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THE LIBRARY INSIDER

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A TRULY GREAT LIBRARY CONTAINS SOMETHING IN IT TO OFFEND EVERYONE—JO GOODWIN

FROM THE PRESIDENT

We are pleased to announce that we have a new book sale coordinator – Phillip Leyendecker. Phillip has been volunteering at our sales for a few years and we have all been impressed with his organizational skills, maturity, and ability to get along with everyone. We made him “teen coordinator” and when the time came for us to find a new book sale coordinator, it was determined that Phillip would be the best person for the job. We are looking forward to working together for the next few book sales.

As many of you know, the Arroyo Grande Library will be undergoing a huge renovation project next spring. Consequently, we will be unable to host book sales while construction is underway. Our last planned book sale will be next February. At this time, we don't know how long this project will take and when and if we will be able to host book sales again.

We have appreciated all your donations and support during the past few years. Unfortunately, we will be unable to accept any donations after December 31st. After that time, if you have any gently used books you would like to donate, please consider one of the other libraries in our area that have book sales – Grover Beach, Shell Beach, or Nipomo. We will get through this together.

Kersti Lasiewski,
President



LIBRARY NEWS

The Arroyo Grande Library has new hours, which started on September 8th. This change means our HICAP Medicare counselor will now be taking appointments the first and third Wednesdays of the month, by appointment, and that our passport services have expanded hours, also by appointment only. Finally, our Bookends book group will now be meeting on the 3rd Thursday of the month. Please check <https://www.slolibrary.org/index.php/about/locations/arroyo-grande-library> for updated hours, services, and programs at the Arroyo Grande Library.

The Arroyo Grande Library remodel continues to move forward. The expected closing date will be sometime in early to mid-2024. We will share the exact date with our lovely library customers and Friends as soon as we know it ourselves. To prepare for the remodel the Arroyo Grande Library will cease taking donations on December 31st, 2023.

On Friday, September 8th, International Literacy Day, County of SLO Public Libraries was proud to launch The Literacy Connection (TLC), a volunteer-based tutoring program that helps adults improve their literacy skills and empowers them to achieve their full potential. TLC team consists of dedicated, compassionate individuals who provide hope and practical help to residents who struggle daily because of limited literacy skills. Services will center around Adult Literacy, English as a Second Language (ESL), and Family Literacy. Materials and sessions are *always* **FREE and confidential**.

Tutoring for adult learners can include things like improving reading or writing skills, learning to vote, using a computer, or even passing the US Citizenship Exam. Tutoring for ESL learners can be something as simple improving one's conversational English skills in a friendly and welcoming environment. Family literacy tutors understand that families who learn together, thrive together. Parents and caregivers of children 17 years and younger can get help learning to read to children and actively encourage their early learning. Regardless, our TLC team will work to meet each learner's personal literacy goals.

If you, or someone you know, is 18 or older and looking for a rewarding volunteer opportunity to make a positive impact on someone's life, we are actively looking for volunteer ESL and English-speaking tutors! Teaching experience is welcome but not necessary. The only requirements are a desire to help, a patient outlook, and the ability to commit to this opportunity.

You can learn more through the TLC webpage The Literacy Connection ([slolibrary.org](https://www.slolibrary.org)) or by contacting :

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Margaret Kensinger-Klopper

South County Regional Manager

MEMBERSHIP

New Members:

Sandra Dain Hardridge family
Jenna Kuhmann family

Donors:

Junk Girls

Renewals:

Simone & Jerry Levine family
Bill Long
William Infanto family
Chad & Justina King family
Gretchen & Martin Weckstein family

Total membership: 261

Life members: 151

Annual members: 85

Complimentary members: 20

Teen members: 5

Vince Petrie, Membership Committee

YOUTH CORNER...

Fall is here. The kids are back in school and we are busier than ever here at the library.

Just after our Summer Reading Program ended we offered kids a new reading program. We partnered with Slodoco – San Luis Obispo Donut Company – to challenge kids to read five books and earn a \$5 gift card to Slodoco. This was a very popular program.

Our art teacher Amy Wicks presented a fun fall leaves craft for kids and adults in September. The artists were given leaves and other items to place on paper then they used watercolors to spray the paper to create a silhouette effect. I was surprised at the number of adults who wanted to participate.

Again, this year we will have a Halloween Costume Exchange. We will encourage families to donate their gently used costumes, then they can come in during the weeks of October 2 – 14 to choose a costume that is new to them. Donation is not necessary to participate.

We are partnering with the South County Youth Coalition to offer a series of parenting classes this fall. These classes will be for children in kindergarten to third grade and their caregivers. The first class is on Thursday, October 26 at 4:00 pm and be with Sarah from Pajama Drama. The second class will be with Hilary of Music Makers and the date is still to be determined.

Other upcoming events include:

Ballet Folklorico on October 7 at 11:00

Super Hero Storytime on October 18 at 10:30

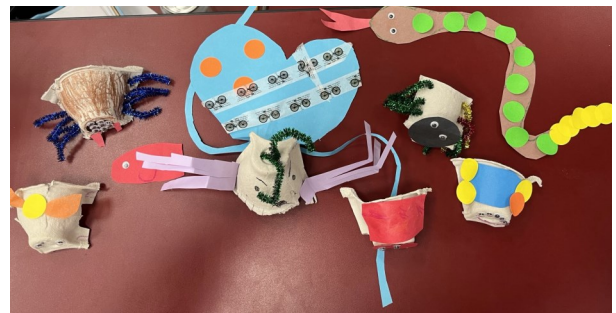
Sugar Skulls on October 25 at 3:30

Bubble Wrap Messy Art on November 4 at 10:30

Here are a few of my favorite art creations that the kids made from the craft materials on our art cart. Someone called it my menagerie. I always love to see what the kids create with the materials that we provide for them.



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As always, thank you to the Friends of the Arroyo Grande Library for your support for our children's programming.

Sallie Tonascia

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



FRIENDS BOOK SALE

SATURDAY OCT. 14

MEMBERS 9:30am-3, NON MEMBERS 10am-3

\$2 BAG SALE 1-3

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ASSISTANT TREASURER WANTED

The Friends of the A.G. Library are in search of a volunteer to serve as Assistant Treasurer. Do you love your library? Can you donate 10-20 hours of your time a month to support our wonderful library? We'd like someone who is willing to dedicate themselves on a long-term basis because of the training required. To find out more about this rewarding volunteer opportunity please call Sandy at 805-474-9293.

From 1/1/23—8/31/23 the FRIENDS have given to the Library:

Library Materials	\$695
Library Programs	\$8364
Furniture & Equipment	\$93

Total	\$9152
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Sandy Stellway, Treasurer