

The Nipomo Library staff, the Friends of the Nipomo Library, Board of Directors and the Nipomo Library patrons are so pleased to have a new Nipomo Library Branch manager. Heidi LoCascio, the new Branch Manager, began work at the Nipomo Library in early March and she is actively planning with staff and others to organize the Summer Reading Program and Entertainment activities at the Library, as well as, incorporating the Summer Lunch Program for Youth, which will run again at the Library this summer. The Summer Reading Program which begin on June 14, and will run for six weeks of fun. They will include such great family activities as music, Bubbles, Taiku Drumming, storytelling, Reptiles and magic and you will get much more detailed information in the future. The Summer Lunch Program, which will begin June 13, and run for seven weeks, will provide free lunches for all youth, 0-18, served at the Nipomo Library. It is a busy time at the Library organizing for the Summer and we invite you to come by the Library and join in the fun.

The Friends of the Nipomo Library held its Membership Month in February and we have been very pleased with the response of our renewing members. However, for a community the size of Nipomo, the number of members joining or renewing with the of the Friends of the Nipomo Library is disappointing, when you consider what an amazing part of the Community our Library is and how many patrons use it on an almost daily basis. The Library provides FREE Wifi, computers adults, and children, as well as Chromebooks, which teens especially enjoy. There are also books for toddlers, beginning readers, older children, teens and adults, both fiction and non-fiction, free of charge and only require a free Library card. The Library also provides free DVDs, music CDs. Audiobooks, reference materials, biographies and large print titles. These materials, are provided by or supplemented by the Friends fundraising efforts, so If you are not a member of the Friends of the Nipomo Library or have not yet renewed your membership we invite you to join or renew.

Another way to support The Nipomo Library is by registering with Amazon Smile. Any time you make an Amazon purchase, please designate that a portion of your purchase be awarded to the Friends of the Nipomo Library. It is simple and all those purchases add up for more support for the Library.

If you have not yet been by the Library Community Room to view the paintings and creations on display by the Trilogy Art Group, please stop by soon. All artwork is for sale and a portion of all sales is being donated to the Friends, for added financial support of the Library. This year also brought an addition of pottery, sculpture and other interesting art being displayed in the Display Window in the Library and those works are also for sale, with Friends receiving a portion of the sales. Thank you to the Trilogy Art Group for their continued support of the Friends and the Library.

It has been a sad time of loss for the Friends in the last few months and the Friends have lost another dear member. We heard recently that Jim Mass, the Friends' original Webmaster, pass recently and we bid him farewell and will miss his smiling, helpful face. RIP Jim!