

**FRIENDS OF
THE
ARROYO
GRANDE
LIBRARY**

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

The Friends of the Arroyo Grande Library support the policies of the American Library Association especially those dealing with Banned & Challenged Books, Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion, and Intellectual Freedom. We also support Their Library Bill of Rights and Freedom to Read statements. (Goto: ala.org and search to read them) This information can be found on the ALA.org website mostly under the Advocacy, Legislation, and Issues heading. We believe that our Library Patrons have the intelligence to decide for themselves and their family what they want to read.

Library Bill of Rights

The American Library Association affirms that all libraries are forums for information and ideas, and that the following basic policies should guide their services.

- I.** Books and other library resources should be provided for the interest, information, and enlightenment of all people of the community the library serves. Materials should not be excluded because of the origin, background, or views of those contributing to their creation.
- II.** Libraries should provide materials and information presenting all points of view on current and historical issues. Materials should not be proscribed or removed because of partisan or doctrinal disapproval.
- III.** Libraries should challenge censorship in the fulfillment of their responsibility to provide information and enlightenment.
- IV.** Libraries should cooperate with all persons and groups concerned with resisting abridgment of free expression and free access to ideas.
- V.** A person's right to use a library should not be denied or abridged because of origin, age, background, or views.
- VI.** Libraries which make exhibit spaces and meeting rooms available to the public they serve should make such facilities available on an equitable basis, regardless of the beliefs or affiliations of individuals or groups requesting their use.
- VII.** All people, regardless of origin, age, background, or views, possess a right to privacy and confidentiality in their library use. Libraries should advocate for, educate about, and protect people's privacy, safeguarding all library use data, including personally identifiable information.

On June 25th, 1953 we said that we trust the people of this nation to make their own decisions about what they read and believe.

70 Years later, we still trust them to make their own decisions.



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THE SEARCH
FUNCTION**

LIBRARY NEWS

The Arroyo Grande Library is thrilled to announce that we are the recipient of a \$1.6 million dollar California State Library Grant to remodel the building and bring it up to current safety standards. The County of San Luis Obispo Board of Supervisors has approved the grant and selected Reiss Design studios for the remodel design. The Arroyo Grande Library is slated to close sometime next year and will remain closed for about a year, while our building is brought up to code. In future newsletters I will be sharing more information about the date the library will be closing, alternate library services, and how long we will be closed. I do not have all the details about that yet. We will continue to improve the current library while we await our big remodel project.

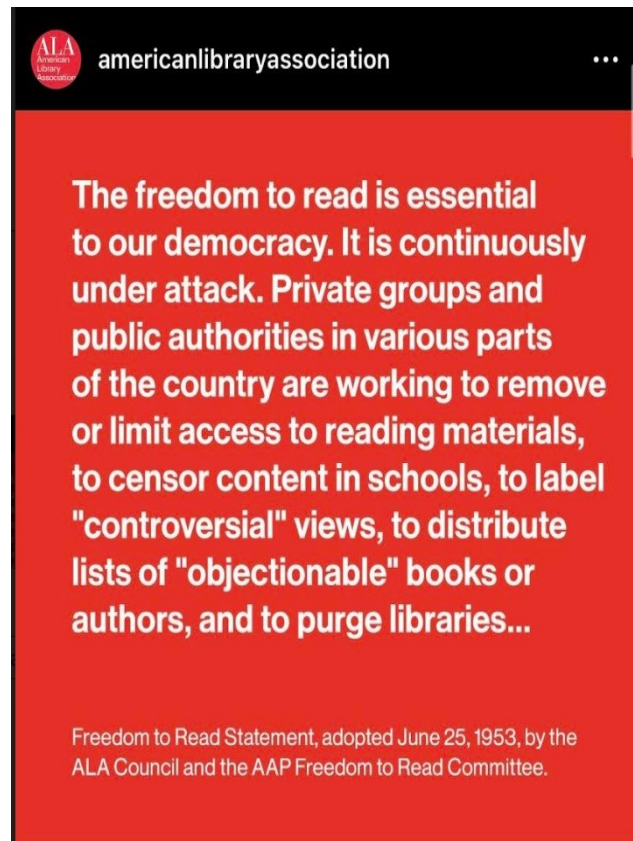
Our Branch Out outreach van has been getting some serious mileage this summer, thanks to the planning of AG librarians Kate McMillen and Sallie Tonascia. Kate brought the outreach van to the Oceano Dunes Visitor Center each Wednesday in June. One family of 9 people actually clapped, cheered, and jumped up and down when they won books on the prize wheel, saying, "We are all going to be reading tonight!" The Library brought the van to Lopez Lake Marina during the month of July. Sallie brought stories and crafts to the Boys and Girls Club summer camp on Thursdays in June and July. The kids at summer camp really enjoyed her visits. We had 455 people stop by our Elm Street Art in the Park booth on June 10th, many getting library cards, learning about the library, or just dropping by to say hi and do a craft. This stop was so successful we will bring the van out to the September Art in the Park as well.

The Summer Reading Program went really well. We had over 100 kids at our kickoff party, that featured music, giant bubbles, and outdoor games (thanks Nipomo), messy art, and glitter tattoos. We have also had great attendance at our Taiko drumming, magic show, Pokémon party and messy art programs. Patrons loved the staff t-shirts, bags, and activity guides. The SLO Library Foundation will soon be offering these items for the public to

purchase for themselves. We have also had quite a few visitors on the "quail trail." One adult that signed up for our adult reading program got so excited for summer she said, "Thank you! I'm going to apply for a library card and start reading again!" Our watercolor program for adults was packed and we hosted photography, a local teen author talk, and comics classes. This summer AG staff member, Barbara Leaders, brought macrame and tin art to County of SLO libraries in June and July. We really are lucky to have such a crafty staff. Thank you to the FOTAGL for supporting our Summer Reading Program this year. It really helped make the program great!

Kate McMillen's Teen Advisory Board (TAB) group continues to grow into a nice group of regular members. TAB group members volunteered at our SRP kickoff party and messy art programs, with great success. We love seeing our local teens volunteer to make our Library a great place.

Margaret Kensinger-Klopfner
South County Regional Manager



YOUTH CORNER

Happy summer! This has been a busy one here at the Arroyo Grande Library Children's section. Summer Reading has been a resounding success and is bringing many families to the library from all over the county and beyond. We had a grandmother and grandchildren visit from Creston, a family from Orcutt, many families from Nipomo and other libraries in our county. The Quail Trail is popular this summer!

We started the summer with a kickoff party for our Summer Reading Program. We had many activities to offer families such as giant yard games and bubbles, glitter tattoos, music and stories, grab and go food kits and two crafts. Fun was had by all.

Our summer programming is going very well, with higher attendance numbers than we have had since 2019. So far, we have enjoyed Jim Wilson and his magic tricks as well as the Taiko Drummers, who are always amazing and let the kids play their drums at the end of the show.

I have been going out into the community with the outreach van recently. Nancy and I visited Elm Street Park for the South County Early Learning Center's end of the year party, several of the staff attended Art in the Park at Elm Street Park, and I have been entertaining the kids at the Boys and Girls Club in Grover Beach on Thursdays for several weeks. I am always so happy to feel the love this community has for their library.

Just before Independence Day we celebrated with a Firework Craft. We had three different ways to paint fireworks and were pleased to have 77 people attend. The kids made beautiful creations!

As always, thank you to the Friends of the Arroyo Grande Library for your support of our county Summer Reading Program and for your help with our Arroyo Grande Library children's programming.

-Sallie Tonascia



FRIENDS MEMBERSHIP

June/July 2023

New Members:

Tom Dossena & P.
Ramirez family
Benita Epstein
Daniel Hasking
family
Carol Kouklis
Carolyn LeVesque
Pat Tumbarello
Christina Vaughan
family
Brian Wright family

Doners:

Joseph & Anita Biggs

Renewals:

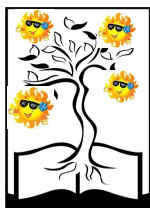
Herb & Mary Ann
Shoebridge family

Total membership:
255

Life members: 151
Annual members: 79

Complimentary
members: 20
Teen members: 5

-Vince Petrie
Membership
Comittee



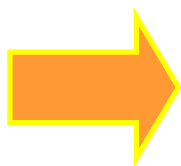
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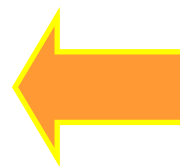
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



FRIENDS BOOK SALE SATURDAY, AUGUST 12



MEMBERS 9:30AM-3, NON MEMBERS 10am –3

\$2 BAG SALE 1-3pm

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.

As of June 30, year to date, the FRIENDS

have given to the Library:

Library Materials	\$695
Library Programs	\$8196
Furniture & Equipment	\$93

Total \$8984

-Sandy Stellway, Treasurer