

The Annual Nipomo Library-School Essay Contest winner presentations were held at the Nipomo Library on February 9, and the winners were presented a County Commendation Certificate, presented by our local Board of Supervisors Representative, Lynn Compton, medals and cash prizes. The room was full of proud parents, grandparents, brothers and sisters, as well as, two principals, the students' teachers and several Friends of the Nipomo Library members. **The winners are, First Place, Lauren Boersma and Preston Krier, Runner Up, Joe Hunt, Jay Hunt, and Kamren Case, and Honorable Mention, Sasha Perrett, Carli Link-Starck, Bella Gonzalez, Emily Glidden, and Adrianna Dart.** The winners read their essays and delighted the crowd with their intelligence, humor and charm. Congratulations to you all!! The Friends of the Nipomo Library would like to thank Susan Gillespie, Board President, who spearheads the contest, and all the participating teachers from Dana School, Nipomo School and Dorothea Lange School and their Principals.

The younger students, grades Kindergarten through third grade, had their essays on display at the Library for the last several weeks and those students, as well as, all other entries from the upper grades, also received awards for their entries in the contest. Great Job, Students and Teachers!

The Nipomo Library is excited to have a new Branch Manager, Heidi LoCascio. She will begin working soon at the Library. She comes from the San Luis Obispo Library and we all look forward to meeting her. Please watch for a new face at the Library and introduce yourself, so she can begin meeting the patrons and Friends of the Nipomo Library.

The Trilogy Art Group Art Show is opening on February 28, 2017, and the display is open to the public during regular Library hours. The Group is also inviting you, your family and friends to a **reception** to meet the artists and view the art, on Saturday, March 4, 2017, from 2:30 to 4:30 pm, in the Nipomo Library meeting room. Refreshments will be served. It will be your chance to ask questions of the artists and see the new artwork. All the Art is for sale and the Trilogy Art Group is donating a portion of their sales to the Friends of the Nipomo Library, so please come by, enjoy the art and maybe find a new art piece for your collection, which will also benefit the Library. The Art display will be held from February 28-March 31.

Upcoming events at the Library are the **Seed Saver Workshop**, being held on March 16, at 3:30 pm and a program for children, ages 10-17 entitled, **Squishy Circuits**, being held on Thursday, April 16, at 3:30 pm. The children's program does require signups, which will begin soon, so mark your calendar and please sign up. Also, a new Silent Auction is coming to the Library the month of April and the next **Big Book Sale and Treasures Sale** will be held on Saturday, May 13. The Library is a busy place and we hope to see you there soon.