in honor of nineteenth-century English illustrator Randolph Caldecott. It is awarded annually by the Association for Library Service to Children, a division of the American Library Association, to the artist of the most distinguished American picture book for children. Awards are also given out for early readers, middle grade fiction, teen fiction, audiobooks, nonfiction, and many others. I am always happy when our library owns many of the books before the awards are given out. That means we are choosing the best books!

As always, thank you to the Friends of the Arroyo Grande Library for all of your support.

- Sallie Tonascia

FRIENDS MEMBERSHIP

LOVE YOUR LIBRARY

Remember: Our Membership year is January Through December. Please remember to renew your annual membership. FOTAGL Counts on each and every one of you in order to meet our mission to support the AG Library.

TO THOSE WHO, BY YEARS END, JOINED OR RENEWED FOR 2022. THANK YOU! AND TO THOSE WHO MADE DONATIONS, OUR SINCERE GRATITUDE FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.

New Members:

Debra Grisanti	Janet McWilliams
Peggy & Chris Heinrichs – life	Eric Moss
Matthew Hsu – life	Carol Nylander
Jan Kline - life	Carrol Pruett – life
Susi LeBrun – life	Jason Skarda
Heather Lucio	Nancy Tariga - life
Sean & Denial McElhiney	Danna Whiteaker

Renewals:

Laurie Aguilar	Donna & Grant Halley
Kay Albertson	Helene & Gary Hamilton
Pat Barrett	Penny Haughey
Danny & Adele Beher	Stella James
JoAnn Bennett	Claire Johnson
Geri Bolivar	David & Lisa Karys-Schiff
Susan Brazil	Bill Long
Mary Buehnerkemper	Ted & Virginia Newman
Cristine Burke	Edward & Gaye Peltzman
Lynzy Burke & Family	Gregory Pisano
Harry & Mary Jane Butler	Rose Rudd
Lisa Chadwick	Jacke Scherer
David & Catherine Christie	Judith Schneider
Louise Clark	Cathryn Sells
Dale & Susy Cobb	Mel & Cathy Smith
Kristi Crawford & Family	Patrick Smith
Susan Crosson	Susan & Mary Thronson
Nan Fowler	Dorothy & Maxwell Tuman
Tim Fuhs & Family	Gretchen & Martin Weckstein
Jean Graham	Laurel A Woodson

2021 Member Donations:

Joseph & Anita Biggs	Matthew Hsu & Nancy Tariga
Kathy Bonds	Kathryn Lawhun
Donald & Marguerite Erickson	Patricia & Dick Melsheimer
Francesca Fairbrother	Madeleine Shaw
Dorothy & Tom Fortune	Susan Silverstein Estate



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Friends Book Sale Tentatively Scheduled for February 12

The Friends of the Arroyo Grande Library have tentatively set their next Book Sale for Saturday, February 12 from 10am-3pm. **Because of Covid, the final decision on having the sale will be made at the Board meeting on Feb. 8, so check fotagl.org, check the information screen at the library, or email fotagl@yahoo.com, to see if the sale is happening.** Members will be able to get in at 9:30am. Memberships can be purchased on the fotagl.org website or at the Sale. Do not forget the Bag Sale which will run from 1-3pm. All you put in a bag for \$1. Now that is a deal!

We will have all kinds of fiction as well as a variety of Non-Fiction books. There will also be Audio Books, CD'S and DVD'S for Sale. Be sure to check out our Special Price Tables. We will offer many books, magazines, and other collectible items including Coffee Table Books, Vintage Books, and special childrens' books. You are sure to find something among this treasure trove.

Hope to see you there.

Kent Unsworth, Acting Book Sale Chair

Friends giving report for 2021

The Friends have provided the Arroyo Grande Library:

Library Materials: \$7,448

Library Programs: \$3,550

Furniture & Equipment: \$4,634

Total: \$15,632

-Donna Kimber & Sandy Stellway

