



FRIENDS OF THE ARROYO GRANDE LIBRARY

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A Library outranks any other one thing a community can do to benefit its' people. It is a never failing spring in the desert—Andrew Carnegie

LIBRARY NEWS

From Margaret Kensinger-Klopfer, South County Regional Manager

I want to start off with a big “thank you” to all the Arroyo Grande Friends of the Library that have made me feel so welcome this first month. Whether you were a familiar face or a new friend, I was overwhelmed with the positive outpouring of support that FOTAGL has shown me already. I am thrilled to be working as the South County Regional Manager of the County of SLO Library, since this is both my favorite area of the library system and my home. If you haven’t poked your head in my office to introduce yourself, please come by and say, “hello.”

I am not the only new face that you will see around the Arroyo Grande Library this month. We also welcomed Robert Pierce and Josh Tyler to our team recently.



Robert is originally from the San Gabriel Valley region of Southern California and recently moved back to SLO County after a 13-year hiatus. His is a graduate of Cal Poly. In his free time, other than reading, he goes hiking and camping whenever he can. He, of course, fills in the gaps with some good video games. Robert shared, “I’ve enjoyed reading and discovering new ideas for almost as long as I could walk, and I think this has definitely played a part in my desire to work at the library. My first month here has been great and everyone I’ve met is very friendly and helpful. Great environment, happy to be here!”



Josh has lived on the Central Coast of California for nearly his entire life. After working with the community and local schools for almost twenty years as a photographer / business owner, he looks forward to a new career at the County of San Luis Obispo Public Library. A few of the activities he enjoys are hiking in the hills, reading on the beach, attending concerts, traveling, and eating good food. Josh said, “It has been a privilege to meet and interact with my new coworkers and the patrons who visit us. I am excited to help provide essential services to the public and help others have access to resources that allow for lifelong learning. I feel fortunate to live in a place where we can enjoy good people, a great sense of community, fantastic surroundings, and an amazing climate. The library’s focus on connecting our community to knowledge, culture, and creativity makes me feel inspired to be part of the team!”

The Arroyo Grande Library is busy adding new programs and services constantly, so please remember to check the event calendar on our website at www.slolibrary.org.

Some of the upcoming program highlights in October and November include a community costume exchange, Operation Warm jacket distribution for kids by the Oceano Elks Club, job assistance by Eckard Connects, a visit from the Avila Beach Aquarium touch tanks, a pickling workshop and a fused glass class for adults. The aquarium touch tanks and the fused glass programs are funded by the Arroyo Grande Friends of the Library.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fall is in the air. The days are getting shorter, the kids are back in school, and the library is planning a lot of activities in the coming months. Our new Library Manager, Margaret Kensinger-Klopfer, has seamlessly taken over and has welcomed several new staff members. Be sure to check out her article where she writes about the latest additions to the staff. We wish a warm welcome to everyone.

The staff has some creative activities planned for us. I hope everyone has had a chance to see the scarecrow display in front of the library. This is an entry for the Harvest Festival Scarecrow Contest, and it is very well done.

We have had some good news regarding the library remodel. The California State Library's Building Forward Grant Program has approved \$1,600,000 towards renovations, safety updates, and other improvements for our library. More news and details to come. No timeline yet, but improvements are coming.

The Friends of the Arroyo Grande Library are still encouraging people to donate gently used books for our book sale. Donations will be accepted during the library's open hours. The next book sale is on October 8th. We have some wonderful offerings for sale. I hope to see you there!

Kersti Lasiewski,



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE LIBRARY...



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ONLINE with your library card

SIGN IN



AND THERE IS MORE. GO TO
WWW.SLOLIBRARY.ORG TO SEE
WHAT IS AVAILABLE



"FRIENDS" DONATIONS TO THE LIBRARY YEAR TO DATE

LIBRARY MATERIALS	\$4,171.97
LIBRARY PROGRAMS	\$3,613.26
FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT	\$731.57
TOTAL	\$8,516.80

Thanks to Donna Kimber and Sandy Stellway for doing a great job keeping our financial records.

YOUTH CORNER....

With the popularity of our outdoor Thursday morning storytime, we have decided to add a Wednesday morning storytime. We meet under the big blue sunshade at 10:30 for stories, songs, movement and fingerplays. These storytimes are geared toward our toddler age group, but preschoolers are also welcome.

We are excited to bring back Bilingual Storytime with Oceano Librarian Nancy for a limited time. Bilingual Storytime will happen on Saturdays at 10:30 and runs from September 10 through October 15.

Also returning after way too long is Lego Club. Our first meeting is in September, but we also have events on October 15 at 2:00 and November 19 at 2:00. I select a new theme each month and the kids make amazing creations with our library Legos.

Come to the library during the month of October to check out our Literary Pumpkin Decorating Contest or make one yourself! The contest is open to kids, teens and adults. Decorated pumpkins can be dropped off at the library until October 22. The public will be invited to vote on their favorites from October 25 to 28 and awards will be given out to the winners on October 29. It is great fun to see all of the decorated pumpkins. You don't want to miss it!

We are planning our first ever Kid's Costume Exchange at the Arroyo Grande Library! Halloween costumes for kids of all ages can be donated until October 7 at 5:00. On Saturday, October 8 from 10 – 12 PM, families can come to the library to pick out new costumes for free. Costume donation is not required to participate in the exchange.

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

- Sallie Tonascia



Stella is one of the prize winners for the Summer Reading Program

FRIENDS MEMBERSHIP

NEW MEMBERS

Shawn Jensen
Angie Lindath
Lille Van Reeth
Chris Weigh
Mary Whitsen
Calicchio Family

Art Westerfield &
Laura Mullen
Stevens Family
Chad & Julian King
Teens
Sean King
Alison Hubble

DONATION: Madeleine Shaw

HALLOWE'EN

What can be written about Hallowe'en
That has not been penned before?
The starry night, the bright full moon;
Ghosts and goblins and more!

Pumpkins and ravens and black cats abound;
Great piles of leaves make a rustling sound.

A chilly wind blows, creepy shadows appear;
Jack-o-lanterns grinning from ear to ear.

Witches on switches across the road;
Cauldrons of curses and eye of toad.

Black bats fly blindly in the dark;
In the distance spooked dogs may bark.

Trick-or-treaters will hurriedly roam,
Seeking sweet candy from home to home.

Skeletons rattle a frightful tune; they know
Halloween will be over all too soon!

There! I've said it all again!

🍁 HAPPY HALLOWEEN! 🍁



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FRIENDS BOOK SALE SATURDAY OCTOBER 8 10AM - 3PM

The FOTAGL will hold its Fall Book Sale on Saturday October 8 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, CDs, DVDs, and Audio 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