

**FRIENDS  
OF THE  
ARROYO  
GRANDE  
LIBRARY**



## **The Library Insider**

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Whatever the cost of our libraries, the price is cheap compared to that of an ignorant nation - Walter Cronkite

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

We have been through some tough times recently, but, slowly and carefully, we have been able to resume some of our regular activities. We will have another book sale on April 9<sup>th</sup> after a brief hiccup in the schedule. I hope to see you there at this fun community event. Also, we are happy to announce that the Friends of the Arroyo Grande Library will be the featured non-profit at Rooster Creek restaurant on Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.. All proceeds from that evening will be awarded to FOTAGL, while we enjoy an evening out with no cooking involved. What a great way to support the library! There will be more and more events in the future.

Our annual meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 at the library. This meeting will take place outside, under the new shade structure behind the library. I would like to extend an invitation to all interested FOTAGL members to come to this meeting and explore the different opportunities for volunteering. The current board is experiencing a shortage of willing hands to support our activities and is reaching for help from our members. Many of us have been at our jobs for several years and we need fresh ideas from our community to help us continue to support our library. Please consider joining us.

As a reminder, the mission statement for FOTAGL states “The purpose of this association shall be to preserve and enhance the library’s place as a source of information by enriching its resources and making its services better known to the community.” If you are interested in becoming a board member and can’t attend this meeting, you can e-mail us at [fotagl@yahoo.com](mailto:fotagl@yahoo.com). We look forward to hearing from you.

Stay safe, everyone, enjoy springtime, and, as always, remember to be kind to each other.

Kersti Lasiewski  
President

### ***3rd Tuesday—Dining with Purpose***

Dine at Rooster Creek Tavern

200 E. Branch St., Arroyo Grande

**Tuesday, April 19th from 5-9 pm**

**ALL** proceeds will be donated to the

**Friends of the Arroyo Grande Library**

# LIBRARY NEWS

Spring traditionally is a season of hope and renewal. It seems particularly so in 2022 as we look forward to life returning to normal. On another cheerful note, we're pleased to announce the return of Zip Books service. We want you to have the item you're looking for, so if you'd like a book or an audiobook that isn't available through County of SLO Public Libraries, please fill out our Suggest a Purchase form online, or with staff by phone or in the libraries. We'll do our best to fill your request. Zip Books is an alternative to traditional interlibrary loan. This free service is funded through the California State Library. Here's how it works:

- Eligible books costing \$35 or less, or books on CD costing \$50 or less, are shipped directly from Amazon.com to the library patron (not to the library).
- The publication date must be at least 6 months old.
- Patrons have up to 15 weeks to return the book to any library service desk.
- Patrons can have two Zip Books items delivered per month.
- Zip Books items are added to the collection if they fall under our collection development guidelines.

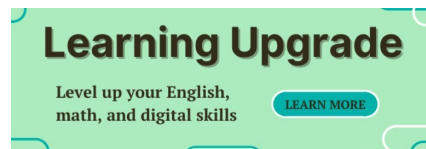
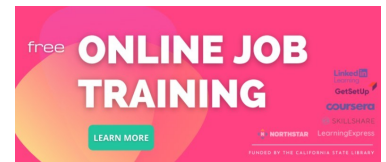
If the title you suggest isn't purchased as a Zip Book and is a popular current title, it may be purchased for SLO Public Libraries. Check our catalog to see if the book has been added to the collection.

Spring also brings one of our favorite annual events. County of SLO Libraries in partnership with Cuesta College are sponsoring the 2022 Book of the Year Program. Author Tommy Orange will appear at the Cuesta Performing Arts Center on Thursday, April 21 at 5pm for a lecture followed by a book signing. Tickets are \$5 for general admission and free for students at [tickets.cuesta.edu](https://tickets.cuesta.edu). Tommy Orange is the author of *There, There*, one of *The New York Times* 10 Best Books of the Year and winner of the PEN/Hemingway Award. Tommy Orange's wondrous and shattering bestselling novel follows twelve characters from Native communities: all traveling to the Big Oakland Powwow, all connected to one another in ways they may not yet realize. We hope to see you at the CPAC in April or anytime at the Library.

-Rosalyn Pierini, South County Regional Librarian

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

There is a lot being offered by our Libraries in person and online. Go to [slolibrary.org](https://slolibrary.org) to see what is available



- Gold Rush Communities I Columbia State Historic Park 4/27, 1-2 pm, Online
- Kashtayit State Marine Conservation Area and its connection to Indigenous Tribes on the Gaviota Coast 4/19, 10-11 am, Online
- Grab & Go Earth Day Craft -age 3 and up



## TO THE FIRST ROBIN

Welcome, welcome, little stranger,  
 Fear no harm, and fear no danger;  
 We are glad to see you here,  
 For you sing, "Sweet Spring is near."

Now the white snow melts away;  
 Now the flowers blossom gay:  
 Come, dear bird, and build your nest,  
 For we love our robin best.

—L. M. Alcott

## YOUTH CORNER...

By Sallie Tonascia

There are some new events happening at the library! After a break of two years we now have our Storytime back. Storytime takes place every Thursday at 10:30 under the big blue sunshade behind the library, weather permitting. It feels so nice to be able to share books, songs and fingerplays with our young visitors again.

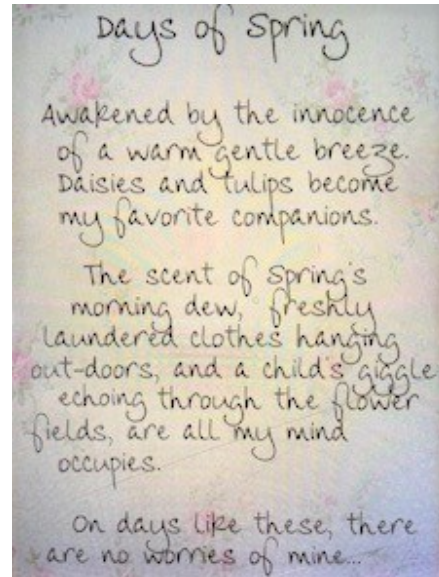
A new Tale Trail is up. This one is in conjunction with the County of San Luis Obispo Libraries Book of the Year, *There There* by Tommy Orange. Our new Tale Trail book is *We Are Water Protectors*. Winner of the 2021 Caldecott Medal and #1 New York Times Bestseller, the book is inspired by the many Indigenous-led movements across North America. *We Are Water Protectors* issues an urgent request to safeguard the Earth's water from harm and corruption—a bold and lyrical picture book written by Carole Lindstrom and vibrantly illustrated by Michaela Goade.

The 2022 Peeps Diorama Contest is coming this March and April. Kids, teens and adults are invited to submit a diorama of a favorite book, poem or nursery rhyme using at least two Peeps chicks or rabbits. Dioramas must be submitted by April 9. If you don't want to create a diorama be sure to visit the Youth Department during the week of April 12 to vote for your favorites.



Plains Indian Parfleche  
March Grab and Go Craft

Here's a little story that made my day. A teen who visits the library often came into the library with a friend the other day. On their way into the teen section I overheard her say to her friend, "Welcome to my heaven."



## FRIENDS MEMBERSHIP

Thank you to the following people who have joined or renewed their FOTAGL membership for 2022. Our membership year is January through December. We truly appreciate your support of our wonderful library.

We have 2 former annual members/households who renewed as life members this year:

Lauren Manning  
Brittany McLean & Bret Bowers

We have 4 new annual members/households:

Steve & Beth Fleming  
Ruthann Marquez  
Grace Merritt  
Gail Webber

We have 11 annual members/households who renewed for 2022:

Dawn Coon  
Tommie Josephson  
Shirley Lee Kanehi  
Simone & Jerry Levine  
Kathryn Marcum  
Emily Myhre  
Donna Rueff  
Herb & Mary Ann Shoebridge  
Darcy Swords-Gillen  
Kent Unsworth  
Janette Wesch

**THANK YOU ALL!!!**



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## **SPRING BOOK SALE SATURDAY APRIL 9 10-3**



The FOTAGL will hold their Spring Book Sale on Saturday April 9 from 10-3. Doors open to members at 9:30. We will have a large selection of both fiction and non-fiction. Prices are Hardbacks \$1.00 per inch, paperbacks - \$.50 per inch, CDs - \$1.00 single disc, \$2.00 multi-disc. DVDs - \$2.00 single disc, \$4.00 multi-disc, and Blu-Ray - \$3.00. Be sure to check out our Special Price Section. There you will find coffee table books as well as vintage books, vintage magazines, and other specialty items. They are priced as marked. Our Bag Sale runs from 1-3. All books you can put in a bag purchased right before the sale for \$2.00.

Also included this month I noticed are a collection of Podcast and Radio how to books; a large selection of CDs and DVDs of Broadway and Movie musicals; the history of printing, censorship, libraries, and books on CD, to name a few.

Donations are always appreciated. A tax receipt is available on request

*Deah Rudd, Book Sale Chair*