

Library News from Kim Pendleton, Library Manager

April 23rd marked the opening of the Nipomo Seed Library, SLO county's first, a pilot project for other branches who would like to get involved. Several Thursdays in April we held seed sorting parties to provide the opening day collection of seeds. The open house attracted many people from the community who networked on gardening topics.

12 patrons registered for the seed library that day and others have registered since. A total of 22 people have registered for the seed library taking more than 60 packets of seeds. The library is designed to provide seeds for local gardeners who will grow plants in their gardens, collect seeds from the plants and bring the new seeds to the library to provide more seeds to offer others. Returning seeds is not a requirement, however. Nipomo Library also offered two gardening workshops associated with the seed library in April.

For National Library week, we joined other county libraries in the Food for Fines program. We celebrated National Poetry month in April with poem book marks, rolled poems, and a display of poetry books.

On May first, St Joseph's Catholic Church offered a Community Services Fair to Nipomo residents and other local communities. Kim Pendleton, the library manager and four members of the Friends of Nipomo Library Board of Directors staffed a pair of tables displaying Library resources and events to attract people from the community who are not currently using the library. We offered fliers in Spanish and English highlighting our collections, programs and services. The event also generated new interest in our Seed Library.

Nipomo Library staff and 22 library volunteers celebrated with a Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on April 15. Pie-Whole Pizza and Celebrity Pig Races were highlights of the event.

The Trilogy Art Group installed colorful pieces of art in the Community Room Tuesday, May 3rd. A reception on Wednesday evening attracted 35 people from the community. Five works of art were sold during the reception, one other painting sold later. 20% of the proceeds from the sales are donated to the Friends of Nipomo Library to benefit Library programs, services and materials.