



Newsletter

Fall 2017

Our Mission... Preserve and enhance library services and materials to meet the diverse and changing needs of the community



New Book Bags!

Our beautiful new book bags come in four vibrant colors, each with an inspiring author's quote. They are available at the library desk, as well as at our second Tuesday monthly book sales, for only \$2.00 each.

Monthly Book Sale

The Friends of the Library invite you to our monthly book sale, which takes place on the second Tuesday of the month in the SLO library atrium. We sell mass market paperbacks for 50¢, larger trade paperbacks for \$1.00, and hardback books for \$2.00. We always have a large selection of children's books and books for young adults at the bargain price of 25¢. New choices are available each month. The books are generally in used, but good condition and some are even like new!

President's Message:

Thank you for being a Friend of the San Luis Obispo Library! We're looking forward to a busy year at the Library, with many programs for all ages. We're also delighted to be working with our outstanding new Regional Librarian, Aracelli Astorga, who has more to say in her own section of the newsletter.

Our second Tuesday book sales in the library continue, and we hope you'll stop by. Your purchases and donations help make library programs possible, as well as increasing the library's collections of books and DVDs.

We'd love to see more of our Friends; please think about volunteering. We can always use help at book sales and behind the scenes, and we have particular need of volunteers with computer skills, as well as those with strong arms to move books.

If you shop at Amazon, another very simple way to support the library is to select your purchases at smile.amazon.com, and select San Luis Obispo Friends of the Library as your charitable organization. At no charge to you, a portion of your purchase will be donated to us, and I've been surprised at how fast these small donations add up. To be connected directly to our page, click the link at our website, www.slofol.org.

Thank you for your support. Hope to see you at the library!
Margaret Haneberg, President

Library News:

Fall has arrived at the Library! With the new season comes a crop of new releases by popular authors including *Y is for Yesterday* by Sue Grafton, *The Late Show* by Michael Connelly, and *A Legacy of Spies* by John Le Carré. Didn't get a chance to see the latest summer blockbuster at the theater? Your library card gives you access to can't be missed titles such as *Wonder Woman*, *Baby Driver*, *The Zookeeper's Wife*, and more! The Library also has many events planned for this season including workshops on embracing the art of

Annual Book Sales

Our second annual October Patio Book Sale was held on the 14th. Book enthusiasts found a variety of fiction, non-fiction and children's books, as well as current magazines, all at bargain prices. It was a great success, raising \$1,075 to further fund SLO Library services and programs. A big thank you to volunteers who so generously gave of their time and effort toward the success of this event. Coincidentally, October was National Friends of the Library Month.

Our **SLOFOL Annual Book Sale**, at the Veterans Memorial Building on Grand Ave., will be held **March 1st-3rd**. The first evening will be reserved for Friends of Library members, so be sure to renew your membership. We will have a huge selection of books for all age levels, as well as a wide variety of magazines. Come and find some new treasures for your bookshelf.

Magazine Sales

Our SLO FOL receives donated magazines at the book donation box in our library. We use the magazines in several accounts with local businesses and now at the monthly book sale. We have an assortment of magazines sure to interest all: health, fashion, science, history, news, financial, sports, quilting, and more. If you have already been donating your magazines, thank you; if not please do think of us when you're finished reading, and ask your family and friends to donate them to SLO FOL.

conversation and creating holiday cards. There are lectures in honor of National Native American Heritage Month, Local History Month, and Veteran's Day.

Please call the Library for more information or visit us at <http://slolibrary.evanced.info/signup/Calendar> for a complete listing of upcoming programs.

Hope to see you at the Library soon!

Aracelli Astorga, Regional Librarian



Annual FOL Luncheon:

The Annual Luncheon 2017 was a Huge Success! The Friends of the Library annual luncheon was held May 4, 2017 in the beautiful Madonna Inn Ballroom. Guests enjoyed a delicious lunch, musical entertainment by the Craig Updegrave Trio, and an interesting talk by local author Jeff Wheelwright. Mr. Wheelwright discussed his experience as a writer and his most recent book, *The Wandering Gene and the Indian Princess*. A raffle and book-signing rounded out the afternoon. Mark your calendar for next year's luncheon at the Madonna Inn. It will be held May 3, 2018 and will feature another wonderful local author. All are welcome!



Friends Corner:

If you enjoy browsing the great selection of books and magazines at our monthly book sales in the library atrium, you will be pleased to know that our Friends Corner will be returning to the main floor of the library. You will now be able to select items any time you visit. The books and magazines are donated to the Friends of the Library by generous patrons and stocked by Friends volunteers. We wish to take this opportunity to thank all who bring books and magazines to us and to those who give their time sorting and organizing donations. If you have books and/or magazines you would like to donate, please drop them on the cart just as you enter the library (there is a square table/bin on the right) or you may hand them to a Library staff member. If you have a large number of books that you would like to donate, we can arrange to have a volunteer come to your home and pick them up. To arrange for this, please call Terry Conner at 543-1969.

Volunteers Needed:

The SLO Friends of the Library, a vibrant and energetic group, has many opportunities for volunteers to support our library. Please consider how you could make a contribution, matching your skills with our needs.

- Computer Skills - to manage a data base and send occasional mass mailings.
- Graphic Design - to design event flyers and posters, book bags and brochures.
- Muscle power - occasionally, there is a need for an extra pair or two of hands to move boxed books, such as on the second Tuesday of each month.
- Photographer - to document FOL events, such as book sales, the annual luncheon, etc.
- Public Relations - to ensure FOL events and newsworthy items are publicized to media and the general public.
- SLOFOL Board of Directors - there are openings at this time. If this interests you, let us hear from you. Board meetings are the first Tuesday of the month, 11:30 am, in the Library's 3rd Floor Community Room.
- Website Management - to manage and update our website, slofol.org,

To volunteer or make inquiries about volunteering, contact SLOFOL Volunteer Coordinator, Dawnna McDougall - dawnnamac@gmail.com

Membership Renewals:

The holidays and new year are approaching, and it's time to think about renewing memberships. You'll find a form on the back page of this Newsletter, or you can renew online at <http://www.slofol.org/help-us/membership/>. We also hope you'll consider us when making end-of-year donations.



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Membership Application:

I want to become, renew or gift a SLO Friends of the Library membership:

Annual Dues: Individual \$10 _____ Family \$20 _____ Patron \$50 _____ Life (Individual) \$150 _____
Life (Family) \$250 _____ Total _____

I want to also make a donation to support the efforts of the Friends in helping the community. The amount of my tax-deductible gift is \$_____ Bronze: (\$100+) Silver (\$250+) Gold (\$500+) Platinum(\$1000+)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email*: _____ (* required to receive our newsletter)

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