



**FRIENDS
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LIBRARY**



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"All you need in life is truth & beauty and you can find both at the Public Library" - Studs Terkel

FROM THE PRESIDENT

As many of you know, our branch manager, Rosalyn Pierini, will be retiring at the end of July. The Friends of the Arroyo Grande Library has had a warm and respectful relationship with our librarian and wish her the best of luck with her new endeavors. "Roz" has worked for the county library system for 30 years, beginning in 1992. She became branch manager of the Arroyo Grande Library (then known as the South County Library) in 2007. There have been many changes (remember those pink couches?) and challenges (like the pandemic) during that time, but we have always been able to count on our librarian to keep us informed on library developments, both locally and county-wide. Congratulations, Roz!

We are still accepting book donations, large and small. Please bring your gently used books to the library during open hours and we will sort and organize them for our internet sales on Amazon, the Book Nook, and for our bi-monthly book sales. We couldn't do it all without you.

I hope to see you at the next sale on August 13th.

Kersti Lasiewski,
President



The Friends of the Arroyo Grande Library wish Roz Perini Happy Retirement.

LIBRARY NEWS

This newsletter article begins on a personal note since this will be my last contribution to the Friends of the Library Newsletter. I will be retiring as the South County Regional Librarian at the end of July after 30 years of county service and 32 years as a librarian. It has been the honor of a lifetime to serve the citizens of San Luis Obispo County for the last three decades. It has been wonderful working with our incredibly committed and supportive Friends of the Arroyo Grande Library organization. I'm proud of the improvements in library service that we have achieved together.

Margaret Kensinger-Klopfer has accepted the position of South County Regional Librarian and will start in her new position on July 26. Margaret has worked with County of San Luis Obispo Libraries for 17 years. During her tenure with the County, she has served as the Atascadero Library Branch Manager and both the Youth and Adult Services Coordinator for the system. Prior to joining the County, Margaret worked for the National Archives in Washington D.C. and for Montgomery County Schools in Maryland. Her educational background includes an undergraduate degree from St. Mary's College in Indiana and an MLS graduate degree from the University of Maryland. Margaret of course enjoys reading and has a passion for working with underserved communities. Please join me in welcoming Margaret to the South County Region.

There are exciting developments for SLO County Libraries including the introduction of mobile outreach vans. Three vans have been purchased for each of the geographical regions. The South County Region will use its van for outreach visits to assisted living facilities, senior centers, agencies serving youth and more. The future looks bright for SLO County Libraries, and I look forward to seeing it all as an avid library user and supporter. Thank you as always for being Friends of the Library.

Rosalyn Pierini, South County Regional Librarian

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE LIBRARY...

Checkout what is happening at the library by going to: slolibrary.org. Below is just some of the Happenings:



AUGUST

August has come yet
June Gloom lingers,
The black crows seem the
only singers.

The sun plays Hide and
Seek with the clouds
Impatience has me
brooding out loud.

Sunshine will come in
the later hours
Then I will be found
amongst the flowers.

The fog will lift and
reveal the moon,
And the day will sing
out a brighter tune.

The sea on the horizon
will surely boast,
Just another day on
the Central Coast.

YOUTH CORNER...

By Sallie Tonascia

As I write this Summer Reading is underway, and kids are happily logging their hours on our Beanstack app and earning their books and bookbags. They are earning tickets by doing their reading and submitting the tickets for the chance to win the prize of their choice.

We had an entertaining afternoon of music with the band Birdie. Fun was had by kids and adults as the audience was able to participate during the songs with instruments, scarves and other interactives. Birdie was great fun!

Our summer Tale Trail is now installed. The book is *First Star* by Will Hillenbrand and works well with our outdoor Summer Reading theme, Read Beyond the Beaten Path, as it is a story about camping adventures.

We packaged and delivered 300 Summer Reading books and bookbags to the Boys and Girls Club at Oceano Elementary School. We had fun reading to the kids and it gave me a chance to drive our new outreach van for the first time.

In August we will start our Read to Rover program, with therapy dogs Atom and Watson, who will "listen" as children read to them. Our program will use two trained therapy dogs, alternating every other week. The program begins on August 3 and will continue every Wednesday at 3:30.

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



"Birdie" Concert



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Trina Clark	Renewals:
Safron Rossi	Vince & Cheryl
Marty Musselman	Peterle
New Members:	Jan Dreyer
Alex Lotocky	Sharon Shaw
Raymond McDonald	Tina & Andy

Total Membership: 257
Life Membership: 149
Annual Membership: 84
Complimentary Membership: 24'

Diane Colson: Membership Chair



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FRIENDS BOOK SALE SATURDAY AUGUST 13 10AM—3PM

The FOTAGL will hold their “Get Ready for Fall” Book Sale on Saturday August 13 from 10-3. The sale opens to members at 9:30. We will have a large selection of both fiction and non-fiction of various genres, CDs, DVDs, audio books, children’s books, and Special Price books. We will also have a very large selection of Large Print books, many in pristine condition.

Book sale 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 1-3pm. 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).

We are welcoming donations of clean lightly used books. Without your book donations none of this would be possible. FOTAGL volunteers or library staff are able to receive donations during the library’s regular business hours of Tuesday and Wednesday 10-6, Thursday 9-5, Friday 10-5 and Saturday 9-5. If you are new to donating books at the library, please stop by the Help desk for assistance. A tax receipt is available on request. Hope to see you at the sale!

Deah Rudd, Book Sale Chair