

**FRIENDS
OF THE
ARROYO
GRANDE
LIBRARY**

The Library Insider

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“Without Libraries, what do We have? We have no past and no future” Ray Bradbury

FROM THE PRESIDENT

A new year is here and, as usual, we are looking forward to enjoying our time in the library. We have seen many changes in recent years and are happy with the progress that has been made. There will be some challenges ahead as well, especially with the planned remodel. We will, of course, deal with it.

It is time again to hold elections of officers on our executive board. A ballot is printed below. Please mark your ballot and return it to the library by April 8th. There will be a ballot box at the check-out counter. The results will be announced at our annual meeting on April 11th.

All members are welcome to attend our board meetings, which are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 9:00 in the library. Many of our members have been doing the same job for a long time and are retiring. We need fresh new ideas and welcome new members who would be interested in participating in our activities. Please think about how you would like to help. We appreciate your suggestions and hope you will be able to join us.

Donations of gently used books, CDs, and DVDs are greatly appreciated by the Friends of the Arroyo Grande Library. Profits from our book sales go directly to support the library. Donations must be brought to the library, as we cannot pick them up.

Due to a lack of storage space, we must be selective in what we can keep. **The following items are not suitable for our needs:**

- Electronics
- Toys
- Videotapes
- Cassette tapes
- Encyclopedias
- Large dictionaries
- Book collections (i.e. Time-Life series)
- Magazines older than 6 months

If you have any questions, please e-mail us at: fotagl@yahoo.com

Kersti Lasiewski, President

2023 Friends of the Arroyo Grande Library Ballot Annual Meeting April 11 at 9am—All Friends Members Welcome

President	Kersti Lasiewski	Yes	No
1st VP	Sandra Mason	Yes	No
2nd VP	Louise Clark	Yes	No
Secretary	Grace Merritt	Yes	No
Treasurer	Sandy Stellway	Yes	No

Return This Ballot to the AG Library (Look for the Ballot Box)
Before April 9
Please print your name:

Write in Candidate _____
Office _____

LIBRARY NEWS

Happy New Year to the Friends of the Arroyo Grande Library! We hope that your new year has gotten off to as great a start as ours has.

The Arroyo Grande Library is pleased to announce the launch of the County of San Luis Obispo Public Library's new library app, myLIBRO. myLIBRO is our library catalog mobile app. Download myLIBRO to your device for a convenient way to search the catalog, place holds, and view your library card and account activity. To get started with myLIBRO just:

1. Visit your favorite app store and download myLIBRO
2. Search for County of San Luis Obispo Public Libraries
3. Sign in with your library card number and password

You'll need your library card number and the password you usually use to sign into your library account online. To search for books on the myLIBRO app's home screen, tap the search icon. Then select your library from the dropdown menu at the top of the Search screen. You can also set your search preference to All Branches to search the entire catalog. If you can't find what you want, try searching our entire catalog by selecting All Branches from the dropdown menu at the top of the Search screen.

myLIBRO is an easy way to create a digital library card, place holds, get book recommendations, view library events and social media, and check your library account. Feel free to share any feedback or questions about myLIBRO with us at the Reference Desk. We hope you enjoy using the myLIBRO app.

Don't forget to check the slolibrary.org website for all the fabulous upcoming events at the AG Library that are sponsored by the Friends of the Arroyo Grande Library. Arroyo Grande Library will be hosting yoga for adults on our back lawn on Thursdays at 2:30 in February. History buffs should drop in February 21st at 4PM for a local author presentation on the amazing history of the Port San Luis Lighthouse. On February 25th at 2PM the SLO Symphony Musical Petting Zoo will be dropping by to share instruments for all to try.

We will also be taking our outreach van out into the community for Monarch Days in Pismo Beach on February 4th and a special program on the Dunites at the Oceano Train Depot on February 18th.

All of our March programs will focus on our upcoming Book of the Year partnership with Cuesta College, focusing on the book **All My Rage** by Sabaa Tahir. Please ask at our reference desk about the programs for the Book of the Year and the upcoming author visit. If you haven't read this great book yet, please drop by and pick up a copy.

March brings a return to Tax Assistance Sundays at the Arroyo Grande Library. Through a partnership with United Way, the Arroyo Grande Library will offer drop in tax software assistance Sundays from March 5th to April 16th (excluding Sunday, April 9, 2023) from 11-2. No appointment is necessary to meet with the tax volunteers at this program.

Margaret Kensinger-Klopfer

South County Regional Manager

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

AND MORE.....

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YOUTH CORNER...

The amazing art cart is a success! Parents and kids alike are fans of the creativity that is encouraged and invited on the cart. The art cart has rotating crafts and supplies so that it stays exciting and inspiring. Here are some quotes from parents whose children used the art cart: "I love that creativity is encouraged." A mom whose kids made painted rocks at the reference desk and penguins on the art cart said, "And we just came in to get books!" "This is glorious! My kids are doing art, we got books. I feel like such a good parent. My kids have never been so quiet."

The Read to a Dog program is another success. We have several calm registered therapy dogs with encouraging handlers who come on a rotating schedule every Wednesday at 3:30. Children come in to read to the dog as well to be introduced to dogs if they don't have one in their lives. One little boy comes because he really wants a dog but can't have one at home. It is a joy to see the dogs interact with their "clients."

The SLO Symphony will be at the Arroyo Grande Library on February 25 at 2:00 to present their Instrument Petting Zoo. Symphony Zookeepers will introduce kids to all of the well-loved and well-used instruments in their collection and help them figure out how to make some noise! They will learn about the different types of instruments, how each one creates a unique sound, and how they are played. Each instrument is carefully cleaned in between each use.

Five Cities Fire Authority will come to two of our storytimes in February. They will read stories, show the kids their fire fighting gear and offer a tour of their truck. They do a really nice job with the kids. Fire Fighter Storytime will be on February 8 and 9 at 10:30.

Retired educators Jan Grigsby and John Roullard welcome adults and children to sing with them each month on the last Tuesday of the month for a community Sing Along. They provide the words and music to go with classics like This Land is Your Land, Aiken Drum and other favorites. If you enjoy singing feel free to stop by sometime. Sing Along dates are January 31, February 28, March 28 and April 25 at 3:30.

As always, thank you to the Friends of the Arroyo Grande Library for all of your support and for our new art cart.

By Sallie Tonascia



FRIENDS MEMBERSHIP

LOVE YOUR LIBRARY

Remember: Our Membership year is January Through December. Please remember to renew your annual membership. FOTAGL Counts on each and every one of you in order to meet our mission to support the AG Library. TO THOSE WHO, BY YEARS END, JOINED OR RENEWED FOR 2023. THANK YOU! AND TO THOSE WHO MADE DONATIONS, OUR SINCERE GRATITUDE FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.

NEW MEMBERS:

Andy & Julie Cadena
Anne W Balgeman
Alma Quesnel & Jim Pennel
Sierra Davies

RENEWALS:

Heather Lucio	Dale & Busy Cobb
Penny Haughey	Claire Johnson
Nan Fowler	Donald Dana
Patrick Smith	Kristi Crawford
Janette Wesch	Diane Colson
Louise Clark	Soj Aronson
Diane Brenden	Daray Swords Gillen
Susan Brazil	Deah Rudd Family
Tim & Stephanie Fuhs	

2022 DONATIONS:

David & Cathie Christie
Dave & Janet McLaughlin
Kathryn Lawhun
Barbara & Pat Fitzgerald
Soj Aronson



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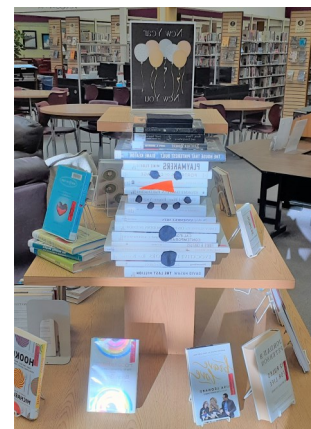
FRIENDS BOOK SALE SATURDAY, FEB 11, 10-3 \$ 2 BAG SALE, 1-3 PM

FRIENDS SET THE FEBRUARY BOOK SALE

The FOTAGL has set their next Book Sale for Saturday, February 11 from 10-3. Doors will open for members at 9:30. Do not forget our Bag Sale from 1-3. All you can put in a bag for \$2. What a sweet deal! We will have our usual large selection of fiction including classics, mystery, science fiction and fantasy, and westerns, as well as various other kinds of fiction. We will also have our usual variety of non-fiction. In addition we will have a selection of CDs, DVDs, and Audio Books of choose from. Of course, many children's books will also be available. A big favorite are our tables of Special Priced Books. There will be many coffee table books on a variety of topics, as well as vintage books, and magazines. Come and find a book for your valentine as well as for yourself. Donations of clean used books are always appreciated. Hope to see you there.

- Kent Unsworth, Book Sale Chair

IN 2022 THE FRIENDS GAVE TO THE LIBRARY	
Library Materials	\$10,172
Library Programs	\$3,634
Furniture & Equipment	<u>\$1343</u>
	Total \$15,149
Donna Kimber & Sandy Stellway	



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