



**FRIENDS
OF THE
ARROYO
GRANDE
LIBRARY**

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There is no Friend as Loyal as a Book—Ernest Hemingway

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Three Friends Presidents

Our regularly scheduled book sales are back! Not only is this a major source of revenue for us, but it's also a fun community event. It was so nice to see everyone enjoying themselves. At the last sale in April we were approached by a gentleman named Dave Wilcox (Picture), who was the first president of the Friends group. This was back in 1992 when it was called the Friends of the South County Library. We had a lot of fun making comparisons to then and now, and, of course, we had to take a picture.

The book sales are dependent on your donations of gently used books. We have removed the size restrictions for donation and are now accepting larger amounts of books that we can handle. If you are unfamiliar with our facility, you can go to the "Help" desk in the library for assistance. We appreciate all our donors. We couldn't do it without you!

We also appreciate all the volunteers who help us set up and take down the tables, tents, and books for the sale. It really is a tremendous job to coordinate all this activity, but we are lucky to have Deah Rudd as our book sale chair. Deah can make order out of chaos. Be sure to read her article about the upcoming sale in this newsletter. Happy summer reading!

Kersti Lasiewski, President



The Arroyo Grande Library is one of the locations in our county where you can deposit your ballot to a secure and official vote by mail drop box.



Our very own Barbara Levenson has recently been given a Congressional Women of the Year award by Rep. Salud Carbajal. The goal of this award is to honor women of the district who have left a positive impact on their community.

She won the award for working at the Atascadero State Hospital for 27 years. After she retired, she became the chair of the San Luis Obispo County Behavioral Health Board and a scholarship application reviewer for the Community Foundation of San Luis Obispo. Barbara has been a volunteer with the Friends of the Arroyo Grande Library



for several years working with our internet sales team. Way to go, Barbara! Congratulations. She was also instrumental in providing donations to the Monday Club book collection drive project. These books will go out to families who pick up "breakfast bags" at the club. These books were "re-homed" from our workroom since our storage capacity was exceeded. Thanks for your continued community involvement.

LIBRARY NEWS

Summer is just around the corner and for libraries that means Summer Reading Program fun for everyone including the grownups. The theme for this year's program is Read Beyond the Beaten Path and features a reading challenge for a community goal to log **one million minutes**. Adults can sign up and then return their "I read _____ minutes this summer" bookmark with their contact info at the end of the program at the Arroyo Grande Library. Winners will be drawn at the close of the program and patrons will be notified. This year's thematic prizes include camping gear such as a tent, hammock, coolers, camp chairs, lantern and more. The Arroyo Grande Library also has beautiful handmade quilts from our wonderful local organization the Quilting Angels as prizes for lucky participants whose names are chosen at random.

For readers who prefer to participate in Summer Reading Program virtually, they can sign up for the online component in Beanstack: readers will receive badges for logging minutes and earn raffle tickets to win grand prizes. Beanstack grand prizes are a little different than the branch prizes but they're still grand!

There is also some hopeful news for members of our community who are experiencing homelessness or mental health issues. In partnership with Transitions Mental Health Association, County of San Luis Obispo Libraries have created a Library Outreach Team staffed by a social worker and case manager. The Library Outreach Team makes regularly scheduled visits to our five largest libraries and can connect clients to resources for shelter, food, mental health, SSDI, health, basic supplies, and more. The TMHA outreach van is at the Arroyo Grande Library on Thursday mornings from 9 -11am. Thank you to everyone who donated supplies including sleeping bags, yoga mats, socks, etc. to the recent Quarterly Library Outreach Team Donation Drive.

- Rosalyn Pierini,

South County Regional Librarian

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE LIBRARY...

Here are some of the things happening at the Libraries. Find out more at slolibrary.org



3rd Tuesday - Dining With Purpose Fundraiser

Our most heartfelt thanks to **Rooster Creek Tavern** for selecting us to be one of the recipients of their incredible "3rd Tuesday – Dining With Purpose" program. The results were beyond our wildest imaginations and expectations. Here are the final figures:

Donation from Rooster Creek Tavern: \$1871.00

Donation Jar: \$68.35

GRAND TOTAL: \$1939.35

Special thanks to everyone who helped promote this event and to those who manned our hospitality table, but especially to everyone who came to Rooster Creek, whether to dine in or take out. And, we hope you will dine there again, and when you do, you will tell them you are a FOTAGL member and are so appreciative of their support and generosity.

YOUTH CORNER...

The 2022 Summer Reading Program is quickly approaching. This year the program, Beyond the Beaten Path, will consist of online book tracking on our Beanstack app, badge books for the first 1,000 kids who register for Summer Reading, bi-monthly grab and go activities for preschool, school age and teens, some live programming, and a prize raffle on August 1st for readers who tracked their progress on the Beanstack app.

The badge book is a place where Summer Reading participants can track their reading. It synchronizes with the Beanstack app, so readers can also track their activities online and earn digital tickets for raffle prizes.

There will be two Grab and Go crafts for each age group: preschoolers, school age kids and teens. The crafts will be available at the library in June and July. Some examples include leaf rubbing, fairy gardens and flower pressing.

The Arroyo Grande Library is participating in the Lunch at the Library Grant this summer. Our library will partner with the Lucia Mar School District to provide six hundred books and book bags to low income children in our community.

Our yearly Peeps Contest was a success. We had 10 creative entries; from Peter Rabbit and Old MacDonald to Harry Potter, the Shining and Poe's The Raven. This last entry was the grand prize winner. All the kids received Jamba Juice gift cards and coupons for three free items at the next Friends of the Library Booksale. All were excited to receive their prizes! We have a beautiful new carpet in the storytime area of the Youth Department. When you get a chance, stop by and take a peek. Families are enjoying the fresh new look.

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

- Sallie Tonascia



The Raven - Grand Prize Winner



FRIENDS MEMBERSHIP

New Members

Don Dana
Barbara Veness
Jan Dreyer

Renewals

Donald Ice
Janice Lorinez & Joe Mylan
Penny Crowe
Jan Dryer
Tina & Randy Baldwin
Mary Buehnerkemper
Tina & Randy Baldwin
Lorraine Brewster

New Life members

Trina Clark
Safron Rossi
Marty Musselman

Donations

Susan & Tim Heaton
Donald Ice

Donations in Memory of Marge Seid

Joan Field
Cynthia Semel
Eleanor Weinstein
Marion Enfield
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BOOK SALE JUNE 11, 10-3

The FOTAGL will hold their "Get Ready for Summer" Book Sale on Saturday June 11 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. Our Bag Sale runs from 1-3. All books you can put in a bag paid for right before the sale for \$2.00. You can bring your own bags. We accept cash or check and are now able to process credit card and debit card purchases (with a minimum of \$10 purchase).

Also included this month are a good selection of Large Print books, several How To do Calculus books, and many CDs and DVDs of Great Courses by the Teaching Company. We have a large selection of CD's, DVD's, books of various genre's in-

cluding children's books, teacher's reference, gardening, vintage books, a serendipity section, etc. In our Special Price Section you will find coffee table books, gift books, as well as vintage books, vintage magazines, and other specialty items. Special Price books vary in price and are reasonably priced as marked.

The books we sell at our Book Sale are books people have generously donated. These donated books make our Book Sales possible. Thank you for thinking of FOTAGL for your donations. Donations can be dropped off at the Library Help desk. A tax receipt is available on request. Please help us spread the word that we are welcoming donations of any size and are also able to take large donations again. Hope to see you at the sale!

Deah Rudd, Book Sale Chair