



Newsletter

Winter/Spring 2018

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

Annual Book Sale:

Our book sale, held on March 1st-3rd at the Veteran's Memorial Building, was one for the records! During the previous twelve months, volunteers had collected and sorted over 20,000 volumes.

We had great selections to appeal to every interest, including a special books section featuring our more valuable offerings. Total sales and donations during the event totaled \$17,463, exceeding the seven prior years. These funds will benefit our San Luis Obispo Library Programs during the coming year.



President's Message:

Margaret Haneberg, President

Thank you for being a Friend of the San Luis Obispo Library and thanks for helping make our 2018 Book Sale the most successful so far. We're already planning for our 40th annual sale next year. In the meantime, we look forward to a number of activities for all ages in the Library and to our annual luncheon, featuring local historian Jim Gregory, on May 3.

The Friends Bookstore is open again on the ground floor of the Library near the computer area. Please stop by to pick up some bargains. New releases, both fiction and non-fiction, often appear and we also have a selection of children's books. If you have recent, gently-used books to donate, there is a drop-off location to the right of the doors as you enter the Library from the foyer

Thanks again for your support. Hope to see you at the library!

A Heartfelt Thanks to our Volunteers!

Dawanna McDougall and Sue Keller, Volunteer Coordinators

This was our most successful Annual Book Sale yet and we owe it all to you - our loyal, hard-working, dedicated volunteers. Whether this was your first sale or your twentieth, you are our most valuable resource.

Our success depends on a strong team of many people: the Warehouse Gang members who sort and box the hundreds of donated books we receive each week, the unseen heroes who set up the sale, those who straighten and restock books during the sale, volunteers who assist our patrons, and our math-savvy cashiers who efficiently total each purchase, plus the myriad of "worker bees" who help with clean up after the sale ends.

Your dedication and loyalty have not gone unnoticed. We thank you and salute you! We could not have done it without you.



Library News:

Monique Matta, Reference Librarian and Aracelli Astorga, Branch Manager

2018 is off to an exciting start here at the San Luis Obispo Library. Thanks to the support of our hard-working Friends of the Library volunteers, we've already held several fun, educational programs for adults and children alike. In the past two months alone, we hosted a popular fused glass workshop, a romantic music concert for Valentine's Day, and a magic show for families which drew over 150 attendees! None of this would be possible without the invaluable support we receive from you, our Friends of the Library.

As we look forward, our spring program schedule offers a wide variety of events. Coming up next month, there will be a beginning watercolor workshop taught by local artist Jerry Smith. This free class will be held on Saturday, April 14th at 2:00. Registration is required, so be sure to sign up online or call (805) 781-5989 to save your seat! For kids, we'll be hosting an adorable paper cat craft on April 12th at 3:30. Every Friday afternoon at 2:30 in the Children's area, we screen fun live action and animated films appropriate for ages 4 and up.

Our library is always seeking ways to bring our services to people who can't always come to us. Sharon Coronado, our Adult Services Coordinator, is now leading a special story time for seniors at The Villages of San Luis Obispo. Another community outreach effort is our "Book to Action" program, where the library will select a socially conscious book to promote and share with the public in the hopes of inspiring discussion and understanding. The title selected this year is "The 57 Bus" by Dashka Slater. It tells the true story of two teenagers from vastly different backgrounds who have a fateful encounter. Free copies will be distributed at county libraries for you to read and bring back, or to pass along to a friend. For more information, ask about this new program at the main desk or the reference department!

This summer, San Luis Obispo Library will be participating in the "California Listens" program. Our library, in partnership with Cuesta College and the CA State Library, is collecting personal or family stories about life in San Luis Obispo County. You may apply for the opportunity to attend a two-day digital storytelling workshop at Cuesta College, where you will create a brief video of your "SLO County" story for inclusion in a statewide history archive! The workshop is April 20-21, and is limited to 10 participants. Applications are available at <https://www.storycenter.org/sanluisobispo>, and will be accepted through April 8.

Summer reading season is just around the corner, and our theme this year will be "Libraries Rock!" We have an amazing range of activities planned, including rousing musical performances and craft workshops – stay tuned! Be sure to check our online calendar at www.slolibrary.org for information on all of our upcoming events.

It is hard to believe, but a year ago on March 4th, the SLO library reopened its doors after being closed for almost five months for remodeling. Staff continue to receive positive feedback about the openness of the new space. Families flock to the expanded and colorful youth area, and the public appreciates the quiet of the third floor. As a result of the remodel, our FOL bookstore space has been downsized to one unit of shelves on the first floor. On a more positive note, based on revenue totals, the public is purchasing items from this bookstore. Our FOL do a fantastic job of rotating the items for sale so that the public can always count on a “new” selection of materials to browse. New signage should be installed before the end of March to highlight the bookstore.

This year promises to be an exciting time of growth for our San Luis Obispo library. Thank you for all that you do to make this possible!

SLO Friends of the Library Annual Luncheon: Sue Rueda, Luncheon Coordinator

Please join us in the Madonna Inn Ballroom for a delicious lunch and fascinating presentation on Thursday, May 3, 2018, beginning at 11:00 am. The charge for admittance is \$25.00 per person and includes your choice of beef, chicken, or vegetarian entree. Our guest speaker will be Jim Gregory, popular local historical author. Friends of the Library members will be receiving information and registration forms by email, but you do not need to be a member to attend this wonderful event. For more information please visit our website SLOFOL.org. Hope to see you there!



Magazine Donations and Sales:

Rosemary Baxter, Magazine Coordinator

The Friends of the Library is currently accepting magazines in good condition, with fairly current dates. You can bring them to the SLO Library donation box, located just inside the library entrance on the right.

We were able to offer a variety of specialty magazines in the Annual Book Sale this year. We have also established seven “magazine accounts” with local businesses. For a monthly fee, our donated magazines provide current reading material to their patrons. In addition, we plan to add magazines to the FOL Friends Bookstore within the year.

All funds from magazine sales go into the FOL treasury and help fund many SLO Library programs. We are grateful for your contributions and donations.

**Friends Bookstore:
Cheri Jump, Friends Bookstore Coordinator**

The Friends of the Library Bookstore is up and running! It's a large unit of shelves that can be found on the ground floor, on the wall between the lounge area and the computers. A "Friends of the Library" sign is planned for the wall above for greater visibility. We have hundreds of books for sale, and we add new selections all the time. Adult fiction and non-fiction hard backs are \$2.00 and paperbacks are \$1.00. Children's hardbacks are \$1.00 and paperbacks are \$0.50. Your payment goes into the wooden box attached to the right side of the shelves. Future plans include selling 'nearly new' magazines for \$0.50 each. Do visit often, and stay tuned.....it's "a work in progress."



Membership Renewals:

If you haven't already done so, please consider becoming a Friends of the Library member. You'll find a form on the back page of this Newsletter, or you can join/renew online at <http://www.slofol.org/help-us/membership/>. Annual memberships are for the calendar year.



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Membership Application:

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

Annual Dues: Individual \$10 _____ Family \$20 _____ Patron \$50 _____

Life Memberships: Individual \$150 _____ 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+)

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