



**FRIENDS
OF THE
ARROYO
GRANDE
LIBRARY**



The Library Insider

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WHEN IN DOUBT, GO TO THE LIBRARY—J.K. ROWLING

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Spring is here and it is time for our annual meeting. This meeting will take place April 9, 2024, at 9:00 in the library and is open to all members of the Friends of the Arroyo Grande Library. We will announce the results of the elections of officers and discuss the status of our position during the remodel.

Thanks to all of you who attended our last book sale. We have two more sales scheduled – April 13th and May 11th. Remember that we will stop accepting book donations as of March 31st. Of course, monetary donations are always welcome. We are waiting to see what will be needed after the remodel. We are all sad that the library will be closed for a while but look forward to all the improvements that will enhance our library experience.

For those of you who are concerned about censorship, a new organization, Unite Against Book Bans, has been formed by members of the publishing community, librarians, and the School Library Journal. They provide information for community members about frequently challenged books and summarize each book's significance and education value, including a synopsis. Their website is bookresumes.uniteagainstbookbans.org . It makes for interesting reading.

As always, thank you for your support. A good, up-to-date library serves a vital role in any community both as a source of information and as a meeting place for events and relaxation. With your help, we will be able to maintain these ideals.

Kersti Lasiewski,
President

LIBRARY NEWS

This year's 2024 County of SLO Book of the Year selection is "Creep: Accusations and Confessions" by Myriam Gurba. Kirkus Review described this book as, "Profoundly insightful, thoroughly researched, incredibly inventive, and laugh-out-loud funny, this book is a masterpiece of wit and vulnerability. A truly exceptional essay collection about safety, fear, and power." The countywide Book of the Year program culminates from 5-7PM on Thursday, April 18th with a lecture and book signing by author, Myriam Gurba, at the Cuesta College CPAC. Tickets are available for \$15 through tickets.cuesta.edu. The lecture will also be streamed online that evening. Find out how to get your copy of this provocative book from the AG Library.

This Spring brings the return of our "Poetry and Pastries" event in honor of National Poetry Month. On Saturday, April 27th, from 11-1 the Arroyo Grande Library back lawn will be filled with the voices of notable California poets sharing their professional works followed by an open mic where amateur and local voices can share an original poem of their own. Coffee and pastries will be provided through the support of the Friends of the Arroyo Grande Library. Bring your own lawn chair.

These events, and more, can be found on our new online events calendar, that lets people sign up for library events, book meeting rooms, and see where our outreach vans are in the community. Take a look at our events link next time you are on our website to see the wonderful events happening at all 14 of our County of SLO Library branches.

You already know that the County of San Luis Obispo Public Libraries offer passport services, Veteran's services, free parks passes, social workers, free tax help, and job and resume assistance. This year, due to popular demand, the Library began offering test proctoring in February 2024. The Library will offer this service at the Atascadero and San Luis Obispo Library branches by appointment for a small fee. Just another case of your local library being committed to meet the needs of our community.

Please Note: In preparation for the remodel of the Arroyo Grande Library, the Library will not accept donations of books or movies after March 31st

Margaret Kensinger-Klopper
South County Regional Librarian

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YOUTH CORNER...

Recently we have had record numbers of kids and families at our children's events. Rainy days have encouraged families to look for indoor activities, so the library has been popular lately. One rainy Wednesday morning in February, 73 people attended my storytime. It was a fun and lively bunch! On another rainy Saturday in March almost 200 people came out to see and touch the tidepool animals from the Central Coast Aquarium in Avila. Our families really love animal programs. We also had our largest ever Lego Club with 21 kids creating their favorite video game out of Legos.

Our upcoming events include a Pokemon Party on Friday, April 5 at 2:00 and Messy Flower Art made with forks on Saturday, April 6 at 10:30. These are during the Lucia Mar and St. Patrick's School spring break when families will be looking for activities for their children.

In May, we have Free Comic Book Day on May 4 all day and on Saturday, May 11 at 10:30 we will have a visit with the characters from the Star Wars movies.

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

- Sallie Tonascia
Youth Librarian



These pictures are from a Healthy Snacks program held at the Library in February. The program was sponsored by the Master Gardners of San Luis Obispo County.

FRIENDS MEMBERSHIP

Jan. 19, 2024 – Mar. 5 2024

New Members:

None

Donors:

None

Renewals:

Harry & Mary Jane Butler family
Sandra Naumann

Total membership: 271

Life members: 150

Annual members: 95

Complimentary members: 20

Teen members: 6

-Vince Petrie
Membership Committee



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



**FINAL BOOK SALES
BEFORE REMODEL
SATURDAY APRIL 13
AND MAY 11
10-3**



The FOTAGL will hold Book Sales on Saturdays April 13 and May 11 from 10-3. These are the final book sales before we shut down for the Library remodel. Doors open to members at 9:30. We will have a large selection of both fiction and non-fiction Books, CD's, and DVD's. Be sure to check out our Special Price Section. There you will find coffee table books as well as vintage books, vintage magazines, and other specialty items. They are priced as marked. Our Bag Sale runs from 1-3. All books you can put in a bag purchased right before the sale for \$2.00.

Book Donations are always appreciated and will be accepted until March 31. Monetary donations are always welcome. A tax receipt is available on request