

**FRIENDS  
OF THE  
ARROYO  
GRANDE  
LIBRARY**

# The Library Insider

*May 2026*

**Dinosaurs didn't read—look what happened to them.**

## News from the Friends

The Friends of the Arroyo Grande Library held their annual meeting on April 14<sup>th</sup> and, after the votes were counted, the new executive board was announced: Kersti Lasiewski, president. Louise Clark, first vice president. Jerry Stanley, second vice president. Grace Merrit, secretary. Sandy Stellway, treasurer. We have had to say good-bye to Sandra Mason, a long-time volunteer and board member, and welcome our newest board member, Jerry Stanley, who has a long history of involvement with the library.

We meet every month at the Oceano Library to learn the latest about the remodel and make plans for the future. Our books are still being sold on Amazon, You can purchase our books for sale from the **FOTAGL Amazon Storefront**. There are many interesting books and other items, some with a local touch. Find the perfect gift for a loved one (or a treat for yourself). Your purchase will help fund the library! Here's the link: <https://www.amazon.com/s?me=A2XP6P9Z94Y1GE&marketplaceID=ATVPDKIKX0DER>

Remember that you can order books from the library and pick them up at the library annex located in the Regional Center. Their hours are:

Tuesday: 1:00 to 6:00

Wednesday: 1:00 to 6:00

Friday: 1:00 to 5:00

Saturday: 1:00 to 5:00

We have been chosen as the designated non-profit at the Arroyo Grande Summer Concert on August 9<sup>th</sup>. The Zongo All-Stars will provide the music and there will be plenty of raffle prizes. It is always such a pleasure to meet with others who enjoy the library as much as we do. Please mark your calendars and join us for an afternoon of music and fun.



**Executive Board L to R: Kersti Lasiewski, Louise Clark, Jerry Stanley, Sandy Stellway, Grace Merrit**

# LIBRARY NEWS

From the attached photos you can see where the new Veteran's Services Office will eventually be, some of the fire sprinklers beginning to be installed, and areas where they will be adding study rooms and additional workspace.

We have also had a new HVAC lifted onto the roof of the AG Library and a LOT of jackhammering.

If folks want to stay up-to-date on the Arroyo Grande Library construction, they can take a look at the Public Works page found here:

<https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/departments/public-works/current-public-works-projects/arroyo-grande-library-remodel>

That page also provides a link for the Arroyo Grande Temporary Location hours of operations.

**Margaret Kensinger-Klopper**

**South County Regional Librarian**

County of San Luis Obispo Public Libraries

[www.slolibrary.org](http://www.slolibrary.org)





## FRIENDS MEMBERSHIP

**Aug 28, 2025 – Mar 21, 2026**

**New Members:**

Bill and Lola Widner

**Donors:**

Bill and Lola Widner  
 Junk Girls  
 Madeleine Shaw Trust  
 Francesca & Michael Fairbrother  
 Herbert & Mary Ann Shoebridge  
 Leola Imel

**Renewals:**

Herbert & Mary Ann Shoebridge  
 Leola Imel

Total membership: 270  
 Life members: 147  
 Annual members: 99  
 Complimentary members: 21  
 Teen members: 3

**- Vince Petrie  
 Membership Chair**

The **Friends of the Arroyo Grande Library (FOTAGL)** will be the **featured non-profit** at the **August 9th** performance of the **Arroyo Grande 2026 Summer Concert Series**. Please join us at **Heritage Square Park** at 1PM to enjoy the fun and dancing with music by the **Zongo All Stars**.

FOTAGL volunteers will be selling **raffle tickets** for a variety of very special prizes. As a FOTAGL member, this is an opportunity for you to show your **continuing support** of the AG Library. All ticket sale proceeds will go towards programs and material to enhance our library.

I hope you can make it.

Vince Petrie

FOTAGL Membership/Fundraising Chair



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## SUMMER AT THE LIBRARY



### FUN THINGS

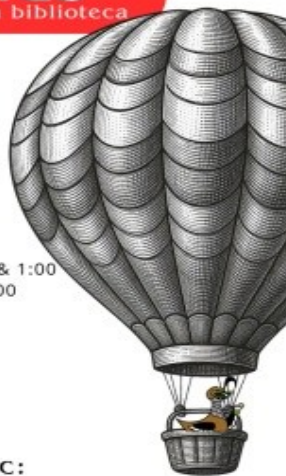
eventos divertidos en la biblioteca

### MORE THINGS

Más cosas que hacer

#### Reptile Show

- Espectáculo de reptiles
- Santa Margarita Library • Sat, 6/6 | 11:00
  - San Miguel Library • Wed, 6/10 | 11:00
  - Morro Bay Library • Wed, 6/10 & 7/15 | 3:00
  - Cambria Library • Sat, 6/13 | 11:00
  - Creston Library • Tue, 6/16 | 2:30
  - Oceano Library • Wed, 6/17 | 11:00
  - Nipomo Library • Thu, 6/18 | 10:30
  - San Luis Obispo Library • Sat, 6/20 | 11:00 & 1:00
  - Atascadero Library • Thu, 6/25 | 11:00 & 2:00
  - Los Osos Library • Fri, 6/26 | 3:00
  - Shell Beach Library • Sat, 6/27 | 10:00
  - Shandon Library • Sat, 7/8 | 11:00
  - Cayucos Library • Sat, 7/18 | 10:30



#### SLO Symphony Instrument Petting Zoo

- Instrumentos de la orquesta sinfónica
- Shandon Library • Wed, 6/10 | 11:00
  - San Miguel Library • Wed, 6/24 | 11:00
  - Oceano Library • Wed, 7/8 | 11:00
  - Los Osos Library • Fri, 7/10 | 3:00
  - Cambria Library • Sat, 7/11 | 11:00
  - Atascadero Library • Wed, 7/15 | 11:00
  - Santa Margarita Library • Sat, 7/18 | 11:00
  - Morro Bay Library • Wed, 7/22 | 3:00
  - Nipomo Library • Thu, 7/23 | 10:30
  - Shell Beach Library • Sat, 7/25 | 10:00
  - Creston Library • Tues, 7/28 | 2:30
  - San Luis Obispo Library • Thu, 7/30 | 11:00

Más eventos en  
[SLOLibrary.org](http://SLOLibrary.org)



More events at  
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#### Festival Mozaic: Young Artist Mini-Concerts

- Conciertos de orquesta juvenil
- Nipomo Library • Wed, 7/15 | 2:00
  - Atascadero Library • Thu, 7/16 | 11:00
  - Shandon Library • Thu, 7/16 | 2:00
  - Los Osos Community Center • Fri, 7/17 | 11:00
  - San Luis Obispo Library • Fri, 7/17 | 2:00



#### Free summer meals for kids & teens

Almuerzo de verano gratis para niños y adolescentes  
Find all meal sites in your area.  
Encuentre todos los sitios de comidas en su área. <http://bit.ly/4f3TmX>



**Free Summer Bus Rides for Youth, June 5 - Aug. 19 | [Rideshare.org](http://Rideshare.org)**  
Paseos en autobús gratis durante el verano para jóvenes. No se requieren pases.  
Visita [Rideshare.org](http://Rideshare.org) para más información

#### Painting Classes for Adults

- Register at [SLOLibrary.org](http://SLOLibrary.org)  
Clases de artes para adultos. Regístrate en [SLOLibrary.org](http://SLOLibrary.org)
- Creston Library • Tues, 6/2 | 1:30 | ocean acrylics
  - Cambria Library • Sat, 6/6 | 11:00 | floral wine glass
  - Morro Bay Library • Sat, 6/13 | 10:00 | ocean acrylics
  - Oceano Library • Tues, 6/23 | 10:00 | ocean acrylics
  - Los Osos Library • Sat, 6/20 | 9:30 | ocean acrylics
  - San Luis Obispo Library • Sat, 6/20 | 3:00 | fairy watercolors
  - Atascadero Library • Fri, 6/26 | 2:00 | floral wine glass
  - Shandon Library • Sat, 6/27 | 10:00 | floral wine glass
  - San Miguel Library • Sat, 6/27 | 1:00 | ocean acrylics
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