

Spring 2016

Newsletter

Friends of the Nipomo Library

Notes From the President

2015 was a busy, productive year for the Friends of the Nipomo Library and 2016 promises to bring even more excitement and innovation to our favorite library.

Kim Pendleton, our librarian, continues to bring more programs and projects to the library community and most of these are funded by the FONL. Since the bulk of our annual budget is used to underwrite regular library materials such as books, DVDs and audiobooks, as well as, the children and adult reading programs and community programs, we have given Kim a budget which allows him the flexibility to carry out his ideas, as well as, provide us with the necessary feedback and oversight. We are pleased to announce that all materials and programs were purchased, as requested and we all stayed within our budget. In addition, we also use funds to purchase computer related equipment for patrons' use.

All of these things depend on the support we receive from you, the members of FONL. Whether it is a fun event like an ice cream social or working at one of our fundraisers, we need the help of all of our members to keep the Nipomo Library an up-to-date, essential part of our community.

One thing to look forward to this year, is the new digital sign we are planning on putting in the front of the library. This will announce all of the programs and events, which take place at the library. The sign should be easily seen from the street and keep parents, students and residents informed of library and community events. This project is in the preliminary planning stages and, of course, requires much work, going through the permit and approval process from various county agencies. Although the SLO County library administration is shepherding this part of the project, it will be funded by the FONL.

February is FONL membership month and membership envelopes are included in this mailing. For those of you who are already members, we thank you for your support and your renewals. For those of you who are not members, we encourage you to join us in making the library a place that all of Nipomo residents can use. A lovely Spa Gift Basket is going to some lucky FONL member. Each 2016 membership will be assigned a ticket and the winning ticket for the Gift Basket will be drawn on March 9. Please don't forget to send in your memberships soon!

Sondra Vaughan

President

The Friends send a Big Thank You to Coast Hills Credit Union

The Friends were recently notified that they have been awarded a \$250.00 grant from the Coast Hills Credit Union through their Community Action Funds. The funds will be used to help support the Summer Enrichment Program, which the Friends support yearly, as a part of the Children's Summer Reading Program.

Thank you to Susan Gillespie for writing the grant that we are so pleased to have received.

Friends Membership

Individual	\$10.00
Family	\$25.00
Business	\$40.00

Special Category

Contributor	\$50.00
Sponsor	\$100.00
Patron	\$250.00
Benefactor	\$500.00

Friends' Membership Month

It is membership month for the Friends of Nipomo Library. Please find your membership renewal envelope in this newsletter and please renew your membership to help the Friends continue the many services that are provided to the Library. Also, please ask a friend to join our cause, by requesting that they think about joining the Friends of the Nipomo Library, also.

There is a delightful Spa Gift Basket that will be awarded to a lucky FONL member. Each Friends of the Library membership, either new or renewed, will be assigned a ticket and the drawing for the Gift Basket will take place on March 9. GOOD LUCK!

If you have renewed your membership in the last few months then you are already a 2016 member and we thank you for your continued support and we will insure that you also have a ticket for the drawing.

Friends of the Library

2016 Board of Directors

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Library Hours

Tuesday 10am-6pm

Wednesday 10am-6pm

Thursday 10am-6pm

Friday 10am-5pm

Saturday 10am-5pm

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Sunday and Monday

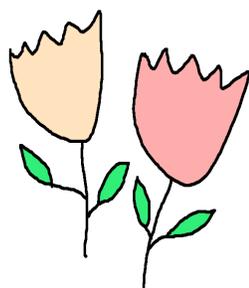
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Book Sale and Bake Sale And Treasures too

On Saturday, March 12, we will be holding a “mini” Book Sale. There will be novels and selected categories of non-fiction. Except for individually priced specials and children’s books, all hardcover books will be 25 cents and paperbacks will be 10 cents. The event will be in the community room at the Library from 10AM-3PM. At the same time we will be holding one of our ever popular bake sales in the lobby and will also be selling some treasures from our silent auction donations. So mark your calendar and come get some good reads, treasures and some good eats!

Janet Betz

Book Sale Coordinator



Friends of the Nipomo Library is on Facebook!
“Friend” us and keep up on the latest at the Library

Donations are always needed and accepted for the Friends’ Silent Auction Windows and also for the Book Sales. To donate for either of these affairs you may bring small donations to the Library to the front desk during regular business hours. For large donations to the Silent Auction please call Susan at 929-5123 or to donate Books, DVDs, CDs and such, please call Janet at 929-3888. To receive a receipt you must call either Susan or Janet. Library staff does not give receipts for items left at the library.

LIBRARY HONORS NIPOMO'S WRITERS

At their annual meeting, the Friends of the Nipomo Library honored the student writers of Nipomo. This is the fifth year of the library-school program, where the elementary school teachers are encouraged to enter their student's work. Those in grades kindergarten to third grade, illustrated and wrote to the topic "A book I would like to read to my friend is...", and all entering classes received a book of choice for their classroom, while the children all received small prizes. The papers were displayed in the community room of the Library to be enjoyed by the community.

Students in grades 4 through 6, were able to enter a writing contest, to win prizes. Additionally, each participating teacher was able to choose a book for the class library. The topic was "Why Our Library is Still Important in the Age of Computers." Jocelyn Brennan, Legislative Assistant to County Supervisor, Lynn Compton, was on hand to award the prizes. First prize was awarded to **Jeanette Cantellan**, from the classroom of Mrs. Karen Carlisle at Dorothea Lange Elementary School. Along with a cash prize of fifty dollars, Jeanette received a certificate from the County Board of Supervisors, a trophy and a Boomers' certificate.

Runner Up winners each received a certificate from the County Board of Supervisors, a medal of excellence, a Boomers' certificate, a free pizza from Me-N-Ed's and twenty-five dollars. Those receiving these awards were **Liam Allen, Gavin Brown, Colin Campbell, Francisco Gomez, Gina Mongillo, and Alicia Moreno.**

Honorable Mention winners each received a certificate from the County Board of Supervisors, a medal of excellence, a Boomers' certificate and fifteen dollars. Those receiving these awards were **Alexus McCluskey, Brian Merrick, Yair Ojeda, David Reyes, and Lukas Ward.**

Each student read his/her essay aloud to those attending our meeting and received an ovation from the crowd. I would like to thank Boomers of Santa Maria, and Me-N-Ed's Pizza of Nipomo, who provided prizes for the students. Most importantly, I would like to thank the County and our Supervisor, Lynn Compton, for awarding the Friends of the Nipomo Library the Community Project Grant, which allowed us to fund the program. And finally, I would like to thank all the teachers and students in Nipomo who participated. By continuing our contest for Library and reading promotion, we are hoping to entice our community's young children to view our Library as a place of many services and enrichment qualities. Research shows that children who are exposed to reading and library use at an early age become life-long users and promoters of the library, important to our democracy where an educated citizenry is necessary for a thriving democratic community. From the quality of the essays from the contest this year, we are well on our way to meeting our goal.

Susan Gillespie

Past President and Contest Coordinator



FONL ACCOMPLISHMENTS PAST THREE YEARS

Began the program with Better World Books
Reached out to schools: Library Writing Contest and PTA representation
Purchased 3 AWE Children's Computers
Grants: County Resource, Lion's Club and Coast Hills
Donations from Boomers and Me-N-Ed's
First Retreat for Brainstorming at Trilogy
Continued and refined Friend's Fair
Set up a Facebook Page and Refined our Website
Bedtime Math
Art Classes for children and adults with Nipomo Parks and Recreation
Reached out to our Library volunteers with a tea
Increased participation in our annual meeting
Rental Space rather than a horse trailer
Board Insurance, not just Liability
By-laws revision
Our finances are sound, now banking online
Teddy Bear Tea, Picnic and Ice Cream Social
Continued presence in the media
Electronic newsletter
Set up a credit card system for book purchases by branch manager
Provided Debbie Parks with funds for crafts for kids
Continued sponsorship of 6 children's programs during Summer Reading Program
Sponsored Diorama Contest with Peeps
Provided a prize for Adult Reading Program
Continued providing money for extra books and materials for the Library
Provided treats for children at special programs
Continued community book sales
Aided the Library in community access to window displays
Sponsored an Alzheimer's and Memory Loss program for adults
Support for Wednesday Storytime
Continued the program of auction windows
Continued DVD rentals
Representation at County-wide Friends' President meetings
Two years on SLO Library Foundation
Honored outstanding Board members: Eva Betz, Kathy Doudna, Bob Watson and Barbara Watson

Nipomo Library News from the Branch Manager

Nipomo Library has been selected as the site of a seed library for San Luis Obispo County. A meeting has been scheduled for February 19, to open the discussion for the project. Chris Bar-nickel and Chase McMunn from the SLO County Libraries, Elizabeth Johnson, Facilitator for SLO Seed Exchange, Cindy Jelinek from the Nipomo Native Garden and I will be attending the meeting.

The Friends of the Nipomo Library are investigating the construction of an electronic sign in front of the library to advertise library programs and services. We will share the progress as we continue working on this project.

A display of Water Color Paintings by local artists is appearing now through February 26, in the Library Community Room. Tags posted near the paintings provide contact information for the painters, most are for sale. Paintings are presented by the Monday Morning Painters, in association with the Nipomo Arts Commission and the Central Coast Watercolor Society.

A display of Senior Photos on a theme of "My Life Lens" will be displayed in the Community Room from the end of February through March 8.

A Friends Book Sale, along with Bake Sale and Treasures, is coming March 12 from 10 am-3 pm.

A Gardening Program is scheduled for the week of March 14. Drought Tolerant Plants is the topic. For more details call the library at 929-3994.

An author's talk by Jeannette Walls is being sponsored by the Foundation for SLO Libraries on Sunday, February 21, at 3 pm at Cal Poly. *The Glass Castle* is "A pull-yourself-up-by-the-bootstraps, thoroughly American Story." (Kirkus Reviews). There is a VIP lecture at 1:30 pm for an additional charge. For tickets, call (805) 756-4849 or calpolyarts.org. Tickets are \$20.80-\$40.

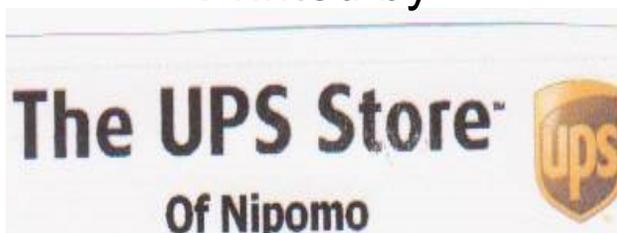
San Luis Obispo County Library/Cuesta College Book of the Year author presentation by Hector Tobar is Tuesday, March 15, from 5-7 pm at Cuesta College. *The Barbarian Nurseries* sheds light on social and racial conflicts in Southern California. Tickets are available at cpactickets.cuesta.org for \$5.00.

A third author presentation is by Frank Warren including *Post Secret, Post Secret: Confessions on Life, Death and God, The World of Post Secret*. Frank Warren distributed post cards in Washington DC, asking people to write a secret on the card and mail it to him. The cards have flooded in since for years, filling several books. Post Secrets presentations are nationwide and a website with new secrets is posted every week. The date is April 10, at 3 pm at Cal Poly and tickets are \$22.40-\$38.00

Kim Pendleton

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Library Branch Manager



Words from the Assistant Library Director

I hope that this message finds you dry and in good spirits. Despite the much needed rain we are experiencing, the Library continues to move forward on many fronts. Two programs that Friends and patrons of the Nipomo Library might find especially interesting are the new Brain Play Initiative, funded by the Foundation for San Luis Obispo Public Libraries, through a Barbara Baltimore Grant, and a partnership with the SLO MakerSpace.

With the Brain Play project we will begin to transform our libraries' children's area into a more interactive, attractive environment for young children, by incorporating educational puzzles and games (3D mazes, building blocks, sensory toys). These activities will be shared by the libraries and be rotated so that there is always something new for the children to play with at the library. You might ask, "Why are we providing a place to play?" Studies have shown time and again, that play at an early age, helps develop early literacy skills and is the first way that children learn about the world. By providing play activities for young children, we are giving them a chance to develop reasoning skills and social skills and creating future attentive readers.

The partnership with the SLO MakerSpace is an exciting opportunity for all SLO County Library cardholders to gain access to the MakerSpace (located in San Luis Obispo) for free. By showing your library card at the door, you will be able to use the MakerSpace, as much as you like, during the Library hours (Tues-Fri 4:00pm-7:00pm, Sat. 10:00am-1:00pm.) What is a MakerSpace? It is a non-profit facility that relies entirely on volunteers to provide access to advanced production equipment. At the MakerSpace you will find table saws, welders, pottery wheels, sewing machines, 3D printers, and more. Additionally, there are local experts to help guide novices that are interested in learning a trade. The SLO County Library partnered with the MakerSpace as a way to advance our goal of providing lifelong learning and because we felt it was an incredibly valuable resource that many of our patrons would take advantage of. For more details about the partnership, visit the Library's website and check out the FAQ or visit the SLO MakerSpace website at www.slomakerspace.com.

Chase McMunn

SLO Assistant Library Director

A CHANGE FOR PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

THE CRAFT ACTIVITY WILL BE HELD THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH BEGINNING ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2 AT 10:30 AM.

Preschool storytime is held on Wednesday at 10:30 AM and all preschool age children are invited to participate in stories, songs, and rhymes. On the first Wednesday of each month, a monthly craft activity is offered, on a first come first, served basis, for preschool age children, so please come by and join the fun!



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Find out about
upcoming events at
www.fonl.net

Thank you for your
continued support of
the Friends of the
Nipomo Library

Calendar of Events

The FONL Board meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month and the public is always welcome. The next meeting is scheduled for March 9, at 1:30 PM.

The Farmer's Market in Nipomo is held at The Trilogy Housing Development near the Bistro. It is held every Sunday from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

The Nipomo Women's Club meets at noon on the third Monday of each month, at the Faith Life Community Church at 726 W. Tefft St. For information call 929-3888.

The Nipomo Native Garden has a workday the first Saturday of each month at 9 AM. Call 929-3589 for information.

The Dana Adobe, at the Rancho Nipomo Heritage Park, is an active part of Nipomo's history. For activities and information call 929-2599 or check their web site at www.danaadobe.org for upcoming events.