

Winter 2014



San Luis Obispo FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY Newsletter

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From the President

Happy 2014, everyone. This New Year will see the Friends Board continue our efforts to increase our visibility in the community. I am pleased to announce, beginning with the second Tuesday in January and continuing with the second Tuesday of each month, the Friends Board will have a table in the library by the TV monitor and newly built cabinet. We will be staffing the table the second Tuesday of every month, selling low-cost books as well as answering questions and providing any help we can. Please stop by and say hello if you have the opportunity.

Also, you will note in the newsletter that we have a message from the new Director of our SLO Library, Kay Rader. We are delighted Kay has joined us in this leadership position. Kay is very approachable and committed to ensuring quality services to all. She has a very strong background in her field and is a very dedicated professional.

Lastly, the Friends Board has openings and I would encourage anyone who wants to get more involved and be part of a Board with dedicated, collegial members to contact myself or one of the other Board members. Our meetings are the first Tuesday of every month, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the library. Please feel free to come and check us out.

Wishing everyone a wonderful New Year.

Ken Barclay

President

New Faces in the Library

Welcome to our new SLO Library director **Kay Rader**. Kay was recently named the Regional Librarian for Coastal Libraries, including the San Luis Obispo Branch Library. Kay was previously the Regional Librarian of the North County Libraries. Kay has over 30 years of professional library experience in public and special libraries as library director, reference manager, library consultant and children's librarian. We are delighted to have you here in SLO with us.

Congrats to **Christopher Barnickel**, our assistant library director, who was recently named as library director, replacing Brian Reynolds (who retired in October). We are looking forward to working with both Kay and Chris.

Other new faces in the library are **Kimberly Velasquez** and **Ann Marie O'Connor**.

Kimberly previously worked for the Santa Maria Public Library and the Orcutt Library. Ann Marie O'Connor has been with the SLO Library Branch since August 2013

Go to www.slofol.org to read more about these welcome new additions to the SLO Library.

35th Annual Book Sale

March 6, 7 & 8, 2014

Location: Veterans Memorial Building
801 Grand Avenue, San Luis Obispo
(between Palm and Mill Streets)

Hours: **Thursday, March 6th** 6:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.
(members only, with memberships sold at the door)

Friday, March 7th 10:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 8th 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

The size of the Sale will be smaller this year but still quite substantial: over 5000 audiovisual items and over 15,000 books. Once again, there are especially large numbers of books in the following categories:

children's, art, literature, history, cooking, and health. Because of the size and quality of the children's collection, we especially encourage parents and teachers to consider these books (which are the best bargain at the Sale). Please see Bill Cochran's article, which describes a few of the many high-quality Special Price books.

We always need more book donations and volunteers. The success of the Sale depends on generous donors and enthusiastic volunteers. This winning combination has been responsible for raising over \$100,000 for the Library in just the past 8 years. We also ask every member of the Friends of the Library to promote the Sale among family and friends.

If you would like to volunteer or donate, contact Paul Murphy at 544-3033.



Special Books - 2014

by Bill Cochran

Once again rare, unusual and collectible books have appeared among books donated to the FOL for the annual sale. This year's special finds include a copy of the off-putting title *Executive Document No. 41 of the Thirtieth Congress (1848) of the United States*, which is actually *Notes of a Military Reconnaissance, from Fort Leavenworth, in Missouri to San Diego, in California, Including Part of the Arkansas, Del Norte, and Gila Rivers*, by William H. Emory. It is title #33 in the Zamorano Eighty list of the most significant early volumes published on the history of California: "A library of Western Americana is incomplete without it." Emory was part of the advance guard of Kearny's Army of the West, and his report became an essential reference for those heading for California in the Gold Rush. This volume, while lacking the front and rear boards, is notable for its inclusion of the large number of plates, often found incomplete in other copies.

Other interesting and unusual Americana include *Little World Waddies*, a collection (1946) of short stories and poems by Eugene Manlove Rhodes, with an introduction by J. Frank Dobie; *Adventures in Mexico and the Rocky Mountains* by George Ruxton; *Doniphan's Expedition: War with Mexico, 1846-1847, and the Conquest of New Mexico and California (1907)* by William Connelley; *Camp-Fires on Desert and Lava (1908)* by William Hornaday; *Winter in Taos (1935)* by Mabel Dodge Luhan; and the two-volume *The Old Northwest, Pioneer Period: 1815-1840* by R. C. Buley, inscribed by the author.

Collectors of children's books will find several interesting titles, including *The Art of Walt Disney (1942)*, containing many illustration illustrations. Art lovers will also find many titles, including *From This Earth: The Ancient Art of Pueblo Pottery* and *Traces of the Brush: The Art of Japanese Calligraphy*. Other finds include a handsome copy of *Le Morte Darthur: The History of King Arthur and his Noble Knights of the Round Table*, published by the Medici Society (1927), with 11 pages of color plates by Russell Flint; and *The Strike at Shane's—A Sequel to Black Beauty*, published anonymously in 1893 by the American Humane Education Society but suspected to be the first edition of Gene Stratton-Porter's first book. Not to leave out the scientists, there is the useful comprehensive reference, the *Historical Atlas of Crystallography*. Genealogists will want *Volume II of the Ninth U.S. Census, The Vital Statistics of the United States, Embracing the Tables of Deaths, Births, Sex, and Age, to Which Are Added the Statistics of the Blind, the Deaf and Dumb, the Insane, and the Idiotic*. See? Something for everyone!

Library News

Kay Rader

Regional Librarian for Coastal Libraries

FRIENDS GIFTS ENHANCE LIBRARY and SUPPORT POPULAR PROGRAMS

The Friends of the Library provided funds to purchase a portable P.A. system. The system will be used for programs such as movie nights, poetry readings, and children's concerts. The Friends have also provided funds to start a Blu-ray DVD collection. Blu-ray brings three major improvements over DVD: better image quality, better sound quality, and more special features.



LIBRARY WINS AWARD IN HOLIDAY PARADE!

The SLO Library float, "You've Got Questions, We've Got Antlers," won the award for most creative entry in the 38th annual San Luis Obispo Holiday Parade. Staff, volunteers, and Friends enthusiastically marched in the parade wearing antlers, riding bicycles, pushing decorated book carts, and promoting library services.

Animals Alive @ The SLO Library

More than 400 attended the first 3 of 6 programs made possible through a grant from the Harold J. Miozzi Charitable Trust awarded to the SLO Friends of the Library and the SLO Library. These programs support science literacy and feature live animals. Funds from the grant allowed the library to update the science collections, including audiovisual materials, and adult and children's books.



HIGHLIGHTS OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Adult Winter Reading Program Kicks off on January 15

"Hot Reads for Cold Nights California Style!" is the theme of this year's Adult Winter Reading Program, January 15 to April 15. Read 9 books and receive prizes and surprises.

The Life and Times of Rosie the Riveter, Saturday, March 8, 1:30 p.m.

Celebrate National Women's History Month by joining us for this special program, featuring the award-winning documentary "The Life and Times of Rosie the Riveter."

- Share stories! We invite you to share your own personal "Rosie" stories.
- Displays and information about Rosie the Riveter, women during WWII, and Women's History Month.

Celebrate National Poetry Month! Join us for a monthlong celebration in April:

- Poetry programs for children and teens.
- 2nd Annual Poetry Peeps Diorama Competition.
- Poetry and open-mic programs.
- Poem in your pocket: Pick little poetry scrolls from the poetry baskets.
- Listen to a poem every afternoon, read by staff and friends.
- Displays of poetry books and guides.

Explore Your Electronic Library! Open to All Ages. Saturday, May 10, 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Learn about the world of electronic databases:

Book Lovers' Delight - Enter the world of books and authors to find what to read next, information about authors and book discussion guides, and how to download books.

Read All About It! - Magazine and newspaper database lets you read hundreds of magazines and newspapers from your own home!

Exploring World Cultures - Travel lovers, history buffs and culture vultures will enjoy using Global Road Warrior.

For Kids - Learn about databases to help you with your homework or to have fun with stories e-books and games.

New Friends' Library Cabinet

A new cabinet has been placed near the entrance to the SLO Library, just to the left of the entrance to the library, for use of the SLO Friends of the Library. The cabinet was donated by Keith Smith, local San Luis Obispo retiree.

“I was very happy to design and build this piece of furniture for the Friends and the Library” said Keith Smith, local San Luis Obispo retiree. Keith volunteered several days of his time and the use of his cabinet-making equipment for the project.



Keith Smith works on the Friends Library Cabinet



Sally Hillis, Ken Barclay, and Linda Thompson in front of the new counter cabinet.

The cabinet was placed near the TV monitor, where visitors can find information about Library and SLOFOL activities as well as upcoming library events, and contains information about SLOFOL.



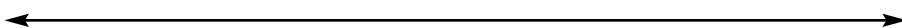
Friends Tuesdays

Beginning on January 14, the SLO Friends of the Library will be staffing a table on the first floor of the SLO Library the second Tuesday of each month. The table will be staffed for the entire time the Library is open. We are calling this special day **Friends' Tuesday**.

Friends' Tuesdays will feature a mini book sale of popular paperback books. These previously read paperbacks will be on sale for 25 cents each, and you will get one free if you purchase four.

Not a member of the SLO Friends? Join or renew and get a free paperback. Already a member? Bring your current membership card and also receive a free paperback.

Come see us on February 11!
(Other planned days are April 8 and May 13.)



Book Club in a Box

Our SLO Library continues to have about forty boxes with ten books of each title and a packet with discussion questions and background information about the book and author for each. These sets may be checked out for six weeks at a time. There are waiting lists for many of the sets, so if you decide on one, ask the librarians at the research desk on the second floor if that set is available. You may sign up for one several months ahead to insure getting the book of your choice.

Our newest titles are *Flight Behavior* by Barbara Kingsolver, *Orange is the New Black* by Piper Kerman, *Wild* by Cheryl Strayed, *Pope Joan* by Donna Cross, and *Memoirs of an Imaginary Friend* by Matthew Dick. A set is on order for *Orphan Train* by Christina Kline. Don't forget that there are also some excellent classic sets, such as *Angle of Repose*, *Great Gatsby*, *Pride and Prejudice*, and *To Kill a Mockingbird*.

Ask our reference librarians about some titles that other groups have enjoyed discussing, such as *Housekeeper and the Professor*, *Manhunt: The Twelve-Day Chase for Lincoln's Killer*, *When the Emperor Was Divine*, and *Please Look After Mom*. These may be books that aren't familiar to many, but groups have enjoyed them.

We will continue to add several books each year, and we are so pleased that this program has been such a success with book clubs.

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MEMBER DUES

Your membership expiration date is noted on the address label of your Friend's Newsletter. The date is determined as follows:

Payments made after October 1, 2013, and through the forthcoming Book Sale are considered member dues and will allow entrance to the preview sale. Your member card will be mailed to you several weeks prior to the sale.

Payments made after the Book Sale and before October 1, 2014, will be considered donations. This has been a Friends' policy for some time, but the Board would like to clarify this and express appreciation for your patronage.

Website News

The SLO Friends of the Library, www.slofol.org, continues to add content on the activities of the Friends and Friends-sponsored activities of the SLO Library. Be sure to check the website frequently.

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Save the Date! The annual SLO FOL Luncheon will be held on May 1, 2014. You will be able to make your reservations on the website this year. slofol.org will be updated as more information is available.