

**FRIENDS  
OF THE  
ARROYO  
GRANDE  
LIBRARY**



*A Library is not a Luxury, but one of the Necessities of Life—Henry Ward Beecher*

## ***FROM THE PRESIDENT***

Along with the change of seasons, come changes to the board of the Friends of the Arroyo Grande Library. We have a new secretary, Grace Merritt, and Sandy Stellway is moving up to the position of treasurer. There have been some new additions to our board as well. Janet McWilliams will be our new volunteer coordinator and Carolyn Levesque will join our membership committee with Vince Petrie.

Sadly, we have had to say good-bye to a few long-time members. Kent Unsworth has resigned his position as book sale coordinator and Ellen Polinsky has retired from her fundraising position. Danna Weidner and Diane Colton have moved away from the board but will still be volunteering at the library as usual. These resignations have put our group into the position of recruiting new members who would like to serve.

There is a help wanted ad in this newsletter for a book sale coordinator. If you have ever attended our book sales, you know how important it is to have a person in charge. There are so many dedicated volunteers with experience so there is no lack of manpower, but there is need for someone to coordinate. Please take time to think about and consider this job. If necessary, it can be split between two people.

Another opening we have is for a fundraising chair. This is a fun job with the occasional fund-raising events.

If either of these positions appeals to you, please contact us at [fotagl@yahoo.com](mailto:fotagl@yahoo.com).  
Thank you

Kersti Lasiewski,  
President



**Executive Board Members, Left to Right: Sandra Mason, Louise Clark, Kersti Lasiewski, Sandy Stellway, Grace Merritt**

# LIBRARY NEWS

During the month of May the Arroyo Grande Library was able to welcome a new full time member to their circulation team, Megan Bruening-Van Artsdalen.

Megan states that she “is so happy to be joining the Arroyo Grande Library team! I previously have worked in restaurant kitchens and customer service positions and was ready for a change of pace. I have spent my whole life loving books and am excited for the opportunity to be around them every day.” Arroyo Grande Library is Megan’s favorite County Library, naturally.



This summer the Arroyo Grande Library will be offering lots of wonderful programs for adults, teens, and children through a partnership of the Friends of the Arroyo Grande Library and the Foundation for SLO Public Libraries. Check the [slolibrary.org](http://slolibrary.org) website Events page to see all of the fun we will be having this summer in the branch and out in the community. Adult classes will include photography, macrame, and watercolor classes. Children and teens will be making comic books, meeting wild animals, and enjoying magic shows. Our outreach van will be making special visits to Elm Street Art in the Park and the Ocean State Beach Dunes Visitors Center in June and the Lopez Lake Marina in July. Please drop by and say hello if you see our Branch Out van out in the community.

In other big news, the County of San Luis Obispo Board of Supervisors voted to approve a designer and funding for a remodel of the Arroyo Grande Library, starting in 2024. The County of SLO Public Library was the recipient of a \$1.6 million dollar grant from the California State Library to be used to improve the existing Arroyo Grande Library. The scope of the remodel project includes, but is not limited to, renovation of the public restrooms, installation of a new fire suppression system, accessibility compliance upgrades, expansion of the staff operations area, new floor and ceiling finishes, new lighting fixtures and new mechanical units. The Arroyo Grande Library is projected to close sometime in mid to late 2024 for the necessary construction. I hope to keep everyone updated with more details as the project start date draws closer.

- Margaret Kensinger-Klopfer  
South County Regional Manager

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE LIBRARY

**AND MORE. GO TO [SLOLIBRARY.ORG](http://SLOLIBRARY.ORG) TO SEE EVERYTHING THAT IS AVAILABLE.**

# YOUTH CORNER

We have been busy this spring in the children's department. We had several very successful programs that brought lots of families into the library. One program was a Pokemon Party that was planned by our Cuesta intern Savannah. The kids made a craft, played bingo, went on a scavenger hunt and shared their Pokemon cards with their new friends. We had 62 people, including many who had never been to the library before. The next day the Atascadero Charles Paddock Zoo came with lizards, a snake, a hedgehog, etc. and we had 133 people in the library. That was a busy Spring break week!

We are preparing for our annual Summer Reading Program. This year we created a custom book bag to give out to participants as well as an Activity Guide with book recommendations, summer programs, games and other activities for seasonal fun. Summer readers will collect their book bag, Activity Guide and pick out a new book to read at the beginning of the summer this year. When they are finished reading their books they can turn in a coupon from the Activity Guide to enter into a drawing for age appropriate prizes.

We will begin the Summer Reading Program with a kickoff party on June 17 at 11:00. We will have crafts for kids, live music, giant yard games, bubbles and glitter tattoos. It will be a fun day for the whole family! During June and July, we will have several fun summer programs such as a magician, Taiko drumming and more animals from Pacific Wildlife Care. We also have another Pokemon Party planned since the first one was such a success. Check our calendar or website for more information and exact dates. It will be a fun and exciting summer!

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

-Sallie Tonascia



## BOOK SALE COORDINATOR WANTED

The Friends of the Arroyo Grande Library is in need of a book sale coordinator for our bi-monthly book sales. This individual would supervise our many experienced volunteers with the tasks of running the book sales. This would involve notifying volunteers prior to sales date, setting up the items for the sale, overseeing and assisting volunteers during the sale, and taking down the items from the sale. The commitment would be one day, every other month, from 7:30 to finish (usually around 4:00). This position can be shared. If you think this is something you could do, please contact us at [fotagl@yahoo.com](mailto:fotagl@yahoo.com).



## FRIENDS MEMBERSHIP

### New Members:

Dolores Oberst & Family  
Chris Weigl  
Donna Pritchard

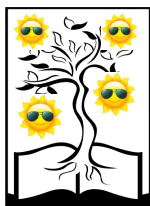
### Renewals:

Janet McWilliams & Jon Mounts Family  
Deborah Class  
JoAnn Bennett  
Mel Smith & Family  
Leola "Dodie" Imel

### Donations:

Janet McWilliams & Jon Mounts  
Chris Weigl

- Vince Petrie, Membership Committee



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



**FRIENDS BOOK SALE**  
**SATURDAY, JUNE 10**  
**10am - 3pm**  
**\$2 BAG SALE, 1 - 3 PM**

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<b>Year to date as of April 30 the Friends have given to the A.G. Library:</b>	
<b>Library Materials</b>	<b>\$695</b>
<b>Library Programs</b>	<b>\$3,219</b>
<b>Furniture &amp; Equipment</b>	<b>\$93</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4007</b>
<b>-Sandy Stellway, Treasurer</b>	

The FOTAGL has set their next Book Sale for Saturday, June 10. Doors open at 10. However, members can get in at 9:30. In addition to our usual Fiction and Non-Fiction books, we will also have DVDs, CDs, and Audio Books for sale. A highlight of our Book Sale are the Special Price Tables. In addition to many beautiful gift books, there will be various vintage books and magazines. Our Book Sale will have something for everyone. Be sure to check out our Bag Sale from 1-3. All you can put in a bag for \$2. We provide the bags or you can bring your own. If that is not a great deal, I do not know what is. Donations of nice clean books are always appreciated. A tax receipt is available on request. Get a good start on Spring by finding that special book at our Book Sale. Hope to see you there.

-Kent Unsworth