

**FRIENDS  
OF THE  
ARROYO  
GRANDE  
LIBRARY**



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*We read to know we are not alone—C.S. Lewis*

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## ***NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS***

The Friends of the Arroyo Grande Library will be meeting throughout the remodel and will communicate what we know through our newsletters. The internet crew will still be active on Amazon, so there is still work to do.

Although the library is closed, we can still pick up books that we have put on hold at the small library annex at the regional center. They will be open Tuesday and Wednesday from 1:00 to 6:00 and Friday and Saturday from 1:00 to 5:00. The number for the annex is 805-473-7167.

On August 10<sup>th</sup>, we were the designated non-profit at the weekly summer concert in Arroyo Grande Village. It was a fun-filled day with good weather and music. We were pleased to hear how much the library means to our community. People were very generous in their praise and happy to purchase raffle tickets from us. We want to thank the following local businesses who donated prizes to our cause:

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|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| -California Fresh Market | -The Green Room Hair Salon |
| -Halcyon Farms           | -Miner's Hardware          |
| -Monarch Books           | -Talley Vineyards          |
| -Tiber Canyon Ranch      | -Trader Joe's              |
| -Whiz Kids Toys          |                            |

We would also like to thank our local artists, Cheryl Barton-Petrie and the Lasiewskis (Rich and Kersti) for their donations.

Happy reading!

**While we can not accept book, CD, or DVD donations at this time, we are accepting monetary donations.**

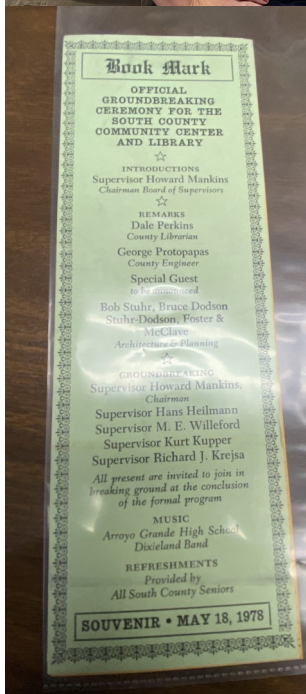
**We anticipate the need will be great when the Library reopens.**

**This QR Code will direct you to our donor site or you can mail a donation to the Friends of the A.G Library, 800 West Branch St., AG 93420**



## Manager's Minutes from the AG Library

The Arroyo Grande Library closed for renovations on July 16<sup>th</sup>. The renovations will include upgrades to the safety infrastructure of the Library, including fire sprinklers and ADA compliant bathrooms. Arroyo Grande Library staff were tasked with the process of deconstructing shelves and packaging up books and furniture to prepare for construction.



We found many things in the process, including some hidden gems, like bookmarks from the AG Library's Groundbreaking Ceremony in 1978 and old staff badges and stationery.



Thanks to the support of the Friends of the Arroyo Grande Library, staff are now welcoming Arroyo Grande Library patrons at our Temporary location located in the Chamber of Commerce building – up the ramp next to the AG Library at 800 W. Branch.

**At this location customers can check out holds on Tuesday and Wednesday from 1-6PM and Friday and Saturday from 1-5PM.**



Since July 16<sup>th</sup> we have checked out over 5,225 items and served over 2,100 patrons through the temporary library, so this little space is tiny but mighty.

Customers can also return items any time in the blue book drop next to the ADA parking lot.



Arroyo Grande staff have also been out of the Library and into the schools this month through our Branch Out mobile library van, including visits to Dorothea Lange Back to School Night, Paulding Back to School Orientation, Paulding Back to School celebration in the park, Judkins Orientation, and the FIT back to school event in Oceano. We are continuing our monthly visits to Wyndham and the Oaks Senior Living Centers. Sallie Tonascia, the South County Youth Librarian, is also taking the van to Rancho Grande Park in Arroyo Grande for Storytime every Tuesday at 10:30. Overall, we had over 606 people drop into our outreach visits in August, with many getting library cards, listening to a Storytime, getting books, or spinning the prize wheel for Library swag. Class visits at local schools will start on a regular basis in October.

Other updates to County of San Luis Obispo Services:

**Magazines are no longer available on Libby.** Instead, try our new PressReader service: You will find a wider range of titles including newspapers and magazines from all over the world.

**The MyLibro app is no longer being supported and will end on September 25<sup>th</sup>.**

Please update your library app to the “SLO County Public Libraries” app in your app store.

Remember to check the online events calendar for the County of SLO Public Libraries for upcoming Library events at all fourteen of our Library branches.

**-Margaret Kensinger-Klopfer, South County Regional Librarian**



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### **From the Youth Corner:**

By Sallie Tonascia

We have a new storytime at Rancho Grande Park on James Way in Arroyo Grande. We started the storytime on Tuesday, July 1 with only 4 people attending and it has steadily grown to more than 30 people each week. We have lots of fun with stories, songs, egg shakers, scarves, jingle bells and, most importantly, bubbles. The kids run all over the park chasing after the bubbles. We can also check out books and make library cards at the park from our outreach van. We meet for storytime near the basketball courts at 10:30 on Tuesdays, weather permitting.

Margaret and I attended the Paulding Middle School Orientation Day this August. The kids enjoyed spinning our prize wheel and winning books, bookbags, pins and various school supplies. We had 276 people stop by our booth and we made 14 new library cards. It was a fun and busy day!

A week later, on the first day of school, Margaret and I took the outreach van to a Paulding Middle School Back to School event at Heritage Square Park in Arroyo Grande. The kids were happy to spin the wheel for library prizes, and we had 100 visitors to our booth.

During the remodel I am excited to be working at the Nipomo Library Tuesday through Friday and the San Luis Obispo Library on Saturday.

## ***FRIENDS MEMBERSHIP***

### **New Members:**

none

### **Donors:**

SLOCO Data

Francesca Fairbrother

Dorothy and John Fortune

### **Renewals:**

Susan Brazil

Total membership: 269

Life members: 146

Annual members: 99

Complimentary members: 21

Teen members: 3