

**FRIENDS
OF THE
ARROYO
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LIBRARY**

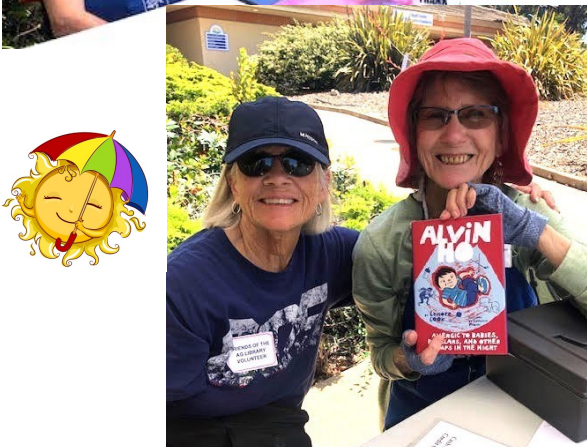
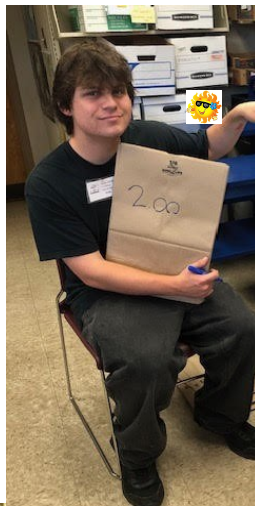
The Library Insider

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I have always Imagined that Paradise will be a kind of a Library—Jorge Luis Borges

Thank You to our Friends of the AG Library Volunteers



FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Friends of the Arroyo Grande Library were the designated non-profit at the Arroyo Grande Village Summer Concert on July 7th. Vince Petrie gave a speech about the ways that we support the library and why it is so important to our local community. We sold raffle tickets for many prizes donated by local communities, and we heard from a large number of people telling us how much the library means to them. It was a very rewarding experience.

We held our last book sale on June 15th and are now in the process of moving our sheds and equipment from the library to another location in anticipation of the remodel which is scheduled to begin later this year. Please remember that we can no longer accept book donations due to a lack of storage space. If you have books to donate, consider other libraries in the south county – Grover Beach, Nipomo, or Shell Beach.

We are not sure what our role will be in the future, but we will continue to meet monthly while the library is closed. Newsletters will be sent out to keep all of you informed about the progress of the remodel, but they will not be as frequent as usual. Our library director will keep us informed and we will be able to pass that information on to you.

Have a wonderful rest of the summer.

Kersti Lasiewski, President

YOUTH CORNER...

We are in the middle of our 2024 Summer Reading Program as I write this. This summer the kids are very excited to spin our new prize wheel each time they have read or listened to three books. They are really drawn to the wheel and I often overhear them asking to read more books or check out more books so that they can have more spins. They will ask to sit down and read immediately after hearing about the program. We also have a Quail Quest incentive program to collect a quail stamp for each library visit. This has also been exciting for kids. Who doesn't love to get stamps?

We have had some very successful programs this summer. We had a fun Summer Reading Kickoff Party with giant bubbles, yard games, take-home jam kits and face painting. Our bilingual musician Nathalia entertained more than 100 kids and their caregivers with music and dancing, egg shakers and bubbles. For our Fourth of July themed Maker Day, almost 60 participants made festive artwork. Our most popular event was our reptile show, Reptile Ron, who entertained and educated just under 250 people, plus let everyone who wanted to touch all of the animals. This was the highlight of my summer since I got to hold a huge albino Burmese Python. We still have many fun events scheduled for the remainder of the summer.

In early June I had the two largest Storytime groups that I have ever had. On Wednesday I had 79 participants and Thursday I had 80 people in attendance. It is wonderful to be able to spread out under our giant sunshade on the lawn. Our Storytimes have become very popular!

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

-Sallie Tonascia

Youth Librarian

The Arroyo Grande Library is pleased to welcome our newest staff member, Tyler Lopez. Tyler is excited to join the Arroyo Grande Library staff. He graduated from Cal Poly with a degree in history and has worked in several public libraries on the Central Coast and beyond, most recently at the Santa Maria Public Library. In his spare time he is an active member of the Central Coast's theatre community. Please drop by and say Hi to Tyler on your next visit.



This summer has been extremely busy for the Arroyo Grande Library. We were able to take our mobile outreach van to the Sheriff's summer camp at Mesa Middle School, Summer Camp at Ocean View Elementary, the Arroyo Grande Farmer's Market, the concerts at Dinosaur Caves Park, and Oceano State Beach for State Parks Week, in addition to our regular senior living facility visits.

We hosted a plethora of summer programs for teens and adults, including yoga, how to make kimchee, watercolor painting, book clubs, boba and board game day, flower hammering, and a flower pot painting program for all ages. This was in addition to

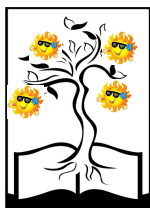
all of the wonderful children's events we hosted this summer. We hope you were able to join us for one or two. Don't forget that you have until August 10th to claim your custom Summer Reading Program prizes at our reference desk. Thank you to the Friends of the Arroyo Grande Library for being a sponsor for our Summer Reading Program this year. Your positive contributions were felt countywide!

Please watch for an email survey coming out soon regarding our Arroyo Grande Library closure. We need to do some fire safety and ADA updates to our building, so we would like to know which County of SLO Library you will use while we make these improvements. We appreciate all the feedback we can get on this topic. The Library will most likely close for the remodel in the late Fall or Winter of 2024, but don't worry, we have lots of Libraries in the South County that can keep you covered while we work on upgrading our building. Thanks for your patience as we navigate through the construction process!

Margaret Kensinger-Klopfer
South County Regional Manager



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FRIENDS MEMBERSHIP

May 12, 2024 – July 15, 2024

New Members:

None

Donors:

Junk Girls

Renewals:

None

Total membership: 265

Life members: 145

Annual members: 95

Complimentary members: 20

Teen members: 5

Vince Petrie
Membership Committee

**Year to Date as of June 30 the friends
have given to the A.G. Library:**

Library Materials	\$800
Library Programs	\$1103
Furniture & Equipment	\$86
Total	\$1989

-Sandy Stellway, Treasurer

**Please note: We are saving a
lot of funds until the Library
remodel is done. We anticipate
that a lot of items will be
needed at that time.**

Find out what is happening at the Library.
Go to: slolibrary.org